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TRUE WITNESSES—Part 1

It is no time now to relax our efforts, to become tame and spiritless; no time to hide our light under a bushel, to speak smooth things, to prophecy deceit. No, no; there is no place for sleepy watchmen on the walls of Zion. Every power is to be employed wholly and entirely for God. Maintain your allegiance, bearing testimony for God and for truth. Be not turned aside by any suggestions the world may make. We can make no compromise. There is a living issue before us, which will be of vital importance to the remnant people of God, to the very close of this earth's history; for eternal interests are here involved. We are to look constantly to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation. All that Jesus did on the earth, was done with an eye single to the glory of His Father. He says, "As the Father gave me commandment, even so I do." "This commandment have I received of my Father." In all He did, He was working out the will of His Father, so that His life on earth was a manifestation of the divine perfection. The union of divinity with humanity in Christ, was to reveal to us God's purpose to bring men into the closest connection with Himself. We cannot possibly be happy without Him.

The original apostasy began in a disbelief and denial of the truth. We are to fix the eye of faith steadfastly upon Jesus. When the days come, as they surely will, in which the law of God is made void, the zeal of the true and loyal should rise with the emergency, and should be the more warm and decided, and their testimony should be the more positive and unflinching. But we are to do nothing in a defiant spirit, and we shall not if our hearts are fully surrendered to God. (See Rom. 13: 1-7; Tit. 3: 1.)

Now is the time for God's people to take up the duties that lie next them. Be faithful in the little things; for on the right performance of these hang

great results. Do not leave the work which needs to be done, because it appears to your judgment to be small and inconsiderable. Make up every waste place, repair the breaches as fast as they occur. Let no differences or dissensions exist in the church. Let all go to work to help some one who needs help. There is a cause for the great weakness in our churches, and that cause is hard to remove. It is self. Men have none too much will, but they must have it wholly sanctified to God. They need to fall on the Rock and be broken. Self must be crucified in every one who shall enter the gates of the city of God. The fierce spirit which

rises up in the hearts of some in the church when anything does not please them, is the spirit of Satan, and not the spirit of Christ.

Is it not fully time that we return to our first love, and be at peace among ourselves? We must show ourselves to be not only Bible readers, but Bible believers. If we are united to Christ, we shall be united to one another. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on Me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."

The increase of our numbers and the enlarging of our facilities means work; it calls for entire consecration and thorough devotedness. God has no place in His work for half-hearted men and women, those who are neither cold nor hot. Christ says, "I will spew thee out of my mouth." God calls for men who are whole-hearted.

There are those who have prided themselves on their great caution in receiving "new light," as they term it; but they are blinded by the enemy, and cannot discern the works and ways of God. Light, precious light, comes from heaven, and they array themselves against it. What next? These very ones will accept messages that God has not sent, and thus will become even dangerous to the cause of God because they set up false standards. Men who might be of great use if they would learn of Christ and go on from light to greater light, are in some things positive hindrances, forever on the point of questioning, wasting much precious

HIS ONE PURPOSE

I have sought the blessing of God continually in coming hither, that I might be prepared to work for God. And since our arrival, I have cried to Him to fit me to labor here with acceptance and success. . . . But I did not come to please myself, and I trust, with God's help, that I shall be able to be faithful to the work, even though it shall be, as in America, attended with pain. I firmly believe that God has much people in Europe who are ready to obey His holy law, and to reverence His Sabbath, and to wait for His Son from heaven. I came here to give my life to the proclamation of these sacred truths concerning the near advent of Christ, and the observance of God's commandments. I hope to walk circumspectly, and not count my life dear to myself.—J. N. Andrews. (An extract from a letter written to friends in America soon after he reached Europe.)

time, and contributing nothing to the spiritual elevation of the church. They excite doubt and fear. They misdirect minds, leading them to accept of suggestions that are not safe. They cannot see afar off; they cannot discern the conclusion of the matter. Their moral force is squandered upon trifles; they view an atom as a world, and a world as an atom.

Many have trusted and gloried in the wisdom of men far more than in Christ and the precious, sanctifying truth for this time. They need the heavenly anointing, that they may comprehend what is light and truth. They thank God that they are confined to no narrow groove, but they do not see the breadth and far-reaching extent of the principles of truth, and are not enlightened by the Spirit of God as to heaven's large liberality. They admire man-made inventions and discoveries, but they are walking in the sparks of their own kindling, diverging farther and farther from the genuine principles of Christian action, ordained to make men wise unto salvation. They strive to extend the gospel, but separate from it the very marrow, the life. They say, "Let the light shine;" but cover it so that it shall not shine in clear rays on the very subjects that they need to understand. Some exhaust the fervor of their zeal on plans that cannot be carried without peril to the church.

At this time the church should not be diverted from the main object of vital interest to things that will not bring health and courage, faith and power. They must see, and by their actions testify, that the gospel is aggressive. But the light which is given to shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, burns dimly. The church no longer sends out the clear, bright rays of light amid the moral darkness that is enveloping the world as a funeral pall. The light of many does not burn or shine. They are moral icebergs.

Watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be vigilant, and sleep not day nor night. But if they have not received the message from the lips of Christ, their trumpets will give an uncertain sound. Brethren, God calls upon you, both ministers and laymen, to listen to His voice speaking to you in His word. Let His truth be received into the heart, that you may be spiritualized by its living, sanctifying power. Then let the distinct message for this time be sent from watchman to watchman on the walls of Zion. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Give the Master *your best*, not your bit.

GOD'S WORK AND GOD'S PEOPLE

In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation (verses 6-12) we find a three-fold message that is to be proclaimed to all the world;—to every nation, to every tongue, and to every people. History is silent regarding the proclamation of such a world-wide message in past centuries. No people in the world are proclaiming it today except it be the Seventh-day Adventist people. This people claim to be carrying this very message. From the beginning of their experience as a separate people, they have claimed that God raised them up for the specific purpose of carrying this very message to all the world.

"When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him [John]. Who art thou? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." Jno. 1:19, 23. He knew that God had called him to proclaim the message, given by Isaiah the prophet, that was designed "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord," and he had no hesitancy in declaring his mission.

The Seventh-day Adventist people believe, likewise, that God has called them to "make ready a people prepared" for the second advent of our Lord, and they do not hesitate to declare this conviction. Are the reasons they advance for making such an exalted claim sound? If they are not fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 14, God, some day, will raise up a people who will do the very work therein described.

However, we believe with all our hearts that this prophecy is now being fulfilled, that the work is being accomplished, and that it will soon be finished. If our reasons are well founded, if God has entrusted us with the solemn message found in Revelation 14, we have the most sacred trust ever committed to man; for we are proclaiming the last message of mercy that will ever be heard by mortal ear. "This is the last message. There are no more to follow; no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message has done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all who carry the words of gracious invitation." *Test.*, Vol. 5, pp. 206, 207.

Another translation of Rev. 14:6 reads thus: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having a message of salvation and call to penitence resting upon the everlasting counsel of God," etc.

That the message of Revelation 14 is no ordinary message, is emphasized

in the above translation. It is a call to all the world to repent of their sins, and this call rests upon "the everlasting counsel of God." It also announces "with a loud voice," as recorded in verse 7, "Fear God and give glory to Him; for *the hour of His judgment is come.*" If the Word of God makes known the hour for the beginning of the judgment work, we may know when the message is due.

The declaration that this solemn hour was reached on October 22, 1844, is made on the basis of the fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, the termination of the 2,300 days or years, on this date, and the beginning of the work of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary at that time. (See "Daniel and the Revelation," also "Great Controversy.")

No prophecy of the Bible has been more completely and definitely fulfilled than this one; and no prophecy is capable of clearer proof of its fulfillment than this one. We are not building upon shifting sand when we place our confidence in the fulfillment of this prophecy. At its termination on October 22, 1844, the hour of God's judgment came; Jesus passed through the veil, separating the holy from the most holy apartment of the heavenly temple; "the judgment was set, and the books were opened."

From that hour till now the words spoken by the Saviour following His baptism, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel," may be truthfully and effectively applied to the passing decades. The first event in the fulfillment of this wonderful prophecy in connection with the Redeemer's work—His baptism and anointing—had occurred just as predicted 483 years before. This placed the first seal upon the prophecy that would make it forever sure. The other events were just as accurately fulfilled, including the final one at its conclusion in 1844. With what thrilling power should this same message now be proclaimed to the ends of the earth!

The judgment hour called for a people to arise who would go forth to all the world bearing the very message that the Seventh-day Adventist people are now proclaiming with ever increasing power to many, if not yet to all the nations of earth.

The Lord says, "I am watching over My Word to fulfill it." (Jer. 1:12, Leeser Tr.) Not one word of all that God has spoken will ever fail; all will be fulfilled, and that, exactly on time.

There can be no failure or delay with God. We may, with all confidence, rest in the perfect assurance that this is God's people, and that this is God's work. With renewed consecration and with greater zeal let us press forward, maintaining perfect unity with the body, and with its members, and doing our part in helping to finish the work.

E. E. ANDROSS.

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"BRING YE ALL THE TITHES"

God is first in everything. With infinite love He has made provision for every contingency. He knows the end from the beginning. Nothing can occur which He has not foreseen, and for which due provision has not been made. Thus it has been with the catastrophe of sin. Infinite Love has provided a remedy for the calamity—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son;"—and by availing himself of this freely offered remedy, the sinner may be saved from the baneful effects of sin.

God invites the sinner, saved by grace, to participate with Him in the work of salvation. We may share with the infinite God in *giving* that others may receive. The carrying of the good news of salvation to the lost, in a measure, rests upon our co-operation. In order that the lost may hear, the messenger must be sent; and as he is sent, he must be supported and maintained in his task. This work the Lord has entrusted to His church.

A tithe of all our income is asked by the Lord for the support of the ministry. Inspiration has said that were all to pay a faithful tithe, there would be ample means in His treasury to support the messengers of the Third Angel's Message. The employment of laborers, and the extension of the work, depend on the tithes paid into the treasury by the faithful members of the church. With numerous and urgent calls coming from every land for preachers to teach the gospel truth, surely we must make every effort to promote faithfulness in returning to the Lord the means He has reserved for the building up of His kingdom.

Not only does the Lord call for the tithes, but He has designated the place to which it must be brought. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." The Lord has a storehouse. We are not privileged to create our own storehouse. God is building a spiritual temple; He has given the plan and the specifications by His prophetic word; and all things must be done according to the divinely approved pattern. The

tithes must be brought into God's storehouse, and used in God's divinely appointed work, and by His chosen agencies. The treasuries of God's organized work is His designated storehouse. We cannot fulfil the divine command by placing our tithes into other channels of our own choosing. God is not the author of confusion.

"Bring ye *all* the tithes" is the counsel of Jehovah. It is not enough to bring in *some* of the tithe all of the time, nor *all* of the tithe *some* of the time. We needs must bring to the treasury all of the tithe all of the time. The blessings are conditioned upon complete faithfulness. "Prove me now," says the Lord of Hosts, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The tithe is the Lord's, and God should be first in everything. He has made ample provision for you and for me. Not one word of His promises will fail. All our needs will be supplied. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. . . . Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all, and in Thine hand is power and might, and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. . . . But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." 1 Chron. 29: 11-14.

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WHITENING RAPIDLY FOR THE HARVEST

Porto Rico is whitening for the harvest. The Lord has worked in a remarkable way for this island. The powerful impetus which its connection with the United States has given to its educational, economical, and political life, has converted it, within twenty years, into a wide-awake and progressive country, which is laying off the last vestige of Mediævalism in exchange for independent thought and democratic ideals. Into the furrows created by this change, faithful gospel workers and colporteurs, with patience, and in hope, have sown the precious seeds of truth;

and today we see the field ripening for the harvest

We now have ten organized churches and eight companies in the island. Six of the latter have sprung up within the last twelve months. Before the year closes we hope to baptize between seventy and eighty. Others are also preparing for baptism at a later time; and still others are calling from yonder villages and towns and hills for someone to instruct them.

It is encouraging to see our lay members rally to consecrated service. The Lord is finding, in the different churches, men and women who bend their efforts to hold together, to build up, and to spread out the interest in the message. The brethren in Cayay, for instance, under the leadership of Brother Vazquez, a colporteur, have built up a widening interest in our Sabbath school work. They hold Sabbath schools in eight different parts of the town, apart from the regular one held at the church; and they have an aggregate attendance of over 200 at these gatherings. Brother Vazquez also conducts a baptismal class of ten, all brought in by the lay members.

By far the greater part of Porto Rico's people live in the country. The hills and valleys are swarming with them. And we rejoice that the Lord is opening up the work among them in a remarkable way. In Cupé Alto, a hill district, not far distant from San-turce, our headquarters; a deep interest in the advent message has sprung up. A young man from that district, Domingo Rios, came into contact with our work. With great fervor he set to memorize the twenty-eight studies of the Family Bible Teacher. The words began to burn in him and he could not restrain himself from visiting all his neighbors, and telling them the wonderful story of Jesus' soon coming. A hearty response met his efforts, which, nurtured by Elder Wilson and some lay members, has developed into one of the strongest interests we have in the island. Practically all the families living in that particular valley have responded to the message and many families are keeping the Sabbath.

These people, strange to say, have escaped the notice of other churches—the Catholic church not excluded. No chapel, nor church, has ever decorated their landscape. Tucked away in their glens, behind groves of mango and bread-fruit trees, without a road to connect them with the highway, they have lived quietly and contentedly on their little farms. It is only a few months ago that a road was begun which will eventually lead up to their valley.

These people are eagerly drinking in the message; and it is inspiring to hear them tell the story of their deliverance from atheism, unbelief, blasphemy, tobacco, drink, and more greivous vices. Domingo Rios, the one who first caught the rays of light, was a young man notorious for his worldliness. Now he has quit the dances and the gambling table, and puts much of his spare time in visiting his neighbors to tell them of Jesus; and the Lord is blessing him.

Looking down from an eminence in the beautiful hill country, I could discern, in the far distance, a number of men, digging at the mountain side and leveling the ground. "They are preparing the ground for the church building," said Elder Wilson. "They have collected sufficient money to buy 1000 feet of lumber; the building site has been donated by one of the believers; their labor they give free. They mean to have a chapel here soon." And as I watched them work, I knew he was right.

On Friday evening as the shadows gathered around, and darkness wrapped the landscape in the mantle of night, one could observe lights moving on the hillsides, and all converging toward one central point. At the same time songs of Zion, sounding out into the still air, filled the atmosphere with the blessed presence of the Lord. The meeting is held, temporarily, in a private home. One hundred fifty were assembled. We were crowded and pressed for room, the hearers standing as near as one foot distant from the speaker. The greater part of the congregation remained on their feet; but even under these somewhat trying conditions, young and old, in profound silence, gave genuine attention to the presentation of the message.

Among those rude mountain dwellers the Lord has precious souls in whose hearts the seeds of truth find good soil. One such, a young girl of only fourteen, impressed us with the genuineness of her conversion. Her prayers and testimonies evinced the presence of Jesus in her heart. She is taking charge of the children in the Sabbath school. I was told that her grasp of the message is marvellous. A young lad of about thirteen pushed forward to say something for Jesus: not a word could he speak, but his face beamed with peace and joy—an eloquent testimony of a Saviour found and hid in the heart.

The advent message has changed that whole valley and the neighboring valley is now being "invaded" by these good people. Elder Wilson, who has charge of the work in that part of the island, is looking forward to the increased mani-

festations of God's power among the dwellers of those hills. H. E. BAASCH.

WITH THE REAPERS IN CUBA

Calls for help are coming continually from different parts of Cuba. We can not possibly answer all of these requests. In different places persons, who have been prepared for baptism, are waiting for this sacred ordinance. Our colporteurs also are having very encouraging experiences. An interest created by one of them in Matanzas we hope will result in establishing a permanent work in that place. In another place in the far eastern part of the island, one of our colporteurs has given a few Bible readings; and as a result some families are keeping the Sabbath and desiring to unite with God's people.

All of our laborers have a large territory to work; so churches and companies do not see their pastors every week; but we are endeavoring to have our people understand that they must not expect a sermon every Sabbath, for their pastors must go out and open up new places. The churches must learn to stand alone. Notice this instruction from the servant of the Lord: "The world must be warned. Ministers should work earnestly and devotedly, opening new fields and engaging in personal labor for souls, instead of hovering over churches that already have great light and many advantages." *Test.*, Vol. 7, p. 255. C. V. ACHENBACH.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Elder D. C. Babcock began a tent effort in St. Croix on the 20th of August. He was assisted by Brother Van Putten and others. Although ministers were writing against them, the tent was packed to overflowing every night. In a letter to Pastor H. E. Baasch, Superintendent of Porto Rico, Brother Babcock says: "Heavy rains set in last week and the ground where our tent is located is so low that the water floods the tent floor. Last Wednesday we thought that the people would not come because of the rain. But to our surprise the tent was soon packed. . . . We could not ask for a better interest among the people. The tent has been packed every night and many people stand outside. Five men, who are attending our Sabbath meetings, have fully decided to obey the Lord. I do not know how many women there are yet."

So God's work goes on triumphing over difficulties of all kinds, while His messengers launch forth at His command.

The good work in Jamaica continues. In a letter received from Brother Wood some time ago he wrote:

"The work in Jamaica is onward since the conference. The universal testimony of the delegates and others who attended this session is that this was the best conference ever held in Jamaica. We are expecting to see a great forward movement as the result, and already we are beginning to see fruits. One of our colporteurs sold a book to a lady, and as the result of one visit after the delivery of the book this lady and six or seven of her neighbors have become interested in the message, and are calling for a minister to instruct them more fully. We expect to visit this company next Friday. The donations to our school continue to come in. About a week ago a rice mill valued at 45 pounds was donated. This will be a blessing to the school."

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IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES

Recently I visited some of our isolated members in the Cuyamel District where I spent the Sabbath with our little company in Puerto Cortez. On Sunday morning I left on the launch that crosses the bay to Omoa. I took fifteen small books with me, and soon after we had started, I laid my books before me on the deck to attract the attention of the passengers. A lady, sitting beside me, immediately asked me if the books were for sale, and bought three. In less than seven minutes all my books were gone. The people seemed thirsty for something good to read. If I had taken fifty books on that trip, I could have disposed of them.

On arriving at Omoa, the station agent noticed that I had my Bible with me, and asked me if I was an Adventist. He seemed very glad to see me, and told me of his interest in the Third Angel's Message. The night before one of our brethren had a study with him which left a deep impression. He expressed his desire to attend one of our colleges, and has commenced to save his money for that purpose. I told him of our school in Jamaica; and he has decided to go there. He obtained a special gasoline car for me to enable me to go right to the end of the line and visit our members. I missed only one. I found all of good courage and living faithful lives.

On my return to Omoa I gave the conductor of the train a tract in which he became quite interested. Our conversation soon drifted to Bible topics, and when I explained to him the nearness of Christ's coming, he showed surprise. He paid me in advance for a Bible and "Bible Readings." In all I took \$21.60 worth of orders on the train. I returned to Puerto Cortez that night full of courage for the manifestation of God's goodness towards me.

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THE PRICE OF VICTORY IN THE SOUTH CARIBBEAN

Few have any conception of the sad conditions that prevail among many of our people in some of the islands that comprise the South Caribbean Conference. The staple industry is sugar mill work, and the laborers are paid from seven to twenty cents a day, only when there is work to be done; and when the estates have no work, the laborers are not permitted to seek employment elsewhere. In some places the majority of our rural members are drawn from this class; and those who do domestic work in the towns do not fare much better. For this reason, many of our young people have borrowed money from friends in the United States recently, and have gone to that country to try to improve their prospects. This has a tendency to weaken the official strength in the churches.

On a recent visit to Antigua I found large numbers of our poor people suffering from physical diseases, chiefly caused by lack of nourishment. To advise a change of diet was mockery; and where medicine or equipment for treatment was needed, I was obliged to supply the funds to provide it. It was sad indeed to see our fine boys and girls suffering from mal-nutrition,—willing to work, but too weak. Yet these dear people are striving out of their poverty to help reach the various goals of the departments of our church life. The Saviour still watches the mites that are given through such sacrifice, and they are recorded for rewards "when the mists are rolled away."

Under the pledge of our members in Antigua to raise the funds, Brother Abbott and I seized a passing opportunity to secure a property, known as Brown

Hill, for a center of our mission work in that island. The property consists of a seven room house with thirteen acres of land, on which are several fruit trees and some sugar cane. Immediately after the purchase was known, the members expressed their joy by sending voluntary pledges, so that the conference will not be involved financially.

While raising the money for this, the brethren have formulated a plan for the construction of a church and a school, so that as soon as the farm is paid for, they can proceed with the erection of a two-story building, sixty by thirty feet. It will be done a stone at a time, or a tray of sand or lime, as the members have opportunity. The property is in the midst of eight villages, with St. John's, the main city, near by.

Our work in the French island of Martinique has lately begun to show encouraging developments. Elder Philip Giddings and family moved there last January, and after much difficulty secured premises which serve for a dwelling house with a room near the street that can seat about fifty persons. Prices were up, and the franc was down; and the people are held in the slavery of priestcraft and superstition. So the outlook did not seem too promising to Brother Giddings, but the people began to attend, inside and outside, when meetings were held; and each meeting was followed by long interviews for answering questions. Gradually the barriers began to give way; and, one by one, persons accepted the truth and began to keep the Sabbath.

A warning voice once announced that there was a plan to kill Elder Giddings. But he is still spared; and God is blessing his work. About thirty persons are observing the Sabbath there; and Elder Giddings has meetings at Forte de France and Trinitie also. At the latter place, a small house has been hired for meetings; and the interest is growing so quickly that we have been obliged to ask Brother Brown, who is canvassing there, to devote his weekends to assisting Elder Giddings. During some of our meetings there, stones were hurled at the walls outside, and there was also much disturbance within. Catholics attended to disturb, but other Catholics became our friends and hushed them down. The Holy Spirit seemed to force the people to listen to our message.

Brother Brown has done well with our French literature; and if we had suitable facilities, we could now accomplish a great work. A French Bible

worker is needed at once; and we should purchase a central property where we can operate our work without interference of the priests. If we could only step in now, with a stable policy, what a harvest we would reap!

St. Lucia is another priest-ridden island, where Protestants receive scanty consideration even from professedly Protestant bodies. Ministers of other denominations have compromised with Rome too long to retain their standard; and the work goes hard. However, it does go. The people are English, yet few of them understand this language; for the priests, who conduct all the schools, do all their teaching in the Patois language in which the only literature to be had is the Catholic catechism. However, Elder and Sister Payne have gained an entrance into many homes in St. Lucia; and several new converts have been gained. Among them are some fine young people.

H. J. EDMED.

ANOTHER CHURCH IN COSTA RICA

We are glad to tell you that we have started our church building in Cairo. The United Fruit Company, to whom we feel very grateful, gave us a free train to the service for laying the corner stone. At this meeting we raised over \$170.00. This is an excellent beginning; and although we shall need much more, we trust God for the balance, feeling sure He will help us to the finish.

We had a very good attendance at the corner stone laying. The British Consul, who laid the stone for us, made a speech in which he gave us credit for the work we were doing; and he promised to come back to Cairo sometime to see how we improve. He gave us a donation of \$10.00. There is some interest around this place, and doubtless some will accept the message when we have a place where we can invite them.

Our membership here at present, however, is very small, so it will call for patient, hard labor, and much sacrifice to finish the building. We shall be very grateful for any help that can be given. But we are of good courage in spite of our common foe, whose devices are legion; and we thank God for the promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

LIN. RASHFORD.

The Lord desires through His people to answer Satan's charges by showing the result of obedience to right principles. *Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 11.*

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NOTES FROM THE PRESS

It seems good to have Brother J. L. Holder with us once again, as field missionary secretary in the West Caribbean Conference. Temporarily, he has abandoned his evangelistic work in Costa Rica. Following several good days of institute work at the training school at Obispo, C. Z., he is now setting a number of student colporteurs to work. He reports enjoying the opportunity to engage in this line of work again.

Our September book sales were light, totaling in all only \$5,515, as against more than \$12,000 for September of last year. The net decrease for the first nine months is the highest it has been any time during the year—\$44,500. Apparently we have not quite turned the corner yet toward greater literature distribution.

Have you noticed something unsatisfactory about the magazine circulation report? The margin of increase over corresponding issues of 1923 has been diminishing, until with the issue for September we have to report a smaller circulation than for September of last year. Surely this situation will shortly be improved, however, as the workers in the several fields begin active work in the campaign for new subscriptions, and we believe we can soon report a good "boom." From now on until the close of December, magazine workers and colporteurs will have the extra aid of the special subscription offer announced last month. Now is the time for special effort in all the fields to secure new subscribers. Why not secure 10,000 new subscriptions between now and January 1?

**"EL CENTINELA CIRCULATION
 SEPTEMBER, 1924**

Cuba	5,384
Dominicana	301
Porto Rico	491
<i>Antillian Union</i>	6,176
Guatemala	203
Honduras	184
Mexico	1,302
Salvador	469
<i>Aztec Union</i>	2,158
Colombia	806
South Caribbean	10
Venezuela	341
West Caribbean	402
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	1,559
INTER-AMERICA	9,893
Arizona	59
California	133
Central California	133
Colorado	34
Florida	10
Kansas	75
Northern California	43
North Texas	24
Southern California	210
Southeastern Calif.	45
South Texas	180
Texico	308
Misc. States	21
<i>United States</i>	1,194
<i>Philippine Islands</i>	58
<i>Misc. Foreign</i>	29
TOTAL, Sept. 1924	11,174
TOTAL, Sept. 1923	11,669
<i>Decrease</i>	495

The other general articles and all the regular departments, well filled, make the November *El Centinela* another winning number for circulating among Spanish Americans.

MEXICO PUSHING FORWARD

Brother J. B. Nelson and family recently went to Mexico, as Brother Nelson has been called to the Aztec Union field missionary work. Our first report from him gives the following good word of plans for the Mexico territory:

"At the close of our training school here we are planning to hold a colporteur institute for the students and a few others who are planning to start out. As the result of this, we hope to send at least thirty out into the field and thus make good use of the few remaining months of this year. If God gives us peace and modest prosperity we hope to see things boom again, and earnestly solicit your prayers in behalf of our colporteur army.

"We are hoping to reach the 5,000 goal [for *El Centinela*] and go as far beyond as possible. We'll do our best. The outlook for peace and prosperity is good, and we have a 'mind to work.'"

EUROPE'S COLPORTEUR WORK

We glean from the Publishing Department "Digest" this most interesting note of progress in the European Division. It is written by Brother H. Boex, of the European Publishing Department. We think it sounds a call to us to follow Europe's lead.

"A few days ago I made a small summary of the Division report and found that the sales for 1924 were \$265,801 for the first five months. During the same time in 1923, they were \$157,768. Therefore we have a gain for the first five months of \$108,033. In 1924 we have 1169 colporteurs in the field. In 1923, only 802. The sales for the three German unions alone amount to \$151,660.

"We have set our goal in this Division to get 1,500 colporteurs in the field this year."

What a remarkable report this is from a field like Europe, where such unfavorable conditions have obtained!

"EL CENTINELA"—NOVEMBER

In the list of subjects to appear in the November issue of the Spanish magazine, we note one or two which we believe will be of particular interest to our readers. A prominent one, "Defectors of Justice," is not only a good sign of the times article, but is presented in *El Centinela* to encourage higher standards of justice in the legal profession and among all men. The two-color cover illustrates the indicator on the scales of justice being twisted so that the scales will "cheat," and thus adds force to the above-mentioned article.

A most interesting story of the conflict between Christianity and heathenism, the former winning out, is to be found in "Tattoo Marks."

EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST A BOOK AGENT

One of our colporteurs, on visiting a certain home and giving his canvass, was asked by the lady of that home if he were not an Adventist. After stating that he was, she said: "I've just one question I want to ask you: Why is it that every Seventh-day Adventist is a book agent?"

He assured her that not all who profess that religion were book agents, but that a good proportion did call from house to house with books, papers, tracts, etc., because they believed they contained a message for the people. No doubt the only Adventists this lady had ever met were the colporteurs who came to her door, with literature, so she formed her opinions accordingly.

However, viewing the matter from without is quite contrary to an analysis of the question made within. While it may appear to the world that all Adventists are "book agents," yet the facts in the case prove quite different.

According to the first quarter reports we find that North America had one full time colporteur to every 151 members. The European Division had one regular colporteur to every 75 members. The Far Eastern Division has one to every 53 members, the African Division, one to every 100 members.

Taking our division by unions, we find that in the first quarter of this year the Antillian Union had one colporteur to about every 42 members; the Aztec Union, one to every 31, and the Caribbean Union, one to every 48. Many of these were student colporteurs, and so can not be counted full time colporteurs. This averages, for the division, one colporteur to each 54 of the membership.

But note what this army accomplished in visible results. In dollars, their sales amounted to \$29,587.00. Taking the average price of our subscription books at \$5.00, this would represent 5,917 books placed in the homes of the public. Who can tell how many souls will have a right to the tree of life as a result of this noble work?

These figures ought to arouse us here in the Inter-American Division. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to engage in the colporteur work,

cut loose and join the messengers of the Lord's army. Volunteer for service, get your training in the next colporteur institute, and get in the front ranks of this army.



TWO IMPORTANT BRANCHES OF THE LORD'S WORK

"The Publishing Department is one of the most important branches of the ministry. Born of the very necessity of the ministry, nursed, cared for, protected and directed during all the years by the ministry, they are naturally bound together by ties which can never be severed.

"Upon the effective work of the Publishing Department depends to a large degree the success of the ministry. On the other hand: upon the voice, the pen, the influence and unfaltering support of the ministry, depends to a great degree the success of the publishing work." Elder O. Montgomery, in *Confidential Chats*.

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

"We do not mean to ask you to estimate your WORTH as you would a horse or other quadruped. . . . We are not asking you, when you are considering your WORTH, to tell us the amount you draw from your job. . . . We mean by your WORTH—do you possess qualities deserving of estimate for moral excellence? Do you own a real, fine character? Are you as good when you are away from home—where nobody knows you and can spy in on you—as you appear to be when with people who really possess sterling qualities and who are endeavoring to play the game of life fairly?" L. M. Cross, in *Successful Selling*.



"The man who whispers down a well About the goods he has to sell, Will never reap the golden dollars Like one who climbs a tree and hollers."

SALES REPORT, BY UNIONS, SEPTEMBER, 1924

CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	114.25	129.00	1.50	3.00	247.75
Aztec Union	2,227.25	196.35	12.35	82.75	2,518.70
Caribbean Union	2,048.75	668.45	4.85	27.25	2,749.30
Total, September, 1924	4,390.25	993.80	18.70	113.00	5,515.75
Total, September, 1923	11,599.70	403.80	82.40	23.00	12,108.90
Increases		590.00		90.00	
Decreases	7,209.45		63.70		6,593.15

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 1924

Bahamas	297.50	82.75	143.50	6.00	529.75
Cuba	13,565.65	857.40	15.00	30.15	14,468.20
Dominicana	1,603.75	31.55			1,635.30
Haiti	61.60	192.55	5.50	17.50	277.15
Jamaica	4,538.60	555.35	129.70	93.50	5,317.15
Porto Rico	2,946.00	244.15		22.00	3,202.15
Antillian Union	23,013.10	1,953.75	293.70	169.15	25,429.70
Guatemala	1,135.55	75.70		64.90	1,276.15
Honduras	1,940.95	603.85	108.05	65.25	2,718.10
Mexico	8,599.50	550.95	37.20	86.95	9,274.60
Salvador	3,021.00	149.70	47.40	57.75	3,275.85
Aztec Union	14,697.00	1,380.20	192.65	274.85	16,544.70
Colombia	7,358.85	106.70		5.45	7,471.00
South Caribbean	4,953.70	1,082.00	8.10	37.60	6,088.40
Venezuela	1,100.45	197.20	5.20	11.25	1,314.10
West Caribbean	3,608.20	445.70	149.20	48.65	4,251.75
Caribbean Union	17,021.20	1,838.60	162.50	102.95	19,125.25
Total Sales, 1924	54,731.30	5,172.55	648.85	546.95	61,099.65
Total Sales, 1923	97,437.80	6,171.05	910.80	1,082.30	105,601.95
Decreases	42,706.50	998.50	261.95	535.35	44,502.30

OUR OFFICE MAIL

In his letter of September 4, Pastor H. J. Edmed wrote: "We have not had full reports about the hurricane in the northern islands yet; but the newspapers indicate that a terrible storm devastated those islands, bringing sad loss of life and property. Pastor I. G. Knight cabled that he and his wife are safe although St. Kitts, where they live, was two feet under water. Other islands have likewise suffered. In Montserrat thirty-five are reported killed and many injured. Is this not one of the evidences that show us that the end is very near? How my heart throbs for joy that that happy day will soon dawn."

During a visit to the leper asylum in Antigua, Brother S. L. Ash found our afflicted believers there of good courage. One of their questions was: "What about the Harvest Ingathering Campaign?" Their hearts are in this work; and although confined in the asylum with other lepers, they with great joy turned over \$3.79 Harvest Ingathering money for the cause they love.

Recently fourteen young people in our training school in Mexico were baptized. We thank God for these new recruits in training for the needy Aztec fields.

The South Caribbean Conference has set us all a good example in the matter of circulating the Morning Watch calendar. The first order from that field calls for seven thousand calendars. We hope they will reach their goal of ten thousand. Why should we not sell several thousand calendars in every field to persons who are not Seventh-day Adventists? Last January, on New Year's day, our Missionary Volunteers in the South Caribbean Conference, met in their respective churches for a five o'clock morning prayer service, and then they went forth in their Morning Watch Calendar Campaign. The conference supply of calendars was exhausted long before the territory was covered; and our young people turned from their enthusiastic campaign with a resolution to circulate 10,000 of the 1925 edition. Who follows in their train?

For the last Thirteenth Sabbath offering one of our Sabbath schools in Cuba averaged \$11.00 per member. What an unusually fine record!

OUR GENERAL SAYS, "ADVANCE"

Fifty years have passed since Elder J. N. Andrews sailed for Europe; and today we stand at the Jubilee milestone of our foreign missionary work. As we pause to meditate upon what God has done for His remnant people, do not our hearts burn within us? Can we not say: Hitherto the Lord has led and blessed in our missionary advance in all lands? Let us glance backward, and, while noticing briefly a few of the landmarks of missionary conquest, let us thank God for these tokens of His love:

- 1874 Our first foreign missionary sailed for Europe
- 1885 First missionaries sailed to Australia
- 1887 First missionaries sailed to Africa.
- Brother A. La Rue went to China as a self-supporting worker
- 1888 Colporteurs entered British Guiana
- First Sabbath keepers moved to South America
- 1891 First missionaries entered Honduras
- 1892 Colporteurs entered Jamaica
- 1893 Colporteurs pioneered the way into India
- Work began in the Bahamas
- Work began in Mexico
- 1894 First evangelist went to Trinidad
- 1895 First effort for Colombia
- 1896 First missionary sent to Japan
- 1899 Coasts of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama visited with literature
- 1900 Work began in the Virgin Islands
- 1901 Work began in Porto Rico.
- 1904 Work began in Cuba
- 1905 First worker sent to Haiti
- Our workers entered Panama
- 1907 Colporteurs entered Venezuela
- Work began in Santo Domingo
- 1908 Guatemala entered
- 1915 Work began in Salvador

A PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONARIES

Heav'nly Father, send Thy blessing
On the mission fields today;
Guide Thy earnest, faithful workers,
Toiling for celestial pay.
May they lean on Jesus' bosom,
Knowing that He cares for them;
May they be His faithful servants
While they tell the truth to men.

Spread Thy loving arms around them,
Blessed Shepherd, evermore;
Guide them safely through the billows
As they sail from shore to shore.
Keep them through the coming conflict;
And, when trials press them sore,
May they stand like faithful heroes
Till life's struggles all are o'er.

Bless the noble workers, Father,
As they give to Thee their all,
And obey the Great Commission
To go where Thou mayest call.
As they go to every nation,
With the message from above,
Keep them from the wiles of Satan,
Cover with Thine arms of love.

Loving Saviour, be Thou near them,
As they battle for the right.
May Thy Holy Spirit guide them
As they scatter seeds of light.
Break the soil of stony hearts, Lord,
While the seeds of truth are sown,
That they may bring many sheaves, Lord!
When Thou comest for thine own!

ARTEMESIA LUCAS,
British Guiana.

(This poem may be sung to the tune
of No. 346 in "Christ in Song.")

With these reminders of the beginning of our work in all lands, and especially in our own I-vision, shall we not bow our heads in gratitude for what God has wrought? and shall we not renew our consecration to the finishing of the work thus nobly begun?

"Although the work in foreign fields has not advanced as it should have advanced, yet that which has been accomplished affords reason for gratitude and ground for encouragement. Much less means has been spent in these fields than in the home fields, and the work has been done under the hardest pressure and without proper facilities. Yet, considering the help that has been sent to these fields, the result is indeed surprising. Our missionary success has been fully proportionate to our self-denying, self-sacrificing effort. God alone can estimate the work accomplished as the gospel message has been proclaimed in clear, straight lines. New fields have been entered, and aggressive work has been done. The seeds of truth have been sown, the light has flashed upon many minds, bringing enlarged views of God and a more correct estimate as to the character to be formed. Thousands have been brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. They have been imbued with the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. . . .

"Let us rejoice that a work which God can approve has been done in these fields. In the name of the Lord, let us lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the results of work abroad.

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. 'Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'"

"Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 28, 29.

THE WORLD-WIDE FIELD

Two of our workers while doing Harvest Ingathering work in the Philippine Islands gathered \$1,850.00 in a short time. Two persons each gave them \$250.00. In another community these same workers got a little over \$750.00.

Our workers tell us that in Manitoba, Canada, one hundred languages are spoken. We are working in five. The southernmost and northernmost churches are four hundred miles apart. "All this," says Pastor W. A. Spicer, in his report of a visit to that field, "sets a big task for this conference with two ordained and two licensed ministers. The believers value the camping privileges. One family was five days on the journey to the Winnipeg camp. One young woman, a Ukrainian sister, walked 230 miles, save for the odd miles now and then when passing motorists gave her a lift on the way."

The work is onward in Brazil. Reports for the first quarter of 1924 showed an increase of 70% in tithes and 46% in mission offerings over the same period last year. More literature was sold in the first four months this year than in the first seven months of 1923. The colporteur work, too, has enjoyed marvelous success.

Brother Neilson, who gives us the encouraging figures above says: "From all over our field come calls for help. There are many interested people who desire to receive further instruction; there are people who are awaiting baptism; some who have waited for months, yes, even years, for a worker to come to baptize them; but we have not sufficient workers to answer all these calls, and so they must wait; wait perhaps until their interest wanes and they are lost to the truth."

Truly, we need to pray that the Lord will send forth reapers quickly into these over-ripe fields; and we need also to pray that God will protect our workers, who have already gone, from the dangers around them. While Brother Neilson was writing the above report, a revolution was raging around him. He could hear the roar of the cannon, the sharp click of the rifle, and the buzz of machine guns. The papers reported that more than 200,000 had fled from Sao Paulo. Still our workers there were holding the fort.

"On May 18," writes Brother E. C. Boger, from the Congo mission field in Africa, "I baptized twenty-seven native believers in the small stream that runs through the Katanga Mission. This is the second baptism on this mission, making a total of thirty-three native believers in this part of the Congo. These boys and girls have taken their stand for the truth as a result of evangelistic work among the compounds. There remain in the baptismal class about seventy, who are preparing for church membership. One woman, whose husband is a Roman Catholic, was baptized. He freely gave his consent. Two others belonged to the same church."

We have entered the last quarter of the year. How quickly time flies! As the end of the year approaches we begin to think of many things: Our Missions Goal! What percentage of our quota for missions has been reached? If every conference and mission worker, and every believer, has done his part faithfully, then we must surely reach our goal. Let us cultivate the church spirit, and the conference spirit, and labor unitedly to reach not merely the individual goal, but also the church and conference goals.

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