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TRUE WITNESSES—Part 2

This is a time of general departure from truth and righteousness, and now we must build the old waste places, and with interested effort, labor to raise up the foundation of many generations. "Thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Read also Isaiah 51: 7-16; 62: 1-4.)

While you hold the banner of truth firmly, proclaiming the law of God, let every soul remember that the faith of Jesus is connected with the commandments of God. The third angel is represented as flying through the midst of heaven, symbolizing the work of those who proclaim the first, second, and third angels' messages; all are linked together. The evidences of the abiding, ever-living truth of these grand messages, that mean so much to us, that have awakened such intense opposition from the religious world, are not extinct. Satan is constantly seeking to cast his hellish shadow about these messages, so that the remnant people of God shall not clearly discern their import, their time and place; but they live, and are to exert their power upon our religious experience while time shall last.

The influence of these messages has been deepening and widening, setting in motion the springs of action in thousands of hearts, bringing into existence institutions of learning, publishing houses, and health institutions; all these are the instrumentalities of God to co-operate in the grand work represented by the first, second, and third angels flying through the midst of heaven, to warn

the inhabitants of the world that Christ is coming the second time, with power and great glory. The Revelator says, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen." This is the same message that was given by the second angel,—Babylon is fallen, "because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." What is that wine?—her false doctrines. She has given to the world a false sabbath, instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the lie Satan first told

God calls for self-denying, self-sacrificing workers. Those who devote their God-given time to hunting for souls, traveling for souls, watching for souls as they that must give an account, will obtain a rich experience. As they communicate the precious truths of God's Word to others, their own hearts will be opened for the entrance of the Word. They will be instructed by the Great Teacher.—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 86.*

to Eve in Eden,—the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Almost the last act of His ministry was to cleanse the temple again. So in the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches; the second angel's message, and the voice heard from heaven, "Come out of her, my people, . . . for her sins have reached

unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

As God called the children of Israel out of Egypt, that they might keep His Sabbath, so He calls His people out of Babylon, that they may not worship the beast nor His image. The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, has exalted himself above God, by presenting this spurious sabbath to the world; the Christian world has accepted the child of papacy, and cradled and nourished it, thus defying God by removing His memorial and setting up a rival sabbath.

After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, at a time when every conceivable power of evil is set in operation, when minds are confused by the many voices crying, "Lo, here is Christ; lo, he is there; this is true, I have the message from God; he has sent me with great light," and there is a removing of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith,—then a more decided effort is made to exalt the false sabbath, and to cast contempt upon God Himself by supplanting the day He has blessed and sanctified. This false sabbath is to be enforced by an oppressive law. Satan and his angels are wide-awake and intensely active, working with energy and perseverance through human instrumentalities to bring about his purpose of obliterating the knowledge of God. When Satan is working with his lying wonders, the time has come, foretold in the Revelation, when the mighty angel that shall lighten the earth with his glory, will proclaim the fall of Babylon, and call upon God's people to forsake her.

The Lord has presented before me that those who have been in any measure blinded by the enemy, and who have not fully recovered themselves from the snare of Satan, will be in peril because they cannot discern the light from heaven, and will be inclined to accept a falsehood. This will affect the whole tenor of their thoughts, their decisions, their propositions, their counsels. The evidences that God has given are no evidence to them, because they have

blinded their own eyes by choosing darkness rather than light. Then they will originate something they call light, which the Lord calls sparks of their own kindling, by which they will direct their steps. The Lord declares, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have at mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow." Jesus said, "For judgment I am come unto this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind." "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

By many, the words which the Lord sent, will be rejected, and the words that man may speak will be received as light and truth. Human wisdom will lead away from self-denial, from consecration, and will devise many things that tend to make of no effect God's messages. We cannot with any safety rely upon men who are not in close connection with God. They accept the opinions of men, but cannot discern the voice of the true Shepherd, and their influence will lead many astray, though evidence is piled upon evidence before their eyes, testifying to the truth that God's people should have for this time. The truth is calculated to turn men to Christ, to quicken their energies, subduing and softening their hearts, and inspiring them with zeal and devotion and love to God. The Sabbath truth must in no case be covered up. We must let it appear in plain contrast with error.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE REMNANT CHURCH AND ITS WORK

Today hundreds of denominations are claiming to be Christian, and to point out the true way of salvation. Some profess that they alone have found the true way; while many have come to believe that the roads leading to the kingdom are as numerous as the denominations professing to know the chart and compass. "It matters but little," say they, "which road one takes; he who bears the name Christian is certain

in the end to reach his goal." Such teaching, however, is so manifestly unscriptural that we need give neither time nor space in our columns to its study.

Amid this confusion of voices how may we recognize the voice of the true Shepherd? How may we know His true church? In His blessed Word the voice of Jesus may be heard clearly and distinctly above all the confusion of voices about us. It speaks to the sincere seeker after God in no uncertain tones, calling him to follow in the straight and narrow path that leads to the eternal kingdom. Matt. 7: 13, 14, R. V. "Enter ye in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they that find it." If the sincere soul will never substitute man's theories, or his own inclinations, for the expressed will of God in His infallible Word, he will never go astray.

In these last days the remnant church will possess characteristics that will distinguish them so clearly from all other churches, that no one need be confused. One distinguishing feature of their lives, and one that clearly separates them from all the world, is seen in this inspired description of them: "Here is the patience of the saints: *here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*" Like their Master they will be able to say, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart." Ps. 40:8. And again, as He was about to be offered on the cross, Jesus declared, "I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." Jno. 15: 10.

In the very heart of that law that Jesus loved and kept, lies the fourth commandment, enjoining the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath,—the sign of creation and of redemption,—the "golden clasp that unites God and His people." Unquestionably, therefore, the remnant church will keep that day which bears the ineffaceable mark of His divine authority, of His infinite power. In the Seventh-day Adventist church, we see this distinguishing mark, both in the name it bears, and in the habitual practice of its members.

Another very marked characteristic of the remnant church is seen in the following scripture: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and *have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*" Rev. 12: 17. "The testimony of Jesus . . . is the spirit of prophecy." Rev. 19: 10. The term, the "spirit of proph-

ecy," seems to have been employed very anciently in describing those who were under the influence of the prophetic gift, according to the Jewish Targum. In addition to the marked sign they bear as commandment keepers, the remnant church is blessed with the prophetic gift. This gift, which is as rare as perfect obedience to all the commandments of God, constitutes the second distinguishing mark of genuineness, and gives unquestionable assurance of divine leadership.

Seventh-day Adventists believe that Mrs. E. G. White was overshadowed by the spirit of prophecy from the time she was seventeen years old until her death at the advanced age of 87. In her the remnant church possessed this gift. Many volumes were written by her while under the influence of the Spirit of God, and these will continue to serve as a guide to the church to the end of time.

But, it may be asked, how do we know that this claim is well founded? Is there left any room for doubt about the inspiration of her writings? Surely! God never removes all opportunity for doubt; and yet He always gives sufficient ground for faith. Every Bible sign of a true prophet was seen in her life and work. Just as the Bible contains in itself the strongest evidence of its divine source, so in the writings of Mrs. E. G. White the prayerful seeker after truth will find unmistakable evidence of divine inspiration. In them, as in the Scriptures, he will hear the voice of God speaking to his soul.

We have found the people who keep the commandments of God and who have the spirit of prophecy. In the blessed Bible the Lord has presented these two leading characteristics by which we may, without fail, distinguish the true church of God. There are hundreds of churches all about us, each claiming to be the true one; but as we look for the marks of identification, we find them on *one*, and *only one*,—the Seventh-day Adventist church.

To this very people, bearing these marks of identity, is committed the solemn message, announcing: "*The hour of His judgment is come.*" With extraordinary power this message is to be borne to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." How appropriate that to the people of whom God Himself can say, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," should be committed such a solemn, sacred trust.

It would be unlike God to call a people to such a responsible work and

not lay upon their hearts a burden that would never permit them to rest till the utmost bounds of the inhabited earth had been reached, and every soul had heard the words of grave and solemn import upon which hangs the destiny of the world and of each individual soul.

In perfect accord with this truth we find this people, moved by a power from on high, planning and working day and night, year in and year out, by every means at their command, and in every way possible, to extend the knowledge of this message beyond its present boundaries, and to raise the banner of truth in previously unentered territory. They are training and pressing into service consecrated and capable youth who will courageously carry this royal standard farther on toward the world's remotest bounds. All their resources are pledged to the accomplishment of this blessed task in this generation.

While they are thankful to God and to men for all that has been done by others, and is still being accomplished in a preparatory way, they can never lay any part of the burden that God has placed upon them upon other shoulders. The last invitation of mercy must be given in all its primitive purity and pristine power. What more can be expected?—and yet, what less can we require? The line of demarcation is made clear and distinct between those who bear the marks of God's kingdom and those who have wandered from the ancient paths.

Once again we hear, ringing out over the earth, the soul-inspiring testimony that brought conviction to the multitudes in apostolic days. In trumpet tones the message of salvation is being given with the confidence that is born of absolute certainty, and thousands are responding to the call, "Prepare to meet thy God." E. E. ANDROSS.

PRESSING ON IN SANTO DOMINGO

The work in Santo Domingo is advancing. This field was set apart as a separate mission early this year; and already we can see signs of a prosperous future for the new mission. Recently Elder William Steele, the superintendent, visited Barahona where work was begun a short time ago, and dedicated a fine new chapel which with the land purchased has cost the mission in the vicinity of \$3,000.00.

The brethren in Barahona solicited from the public and raised in their little village about \$1,400.00, while the mission supplied from other sources the balance of funds needed. The new building pro-

vides room for a church school; and it is planned that the educational work shall go along hand in hand with the evangelical.

A large number of children and young people there are anxious to have a Christian education. Rejoicing that good encouragement is offered to the mission authorities for the beginning of a church school at Barahona, we hope that a teacher can be supplied to begin operations shortly.

In Macoris the work is also growing, and the believers are working on a building proposition. Brother Steele expects to organize a church there, so the work may have every advantage to develop. S. E. KELLMAN.

"OVERWORK"

Comparatively few persons are killed by overwork. A thousand die from overeating, overdrinking, and overindulging in other ways, where one dies from overwork. Work is man's great blessing. It is the surest escape from indulgences that would break his health, and drag him down to an untimely grave.

Said Martin Luther: "Only slaves die from overwork. Work a weariness, a danger, forsooth! Those who say so can know very little about it. Labor is neither cruel nor ungrateful. It restores the strength we give in a hundred-fold, and, like financial operations, the revenue is what brings in the capital. Put soul into your work, and joy and health will be yours."

In the mission field so many persons break down and leave their work that sometimes it is distressing to know what to do. They feel that they are martyrs to the cause of God. Surely it is a pity that some have too little vitality or nerve fiber to endure work. This comes either from inheritance, or from a lack of proper food and regularity. Of course, no one can control his inheritance; but our habits and food are under our own personal control. And it is fortunate for most of us that the choice of health lies largely within our own wills.

Altogether too many workers in the cause of God, and in other lines of endeavor as well, live and die at enmity with their work. As soon as any one puts love into his work, he becomes an artist, and it at once assumes a color that it can never have when the worker is at war with his task. It is possible to enjoy common work as the painter loves his easel and brush, or the musician his violin or piano. When love is the actuating motive, even the common-

place tasks become a pleasure; drudgery is eliminated, and there is a song in the heart and on the lips.

And if this is true of ordinary tasks, how much more so in the service of the Christian! Joy is to be found in everything he does; for all his work is to make life worth living on earth and to prepare for eternal life hereafter.

Only such can succeed as missionaries in a hard and trying field; for the mental attitude of the mission worker has as much to do with his success as of workers in any other line of endeavor. Why should Christians not learn to love their work, and scatter peace and sunshine all about them, thus greatly adding to their usefulness in the mission field, and to their own happiness as well?—I. H. EVANS, in *Far Eastern Division Outlook*.

FULFILLING OUR PROMISE

Back in the days of slavery, a devoted black mother, after reading the fourth commandment to her children, said: "My children, God made the seventh day holy, and it is the Sabbath. Men have changed it, but some day it will be restored. I shall not live to see it, but you will." Those prophetic words never faded from the minds of the children, and when the *Signs of the Times* brought them the truth in their old age, they accepted it fully, saying: "Mother told us so."

But the silent messengers were not left alone in the great work of giving God's last message of mercy to Inter-America's millions. In 1887 the man with the book entered the territory where the *Signs of the Times* had begun its soul-winning work. At that time Brother George A. King, the apostle of our colporteur work, spent a few months in British Guiana. So at the head of the long procession of faithful colporteurs, who have served the cause in this field, stands the man whom God used in inaugurating in this denomination the colporteur work, as one means of giving the truth to all the world in this generation.

Brother King was born up in Toronto, Canada in 1847. At the age of twenty, this ambitious young man started west to take up a claim, as hundreds of others had done, who wished to make money. But God had other plans for this young man's life. While stopping in a small town in Iowa, George King saw a gospel tent. It attracted him, and so did the message there preached. That message revolutionized his life. It turned his feet from their westward pursuit into the path that leads to that Better

Land; and in that pathway he never faltered. Although he was a successful evangelist, he felt that God had called him to the colporteur work, to which he devoted most of his life. He had had experience in this work both in Canada and in the United States, when he came to the northern part of South America and the West Indies to see what could be done here in colporteur soul winning work.

And not long after Brother King came to this field, another true and tried colporteur, William Arnold, entered service here also. Brother Arnold had accepted the truth when a lad in his teens; but it was in 1882, at the age of 28, that he decided to give himself to the canvassing work. This decision came during a general conference session, where he attended some meetings held by Brother King, for giving instruction in the best methods of selling books. Three years later he went as a self-supporting missionary to Australia. There he prayed down insurmountable obstacles and sold thousands of dollars' worth of books. And he not only sold books but with his own earnings he bought a press costing \$1,200 for equipping our first printing-office in Australia.

From Australia, Brother Arnold went to help our missionaries in England through some of the difficulties that come with pioneer work. Then after a brief visit with loved ones in America, he came down to this field to help build the foundation of the third Angel's message in Inter-America. In fact, he made several trips to this field, giving himself unselfishly for the cause of truth, willing to spend and be spent that salvation might be offered to those who sat in darkness.

Following these two pioneers, a host of workers have pressed into this widely scattered field. Some have never gone back. Some are still here letting their lives burn out in service for the lost in Inter-America. Some have been driven back to the homeland by failing health. Some have been forced from the field by old age, after giving long years of tireless service here. A few of those who have been forced to return to their home land are still spared for service where the task is a bit less strenuous, and are mingling their prayers with ours for the finishing of the work in this land of their service and sojourn.

But many indeed are the graves that mark the march of advance of the church in this stronghold of Catholicism. Some of these graves are in the homeland. Brother King fell in the harness in New York almost twenty years ago, while Brother Arnold was laid to rest out-

California in 1922. From Massachusetts on the east to California on the west, not a few heroes of the Cross in Inter-America are resting from their labors, awaiting the glad reunion day of all the faithful. And many are the hearts in American homes that turn longing eyes to lonely graves of loved ones resting where they fell in the conflict for truth and righteousness on the Inter-American battle field.

The graves of Pastors A. E. Thomas and A. E. Flowers over in Trinidad marked the beginning of a successful struggle to plant the banner of Prince Emmanuel in the field that is today embraced in the flourishing and fruitful South Caribbean conference. Soon after reaching this field in the nineties both of these men were laid to rest. Within the next decade the graves of Pastors E. W. Webster and L. M. Crowthers were added; and during the next few years two young men, Brethren C. F. Enoch and Robert Price made the supreme sacrifice. In other islands in these early days of the conflict, we find the graves of Brethren Hackett, Bean, and Fischer, and others, witnessing in a strange land to the fact that an undiscourageable church was advancing over the graves of her heroes with the last message of mercy to a dying people.

And while some of our workers were pressing into the division on the eastern side, others had heard the Macedonian call from her equally needy peoples along the western border; and there two graves were marking the footsteps of the Lord's messengers. In 1902 Pastor F. J. Hutchins, who pioneered the way into Central America in 1891, fell at his post in oversea service. That same year Dr. John Eccles also found a missionary grave in one of the western countries of our division.

And so all through the years in all parts of our field, the enemy has been dogging the steps of our missionaries. Disease and persecution, and many other difficulties have often bidden the warriors of the Great King turn back. But truly the blood of the martyrs have proved to be the seed of the church. Now and then God lets the enemy remove some of His noble workers; but He still carries forward His work. It can not fail! Today over the graves of our fallen heroes echoes and reechoes the songs of the triumphs of the Cross.

And somehow, as we pause a moment, in grateful memory of our fallen heroes—native and foreign—there seems to come from their graves, a cry, weighed down with all the heartaches of the long drawn out struggle. This cry urges those of us who follow in their train to put

our all into the conflict, and with heaven's blessing, to finish speedily the work that they may soon come forth from their dusty beds, and with us go home rejoicing, "bringing in the sheaves." They have fulfilled their promise. Are we fulfilling ours to Him we have promised to serve?

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Pastor W. J. Hurdon, writing from Kingston, Jamaica, said: "We had a nice program for the laying of the corner stone of our new church. We received about £20 in collection. Two weeks ago we had our first baptismal service in the new tank. Thirty-six went forward in this ordinance. Soon about twenty more at the new church, and fifteen at the North Street church, will be ready for baptism."

From a letter received from Brother Baasch recently we glean the following: "A large number of buildings in St. Thomas have been demolished, among them our church. Many houses in the country have disappeared; and many lives have been lost. Our buildings were insured in fire insurance policies, but were not covered by hurricane policies. We are glad that the Lord has saved the lives of His people. The same Hand that protected the homes of Israel in Goshen is still stretched out in tender mercy over His dear saints. We solicit your prayers in behalf of these islands."

Brother Carter and wife of Jamaica, who recently joined our force of laborers in the Bahamas, have gone with the mission boat, "Roserine," to St. Andrew Creek, Andros Islands, where they expect to work with our literature. This is their first experience in this line of work. We are praying for them, and hope to get good reports from them soon. Bahamas' only colporteur, Brother E. Turley, is working faithfully with the small books.

Brother Elliott has been fully occupied visiting the different parts of the field in Haiti. He says the work is onward. The new home for some of the workers is about finished. Since some of the native workers have been ordained to the ministry, our people have gained the favor of the natives there.

From Cuba come these news items: Brother José Veiga who is holding meet-

ings every night in different parts of the city of Havana, reports a good interest. Brother Foster, who looks after the work in a large section of the island, also reports good interest in his part of the field. Brother Fred Miller has such a large field to cover that he is calling loudly for a helper.

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COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE IN MEXICO

We have closed a very interesting colporteurs' institute. Old residents here tell me it is one of the best ever held in Mexico. You will note from the accompanying picture that there were about forty in attendance. All of these are going out into the field and part of them are already on their way. A good spirit pervaded throughout all the meetings. Elders Parsons and Owen alternated each morning and evening giving splendid Bible studies and sermons that revived and gave the institute the proper spiritual mold.

We followed the customary routine of opening each morning with an hour's Bible study. Then followed an hour of general instruction, and two hours of class drill work on the canvasses for the books to be sold. Our afternoon sessions opened at two o'clock with an hour of general instruction on the principles of salesmanship. This was followed by a two and one half hour class drill. Oftentimes the building would be packed at the evening meetings.

With these forty magazine and book colporteurs in the field under good leadership we are hoping to see prosperity in this work in the future.

J. B. NELSON.

THE AZTEC UNION TRAINING SCHOOL

The Aztec Union Training School opened on the last day of January in the old office rooms of the Mexican Mission, vacated a few days before. The attendance was small; and there was no equipment with which to start. But a good sister gave \$100 (Mexican) for equipment, and the tract society donated a few old packing cases, while some of the

prospective students did some manual work. With this combination, we soon put in a few partitions, and moved the print shop to the old store room at the back, to make us room for two additional classes.

The house adjoining the old office was rented and used for a dormitory for the girls, as well as kitchen and dining room. We had quite a few dishes left to us; and the mission lent us several cots and a few beds; and from the church we obtained a number of chairs. So by putting all these things together, we have made out quite comfortably for facilities. Our most serious difficulty has been the lack of proper text books.

Despite all handicaps, however, students began to come in faster than we could take care of them, and at times we had four and five in one room. Then the revolution drove our colporteurs from the field; so they were called to the school and put to work selling periodicals in Mexico City. The mission furnished them with tents in which to live; and the school did not charge any tuition. Every one of them, as well as the young ladies who have done magazine work, has been able to complete the year free from debt.

Just after the close of the school, on September 11, we opened a colporteurs' institute, from which an army of thirty students went to their respective fields to spread the printed page. Most of them plan to return to school next year; and we expect to see them succeed.

Fifty students matriculated during the year. A splendid spirit has prevailed throughout the year; and many students were baptized, and gave evidence of real conversion.

Applications are coming in for rooms for the coming year; and almost every room is already spoken for. Another

Below is to be seen the group who attended the colporteur institute, reported by Brother Nelson.



building has been purchased to serve as a girls' dormitory which we hope will house all that may come.

We are grateful to our kind Father for His blessings of the past year, and ask for an interest in the prayers of God's people everywhere for this great and needy field. F. M. OWEN.

Brother L. H. Connolly, who for some time has been a successful laborer in North Carolina, writes that he plans to take up work in the Bay Islands soon.

We regret to learn that Sister D. A. Parsons has been ill; but we pray that the surgical operation which she has undergone, may prove very beneficial, and that she soon may be fully restored to health.

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ANOTHER COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

A couple weeks before the close of the West Caribbean Training School, sixteen enthusiastic students assembled to prepare themselves for the colporteur work during the coming vacation. The field secretary was pleased and grateful for the hearty cooperation and assistance of the faculty. Brother Kephart, from our Branch Publishing House, and Brother Hutchinson, from the West Caribbean conference, paid us visits and gave valuable help.

One pleasing feature of the institute was the Spanish section. Several of the young people speak scarcely any English; so we were glad to hold separate meetings for them. Their enthusiasm and earnestness were inspiring.

Two important problems confronted us as we reached the close of the institute: one was, to find sufficient territory for the students who wished to enter the field. Some have been disappointed because the expense involved in sending them to distant fields would not be justifiable for the vacation period. The other difficulty was, to choose a book which had not been offered for sale repeatedly on the isthmus.

J. L. HOLDER.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESS

Nineteen cases of books have just gone to Mexico. The army of colporteurs mentioned by Brother J. B. Nelson (see page 5) will doubtless make it necessary to send several large shipments of books to Mexico in the near future.

Salvador has some colporteurs hard at work just now. A few days ago we had a cable request for additional books for them. We always are glad to hear of such needs, and trust the colporteur effort in Salvador, as elsewhere, will accomplish great good.

Frequent calls for books are now coming from the West Caribbean office, for the colporteurs in Panama City and elsewhere, with the assistance of both Brother Holder and Brother Shidler, are carrying on aggressive work.

We are sending out rather an unusual shipment of supplies to the South Caribbean Tract Society just now. In the list of supplies are these items: 7000 Morning Watch Calendars (1925) and 1000 "Story of Jesus." Here is how they plan to use these calendars and books, as stated by Brother C. B. Sutton, who has been the field missionary secretary of that territory for several years: "During the holidays this conference is planning to encourage all the churches to sell the Morning Watch, and we have ordered a thousand copies of the new book, "The Story of Jesus," to go along with the Morning Watch. Last year we made up a little program for all the churches, and appointed the meeting for five o'clock New Year's morning, and after the program, we encouraged all to take a supply of the Morning Watch and go out during the day and sell them. It is a splendid time for a consecration service and it proved a great success here last year. We are planning for the same this year. I am sure that the seven thousand copies of the Morning Watch will go out without any trouble."

This appeals to us as being a won-

derfully fine plan to follow at the beginning of each year. It has never been our privilege to send out so large a quantity of Morning Watch calendars before. The plan will doubtless work just as well in any of our English territory as it has in the South Caribbean. This indeed is to be a banner year in the circulation of the Morning Watch in Inter-America.

If you are especially anxious to get something appropriate for gift purposes, try a few of the de luxe edition.

**"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION
 OCTOBER 1924**

Cuba	4,978	
Dominicana	301	
Porto Rico	466	
<i>Antillian Union</i>		5,745
Guatemala	203	
Honduras	181	
Mexico	2,195	
Salvador	469	
<i>Aztec Union</i>		3,048
Colombia	805	
South Caribbean	10	
Venezuela	385	
West Caribbean	338	
<i>Caribbean Union</i>		1,538
INTER-AMERICA		10,331
Arizona	57	
California	130	
Central California	51	
Colorado	29	
Florida	10	
Kansas	40	
Northern California	5	
North Texas	22	
Southern California	282	
Southeastern Calif.	35	
South Texas	171	
Texico	8	
Misc. States	21	
<i>United States</i>		861
<i>Philippines</i>		58
<i>Misc. Foreign</i>		32
TOTAL, Oct. 1924		11,282
TOTAL, Oct. 1923		11,492
<i>Decrease</i>		210

DECEMBER "EL CENTINELA"

"What Does 1924 Teach Us?" The leading article for the December number of our Spanish magazine answers that question. The front cover illustration of Old Man Time gazing at the world in his hand, emphasizes the timeliness of the article. Don't miss it. The subject matter for the December issue as a whole, is varied and will be read with great interest. Here is a partial list of English titles of the contents:

"If Money Goes to War," by R. B. Thurber.

"Eggs and Evolution," by George McCready Price.

"Tobacco With or Without Nicotine," by Dr. D. H. Kress.

"The Influence of Fluids in Diet," (No. 5 of "Fundamentals in Diet") by R. Manning Clarke, M. D.

"The Birthday of the World," by L. A. Reed. (This is a Sabbath article accompanied by a short Bible study on same topic, the tenth and concluding study of series this year.)

"Taking Men Alive on the Ridgepole of the World," by E. H. Wilcox (A story of missions).

All the regular departments will be represented, as usual.

We confidently believe that our magazine agents, and also the readers of *El Centinela* will enjoy the December issue, and will pronounce it one of the best numbers produced. To be ready for the mails by November 20. Help to give this number a good circulation!

THE COMBINATION PLAN

This can hardly be called a new subject, for it has been under discussion for nearly two years. Yet it is new still to some of the field workers in Inter-America, because it has not been developed. Perhaps a few words from those who have actually tried the plan will be appropriate, though not so convincing as a first-class trial in the field. We know that until the combination plan is given a trial, there is a tendency to feel that it is impractical. Brother G. D. Raff, field missionary secretary of the Antillian Union, evidently was not very favorable to the idea until he reached Cuba, where he saw it working. He will not chide us for publishing a few statements in

personal letters, written after he saw the fruits of the work in Cuba.

"I wish I had understood it when I was in Porto Rico, I would have been better prepared to get the colporteurs working on the combination plan. They carry along with them one or two copies of the magazine. They explain the book to the person in the usual way, and at the close, when they show the different bindings, they say: 'In this beautiful and durable half-leather binding the price is \$5.50, including a year's subscription to this beautiful and instructive twenty-page magazine, well illustrated, which comes each month to your address.'

"You understand that the price of *El Centinela* is always added to the price of the book. If the price of each were to be given separately, many would agree to take the book only, or just the magazine. Of course, if the person decides that the price is too much, the colporteur can still try to get his order for the book without the magazine, or failing in this, his subscription for the magazine for a year, with pay in advance.

"If the colporteurs continue on this combination plan, Cuba is going to keep up one big subscription list for *El Centinela*. Some of the boys get a combination order almost every sale. Why, I was surprised to see the list of names of subscribers some of them had. And they are keeping at it, too. They are taking hold of this plan stronger than ever before."

Brother J. B. Nelson, the new field missionary secretary for the Aztec Union, writes of his desire to see the combination plan pushed throughout the field. He refers to it as the plan "which has been so heartily recommended by the General Conference, and which is one of my pet hobbies."

Every true colporteur is intensely desirous that his efforts result in the greatest possible harvest of souls. This is the vision that inspires our colporteurs to face many hardships bravely.

The soul-winning possibilities of the colporteur are entirely bound up in getting the purchaser of the book to read and heed its message. It has been found that combining a magazine subscription with the sale of a book greatly increases the interest in it. The magazine visiting the home each month acts as a follow-up for

the book. *El Centinela* carries the glad tidings, to the Spanish readers in a very attractive and interesting way. Its monthly messages, dealing with current events in the light of Bible prophecy, help to keep the purchaser of the book interested in its study.

The universal testimony of those who adopt the combination plan is that the colporteur work is made more effective. In the words of a colporteur, "I never approved of the combination plan until I tried it. I see now that it is just the thing for our workers to push to the front. In using this, we find many people who would never buy a book, if it were not for the magazine. Some people are book fiends, but some are not. Therefore, we are well supplied for both classes."

Now as large bands of colporteurs are being sent out into the field, and especially while the special subscription offer of 14 months for the price of 12 is in effect, is just the time, it would seem, for giving the combination plan an unprejudiced trial. Elder W. W. Eastman's statement that in

his estimation "these magazines accompanying our books delivered in the homes of the people will increase the value of the books a hundred-fold" is pertinent. Let us all think it over. ONCE TRIED—ALWAYS USED.

FILLING IN THE GAPS

Good progress is being made in Inter-America in securing new field missionary secretaries. Just a few weeks ago, Brother Leo Odom and wife reached Porto Rico, and he is at work in that field now. A few days ago Brother and Sister J. E. Shidler arrived at Cristobal, and Brother Shidler has entered upon his duties in the West Caribbean Conference. Now we have word of the definite appointment of a man for the South Caribbean Conference, to release Brother C. B. Sutton for the Caribbean Union work; and of another man to direct the colporteur work in the Guiana Mission, which will soon be set off from the South Caribbean as a separate mission.

SALES REPORT, BY UNIONS, OCTOBER, 1924
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	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	137.50	337.55	24.10	63.30	562.45
Aztec Union	604.75	176.25	11.40		792.40
Caribbean Union	547.85	171.70	9.35	15.00	743.90
Total, October, 1924	1,290.10	685.50	44.85	78.30	2,098.75
Total, October, 1923	10,291.65	414.00	38.60	31.60	10,775.85
Increases		285.00	6.25	46.80	
Decreases	9,001.55				8,663.50

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO OCTOBER, 1924

Bahamas	297.50	95.45	143.50	60.15	542.45
Cuba	13,579.40	957.15	27.75	30.00	14,594.45
Dominicana	1,603.75	38.20		2.00	1,643.95
Haiti	61.60	199.75	5.50	17.50	284.35
Jamaica	4,642.35	695.80	140.05	100.75	5,578.95
Porto Rico	2,966.00	304.95	1.00	76.05	3,348.00
Antillian Union	23,150.60	2,291.30	317.80	232.45	25,992.15
Guatemala	1,165.55	80.70		64.90	1,311.15
Honduras	2,154.70	650.70	110.45	65.25	2,981.10
Mexico	8,944.00	641.35	37.20	86.95	9,709.50
Salvador	3,037.50	183.70	56.40	57.75	3,335.35
Aztec Union	15,301.75	1,556.45	204.05	274.85	17,337.10
Colombia	7,468.85	121.45	7.30	16.45	7,614.25
South Caribbean	4,955.20	1,139.25	8.10	38.50	6,141.05
Venezuela	1,102.45	209.80	5.20	11.25	1,328.70
West Caribbean	4,042.55	539.80	151.05	51.75	4,785.15
Caribbean Union	17,569.05	2,010.30	171.85	117.95	19,869.15
Total Sales, 1924	56,021.40	5,858.05	693.70	625.25	63,198.40
Total Sales, 1923	107,820.75	6,546.25	948.45	1,112.05	116,427.50
Decreases	51,799.35	688.20	254.75	486.80	53,229.10

A WELL EARNED REST

On the S. S. *General Gorgas* which sailed October 29 for the United States, Prof. and Mrs. Clarence J. Boyd, who for the past four years have had charge of our West Caribbean Training School, located at Obispo, Canal Zone, embarked for the homeland.

The call for our educational work had been insistent in this union mission for many years; but not until the arrival of Prof. Boyd was a suitable response given to meet this need. The way providentially opened to lease from the government 55 acres of land, having on it about a dozen large frame buildings used as soldier barracks in the early days of canal construction. Without adequate help or appropriations, Brother and Sister Boyd gave themselves wholeheartedly to the task of creating and organizing an institution that would minister to the educational needs of our large constituency, scattered through the republics of Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and other nearby fields. The present school plant with an enrolment of 110 students, and very bright prospects for the future, is the result. The school has been a marvel to many, who knew not Seventh-day Adventists, and has caused them to think kindly of the denomination it represents.

In this school Prof. Boyd has established several industries to enable students to be self-supporting. There are carpentry, mechanical, broom making, and the farm departments for the boys; and sewing, basket making, laundry and culinary departments for the girls. These provide hundreds of dollars of labor credit to worthy students, apart from giving a practical training in manual arts.

Prof. and Sister Boyd are practical educators; and by precept as well as by example, they have taught the dignity of honest labor,—a truth much needed to be taught in the tropics. Their departure is a loss to the institution which is keenly felt by the students, the other teachers, and other fellow workers.

Sister Boyd, as well as her husband, has been a pillar of strength to the school, carrying the burdens of matron and mother-in-chief in the institution. Her kindly disposition and ready sympathy has smoothed many a rough road, and soothed many a bruised heart; and her going will create an empty void which only time can remove. It is sincerely hoped that after a period of rest and recuperation in the colder north, Brother and Sister Boyd may return to lend their strength to the educational work in some part of our division.

Our earnest prayers and best wishes go with these devoted workers that they may enjoy a well earned rest, and if God so wills, that they may return soon to the welcome that awaits them in Inter America. S. E. KELLMAN.

GOING "HOME" AGAIN

Pastor Orley Ford and family, returning to South America after their furlough in the homeland, spent the week-end, October 17-19, at the division mission home. These brave young workers, who know the hardships and dangers of pioneer work among unfriendly tribes and persecuting powers, were eager to get "back home" to their Indians.

During their first seven years of service, their hearts were often tried. More than once their lives were threatened, but they stood loyally at their post; and God did not fail them. One night, for instance, a mob came near their little adobe hut; but after several hours, the frenzied men withdrew without making an attack. Months later, when some in that mob were converted, they told Brother Ford that they saw soldiers come and surround their home so they dared not attack them. This is only one of many trying experiences, followed by remarkable deliverances, that came to these heralds of the King.

And now they are going back to the land of their sojourn with hearts full of courage and cheer. Now that they know Him in whom they have believed, and have caught a glimpse of the needs of South America, neither the comforts of the homeland nor the hardships of the mission field can cause them to swerve from their fixed purpose to seek and to save the lost. They buried one of their little ones on the cold, bleak

hills of Peru and another rests in a cemetery in the homeland.

Still they press on cheerfully, desiring only to be used of God for the salvation of the lost. And truly God has blessed them; for today several hundred Indians are rejoicing in the Blessed Hope because these young workers wearied not in well doing when things went hard.

FATHER, WE GIVE THEE THANKS

Father, we give Thee thanks today
For strength to follow all the way;
For faith to see Thy will is best;
Whatever be the daily test;
For prayer,—that privilege so great
That bids us in Thy presence wait,
While Thou doth every need supply
With choicest blessings from on high.

Father, we give Thee thanks today
For pleasant things along life's way,—
For home and loved ones, and for friends;
And other blessings Thou doth send;
For trees and flow'rs and birds that sing;
For twinkling stars the evenings bring;
For health and strength; for food and clothes;—
For, Lord, Thou givest all of those.

Father, we give Thee thanks today
For hard things, too, along the way,—
For trials it seemed we could not bear;
For lonely hours and slights and cares;
For disappointments and delays
Of starless nights and gloomy days.
For these deeper lessons along the way
We give Thee thanks, O Lord, today.

Father, we give our thanks to Thee,
For Him who died on Calvary;
For Thy Spirit to guide our feet,
And grant to us communion sweet;
For choice to join our hands with Thine
In Thy service for all mankind;
For every sinner brought to Thee;
For every burdened heart set free;
For the day that is hast'ning on apace,
When we shall see our Saviour's face.

HERE AND THERE

Two of our workers who have grown grey in their service for Inter-America, Pastor W. G. Kneeland and wife, are enjoying a furlough in the States, where, we trust, they are having a delightfully restful visit with their daughter, Sister Rebek and her family. Professor D. E. Rebok and wife have rendered valuable services for the cause in China, and are now home for a short time.

About thirty of the students and teachers at the Spion Kop college, South Africa, went out during their mid-year vacation to raise their Harvest Ingathering goal of £196. They were altogether successful, having gone over their goal by £28. "Many who did not enter into the first drive are now anxious to go out and finish some of the near-by territory which has not been worked."

Pastor J. E. Fulton, vice-president for Australasia, writes of the Solomon Islands, where God has worked so many miracles through the native missionary efforts. He says:

"When I went ashore at the island of Ranonga, there were nearly three hundred people waiting on the beach to shake hands with me. There was not a heathen nor an unbeliever in the village. The old heathen temple, with its idols and carvings, had fallen into disrepair.

"Everybody attends church twice daily. There is not a man nor a woman practising any heathen rite, no tobacco, no betel nut is used, and the people—how happy and joyous they are! I wish you could have heard them sing.

"How came it all about? Some wonderful white man preached there, you say? God has done it all through one of the young natives, Pana by name. Less than four years ago all were heathen, and this boy preached the gospel from an English Bible, translating it into the language of the people. First he had to learn

their language, for he is from another tribe. In that town are the most wonderfully transformed people I have ever seen. A new village has risen out of the ruins of the old; new houses, built on raised foundations, well lighted, airy, and comfortable; a new school; a new church instead of a heathen temple;—all this was brought about through the ministrations of one native boy."

A letter from Pastor W. A. Spicer says, "Somewhat the time for ingathering is at hand. Our publishing brethren have just received word that where colporteurs in the remote parts of Java sold books two years ago, now 400 people are keeping the Sabbath, and there is a great stir."

Brother and Sister R. C. Kraft, who have been teaching in the West Caribbean Training School during the last year, sailed for the States on the S. S. *Cristobal*, October 19.

From Malaysia comes the good news that "Our Day" is being printed in Siamese; twenty-six tracts are set up in Arabic characters, and have also been translated into the Javanese language. So our literature presses on through language barriers to do soul winning work.

Another note of cheer from that same field tells us that a school building costing \$7,500.00 gold has been completed recently in Singapore; and there is special courage in knowing that all this money was raised in the field. Their school has an enrolment of 250. The workers there plan to sell \$45,000.00 worth of literature this year and to win at least 500 new members.

During 1923 our believers in Chile used 26,000 tracts, gave 8,868 Bible studies, wrote 1,117 missionary letters, and took 2,244 subscriptions to *El Atalaya*, besides selling 4,478 single copies of the paper.

Brother and Sister Leo Odom, of Mississippi, sailed from New York September 24, for Porto Rico, Brother Odom having accepted the field missionary secretaryship of the Porto Rican Mission.

Brother and Sister J. E. Shidler, from South Dakota, have recently located on the Canal Zone. Brother Shidler connects with the West Caribbean conference as its field missionary secretary.

One of our workers in Burma, at the request of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has translated the gospel of Matthew into the Taung-too language, and was proceeding to translate Luke.

KEEPING UP WITH THE FACTS

A correspondent says: Rather an interesting comment on the rapid spread of the message is afforded by two items in the *Review Jubilee* number. In the opening article it was stated:

"So rapidly does the expansion come that nowadays, unless we keep close to the statistical reports, we fall far behind the facts. By printed page and by word of mouth the message is being sounded in very nearly two hundred tongues."

But before the whole paper got to the press, the last page carried a paragraph stating:—

"As a matter of fact, the message is being proclaimed—printed and preached—in 220 languages, so far as we are able to learn at the present writing."

Thus, evidently, between making up the first pages and the last, the reports coming in had shown how easy it is to fall far behind the facts of progress.—W. A. Spicer, in "*Review & Herald*."

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