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A SOUL-WINNING GOAL

"With my eyes fixed on the goal I push on to secure the prize of God's heavenward call in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. (Weymouth's Tr.)

These words reveal the secret of the success which everywhere attended the labors of the great apostle to the Gentiles. But what was the "goal" upon which Paul's eyes were fixed, and toward which he pressed day and night? What was the "prize" that he earnestly endeavored to "secure"? In his letter to the Thessalonians, he says: "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy." 1 Thess. 2:19, 20. And to the Philippians he writes: "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved." Phil. 4:1.

Paul was not anxious about his own salvation; he did not make self the center, but cheerfully placed himself upon the altar of sacrifice that he might be the means of saving some. His desire to save others was so great that in writing to the Romans he said: "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Rom. 9:2, 3. But this consuming passion for souls was not confined to his own people "according to the flesh." To the Gentile church at Thessalonica he wrote: "Being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us." 1 Thess. 2:8.

Like his Master, Paul labored just as zealously for the few as for the many; but he longed to reach the multitudes. His goal in souls won for the Master was set very high. While in the city of Corinth, he became almost disheartened with the wickedness that he witnessed, and was about to withdraw to a more promising field; but as he sought

earnestly to understand his duty, the Lord appeared to him in a vision, and commanded him to remain in Corinth, saying, "I have much people in this city."

Paul never retired from the field of active service. Advancing years and the infirmities of age, failed to dampen his ardor in the cause of his Master. He continued to press on in his warfare against the kingdom of darkness, opening eyes that were blinded by sin, turn-

THE WATCHING CHURCH

Lord, her watch Thy church is keeping;
When shall earth Thy rule obey?
When shall end the night of weeping?
When shall break the promised day?
See the whit'ning harvest languish,
Waiting still the lab'ers' toil;
Was it vain, Thy Son's deep anguish?
Shall the strong retain the spoil?

Tidings, sent for ev'ry creature,
Millions yet have never heard;
Can they hear without a preacher?
Lord Almighty, give the word;
Give the word; in ev'ry nation
Let the gospel trumpet sound,
Witnessing of Thy salvation
To the earth's remotest bound.

Then the end; Thy church completed,
All Thy chosen gathered in,
With their King in glory seated,
Satan bound, and banished sin;
Gone forever, parting, weeping,
Hunger, sorrow, death, and pain;
Lo! her watch Thy church is keeping,
Come, Lord Jesus; come to reign.

—H. Downton.

ing them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Not until his goal was eventually reached; not until he could say, "the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course. I have kept the faith," did he rest from his arduous labors.

If Paul set a goal in souls won for his Master, why should not we? The end is rapidly approaching. Already the shades of the dark night in which no man can work are settling down over the earth; and soon the last opportunity for rescuing men and women from impending destruction will have passed.

For a long time we have had our individual and denominational goals in financial and other lines of endeavor; and it is recognized that these have been a great blessing to our work. They have inspired us to greater effort, and as a result the offerings have been flowing into our treasuries in ever increasing volume; and in all material lines our work has advanced rapidly.

The time has fully come for every laborer in this division to set an individual goal of souls to be won for the Master during 1925. With earnest, untiring, consecrated, and prayerful effort, we should press toward this goal. With the help that is provided so abundantly our goals may be reached. "It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talent, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but, without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them channels for the outflowing of the highest influence in the universe." *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pp. 21, 22.

If the entire laboring force of this division will unite in setting individual goals, fixing the number of persons, that with the blessing of God, they will earnestly and prayerfully endeavor to bring into the faith during 1925, at its close we shall be able to report much larger conquests for the Master than if we toil on without any definite object in view.

"Go work today in my vineyard," is the command of our great General to every believer in this message. "To save souls should be the life work of everyone who professes Christ. We are debtors to the world for the grace given us of God, for the light which has shone upon us and for the discovered beauty and power of the truth." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 53. Is it not therefore, our duty to encourage our people to join us

in a systematic effort to save the lost, and each to bring one or more to Christ and this truth during the year? What rejoicing there will be in heaven if we should reach such a goal! And with the church endowed with the Holy Spirit this is possible.

Daily at the division office, in the worship hour, and in our private devotions, we will join you in prayer for a mighty revival of spiritual power through all our churches and for a larger ingathering of souls than we have ever known in this field.

E. E. ANDROSS.

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 "AS SOON AS ZION TRAVAILED,
 SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER
 CHILDREN"

The prophet Isaiah is known as the prophet evangelist. No other Jewish prophet wrote as he wrote nor saw as he saw. The last part of his book relates largely to the gospel age, and deals directly with the life and work of Christ, and the spread of the gospel in later times. In vision he saw Christ in His humanity dwelling among men; and it was he who tenderly spoke of His life and death and great humiliation. From some of the prophet's statements, he seemed to foresee the gospel going to all nations, and the gathering of the people of God for their final reward. And it was he who gave utterance to the significant words, "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

The quotation is one of those poetical figures of speech so often found in the writings of the Jewish prophets, making a direct appeal to the imagination, and fastening itself upon the memory for all time. Zion here stands for the church militant. It represents the church in all her activities proclaiming the gospel to a lost world. Naturally, too, it stands for every workman who is used as a mouthpiece for God to herald the good news.

Travailing is often used in Scripture to picture an individual or a people in great agony. Generally the word is used to represent the painful labor of child-birth. It stands for suffering, exhausting labor, the limit of pain that humanity can endure. The picture is directly opposite to ease, pleasure, indifference. In this setting it represents the church of Christ in service winning souls to believe in Christ as the Saviour of sinners. "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

To preach the gospel is never set forth in the Scriptures as an easy task. True labor for souls demands the hardest work of which any man is capable. It

lays hold of all his latent forces, and draws on his vitality as few other things can. It commands all his knowledge, all his skill, all his tact. All his spiritual forces are thrown into his work, that souls may be born anew.

I once went into a theater to hear a sermon preached by a man from whom I expected much. I listened from the reading of the text till he said, "Amen." There was not one word about sin, or the need of a Saviour, or what the end of sin means. I listened to the tone of voice, to the prayer, to every word that was spoken, and there was not one thing to win a soul to Christ. It was a mere lecture on a topic familiar to the preacher. There was no salvation in all that he said.

O where is there the travail for souls that we find set forth in the Scriptures? Have we lost the art of soul-winning? Have we become a mere set of lecturers, knowing nothing of the burden for souls that men should carry on their hearts? Intellectuality, eloquence, oratory, and fine rhetoric do not win men to Christ. Well organized sermons, delivered with faultless diction, do not lead men to hate sin and cry out, "What must I do to be saved?" It is the spirit that is in the man, that looks through his eyes, that speaks in his words, that modulates his voice, that broods over the whole audience like a mighty, holy influence, that causes sinners to cry for mercy. A man cannot speak after this manner, Spirit-filled, till he has wrestled with the Lord like Jacob of old. Such soul-winning sermons can come from the lips of him only who has been closeted with God and has received "the law at His mouth."

In the true minister the great dominant, controlling desire must be, like that of John Knox for Scotland, "Give me souls or I die." When that passion surges in the breast and cries in the heart, till all earthly things seem worthless compared to this one thing, souls will be born into the kingdom of God. In the night seasons there will be prevailing prayer that will say, "I will not let Thee go, unless Thou bless me." There will be prayer for particular men and women for whom we are in such "travail" of soul that we can find no comfort till we see them saved. When the minister of God cries in tears, "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach," sinners will find the Lord.

What a reckoning we must give to God! We must account not only for what we have done, but for what we ought to have done in the name of the Lord. Our influence will all count in that day. Our zeal, our tone of voice, our

earnestness, all will count. True travail of soul is what God wants to see among His workers; for then they will no longer be unfruitful in their ministry.

—I. H. Evans.

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 THE GUIANA MISSION MEETING

Returning from the autumn council, Pastor W. E. Baxter and the writer attended a general meeting at Georgetown, British Guiana, November 21-30. Representatives from the twelve churches in British Guiana and from one in Dutch Guiana were present. Pastor C. B. Sutton, field missionary secretary for the Caribbean union, had spent some time there preparing for the meeting. With the help of the local brethren, he had all in readiness for the opening session. The meetings were held in our church, with the exception of the Sunday night meetings which were held in the largest theater in the city. With just a little advertising, we had from 1500 to 1700 present at these services, and an excellent interest was manifested in the truths presented. It was unfortunate that we were not able to follow up the interest that was apparent. As soon as possible, however, this will be done.

The three Guianas were organized into a separate mission, to be known as the "Guiana Mission," and Pastor D. C. Babcock was called from the Virgin Islands to take the superintendency. For some time this field has been under the supervision of the South Caribbean conference; but, because of the long distance from headquarters this arrangement proved to be impracticable. This mission begins its separate organized life with a membership of about 500, and a population of 470,827. In British Guiana there are about 125,000 East Indians. Although a few of this race are faithful members of our church, it can hardly be said that our work for them has begun. In Trinidad there are more East Indians than in Guiana; still we do not have a worker in either place devoting his time to this people. Urgent calls are coming to us from them; and to these calls we must no longer turn a deaf ear.

That which stirred the hearts of our people more than any other one thing, was the thought of soon being able to reach the aboriginal Indians for whom Elder Davis labored and finally gave his life. Thirteen years have now passed since his death; and during all this time no serious effort has been made to reach the 300 or more Indians, who according to the best information we have obtained, embraced the truth, and are still waiting for the coming of some one to

take up the work Brother Davis was compelled by death to lay down.

Definite plans were laid to send two or three back through the jungle to the highland savannahs where the Indians dwell. This will be a very hard trip, requiring six or seven weeks aside from the time spent among the Indians. Much of this journey must be made on foot, and must be undertaken during the dry season from December till April.

The way before us among all the races represented in this field seems fully prepared; and we are urged forward into a more aggressive propaganda in the interest of the blessed truth committed to us. The eternal destiny of every soul is dependent upon his or her relation to this saving message. As custodians of the only message that God has sent to prepare a people among all nations for the second advent of our Lord, let us do more than we have ever done to place this message before all the people in the printed page and through the living messenger.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest." Luke 10:2.

Throughout this good meeting, except on Sabbath, our dear people gathered regularly at our church, in the suburbs of the city, at five o'clock in the morning for a devotional meeting. This service had the largest attendance of any through the day; and was perhaps the most blessed; and still all the meetings were very good, for the Spirit of God was with us to do His office work upon our hearts, and this heavenly Guest was given a hearty welcome.

E. E. ANDROSS.

IN TRINIDAD AND VENEZUELA

On the evening of December 4, the South Caribbean conference opened its biennial session at Port of Spain, Trinidad. Our church there, which seats about 700, was well filled, while quite a number found seats and standing room in the driveway by the side, over which a canvass had been stretched in anticipation of the large attendance. The space thus sheltered was none too large to accommodate the overflow attendance.

A short distance from the church, on a vacant lot, away from the gaze of the busy street by a high stone wall, was the young people's tent. Both places of meeting were attractively decorated with beautiful plants and appropriate mottoes; and from first to last a spirit of deep devotion permeated the large delegation. Pastors E. E. Andross, W. E. Baxter, and C. B. Sutton, the field secretary of the Caribbean union, assisted the local laborers through the entire meeting, and led out in the workers' institute that followed.

The same Spirit, that has sent forth so many workers from our churches in Jamaica, is leading our faithful believers in the South Caribbean conference out into successful soulwinning work; and it was, indeed, refreshing to meet them in their conference session. Their hearty "amens," earnest prayers, and ringing testimonies, together with their eagerness to learn more of the truth and more of the advancement of the message we all love, helped to make the meeting one long to be remembered.

In the opening business session of the conference, the workers presented the names of eight new churches for admission into the conference family. The

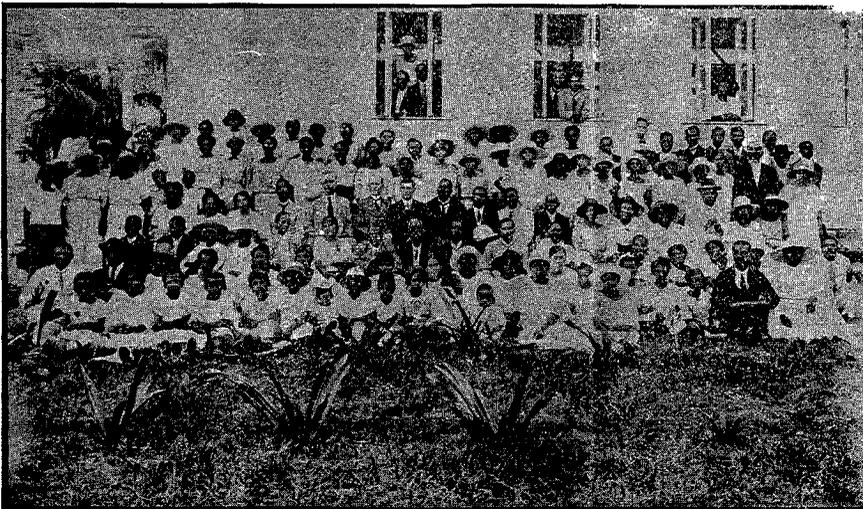
president's report showed a large increase in membership during the biennial period. This very encouraging message brought forth many hearty "amens"; as did also the good reports from the various departments. Altogether these reports showed encouraging progress along all lines of church activities; and all felt grateful to God for these manifestations of His divine leadership.

The general election returned the same leaders to office, with the exception of Pastor J. D. Wood, our faithful Missionary Volunteer secretary, who was called to devote his entire time to the ministry where his services were greatly needed. Pastor H. J. Edmed was re-elected to the presidency, Brother Benjamin Yip to the office of secretary-treasurer, Sister Ethel Edmed to the tract society work, while Sister M. E. Robertson was asked to add to her former duties as Sabbath School and Educational secretary those of the Missionary Volunteer departments. Brother Paul Shakespeare, recently called from the States to direct in the colporteur work in that field, was giving himself enthusiastically to its development.

Before the workers and other delegates left, however, the Leeward and Virgin islands were formed into a separate mission to be known as the "Leeward Islands Mission"; and Pastor Edmed, who has grown grey in the service of this Cause, volunteered to take the strenuous task of leading out in the work of this new field. In harmony with his wishes, he was released to accept his appointment as superintendent of the newly organized mission. His daughter, Sister Ethel Edmed was called to serve as its secretary-treasurer and tract society secretary, while Sister M. E. Robertson was asked to foster the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer work; and Brother George Richard, the Home Missionary department. We bespeak for this new mission rapid progress.

Pastor and Sister D. D. Fitch, then on furlough in the States, were called to join Brother Benjamin Yip and others in the work in Trinidad and the other islands that now constitute the South Caribbean conference. Pastor Fitch will serve as its president, while Sister Fitch will help others in carrying the departmental work.

Before the workers left the biennial session, they set high personal goals in soul winning work. As they strive to reach these goals, surely God will give the increase. As I recall the earnestness of the delegates and visitors—old and young—I am happy to believe that the new period, just begun, will show



DELEGATES ATTENDING GUIANA GENERAL MEETING

much more rapid growth than has any previous biennial term.

It will be proper to make special mention of the host of young people in attendance. They were faithful in attending both the early morning as well as the afternoon meeting conducted for the youth; and they also joined heartily in the other meetings, including the conference sessions. My heart still burns within me as I think of their thrilling testimonies, recall how loyally they helped in the prayer bands and remember how some of them had suffered and were suffering persecution for the truth's sake.

When we reached Venezuela to attend their biennial meeting, we found a small company of believers. The entire membership of that mission is only about one third as large as the membership of the Port of Spain Church. But the spirit of consecration is not lacking. The earnestness of the few believers assembled was refreshing, indeed. As with the help of an interpreter, we were made to understand better the spirit of devotion that we felt in their presence, and could see the miraculous way in which God had led them, I was often reminded of the story of Christ's miracle at the marriage feast in Cana. These Spanish believers had known the truth only a short time; but they seemed like workers of long experience, whose first love, like Paul's, had deepened into an unbendable determination to press toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

And I said to myself, as I began to fathom the meaning of what my eyes beheld: This is nothing short of a miracle. As at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus turned the water into wine to meet the needs of the hour, so today in His rapidly closing work, He is performing a similar miracle in the lives of new believers that they may press forward shoulder to shoulder with workers of long experience in the great work of seeking the lost.

A brief story of the work in this interesting field will appear in another issue of this paper. At this time I must only tell you that we had a very good meeting. Plans were laid for as strong, aggressive work as the slender force of laborers would permit; and the delegates left that gathering determined to do their utmost to save the lost, cost what it may. Pastor L. J. Borrowdale, who was called to the superintendency of the mission, leads out in a strong, earnest way; and several devoted colporteurs, under the faithful leadership of Brother Fred Steeves, as well as a number of experienced evan-

gelistic workers, went forth from that meeting determined to give their all for the salvation of the lost in Venezuela.

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CATCHING A VISION

A letter recently received from one of our lay-workers in Jamaica indicates that the Spirit of God is impressing in a very definite way some of our workers in the harvest field. They are catching a vision of the time in which we are living, and of the needs of the hour. This brother writes: "If my life is spared to see the coming year, I do not believe that I will be in — because there is too much work to be done in the country. Every time Brother — comes down from — he says there is a call for the message in all the different districts, and I am troubled much over it, so I am planning to go and live at — so that I may be able to work among the people."

This is the spirit of the laymen's movement, by which the Lord will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. There are many men and women of talent in large churches of our conference, who could accomplish a great work for the Lord if they would heed the instruction of the *Testimonies*, and move to some district where they could live and teach the truth, and thus raise up new companies of believers in the message. In *An Appeal*, you will find the following words: "There are honest-hearted men and women out in the hills that must be given the message of warning. . . . Say not, 'We cannot afford to work in a sparsely-settled field, and largely in a self-supporting way, when out in the world are great fields where we might reach the multitudes.'" Again in *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, pp. 22, 23, we read:

"In the fields where the conditions are so objectionable and disheartening that many workers refuse to go to them, most remarkable changes for the better may be brought about by the efforts of self-sacrificing lay members. These humble workers will accomplish much, because they put forth patient, persevering effort, not relying upon human power, but upon God, who gives them favor. The amount of good that these workers accomplish will never be known in this world."

Where there is one working in this way, there should be twenty. Many

will hold on to their house and lot in the city until it will be forever too late to dispose of it, and they will be compelled to leave it,—not to go to the country to sound the message, but to flee as the Christians fled from the city of Jerusalem, when the Roman army surrounded it. May the Spirit of God impress many to follow the example of the brother referred to at the beginning of this article. C. E. Wood.

Professor W. H. Wineland, principal of the West Indian Training School, located at Mandeville, Jamaica, sends the following message of cheer in a personal letter:

"School here is progressing nicely this year though we have had many perplexing problems. There are 99 enrolled at present. This is one less than the total enrolment last year. Every room has two, and several have three students. We hope to be able to send several into the work permanently at the close of the term.

"We have a bakery started and people are quite anxious for our bread. We have also started a tailor shop, and have four young men learning that trade. The young man in charge was formerly a student. The sheet metal machinery is mostly installed and soon we expect to have some tin and galvanized ware ready for market."

There are other notes of progress from the Antillian Union: Brother Troupe reports victories for the truth in Orange, Jamaica. One new believer, through the reading of the Harvest Ingathering magazine, decided to keep the Sabbath.

From the little island, Grand Cayman, also a part of the Jamaica Conference, Brother Lawson writes: "I can say that with the scattering of our truth-filled papers, visiting, and holding of Bible studies, a great stir is being made in George Town. Two aged ladies have definitely taken their stand, as a result of the Bible studies held in their home. We are also conducting a Sabbath School in their home. Yesterday there were present twelve who are deeply interested. . . . I can hear distinctly the 'sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees.'"

In a recent letter, Brother J. W. Grounds says: "We were glad to have Brother Raff with us for two and one half months. With the help of Brother Odom, he conducted a splendid colporteurs' institute in the latter part of December." The colporteurs received some real help, and we are looking for a better year with the printed page in Porto Rico during 1925."

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WINNING AGAIN

[Evangalina Morán is one of the four boarding students in our La Loma country school in Salvador. After an encounter with the priest of the near-by village, she related this story to Brother E. P. Howard who very kindly sent this translation for the MESSENGER.]

The priest said that it was a pity that we were heretics, and that it would be better if we were with him. We talked with him for an hour and a half on Sabbath. The following day his sermon consisted of references to us. He told his congregation that they must never be friendly to us, because we were cursed and not worthy of so much as a look; and then he said other things to intimidate his agents. He said that he could come to us, for to him we could do nothing.

One day he passed our school just as the students were entering. "Why do you come here?" was his harsh inquiry. Then, demanding that they tell him where they lived, he immediately visited their parents. He went from house to house, telling horrible things of our religion; and two of the parents believed what he said. But here in the settlement there is a lady who is not ignorant of our religion; she is the mother of one of our students, and is impressed that the advancement and good conduct of her child disproves what the priest has said. When the mothers told their children they could not come to school any more, they cried and were very sad; but this lady revealed to them the deception of the priest, so the students failed to come only one day.

When this happened, we had eight students; and surely we should not be disheartened, for now there are fourteen very faithful, intelligent students. Many parents tell us they are only waiting for the school to close where their children are attending now, that they may send them to our school. It is certain that the priest becomes more discontented every day as he sees the attendance. The people do not pay attention now to what he said about our wanting their children in order to eat them; and because the people paid no attention to what he said, he took a large, fine paper, and writing on it with red ink, he told them that God had sent this letter from heaven to him for them that they might see what they were doing. But with

all this, he could not overcome the bad impressions he had formerly made.

The mothers have seen that his stories are false; and now the students come to Sabbath School, as well as to day school. They come joyfully and repeat the memory verses and sing hymns. One student told me that she had told her mother she was willing to miss any other day of school rather than the Sabbath School. We have talked with the parents of many children and it looks now as if we would have more than fifty students the coming year.

EVANGELINA MORÁN.

Pastor C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Northwestern Mission of the Aztec Union, writes very encouragingly of the work in Nogales. He has been conducting a series of meetings in that city and as a result they have a good substantial company who are obedient to the faith.

During the last three months there were baptized seven candidates in Guatemala.

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A VISIT TO COLOMBIA

Although it is rather late to refer to a visit to Bogota, Colombia, last August, I have decided to do so inasmuch as I have not seen any report from that field since then. In company with Pastor E. M. Trummer, superintendent of the Colombia mission, I left the Canal Zone after the union mission committee meeting, and, after a week or eight days of travel by boat, mule, and train, we arrived at Bogota.

I found the work quite well established, with an interesting group of fifteen or twenty members organized in church fellowship, and with prospects for continued development of the work there. Brother and Sister Brayshaw, who accompanied us from Cali, located in Bogota where they found that the outlook for the immediate future was more promising than at Cali. This change will concentrate more the efforts now carried on as the inconvenient, expensive, and slow means of communication between these two cities prevents frequent visiting.

After attending to matter pertaining to the office which occupied me for several weeks, I returned to Caracas. Descending the Magdalena river to the

north coast, I arrived in a little over a week at Barranquilla, the second city of the republic. Here is another small church whose interests are being cared for by Brother A. Redondo. During the three days I was there the time was fully occupied in holding meetings and in council. The Lord's supper was celebrated, and two men and their wives were baptized.

During my stay in Colombia one of the few colporteurs in that field died suddenly. That brought gloom over the little church at Barranquilla, where he was a member; and the enemy was employing that circumstance to discourage and turn souls from the truth. Nevertheless the brethren seemed to be of good courage and determined to walk in the light.

A few members in Medellin have also been having some heavy trials; but Brother Cleaves is now with them, and God is blessing his work there. The work in these three cities of Colombia should not be left to decay. It is necessary that workers be stationed in them; for the great distances there do not permit frequent visiting by the superintendent.

While descending the Magdalena river, I became acquainted with a physician and oculist, grandson of a former president of Colombia. He gave close attention, during our conversations, to my exposition of some of our prominent points of faith. He is an advocate of temperance, abstains from tobacco and stimulants, and is quite a strict vegetarian. He received a copy of the temperance number of *El Centinela* sent out by the mission office last winter or spring, and evinced a desire to enter into communication with Brother Cleaves at Medellin. May it be possible that he will become still further interested!

I shall not soon forget the sweet communion and cordiality shown by the Colombian brethren. C. E. KNIGHT.

"We have concluded the Week of Prayer in Caracas," wrote Pastor C. E. Knight in December. "The Lord came very near in the first meeting and a good attendance and interest was manifested throughout the week. Advance steps were taken by some, and others were revived. The children, although few in number, received due attention, and they contributed largely to the success of the meetings by their sincere and simple participation in prayer and testimony in the presence of their parents. The last Sabbath was a day of victory for the entire church and the closing meeting was a season of special blessing."

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BUILDING UP THE COLPORTEUR ARMY

The recruiting of larger and stronger colporteur forces throughout the field is claiming the attention of field leaders in many parts. This is as it should be, for it should ever be borne in mind that the literature circulation is accomplishing a great deal in the proclaiming of the everlasting gospel. In every field, we ought to have the maximum number of colporteurs the field will accommodate, provided, of course, that the right class of colporteurs can be brought into the service. A larger number of colporteurs for Inter-America should be the aim of our colporteur leaders, and doubtless greater results can be realized.

We believe each of the men upon whom rests the responsibility of leading out in this kind of work, is striving to strengthen his forces. Our field leader for Venezuela sends in a most encouraging report of his efforts to direct a strong work in the territory under his charge. Our readers will enjoy scanning the following lines, quoted from a recent personal letter from Brother F. W. Steeves:

"The work is going ahead in a very encouraging way. The Lord has answered my prayers and I am glad to tell you that more than six colporteurs are going into the field with the big books. Five are already at work, and two more will be in the field this coming month. The men who are going into the work are good, consecrated men, and I have much confidence in every one of them. Really, I am quite proud of the splendid army of colporteurs going into Venezuela this year. We have just had a few days' institute but a fine spirit was manifested, and every one is going out with much courage, expecting great things from God in 1925.

"We have the republic all divided and each colporteur has promised to be responsible for his district. In this way we plan to work the most remote parts of the field. My oldest and best tried man has been sent to the Andes to carry on the work where Brother Lopez lost his life. I have just had a telegram from him. He is already on the job and at work. He took 200 *Patriarchs* with him and 600 little books. The second man with *Patriarchs* has gone to finish up the district with that book in the state this side of the Gulf of Maracaibo. A new and very fine young man from the llanos has gone over to the states sloping down from the Andes toward the river with 150 *Heralds*. I went with the fourth man over into the great llanos just as soon as the institute was over, with *Our Day*. We took orders from all the principal officials in Calabozo, the capital of the state, securing 23 orders in three days' time. Since coming back from there I went with another man to the capital of another state southeast from

Caracas. In this place we found the people very fanatical, but the Lord blessed us with eight orders for *Our Day*, and about the same number of orders for the little books in sets of three.

"I have been planning on going to Maracaibo with another man by the first boat in February. The young man being placed there is from the llanos, and has had fine success with little books here in Caracas. We shall sell *Our Day*, and I plan on staying with him about a month, until we make a big delivery. Maracaibo is the second commercial center of Venezuela and oil has brought a lot of money there of late. We should do well there.

"This year we have our goal set for \$12,000, and I see no reason why we should not reach it."

A very brief report from Porto Rico has recently been received, too. Brother Leo Odom, with Brother G. D. Raff's assistance, conducted a lively one-week's institute, in which all phases of institute work were touched upon. Brother Odom writes:

"A nice little company of six regular colporteurs and perhaps two magazine workers will go out as a nucleus upon which we expect to build."

Brother J. G. Pettey, of Jamaica, mentions that Brother O. P. Reid, the field missionary secretary, is beginning to lay plans for a strong effort in that little island, with a student colporteur force of perhaps 18 or 20, beginning about the first of June. There is to be some intensive work on that island during the vacation period.

Similar activity is doubtless being planned in all parts of the division, at least where leadership has been provided. We shall be glad to pass on other items occasionally, giving an insight into the work being done in the different fields.

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SALESMANSHIP

Every man who is engaged either in a profession or in a trade is a salesman of his own abilities. The employee sells his services to his employer. Two men in partnership sell their services to each other. The doctor, the lawyer, and even the preacher, is a salesman. Each has certain information or skill to dispose of, and his success in finding purchasers is an index of his prosperity. Within the past few weeks we have witnessed a spectacular selling campaign staged by candidates for the Presidency of the United States. Each man was endeavoring to sell to the people his ability and desire to serve them. It is therefore true that, from the highest to the humblest, *all men are, of necessity, salesmen.*

When we recognize salesmanship in this larger relationship to all intercourse between men, we are led to appreciate more fully the values that accrue to the individual who understands and practices its principles. A course of training in salesmanship and a field experience in selling, I regard as a very important part of the equipment which every young person would do well to secure in making his preparation for his life's journey.

Our denominational colporteur work affords an excellent means of gaining a selling experience. It is missionary work of the highest order. It is an excellent experience for all who have the ministry in view. It is, at the same time, educational and cultural, and the

surest known developer of a positive, pleasing personality. I believe that every Seventh-day Adventist young person who contemplates becoming a public worker in the capacity of doctor, teacher, minister, etc., should plan for at least three months of successful canvassing experience as a part of his educational preparation. Such an experience will be of great benefit through all the later years of life by greatly increasing the working efficiency of every one who secures it.—Prof. W. I. Smith, in "The Gospel Ambassador."

LEADING ARTICLES FOR MARCH CENTINELA

"The War Against Liquor," by U. V. Wilcox, a splendid, informative article on prohibition in the States, accompanies the cover. With its illustrations and "boxes" of pertinent display matter, it occupies four pages. "Is Houdini Correct?" is a timely discussion by L. A. Smith of a current phase of the problem of spiritualism. Two articles on health: "Frank Medical Advice," by Doctor "Anonymous," which is the first of two most helpful articles by a reputable practitioner; and "When You Eat an Excess of Protein," by Dr. R. Manning Clarke, being the eighth of his series. "The Blue Dress," by Helen P. Metzger, is an absorbing narrative of a brilliant but thoughtless young lady. On the Children's Page will appear a most interesting story about how "John Cures the Deer." R. F. Cottrell continues his series on fundamental truths under the title, "A Defective Nutrition." Remember that "El Centinela" is published in Latin America for Latin Americans." We plead that increasing thousands may have the privilege of reading its pages.

ARE THERE ANY CHINESE IN YOUR VICINITY?

If there are you should give attention to this notice of new literature prepared in their language (Wenli)—literature that contains a message for them. Several books, bound in heavy art paper covers, have recently been brought out by the Shanghai house, as follows:

- Last Day Alarm*, similar to the English Heralds, and about the same size - - \$1.50
- Beginnings of Things*, translation of an abridgement of Patriarchs and Prophets 1.00
- Great Man of Western Asia*, a story of Daniel the prophet - - - - 2.00

Aside from these paper-bound books are the cloth books as listed in the general catalog. As yet we do not have a supply of the above-mentioned books in paper bindings, but expect to have in due time. There surely are those in Inter-America who are interested in presenting the message to the Chinese people within our borders. Report your desire to your tract society officers, and arrange for a few of these books for circulation among the people who read this language.

WATCH FOR AN
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
IN THIS SECTION
NEXT MONTH

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION
JANUARY 1925

CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.
SALES REPORT, JANUARY 1925

Cuba	4,204		
Dominicana	300		
Porto Rico	1,214		
<i>Antillean Union</i>	5,718		
Guatemala	202		
Honduras	168		
Mexico	1,720		
Salvador	220		
<i>Astec Union</i>	2,310		
Colombia	496		
Venezuela	385		
West Caribbean	265		
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	1,146		
INTER-AMERICA	9,174		
Arizona	28		
Calif. Bible House	123		
Central California	41		
S. E. California	26		
Southern California	232		
South Texas	150		
Misc. States	45		
<i>United States</i>	645	645	
<i>Misc. Foreign</i>		29	
<i>Philippines</i>		29	
TOTAL, Jan. 1925—	9,877		
December 1924—		10,699	
January 1924—		18,409	

Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Bahamas	68.50	60.10	13.10	141.70
Cuba	61.75	48.45	1.00	112.70
Dominicana	.....	7.60	.....	7.60
Haiti	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica	41.75	271.25	.....	313.00
Porto Rico	.....	114.15	.....	126.25
<i>Antillean Union</i>	172.00	501.55	14.10	701.25
Guatemala	484.00	4.10	.....	539.85
Honduras	556.00	4.50	.....	560.50
Mexico	1,224.00	29.75	.....	1,254.75
Salvador	1,197.00	32.05	.....	1,229.05
<i>Astec Union</i>	3,461.00	70.40	.....	3,584.15
Colombia	3.75	11.75	10.50	43.90
Guiana	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leeward Islands	.....	3.15	.....	3.15
South Caribbean	.....	61.80	.80	62.65
Venezuela	903.50	13.10	.75	917.35
West Caribbean	1,687.65	204.05	1.25	1,898.05
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	2,594.90	293.85	13.30	2,925.10
INTER-AMERICA	6,227.90	865.80	27.40	7,210.50
P. P. Branches	9.60	.50	.....	10.10
Other S. D. A.	4.00	.....	.....	4.00
Miscellaneous	.....	.15	.....	.15
1925 Total, Jan.	6,241.50	866.45	27.40	7,224.75
1924 Total, Jan.	1,682.50	577.20	211.70	2,537.05
INCREASES	4,559.00	289.25	184.30	4,687.70
			(Decrease)	

THANKSGIVING WEEK OF SACRIFICE

APRIL 5-11

The Inter-American division committee appoints April 5-11 as the time for the observance of the Week of Sacrifice throughout the division. The time is fixed for April that all may be made acquainted with the plan, and be prepared to participate. With all the mercies and blessings of the past year fresh in our minds, and with the bright prospects of greater blessings in this new year, let us, one and all, workers and lay-members, enter heartily into the observance of this week, thus sharing in the sacrifices and blessings of our brethren and sisters throughout the world.

The following action was adopted by the Autumn Council of the general conference committee:—

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

"The Autumn Council, held on the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of our foreign mission work, has had laid before it the most earnest and pressing calls for assistance in holding the ground already gained in foreign lands; and in facing the call of God's providence in the great world field, which is opening before us wider and deeper year by year, bringing us ever into contact with new tribes and tongues and with the needs of newly awakening millions who must hear the message that God has committed to us, we see that the emergencies of one year expand into yet greater emergencies of need the following year. The pressure of the final harvest hour is upon us. The message is winning souls by many thousands every year. We are entering the time long-expected of the loud cry of the third angel. To name but one item, we place on record one appeal that reached us during the Council by cable from the Lake Titicaca Mission field, pleading for help as follows:

"Two thousand in baptismal classes 1924. Calls beyond us. Situation critical in established work. Consideration needed."

"Not in that field alone, but literally in all the four quarters of the earth, such a situation has been placed before us at this Council as to indicate clearly that God's providence calls to us to maintain and extend our forces on every missionary front.

"Upon our ears comes the cry of Christ our Leader, saying in the language of the spirit of prophecy:

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land.

OUR FOREIGN MAIL

"During the last year," writes Brother E. M. Adams from the Philippine Islands, "I have seen in this field some wonderful manifestations of God's power. We held an evangelistic institute in May. One of the workers testified that he had been connected with the work here for nine years and had never attended such a meeting. We were in an ideal location, having sought the Lord earnestly to direct us in selecting the place. An hour a day was set aside for secret prayer and Bible study, during which most of the workers went out under the cocoanut trees. There the Lord was gracious to us. He came very near in the gift of the Spirit. We are seeing the effect of this in the churches throughout the field. Our tithes and offerings have been steadily increasing.

"The Lord has wonderfully blessed our tract society, that was heavily involved financially, so that by the end of this year we will be almost, if not altogether, free from debt. We have just recently started a company of fourteen

'Arise, shine: for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'"—*Testimonies, Vol VI, pp. 28, 29.*

"In consecrating all our energies to responding to this appeal to go forward, we are of profound conviction that as the Week of Sacrifice has been wonderfully used of God to maintain and advance His cause in the mission lands these last two years, so should it continue to be a blessed factor in meeting the needs of this ever-expanding work. In behalf of thousands of souls who have been brought into the light of truth these last two years by the extra gifts of the Week of Sacrifice, we thank our brethren and sisters who have taken part in this service of sacrifice.

"And in recognition of God's call upon us to maintain fully our covenant with Him by sacrifice (Ps. 50:5), we hereby recommend that the plan of the Week of Sacrifice be adopted in all lands, as a yearly plan, until the work is done; and that we invite all our evangelical, office, and institutional workers, together with all our church members, to adopt this plan of giving to foreign missions as a special gift at least one week's salary or income during this Week of Sacrifice.

"For the United States we designate Thanksgiving week as the Week of Sacrifice, other countries fixing the exact date as may be most appropriate.

"The gifts of the Week of Sacrifice to be dedicated to God in all the churches on the first Sabbath following the week.

"We hear from all lands of the blessing and the joy that the sacrifices of this week have brought to those who have taken part in this service; and we pray that as we come to this week again in November, the blessing of Him who is our Sacrifice and Saviour may be showered afresh upon our hearts and homes."

Wherever this matter has been presented to our people, all, both mission employees and lay-members, have most heartily united with us in pledging the earnings of one week in addition to all their other offerings to be devoted to this blessed work.

Like ancient Israel, as they gathered at Jerusalem in the first of their annual feasts, about this season of the year, let us come with thanksgiving, bringing this added offering as an expression of our deep gratitude to God for His abounding grace, and as a pledge of our fidelity to Him for the future. E. E. ANDROSS.

with the *Great Controversy* in the Tagalog language. The Lord is wonderfully blessing them as is indicated by their reports. Some deliveries have already been made; and we have heard words of appreciation by some who have read the book."

WITH OUR WORKERS

Pastor W. E. Baxter, superintendent of the Caribbean union mission, attended the biennial meeting of the West Caribbean conference which was held at our training school on the Panama Canal, January 29 till February 8. Other workers who attended, aside from those residing in the Zone, or in its immediate vicinity, were Brother and Sister J. L. Holder and Brother Linton Rashford of Costa Rica, Brethren A. G. Nelson and G. H. Nembhard from Nicaragua, Brother and Sister J. A. Reid and Brother Ishmael Ellis from different parts of Panama, and Brethren S. T. Archbold and R. T. Newball from the islands of Old Providence and San Andres.

The meeting was an excellent one from first to last—one long to be remembered. The workers and other delegates and visitors turned their faces homeward or to new places of labor with stronger determination to give their all to the Master's service. Another issue of this paper will contain a report of this meeting.

On February 1, Professor C. L. Stone, the new principal of the West Caribbean Training School, arrived in Cristobal. Soon after landing, he reached the school, where a warm welcome was given him by the workers and other patrons of the school as well as by the students and faculty members attending the biennial meeting. Professor Stone, in addition to his love for young people and his deep desire to see them thoroughly trained for helping to finish God's work in the world, brings the experience of many years as a teacher and principal in our schools. So we bespeak for the West Caribbean Training School, which has just begun another year, a prosperous future, as, one and all, we pledge to it our earnest prayers and cooperation.

ON THE WORLD'S HIGHWAY

Often we are pleasantly reminded that the Inter-American Division office is located on the highway of the world. A few months ago some of our believers from New Zealand passed through on their way to Scotland. Last month Brother J. W. Cole, who has spent several years in the mission fields of South America, called at the division office. He was enroute to the States to join his family who preceded him there. We hope these workers may have a good rest in the homeland and be a great blessing to many while there on furlough. Brother Cole is the son of Brother V. O. Cole of Nashville, Tenn.

January 27, Pastor D. D. Fitch, wife and mother arrived in the Zone from California. They have been enjoying a well earned rest in the States, which their condition of health made it imperative for them to take. Now they are back to give their best for the salvation of the lost in the tropics. We were very glad for a visit with these earnest workers, as they passed on to the field that was anxiously awaiting their arrival. While waiting for the boat, Pastor Fitch rendered valuable assistance in the biennial meeting of the West Caribbean conference.

The workers in the Zone have also enjoyed a brief visit from Sister Lloyd Cleaves, who is on her way back from a rest in the homeland. She expects to join her husband in Colombia and then proceed with him to Venezuela, their new field of labor.

Brother and Sister H. V. Clymer, from Emmanuel Missionary College, have been visiting Sister Clymer's father, Prof. F. W. Halladay, who has been a member of the faculty at Las Cascadas since the West Caribbean Training School was opened several years ago. They were on their way to Salvador, and as their route lay through the Canal, they were granted a stop-over between boats. We are very glad to see these young people go forth to strengthen the splendid force of workers in that mission field, and we shall pray earnestly that they may be greatly blessed in all that they do to help finish the Master's work in Salvador.

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