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THE SUNSET HOUR

Time is passing swiftly. Each day brings us nearer the great day of God's wrath. The fateful moment, when the destiny of every soul will have been fixed for eternity, is slowly, but surely, stealing upon us.

Although unconscious of their impending doom, the unbelieving world is blindly moving forward to the awful hour that will seal their destiny. Many have deliberately turned away from the Spirit's call to penitence and reformation of life and character, refusing to believe the heaven-sent message. Others hesitate, not knowing what to do. In their perplexity, they long for clearer light, for some word of encouragement, for the pressure of a hand outstretched to help them up the steep and rugged path that leads to the gate of the eternal city. Still others,—and these are a great host,—sit in the darkness of heathenism, without hope, and without God.

How pitiable is the condition of this latter class. In every nation, in every tribe, yea, in every city and village there are some who are longing to know the true God; and if opportunity were given them, they would yield joyful obedience to the message of mercy for this last hour.

What is our duty toward these two classes? Plainly, the hour has come for us to rally all our forces in a supreme effort to reach every honest-hearted man, woman, and child, with the truth for this time. Every consecrated believer is to be assigned his post of duty. All can do something to help carry the good news of salvation while mercy's door is still open.

It is the duty of our ministers to teach our brethren and sisters in the churches how to labor successfully for others. "All that heaven contains is awaiting the draft of every soul who will labor in Christ's lines. As the members of the church individually take up their appointed work, they will be surrounded with an entirely different at-

mosphere. A blessing and a power will attend their labors. They will experience a higher culture of mind and heart. The selfishness that has bound up their souls will be overcome. Their faith will be a living principle. Their prayer will be more fervent. The quickening, sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon them, and they will be brought nearer to the kingdom of heaven."—"Testimonies" 6:267, 268.

Therefore the best service we can possibly render our churches is to teach them how to impart effectively this precious saving Message; how to encourage the despondent, strengthen the weak, care for the sick, relieve the suffering. "The Holy Spirit will come to all who are begging for the bread of life to give to their neighbors."

When this work for our churches shall have been done, we can then release more of our ministers to enter entirely new territory, to plant the banner of the "Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus" in regions previously unentered.

We must never forget the command of our great General, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" "The day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out;" and yet vast stretches of territory remain unentered, while at this sunset hour multitudes with eager, longing eyes await the coming of the messengers of peace. Shall we fail to do our duty to such till the sun has sunk behind the western horizon, never to rise again?

"O, the neglect that will be charged against individuals, organizations, and churches, in that day when every man shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body! Then it will be seen how great was the measure of responsibility for failing to extend the work into the regions beyond."—"Testimonies" 6:89.

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, '*Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the stand-*

ard in every land. "Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

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

E. E. ANDROSS.

CALL A DAY OF RESTRAINT

The prophecy of Joel is a definite message to a definite people. It speaks in "trumpet" tones to the members of the remnant church who are living in the days immediately preceding the great day of the Lord. It outlines the program of action which must be followed, both before and after the reception of the Holy Spirit, as it will be poured out in the "latter rain."

The first chapter announces that judgments will be permitted to come upon the earth to turn men's hearts unto the Lord. The Creator, who understands the human heart so perfectly, knows that prosperity has a tendency to turn the heart from God; and so we find that He has ever dealt in this way with His erring children.

In the fourth chapter of Amos, beginning at the sixth verse, we find an account of His dealing with ancient Israel when they failed to measure up to His requirements. He sent famine, drought, pestilence, war, and pests upon vegetation in order that they might turn from their evil course. But after each successive visitation the regrettable statement is made, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." Then follows this significant announcement: "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Those who have witnessed the recent judgments which have come upon the world will testify that the Lord has per-



WORKERS' ROUND TABLE

FOR STUDYING
OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS

LEADERSHIP—PART III

16. Leaders are not to be drivers:—

"As soon as man begins to make an iron rule for other men, as soon as he begins to harness up and drive men according to his own mind, he dishonors God, and imperils his own soul and the soul of his brethren."—*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers.*" p. 367.

"For all in responsible positions I have a message spoken by the mouth of the Lord.—the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. Study this chapter, and let not any human being consider that he is above his fellow workers because greater responsibilities are involved in his branch of the work. If he is like Daniel, seeking for the power that comes alone from God, that he may represent not himself, not his imperfections in selfish and fraudulent practices, but the truth in righteousness, he will not possess a vestige of pride or self-importance; but will be weighted with the Spirit of wisdom from God....

"But strange fire has been offered in the use of harsh words, in self-importance, in self-exaltation, in self-righteousness, in arbitrary authority, in domineering, in oppression, in restricting the liberty of God's people, binding them about by your plans and rules which God has not framed, neither have they come into His mind. All these things are strange fire, unacknowledged by God, and are a continual misrepresentation of His character."—*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers.*" pp. 357, 358.

"Brethren, treat men as men, not as servants, to be ordered about at your pleasure. He who indulges a harsh, overbearing spirit, might better become a tender of sheep, as did Moses, and thus learn what it means to be a true shepherd."—*Id.* p. 262.

17. Leaders are not to interfere with the individual judgment of the workers under their charge:—

"I have been shown that there is one practice which those in responsible places should avoid; for it is detrimental to the work of God. Men in position should not lord it over God's heritage, and command everything around them. Too many have marked out a prescribed line which they wish others to follow in the work. Workers have tried to do this with blind faith, without exercising their own judgment upon the matter which they had in hand. If those who were placed as directors were not present, they have followed their implicit directions just the same. But in the name of Christ, I would intreat you to stop this work. Give men a chance to exercise their individual judgment. Men who follow the leading of another, and are willing that another should think for them, are unfit to be intrusted with responsibility. Our leading men are remiss in this matter. God has not given to special ones all the brain power there is in the world.

"Men in responsible positions should credit others with some sense, with some ability of judgment and foresight, and look upon them as capable of doing the work committed to their hands. Our leading brethren have made a great mistake in marking out all the direc-

tions that the workers should follow, and this has resulted in deficiency, in a lack of a care-taking spirit in the worker, because they have relied upon others to do all their planning, and have themselves taken no responsibility. Should the men who have taken this responsibility upon themselves step out of our ranks, or die, what a state of things would be found in our institutions!"—*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers.*" p. 301, 302.

18. When it is necessary for the Lord to change a leader:—

"God calls a man to do a certain work; and when he has carried it as far as he is qualified to take it, the Lord brings in others, to carry it still further. But, like John's disciples, many feel that the success of the work depends on the first laborer. Attention is fixed upon the human instead of the divine, jealousy comes in, and the work of God is marred....

"The work of God is not to bear the image and superscription of man. From time to time the Lord will bring in different agencies, through whom His purpose can best be accomplished. Happy are they who are willing for self to be humbled, saying with John the Baptist, 'He must increase, and I must decrease.'"—*Desire of Ages.*" p. 181, 182.

19. The Lord is selecting the leaders in this time of peril:—

"In this perilous time the Lord has given us men of His choice to stand as the leaders of His people. If these men will keep humble and prayerful, ever making Christ their confident, listening to and obeying His words, the Lord will lead and strengthen them."—*Series B.*" No 2. p. 41. C. V. ACHENBACH.

ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION

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ANOTHER MIRACLE OF MISSIONS

After spending nearly six years in mission service at the West Indian Training College, Mandeville, Jamaica, I feel confident that the Lord is able to perform wonders in this day, if we give Him an opportunity to make His power known. Here, with a total investment of about \$50,000, the Lord has raised up an institution which is commanding the respect of the influential men and women from one end of the island to the other.

This respect is not superficial, either. It has gone deeper than that. It has gone to hearts, and touched the purse strings; and caused business men in Jamaica to contribute nearly \$5,000 during 1924 for the purpose of helping establish industries. And this is not all; for Sister C. E. Wood, our solicitor, is still on the road, and the funds are still flowing in, in a stream as large as that of the previous year. We feel to

praise God for His promise in Isaiah and for giving our solicitor faith to prove that promise.

As a result of these gifts, we have been enabled to build and equip a sheet-metal factory; to build a small bakery; to erect the first section of a proposed million-gallon reservoir; to add to the equipment of our furniture factory; and to have a small substantial amount toward the purchase of a small printing-plant which we hope to have in hand and begin to operate before the close of 1925.

Mission funds ran low a few years ago; appropriations were cut down to mere necessities; and we faced the proposition of remaining dormant and becoming stagnant. But, praise God, He showed us a way of escape from an experience of that kind; and we find great joy in working His plan.

The school, which was still embryonic six years ago, now has a spacious assembly room, nearing completion; a commodious library, containing a thousand books; six class-rooms; up-to-date chemical and physical laboratory equipment; two spacious homes,—one for young ladies and one for young men;—a delco lighting system; two cottages for teachers; a well-equipped sheet-metal factory; a good furniture factory; a well-furnished agricultural department; an efficient and united faculty of ten members; and a loyal student body numbering 130. It is not to boast that these things are mentioned; but to report progress and to give honor to the Lord to whom all honor and praise are due.

We believe it is the Lord's plan that this school should be self-supporting, and not only that, but should also have a surplus sufficiently large to assist materially in the support of church schools throughout the island. We are pressing forward with that plan as our objective.

It may be of interest to report a recent week-end experience: On the Sabbath there were 43 children and 14 adults,—strangers to the truth,—attending our Sabbath services. Besides, five services were held by students in nearby districts. On the following Sunday six meetings, held by students and teachers in surrounding districts, were attended by about two hundred persons. I have not cited an isolated week-end; for the above experience is almost a regular occurrence at the West Indian Training College.

We encourage our youth in training to remember the needs of their neighbors; and the report above is a result of their desire to be a blessing to those

about us. Some deny themselves the privilege of attending our own services that they may have time to conduct some of these branch meetings. Others spend several hours during Sunday afternoon in this work. It is quite customary for a number of companies to go out after the missionary meeting on Sabbath. As a result of such efforts, more than fifty have been baptized at the West Indian Training College during the past few years.

I might go on mentioning other interesting items, but will not encroach more on your valuable space at this time. May the few things mentioned be an encouragement to those who are sacrificing for missions, to continue to support missionary enterprises in the four quarters of the earth.

W. H. WINELAND.

OUR PLACES OF WORSHIP INVITING

It is not consistent with our teaching for Seventh-day Adventists to erect church buildings which will rival those of other denominations; for we have received definite counsel to build substantially, but modestly, avoiding display. Many of our church buildings, however do not rightly represent the third angel's Message. As this is the condition of a number of our churches in Jamaica, we have inaugurated a plan to remedy the defect. We are calling upon our membership to contribute six pence per month per member to a Church Building Fund; and appropriations are voted by the conference committee to the churches requiring assistance in the order of their needs.

Among the churches to receive help during 1924 was Mile End, whose building had been in an unfinished condition for years. This building was completed in December and the dedicatory service was held early in January. There was something about the combination of the finished building and the message that was delivered that day which caused a remarkable interest to develop; and a call was sent in to the conference for a worker.

Our laborers all had work upon their hands which they could not very well leave; but Elder Fletcher was finally sent to spend two weeks with this church. The Lord mightily cooperated with the effort put forth, for, at the close of the second week, he reported thirty who had decided for the truth. The interest developed to such an extent that he was unable to leave. In connection with this series of meetings baptismal classes are being conducted daily in order that the candidates may be prepared for baptism as early as possible. Another encouraging feature is that so many young people are attending that it has been necessary to hold special services for them.

This remarkable interest may be traced back to the finishing of the church building, and is a strong argument for cooperation in building and finishing our places of worship, so that they may be neat and inviting to those who will leave Babylon to unite with the remnant church in the days which are just before us. C. E. WOOD.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." It is faith that enables us to look beyond the present, with its burdens and cares, to the great hereafter, where all that now perplexes us shall be made plain." *"Gospel Workers."* p. 259.

HEALTH REFORM A DUTY

"The health reform, I was shown, is a part of the third angel's Message, and is just as closely connected with it as are the arm and hand with the human body."—*"Testimonies,"* 1: 486.

"While men and women professing godliness are diseased from the crown of their head to the soles of their feet, while their physical, mental, and moral energies are enfeebled through gratification of depraved appetite and excessive labor, how can they weigh the evidences of truth, and comprehend the requirements of God? If their moral and intellectual faculties are beclouded, they cannot appreciate the value of the atonement or the exalted character of the work of God, nor delight in the study of His Word."—*"Testimonies,"* 1: 487, 488.

"There are but few as yet who are aroused sufficiently to understand how much their habits of diet have to do with their characters, their usefulness in this world, and their eternal destiny. I saw that it is the duty of those who have received the light from heaven, and have realized the benefit of walking in it, to manifest a greater interest for those who are still suffering for want of knowledge. Sabbath keepers who are looking for the soon appearing of their Saviour should be the last to manifest a lack of interest in this great work of reform. Men and women must be instructed, and ministers and people should feel that the burden of the work rests upon them to agitate the subject, and urge it home upon others."—*Id.*, 1: 488, 489.

"It is important that instructions should be given by ministers in regard to living temperately. They should show the relation which eating, working, resting, and dressing sustain to health. All who believe the truth for these last days, have something to do in this matter. It concerns them, and God requires them to arouse and interest themselves in this reform. He will not be pleased with their course if they regard this question with indifference."—*Id.*, 1: 613.

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MORE VICTORIES IN SALVADOR

Brother and Sister H. V. Clymer, who came to us a short time ago, are now at La Loma, entering heartily into the work of the school. Already Brother Clymer, who is a nurse, has treated several sick in the neighborhood. The good results of his medical missionary work are winning the friendship of the people.

One man, shot through the abdomen about ten days ago, is now walking about. It is all due to the blessing of God on Brother Clymer's excellent treatment of the man. Yesterday a woman and two children came for medical attention; and only a few minutes later, two men with four horses came to take Brother Clymer to see several other sick people. I fear that Brother Clymer will have more than he can do in the medical line in a short time.

Brother Clymer's special nurse's training is going to prove a great blessing to the work in this field. Sister Clymer will be a great help in the school, being able to handle any subject needed. So they seem to be just the ones for the place.

We are sadly in need of more money for the medical work, and also for other lines of missionary endeavor. Pray that the good work in Salvador may continue to prosper under God's special blessing.

ELLIS P. HOWARD.

GOOD NEWS FROM MEXICO

From the monthly paper of the Aztec union mission, *Las Buenas Nuevas*, we glean the following interesting and encouraging notes:—

Notwithstanding the fact that many copies of "Practical Guide" are found in the country surrounding Tampico, Mexico, Brother H. B. Robinson reports that one of our colporteurs recently took 300 orders for the same book in one week.

On January 17, six-

teen persons were baptized in the Gulf of Mexico near Puerto, Mexico. A part of this number were Koreans and united with a company of the same nationality; and the rest, being Mexicans, united with a company of their own people. Classes of candidates for baptism are held in five different cities, while other believers await the same rite in eight more places on the isthmus of Tehuantepec.

From the opening of the term of the preparatory school at Tacubaya almost every seat was occupied. The students in attendance are young people who desire a thorough preparation for the work. Some have come from the mountains afar, with the object of afterwards carrying to their neighbors the message of the soon coming of Christ. Among the teachers exists a determination that the school shall be a success in the formation of character that will indicate what is the source of true education.

Many of the young people go to the city of Mexico in the mornings to earn their scholarships selling *El Centinela*; while others labor about the school. All in all, they have a group of young people that manifest a real spirit of consecration.

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AT HARVEST INGATHERING AGAIN

I think you will be interested in knowing how the Harvest Ingathering campaign is starting off here in Trinidad. The Lord has been going before us from the very first. I do not know when it took so much courage to get started in this work. It seemed such a short time since I had asked the business men for help a year ago.

But the first man helped to revive my courage; and it has been growing stronger every day. He gave me twenty dollars last year. This year when I finished my canvass, the Lord helped me to ask him for fifty; and he gave it without a question. It really made me feel happy when I went out of his office with fifty dollars in my pocket. Surely, the hour has come when the Lord is going to finish His work on the earth.

Brother Rickard and I started out on the first day of the campaign; and after working some of the business places

in Port of Spain, we left for the country. We carried our beds with us; and wherever night overtook us, we stayed in a school house or in a room people would give us. The Lord gave us very little trouble; and, altogether, we had a very encouraging trip in the south part of the island. We spent twenty days in the field, worked 143 hours and collected \$807.25.

I came in last evening and Elder Fitch took my place in the car; and he and Brother Rickard are out today. I was planning to leave tomorrow for British Guiana; but the boat is a day late. I sincerely hope that we shall be able to give them a little help in this campaign in British Guiana. I am sure that the Lord will go before us, if we will take courage and follow Him.

C. B. SURTON.

PRAY FOR MARTINIQUE

A few weeks ago some Catholic priests made their usual annual missionary visit to our island. Four of them arrived in a village where we have begun work. Naturally a part of their program was to create an influence against us. The people were told to avoid us in every way; and to show us no friendship or hospitality of any kind. The result was that we were put into a sort of quarantine.

Last night when I lay in bed, stones were hurled in through the window; and recently when Brother Brown was returning from a canvassing tour, he was pelted with stones by some one hidden in ambush. He was also escorted out of a certain village by a hooting crowd, and threatened if he ever dared set foot on their soil again. But thrust out of this village, Brother Brown entered another, where he sold almost all that he had, and had to return for a fresh supply of "ammunition." So, after all, the wrath of men once again was made to praise God.

The last we heard is that in order to get us out, two of the chief men of the village, knowing that no one else will rent us a place in which to live, are planning to rent the house where we are now staying, by offering the owner a very high rental. Happily our land lady has begun to keep the Sabbath; but, having many things yet to learn, she has not been baptized. We do not know what effect a tempting offer in francs will have upon her; but she seems true; and we are praying for her. We see, however, that owning a place would greatly strengthen our work here.

PHILIP GIDDINGS.

FROM COSTA RICA

We are glad to report progress in this part of the field. Five were baptized at Cairo on Sunday March 29. At the river we had a fairly large gathering, and in spite of the effort of some boys and men who did all they could to attract the attention of others, many joined in the singing and showed some interest. We feel sure that some good impressions were made because of the attention they gave to the baptismal sermon.

The church building is progressing, and with the donations the conference made us, we shall soon have the windows in and the rear partly enclosed. It is so far advanced, however, that we are holding our meetings in it; and, in fact, we have been for many months.

I am happy to tell you that two more of those, who left us in Port Limon a short time ago, have returned, and another has promised to be with us again soon. For all these blessings we thank God and take heart. At Siquirres where those who had apostatized tore down our church building, we now have a Sabbath school of twenty one and the promise is fair for its growth; but the problem of finding a place for meeting there stares us in the face; and the prospects of getting a building are not in sight. Still we trust God who can take care of His own.

That we shall have a very prosperous year in seeing souls gathered, is my sincere prayer; and to the end that we may do our part toward it here, I ask the prayers of our brethren all over the field.

LINTON RASHFORD.

AT LA CONCEPCION

During the Sabbath service of a series of meetings held sometime ago in La Concepcion, Panama, a spirit of revival came in. A number of our brethren who had been disfellowshipped, and others also, openly confessed their sins, and pledged themselves to serve the Lord faithfully. The result was a general confession and reconsecration for service. It was indeed a blessed time. Even strangers admitted that the Lord was with us.

On Sunday morning about eight, we met in our little chapel; and after a short service we started for the river. A number of people accompanied us. Elder Pohle, who was with us, explained the importance and meaning of true baptism, after which ten of our dear brethren were buried with their Lord, whom they have fully determined to love and serve.

ISHMAEL ELLIS.

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THE JUNE "CENTINELA"

The June *Centinela* brings another opportunity for preaching the message to our Latin-American neighbors. Let's use it! The principal contents will be as follows:

World Movements: "The Patriarch of the Nations Awakes," by E. R. Thiele. A two-page review of China's troubles, and its lessons. This article accompanies the cover, "The Struggle to Avert War," by Wm. G. Wirth, noting particularly the growing demand for another international disarmament conference.

Health Section: "We have to Die, but Need Not Kill Ourselves," by Guillermo de Luzuriaga. "From the Diary of a Fly," and "To Kill Flies," two short, but effective articles on this summer menace.

On Prophecy: "The Stars Shall Fall from Heaven," by C. B. Haynes, connecting with the Dark Day article we published two months ago. (We hope to receive soon an article on the recent tornado that wrought such havoc in the Mississippi Valley in the States. If it comes soon enough, we will substitute it for the foregoing.)

For the Children: "A Wonderful Sack," second of a series of health stories for children by Dr. Belle Wood-Comstock. "A Boy Who Loved Dogs," will be another story for the little people.

General Articles: "The Law of Rest," the sixth of R. F. Cottrell's excellent series on the vitamins of religion. "Meditations for the Month," by Ernest Lloyd Regular departments will appear as usual, all especially prepared for your Spanish-speaking friends and neighbors.

Are you helping to increase the circulation of *El Centinela*? Thank you; help some more.

CONVENTIONS FOR LITERATURE WORKERS

The leaders of the various parts of the Aztec union mission will gather together the early part of the month of May in Mexico City, where in connection with the annual meeting of the full union mission committee a bookmen's convention will be held for the tract society and field missionary secretaries of the union. The Aztec union, comprising, as it does, so large a portion of the territory and population of this division, and having so large a Spanish and Indian population to whom this message must be carried, presents many problems for the most successful prosecution of literature evangelization. The importance of the meeting to be held in

Mexico is far greater than might be imagined by getting a glimpse of the small number of workers representing the leaders of the circulation of gospel literature in that union.

Later in the month a similar meeting is planned for in the Antillian Union, this to be held in Havana. The same classes of workers from all the missions in this union—the largest in the division, as regarding membership—are expecting to assemble and study the needs of that widely-scattered field. Then, a few days after the close of those meetings early in June, we expect to have a third such gathering at the publishing house in Cristobal. At this meeting the leaders of the missions and the tract society and field missionary secretaries will participate in convention work also.

The purpose of this plan of conducting separate conventions for each of the unions is to give more definite study to the problems of each field and to endeavor to lay more specific plans for our future work than seems possible to do when the division as a whole is being considered at one time. Three bookmen's conventions for this territory now known as Inter-America have been held since the Pacific Press established its Central American Branch, the last one at the close of 1921. Now after a lapse of several years, the plan of holding three conventions, one quickly following the other, is to be followed. We can speak more intelligently about the advantages of such an arrangement after our meetings have been held than we can now. However, we believe these conventions will prove a blessing to the work in each union. We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people in Inter-America that the Spirit of God may direct in these meetings, and that the workers may be abundantly blessed as they come together at these centers of our work and give prayerful study to plans for stronger, more effective work.

NOTES FROM THE PRESS

The circulation of our gospel literature continues to hold up good and steady. Sales to our tract societies for the month of April were slightly above the average for the first quarter, and now the four months' sales report shows a total book and tract circulation in excess of \$34,000. We already have the assurance of a fairly good report again in May, for there have been freight shipments to Dominicana and the Leeward Islands, and large mail shipments to Guatemala and Mexico. From the West Caribbean steady business has been coming with small literature to be used by the church members during Big Week.

Most gladly we add two new names to our list of field leaders—Brother F. E. Brito, for Dominicana; and Brother C. H. Carter, for the West Caribbean. We wish we might have the privilege of continuing to add to the list until each field in Inter-America is manned.

It may seem a bit early to have anything to say about the 1925 Harvest Ingathering work. But in order that supplies may be available for all the fields far and near, we are now just about ready to begin press work on the cover for the Spanish edition. Orders

have already begun coming in, and we expect calls for a large number of Spanish Ingathering papers between this and the first of July, when it is planned to have the first edition ready to send out to all the fields desiring to conduct early campaigns.

Literature is not only going out very regularly, but we must keep it coming in nearly as steadily. Freight shipments are almost constantly on their way to us from one or more of the publishing houses. Four such shipments are due almost at the same time, as we write. In these are quantities of some of the new little books, such as "The Story of Moses," "Mr. Ingle Comes Through," "Two Great Prophecies," "Twelve Great Signs," etc. Sets of reading course books, blanks and binders for the new reporting system for the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments, fresh supplies of tracts, the new Spanish health book, and many other items are also in the list. Of tracts, we are getting a quantity of the new "Your Bible Says" series. Plan to use some of these soon. We are sure you will like them for missionary work.

"MARVELOUS BOOK OF BUSINESS AND LIFE"

A wide-awake and resourceful believer in the Bible recently did an unusual thing. A copy has reached us of a letter written by him, a Rotarian, to the members of the Rotary Club of Mexico City. From his letter we take three paragraphs:

"The other day while browsing through Solomon's three-thousand-year-old Proverbs, I ran across suggestions for five dandy jewelry advertisements. Every one of them centuries old, but right up to date.

"Being a jeweler, I was greatly interested; but after an hour, lost my own advertisements in finding this volume to be the world's most marvelous book of business and life proverbs; so I invested in a few thousand copies, and here is one to help you give better service before self.

"If you would like to send copies to your employees and friends, you might get them from your Bible Society member at one cent each."

Accompanying each Book of Proverbs was a little card suggesting chapters as bearing on specific subjects such as:

If you don't know it all, read Chapter 1.

How to sleep soundly. Chapter 3: 21-26.

The best medicine, Chapter 17:22. Getting friends, Chapter 18:24.

The value of a good name, Chapter 22:1.

Getting even with your enemy, Chapter 25:21, 22.

—Bible Society Record.

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	Subscription	Trade	Educa.	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	1,663.25	219.95	9.75	54.10	1,947.05
Aztec Union	2,843.00	191.75	19.35	70.70	3,124.80
Caribbean Union	3,515.45	145.50	110.65	6.10	3,777.70
Inter-America	8,021.70	557.20	139.75	130.90	8,849.55
Miscellaneous Sales	.....	.....	1.20	.25	1.45
Total, April, 1925	8,021.80	557.20	140.95	131.15	8,851.10
Total, April, 1924	3,526.45	341.60	22.40	78.10	3,968.55
Increases	4,495.35	215.60	118.55	53.05	4,882.55

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO APRIL, 1925

Bahamas	133.50	136.55	13.10	.....	283.15
Cuba	7,193.75	278.25	3.25	66.35	7,541.60
Dominicana	.....	53.80	.....	6.00	59.80
Haiti	5.00	52.75	.....	.....	57.75
Jamaica	262.00	454.65	71.70	14.25	802.60
Porto Rico	989.75	196.95	.90	12.10	1,199.70
Antillian Union	8,584.00	1,172.95	88.95	98.70	9,944.60
Guatemala	521.50	45.85	.....	63.50	630.85
Honduras	3,147.50	325.55	68.70	21.25	3,563.00
Mexico	5,358.00	293.60	1.10	68.55	5,721.25
Salvador	1,210.00	52.55	.....	10.90	1,273.45
Aztec Union	10,237.00	717.55	69.80	164.20	11,188.55
Colombia	4.00	36.20	11.25	18.90	70.35
Guiana	.....	27.95	.....	.....	27.95
Leeward Islands	705.50	276.15	.....	12.05	993.70
South Caribbean	2,432.00	168.85	28.25	11.75	2,640.85
West Caribbean	3,331.90	567.70	320.10	14.35	4,234.05
Venezuela	3,856.55	29.60	7.00	.....	3,893.15
Caribbean Union	10,329.95	1,106.45	366.60	57.05	11,860.05
INTER-AMERICA	29,150.95	2,996.95	525.35	319.95	32,993.20
P. P. Branches	1,275.90	1.00	.....	.60	1,277.50
Other S. D. A.	4.00	.50	.....	.....	4.50
Miscellaneous	.....	10.00	2.95	.25	13.20
GRAND TOTAL	30,430.85	3,008.45	528.30	320.80	34,288.40
1924, Jan. to April	14,446.30	2,313.40	448.45	184.80	17,392.95
Increases	15,984.55	695.05	79.85	136.00	16,895.45

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION
APRIL 1925

Cuba	3,528
Dominicana	350
Porto Rico	761
Antillian Union	4,639
Guatemala	202
Honduras	175
Mexico	2,352
Salvador	229
Aztec Union	2,958
Colombia	487
Venezuela	387
West Caribbean	193
Caribbean Union	1,067
INTER-AMERICA	8,664
Arizona	43
California	27
Central California	29
Southern California	221
Southeastern Calif.	27
South Texas	243
Misc. States	52
United States	642
Philippine Islands	30
Misc. Foreign	34
Total Outside Inter-America	706
TOTAL, April, 1925	9,370
Circulation, March, 1925	8,990
Circulation, April, 1924	12,973

RALLY FOR RALLY DAY

June 13 is our Sabbath School Rally Day! It is not too early to begin to pray and to plan for its success. That day should mark a new era in every Sabbath school, for there is always room for more faithfulness among the careless; and more earnestness among the faithful. God has provided the Sabbath school to add to the happiness of His children, and to increase the efficiency of His workers; and our school aim must ever be "Onward and upward" until the work is done!

The Sabbath school is our great denominational educational institution. It is the one school which sends forth no graduates and boasts no alumni association. Within its precincts happy school days never end. It offers meat in due season for all ages and for all grades. It provides entertainment for the cradle roll member, and fathomless themes for the sage to contemplate.

So the Sabbath school is ever calling each member onward and upward! And God would have each one of us get greater and still greater blessings from the school we attend, be it large or small; for "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for" each Sabbath school member in our division.

Are we getting these greater blessings?—I seem to hear a chorus of voices answer: "Ye." Yes, some are. Last year 5150 honor cards were issued to persons who neither missed in daily study nor in attendance through an entire quarter. Our Sabbath school members also drew 4934 blue seals, and 2343 red seals; while 512 completed a perfect record in attendance and study for one year, 166 for two years, and 103 for three or more years. 882 baptisms among Sabbath school members were reported.

For all these tokens of progress we are thankful, indeed; and we find in our hearts a deeper longing for the greater blessings that still lie before every school in this entire division as its members press onward and upward to greater faithfulness in all Sabbath school duties.

Let us stop to sink the plummet a moment: Is yours a 100% membership school? That is, is every church member a member of the Sabbath school? If not, can you not find the missing members before our Rally Day comes? And is yours a 100% efficiency school? If not, what are you doing to get every member to study his lesson daily and attend the school regularly?

Begin now to pray, plan, and work to put a note of real triumph into your Rally Day program. Never allow discouragement over past failures to keep you from pressing onward and upward wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. Our great Leader sounds no note of retreat. There is little time left for improvement. The sun of probation is sinking rapidly; and soon, very soon, the faithful ones in the Sabbath schools here will answer to roll call in the great Sabbath school in that Better Land. What will the record of our Sabbath schools be during these last, last hours?

THE SEED THAT GROWS

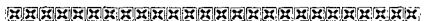
A church was raised up in Saskatchewan last summer as the result of one package of Roumanian tracts. The seed that sprang up, was cultivated by a worker and a church was organized.

About ten years ago one of our colporteurs sold "Bible Readings" to a young Baptist minister, and today, he and thirty-four of his members are rejoicing in the truth.

Twenty-five years ago a farmer bought a copy of "Bible Readings," and had worn it out

studying it. He sent sheets to different publishers trying to locate the people who printed it that he might get a new copy. In his desperation he went to God in prayer and asked Him to send some one to his home with the book. When a colporteur called with "Bible Readings," he said, "My prayer is answered." He is rejoicing in the truth.

A minister in Manitoba received the truth through a "Daniel and Revelation" loaned to him by an infidel. The unbelieving man had



YOUR PRAYER NEEDED

From May 5 to July 12 very important meetings for counsel are to be held in the three unions and in the division. Places and dates are as follows:

- Aztec Union, Mexico City, May 5-19.
- Antillian Union, Havana, Cuba, May 26 to June 9.
- Caribbean Union, Cristobal, C. Z., June 16-30.
- Inter-American Division, Balboa, C. Z., July 2-12.

The members of the committee for each union consisting of the union superintendent and secretary-treasurer, the presidents of conferences and superintendents of mission fields, with a few others bearing heavy responsibilities, will meet if the Lord wills, at the time and place designated, to plan for a larger work, and for more rapid advancement in every department than we have yet experienced.

At the same time the leaders in the colporteur work with the tract society secretaries will meet in convention. We must do greater things than ever in the circulation of our literature. No such meetings have been held in this Division since its organization; and, with the special help of God which we crave, we believe they will bring into this department of our work new inspiration and far greater efficiency.

Following the union meetings, the Division committee will meet at its headquarters in Balboa, Canal Zone, July 2-12, for its annual council.

As we become better acquainted with the many fields in this great division, the task of bringing the truths of this saving message to the aboriginal Indian tribes of these Spanish Catholic countries, as well as the large Spanish population, seems more and more stupendous. And yet we know that "the things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

"Ah Lord God! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee: Thou showest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts is His name, great in counsel, and mighty in work."

We must have the help that comes alone from God, and we earnestly request that from now till the last of these important meetings shall have closed, daily, importunate prayer be offered in behalf of those gathered in counsel. Do not forget us in your weekly prayer meetings, and in your Sabbath services. We greatly need wisdom in planning for the advancement of the work, and especially that we may know how to establish our work among the many Indian tribes of the Division without unnecessary delay, and with the least possible expense. We must receive divine guidance in our efforts to break down the walls of prejudice and win the hearts of thousands of sincere, honest Catholics who long to know more perfectly the way of life. E. E. ANDROSS.



kept the book in his trunk for several years and at the right time brought it out and gave it to the minister. It was just what his heart had longed for and he has been preaching the Third Angel's Message for many years.

A colporteur sold "Daniel and Revelation" to a well-to-do farmer. The book lay on the shelf until after his daughter was married. The son-in-law read it, went to one of our schools, and is now a faithful minister in our work.

A mother in Ingham County, Michigan repaired the walls of their kitchen with old Reviews to keep out the cold. Another family moved into the house, read the message from the papers on the wall and accepted the truth which is so dear to us.

A young man who worked in a general store in South America received the truth from a paper found while wrapping bundles in a store. They used old papers for wrapping and one of them happened to be the Spanish Signs of the Times. It touched his heart, he sent for more and is rejoicing in the truth. I noticed I used the word "happened," but I am convinced that such things don't just happen. God watches over the tiniest seed and sees that it gets into the right soil.

Space will not permit more illustrations. These few will show us that God has been true to his part of the agreement. If we are faithful in the sowing he will give the increase. Perhaps some can give their lives to the sowing and sell our large books. Some may be able to sell small books and magazines. And we can all hand out tracts and put them in our letters. We all have message-filled papers on our tables and shelves which should be sent out regularly to those who are hungering for truth. Let us be faithful in sowing "beside all waters."—C. L. Paddock, in "Western Canadian Tidings."

DIVISION OFFICE MAIL

Brother and Sister Norman Brayshaw, who have been medical missionaries in Colombia are spending a little time in the Canal Zone, where Brother Brayshaw is endeavoring to obtain the medical help he needs. They are staying in the Division mission home. We rejoice to have them with us, and greatly appreciate the help they are giving us in the office; but are praying that Brother Brayshaw may soon be restored sufficiently to health for them to press forward again in the service to which they have dedicated their lives.

Another recruit has come to strengthen the ranks in the West Caribbean conference in Brother C. H. Carter. His family is already located in Colon; and he is out in the field in the interests of the book work, which he has come to foster. We wish Brother and Sister Carter heaven's choicest blessing in their service for the Master here among us.

Pastor E. E. Andross and Brother H. C. Kephart sailed from Cristobal, C. Z. April 27 to attend meetings in the Aztec and Antillian unions.

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