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Just this Minute

If we're thoughtful just this minute,
In whate'er we say or do,
If we put a purpose in it,
That is honest through and through,
We shall gladden life and give it
Grace to make it all sublime;
For, though life is long, we live it
Just a minute at a time.

Just this minute we are going
Toward right or toward wrong;
Just this minute we are sowing
Seeds of sorrow or of song.
Just this minute we are thinking
On the ways that lead to God,
Or in idle dreams are sinking
To the level of the clod.

Yesterday is gone; tomorrow
Never comes within our grasp;
Just this minute's joy or sorrow,
That is all our hands may clasp.
Just this minute! Let us take it
As a pearl of precious price,
And with high endeavor make it
Fit to shine in paradise.

—Selected.

THE SIGNAL OF ADVANCE

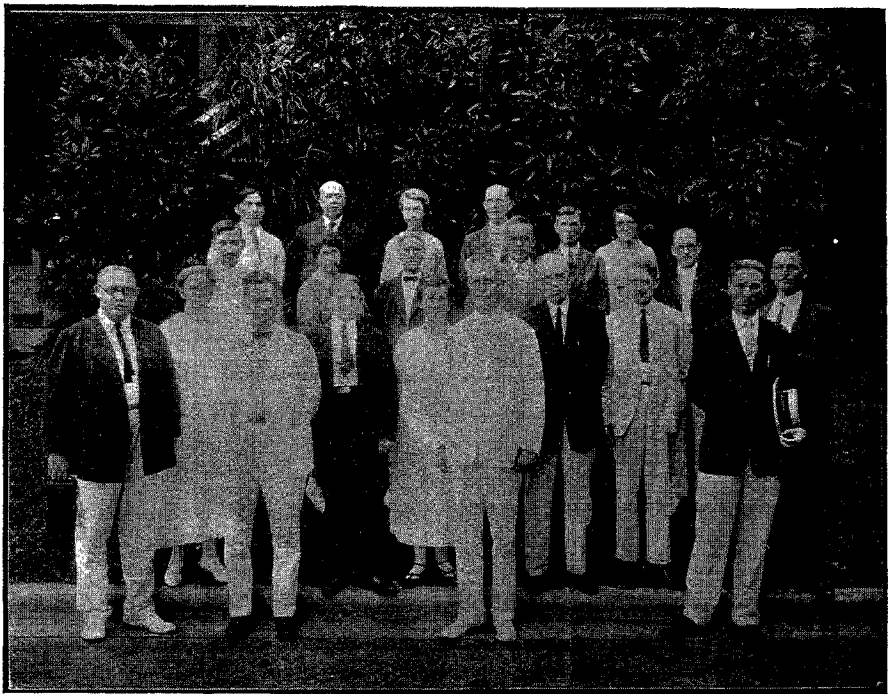
"It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth. But who is there that makes the burden of perishing sinners his own? As I look upon the professed people of God, and see their unwillingness to serve Him, my heart is filled with a pain that I cannot express. How few are heart to heart with God in His solemn, closing work. There are thousands to be warned, yet how few consecrate themselves wholly to the work, willing to be or do anything if only they may win souls to Christ. Jesus died to save the world. In humility, in lowliness, in unselfishness, He worked and is working for sinners. But many of those who ought to cooperate with Him are self-sufficient and indifferent.

"Among God's people today there is a fearful lack of the sympathy that should be felt for souls unsaved. We talk of Christian missions. The sound of our voice is heard; but do we feel

Christ's tender heart-longing for those outside the fold? And unless our hearts beat in union with the heart of Christ, how can we understand the sacredness and importance of the work to which we are called by the words, "Watch for . . . souls, as they that must give account"? Heb. 13:17.

"God is waiting for men and women to awake to their responsibilities. He is waiting for them to link themselves with Him. Let them mark the signal of advance, and no longer be laggards in working out the will of the Lord.

"Do we realize how large a number in the world are watching our movements? From quarters where we least expect will come voices urging us forward in the work of giving to the world the last message of mercy. Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to recognize and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of providence. God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God



IN ATTENDANCE AT THE DIVISION COUNCIL

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lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from a knowledge of their exhaustless resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of their Leader. Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 7, pp. 13, 14.*

WORKERS' ROUND TABLE

For Studying Our Mutual Problems

SABBATH KEEPING

(Concluded)

7 What are some of the things that constitute true Sabbath keeping?

"We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. Whenever it is possible, employers should give their workers the hours from Friday noon until the beginning of the Sabbath. Give them time for preparation, that they may welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind. By such a course you will suffer no loss, even in temporal things."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 356.*

"When the Sabbath commences we should place a guard upon ourselves, upon our acts and upon our words, lest we rob God by appropriating to our own use that time which is strictly the Lord's."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 2, p. 702.*

"Many need instruction as to how they should appear in the assembly for worship on the Sabbath. They are not to enter the presence of God in the common clothing worn during the week. All should have a special Sabbath suit, to be worn when attending service in God's house. While we should not conform to worldly fashions, we are not to be indifferent in regard to our outward adornment. The children of God should be pure within and without."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 355.*

"During a portion of the day, all should have an opportunity to be out of doors. How can children receive a more correct knowledge of God, and their minds be better impressed, than in spending a portion of their time out of doors, not in play, but in company with their parents? Let their young minds be associated with God in the beautiful scenery of nature, let their attention be called to the token of His love to man in His created works, and they will be attracted and interested. They will not be in danger of associating the character of God with everything that is stern and severe; but as they view the beautiful things which He has created for the happiness of man, they will be led to regard Him as a tender, loving Father. They will see that His prohibitions and injunctions are not made merely to show His power and authority, but that He has the happiness of His children in view. As the character of God puts on the aspect of love, benevolence, beauty, and attraction, they are drawn to love Him."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 2, p. 583.*

"We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befores the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonor God.

"While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 357.*

"All through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind, and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 353.*

"The Sabbath is not to be a day of useless idleness. Both in the home and in the church, a spirit of service is to be manifested. He who gave us six days for our temporal work, has blessed and sanctified the seventh day and set it apart for Himself. On this day He will in a special manner bless all who consecrate themselves to His service.

"All heaven is keeping the Sabbath, but not in a listless, do-nothing way. On this day every energy of the soul should be awake: for are we not to meet with God and with Christ our Saviour? We may behold Him by faith. He is longing to refresh and bless every soul."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 361.*

"None should feel at liberty to spend sanctified time in an unprofitable manner. It is displeasing to God for Sabbath-keepers to sleep during much of the Sabbath. They dishonor their Creator in so doing, and, by their example, say that the six days are too precious for them to spend in resting. They must make money, although it be by robbing themselves of needed sleep, which they make up by sleeping away holy time. They then excuse themselves by saying, 'The Sabbath was given for a day of rest. I will not deprive myself of rest to attend meetings; for I need rest.' Such make a wrong use of the sanctified day. They should, upon that day especially, interest their families in its observance, and assemble at the house of prayer with the few or the many, as the case may be. They should devote their time and energies to spiritual exercise, that the divine influence resting upon the Sabbath may attend them through the week. Of all the days in

the week, none are so favorable for devotional thoughts and feelings as the Sabbath."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 2, p. 704.*

"The Sabbath school and the meeting for worship occupy only a part of the Sabbath. The portion remaining to the family may be made the most sacred and precious season of all the Sabbath hours. Much of this time parents should spend with their children. In many families the younger children are left to themselves, to find entertainment as best they can. Left alone, the children soon become restless, and begin to play, or engage in some kind of mischief. Thus the Sabbath has to them no sacred significance."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 358.*

"As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labor."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 359.*

8. What is the reward of true Sabbath keeping?

"It means eternal salvation to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 356.*

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SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN SERVICE

The Bookmen's Convention and the annual session of the Antillian union committee were held in Havana the last of May and the first of June. Representatives were present from every field in the union; and in addition, E. E. Andross, of the Inter-American Division; H. H. Hall, of the Publishing Department of the General Conference; I. H. Cochran, of the Pacific Press; and H. C. Kephart, of the Cristobal Branch, were present and rendered very valuable help.

One point which was given emphasis at this convention was that of getting the tract societies out of debt and keeping them out. This is in harmony with the general policy of the denomination, and was the policy adopted by the Antillian union at its session one year ago. It was also emphasized that in order for the tract society to pay its obligations promptly, it is necessary for the colporteur to pay the tract society promptly for all books delivered.

We trust that this convention will mark a long step forward in the literature work in the Antillian union. Of the circulation of our truth-filled literature the Spirit of Prophecy has written: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of the other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with His

glory." *"Testimonies,"* Vol. 7, p. 140. Not only should colporteurs be urged to work along right lines, but many, many lay members should be encouraged to do their part in the circulation of our message-filled pages. We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy: "Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time." Mrs. E. G. White, in "Southern Watchman," Jan. 5, 1904.

An excellent opportunity for concerted action by laymen in all parts of the Antillian union was provided for in the resolution to make Big Week a bigger factor in the literature work in the Antillian union. We set a goal of \$1,600.00 for Big Week in 1926, and invited all our people to join heartily in the effort to reach it. We trust that every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in this union will join the movement, and that we may go far over the goal.

Our hearts were cheered as we heard the reports from the various fields showing the progress made, the openings for new work, and the spirit of willingness on the part of our members to do all in their power to press into many of the numerous openings that it is impossible for the ministry to fill. This spirit is in harmony with this call from the Spirit of Prophecy to God's people at this time: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and *unite their efforts* with those of ministers and church officers." "Gospel Workers," page 352.

A spirit of devotion and cooperation was present all through the meeting. This was manifested in a very material way. When reports showed one of the fields to be in a very bad way financially, all the other fields came nobly to the rescue, each one giving a portion of its income to help the struggling one get on its feet. This same spirit of cooperation is needed in our individual lives in order for us to finish our work as God would have it done. Only as this spirit is manifested, in deed as well as word, and individual lines are subordinated to the general good, can prosperity attend the different lines of work. This is in harmony with the principle enunciated by Christ when He said: "He that saveth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life shall save it."

The Antillian union committee takes up the work of another year with renewed courage and faith that God is at the helm guiding at all times and that "He will not suffer thy foot to be

moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber." Ps. 121:3.

J. A. LELAND.

"I HAVE FOUND JESUS"

During the Bookmen's Convention of the Antillian Union, which has just closed in Havana, Brother William K. Achenbach, father of our mission director, told me of his experience in accepting the truth. In brief it is as follows:—

"Thirty-six years ago a colporteur came into my coach-making shop and canvassed me for 'Bible Readings.' I gave him my order; and my four employees also gave him theirs. He asked

"Our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. 'Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'"
 "Our watchward is to be, Onward, ever onward. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord." — "Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 28, 29.

to stay all night; and I referred him to my wife. She consented. He explained the Bible to us till one o'clock in the morning; and then asked us to have prayer before he went to bed.

"Two weeks later he delivered the book; and I began to read it prayerfully. Then I became restless, and about a year afterwards, as I was sitting in the kitchen while my wife was getting dinner, this thought came into my mind: 'I am responsible for these five children.' I began to cry, and my wife asked me what was the matter; but I said nothing. When we were eating dinner,—there were ten of us around the table that day,—it seemed as though heaven opened; and again I began to cry. I couldn't explain why I was crying; and all went out except my wife. We sat there till three o'clock talking about my experience. The next day I went out to my neighbors, and said to them: 'I have found Jesus!'

"One Sabbath after that as I was working in my shop, a terrible thunder storm came up. A bolt of lightning

struck close enough to throw me down. I went into the house and said to my wife: 'I am going to keep the Sabbath'; and I kept the rest of the day. Then I studied about baptism, and decided to find the Seventh-day Adventists that I might be baptized.

"So I started out to find the man who had sold me the book. I took the train for Lebanon, 65 miles away, without knowing why I was going there. When I got off the train, I asked a man if he knew anyone who kept Saturday for Sunday. He pointed out a house, and there I found a canvassing company as well as the man for whom I was looking. He told me of a place only five miles from where we lived; and there I was baptized two weeks later. My wife followed; and then my five children. Then my son went to South Lancaster; and I went canvassing for the same book that brought the light to us."

Father Achenbach, as he is known down here, is now an aged man, living with his son's family; but he appears to have the same love for the truth and the same enthusiasm for its advancement that he must have had back there in his younger days. One remark he used frequently in telling his story, impressed me strongly; it was this: "Just as fast as I saw the truth, I accepted it." What an example for us all!

H. H. HALL.

TRIUMPHS OF THE MESSAGE IN CUBA

The Third Angel's Message is one of power; it reveals its strength by turning men and women from the path of sin to the way of righteousness. Just recently I have been in the eastern section of Cuba, where I visited a number of the churches and companies of believers. We have quite a number of English companies. They are Jamaicans who have come to Cuba for business purposes; some of these have accepted the message since coming here, while others accepted the truth in Jamaica. We have found these people earnest in their endeavors to serve the Lord and to labor for perishing souls.

One of these men, who has been in Cuba for a number of years and has felt that his life ought to be a greater blessing in helping someone to get into this saving message, began to do missionary work with his neighbors; and as a result three families are ready for baptism. Others are having similar experiences. This is what the Lord desires every one to have.

There are many open doors in almost every part of the island. We should have five more workers to answer the calls for evangelistic work. It is sad to hear the calls, when we are compelled to say that at present we cannot respond. However, we are of good courage. Our workers are doing faithfully what they can for the rescue of the honest in heart. Our church members, also, are realizing their responsibility, and uniting their talents with the workers for the saving of the lost.

On this last trip I baptized eight believers. Others are preparing themselves for baptism later.

C. V. ACHENBACH.

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SAVING ANTONIO'S BROTHER

"Oh! Lord, thou hast saved my brother and Thou canst save my people." This is Brother Fortino Antonio's constant prayer for his people, the Zapoteca Indians in the Aztec union.

Brother Antonio is a son of one of our sisters in the Zapotecan country. He cared nothing for this message a few years ago. He spent his time in drunkenness and associated with the boys of his own age who were not the best of society.

Finally there came a great change in Antonio's life; for he began to study this truth. Gradually his vices began to fall off as leaves from a girdled tree. Then he and his mother began to pray for a younger brother who was as bad as Antonio had been; but the more they prayed for him, the worse he became until finally his father told him to leave home and never to return. This was a hard blow upon the mother and brother; but they did not fail nor falter in faith. They prayed all the more as things became darker.

When the boy left home, he swore vengeance on all the family, saying he would surely kill them all. The mother spent the night in prayer; and God graciously granted her petition. Nor was the answer long delayed. The next day her son came home. God had touched his heart; he was a changed boy; and in humble penitence, he said: "I am going to be an Adventist and live for God from now on." Surely prayer changes things.

C. E. MOON.

BOOK WORK IN THE AZTEC UNION

We have about twenty-five men selling "Practical Guide" and "Our Day" in the Aztec union. Aside from these, several students in the school are scattering large numbers of our division missionary paper, *El Centinela*. Some of the men have been selling subscriptions to the paper in connection with the books. This combination plan was working very successfully; and the subscription list of the magazine was growing encouragingly. But soon complaints began to come in by mail and by person. The papers were not being received regularly. This put a damper on the ardor of the men and some began selling the book only, as all efforts to better the delivery of the magazine seemed in vain.

At our recent convention held in Mexico City, arrangements were made for the papers to be mailed direct from our union office to the subscriber instead of from Panama; and we are hoping this will remedy the trouble. We are asking the men to return to the combination plan, which was begun so successfully.

The health book, now being distributed the second time with excellent success, has made us many friends. We are sure this will mean better sales for our religious books soon to follow. The books we are now planning to put into the field are: "Our Day," "Great Controversy," and "Patriarchs and Prophets."

We have arranged also to work on the residence plan, and are assigning our colporteurs districts where they can locate with their families, and work and rework the territory with different literature year after year. We are sure this will lessen the traveling expenses and build up a more permanent constituency. We desire your prayers that God's blessing may be on these plans for bringing souls into His kingdom.

We also desire your prayers for our health. A valuable worker just now is returning home, having lost his health entirely by contracting malaria in Honduras. I was inoculated by the mosquitos while on a train which was held up for 24 hours by floods and a washed-out bridge, and have spent two weeks of agony as a result. Thanks to prompt attention by Doctor Hummel here, I was better in a very short time. But even now I am writing this in bed, suffering from a second inoculation in Tampico. But our colporteurs must be visited and helped and encouraged in all climates and in all regions. They,

too, need our prayers. And I especially do, as I take up the union duties as well as those formerly carried in the northern part of Mexico. Brother W. F. Mayers, a veteran colporteur of fifteen years' experience in these Spanish fields, will be in charge of the southern section, including Guatemala, Honduras, and Salvador, with headquarters in Guatemala City.

H. BIRBECK-ROBINSON.

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PLANNING FOR STRONGER WORK

The Caribbean union Bookmen's Convention was held in the chapel at the Pacific Press Branch publishing house at Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama, June 16-23. A list of the delegates to this meeting appeared in the July issue of this paper.

There was a full attendance of the delegates from the first meeting; and the convention was marked throughout for regular attendance, unabating interest, and free participation of the delegates in all the proceedings.

The daily program followed was:—

Devotional meeting	8:00-8:45 a. m.
Convention	9:00-12:00 m.
Open	12:00-2:00 p. m.
Convention	2:00-5:30 p. m.

Brother Hall, Elders Andross, Edmed, Babcock, and the writer conducted the morning devotional services. These meetings were a great blessing to all. The Spirit of the Lord came very near to us, as the Bible and Testimonies were studied, and as we engaged in prayer and praise to God for His goodness to us and His protection over us.

Many experiences were related, showing how God is going before our faithful colporteurs as they scatter the printed page which brings light and comfort to many who sit in darkness. The following experience, which came to us from Colombia, will serve as a sample of what God is doing through the printed page:—

June 6 was a day of special interest to our little church in Barranquilla, Colombia. It was nearly sundown on that Sabbath, when two men stepped into the mission, saying that they were looking for the people that kept the Sabbath. The story they told is briefly as follows:—

"We live back in the interior, 450 kilometers from here, in a village called San Juan de Cesar. We have come to be baptized by you. Our names are Luis Urvina and Antonio Castro. We represent a company of seven, who are all ready for baptism. We have heard of the truth in this way. A year ago a Bible fell into our hands. Not having seen anything like it before, we read it and soon learned to obey its precepts. Providentially one of our friends in Santa Marta made us a present of a copy of "Our Day." This opened the meaning of the Scriptures to us, and we were convinced that we ought to keep God's Sabbath.

"This new found faith we accepted gladly; but soon we met with persecution from our former priest. I, Luis Urvina, am a cousin of the priest, and in due time made my new belief known to him. He at once opposed me, and set to work to organize a society in the church to defend itself. This makes us pass through severe trials. For instance, I have two daughters, nine and twelve years of age. When both were ill, the priest insisted on their confessing to him. This I refused to permit, upon which the priest caused me to be taken to jail. While I was in jail, the priest compelled my daughters to confess to him. Our brother here, Antonio Castro, was sentenced by the priest to leave town, but as I am also cousin of the governor, I interceded for him, saying that Colombia gave a man the right to believe as he chose, and the governor revoked the sentence.

"At last we were impressed to find a minister. We started for Barranquilla with a horse and two donkeys, but were soon obliged to sell all these to meet our needs. We were led to the headquarters of the Presbyterian church; but as these people told us we did not need to be baptized, nor to keep the Sabbath, and also that there were no Sabbath keepers here, we felt that we had failed to meet our people. Returning to the inn, discouraged, a young man overheard us in our perplexity. He was able to direct us to the hall in which our people were gathered for the closing meeting of the Sabbath, and we were so thankful that the Lord had directed in our finding His people."

Our brethren in that church were surprised to find these men so well instructed in the truth, and their enthusiasm, encouraged the church as much as anything they had experienced. These delegates were eager to take more Bibles and literature home with them, and are willing to return when a minister can meet them.

Following the bookmen's convention, the Caribbean union committee met at the same place for its annual meeting. We had a very profitable time together. Careful plans were laid for our rapidly developing work. It was especially gratifying to see the spirit of brotherly love manifested as the budgets of the various fields were studied. Although all the budgets were very low, still the brethren gladly released to more struggling fields a part of their allowance.

One dominant aim seemed to take possession of all, leading us to lay plans to extend our work into new fields. One of the advance moves in this direction was the dividing of Colombia into four missions so that as rapidly as possible four strong centers would be built up in that, the largest country in our union. There we have a population of 6,000,000 and a territory larger than four states like Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. There is a great interest there to hear the truth and open doors are inviting us to enter.

Our leaders from all parts of the union are full of courage and returning to their fields with renewed zeal to enter new territory and quickly finish the work.

W. E. BAXTER.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH AT W. C. T. S.

The 13th Sabbath of the second quarter for 1925 will long be remembered by those who were present at the Sabbath School of Las Cascadas, Canal Zone. At the beginning of the quarter, the school set a goal of \$125.00 for the thirteen Sabbaths. We were very timid at first, as the highest amount ever before raised in one quarter was \$111.33. But our confidence grew as we watched our simple device, which was a boat, under construction.

The \$100.00 to be raised during the twelve Sabbaths was to pay for the construction of the missionary boat; and the \$25.00 to be raised on the 13th Sabbath would equip the missionaries who were to go to the Philippines. In four Sabbaths we raised fifty dollars. The shipbuilders, seeing the amount raised, started the construction of the boat. By the 12th Sabbath we had raised \$122.46, which is \$22.46 more than our goal for the twelve Sabbaths. We all joined in smiles of gratitude on the 13th Sabbath, when the superintendent announced that we had raised \$44.02. This is \$19.02 more than the 13th Sabbath goal. The total amount raised during the quarter was \$166.48; so it can be seen that we passed our

goal for the quarter to the amount of \$41.48.

We have a membership of seventy, which is comprised mostly of students of the West Caribbean Training School who are working all their way through school. We rejoice, for we feel that we are coming up to the help of the Lord; and we look forward to the time when we shall be able to go out to work for the Master in wider fields of service.

DANIEL HOUGHTON.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE AT WINSOR FOREST

The little church at Winsor Forest, about seventy-five miles up the Canja Creek in British Guiana, found a unique way of celebrating the Week of Sacrifice, a year ago. Although there seemed to be no opportunity to earn money, these earnest believers found one. "We will all go back into the forest to cut wood, and then we will sell it," someone suggested. To this all agreed. The men cut the wood; and the women carried it down to the river, where it was loaded into boats, and taken to market near the sea, seventy-five miles below. God blessed them in disposing of their harvest of timber, for they realized \$67.00 from its sale.

With joyful hearts they returned to their homes to give to the Lord's work their joint income of that week. Their love for the cause of truth had burned out of their hearts the feeling of sacrifice. They had cast themselves and their all into the Third Angel's Message; and with them stiff self-denial for the cause was loving service bubbling up from hearts that longed to do more—always more, never less.

And somehow there was a sweetness in the experience that those believers did not forget. So a few months ago, when the delegates from this church went to attend the general meeting, the members instructed them to tell all the other delegates to that meeting that the Winsor Forest church would do its full share in the Week of Sacrifice again this year.

There's a law that I am learning
That is helping me each day,
That our God sends something better
For the things He takes away.
While some sorrow presses on us,
And we feel the loss severe,
He will follow up this hartache
With a blessing, never fear.
There is not a thing He's taken,
Causing tears to wet the face,
That He has not something sweeter
Just to give you in its place.

—Pearl B. James.

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SEED SOWING IN MEXICO

Along with his summary of colporteur work in Mexico for the month of June, which is more than ten times as large as for June of 1924, Brother H. A. B. Robinson, field missionary secretary for Mexico and for the Aztec union, writes:

"As the school folks went out after our institute early this month, there are now 45 at work,—entirely too many for me to handle alone, properly.

"One colporteur wrote me he is leaving 50 interested people in Tuxpan. Another sends us a photo of a dozen or more begging for a preacher to come and teach them the truth. One man has just bought a *Steps to Christ*, who last year tried to pull our colporteur off the train to kill him, for having sold him a *Practical Guide*, and then sent the book back to the office and wrote in, promising to go and shoot the manager if his money for the book was not refunded immediately. The book went back to him, but not the money."

AN AFTERMATH OF THE CONVENTION

Brother Benjamin Yip, secretary of the South Caribbean Conference, speaks the mind of most of those who attended any of the recent conventions, we believe when he says:

"I am glad to tell you that we have returned to our field feeling very much encouraged to push on the work in these parts. The Convention has done us good, and we wish to put to practise the good instruction received."

That the South Caribbean officers are determined to make their field one that adopts the plans laid at the convention, seems evident from the following, also quoted from Brother Yip's letter: "Elder Fitch

is now planning to get the district leaders in, so that we may plan and counsel together as to how we can get the churches to clear off their tract society accounts. This will be a big task, but if we get the leaders to help us push and boost, there will be some response. I am very anxious to see our churches settle their bills."

THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ISSUES OF "EL CENTINELA"

If you have not yet seen the Spanish magazine for September, get a copy and read it. You will like it,—so would your friends who read Spanish. It is filled with well-balanced reading matter that should be enjoyed by all the Spanish-speaking people in our field. The article, "How May We Obtain Peace?" fits well with our cover illustration, which shows something of the preparations for war instead of peace. A real signs-of-the-times article is C. B. Haynes' contribution, "The Meaning of Earthquakes and Other Calamities." The evil of tobacco, and particularly cigarettes, is given a striking, new setting in the article by Dr. O. C. Godsmark, "Morphine's Running Mate." There is a review by the editor of a very thoughtful article concerning the greater amount of leisure time people in general enjoy now than in former years, but the poor use they make of it. Christ's second coming is the theme of

R. F. Cottrell's article, "A Precious Promise." Two pages are devoted to the children. But you will have a better idea of the contents by reading for yourself.

Then, looking ahead for a moment to the October issue—to be ready for mailing September 1. If the plates of the cover illustration reach us in time, the October paper will have a cover and an article to go with it that will be sure to be read. The subject is Evolution. But it is only one of a number of subjects to be emphasized. Science and religion go together in the article, "How Ting Wong Doctored the Doctor." Another health talk for little folks, by Dr. Belle Wood-Comstock, will appear. An unusually interesting animal story for the children will be read by the grown-ups too. A section is devoted to health, as usual. "The Millennial Age" is the subject of this number of R. F. Cottrell's Vitamines series.

Through the Spirit of Prophecy we are told that "the world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." Each issue of *El Centinela* carries the message. Read it—circulate it.



FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARIES IN THE ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION
FRONT Row, left to right: F. E. Brito, *Santo Domingo*; G. D. Raff, *Union secretary*; O. P. Reid, *Jamaica*.
BACK Row: Leo Odom, *Porto Rico*; R. E. Stewart, *Cuba*; J. A. Williams, *Colporteur*.

GUATEMALA HAS A GROWING COLPORTEUR FORCE

Brother A. F. Mayers has been toiling away for the Master, in the colporteur field, for a good many years, much of his time having been spent in Mexico and other portions of what is now the Aztec union. At the recent union meeting for that field Brother Mayers was asked to change his work a little, by going down into Guatemala, Salvador, and Honduras, and build up and direct a colporteur force in those fields. He accepted the call and is at work in the territory assigned him. Writing in to the publishing house from Guatemala, where he is engaged at present, he sends a copy of his report of colporteur effort for the month of June. A corps of book and magazine workers is being started to work, and we look for interesting reports from that section at an early date.

As an indication that the brethren in Guatemala are planning on doing some real work, they are sending us some orders for books. Over 500 books have been mailed from here during the past couple of weeks. Let

us remember Brother Mayers, and also his colporteurs, in our prayers, that God will make it possible to sow great quantities of gospel literature in these fields at this time.

EUROPE'S METHODS

Brother H. H. Hall left with me a clipping from a letter written by Elder A. V. Olson, superintendent of the Latin Union in Europe, in which he refers to the Collonges school in French Geneva which was just closing for vacation. He wrote:

"At the close of school last week, seventy students went out into the colporteur field. Although there are many difficulties and hardships to be met, the prospects for our book work seem brighter than ever before."

Seventy students from one school entering the colporteur work is a very large band, indeed; but when we learn that this number out of a total of ninety students in the school are engaging in the colporteur work during vacation, we know there is a splendid spirit pervading the school. Little wonder that Europe can set her goal for 2,000 colporteurs for the entire division, when nearly all the students in her schools are joining the forces of those who are circulating the books containing the message for today.

SALES REPORT BY UNIONS, JULY, 1925

CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSN.

	Subscription	Trade	Educational	Tracts	Total
Antillian Union	2,568.30	206.45	43.20	24.10	2,842.05
Aztec Union	595.00	241.20	2.00	....	838.20
Caribbean Union	3,852.20	180.40	47.60	47.45	4,127.65
<i>Inter America</i>	7,015.50	628.05	92.80	71.55	7,807.90
Total, July, 1925	7,016.70	628.05	92.80	75.05	7,812.60
Total, July, 1924	8,282.70	371.40	58.25	55.40	8,767.75
Decreases	1,266.00	....	....	....	955.15
Increases	....	256.65	34.55	19.65	....

SALES REPORT, JANUARY TO JULY, 1925

Bahamas	207.25	194.80	13.10	2.50	417.65
Cuba	9,761.30	501.30	49.45	93.95	10,406.00
Dominicana	630.00	80.30	....	41.60	751.90
Haiti	20.15	137.20	....	10.70	168.05
Jamaica	1,394.50	611.25	71.70	14.25	2,091.70
Porto Rico	2,340.50	258.25	.90	33.60	2,633.25
<i>Antillian Union</i>	14,353.70	1,783.10	135.15	196.60	16,468.55
Guatemala	3,286.50	100.20	....	68.50	3,455.20
Honduras	4,244.00	404.05	69.45	22.00	4,739.50
Mexico	16,038.75	616.35	2.35	103.55	16,761.00
Salvador	1,255.00	83.35	....	10.90	1,349.25
<i>Aztec Union</i>	24,824.25	1,203.95	71.80	204.95	26,304.95
Colombia	6.00	58.15	12.75	18.90	95.80
Guiana	1,244.75	70.20	38.85	38.60	1,392.40
Leeward Islands	2,371.00	357.65	....	16.05	2,744.70
South Caribbean	5,768.00	234.70	31.75	14.75	6,052.40
Venezuela	6,869.80	50.00	7.00	....	6,926.80
West Caribbean	4,327.10	822.90	409.15	50.10	5,609.25
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	20,586.65	1,593.60	502.70	138.40	22,821.35
INTER-AMERICA	59,764.60	4,580.65	709.65	539.95	65,594.85
P. P. Branches	1,282.70	1.00	....	8.10	1,291.80
Other S. D. A. Houses	4.80	.50	....	....	5.30
Miscellaneous	....	10.00	2.95	.25	13.20
<i>Total Miscl.</i>	1,287.50	11.50	2.95	8.35	1,310.30
GRAND TOTAL	61,052.10	4,592.15	712.60	548.30	66,905.15
Jan. to July 1924	41,964.05	3,848.10	553.95	294.50	46,660.60
Increases	19,088.05	744.05	158.65	253.80	20,244.55

"EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION JULY 1925

Cuba	3,656
Dominicana	400
Porto Rico	514
<i>Antillian Union</i>	4,570
Guatemala	201
Honduras	161
Mexico	2,375
Salvador	226
<i>Aztec Union</i>	2,963
Colombia	459
Venezuela	330
West Caribbean	295
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	1,084
INTER-AMERICAN	8,617
Arizona	62
California	123
Central Calif.	28
Florida	302
Northern Calif.	17
Southern Calif.	194
Southeastern Calif.	30
South Texas	203
North Texas	52
Miscl. States	40
<i>United States</i>	1,051
Philippines	30
Miscl. Foreign	32
<i>Total Outside Inter-America</i>	1,113
TOTAL, July, 1925	9,730
<i>Circulation, June, 1925</i>	9,212
<i>Circulation, July, 1924</i>	11,748

ANOTHER MILESTONE

As the delegates gathered for another meeting of the division committee, we were reminded that we now had reached another milestone. Another year has passed. One less remains in which to serve, and in which to wait for the end of sin and suffering to come.

Again our hearts burned within us as we listened to reports from the different fields; and they overflowed with grateful praise, as the workers related experiences of deliverances from danger and of other victories gained for the truth. Two of the brethren told us how in times of special danger, others had seen men with them of whose presence they themselves knew nothing. Truly, we may say, the angel of the Lord encampeth around those that fear Him.

Often it seems that we cannot keep up with God's opening providences. Our forces are slender. Our funds are low. But God has a way; and we must find it. Yes, we must find it and follow it, cost what it may. Finding that way was the great problem of the entire committee meeting, as together in earnest prayer and diligent study, we sought to find His way, first in our individual lives, and then in our division work. Much time was spent in trying to find a way to answer some of the calls for help from peoples living beyond the reach of our slender forces.

There are the Yaqui Indians up in Mexico. Until recently they have been a sort of hermit nation where it has not been safe for intruders to venture. Now they have flung open their door and the chief himself is appealing to our people to send them missionaries. From another unentered field in Mexico comes a call for a teacher. And you will rejoice to know that before the committee meeting closed, plans were laid for granting both of these requests in the near future.

Colombia seemed another of the most needy fields studied by the Inter-American division committee at this time. That vast country, about the same size as seven of the large central states in America, for sometime has had only one foreign worker with his family. But somehow away off in the interior the seed sown by a colporteur has sprung up. This time it was the Bible and a Spanish copy of "Our Day" that have been doing missionary work.

Through these silent messengers the men of whom you read on another page of this paper found the truth. But their district needs workers. And today we rejoice that Colombia has been divided into four missions. We trust that before another year rolls by, men with hearts afire with the message, will be settled in all these sections, and will be going forth from their various headquarters to carry God's last message of mercy to the millions in Colombia who sit in the gross darkness of false religions.

So it is with hearts full of courage that we turn away from this division meeting to face the problems of advance in the different fields. Knowing that "hitherto the Lord hath led us," is abundant reason for going forth to attempt greater things for God, and to expect greater things from Him; for surely the prosperity He has granted through the past year demands of us larger faith, deeper devotion, and more diligence in seeking the lost. Well may we join with Paul in "being confident of this very thing that He which hath begun the good work . . . will perform it." Yes, this is what He is waiting to do, if He can have full control of all who profess to love the Master's appearing. And now until we reach another milestone, may we each follow the Master in the path of full surrender which ever leads through needy fields of service.

Put into today the things you will wish to find there when you reach the end of the road.

WORKERS IN BALBOA

July 6, Pastor N. Z. Town reached Balboa on his return from a visit to South America. The division workers were very glad to welcome him, and appreciated greatly his help in the committee meetings. About a week later he and Pastor Shaw sailed for the States to take up again the duties awaiting them in the home office of our great denominational work.

Pastors J. T. Thompson and Meade MacGuire arrived in Balboa July 15. We had only a few minutes with Brother MacGuire, as his boat passed on through the locks; but Brother Thompson disembarked, and spent ten days with us while waiting for his boat up the west coast to California. His family preceded him to the homeland several months ago. Brother Thompson was turning his face homeward for the first time since he and his wife bade their loved ones and friends farewell about twelve years ago to seek the lost in South America.

were on their way from St. Helena, California to Washington, D. C., where Dr. Abbott has been called to serve as superintendent of the Washington Sanitarium.

Brother and Sister F. L. Harrison and their two little girls, Marjorie and Thelma, are now located in the Division mission home. Brother Harrison has taken hold enthusiastically of his work as secretary-treasurer of the division; and Sister Harrison, who is a stenographer, is also giving much needed help. We heartily welcome these new workers to our field, and wish them the choicest blessings of heaven in their efforts for the finishing of the Master's work in Inter-America.

Brother and Sister C. H. Carter and little Walter sailed from Cristobal, Sabbath, August 8, answering the Macedonian call for field work in the Guiana Mission.

SOMETHING YOU HAVE WANTED

For a long time there has been a call for a cheaper Missionary Volunteer pin. And you will be glad to learn that finally this long felt need has been supplied. You can obtain a neat celluloid pin now. The button part, with the continents outlined dimly on it, is dark grey and the letters "M. V." on it are a bright red. Price five cents each. Order from your tract society.

THE UNWEARIED SERVANT

"My brethren and sisters, commune with God, that you may be imbued with His Spirit, and then go forth to bestow on others the grace you have received. The example of the Saviour should inspire us to put forth earnest, self-sacrificing effort for the good of others. He came to this world as the unwearied servant of man's necessity. Love for the lost race was manifested in all that He said and did. He clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might stand among human beings as one of them,—a sharer of their poverty, and their griefs. What a busy life He led! Day

by day He might be seen entering the humble abodes of want and sorrow, speaking hope to the downcast and peace to the distressed. This is the work that He asks His people to do today. Humble, gracious, tender-hearted, pitiful, He went about doing good, lifting up the bowed-down and comforting the sorrowful. None who came to Him went away unhelped. To all He brought hope and gladness. Wherever He went. He carried blessing."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 221.

By the close of July all the delegates to the division committee meeting had returned to their homes, or had gone to give a helping hand in other parts of the field. On the nineteenth Pastors J. A. Leland and D. A. Parsons sailed for Cuba. Pastor E. E. Andross accompanied them to attend the general meetings in Cuba and Haiti. A few days later Pastor W. E. Baxter sailed for Colombia to spend a short time there before returning to his home from which he had been absent almost three months.

On the last Sabbath in July, Pastor C. E. Knight, who came to the division office in the hour of need last January and for six months carried the secretary-treasurer work in the division in addition to his own responsibilities in the Caribbean union, sailed for Venezuela. He will be missed in the office where he has served so faithfully, and also in the Panama church where he already had become a burden bearer.

Before July slipped away we were very happy to have the privilege of greeting Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Abbott and their three sons. They

A FAITHFUL WORKER LAID TO REST

After a short illness of about two weeks, Mrs. Amy Walters, who during the past four or five years has been employed as a Bible worker in the West Caribbean conference, died at the Ancon Hospital, on the morning of July 29th, 1925, as a result of a combination of several infirmities.

Sister Walters was born in Clarendon, Jamaica, October 19, 1878. In 1907 she came to the Isthmus and while living at Empire, Canal Zone, during 1911 she embraced the Third Angel's Message, under the labors of Elder B. E. Connerly. She leaves to mourn her death, as immediate members of her family, a father, six daughters, and one son.

Sister Walters was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Through her labors, and exemplary life, many persons rejoice in the knowledge of the truth.

On the morning of July the 30th, funeral services were held by the writer in the Panama church. A host of friends attended the services and accompanied the remains to their final resting place in the Panama cemetery from whence we expect her to come forth on the resurrection morning together with other saints of God.

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