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## IN THE HEART OF INDIAN GUATEMALA

It was rather late when we arrived in the town of Totonicapan by auto from Quezaltenango. Supper over, I strolled out upon the almost deserted streets before retiring. The silence was very marked, except for the noise of my own step on the cobblestone pavement, and the occasional greeting of a policeman. It was in January, and it was cold. Frost was forming on the ground at this altitude of nearly eight thousand feet. Overhead the sky was clear and beautiful and the stars shone brilliantly.

As I looked and contemplated the glories of creation, I realized that all was in motion above and that an unseen Hand—the power of God—still guides. After all, I did not seem so alone, for I knew that the same Creator would be with us as we went forth on this trip amid the darkness, superstition, and fanaticism of many generations.

### WAITING FOR THE MESSAGE

How I longed and prayed almost constantly for the guiding hand of God as we came to seek a definite opening among the great Indian population where the Third Angel's Message has never been preached. We are grateful to our brethren who have provided funds for a definite beginning among this neglected people.

Unable to secure horses, though successful in finding two Indians to carry our luggage, we started out afoot. I was accompanied by Brother Adrian Alcantara, one of our old colporteurs. We climbed until we had reached an elevation of 9,500 feet, where grain was waving in the breeze, and where sheep were grazing. It was harvest time and the grain was garnered by hand. The hills and ravines are covered with beautiful pine and oak.

About noon we descended to the purely Indian settlement of Nahuala. These Indians belong to the great Quiche tribe of Guatemala, and strange to say, I found several words they were using to be practically the same as those of the Aymaras of Lake Titicaca. There

are forty thousand of them in this, and one other village,—all adhering to the old Indian dress of centuries past. I speak of the "settlement" of Nahuala, for there really is no town, only a center.

### GOOD MORAL STANDARDS

The Indians are absolute owners of their little farms which spread out across the valley and up the hillsides. They are self-governing, having separated themselves from the rest of the same great tribe. No government po-

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### TAKE ME WITH THEE

Take me with Thee today, my Lord,  
That I Thy ways may know;  
Guide me to walk in paths of light  
As on in life I go.

Take me to walk with Thee alone  
On shores of Galilee,  
And faith impart as I embark  
On life's tempestuous sea.

Oh, take me to the garden, Lord,  
To know Gethsemane;  
Teach Thou me, Lord, that grief and pain  
Doth bring humility.

Take me far into the desert;  
There a lesson teach me;  
Strength concede to face the tempter.  
And live alone for Thee.

Take me high upon the mountain;  
Show me all Thy glory;  
Whisper low Thy promise given,  
Speak the old, old story.

Take me with Thee when Thou comest  
To Thy heavenly home;  
Count me with the number gathered  
Who'll surround the throne.

C. LAWRENCE POHLE.

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lice or soldier can be seen. The *cacique*, or chief, is supreme ruler. His word is law. He has, however a secretary and a number of counselors. Adultery is severely punished and drinking is prohibited. The latter is a very unusual ruling in these countries. The one who is found drinking, having brought the drink from outside, is publicly whipped and put in jail.

The only white people allowed among them are the school teacher and the priest. If they do not like the teacher the government sends them, they simply send him out again and tell the government they want another teacher, one of their choosing. They will not sell a foot of land to any white man, and in times past it has even been dangerous for a white man to be found in their territory. We spent about two hours in the center of their settlement, taking a number of pictures. The *cacique* and his counselors were quite friendly to us.

From here we went to Santa Catarina, another center of the same settlement which we reached at night-fall after a hard climb and descent. We were obliged to spend the night among these Indians, but the *cacique* was kind to us and gave us his office for sleeping quarters. As we had bedding with us, we spread it out on a table and slept with our clothes on because of the cold. In the morning the Indians, although shy in conversation, were all anxious to have their picture taken.

### FINDING A MAN WHO KNEW

Although only on an inspecting tour this time, I felt we should drop some word of the Message before passing on; so I spoke to the secretary, a very intelligent-appearing Indian who could understand Spanish (and very few of them can understand Spanish). I told him that soon the Lord was coming and that the world in its present state would be changed; that the majority of people now living would witness the return of our Saviour in the clouds. I had not said very much until he spoke up and said:

"But the judgment comes before Christ returns."

"Yes, the investigative judgment is in session now and will be finished before Christ returns," I said.

"Then after the judgment Christ will come and then the saints will spend a thousand years in heaven," he said. "And then, too," he continued, "there are many signs of His soon returning;

the locusts which are coming in this section are one of the signs."

I was greatly surprised at his correct knowledge concerning some of the closing events of earth's history, and asked him where he heard all this. He told me that the same colporteur accompanying me had given him a little "Crisis" book four years before. At the same time Brother Alcantara had left another, a larger book, with the school teacher, with the understanding that the secretary was to have it to read afterwards.

But the school teacher, a Guatemaltecan, destroyed the book, so the secretary never saw it. The act of this *Ladino*, as they are called here, or white man of the Latin race, is one example showing how difficult it is to reach them, or to reach the Indians through them. So far as their influence goes, as a general rule, it is destructive to the advance of the truth. The purer the Indians are, the more independent, and the farther removed from the corruptions of civilization, the better are the chances for their accepting the truth. The great future for our work in this country, I am convinced, lies in going directly to these pure-blooded independent Indians.

#### FIFTY-EIGHT IMAGES IN ONE CHURCH

In Santa Catarina, as well as in Nahuala, the Indians have built beautiful stone churches for the priest. The priest was not at home at the former place when I passed through, and we took the liberty to visit the church. We counted fifty-eight images. One image represented Christ lying dead with two swords thrust through His head and one through His leg, with blood streaming from His knee-cap. Another image was an attempted imitation of God the Father with three images at His feet to represent the Trinity.

At neither of these places are the Indians satisfied with their priests at the present time, because one is selling liquor to travelers passing through, and the other is living openly with two women. And yet these Indians have been taught to respect this corrupt religion of the priests. Oh! how my heart longed to reach them! But we have to be prudent in the beginning, that the door be not entirely shut to us before our next trip, or before we can establish a mission station.

#### GROWING CORN AND BEANS

Again we climbed and climbed afoot until we reached quite a tableland, between Santa Catarina and Santa Lucia. My heart leaped for joy as I saw here

a great settlement of Indians. The scene reminded me of some of the pampas around Lake Titicaca. The land on which these Indians live is still Indian community land. They own their places by the old Indian order of things; and will not sell one foot of it to any white man. However, on the edge of this settlement some pieces have been sold and could be secured. Their chief crops here are corn and beans. I never saw more fertile soil or more beautiful corn anywhere than here. They eat very little meat but live mostly on what they raised from the ground.

#### TRAVELING THROUGH SNOW

We spent the next night in Santa Lucia. It was very cold that night. The next morning we found the ground covered with frost as we left early. We traveled on horseback here and were glad for the opportunity because our muscles were sore from so much climbing afoot. We found one man (not an Indian) in Santa Lucia who was very friendly, and who owns some land on the border of one of these Indian settlements; and he offers us his land very reasonably. His place is on the crossroads between several great Indian settlements. Indians are passing constantly, and maybe the Lord will lead us to this location to start. From this point we could reach thousands of Indians, those of Santa Lucia, of Santa Catarina, of Nahuala, of Santa Clara, San Jose, and stretching on toward Chichicastenango.

#### IN THE CENTER OF THE INDIAN POPULATION

With the exception of the purely Indian settlements, Santa Catarina and Nahuala, these above mentioned places are partly white, with the large Indian populations living in the vicinity. We do not wish to settle in any of these villages where the white man lives. We must move to the country directly into the Indian settlement or as near as possible, to begin our school and medical missionary work.

From Solola, where we spent the next night, we traveled by horse on to Chichicastenango. We found thousands of Indians living between these two places. They own their farms. Chichicastenango is the real center of the great Indian population of Guatemala. The town itself is not entirely Indian, but the great Indian population spreads for miles and miles out around the town. Between this place and Tecpam, Solola, Santa Catarina and Nahuala no doubt will lie our future field of operations. It would be difficult to say where we could most successfully begin.

#### FINDING AN AMERICAN PHYSICIAN

In Chichicastenango we called on an American doctor, who in times past had done considerable evangelistic work in the towns, and, who for twenty years has practiced medicine among these people. He has won the confidence of the Indian population more fully, perhaps, than any other white man in all Guatemala. He is a believer in the Word of God, but has lost faith in the several denominations that have been operating in this country.

This doctor is already somewhat acquainted with our work in the States, having visited our headquarters in Washington. Although strongly prejudiced at one time, he is now very friendly and favorable. I had two long conversations with him, plainly speaking of the truth. He says that he will sincerely and carefully read every word of any literature that I will send him. By now he should have received "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy" and "In the Land of the Incas."

#### AMONG THE QUICHE INDIANS

The Quiche Indians really have a king. He is a descendant from the old line, and although not in power as in former days, he wields a strong influence among his own people. His name is Manuel Ajanel. His secretary is Sebastian Saquic. This secretary acts as his prime minister. Under their direction are the caciques, or chiefs, scattered throughout all the vast region around. When he speaks it is with authority among his people. In order really to get in among this people it will be necessary to get on friendly terms with this chief ruler.

As I stated before, this American doctor is highly respected by these Indians, and his counsel is accepted by this great Indian chief and his counsellors above that of any other white man. Now this doctor is favorably impressed with our desire to labor directly for these Indians and has offered to introduce us to this chief, or king, and his secretary, and to recommend us and our work. We are hoping and praying constantly that the Lord will impress this man's heart and open the doors widely to the truth.

Our last night before taking the train was spent in Patalul. There was a feast on and the hotels were full. It was difficult to get any kind of a place to stay and I was glad to get a corner of a room where I slept on the floor.

#### OUR NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

In summing up I wish to say that in Guatemala there are 1,200,000 pure-

blooded Indians, the majority of whom speak Mam and Quiche languages, or a dialect similar to the Quiche. The conditions necessary to reach the Indians are far better here than I had expected to find. There seems to be a wonderful opportunity. Other denominations have labored in the towns but have failed to teach the real Indian population of the country.

We need at once a consecrated medical missionary, a translator, and a native school teacher. A medical missionary is provided for in our budget, when one can be found, and we hope he may be on the ground ready to begin work within six months. We want you to pray with us that God will send the right workers for this needy field, also that He will touch the hearts of the great Indian chief and his counselors to give us the moral support of the government.

This is new territory for us with no special call save the great need and the fulfilment of the command, "Go ye into all the world." Soon we hope to add a new language to the growing list of languages in which the Message is preached. May angels go before us to open the way, and may the Spirit of God touch hearts that the work may speedily be finished in this mission of Guatemala-Salvador with its four million population. Many difficulties stand in the way, but with the Lord's help we believe they can be overcome.

ELLIS P. HOWARD.

### EVERY ONE IN HIS PLACE

Soul saving should be the passion of every professed follower of Christ. In fact, we cannot follow Him unless we have His spirit of service. The purpose of Christ's life is outlined in these six words: "To seek and to save the lost." All are not qualified for the same line of service, but ample provision is made in the organization of the work of the Lord for the training and exercise of every talent of old and young.

The Publishing department prepares the printed pages "like the leaves of autumn," and then trains workers in the best methods of scattering them. The Educational department trains the child and finally gives him a diploma for service in the mission field. The Sabbath school department, while working directly for the salvation of the scholars, is really a great preparatory school with a double purpose,—the preparation of soul-winners, and the raising of funds to send them forth. The Young Peoples'

department takes the younger members of the Sabbath school, and gives them additional training for service. The Home Missionary department seeks to enlist the cooperation of every individual member, from the youngest child to the oldest grandfather or grandmother, in the great work of seeking and saving the lost. This department also puts forth a definite effort to raise means to carry forward this missionary program.

What a wonderful service organization we have, when every department fully fulfils its commission! There is no more excuse for jealousy or envy to exist between these various departments that there is for one part of the human body to be jealous of the work done by another part, for all are working for the same Master, and, while their activities may overlap many times, they are all reaching toward the same objective.

Conference presidents, mission superintendents, ministers, and all workers, general and local, should take a constructive interest in the work and development of every department of this great movement, for these constitute the Lord's plan for the finishing of the work. "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."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 117. This statement would signify affirmatively that the work will be finished when all rally to the call. The work of the Publishing, Educational, Young People's, Sabbath school, and Home Missionary departments is to seek out every soul who is standing idly in the "market place" in this "eleventh" hour, and train and encourage them to fill their respective places in the Lord's invincible army.

A member of the remnant church who is found to have no burden for souls in this solemn time in which we are living, should be labored with as earnestly as we labor for those who have not caught a vision of the truth. Let us pray that a spirit of cooperation may dominate these various departments; and that we may all keep our eyes upon Christ, the great Leader, as we press forward unitedly to sound the last warning message.

C. E. WOOD.

### DELIVERED FROM THE POWERS OF SATAN

Among those who nightly throng our meeting place is a woman with whose experience I was impressed. When I

first saw her in her own house, I was struck with the uneasy bearing, and the uncertain flickering glance in her eyes. She seemed to me as one under the power of the evil one.

When she told me her story, I learned that she was born a Catholic, and spent much of her time caring for the sick. She has certain abilities that make her very capable in this service. She claims to have cured many. Years ago she made a vow that she would do all this work free of charge. She confessed, however, that she had been tempted many times to break her vow, but had always remained true. She was reduced to great poverty and fell ill, suffering for a considerable length of time.

It was at this time that she began to frequent the séances of the Spiritualistic centers, hoping to find relief from mental and physical suffering. She felt far from satisfied, however. In her soul hunger she prayed earnestly and frequently to the Lord to show her the way out of her trials. She became very suspicious of human beings who recommended to her this, that, and the other. Every time a visitor came to her door, she would hide behind the curtain, and offer a silent petition whether or not she should receive the person favorably.

One night, being in great distress, she petitioned the Lord earnestly to show her, in her ignorance, the right way. The following morning a stranger appeared at her door. As soon as she saw him, something seemed to tell her that the Lord had sent him, and she rejoiced as though she were welcoming a long expected friend. It was our worker, Brother Mendez. He sat down and talked to her a while, and, according to her testimony, a great comfort came to her heart. This was the first and only visit that any Seventh-day Adventist has made to her home for a number of years. But that one visit remained in that woman's mind like a beam of light.

A few weeks ago when we started meetings again, her interest revived, and she has been attending the services. It has been my privilege to watch the transformation in the woman's face. When I first saw her she was plainly under the influence of an evil spirit. An uncanny nervousness seemed to afflict her. Her face was strangely agitated and the expression haunted. Now her face is calm and subdued and her eyes look gentle and steady. I was told that she had never been able to rest at night for fear, but that lately she enjoyed the most soothing repose. I believe firmly that the Lord has called

her to the kingdom, even as He called that poor Gadarenean. Such cases as these are for His everlasting glory.

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#### REMARKABLE INTEREST

The work has been going on in Haiti for twenty years, and souls have been won all along the way; but never has there been such an awakening as is apparent now. It is evident that the preaching of the Word is attended with great power and that the hand of the Lord is extended to save souls. Among the workers there is a drawing together in love, and a seeking after holiness and a consecration to the task which is making itself felt among the lay members and is stirring them to put forth efforts for the salvation of others as never before.

In Leogane, an important city in the southern part of Haiti, where Pastor Isaac has been presenting the truth for the first time, the Lord is doing a great work. The priest ordered the people to stay away, stones were thrown at the tent during the services, and many efforts were made to break up the work; but throughout the series from two hundred and fifty to five hundred people came regularly.

At last we were ordered by the mayor of the city to take the tent down, but even that proved a great victory for the work because the people knew it was the unjust demands of the priests which caused this, and the whole city turned to us with sympathy and doors have been thrown open to workers on every side. Pastor Isaac says he has never seen anything like it since he has been preaching the truth in Haiti. In practically every home he is welcomed with words of good cheer, and he and his Bible workers are going from house to house preaching the Word and many are taking their stand with God's commandment-keeping people.

We are holding another effort in the important city of Quanamithe in the north of the republic. Here Pastor Blot and his co-workers are being received with like success and it seems that there will be many souls won there. Throughout the field, in places where we have never preached the truth we find people keeping the Sabbath and trying to

live up to the principles of this Message to the best of their knowledge. They plead with us for workers to be sent them. We are asking the Lord to help us to win at least two hundred souls for Him here in Haiti this year.

W. P. ELLIOTT.

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#### ANSWERED PRAYER

Surely the Lord of the harvest knew whereof He spoke when He gave the injunction, "Go ye into the highways and hedges." He knew that in these out-of-the-way places dwell those who, though unnoticed by the world, would answer His invitation to the feast. This truth is evidenced by the following experience:

Sometime ago I received a call from a sister of our faith to visit a district fourteen miles from the college in Jamaica where, she informed me, there was one who was interested in this Message. I responded to the call, and early the next Sabbath morning started out on the journey on horseback. The journey was tiresome and lonely, for the road led through a thinly populated country. Bad roads also tended to make the ride difficult.

On my arrival at the home of this interested person, I was greeted with a smile from one whose stooped shoulders and hoary locks told the story that many a dreamy autumn had passed over her. Having never been there before, I was surprised to hear her say, "I know you sir." I replied you are mistaken, for I never have been this way before. But she insisted that she had seen me. With great interest I listened as this woman, enfeebled by age, told her experience.

She said she had heard of Seventh-day Adventists and their message, and that, being perplexed over many points of their doctrine, she asked the Lord, on bended knee, to send her someone who would teach her the hidden truths. That very night she saw in dream a young man riding on a horse. He entered her home and said that he had come to teach her. She said, "You are the very one, sir, that I saw in my dream." Truly, friends, "God works in a mysterious way." When she finished relating her dream, she threw up her hands to heaven and thanked God that her prayer was answered.

I spent three hours with her and, by the help of the Spirit of God, I was able to throw light into her darkened soul. When I left she was rejoicing in her new-found faith.

The time came when she requested baptism. Here was a problem. How was she to come fourteen miles to the college to have her wish gratified? We had no means of conveyance at the time. She was informed that there would be a baptismal service held at the college on a certain date. The night before I heard a knock at my door. Before I answered the call, I was surprised to see this old woman standing before me. "How did you get here?" I asked. She replied, "The Lord brought me here."

Dear readers, this woman had walked those fourteen miles over rough roads, over a hill three miles long. She was two days in coming. The following day she was buried with her Lord in baptism. Our hearts were touched as we saw this aged sister take her stand on the Lord's side. She stayed with us for a few days, and then I took her home. Now she is a shining light in her district.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." E. E. PARCHMENT.

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#### PRAYING FOR LIGHT

Brother Julian Hernandez, one of our faithful colporteurs in the province of Camaguey, met a lady that had been much dissatisfied with her spiritual condition. She believed that God had His messengers in the world who were under His direction, and she prayed earnestly that He would send one to her home with the true doctrines, for she was anxious for something that would bring satisfaction to her soul.

When Julian called at her house, she asked him to what church he belonged. He answered that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and was carrying God's message to the world. So she told him about her experience, and that perhaps, in spite of her prejudice against Seventh-day Adventists, the Lord had sent him to her home in answer to her prayers. But as Julian could not spend very much time with her then, but soon went on his way again, the lady continued to pray that the Lord would send His messenger to her home. Julian was impressed to make another visit to her home. As she met him again she felt convinced that the Lord was answering her prayer, and she began to study the truths of the Bible. Frequent visits have been made to her home and she is enjoying the satisfaction that this Message brings to the hearts of all who accept it.

There are many who, like Cornelius,

are praying for a clearer understanding of the things of God. If we are ready to say, "Here am I, Lord send me," the Lord will call us, as He did Peter to go to the home of Cornelius, or as He did Julian to go to the home of this lady who was seeking for the truth of God.  
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**THE WORK IN BELIZE**

The work in British Honduras was opened some thirty years ago; but after a time there was no one to keep it up till about four years ago when Brother F. E. Cary came here. He worked faithfully and hard till he left last April. During his stay here a location was secured for a church. Up to the present time no church has been built, but on the lot mentioned is a dwelling which we use for a chapel. Lately we have removed all the partitions except one, thus throwing the main building into two rooms,—one for chapel, seating about eighty, and the other for a school.

In the month of April we came to Belize at the request of the mission, and in May we opened a series of tent meetings which lasted for five weeks. The attendance was excellent from the first, ranging from four to six hundred every night till we presented the testings truths, when it dropped to about 200.

There was a good interest shown; but so far very few have taken their stand for the truth. They believe it is true; they tell us so. They will listen to us and are friendly; yet it is hard to get them to see that it is important for them to obey the truth. Custom is as binding as an iron chain; and what others will say is hard to go against. Sometimes I am made sad to see a person reject the Message after he has acknowledged that he believes all that we teach. It takes much patience to lead these poor souls out of the darkness that has blinded them for many years.

Well, the work goes hard here, and there are times when it looks almost discouraging. Still we are of good courage, and are having some rich experiences. Recently three have been baptized; and others will be ready in a short time. It seems that we have to work along different lines in order to break the prejudice of the people.

A leading physician here expressed his

belief that if the denomination would connect the medical work with their missionary activities they would get hold of more people; and when I mentioned our line of medical missionary work he said that if we would open up that line of work here it would do more than anything else to break down prejudice. I believe that we need that line of work here, and that if we could get it, we should see greater progress in this part of the field.

There is an interest in the colony outside of the city of Belize. Just a short time ago I received a letter from a man who lives in one of the coast towns not far from here, and he expressed his desire to become a full member of our church. He became interested when Brother Cary visited there. It seems that there are quite a number there who are calling for me to come and give them further instruction in our faith.

We ask that the readers of this paper remember the work in this part of the Honduras Mission. C. E. OVERSTREET.



**VISITING ISOLATED MEMBERS**

Here and there we find, scattered on the islands of Honduras, a few Sabbath keepers who have been holding on to the Advent faith for several years. They have been left alone, without visits from workers, for a number of years, yet they are loyal and doing their part to spread the Message.

Last March I visited two such companies, one at Oakridge, the other at Jonesville. They were surely glad to have someone visit them again, and tell them more about the progress of the gospel in other parts of the world.

For several months they had no Sabbath school, but since my visit this phase of our work has been revived in both places. They have manifested a good spirit in giving to the spread of the Message elsewhere, although they are very poor and have to work hard for a living. I believe it can be said, "They have done what they could."

The members of the churches at other places in the islands are doing well. From the report of all the churches it seems clear that they are anxious to see the work finished in all the world. They depend on their coconut trees for their income, but since the storm last October the trees have not produced well; and the price of the coconuts is very low because the spirit of revolution is still abroad. One who understands these conditions knows why these believers appreciate the portion of our Saviour's prayer which says:

"Give us this day our daily bread."

I sincerely hope to see many souls from these islands of the sea saved in the kingdom of God with the redeemed from all ages.  
L. H. CONNOLLY.



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**ATLANTICO-COLOMBIA**

[Brother Thurber is superintendent of the new Atlantico-Colombia Mission. We heartily welcome him and his family to our field.—Ed.]

After almost four years' absence from Inter-America, my wife and I arrived in Barranquilla March 2. We are very glad indeed that it is our privilege to labor again among the Spanish speaking people. We see that great progress has been made since we were here before, and this gives us courage to believe that greater things are in store.

I have been much pleased to see the way that the people in this city take to the *Centinela*. There are over 300 subscribers, and as I accompanied Brother Brower in delivering their magazines, many of them spoke of how much they liked them.

Brother Moisés Valdés has recently returned from a successful canvassing trip around Cartagena.

From Brother Antonio Redondo comes the cheering news that Brother Castro, who is one of those who made the memorable trip to Barranquilla last summer, has now been baptized. This accession will doubtless mean much to the work in Cereté, where Bro. Redondo is laboring.

We were very sorry indeed that we could not keep Brother and Sister Brower in this field. They have labored hard and faithfully here, and have made many friends for our work. At the close of the Sabbath, March 20, the church held a farewell service for them, commending them to the Lord, and wishing them success in their future field of labor. That same evening they embarked for Bogotá. In the regular Sabbath service that day, and due largely under God to their labors, several who had been attending our meetings for some time, made a definite stand for the truth.

I began the first Sabbath we were here to hold an afternoon cottage meeting at the home of one of our attendants, and by this means hope to reach some.

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## "EL CENTINELA"

The *El Centinela* magazine in Porto Rico is going like "hot cakes," to use the expression by the Field Missionary Secretary, Leo Odom, in a letter just received. Referring to their last order, he says—"It was our biggest order and they were gone in two weeks." They ordered an extra stock for April and an extra one thousand of the May number. Brother Odom is enthusiastic about the prospects for a still larger sale of the *El Centinela*. He also says that things are brightening with reference to the sale of subscription books. "The Lord is blessing us," he says, "and I get many good experiences from the boys." He adds that his wife had just taken a subscription for *El Centinela* from a business man, who after seeing the announcement of the "Nuevo Médico," gave her an order for the book. Another evidence of success with *El Centinela* comes in the form of a cable from Honduras increasing standing order 300 copies.

## FOUR MONTHS BOOK REPORT

By the accompanying sales report for the first four months of the year you will see a most encouraging gain in the circulation of gospel literature. Our shipments of books during the past two weeks since this report was made up have been good ones. On a single boat leaving Cristobal last week there were three shipments of books going to three different fields. One shipment of four cases was bound for Venezuela, and since then we have received another order for six more cases of books to Venezuela, all the Home Physician, Spanish and English. The other two shipments on this steamer were going to Leeward Islands and Santo Domingo, six cases to the first mentioned, and five to the second. We have just delivered to the United Fruit Co., a shipment for Cuba, three cases, to go forward this week. A shipment of five cases of Spanish Patriarchs and Prophets will go forward to Colombia within the next week or ten days. This gives just a little

glimpse into the activities of the book department of our Branch here in Cristobal due to the progress of our literature work in the various parts of the field.

## "MINISTRY OF HEALING" SPANISH

The latest subscription book in the Spanish language is "Ministry of Healing," and the enthusiasm expressed by the leaders from whom we have already heard gives us a real thrill. We have had to place second and third stock orders to supply the demand for the book. Some sections of the Division are ready for this new book now, others plan on using it a little later. It was necessary to put considerable expense into this Spanish edition in getting the translation, and in preparing it in the large subscription book form. On the English edition, which was handled on the "relief book" basis, with the thousands of copies sold it was, of course, possible to have a retail price that was low comparatively. This new Spanish edition is enlarged and put up in excellent durable style in the two regular bindings, cloth and keratol, with a retail price of \$5.00 in the cloth, and \$7.00 in the keratol, in our fields. Those who have seen the book in this large form feel that the prices are very reasonable in comparison.

## NEW SMALL BOOKS

Since our last issue there have come from the press two or three excellent small books in English, these in the series that retail for 30 cents with a discount of 50% to colporteurs and on quantities to churches. Of these already stock is obtainable. "The Gospel in all the World," by Elder W. A. Spicer, is one of these books. It is a wonderfully attractive presentation of the way things have been prepared so that the world might know of the gospel of Christ, and of His coming again. "Cure for Crime" is another, this written by Elder F. C. Gilbert. This deals with the conditions in the world that are

bafling the leaders of society. He shows that the increase of crime is due to disregard for law and an indifference to the proper relationship of man with God. He presents the only true solution.

"The Hour of God's Judgment," another book, of which stock has just been received, is by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, and deals with the closing scenes or world's history, and the judgment.

We are also able to announce a new song book entitled "The Gospel in Song," especially designed for use in evangelistic meetings. It has 300 songs, the very best that could be selected by a committee that has been working on material for a new song book for more than two years. The retail price of this is 35 cents.

"Creation—Not Evolution," which has been widely advertised as a premium with the *Signs of the Times*, is now ready, and is being received with much enthusiasm throughout the field. This book in non-technical language puts the claims of evolution with the truth of God's Word. The authors are Elders A. L. Baker and Francis D. Nichol, associate editors of the *Signs* who have gone very thoroughly into the subject, meeting the claims of evolutionists successfully on the platform and in their writings. This book is a veritable mine of information that our

## "EL CENTINELA" CIRCULATION

Conference	No. of Copies	Totals
Cuba	3,294	
Dominicana	500	
Dominicana	2,264	
<i>Antillian Union</i>		6,058
Guatemala-Salvador	408	
Honduras	309	
Mexico	1,809	
<i>Astec Union</i>		2,526
Colombia	1,104	
Curacao	43	
Venezuela	261	
West Caribbean	736	
<i>Caribbean Union</i>		2,144
<b>INTER-AMERICA</b>		<b>10,728</b>
Arizona	21	
California	168	
Central California	55	
Southern California	134	
Southeastern California	34	
South Texas	227	
North Texas	51	
Miscl. States	82	
<i>UNITED STATES</i>		772
Philippines	40	
Foreign	29	
<i>Total outside Inter-America</i>		841
Total, May 1926		11,569
Total, May 1925		9,126
<b>NET INCREASE</b>		<b>2,443</b>

workers and laymen will appreciate to help them in assisting those in perplexity concerning the theories of evolution. The best way to get this book is to send \$2.50 to your Tract Society for the *Signs* one year and this new book as a premium. Or you can order the book alone for \$1.50.

sell readily everywhere. It will be furnished to colporteurs and churches in quantities on a 50% basis, the retail price being 35 cents.

had to re-set in type the entire series, and with this have made some improvements in the appearance of the leaflets. The orders for many thousands of copies now on file will be filled within the next two or three weeks. In unbroken packages of 100 of each number the "Leaves of Autumn," Spanish, cost only \$3.50 a thousand.

SPANISH "LEAVES OF AUTUMN"

"Leaves of Autumn," Spanish, will again be in stock very soon. We have

AMONG THE EAST INDIANS

In almost the same mail last week we received two communications from the South Caribbean Conference of very special interest. One came from the conference office telling of their desire to secure more literature that would be suitable for distribution among the many East Indians there are there. The other is from one into whose hands there has fallen a copy of our Ingathering magazine. On April 3, under the heading "Warden's Office," San Fernando, Trinidad, B. W. I., he writes. Addressing the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Cristobal, as follows: "Dear Sirs:

I was rather delighted when reading on page 13 of the 'Harvest Ingathering for Missions' published by you that you have 52 publishing houses that issue 156 periodicals in 115 languages. My family are very much interested in the Hindi language. I enclose a specimen of the language, and shall be very thankful if you will send me, or perhaps inform me of, any literature issued in this language. If you cannot, I suggest that it will be good if you will kindly refer my letter to your Branch office in India.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
J. RAMREKAH."

HARVEST INGATHERING

The editions of Spanish and English Harvest Ingathering magazines for use in the Inter-American Division are nearly completed. A large number of papers have been shipped, and the balance holding for cover stock, will be finished very soon and sent on.

CONTAGIOUS AND TROPICAL DISEASES

Contagious and Tropical Diseases, Spanish, has been delayed beyond our control. All of the manuscript is now in, and we shall finish the book as rapidly as possible, which will be probably within a month. There will be a big demand for this book. Our first edition will be 20,000. The book will

ATLANTICO-COLOMBIA

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Two of our young men have begun selling the *Centinela* and taking subscriptions for it, while continuing their regular work. We hope that as they grow in age and experience, they will give up other work and dedicate themselves entirely to the circulation of our literature.

Only this week the Pacific Press has referred to us four letters from persons in Colombia. Three of these persons are in Barranquilla. They inquire about catalogs of our publications, and the price of "Home Physician." This is encouraging. When I see the useless and obscene literature that is printed and sold in Spanish, I am persuaded that there is scarcely any literature in general circulation here, except ours,

that is really fit to read. Since we have practically a monopoly on good literature in Spanish, how faithfully we should work to put it in the hands of the people.

I am persuaded that the Lord has many honest souls in this field; and we are praying that he will lead us to them, and enable us to present the truth to them in such a way that they may accept it and be saved.

E. W. THURBER.

SERVING STILL

[The following is an extract from a personal letter from the mother of Pastor D. D. Fitch, president of the South Caribbean Conference. She is now well along in her eighties, but continues to be active in her Master's service.]  
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CENTRAL AMERICAN BRANCH  
PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION  
BOOK SALES  
JANUARY-APRIL SALES

	Subscription	Trade	Education	Tract	Total
Bahamas	314.00	104.15	5.40	....	423.55
Cuba	9,133.85	422.10	1.50	....	9,557.45
Dominicana	2,836.35	44.40	....	72.00	2,952.75
Haiti	13.00	117.40	....	1.00	131.40
Jamaica	1,958.00	278.10	106.80	....	2,342.90
Porto Rico	3,131.50	304.45	....	....	3,435.95
<i>Antillian Union</i>	17,386.70	1,270.60	113.70	73.00	18,844.00
Guatemala-Salvador	3,154.50	53.90	....	71.60	3,280.00
Honduras	190.30	80.50	307.35	10.50	587.65
Mexico	6,199.00	332.05	15.00	....	6,546.05
<i>Aztec Union</i>	9,543.80	466.45	321.35	82.10	10,413.70
Atlantic Colombian Mission	139.30	73.95	2.50	....	215.75
Central Colombian Mission	7.50	30.20	....	....	37.70
Curacao Mission	32.05	12.50	....	22.80	67.35
Guiana	3,926.65	246.60	....	....	4,173.45
Leeward Islands	.90	80.45	....	.65	82.00
South Caribbean	....	72.75	....	....	72.75
Venezuela	7,801.10	106.50	1.65	35.00	7,944.25
West Caribbean	2,928.10	368.15	220.10	44.00	3,560.35
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	14,835.60	991.10	224.25	102.65	16,153.60
INTER-AMERICA	41,766.10	2,728.15	659.25	257.75	45,411.25

COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S SALES

January to April, 1926	41,766.10	2,728.15	659.25	257.75	45,411.25
January to April, 1925	29,150.95	2,996.95	525.35	319.95	32,993.20
	12,615.15 (Gain)	268.80 (Loss)	133.90 (Gain)	62.20 (Loss)	12,418.05 (Net Gain)

## SERVING STILL

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vice. I feel sure you will enjoy reading about her work. May we all be equally diligent in the finishing of the work. Ed.]

A lively interest is being manifested in the home commission work here in Port of Spain. We began Sabbath afternoon meetings about the first of November. I was appointed leader and Sister Shakespeare the secretary. Before the second meeting I was taken sick. When convalescing, it was easier for me to accompany my son in the car to a distant church than to walk to this one, so Sister Shakespeare has carried on the work in Port-of-Spain, calling on me frequently for advice. We have not advertised young mothers' meetings, or even parents' meetings, and it is surprising how many are attending. We just name them home commission meetings. Use is made of the "Testimonies," the Home Circle of the *Review*, any other good literature, and our own experiences.

My health is about normal. I am very busy with the answering of letters that come, with stacks of literature to be remailed to our dear people. By examining the *Review* list I find that only twenty copies are taken in the whole conference, and those by subscribers in eight out of the fifty churches. By the kindness of friends in the United States, every church is now receiving more or less of our good periodicals.

I think I am attending school, too, for I am writing so many letters, doing home commission work, and most of all, doing the proofreading on our conference paper. I am thankful that the girlhood instruction received in the little red schoolhouse nestled in the hills of central New York is sufficient to enable me to do a bit in the work of the dear Lord Jesus. Then, too, I am so thankful for the health I have. Instead of being a burden and care, I can care for myself and, as occasion demands, do something for others.

MOTHER FITCH.

## CARRYING BUILDING MATERIAL

You will be pleased to know that the church building is under way, and if it were not of stone, it could be finished sooner. The masons, however, are hoping to finish the wall in about two weeks. But carrying sand about three-fourths of a mile up a rocky hill, and water just about the same distance, is such a taxation physically on the women

and children that the building problem becomes harder and harder.

Should you see fifty-four women and children climbing the hill with their trays of sand, while the few men available are digging sledging stones, you would better grasp the situation. The masons have had to wait for some days because of not having the materials. We are, doing the best we can under the existing conditions, being mindful of having such work done as will fitly represent the message. J. A. REID.

## IN ANOTHER FIELD

A recent letter from Elder D. C. Babcock, superintendent of the Guiana Mission, contained the following interesting item: "Brother Carter, field missionary secretary, and a brother that speaks French, left yesterday for French Guiana to begin the book work there. That, to my knowledge, will be the first effort ever made to carry the truth to that colony."

## WE MUST OBEY

About three years ago a man named Casimiro Valdez accepted the truth and was getting ready for baptism when he met with an accident. He lived about three or four days after the accident. When about to die, he called his wife, who was baptized last May, and said to her: "I am going, but I am all right. You must not leave the Seventh-day Adventist religion. It is the true religion." Sister Valdez told me this story. Her two older daughters are candidates for our next baptism.

Another candidate for baptism, whom we can call Pina, told us of an experience she had recently. We had been studying the importance of obedience, and I believe this made a deep impression on her mind. She said: "I dreamed that I was one of a congregation gathered in a large hall. There was One in a separate room whom we could not see, but all at once a voice said, 'You must obey! You must obey!' The voice was of such a nature that it caused me to weep. I awoke and sat on the bed, saying, while the tears continued to flow, 'We must obey, we must obey.' My companion awoke at the sound of my voice and asked me what had happened. I related the dream to him and he said, 'Well, it is the Lord speaking to us, and we must obey.'"

Surely, our good Lord is helping us in many ways to finish the work.

ISMAEL ELLIS.

## BIG SHIPMENTS TO MEXICO

Mexico's colporteur work seems to be going ahead with splendid success. A week ago there came an order for 200 Spanish "Our Day," cloth, and 100 Spanish "Home Physician," keratol. Following on May 3, was received an order for 200 Spanish "Home Physician, cloth. Just as these books were being wrapped for sending, then comes a cable which, de-coded, is as follows: "Send us immediately 300 Spanish 'Our Day,' cloth, and 200 Spanish 'Our Day,' half leather."

## NEWS NOTES

Brother and Sister H. C. Kephart, their little daughter Betty, and the tiny baby girl, less than a month old, left Cristobal on April 21 aboard the "Manchuria," returning to the States for an extended furlough after some ten years' service in the Central American Field. Following a short stay in Washington, D. C., they will go on to Lafayette, Indiana, for the Inter-American councils there, and then attend the General Conference at Milwaukee. The work of Brother Kephart as manager of the Pacific Press Branch at Cristobal has been taken over by J. R. Ferren, who, with his family arrived here on April 16 from Mountain View, California. Brother Ferren has been associated with the Pacific Press for many years and will endeavor to adapt his experience to the needs of this field so that the same good service the house at Cristobal has been rendering may continue. Before returning to Central America the Kepharts will doubtless spend a number of months at Mountain View, California.

Friends of Elder and Mrs. E. M. Trummer, and their children, both at Balboa and Cristobal, were pleased to greet them as they passed through recently enroute to the General Conference. Brother Trummer formerly was president of the West Caribbean Conference and later Superintendent of the Central Colombia mission with headquarters at Bogota. Still more recently he has pioneered into what is now known as the Antioqueña Mission territory in Colombia and is now the director of our work in that field, with headquarters at Medellin, Colombia.

The need of representation of the Inter-American Division Conference at the General Conference at Milwaukee has called Elder and Mrs. E. E. Andross, and F. L. Harrison from the field temporarily. These workers, together with Miss Katherine Haynal, secretary in the office at Balboa, left Cristobal on Sunday, April 25, aboard the S. S. Cristobal bound for New York. Following the meetings in Lafayette, Indiana, they will attend the General Conference. Messenger readers will doubtless receive news from them from time to time until they return. Sister F. L. Harrison has remained in Balboa and will have charge of the office and handle the correspondence and business there during the absence of Elder Andross and Brother Harrison.

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