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## Our Watchword, Advance

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"Gentlemen, what are your marching orders? Success is not the question for you to discuss. If I read your orders aright, they run thus, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Gentlemen, obey your marching orders."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 115.

The above words were addressed by the great Duke of Wellington to a company of Christian men who were discussing the possibility of success in missionary effort among the heathen.

The hour has struck for a great advance move in every field throughout this division. "*Go forward*' is the command of God to His people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 271.

"Our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us 'ADVANCE. Enter new territory!' . . . Our watchword is to be, ONWARD, EVER ONWARD. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the way."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, pp. 28, 29.

Early in the year a word of greeting was passed on to us from the General Conference Committee suggesting that in every field around the world "Evangelism" be our watchword for 1927. This word was received very heartily by our workers, for even before this message came the Lord had rolled this burden upon our hearts. We were glad to know that the watchword "Evangelism" is being passed all along the line. This means a united forward movement in every land.

Upon our return to the office after attending a number of general meetings in the eastern and northern parts of our division we find "Evangelism" was the leading thought of the Spring Council and the following action was taken:

### "A SOLEMN CALL TO EVANGELISM.

"That we have recently reached a new era in evangelistic opportunity, is evident from the unparalleled interest and response of truth seekers to God's message for the hour. The evidence is clear that the Holy Spirit is being 'poured out upon all flesh' in this last remnant of time. It is therefore the solemn and unanimous conviction of this Council that God would have us sound the rally call to a more intensive and universal evangelism to continue until our task is done. And we firmly believe that the strengthening of the stakes at the home base is the surest way of lengthening the lines of our world mission endeavor.

"We believe the issues of the hour constitute a com-

PELLING challenge to recruit all the resources of this movement to the one object of the church on earth—the saving of souls. Holding our heaven-indited organization intact, we are convinced that the hour has come to make evangelism the dominant note in all, surveying both workers and laity to the end of utilizing the full man power of this movement. We recognize, moreover, that as we are living in the time of the latter rain and the Holy Spirit is the source of all power in evangelism, this call is a summons for us to humbly give ourselves anew to God for cleansing and enduement."

Never before have we come to just such a time as this. We have long looked forward to the closing scenes of this world's history, but now we are in the midst of them. "We need not say, The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, p. 315.

From distracted China Doctor Miller writes:

"We have no time to lose. We must give the message straight to the people, and warn the world as to the things that are coming on the earth. I am endeavoring to tell every man with whom I have opportunity to speak, that the end is near, and those who want eternal life must get ready to meet their Lord."

Each month that passes seems to increase the distress and perplexity of nations, and to intensify the fear that fills the hearts of statesmen as they are brought face to face with the things that are coming upon the earth.

The Holy Spirit is preparing the hearts of many in all lands for the only saving message; men and women are hungering for the truth as it is in Jesus. Wherever we proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible we shall find those who will respond to the call to repentance. Just now is the time to rally our forces for a concerted forward movement in every field in our division.

Strong evangelistic campaigns should be organized and led by our ministers. As far as possible the lay members should be enlisted as helpers. This is no time for the minister to settle down to shepherd the flock of God. It is true some will need to be visited and encouraged in every way possible; but the best help that can be given our churches is the training they should receive to administer spiritual help to those who sit in darkness.

Let us now awake and go forth in the power of the Spirit to arouse men and women everywhere to immediate preparation to meet their God.

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## \*TWO YEARS IN PORTO RICO

I take pleasure in reviewing before you the progress of the Third Angel's Message in Porto Rico during 1925 and 1926. But in setting ourselves to the task we are keenly conscious of the fact, that if it were not for the presence of divine mercy and heavenly longsuffering that has shielded this work amidst human failings and imperfections, pushing on its triumphs in spite of man's delay, broken vows, fanaticism, indifference and stubbornness, we would have a sorry tale to tell on this occasion. If, in spite of all, this truth has struck deeper roots than ever, and today stands embedded in nearly 400 hearts in this island, this is but another testimony to the indestructibility of God's message to the peoples of the earth for this time, and another evidence that He will fulfill His word in carrying this great undertaking to a glorious and triumphant consummation. We thank Him for the immutability of His purpose and for His mighty arm which has saved us many a time, even in spite of ourselves. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

We thank God for special protection during the hurricane and other violent storms, for the peace that has ruled in the land, and for the blessings of a government, based on the principles of civil and religious liberty, which has made it possible for us to carry on our work unhindered and unmolested.

While none of us may boast of an abundance of earthly possessions, comparative prosperity has attended the efforts of our brethren and sisters to gain their daily bread, which finds expression in a richer inflow of tithes into the mission treasury.

*Workers*

The little army of missionaries at present, consists of eight foreign and ten native workers. We regret having to register some losses that have come to our staff of workers during the last two years. Because of ill health, Elder F. E. Wilson and family had to leave the field in April, 1926.

Death claimed one of our beloved missionaries, Sister Leo Odom, who fell asleep in Jesus, in July, 1926. Her mem-

\* Report of the superintendent read at the biennial meeting January 23, 1927.

ory will not perish so long as the Third Angel's Message continues in this island field. She is the second soldier of the cross, from beyond the seas, that has fallen on the field of battle here. Brother Fischer fell in Mayaguez in the beginning of the work, and now Sister Odom who also rests under the dust of this island of the Antilles is a silent but ever-present challenge to the living army of workers to press on and on until the trumpet calls us home and the dead are reclaimed from their dusty beds.

We are happy to report a few new workers who have joined our ranks. During the biennial period just closed seven new workers have been added to the force of workers, two native and five foreign. Brother and Sister Kinzer were called to take the place of Brother and Sister Wilson. Professor Mangold and wife came to take charge of the training school and Sister Suche came as assistant teacher.

*The School*

After being closed for more than two years, the Aibonito Training School opened its doors on January 4, 1926. The enrolment was thirteen and the course extended over six months.

During the months of July and August we had a summer school, which a number of lay members and three of our workers attended. The summer school is adapted particularly to train lay members for the responsibilities of local church offices and for developing missionary activity among the church members. We believe that the field has been benefited greatly by this course, and we recommend its repetition; at the same time we would urge all our church members to avail themselves of a similar privilege whenever possible.

*The Departments*

Without going into details of the departmental phase of our work, I wish to thank the departmental secretaries for the earnest and painstaking effort put forth in order to make their part of the work a success.

Reports will show that our book work is undoubtedly, upon a saner basis than it has been for years. Colporteur debts are all but eliminated, and a more efficient class of colporteurs has been developed.

In the Sabbath school department we have seen a marked advance in daily lesson study, in offerings, and in general organization.

The Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments are being organized upon denominational lines and are getting lay members ready to play

their part more efficiently in the rapidly closing work.

*Conclusion*

With faithful toilers in this field,—their hands on the plow and their eyes toward heaven, looking steadfastly for the return of the Master;

With our departments,—the Sabbath School, the Home Missionary, the Missionary Volunteer and the Publishing, falling more and more into line with the great denominational plan;

With the doors of our school open to receive the young people eager for a preparation for service in the Master's vineyard;

With a summer school for the training of lay members for more effective cooperation with the general program of the denomination;

With lights shining in hitherto unentered parts of the island, attracting new believers to the truth;

With the printed page scattered from one end of the island to the other until almost every home contains some silent messenger that will speak with power at the given hour; and above all else,—

With the clock of Providence pointing its prophetic hand to the hour of the harvest, we have good reason for looking forward to great developments in the near future.

H. E. BAASCH.

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## AMONG THE CHURCHES

San Andres and Providence, of Colombia, are two beautiful islands located in the Caribbean Sea some distance off the coast of Nicaragua. Our work in these islands has been carried on to some extent for several years, but at the present time there seems to be an awakening that demands greater interest and cooperation on our part. On my recent visit there I found our good Brother Rudolph Newball at his post in San Andres where we have one church, and our faithful Brother Sheridan Archbold at Old Providence teaching church school and carrying other evangelistic duties in connection with the two churches we have there. We held meetings in each of these churches and baptized eight persons at Providence and two at San Andres. We need a consecrated teacher who would be able also to conduct services and lead out in the church work at San Andres. My visit

with these brethren was most enjoyable and I was sorry when the time came for me to leave them.

More recently I made a trip into the Chiriqui district. Here, at San Andres, of Panama, we organized a church of twenty-one members, a number of whom were members at Concepcion. San Andres is about four hours' ride on horseback (15 miles) from La Concepcion. In that region distance is measured by hours rather than by miles.

The power of the Word of God is manifested in a marvelous way among those who learn the truth as revealed in God's Holy Book. As in other places, many of the people here are given to numerous vices. There is great laxity in morals and in the family relations; but when the people begin to study the Word of God, they also begin to correct their manner of living. During my visit in the Province of Chiriqui I united in marriage three couples, who were numbered afterwards among the candidates for baptism. Before these brethren could secure their licenses it was necessary for them to obtain from the village priest certificates of their birth and christening. These he granted with great reluctance and an expression of disapproval at their becoming Protestants and being married by a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

At another place in the same district a priest has published in a little paper called *La Hotija Catolica* a warning against the "Adventistas." This act, however, only tends to create more enthusiasm in our work and to bring inquiries from remote places of Chiriqui regarding the message the Adventists are teaching.

The brethren at San Andres have already laid the foundation for a church building. Now they are calling for a Spanish church school teacher at San Andres and also at La Concepcion. Many people not of our faith also desire to send their children to one of our schools.

It was a pleasure to meet with the Spanish believers after several months' absence; to see how they have held to the faith, and to welcome fourteen new members into church fellowship through baptism.

The prospect for the work in the Province of Chiriqui is very bright. We hope to see a great work developed there in the near future. Let us pray that this hope may be realized.

W. R. POHLE.

PROSPECTS IN INTERIOR HONDURAS

We praise the Lord for His manifold blessings during the past year. As workers in Honduras we stand shoulder to shoulder in the work, and have consecrated ourselves for better efforts and more souls during 1927.

Our tithe receipts during 1926 show an increase of nearly one thousand dollars over the previous year. Our Harvest Ingathering goal for 1926 was placed at \$600.00 or \$200.00 more than was raised in 1925. We are thankful to the Lord that we may report very close to one thousand dollars in the past year's campaign.

The financial condition is quite serious here at the present time. The

REST WHERE YOU ARE

When spurred by tasks unceasing or undone,  
You would seek rest afar,  
And cannot, though repose be rightly won,  
Rest where you are.

Neglect the needless; sanctify the rest;  
Move without stress or jar;  
With quiet of a spirit self-possessed,  
Rest where you are.

Not in even, restriction, or release,  
Not in scenes near or far,  
But in ourselves is restlessness or peace,  
Rest where you are.

Where lives the soul, lives God; His day,  
His Word,  
No phantom mists need mar:  
His starry nights are tents of peace unfurled:  
Rest where you are.

—Unknown.

grasshoppers have destroyed millions of bunches of bananas, the main export from Honduras; consequently, all business suffers when the banana crop fails.

Sometime ago a man came to us inquiring about the Sabbath. He had read a number of our books and was very much interested in the Sabbath question. Dr. Gregory, the elder of the local church, studied with him. A short time ago we were indeed happily surprised to hear from his own lips that he, together with two of his servants, was now keeping the Lord's own day. He is the owner of an estate about five kilometers from San Pedro Sula. Last Sabbath while visiting him I looked over his library and found that he had eight of our large books, and "Steps to Christ." Truly, this man is a fruit of the labors of our faithful colporteurs. Plans have been laid to conduct meetings in his community, and as he is one

of the influential men in that vicinity, his example has already started an interest among his neighbors.

I made a trip to the interior where I visited our believers recently, in company with Elder L. H. Olson and a native brother. For five days we were in the saddle from ten to twelve hours daily. We were very glad to arrive at headquarters,—the home of our native worker, Lino Almandarez. He has done faithful work, and it was our privilege to baptize seven of his converts. One sister was baptized a few days later.

There are good prospects for our work in the interior, but we are greatly in need of native workers. The largest part of the interior of Honduras scarcely has been touched. There are large tribes of aboriginal Indians who also must hear the good news of the coming Saviour.

We are very happy to have with us now Brother E. C. Henriquez, formerly of British Guiana. He is located on the Bay Islands.

We are all well and of good courage in the Lord. Occasional touches of malaria do not keep our men down. God is good to us and we are pressing on. Pray for the work in Honduras.

E. J. LORNTZ.

IN REVOLUTIONARY NICARAGUA

At the height of the revolution in Nicaragua, it was my privilege to visit several localities where moral revolutions were being effected in human hearts. There was a desire to be on the side of God's truth while the country at large was being torn by political factions. Yes, even the grasshoppers and the smoke from a huge volcano were uniting in wasting the "land of beautiful lakes."

But in the midst of political turmoil and economical distress, my heart was cheered at the fidelity manifested and gratitude expressed as the result of the entrance of God's message a few months previous. The Lord used a very young man, who went there as a colporteur, to be the messenger of light. Hungry souls drank in the message of truth he taught during his brief sojourn among them. The seed sown has not grown to maturity but it has fallen upon good ground, and it is a privilege and joy to water the tender growth struggling to maintain itself amidst religious and political persecution, and the cares of this life.

The political persecution means much to these earnest people, some of whom have been drafted into the army.

Others have been hiding in the fields and mountains for days and weeks with no roof to protect them. But even that is preferable to prison, beatings, and torture. Wives and children are learning to suffer alone with heroic stoicism. One member of a believer's home recently died as a result of exposure and imprisonment. They are experiencing a foretaste of the future time of trouble. The conditions at the present time are not very favorable for evangelistic work. However, prayers for peace in the land and in hearts are arising from all quarters. There are great opportunities to labor for Christ, and workers are needed to enter waiting Nicaragua.

J. L. HOLDER.

### PROGRESS IN COSTA RICA

We are glad to report progress in our little field. Five were baptized last December; two backsliders were reclaimed; and a member from one of Jamaica's churches joined us. These have made quite an addition to our little company.

We thank God for the success we attained in the Harvest Ingathering work. We more than reached our goal.

Our Week of Prayer meetings were well attended and we had a blessed time together. Many strangers joined us in songs of praise. During the Week of Prayer at Cairo three promised to keep the Sabbath. One has started and we hope the others will follow soon.

We thank and praise God for all the progress that has been made in this field. He is able to bless and forward His work in spite of the hindrances so common to this field. There will certainly be joy when the work is done. Pray for Costa Rica.

LIN. RASHFORD.

### ATLANTIC-COLOMBIA

In Carillo, on the River Sinu, near Cerete, a number accepted the truth last year under the labors of Brother Castro. Brother Redondo has visited these members regularly and they are accepting all points of the truth. In these families there are children who need an education, and the parents have expressed their desire to give the children a Christian training under an Adventist teacher. In response to this call, the Barranquilla church sent Sister Narcisca Moreno, who has been a very faithful member of the church and Missionary Volunteer society. She will find a wonderful field of service, and we are

confident that she will be a great help to the young people in Carillo.

Brother Zepherin reports excellent success with "Nuevo Médico" up in "the province," as that part of Magdalena around Valledupar is known.

Brother Moises Valdes, with his family has gone to live in Sincelejo. This is the center of a rich stock-raising and agricultural region, in which we have no work started. He will canvass the many towns in that part of the country, visiting them repeatedly with various books. He is a true missionary, always letting his light shine; so we believe that one day there will be Sabbath-keepers in those parts.

Brother Redondo and his daughter, Carmen, recently spent some time in Cartagena in the Harvest Ingathering work and in taking subscriptions to *El Centinela*. They have gathered over one hundred dollars already this year and expect to receive more as opportunity offers to visit other places. We feel greatly encouraged by this good beginning.

Sister Victoria Davila arrived from Guatemala not long ago and is taking charge of the school in Barranquilla.

A young man who drives an autobus in Barranquilla has arranged with his employer to have Sabbaths off by putting in extra time during the week. He received the truth through the efforts of members of the local church.

E. W. THURBER.

### A SMALL BEGINNING

The prosperous little town of Girardot, Colombia, is situated at a point where the railroad and mule trail on the Pacific coast meet the boats of the Magdalena River, bringing passengers and freight from the Atlantic coast. The railroad from the capital also extends to Girardot.

The inhabitants of this place are liberal-minded and progressive. At the time of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, when they were afforded the opportunity of giving to our work, they gave gladly.

The seeds sown in this place by Brother Carlos Prado, one of our native colporteurs, have ripened, and on the Sabbath of January 22, we reaped the harvest. A very impressive baptismal service was held on the banks of the Fusagasuga River at which time three candidates were baptized. Some of the brethren from the Bogotá church assisted in the service. A number of interested people from Girardot attended the service; also women, with cigars in

their mouths, who were washing clothes on the rocks at the water's edge, looked on curiously.

During our week-end visit at this place several meetings were held, and we believe that soon the interested ones, some of whom have been keeping the Sabbath for some time, will be ready to join us. It is our hope that ere long a flourishing little church can be established there. The new members are enthusiastic, and filled with missionary zeal, and we believe that the Lord will use them in the saving of their fellowmen.

GEORGE C. NICKLE.

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### ONE MORE CONFERENCE

The Guiana Mission was organized in December, 1924 with Elder D. C. Babcock as superintendent. At its biennial meeting which closed January 9, 1927, it was organized into a conference with a membership of 499. The territory of this new conference includes British, Dutch, and French Guiana with a total population of 470,827.

The work in this field in recent years, preceding its organization into a separate mission, had not developed as it should because of the impossibility of giving it close supervision. The last two years, however, it has made encouraging progress, and the prospects for much more rapid development in the future are very promising. Three newly organized churches were admitted into the conference. There are between one and two hundred candidates preparing for baptism in the various baptismal classes. The laborers and lay members present at the conference set their goals at 440 baptisms during 1927.

Very little has been done as yet in an aggressive way to bring the truths of this message to the people of Dutch Guiana, and nothing for French Guiana. We have a small company of believers in Dutch Guiana near the border of British Guiana, but beyond this, the entire field remains unworked. Our people carry a burden for the people of these colonies and are planning to enter this territory at an early date.

These three colonies have recently passed through an extremely severe drought. It was so protracted that great financial loss was sustained in every line of business. Large numbers

of people became so emaciated through lack of food that they fell easy victims to the fever that raged along the great rivers and generally on the low lands. Large areas of virgin forest lands were burned over, and great suffering followed. It seemed for a time as if the tithes and offerings of our people would in consequence of the financial distress of the colony be reduced far below the previous year; but to the surprise of all, they were slightly in excess of the preceding record. The drought is now broken, the epidemic of fever, from which our own people suffered severely, many having succumbed to its ravages, has subsided, and altogether the prospect for the future of our work is most encouraging. Our people returned to their homes with bright hopes for the speedy triumph of the message and the soon coming of our blessed Lord; and with joyful, happy hearts, knowing that their sins are all forgiven, and confident of ultimate personal glorious triumph at the appearing of their Redeemer and Saviour, they are resolved to do all in their power to help make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Unfortunately in the midst of the meeting, Pastor Babcock was taken down with a severe hemorrhage of the stomach. For a time it seemed quite uncertain how the case would terminate, but in response to earnest prayer in his behalf, he rallied, and was well on the way toward recovering when the conference closed.

Brother Babcock has labored unwearyingly in this cause in the mission fields of West Africa and of Inter-America, having spent many years in the most perilous districts, enduring the greatest hardships, that he might bring the good news of salvation to those who sat in darkness, but whom he had learned to love with a love that was stronger than death. Although these many years of hardship and toil in fever districts and in tsetse fly areas have drawn heavily upon his strength, he still toils on with a vivacity and power of endurance that is remarkable for one of his age. Having been saved from death many times through prayer, his trust in God has become so simple and habitual that he fears nothing in the line of duty.

With the great army of youth in the homes of our people and in our schools rightly trained, and thus thoroughly consecrated to the work of God, every dark corner of this old world would soon be lighted with the glory of this message.

E. E. ANDROSS.

### GAINS IN LEEWARD ISLANDS

The transportation service between the islands of the Leeward group, which is usually very slow, seemed to be especially arranged for the convenience of the delegates who attended the conference session at Antigua, February 3 to 13. The greater proportion of these delegates arrived a few hours before the opening meeting; and the arrival of a boat the next morning after the conference closed made it possible for them to return to their homes with no delay whatever. Pastor Hollister, Pastor and Sister Giddings from Martinique, and the writer were, however, not so fortunate, for we had to wait eight days for our boat.

The roll call at the biennial meeting was responded to by delegates from the following islands: Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, St. Eustatius, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Croix, and Martinique. This conference also includes the islands of Guadeloupe, Tortola, St. Martins, Anguilla, and Saba, where the work has been started.

This meeting is referred to as a conference session because one of the first items on the agenda was the organization of the Leeward Islands Mission into a conference. On January 1, 1925 this group of islands, comprising thirteen churches and four companies, with a membership of 535, was organized into a mission field, with Pastor H. J. Edmed as superintendent. The work has steadily gone forward until the membership at the close of 1926 was 666, and at the time of the conference almost 700.

Three new churches, with a combined membership of 72, were added to the conference at this meeting. During the past two years six church buildings were erected. In these islands, where hurricanes are becoming so prevalent it has been found necessary to erect buildings which will stand up against the fury of these storms. The writer had the privilege of visiting one of these churches at Seatons, Antigua, and was greatly impressed with the neatness and substantial character of this stone structure.

The reports of the various departments of the work were outlined upon large paper charts for the benefit of the delegates; and these reports indicated remarkable progress. It was encouraging to notice that, with scarcely an exception, the report of 1926 exceeded that of 1925. The increase in tithes was 15% and that of mission offerings 52%. When the poverty of the majority of our members in this field is taken into consideration, this gain is remarkable. The Frederiksted church on the island

of St. Croix reached 26 cents per member in Sabbath school offerings.

One interesting item of the financial report was the fact that every church in the conference was free from debt to the tract society. The churches are determined that they shall remain in this condition.

The delegates and members present at this meeting manifested great zeal and enthusiasm concerning their future missionary work, and placed their conference goal for souls at 268.

Pastor H. J. Edmed, who enjoys the confidence of both workers and people, was elected president of the conference. The workers present at this meeting from outside the conference were, Pastor M. A. Hollister, president of the East Caribbean Union Conference, and the writer, representing the Inter-American Division.

C. E. WOOD.

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### CALLS FOR HELP

Sabbath, February 19, I organized the church in Guadalajara with fifteen members. By the end of this quarter we shall add at least three more by baptism. Our Sabbath school keeps growing and our average attendance at the Sabbath services is over forty. Last week we had eighteen visitors in Sabbath school.

Over in Atengo, a little place about a day's ride from the railroad, we have a Home Department Sabbath school of two members. Recently I went out to a place about an hour's ride in the little bus and started meetings on the ranch of a man who is accepting the truth. He has a large farm of about 2,000 acres. The people were very much interested and wished to know when I would be back so they could go to the nearby town to invite people from there.

There is a town by the name of Mazata, not far up in the interior, where forty attended meetings held by colporteurs recently. The mayor begged that they remain longer and instruct the people in the gospel, guaranteeing freedom and safety to them, and promising also to attend himself. In another town, by the name of Tala, off in the same direction, there is a family of ten, all of whose members have promised to accept the truth; but they need some one to instruct them.

While in Atengo I was told that in

the city of Mascota a Sabbath church was being organized, but I could not learn whether the members were affiliated with any denomination. If the Lord wills I shall start off in that direction very soon, canvassing to cover expenses. The city is far from the railroad in the interior, and it is almost imperative that I get a horse. This will be another expense, but I believe it will be cheaper in the long run than to hire one. In Ameca or Atengo I can get a fairly good horse and wooden saddle for about twenty-five pesos, whereas it costs about three pesos a day for hire.

We are informed also that there are Sabbath-keepers in a mine, about a half-day's ride horseback from Ameca. With this and other interests, I am lost to know what to do next. With no extra budget or workers, I do not know how to meet the demands. Pray for our field.

ERNEST POHLE.

### "I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE"

We were passing by a place in Old Mexico where a Japanese vice-consul was killed and robbed, and his house burned to destroy the evidence. As we passed the house my wife picked up a small bit of paper which was partly burned, but some of the writing was legible. It was in Japanese, but one line was an English translation. It read: "I gave my life for Thee."

How many there are in all of these great cities of Mexico with its fifteen millions of people, 80,000 of whom are Chinese and Japanese, for whom we have scarcely begun work. But we find our way hedged with increasing difficulties. First came the flood, next the Yaqui war, then religious controversy, and on January first at midnight, came a most terrific earthquake which wounded several and destroyed nearly a million dollars' worth of property. Shocks were felt for several days following the first quake. We were holding a series of public meetings in a rented hall just at this time; but the recurring quakes frightened the people and we were forced to follow up the work with cottage meetings. But we are hopeful that in spite of these difficulties some will take their stand for the truth.

C. E. MOON.

### Home Missionary Department

#### WON BY A PAPER

About two years ago a missionary worker placed a *Signs of the Times* in

one of the reading racks in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, with a prayer that its message might reach some honest heart. The next visit to the reading room disclosed the fact that this particular paper had gone on its mission; but the one who placed it there probably has not known the result.

It was a young man who was led by the Spirit to that reading rack, and in this particular *Signs of the Times*, he found something which made a lasting impression upon his mind. Later this young man enlisted in the United States Navy; and, two years afterward while the fleet was anchored at Colon before passing through the Panama Canal, he had the privilege of going ashore. There, while in a partly intoxicated condition, he met with an experience which marked the turning point in his life.

A colored man, actuated by the same missionary impulse which caused the worker in Little Rock, Arkansas, to place the paper in the reading rack met this young man on the street and offered him a *Signs of the Times*. The name and appearance of the paper were recognized at once, and this time it brought a more definite message, for it told of the seventh-day Sabbath. The worker in Little Rock sowed the seed, the colored worker in Colon watered it, and now the Lord gave the increase; for this young man was truly converted.

He decided to be faithful to the Lord's command concerning the Sabbath, and this eventually brought him into difficulty with the officers of the ship; for when he refused to report for duty on the Sabbath, he was placed in a cell to await his court martial trial.

A letter, telling of the young man's trouble, reached the Inter-American Division office, and Pastor E. E. Andross and the writer visited the vessel where he was confined, to render him all the help and encouragement we could. His court martial was to take place the following day; and we prayed that the Lord would intervene to save this young man from imprisonment. He told us that the sentence of the court would not alter his determination to be true to God and to obey Him.

This story is being written to illustrate the wonderful possibilities there are in scattering the printed page. It does not require very much effort to place a paper in a reading rack, or to pass out a tract to the passer-by; but eternity will reveal the wave of influence that was set in motion by this simple act of love.

C. E. WOOD.

### Missionary Volunteer Department

#### WITH A FEW OF OUR YOUTH

New courage fills my heart as I think of the young people I have met in different parts of our field during the first three months of this year. They seem to love the Master supremely and to have no other desire than to serve Him efficiently in the closing work.

Some of those in Venezuela I had met two years before and I rejoiced greatly to see that most of them had made remarkable advancement. A few had left their native land to enter one of our advanced training schools.

Over in Porto Rico our young people had the same spirit of devotion. Some of them came to the meeting rejoicing that they had not turned back for hardships in the colporteur field but had persevered till they won scholarships and had become students enrolled in our school up in the mountains.

In Santo Domingo it was a pleasure each day to meet with our splendid group of young people who pressed into our Missionary Volunteer room. All desired to join the prayer bands and this spirit of devotion made our meetings most precious. One of our junior boys there was having much success in colporteur work and had gathered about \$73.00 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

In Haiti was the largest group of young people. About 250 came each morning to the 6:00 o'clock meeting, and the enthusiasm with which they repeated the Morning Watch verses stirred my soul. We had 20 prayer bands. Truly it was a pleasure to work with these young people.

I believe our young people in all these fields have returned to their homes determined to do better work for the Master. And surely as day by day they press closer to their Guide in service for the lost, we shall see them doing exploits for the King of kings.

#### BIBLES GIVEN AWAY

Do you remember that very early in 1926 it was announced that a Bible would be given to each Missionary Volunteer who by the close of the year could present three Bible Year certificates and one Standard of Attainment certificate?

The first of these gift Bibles went to

the South Caribbean Conference to the following young people:

Hilaria Edwards, Ada St. Hill, Clifton Sebastian Modeste, Rosamond Sharpe, Maud Jones, Beryl St. Rose, Seth Ambrose, Enos B. Ambrose.

We rejoice to send Bibles to these ambitious young people. Most of these names have become quite familiar to us in the division office; and we congratulate these young people on reaching this another goal. We trust that they will form the habit of reading the Bible every year, and continue to set a good example in striving for greater efficiency in service.

*Publishing Department*

**THROUGH THE FIELD**

Brother Leo Odom, Field Missionary secretary of the Porto Rican Mission gave a splendid biennial report of the colporteur work. And the record was all made with an old damaged stock of books. "I am determined to get them off the shelves," was the resolution made by Brother Leo Odom; and soon the old stock will be sold, and how much better that is than to leave them on the shelves in Porto Rico.

Book Sales	1925	1926
Value of Sales	\$6,664.58	\$7,769.11
Efficiency in delivery	69%	83%
Scholarships earned	6	7
Centinelas sold	5,970	13,110
Subscriptions	266	904

This is the kind of report that "maketh the bones fat." The Lord has greatly blessed the work in Porto Rico; and He is still blessing; the last letter from this island informs us that there are thirteen colporteurs in the field doing a grand work.

It did my heart much good to see how enthusiastic our dear brethren and sisters were about the colporteur work in Santo Domingo. Every afternoon from twenty to thirty came together to study better methods in selling our literature.

Brother F. Brito, whose services were appreciated, had to give up the Field Missionary work, on account of poor health. But inasmuch as so many manifested a great interest in this work, the brethren did not think it advisable to be without a field missionary secretary, so Brother Paul Johnson was chosen to take this work.

Since leaving the field in February, I have received good news saying that

those who were instructed in taking subscriptions for *El Centinela*, soon increased the list from one hundred to three hundred every month. We are sure we shall soon see greater progress.

So Santo Domingo is determined to take her place among those who believe that now is the time to circulate our truth-filled literature "like leaves of autumn."

And now we turn to Haiti. About an hour's ride southwest from Cape Haitien, headquarters of the Haitien Mission, brings us to Limbe, where we enjoyed one of the best and most important general meetings ever held in Haiti. Four or five hundred of our brethren and sisters came in from all parts of the island. Many people not of the truth came to the evening services and sometimes there were present over one thousand. The people of Haiti have a great respect for the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventists.

In this field as in other places the dear brethren and sisters realize the importance of the printed page. They believe the statement written by the Spirit of Prophecy which says, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public."—*Christian Education*, page 80.

"Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message!' Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere."—*Christian Service*, page 145.

Fifteen to twenty felt they were needed for the colporteur work, so they attended a class every afternoon. We studied a presentation for one of the latest French books and all took hold enthusiastically.

This field has been without a leader for sometime, so very little has been accomplished with the printed page. But we were all made happy to see the committee vote that Brother Apollon act as Field Missionary secretary for the present; and we are confident that many more books will be sold in Haiti in the near future.

With arrangements made for somebody to lead in the field to direct and

encourage colporteurs, Brother Raff and I next visited the school at Vaudreuil. After we presented the scholarship plan and explained its benefits, sixteen young students entered a colporteur's class to be trained for work next summer. We feel sure that the Lord will help every young person that will go out and persevere during the vacation to come back with a scholarship.

J. A. P. GREEN.

*Sabbath School Department*

**SABBATH SCHOOL RALLY DAY**

June is the date for our Sabbath school Rally. But now is the time to begin to plan for it. Rally Day should mean a better Sabbath School in your church. Begin now to work to that end.

Give careful study to the needs of your Sabbath school in the teachers' meeting each week, though nothing must infringe on the lesson study. Have any of the teachers suggestions for improving the opening exercises? the secretary's report? Of course every ambitious superintendent and secretary solicits helpful suggestions. Then how are the classes doing? Which class holds the best record in attendance, daily study, etc.? If so, why? Perhaps other teachers could get hints on bringing their classes on to higher ground.

Let us struggle—yes really struggle—to get out of old, careless ruts. Seeing how much improvement we can make before Rally Day will help all of us to have the best Rally Day the division has ever known.

*El Mensajero* for May will contain special help for Rally day for our Spanish schools.

**TELL ME**

Should we add the Birthday offerings and Investment funds in with the amount reported for the twelve Sabbaths?

The new Sabbath school blank provides a place for each of these items where they can be reported separately and then added in with the other totals. So after this, kindly *do not include* the Birthday and Investment fund offerings in the offerings for the twelve Sabbaths nor yet for the Thirteenth Sabbath. Keep them separate. You should have four distinct offerings to add together. They are Offerings for the twelve Sabbaths, Birthday offerings, Investment fund, and the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings.

**"MOTHER'S BREAD"**

Often in the homeland I noticed "Mother's Bread" in the corner grocery, but recently in Venezuela, the delegates to the general meeting were served to real mother's bread, prepared by another of the dear mothers in Israel with whom our division is blessed.

A few days before the conference began, Mother Crummel, as the workers affectionately call Sister Borrowdale's mother, "opened her conference bakery," in order to have enough bread on hand for the hungry delegates who were turning their faces toward Caracas. Each day during the meeting she baked at least six large appetizing loaves.

Mother Crummel is in the land of a strange tongue, but her friendly manner and pleasant smile are a constant benediction to the younger workers and to the believers whose language she cannot speak. And while we shall long remember the good bread served at the Venezuela meeting, we shall especially recall the sweet helpful influence of Mother Crummel, who in her old age is stirring others to fuller consecration and more untiring toil; and we shall continue to feel thankful for another mother in Israel who wearies not in the Master's service.

**WHERE ARE OUR WORKERS?**

Word from Mexico tells us that Pastor H. J. Winter is seriously ill. We are praying earnestly that God may restore him fully that he may continue to press forward the work to which he has given his life so unstintingly. Pastor Parsons solicits your prayers in behalf of Brother Winter.

Brother and Sister J. L. Holder and their little boys, Joseph and Benjamin, have been in Panama during the West Caribbean meeting, during their well-earned and over-due furlough.

The workers in the division office have also been glad to greet Pastor E. J. Lorntz, superintendent of the Honduras Mission, Pastor E. P. Howard, superintendent of the Guatemala-Salvador Mission, as well as their union leaders, Pastor W. E. Baxter, the superintendent, Brother A. P. Christiansen, the secretary-treasurer, and Pastor C. B. Sutton, the field missionary-secretary. These and other workers are assembled in union committee meeting at Las Cascadas.

Brother G. D. Raff believes in keeping busy; so while he was waiting in Port au Prince for the steamer to finish loading cargo, he was out on the firing line, getting subscriptions for *El Centinela*. He took four yearly subscriptions to our Spanish paper in that French port.

Brother E. M. Trummer, superintendent of the Antioqueña Mission, rejoices over finding more help. He writes: "The Lord has given us a native colporteur, Abelardo S. Piedrahita, and he is doing well. We have ordered 500 *Centinelas* beginning with May."

Brother Fred Brower writes from Bogotá (Colombia): "Last week Brother Eugenio Plata and I took orders for more than \$240 worth of books. We are of good courage. I expect to remain with this brother till he can carry the work on alone."

Pastor C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Sonora Mission, writes that he has baptized six adults recently. The headquarters of the Sonora Mission are being moved from Nogales, Arizona to Navajoa, Mexico, the very center of its territory.

Brother and Sister J. G. Pettey, and little Jimmie are now settled in Mexico City. Brother Pettey is the new secretary-treasurer for the Mexican Union.

Pastor J. B. Nelson, superintendent of the Tehuantepec Mission, writes: "You will be glad to learn that we have organized six new Sabbath schools and Missionary Volunteer societies in 1927. Our total number of Sabbath schools now is 32." Forty-five baptisms and three new churches are other tokens of progress during the first few months of this year.

Pastor D. A. Parsons writes: "Brethren Max Fuss and A. E. Lutz from Germany have recently arrived to canvass among the many Germans in this country. Pastor and Sister Dinus, formerly in charge of the German church

in the next the entire population is eager to hear the truth; and in the third, eighteen came to our meetings. In each place they begged us to come back soon and to bring each of them a Bible. O, if we could only fill all these openings, I would be so happy."

**THE KING'S POCKET LEAGUE**

Every member of the King's Pocket League should sign the following pledge. These King's Pocket League cards can be obtained from your tract society.

"I believe that Christ's supreme desire is to win all men back to the Father. Experience shows that most of those who return are won through the individual effort of His witnesses. Luke 19:10; 24:45-48.

"As the purpose of Jesus in redeeming me included my becoming a personal witness for Him in order that I may cooperate with Him in carrying out His plans, I will endeavor from this day in conversation and with the printed pages that I am pledged to carry, to bring Him and His special messages for this time to the attention of individuals as I have opportunity, and I will ask God to open the way for such individual effort. This purpose includes the dedication of a pocket (or space) in which to carry these pages of truth."

**WORKING TOWARD AN OBJECTIVE**

It is the privilege and duty of every individual, who is the recipient of divine love and grace and a candidate for eternal life, to become an ambassador of Christ in the work of saving the lost; and he who strives for definite results will be the most successful. The farmer who sows the seed in the soil has in mind a definite yield for each field. Likewise he who sows the seeds of truth should set a goal for souls, in order that he may be prompted to water the precious seeds so faithfully that definite results may be achieved.

The three conferences, South Caribbean, Leeward Islands, and Guiana, comprising the East Caribbean Union Conference, have set an aggregate goal for souls. They will give a practical demonstration to the other unions of the division of what may be accomplished when all unite in pressing toward a common objective.

C. E. Wood.

"When you arise in the morning kneel at your bedside, and ask God to give you strength to fulfill the duties of the day and to meet its temptations." *Review and Herald*, May 5, 1910.

"In the morning the Christian's first thoughts should be upon God. Worldly labor and self-interest should be secondary." *Testimonies*, Vol. I, p. 397.

"Several times each day, precious golden moments should be consecrated to prayer and the study of the Scriptures, if it is only to commit a text to memory, that spiritual life may exist in the soul." *Testimonies*, Vol. IV, p. 459.

**GOING TO SCHOOL WITHOUT MONEY**

To many of our young people who desire a Christian education the question comes to their mind, "What can I do to help pay my way through school?" This question has already been answered by several of our young people in different parts of our division.

The students in our school at Aibonito, Porto Rico, were given a vision as to what could be done by canvassing for scholarships. Our beloved Sister Leo Odom, who now sleeps in Jesus, helped to make this plan a success; and thus has started something that will continue to prove a great blessing to the work in Porto Rico. Today there are in that school seven young people who have earned two scholarships each.

While attending a colporteurs' institute in Caracas, Venezuela, a letter came from Brother Rafael D. Fleites, who at present is attending our school in South America. In it he said, "Today it is two weeks since I left the school in order to earn enough for next year; and thanks to the Lord, by His goodness, in these few days, I have taken orders to the amount of half a scholarship." His next sentence expresses his confidence in the scholarship plan: "And so with the help of the Lord I will not only earn enough to continue my studies during 1927, but also for the next year, and the next, and the next." These words from our Venezuelan brother should inspire many young people to go out this summer and work for a scholarship.

There is no better way for consecrated young men and women to obtain an education. It will help you gain a rich experience in the canvassing field and as a result of paying your own school expenses you will learn valuable lessons in self-reliance.

Let us begin to plan NOW to enter the rank of students who are determined to earn enough to pay for the next school term. Write to your field missionary secretary for scholarship regulations.

J. A. P. GREEN.

in Baltimore, Maryland, are expected to arrive here in Mexico City in a few days to take charge of the German work. All of our workers and other believers here extend to these new workers a hearty welcome.

"Two weeks ago Brother A. E. Torres, who has charge of the company in Mexico City, baptized fifteen persons, and a larger class awaits baptism. Brother Parfit is also being greatly blessed in his work in the Gulf Mission. I am now about to visit the Lake and Yucatan Missions on my way to the meeting of the division committee to be held in Balboa, Canal Zone, in May."

"This last trip out," writes Brother E. E. Pohle, of the Lake Mission, Mexico, "was to follow up interests created by the colporteurs. I visited three towns. In the first, ten are keeping the Sabbath and many more are interested;

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