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Every Motive Weighed

"The work of the investigative judgment and the blotting out of sins is to be accomplished before the second advent of the Lord. Since the dead are to be judged out of the things written in the books, it is impossible that the sins of men should be blotted out until after the judgment at which their cases are to be investigated. But the apostle Peter distinctly states that the sins of believers will be blotted out 'when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ.' When the investigative judgment closes, Christ will come, and His reward will be with Him to give to every man as his work shall be. . . .

"At the time appointed for the judgment—the close of the 2,300 days, in 1844—began the work of investigation and blotting out of sins. All who have ever taken upon themselves the name of Christ must pass its searching scrutiny. Both the living and the dead are to be judged 'out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.'

"Sins that have not been repented of and forsaken will not be pardoned, and blotted out of the books of record, but will stand to witness against the sinner in the day of God. He may have committed his evil deeds in the light of day or in the darkness of night; but they were open and manifest before Him with whom we have to do. Angels of God witnessed each sin, and registered it in the unerring records. Sin may be concealed, denied, covered up from father, mother, wife, children, and associates; no one but the guilty actors may cherish the least suspicion of the wrong; but it is laid bare before the intelligences of heaven. The darkness of the darkest night, the secrecy of all deceptive arts, is not sufficient to veil one thought from the knowledge of the Eternal. God has an exact record of every unjust account and every unfair dealing. He is not deceived by appearances of piety. He makes no mistakes in His estimation of character. Men may be deceived by those who are corrupt in heart, but God pierces all disguises, and reads the inner life.

"How solemn is the thought! Day after day, passing into eternity, bears its burden of records for the books of heaven. Words once spoken, deeds once done, can never be recalled. Angels have registered both the good and the evil. The mightiest conqueror upon the earth cannot call back the record of even a single day. Our acts, our words, even our most secret motives, all have their weight in deciding our destiny for weal or woe. Though they may be forgotten by us, they will bear their testimony to justify or to condemn.

"As the features of the countenance are reproduced with unerring accuracy on the polished plate of the artist, so the character is faithfully delineated in the books above. Yet how little solicitude is felt concerning that record which is to meet the gaze of heavenly beings. Could the veil which separates the visible from the invisible world be swept back, and the children of men behold an angel recording every word and deed, which they must meet again in the judgment,

how many words that are daily uttered would remain unspoken; how many deeds would remain undone.

"In the judgment, the use made of every talent will be scrutinized. How have we employed the capital lent us of Heaven? Will the Lord at His coming receive His own with usury? Have we improved the powers intrusted us, in hand and heart and brain, to the glory of God and the blessing of the world? How have we used our time, our pen, our voice, our money, our influence? What have we done for Christ, in the person of the poor, the afflicted, the orphan or the widow? God has made us the depositaries of His holy word; what have we done with the light and truth given us to make men wise unto salvation? No value is attached to mere profession of faith in Christ; only the love which is shown by works is counted genuine. Yet it is love alone which in the sight of Heaven makes any act of value. Whatever is done from love, however small it may appear in the estimation of men, is accepted and rewarded of God.

"The hidden selfishness of men stands revealed in the books of heaven. There is the record of unfulfilled duties to their fellow-men, of forgetfulness of the Saviour's claims. There they will see how often were given to Satan the time, thought, and strength that belonged to Christ. Sad is the record which angels bear to heaven. Intelligent beings, professed followers of Christ, are absorbed in the acquirement of worldly possessions or the enjoyment of earthly pleasure. Money, time, and strength are sacrificed for display and self-indulgence; but few are the moments devoted to prayer, to the searching of the Scriptures, to humiliation of soul and confession of sin.

"Satan invents unnumbered schemes to occupy our minds, that they may not dwell upon the very work with which we ought to be best acquainted. The arch-deceiver hates the great truths that bring to view an atoning sacrifice and an all-powerful Mediator. He knows that with him everything depends on his diverting minds from Jesus and His truth.

"Those who would share the benefits of the Saviour's mediation should permit nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God. The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display, or to gain-seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the Word of truth. The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise, it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days."—*"Great Controversy," pp. 485-489.*

DIVISION COUNCIL PLANS

The Inter-American Division Council for 1930 was held in Glendale, California just preceding the General Conference session. As the members of the division committee were to attend the General Conference it was a saving of time and expense for us to meet in Glendale. Provision was made by the management of the Glendale Sanitarium to provide suitable accommodations for the workers attending the council. Our hearts were cheered as we listened to the reports of the union superintendents of how the gospel is finding its way into the different parts of this division, and the response of the people in accepting the Message. The Antillian Union reported 1,059 souls baptized during 1929, and Jamaica and Haiti set their goal for one thousand baptisms during the year 1930. From the Colombia-Venezuela Union came the word that the doors are now opened and the experiences related unite in one great testimony that the people are ready for the Message. The superintendent of the Central American Union told of a steady growth along all lines in the various fields of his union. Twenty-two are keeping the Sabbath in Salvador as the result of an effort there. The Caribbean Union (formerly the East Caribbean) reported that in St. Lucia, as a result of the sale of one book, thirty are keeping the Sabbath. One thousand people attended the first meeting of an effort which Brother Coon held in Trinidad and after a short time 183 signed the covenant. From the Mexican Union also came a report of progress. In the Central Mexican Mission there are 300 new Sabbath keepers. Instead of 250 baptized believers which they had a few years ago, they now have 1,500 baptized members. The colporteurs are doing good work in the different parts of this union.

We were pleased to have with us from the General Conference, Pastors C. K. Meyers, J. C. Thompson and B. E. Beddoe. Brother J. H. Cochran was present from the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Careful study was given to the problems presented and actions were taken that we believe will be of vital interest to our people in the various fields of the division. The actions of general interest are as follows:

Thanks to God and Expression of Sympathy

WHEREAS, God has wondrously blessed Inter-America since we last assembled in division council by granting success to the soul-winning efforts, not only of our regularly employed laborers, but also of our noble army of lay members, by preserving the lives of nearly all our workers, by protecting them amid bitter persecution, by shielding our believers through raging hurricanes, and by sustaining us all in every time of need, therefore,

We resolve, First, that we express our heartfelt gratitude to God by dedicating our lives

anew to the Master to press forward, uniting heart and soul with Him and with one another in the speedy finishing of the work, and—

Further, we resolve, That we express our sympathy to those of our number who have been called to mourn the loss of loved ones by death since we last assembled in division council.

Elders Andross and Meyers spoke to this resolution; and Elder C. K. Meyers offered an earnest prayer to God in behalf of our field.

Recommendations on Educational Boards

Voted, That the following recommendations be adopted touching on school boards for various schools in the division:

1. That in case of a training school which is operated as a local conference or mission institution, the board of management be appointed by the union conference committee, and that the president or superintendent of the union be a member of the school board.

2. That in case of a training school which serves a special language constituency of two or more organized fields within the union conference territory, the union conference president or superintendent be the chairman of the board, and that the president or superintendent of each local conference or mission served by this school shall be a member of the board, and that the other members of the board be elected by the union conference committee.

3. That in the case of a training school which serves an entire union conference, the union conference committee be the board of managers.

4. That the union conference educational secretary be a member of the board of management of each training school within the union conference territory.

5. That in case of a training school which serves a constituency of more than one union conference territory, the board of managers be elected by the Inter-American Division Committee, and that the president or superintendent of each union, the division president, the division educational secretary, and the division secretary-treasurer be members of such school board.

6. That in case of a training school which is authorized as a junior or senior college, the Inter-American Division Conference be represented in the persons of the division president, division educational secretary, and the division secretary-treasurer.

Inter-Union Spanish Training School

Voted, That we establish an Inter-Union Spanish Training School to serve the Central American and Colombia-Venezuela Unions. Further study was given to the location of this school but no action was taken.

Recommendations of the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments

Voted, That we urge the Sabbath school secretaries of the local fields to see that there is agreement between their figures and those of the local secretary-treasurers in respect to number of schools membership and mission offerings. This will be easily possible if the secretary-treasurers will depend upon the Sabbath school secretaries for the number of schools and members, and if the Sabbath school secretaries will depend upon the secretary-treasurers for the amount of mission offerings.

WHEREAS, There is great need of careful instruction being given in our Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer work, therefore,

Voted, That small conventions be held in every field for this purpose as soon as possible.

Voted, That, in view of our very great needs, we appeal to the General Conference for another 13th Sabbath overflow for the third quarter of 1931.

Voted, That the Bible Year Gift Plan be continued for 1931.

Voted, That an earnest effort be made to obtain a complete census of our children and

youth throughout the division and that this census information be kept up to date in each local mission and conference office.

Voted, That the Missionary Volunteer goal for 1931 be as follows:

6,250 Missionary Volunteers in our M. V. societies
4,500 Morning Watch observers
250,000 Papers and tracts distributed
1,000 Bible Year Certificates
1,000 Reading Course Certificates
1,000 Young people converted and baptized
500 Standard of Attainment Certificates

Dates for Conference Sessions

Voted, That the conference session dates be as follows:

Jamaica Conference—November 20-30
Leeward Islands Conference—January 10-17
South Caribbean Conference—January 24-31
Guiana Conference—February 6-14

Spanish School Antillian Union

Voted, That we recommend to the Antillian Union Committee that it is the consensus of opinion of this body that the Antillian Union should maintain one Spanish Training School which would give twelve years of work for the Spanish young people of the union.

Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses for 1931

Voted, That the reading courses for the Missionary Volunteer Department for 1931 be as follows:

English Senior Course:
Great Controversy, Chapter 19 to end
Youthful Witnesses
Keeping Well
English Junior Course:
Sweetest Stories Ever Told
Health book (in preparation)
Bedtime Stories (corresponding to No. 2 in Spanish
Spanish Senior Course:
Great Controversy, Chapter 19 to end
Keeping Well (if obtainable)
To be selected later.
Spanish Junior Course:
Sweetest Stories Ever Told
Health Book (or Cartilla Sagrada No. 2)
Bedtime Stories No. 2

We Recommend, That careful study be given to the possibility of translating into Spanish the books: "Messages to Our Young People," "Keeping Well," and the junior health book which the Pacific Press is publishing.

Youth's Paper

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to study the advisability of having a youth's paper in English and Spanish for our division, and that this committee report at our next division council, it being understood that the chairman is to be a member of this committee.

Dates for Home Missionary and Bookmen's Conventions

Voted, That we adopt the following recommendations and dates for the Home Missionary and Bookmen's Conventions, also for the Division Council:

WHEREAS, We feel the need of more efficient and larger service in both the Home Missionary and Publishing House Departments,

We recommend,

1. That during the year 1931 Home Missionary and Publishing House Conventions be held in the different unions of our division.

2. That the following workers be invited to attend these conventions:

a. The division home missionary secretary
b. The division field missionary secretary
c. The union superintendent
d. The union secretary-treasurer
e. The union field missionary secretary
f. The union home missionary secretary
g. The local secretary-treasurer
h. The local field missionary secretary

- i. The local home missionary secretary
3. That we request the General Conference to send to these conventions representatives from the Home Missionary and Publishing Departments.
4. That we request the Pacific Press to send a representative to these conventions and that we request the Pacific Press to join us in the expense of these conventions.
5. That we suggest the following dates for the conventions in the different unions:
 - Caribbean Union—May 5-17
 - Colombia-Venezuela Union—May 25-June 4
 - Division Council—June 10-20
 - Central American Union—June 25-July 3
 - Antillian Union—July 8-17
 - Mexican Union—July 23-August 2

Big Week Campaign

Voted, That the Big Week Campaign for 1931 be June 21-28.

Sustentation Adjustments

Voted, That we adjust the sustentation rates of the workers in our field as may be worked out in harmony with the recommendations passed at the 1930 General Conference.

East Caribbean Union Change of Name

Voted, That we authorize the East Caribbean Union Conference to change the name of their organization to that of the Caribbean Union.

Antioquia Mission Name changed

Voted, That we recommend to the Colombia-Venezuela Union that the Antioquia Mission name be changed from its present name to the Inter-Colombia Mission.

Promotion of Messenger Day

Voted, That we ask the division office to promote the MESSENGER day, asking the union and local conferences and missions to assist in promoting this in every way possible.

Messenger and Mensajero Enlargement

Voted, That both the MESSENGER and Mensajero be enlarged to twelve pages so as to provide additional space for articles as needed.

Messenger and Mensajero Lists

Voted, That the subscription list of each union for the MESSENGER and Mensajero be approved by the union office; further, that the MESSENGER and Mensajero lists be on the basis of one copy to each family where one of the family is a church member.

Sale of Cape Haitien Property

Voted, That the division approve of the sale of the Cape Haitien headquarters with the understanding that the headquarters will be moved to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

All of the committee work was not completed during the council at Glendale but meetings were held between sessions and following the General Conference. Plans were laid for the advancement of the work in the different unions of the division. When our committee work closed the workers left for their various fields, we believe, full of courage and faith and glad for the opportunity of service.

F. L. HARRISON.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

"A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next."

ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION

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A REMARKABLE ANSWER TO PRAYER

Sabbath, August 9, was an occasion of rejoicing for at least one of the members in our little church at Matanzas, Cuba.

Following the preaching service Brother Llanos asked for the privilege of saying a few words. His shining face was a guarantee that he had something worth while to tell the church. His testimony was as follows:

"I feel very grateful to God today for what He has done for me. During the past week I was very desirous of earning enough money to purchase a much needed pair of shoes for my boy, but when Friday came I found the shoes were not in sight. We had a very earnest season of prayer in the morning, and then I loaded my basket with aguacates and started out to sell them, hoping to still be able to secure the shoes for the Sabbath, although from a human standpoint it seemed impossible.

"Shortly after leaving the house a dog came running down the street toward me with something in his mouth. When he came close to me he dropped the thing to the ground, and began jumping around it in a circle, barking slightly as if to attract my attention. Upon closer examination I found that it was two dollars. Unable to find the owner I concluded that God, in His own good way, had heard and answered my prayer."

At this point Brother Llanos called his boy to the front of the church to show the shoes the Lord had supplied. This brother is one of our faithful members in the church of Matanzas, and no one had any occasion to doubt his word. His experience brought cheer and courage to all present. Truly God is good to His children; He not only sees our needs, but He is able to supply them.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Havana, Cuba.

SANTO DOMINGO CITY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE

September 3, found everyone in Santo Domingo as usual, although an announcement had gone out that a hurricane was approaching. Such notices are quite frequent here and therefore very few took it seriously. The forenoon passed and nothing special happened. In most homes a good dinner was about to be served when our good old servant but terrible master, the wind, took charge of the dinner and made every one forget his appetite. At about 12:30 some were joking about the cyclone, but as the minutes passed and the force of the powers of heaven increased faces grew more serious and even the color changed to paleness.

Santo Domingo has a good water supply, but it seems that Mother Nature decided that all her children needed a thorough bath, so in order to accomplish this she sent a copious spray over

the republic and invited all to partake. When the struggle began those in the capital seemed to be especially obstinate in obeying orders and Mother Nature decided to use force. All doors were closed to keep out the rain, but the roof of the houses were torn off and the water poured in everywhere. From the president to the prisoners, all received their bath. Not only were the roofs taken off, but the walls were broken to pieces and smashed. There was no power to resist the terrible force of the storm. Sheets of zinc and pieces of lumber were flying in the air. About 3,000 lost their lives in the storm and 15,000 were injured. Five thousand were so deeply wounded that they are not expected to live.

Rich and poor, high and low for once were all alike. We could all stay in the same place and all comfort each other at least with a sympathetic smile or nod of the head. Words were not many for all had sobered down from fear. For once we did not have to dress up like gentlemen to appear before the president. He judged the worthiness of his visitors from the importance of their message rather than from their outward appearance.

Now the shock is over and there is a desperate struggle on for shelter and food. Every one is busy with hammer saw and nails reconstructing little shacks to serve as shelter for the poor and needy. The hungry are all around us and if it were not for the energetic efforts put forth by the charity societies we would feel it much more.

No apparatus measured the velocity of the air in this hurricane, but the concrete walls and the buildings torn to pieces are indications that it was one of the most terrific cyclones ever experienced in the history of this world. None of those who witnessed it doubt that the powers of heaven are being shaken. It is another demonstration that there is power in God's hand to do wonders, and another sign that Christ's coming is near. May it find us prepared.

PETER NYGAARD.

Santo Domingo City, R. D.

GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

Just a word or two to let you know that we are still alive, although badly used up because of the terrible storm which has just swept over the city of Santo Domingo. The storm started about 11 o'clock in the morning of September 3, and raged for about three hours, carrying death and destruction in its path. The mission house, a two-story concrete building, crushed under the pressure just as if it were an egg shell. This beautiful city looks like it had been shaken from its very foundations by a terrible earthquake instead of a storm.

We were working in the office when the first puff of breeze hit the mission building, unlocking windows and doors as if they had never been locked. This caused us to jump from our desks and take up the children and hasten downstairs. To go downstairs we had to go outside at the end of the house facing the wind, as the stairs were on the outside of the house. However, we succeeded in getting downstairs and in the church when the top crushed in causing the end through which we had entered to crush in also. We then ran to the middle of the building which was supported by heavy cement columns, but they began to crush also, so we ran to the other end and had time only to get out of the building into a small schoolroom built on the back of the church when the whole church building collapsed completely. We had no sooner entered the schoolroom when the zinc top was swept entirely off and carried clear over the adjoining building; fall-

than ever. The members are all determined to work harder than ever for the salvation of souls dying all around us. The interest here in this city in the truth is real good and Satan who has held sway here for so long is determined not to allow us to gain a foot of ground without a fight. We, on the other hand, are just as determined as he is that we are going to gain all we can for the Master. We feel like a man who stakes his all and wins for "we know in whom we have believed," and that His presence is with us. We know that God delivered us from certain death three times during this terrible storm. His guiding Spirit seemed to tell just where and when to move so as not to be crushed beneath the falling building. We therefore resign ourselves to Him, a daily sacrifice to do His holy will. Pray for us that we may be faithful till the end.

The official record gives over 3,000 dead and 20,000 wounded. God has

break upon us induce us to greater faithfulness in service.

R. GIDEON JONES.

Santo Domingo City, R. D.

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BACK HOME AGAIN

We sailed from New York for Trinidad on the S. S. "Dominica." When I reached Martinique I met Pastor H. H. Dexter for the first time. I had been wanting to meet him for sometime, and it afforded me much pleasure to be able to spend a little time in his home, and to meet Mrs. Dexter also. While there they gave me the story of their work on the island since their arrival. Just a short time ago he baptized six new believers, and there are a number of others now preparing for that ordinance. I met several of the new Sabbath keepers, among them the son of the mayor of the city. He is an intelligent young man, and seems deeply in earnest. His father does not oppose his keeping the Sabbath, and is willing to assist his son to prepare for work in this cause. Pastor Dexter is now looking for a suitable site for the erection of a church. The division has appropriated one thousand dollars for the purchase of a building site. How the money will be provided for the erection of a building we do not know, but are sure that our God will help us find the money when the time comes. The outlook for the work in the French West Indian Mission is bright, and Pastor Dexter is of good courage.

Our boat also stopped at the island of St. Lucia, and this gave us an opportunity to go ashore and visit with the workers there. Brother and Sister Nielsen and Brother and Sister Lowry were all down to meet us, and we were soon visiting with them in their homes. Our visit gave us an opportunity to talk about the work with them. We found them all courageous and in good health. The colporteur work is going nicely and books are being sold in many parts of the field. Thus far, they have sold more books than last year.

We also stopped at Barbados, and spent the Sabbath with the church there. Brother Gardiner came aboard to meet us, and took us to his home. He showed us a little of the island, and then we drove to the church in time for the morning service. I had the privilege of speaking to a crowded house, and enjoyed meeting with the brethren and sisters of the Bridgetown church. After meeting we went home with Brother and Sister Gardiner for dinner, and then went back to our boat. At three in the afternoon we sailed away from Barba-



Our church in Santo Domingo City after the hurricane

ing over into an open lot. This left us without any protection from the rain that fell in torrents upon us. It was not very long before the sides of the room began to fall in on us which would have meant almost certain death. But the mighty hand of our heavenly Father forbade Satan going any further. The shrieks of the wind as it howled above and around us seemed like demons bent on our destruction, but at the same time we could also feel the presence of the holy angels sent to protect us and with trusting faith we united in prayer and sang praises to Him who has done so much for us.

At present the Red Cross is at work taking care of the sick and wounded. Our church here in this important center is gone, at least the building is completely destroyed, but the church is stronger

than ever. The members are all determined to work harder than ever for the salvation of souls dying all around us. Those of us who passed through this storm can easily understand just what will happen when the Holy Spirit takes its flight never to return to this wicked old world. Satan will be able to destroy this world within a very short time after God's Holy Spirit leaves it. What an awful time that will be. Let us be ready so that the protection promised will be ours in that day which is soon to break upon us.

The entire office equipment of the mission, being located on the top floor, was completely destroyed as was also ninety per cent of the tract society stock together with almost all of our own personal belongings. May these omens of the last great storm soon to

dos for Trinidad. The work in Barbados is prosperous, and Brother Gardiner has a large class in preparation for baptism. They did well in the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year, raising more this year than last. While on the island we met Dr. and Mrs. Cave and Pastor Reid. Dr. Cave is much better than he has been for sometime and is doing some medical practice.

Sunday morning, August 17, we arrived at Trinidad. Brother Howard and Brother Hamilton came out to meet us, and we found their wives and others awaiting us at the wharf. We were glad to reach the end of the long journey, and get home for Port-of-Spain is to be our home while we are located in this field.

The work at the Caribbean Training College is going nicely, but we do need the help of the brethren who were called from the States to connect with the school. Brother and Sister Hamilton are working beyond their strength trying to keep the work moving, but the demands are too much for them and and Sister Austin alone to carry. It will be a great relief when Brother and Sister Hempel and Brother and Sister Smith arrive. Then the work at the school can be shared by all without overworking anyone. About seventy young people are there now, and a good spirit prevails in the institution. The west wing of the boys' dormitory is almost ready for occupancy.

The work in the Guiana Conference is doing as well as it has for some time, and Brother and Sister King are both in good health and of good courage. Their baby was quite sick for a few days but he is much improved and will soon be in normal health again, we hope. Pastor Riley's health was poor for a time, and we feared he would be compelled to have an operation, but some of the brethren took his case to the Lord in prayer, and now he seems to be entirely well and is able to go about his work with his usual energy. We praise the Lord for this.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

GROWTH AT MT. RORAIMA

Since returning to Roraima last October our work has grown rapidly. Our laborers are scattered over the field, Brother Steele being in the Roraima and Iabaru section, Brother Gonsalves and his wife are at Apongong, while we are caring for about 400 Indians in Acurima and neighborhood.

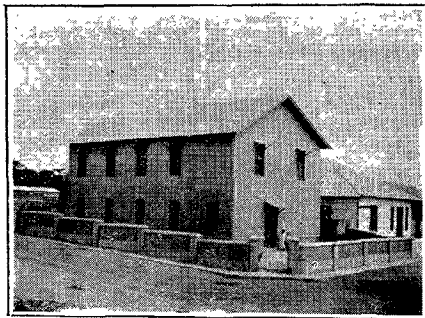
We have really more than we can handle at our present location and the numbers attending our various meetings and classes are such that we are unable to give individuals the time and attention they need. The membership of the

mission school at Acurima has doubled since we arrived here last February.

The growth of the work in this part the various sections and settlements means that we must spend more time on the trail. We are extremely short of Indian goods; in fact we are almost entirely out of the items that we need, and our carriers are becoming more unwilling to carry for us on the strength of promises of future payment.

The wet season is upon us with swollen rivers, and we are unable to make many trips, but from August on through to the end of the present year and during the first few months of 1931 I must do some considerable traveling in order to keep in touch with the other sections of the field, and open up new territory.

We are encouraged by the progress that some of the Indians are making, and I fully expect to be able to report some baptized believers before the end of the present year. I could baptize nearly every adult Indian on his promise to live a godly Christian life for almost all on the mission records would make such a pledge, but the fruits of true repentance would in many cases not be forthcoming.



New Mission headquarters in Barranquilla, Colombia

Brother Gonsalves reports a good spirit among the Indians at Apongong. He tells me that his visiting has been curtailed on account of impassible rivers. We are at present cut off from Apongong on this account, but when the rivers are again fordable I plan to visit that part of the field and counsel with Brother Gonsalves relative to the future of the work and secure a record of all the Indians of the district.

The clothing for our Indians is a continual problem in this field. Pastor Elliott is going to do what he can to collect some second-hand clothing while in the States. We have written to friends in California asking them to supply us with some used clothing. This plan will help the mission financially and also the Indians to whom we can pay the clothing for their labor.

There is an epidemic of colds and sore throat in the settlement and we have

not escaped. Our meetings during recent weeks have been interrupted with so much coughing that at times it has been difficult to speak. Our sick list has been a full one. The Indian skin disease is widespread, and we have had a number of deep-seated ulcers to treat which heal slowly. Five young children have died during the few months that we have been here. We have discovered that the cause of this widespread epidemic of coughing is whooping cough.

We are hoping that we shall soon hear that some fresh supplies are on the way for we are using our last reserve of flour, salt and rice, and have been using *cassava* bread at every meal for some weeks. We are just about out of soap, and we have been experimenting with wood from the forest in the attempt to obtain some lye, but so far without success. We are getting some milk from the cows here for which we are very thankful. In view of the great cost of transportation we are cutting our orders and living largely on native products.

A. W. COTT.

Mt. Roraima, Br. Guiana.

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ONE HUNDRED INDIANS TREATED IN A DAY

Our work among the Indians in the Solola Mission is moving forward in a very encouraging manner. Pastor J. R. McWilliam, superintendent of the Guatemala Mission, sends us these words of cheer in a recent letter:

"Our Indian work is progressing at the Solola Mission. Brother Boehne put up the buildings and had everything ready, so now we can push the evangelistic side of the work. We sent our Indian worker out to visit the homes of the people and where he finds sick ones he sends Brother Larrabee to give treatments. At first the Indians thought we were there to cheat them as others have done in times past, but now they are beginning to come to us when they are sick. One day more than one hundred visited the mission and Brother Larrabee extracted twenty-seven teeth besides other treatments. They come with all kinds of sores and sickness and they sit and listen to the gospel story in their own language while waiting their turn.

"The Spanish people of Solola are coming too, and they have received so many benefits that they are thinking seriously of giving us their hospital, which is a beautiful building beside Lake Atitlan, but which has never been used because of lack of funds. They want us to bring a doctor in and operate it as we choose. We hope to get a definite answer from them this month."

FAREWELL

It is more than two years now since Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Sutton came to our shores and took up work among the churches; and yet the time seems but a few months when farewells had to be

spoken to those dear workers on the afternoon of August 28. Pastor Sutton has been very dear to the hearts of the brethren in Costa Rica through his humble, loving, patient, faithful labors. He was instrumental in building up the church at Port Limón by bringing in new converts and by reclaiming a few of those who had strayed from the fold. Through his efforts the church at Cairo has been greatly strengthened, having baptized many new members, and also finished the church building. After two months of strenuous work in Siquirres, he succeeded in organizing another church there, reclaiming lost members, and adding many new ones.

Mrs. Sutton has also shared in the faithful labors of her husband, working with the young people who have been greatly encouraged and inspired in the study of the Word of God, and in other Missionary Volunteer lines.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation of their work and also regret that they are so soon removed from us, yet we know that these dear workers are answering the call to hasten the proclamation of the Message, that will bring the end of all partings and usher in the grand reunion where there shall be no more farewells spoken. So we wish them God's speed, and an ever increasing ministry in the service of God.

JOHN E. ROGERS.

Port Limón, Costa Rica.

COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION MISSION

Apartado 313, Cali, Colombia

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ECHOES FROM ATLANTIC
COLOMBIA

Brother Darío Hernández, the deacon of our church in Sincelejo, made a trip recently to Momil, where we had heard there was some interested people. He could stay only two nights but held meetings both nights. The first night about two hundred were present and the second night about five hundred. There seems to be many interested ones in that place.

In María la Baja, Brother Valdés had a very encouraging experience. A young man who had been educated in a Protestant school in Barranquilla came there to live. He began to study the Bible with his neighbors and had a good number interested in the gospel. As they studied, they felt the need of help, and asked the Protestant missions in Cartagena and Barranquilla to send some one to teach them further. They did not even receive an answer to their request. Brother Flores of Carmen was with Brother Valdés when he visited them, and before reaching María la Baja he told Brother Valdés that a friend of his lived there, and proposed that

they go to his house for lodging. Speaking of this visit Brother Valdés says:

"We arrived Friday and found them preparing to keep the holy Sabbath. They said: 'We were continually praying to God that He would send a laborer to help us. Naturally we had always asked that it be a Protestant worker, but God has answered our prayers even better by sending you to us and you have freed us from a great error and have showed us the path that is without stumbling blocks or obstacles of any kind.' All had the conviction that they had been traveling the wrong road and gave thanks to God for the knowledge that they now possessed. Our brethren stayed two Sabbaths with them, and left a group there as a witness to the truth."

A short time ago I had the pleasure of meeting a man who was attending our church for the first time. I visited him the following day. He told me that about two years ago he was in the market one day and a man sold him two second-hand books for \$7.00. They were "Our Day," and "Great Controversy." He said he had studied these books and was in full harmony with their teaching. He does not use liquor or tobacco; is a strict vegetarian, and has been keeping the Sabbath for some time. His wife is united with him in these things, and he wants to know when they can be baptized and join our church. How it rejoices our hearts when we find honest souls taking their stand alone for God!

While I was out with the Big Week books I found a Catholic family who seemed to be honestly looking for light. I have visited them several times since and given them studies. I hope they may see the truth in its fullness.

Early in July we held an enthusiastic colporteur's institute under the leadership of Brethren F. W. Steeves and Gonzalez, our local missionary secretary. All of our regular canvassers were present except Brother Urbina, who did not receive our telegram until after the institute was over. Some new recruits joined the classes and went out into the field. It was a special pleasure to greet Brother Carl Christiansen, who for nearly four years has worked alone in the mountains of Santander and has not had the privilege of attending an institute. After the institute Brethren Steeves, Gonzalez, Bustamente, and Rendón went to Bucaramanga, a town of less than 50,000 inhabitants, and in a short time they took over three hundred orders for "Hacia la Edad de Oro."

Brother Castro has recently come in touch with some of the Indians who live in the Sierra Nevada mountains near the Santa Marta railway line. Some of them seem to be favorable toward the truth, and we hope that the honest souls among them may accept the Message.

Our mission headquarters at Barranquilla were publicly dedicated, August 7. A large company was present and they were pleased and favorably impressed

with the beautiful meeting hall, especially those who had known our former meeting place. The congregation by a unanimous vote, expressed their gratitude to our people who by their Sabbath school offerings, and Big Week efforts have made possible the erection of this building, so well adapted to the needs of our work in this gateway city of Colombia. It is two stories high, with the second story entirely occupied by the meeting hall. From the windows of the hall one can see a large part of Barranquilla with the Magdalena River beyond. In the distance, on a clear day, can be seen the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Two lines of busses pass the building, and three other lines are only a block away, giving easy access to various parts of the city and suburbs. One end of the first floor is devoted to the church school and has its own entrance. The remainder of this floor is divided into offices and one living room. It is necessary that some one stay in the building at nights or it would likely lose even its doors and windows. The secretary of the mission, and Book and Bible House, Brother D. N. Peralta, now has a cool and convenient place in which to carry on his work in contrast to the former place which was neither cool nor convenient. Those who visited us during our first years of mission work and knew the conditions under which we tried to work, will rejoice with us that in the future we can work under conditions that make for health and efficiency. Apart from these considerations is the fact that the new building will save the mission over \$500.00 per year in rent. When the cottage is built on the part of the lot available for it the total income and savings in rent from the new buildings will pay the yearly salary of a native laborer in this union mission.

Our office address is now, Calle Magdalena, Esquina Carrera Cuartel, Barranquilla, Colombia

E. W. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

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A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

In Vera Cruz we have a Sabbath school with a present membership of more than one hundred. They are located in a large church building not far from the main part of the city.

The Mexicans are great lovers of music and during the song service many of the little ragged and dirty children will come and stand outside the door. One Sabbath the superintendent invited them to come in and join in the

singing. They entered timidly at first, but as they kept coming each Sabbath they soon began to feel at home. Now they enjoy the Sabbath school and each week they are glad to get the memory verse cards.

For several months these children came to Sabbath school alone, but one day, to the surprise of the superintendent, one of the little girls brought her mother. Since then other parents have been coming to the services quite regularly. One of these little girls was able to recite all the memory verses for the second quarter on the thirteenth Sabbath.

Our hearts rejoice that the Lord is using the little ones to bring this truth to those who know it not. Let us encourage the children in our Sabbath schools to be faithful in their small way that many may be brought to a knowledge of the truth before it is too late.

MRS. F. L. E. ULMER.

Orizaba, Vera Cruz, Mexico.

With Our Departments

CHRISTIAN HOME PROBLEMS

Accidents and Emergencies

The following suggestions in caring for accidents and emergencies have been gleaned from "Home Nursing," and other books on health, and may prove very valuable when a doctor cannot be obtained:

Foreign body in the ear. Children often put beans, beads, grains of corn and other things in the ear. In such an emergency if great care is not exercised permanent injury may be done. If the object is a bean, a grain of corn, or some substance that will swell when moistened, warm oil should be poured into the ear, holding the ear upward, until the offending substance will float to the surface and can be removed. If it is some substance that will not swell the ear should be sprayed out with warm, soapy water, holding the ear downward so that the substance may fall out. When insects get into the ear hold the ear near a bright light which will attract them to come out. If this is not effective fill the ear with warm oil, then spray with warm soapsuds. Never should hairpins, wire needles, or the finger be put into the ear at such a time, as this will likely force the foreign substance further in.

Foreign Body in the Eye. First do not rub the eye, but keep it closed. Cinders, particles of dust, sand, or small insects may be removed by lifting the lid and gently wiping the eye ball with the corner of a clean piece of linen or handkerchief. If the matter has become embedded in the covering of the eyeball it should be removed by a physician. Should lime get into the eye a few drops of castor oil or a warm solution of vinegar or lemon juice will give relief. Acid splashed into the eye should be quickly neutralized by washing with a solution of baking soda, one teaspoon to half a glass of water, or with limewater or milk.

Foreign Body in Nose or Throat. If a child should get something into the nose this may usually be removed by sneezing, which can be caused by tickling the nose with a feather. If the child is old enough to follow directions, hold the opposite side of the nose closed and tell him to blow. If the object is far up in the nose he may be made to snuff it back into the mouth. If a coin, fruit stone, or pin has been swallowed, the child should be given a quantity of soft

bread or mashed potatoes to eat, but no liquid for several hours, and no purgative. Close watch should be kept to see if the object is passed from the bowels.

Drowning. Loosen the clothing about the neck and waist, then turn the patient on his face. Pull out the tongue by grasping it with the finger and thumb of the left hand, and then with a piece of soft cloth or a handkerchief bind it to the lower jaw. Now, standing astride him clasp your hands beneath his stomach and lift him as high as possible, letting the head drop down. Hold him in this position a few seconds and let the water run out of his mouth. Then kneeling stride the patient's thighs, place your hands over the small of his back, your fingers extending over the lower ribs on each side. Holding your arms stiff, lean forward, slowly and gradually let the weight of your body come onto the patient's back, thus forcing the air out of his lungs. Quickly release the pressure by swinging your body backward and letting your arms bend. This quickly causes an inrush of air into the lungs. Continue the pressing and relaxing movements at the rate of fifteen a minute until the patient resumes regular breathing, or for at least an hour. Do not cease until you are sure there is no life in the body. The patient should be kept warm during this treatment and the limbs should be rubbed to aid circulation.

Burns. The first service to render in case

the spirits of the dead in various ways communicate with, and manifest their presence to men, usually through the agency of a person called a medium."—*Standard Dictionary*.

5. Can the dead return to communicate with the living? Job 7:10; Eccl. 9:5, 6; Ps. 146:4.

6. Does the Bible recognize that there are lying spirits? 1 Kings 22:22.

7. To whom do all lying spirits belong? Job 8:44.

8. What power do Satan and his angels possess? 2 Cor. 11:14, 15.

9. What comes to those who give heed to these lying spirits? Lev. 19:31. (Note: "In a sermon on 'Spiritualism an Imposture,' Rev. T. De Witt Talmage said: 'Spiritualism takes advantage of those who are weak and morbid with trouble. We lose a friend. The house is dark, the world is dark, the future seems dark. If we had, in our rebellion and weakness, the power to marshal the host and recapture our loved one, we should marshal the host. Spiritualism comes in at that moment, when we are all worn out by watching,—all worn out, body, mind, and soul,—and says: 'Now I will open that door; you shall hear the voices. Take your places around the table; all be quiet now,' . . . O, I hate Spiritualism, because it takes advantage of people when they are weak, and worn out, and morbid under life's bereavements and sorrows! . . . If Spiritualism had its way, it would turn the world into a pandemonium of carnality. It is an unclean and adulterous system."—*"Bible Readings for the Home Circle," pp. 534, 535.*)

10. What phases of spirit work are named? Deut. 18:10, 11 (Note: "The phenomenal aspect of modern Spiritualism reproduces all essential principles of the magic, witchcraft, and sorcery of the past. The same powers are involved, the same intelligencies are operating."—*F. F. Morse, in "Practical Occultism," p. 85.*)

11. How does the Lord regard all these things? Deut. 18:12.

12. Whose children are they who use sorcery? Acts 13:8-10.

13. Will any such go into the kingdom? Rev. 21:8; 22:14, 15.

14. Have people been saved from these deceptions? Acts 8:9-11; 16:16-18.

15. What promise may be ours? 2 Cor. 6:17, 18.

Christ's Cross and Yours

"The cross best explains Christ. The way of the cross leads home. Calvary is the Waterloo of sin. The cross of Christ points us upward. The cross is the loftiest observatory. Never seek a cross, but never shun one. There are always blessings under the cross. Crosses are the ladders that lead to heaven. The pulpit should be a pedestal for the cross. It is not our cross, but Christ's, that we carry. Many regard the cross as only fine ornament. The cross is a great magnet to draw men to God.

The cross is God's only remedy and man's only hope.

The Christian religion is the only one that has a cross.

Don't talk of the shame of the cross. Talk of its glory.

God will not let us have a cross without an alabaster box.

The cross meant death for Jesus in order to mean life to us.

The cross is the meeting place of the sinner and God's mercy.

The greatest argument God could make against sin was the cross.

Christ's cross was too heavy for Him to bear. But the cross He gives us is light."

DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT DISCOURAGED!

Conditions have made it almost impossible for some of our promising young people to return to the academy or college this year. It is a great disappointment of course, but it need not lead to discouragement. There is a way out. Resolve not to lose the year educationally, but enroll now for one or two courses in the Home Study Institute (formerly the Fireside Correspondence School). Thus you will keep in trim intellectually and save valuable time. You may go ahead with your work in Bible, History, English and other subjects if you are willing to study. For course taken with us you will receive full credit in all our schools and colleges.

Write today for Calendar.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE.

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

of burning is to put out the fire. If a person's clothing is on fire they should be wrapped in a rug or blanket or coat and the flames smothered. If water is available it may be turned on the burning clothes. Never should a person whose clothing is burning be allowed to walk or run. Care should be taken not to fan the flames. As soon as the fire has been extinguished remove the clothing and then bandage the burned area with a few layers of clean cloth. In all burns the surface should be protected from the air and if the burn is not too deep nature will take care of the healing process. If it is found that the burn is very deep a physician should be called.

OUR WORKERS' CORNER

Spiritualism

1. Does the Bible teach that there are spirit beings? Heb. 1:7.

2. Spirits being angels, how many classes are there of them?—Two, the good and the evil.

3. Do both classes communicate with mankind?—Yes, good (Heb. 1:14; Judges 13:3-21); evil (2 Cor. 11:14; Matt. 25:41; 1 Peter 5:8).

4. What is Spiritualism?—"The belief that

Remember the Week of Prayer

December 13-20

O'ER LAND AND SEA

Prof. and Mrs. Merrill E. Smith arrived in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, September 18. They will teach in the Caribbean Training College.

Our church building at Rosseau, Dominica, in the Leeward Islands Conference was completely destroyed in the recent hurricane. Brother H. L. Nielsen, secretary-treasurer of that conference, estimates that it will cost about \$800.00 to replace it.

Brother and Sister E. L. Guller returned to Switzerland, September 22, on account of Sister Guller's health. They will be greatly missed from our circle of workers in Haiti where they have labored so faithfully.

Miss Frances Light, who has been connected with the Central American Union office in San Jose, Costa Rica, for the past three years passed through Balboa, September 15, enroute to the States. The Isthmian Airways Company gave Miss Light a trip across the Isthmus by airplane as a Harvest Ingathering donation, and the \$10.00 that she intended to pay for this trip was given to the Harvest Ingathering fund.

Brother and Sister A. V. Larson and their two little boys sailed from Cristobal for the States, September 5. After their furlough they plan to return to some part of this division.

Prof. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hempel and Miss Viola E. Cooke arrived in Balboa on the S. S. "California," September 29. Brother and Sister Hempel, after spending a few days at the division office, sailed for Trinidad where they will be connected with the Caribbean Training College. Sister Cooke has spent the time since General Conference visiting with friends and relatives in Canada and the States.

A recent letter from Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Andross says that they are now in Washington, D. C., and before many more months they will be sailing for their return to the division headquarters.

The latest word from Mt. Roraima tells us that 772 Indians are keeping the Sabbath and 170 are preparing for baptism. Let us pray that many more of these Indians may accept Christ before the close of the year.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign throughout the division is progressing in spite of the financial crisis we are facing. Our division goal is \$35,000.00, and we have already raised \$10,000.00. Let us make this the best campaign in the history of our Harvest Ingathering work.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The Harvest Ingathering campaign presents a golden opportunity to every worker and lay member in our ranks. One scarcely realizes that time may be converted into money with so little effort until he estimates the average receipts per hour after a successful day of soliciting.

Two workers of the Panama Conference received \$180.00 the first day of the campaign this year as the result of six hours work. This is an average of \$30.00 per hour. It could not be expected that this average would be maintained day after day, but it serves to illustrate the value of time dedicated to the Lord's service.

Only Trust Him

If you find the door is closing to the work you've hoped to do,
Do not, then, complain and murmur; seek another avenue.

Do not blame a fellow traveler for the closing of the door;
Look around for other openings: God is going on before.

If He gives the work you wanted to another one than you,
Do not sit in vain repining, criticizing, feeling blue;

He has something better for you than the work you thought was yours;
Better trust Him, brother, trust Him, though He closes all your doors.

If His hand in wisdom closes every avenue there is
To the service you would render, don't forget the work is His.

Do not fret, and lose your patience, if He bids you sit and wait;
In His own kind, loving manner, He will open another gate.

If He shuts you up to silence, and to folding of the hands,
It may be that, in His furnace, He is burning off your hands;

And when all your gold is molten in His crucible of flame,
He will lead you into service that will glorify His name.

W. R. ELLIOTT.
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Heavenly agencies are waiting to cooperate with us. The wealth of the Gentiles is waiting in banks and pocket books for the call of the solicitor. The need of the hour is consecrated time to gather it in. This being so, what a responsibility rests upon every individual to devote faithful time in this effort.

Six weeks have been allotted for the task of reaching our goals. Everyone of the working days of this period are fraught with golden opportunities. Are we making the most of them? A motto which hung upon the wall of a school-room of the writer's boyhood days made a deep impression on his mind. It read: "Lost, yesterday somewhere be-

tween sunrise and sunset, sixty golden minutes each set with sixty diamond seconds. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever." Time and opportunities lost during the Harvest Ingathering period will result in decreased receipts, failure to reach the goal the Lord expects of us, and, perhaps, the loss of souls.

There is nothing that promotes success like consecrated, and persevering effort. No solicitor has yet found dollars growing upon trees; they must be earned by faithful effort. Let us persistently press forward until we reach our goals. The Lord has wonderfully blessed during the first weeks of the campaign, and He will surely continue to manifest His presence if we faithfully do our part. C. E. WOOD.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

OBITUARIES

Hutchins.—Sister Angelina Hutchins was born at St. Thomas, Jamaica, August 1, 1857, and died at Port Limón, Costa Rica, August 26, 1930. Sister Hutchins accepted the truth under the labors of Pastor Lin Rashford, and was baptized December 18, 1926. During most of her four years in this Message she was confined at home because of illness, yet her faith was strong in the Lord. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor C. B. Sutton, who spoke words of comfort from Isa. 46:4. She awaits the call of the Life-giver. JOHN S. ROGERS.

Port Limón, Costa Rica.

Cottrell.—August 28, the Corn Island church sustained the loss of its oldest member, Brother Andrew Cottrell. He was born on this island in the year 1840 and died at the age of 90 years, five months, and twenty-three days. He leaves a widow, several grand and great grandchildren to mourn their loss. Brother Cottrell accepted the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14 under the labors of Pastor J. A. Reid in 1915 and in April, 1926, in company with eight others, he was buried in baptism with his Lord. This dear old brother has had a hard struggle against the enemy of his soul, but we who had the blessed privilege of watching with him in his last hour believe that we can say, "Thanks be to God who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We trust our brother will have a part in the first resurrection.

FRED W. KELLY.

Corn Island, Nicaragua.

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