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Beauty and Power of the Gospel

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As we sailed along the northern shores of Colombia and Venezuela over the quiet, peaceful waters of the Caribbean to attend the biennial conferences to be held in the Caribbean Union, my thoughts were of the many millions of people inhabiting these great continental countries and beautiful islands bordering on these seas. I thought of the manifold blessings our Heavenly Father has so freely lavished upon them, and of the pall of great darkness with which the enemy has enshrouded them. Only a few years ago in many parts this darkness was unbroken by a single ray of light; but, thank God, today the light is breaking through the darkness. Clear, bright beams of light from the courts above are piercing the darkness and are being diffused over all parts of these lands where it seemed as if the day could never break.

But the deeper the darkness the more beautiful and glorious the light by reason of the great contrast. Today the grace of God is displaying itself in healing power. Thousands who till recently were bound under chains of darkness are rejoicing in complete deliverance from the bondage of sin.

"Never does the gospel put on an aspect of greater loveliness than when it is brought to the most needy and destitute regions. Then it is that its light shines forth with the clearest radiance and the greatest power. Truth from the Word of God enters the hovel of the peasant; rays from the Sun of righteousness light up the rude cottage of the poor, bringing gladness to the sick and suffering. Angels of God are there, and the simple faith shown makes the crust of bread and the cup of water a banquet. The sin-pardoning Saviour welcomes the poor and ignorant, and gives them to eat of the bread that comes down from heaven. They drink of the water of life. Those who have been loathed and abandoned are through faith and pardon raised to the dignity of sons and daughters of God. Lifted above the world, they sit in heavenly places in Christ. They may have no earthly treasure, but they have found the pearl of great price."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 226.

I am thinking now of the church I visited in a certain part of this division composed of Indian believers. Their homes were of the crudest sort with dirt floors, their house of worship was scarcely sufficient to protect them from the tropical storms, but, withal, both

were kept scrupulously clean. But few of that large company could read; all had been reared in great poverty, and until the truth found them they had been slaves to the worst vices; the very atmosphere surrounding them from infancy was laden with sin. As I looked into their faces while addressing them one evening, their very countenances seemed lighted up with holy consecration. It was a great joy to my own heart to tell them the simple story of this Message, and to feel as well as to hear the enthusiastic response coming from every heart. As later I listened to the story of deliverance from the grossest sins as told by nearly every one of those simple hearted people tears unbidden came to my eyes. It was not difficult to see by faith those dear people transported to the city of God, and standing beside the throne, to see a crown, brilliant with stars and radiant with glory, placed by the hand of their

Redeemer, and mine, upon the heads of these same people whom I am sure were successfully fighting their way from the depths of sin and degradation to the heights of purity and holiness.

I knew of at least one in that audience who had been taken from the pit of corruption, his feet placed upon the eternal Rock, and who had unhesitatingly chosen death rather than life at the cost of betraying his brother in Christ, but who had been miraculously delivered from the firing squad. I had just heard the story of the marvelous success of others in their missionary endeavors, and I counted it the greatest honor I could enjoy here to be privileged to minister to them. I felt that I was really receiving from them more than I could impart to them. Truly the gospel is seen in its greatest loveliness when brought to such needy and destitute regions. "Then it is that its light shines forth with the clearest radiance and the greatest power."

But this is only one of many similar experiences that might be related of the glorious triumphs of grace in every part of this division. Let me say to my brethren and sisters who may have children whom you have sent forth to the mission field, whatever hardships they may have to endure they do not need your sympathy so much as they need your earnest prayers for success in winning souls for the kingdom. No place of honor the world can possibly give can compare with the honor of service in such a warfare as this. This field of conflict is glorified with the light, the glory, the power of our heavenly allies as well as from the beautified, glorified lives of those rescued from sin through the ministry of our devoted missionaries.

My brethren and sisters, does it pay to put your hard-earned savings into such a work as this? Is such an investment gilt-edged? Will it yield satisfactory returns and in this time of bank failures and general uncertainty, is the principal, as well as the interest, secure?

A Mother's Blessing

(This poem was written by the mother of Mrs. George Chapman, as she and her husband were leaving for Inter-America.)

Go forth, my children, as ambassadors for Jesus,
Follow the self-denying path He trod.
Be yours the joy of seeing souls converted
From heathen darkness to the living God.

He calls you out from homeland, friends and kindred.

He's leading in the way He bids you take.
And if the road at times, seems rough and thorny,
Remember then the words, "I'll ne'er forsake."

And by and by when sheaves have all been garnered,
You'll see around the glistening white throne,
Some precious jewels that your hands have gathered.

And Christ will then acknowledge you His own.

He'll bid you, "Come, ye blessed of My Father,
Inherit now the place prepared for you."
You'll have the harp, the crown of life immortal,
And sing the old, old story ever new,
Of praises to the worthy Lamb forever,
Who died to ransom all from plight of sin.
Afflictions then shall rise again, no never!
But God's great universe will e'er be clean.

MAE C. LAING.

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"Would you make your property secure? Place it in the hand that bears the nail print of the crucifixion. Retain it in your possession and it will be to your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability. Would you enjoy your substance? Then use it for the blessing of the suffering."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 51.*

Today "multitudes are on the very verge of the kingdom waiting only to be gathered in." They are literally stretching out their hands for help, but because our appropriations had to be reduced we are compelled to answer their pitiful appeals for help—the most distressing to which mortals ever listened—the cry of lost souls for life—by saying, "It is impossible to send you help. Every worker is doing his utmost, and we cannot add to our force as we have no money to support another worker." How sad to see our Saviour "dishonored" as He is when for lack of means workers can not be sent to destitute field. (See *"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 52.*)

Even though it be at great personal sacrifice and the reduction of their holdings our dear people can not and will not permit this situation to continue when to do so means infinitely greater loss in souls of men.

The situation confronting our missionaries everywhere today is unprecedented. In some instances whole tribes of native peoples are appealing to us for help, offering to bear the banner of truth triumphantly forward; but to do so they must be instructed more perfectly in the way of life. What shall be done? Have we extended our lines of advance too rapidly, involving too heavy expense in the support of our forces now on the field? Listen to the inspired answer.

"Let none indulge the thought that we have attempted too much. No, no; we have attempted too little. The work which we are now doing ought to have been done years ago. Our plans must enlarge, our operations must be extended. . . . We are not left alone in this work. We are laborers together with God, in partnership with divine resources. The Lord has agencies that He will put in operation in answer to the importunate prayer of faith. . . . We should have the courage of heroes and the faith of martyrs." "In the last extremity before this work shall close, thousands will be cheerfully laid upon the altar."—*Mrs. E. G. White, 1886, in "Our Duty to the Missionary Work."*

The situation confronting us today constitutes a clarion call to prevailing prayer. This Message has never known defeat. The banners bearing the insignia "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" have never been borne to the rear, the trumpet has never sounded the note of retreat. Shall we now with shame retire from any field of earth? Not to do so now means more earnest prayer, and more sacrificial giving by God's people, more missionaries sent forward to relieve those who are fainting under the heavy strain and still others to answer the most urgent calls for help.

"Our General who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."'

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

"In the darkest days, when appearances seem so forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day. His understanding will be placed at their service, that they may not err in the carrying out of His purposes."—*Id., Vol. VIII, pp. 10, 11.*

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

China:

Speaking of Brother Hwang, who spent eight years in a modern university of Japan and was one of the three leading doctors in Chengtu when he accepted the truth, Brother Warren says:

"The Lord has richly blessed him in his service. He has power with God. Many a time has he cast out demons. A relative spending the New Year's holidays was taken with demon possession in Brother Hwang's home. Our brother hardly knew what to do, but he asked his wife to go with him into his prayer room (one room set aside for that purpose since his conversion). There they prayed to the Lord for direction and help. Then he came out, placed his hands on the head of his relative and commanded the evil spirit, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to depart. Immediately the man was restored to his right mind."

Australia:

"For every Sabbath last quarter thirty-one additional members joined the Sabbath school, or a total of 414 persons during the three months. For the first twelve months ending with September, 943 were added."

"We were particularly pleased to know that our Thirteenth Sabbath offering furnished an overflow of £247 to be applied to the boat for the New Hebrides which sailed away from Sydney harbor a few weeks ago and is now in active service."

"One wet Sabbath Pastor Knight spoke upon the Eastern question, a subject not likely to be chosen to impress the youth of the church. In response to a call for consecration, one youth after another stood up until there were thirteen bright-faced children, ranging from ten to fourteen years of age. Many were deeply moved and thank God to see our young people of tender years being impressed by the Spirit of God. The same thirteen have given evidence since of their sincerity."

China:

Brother Buzzell of the East Kweichow Mission writes:

"A week or so ago we had a large gathering of people here and had a four days' meeting. Thirty-two were baptized." Brother Ritz from North Siam says: "We are laying plans for opening a reading room, with literature in Lao, Siamese, Chinese, and English languages. This will give us an opportunity to become acquainted with the people, as well as to get our books and tracts before them." Dr. Butka writes from Honan: "We have had it quiet here for a couple of weeks and everyone seems happy to get a rest from the noise of big guns. We have many officers here in the hospital, and all very friendly. We have sold them over one thousand books."

New York:

"The spirit of these 'Win-My-Chum' meetings marks a new era in Missionary Volunteer endeavor. A veritable youthful army have awakened to usher in the kingdom of God. Youth is taking initiative in leading the church in spirituality and service. The spirit and power of Elijah have been felt in the homes of these young people. About fifty youth lingered for

special help in the brief after-service. A Pentacostal power entered the meeting."

Africa:

"Five years ago, Brother and Sister Blaine, pioneers in our sanitarium work, went out to Lilani. The road did not extend to the place and they were obliged to carry patients and provisions the last two miles. Today the sanitarium has fifteen rooms, electric light and running water in the rooms. The mineral water there gives one new life and vigor. They not only heal the bodies of the Europeans who are ill, but they do much to extend the light of truth among the many natives in that section."

These are just a few blessings gleaned from the division library.

VIOLA E. COOKE.

Balboa, C. Z.

SIGNALS OF THE COMING STORM

The present financial depression and unemployment situation throughout the world constitute one of the major problems confronting the nations today and one most difficult to solve, for the cause is in the covetousness of man's heart. To those who understand the prophetic word, these conditions are a signal of the coming storm, and indicate that the stage is being set for the "time of trouble such as never was." It is very evident that this menace to the peace and prosperity of the world will not disappear by one turn of the wheel of time, for the causes are too difficult to eliminate.

We are living in the time when "knowledge shall be increased," and this knowledge and inventive genius has been utilized to provide machinery which will do the work formerly done by many men. The past few years have been remarkable for the invention of labor-saving machinery, which, when installed in a factory, decreases the number of men employed. It is stated that when the American Telephone and Telegraph Company adopted the new dialing system, 30 per cent of their girls were thrown out of employment. Since the beginning of the year 1930, 14,000 of the 20,000 musicians of New York City have been put out of employment by the installation of electric organs in the cafes and hotels of that city. Thus the army of unemployed grows.

Mr. Stuart Chase, in the November *Harper's Magazine*, contends that overproduction has been a strong factor in causing the present financial depression. He says: "In April, 1929, the automobile plants of America were capable of producing cars at the rate of 8,000,000 a year. Plant enlargement programs have been in progress since that date, yet the entire world throughout 1929 bought only 6,295,000 cars, including the output of all plants the world over. . . . Think of the vast augmentation of the jobless multitudes connoted by the foregoing illustration from the automobile world. The same depressing fact is true of all our major industries. The

real problem is excess capacity. The coal mines of the country can produce at least 750,000,000 tons a year, while the market can absorb but 500,000,000 a year." These are all contributing causes to the unemployment situation in the world today.

England is spending \$300,000,000 a year to feed her unemployed. This program cannot be continued indefinitely, for no nation could stand the strain; but it is considered necessary to ward off that evil day of revolution and chaos which would surely develop if 2,000,000 able bodied but hungry men could not provide bread for themselves and families. A millionaire was asked why he did not live in a mansion similar to those of other millionaires in New York City. He replied, "I do not want to live in a house that will be too conspicuous when the hungry fellows break loose." A report from Oklahoma City, United States, states that a grocery store was recently raided by a crowd of men and women who shouted that they were hungry and jobless. The picture in the newspaper showed the empty shelves after the raid. Twenty-six were arrested. It is possible to curb a small company of men, as was done in this case, but a different situation would develop if the 4,000,000 unemployed in the United States with their sympathizers, and the rough element of society which would surely join such a movement, were to rise up and take by force the bread which they feel they have not the privilege to earn.

Robert L. Boothby, in a recent magazine article tells the following story which reveals the limit to which a man will go when he and his family feel the pinch of hunger: "A man was on his way to work one morning. It was in the latter part of the night's darkness just before the break of day. He was ordered to stop his car and a stranger demanded the driver's money. The driver said he had only \$2.50, and he needed it to buy food for his family. The stranger said, 'I must have some money. This is the first time I have ever been guilty of stealing, but my family is starving; I must have money to give them something to eat.' The driver told him he would divide the money, and also if he would meet him at a certain place he would see that he got work. The man came to work with his dinner pail. Some of the men looked into the pail. All they found was potato peelings. They filled it with good things to eat. When noon came, the man went to a secluded place. Soon he came to the men and said, 'I am sorry, but somehow I have the wrong pail.' 'No, you haven't was the answer; that is yours.'" This gives you a picture of the want men are being driven to as the result of present conditions. Men are becoming fearful of the outcome. One writer in

the October 30, 1930 number of the *Christian Register*, official organ of the Unitarian body, says: "There has been in the past year some heart-searching of our whole way of life. The dreadful state we are in cannot be hid. Bread lines are forming. As the cold winds begin to blow, we shiver at the prospect of suffering and shudder at the possibility of the shattering of the social order."

These conditions in the world remind us that the day is rapidly approaching when the prophecy of the fifth chapter of James will be fulfilled, and that stupendous struggle between capital and labor will develop, which will bring misery to the rich and a time of universal trouble. Zephaniah, the prophet, describes the scene in the following words: "Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation," Zeph. 1:13. A booty is something taken by force or violence. It is this time of violence that many fear today. Study the fifth chapter of James carefully and you will find in the first six verses God's message to the rich men and to the laborers when the impending struggle is imminent. In the following verses the admonition is for God's people: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, un'til he receives the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." C. E. Wood.

Balboa, C. Z.

"Be not in overmuch haste about forming friendships. The tendency of impetuous youth is to declare lasting affection for the first comrade that pleases the fancy. Better wait. Time tests. The friend who, after a probation period, appeals to your reason as well as your heart, is the one to grip to your life with all the strong cords of affection and service."

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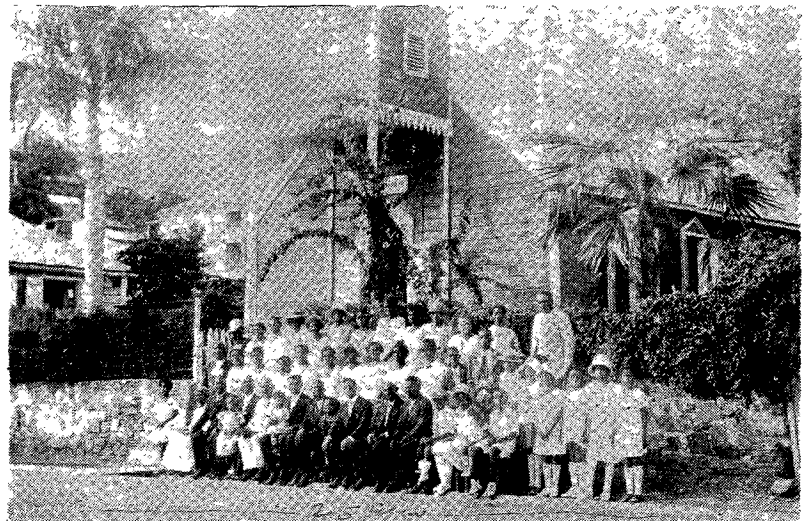
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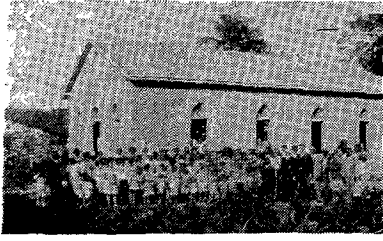
COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE IN VENEZUELA

It was my happy privilege to be with the colporteurs of the Venezuela mission in Caracas for an institute January 8 to 17. I have the most pleasant memories of the many other like meetings that I have enjoyed with the good colporteurs of this mission since the year 1924 when we first came to this field. Brother José Tirado with his faithful army of colporteurs, have just finished a very good year considering the financial conditions. Brother Pedro Gil, who has been selling books since 1923 was again with us and has gone out from this institute to make this year the best of all.

Pastor Cleaves, superintendent of the mission, and Brother Oral Garner, pastor of the Caracas church, gave very valuable help in the program of the institute. Their practical instruction every day made the meetings interesting and proved a great factor in making the institute a success. I believe as never before the colporteurs were led to see just where they are failing and they will now return to their fields to do much more efficient work. In the Bible studies among other things we meditated upon the power of God at our disposal for the preaching of the gospel. From a human point of view it would be impossible to think of having success in this Catholic country with books that are entirely opposed to the teachings of the false system. However, depending on the power of the Holy Spirit and the resources of heaven they are going out with greater assurance of success than ever before. We are sure that the printed page is one of the most mighty



Congregation and church building, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.



The new church building at Moron, Cuba.

agencies of God in doing a quick work in the world; therefore at this late hour we must not slacken, but hasten on in this work of God.

The colporteurs placed as their goal about \$14,000 worth of books delivered in 1931. Each colporteur has a goal of two books delivered each day for twenty days in the month. I feel sure that with faithful time and united prayers we will more than do what we feel God would have us accomplish in the year 1931.

FRED W. STEEVES.

Medellin, Colombia.

GOOD NEWS FROM VENEZUELA

The year 1930 closed leaving the Venezuela Mission thirty-one newly baptized members and one more organized church, for which the workers of this field are thankful. Due to sickness and other causes the year brought many trials to the work but we are glad to report, in spite of this, splendid victories and triumphs for both work and workers.

In December we baptized four in Santa Ana and twelve in Cúcuta, Colombia. In the latter place a church was organized with fourteen members, December 6. Brother J. A. Lamas, elder of the San Cristóbal church, will also serve as elder of this new church in Cúcuta.

In the State of Sucre, in the heart of the great cacao district, we have a splendid group of twenty baptized believers who are cared for by Brother Alberto Acosta. Three new ones were baptized in October. As many as fifty, old and young, witnessed the baptism and other ordinances celebrated.

Brother Julio Garcia reports an ever increasing interest in the vast *Llanos* regions of this country with approximately thirty awaiting baptism. Plans are being made to visit this section of the field during the dry season for the purpose of baptizing as many as are ready. In the same district our Camaguan school of eight grades has enjoyed a year of unprecedented success under the able management of Brother and Sister R. E. Greenidge.

Our three Bible workers, Sisters Ana Hansen of Curacao, Lillith Newball of Caracas, and Sara Acosta of Villa de Cura, are doing commendable work and success is attending their efforts. Broth-

er and Sister R. O. Garner, who are leading out in the work in Caracas, are giving unstinted service to our large church there, and we are looking forward to a strong effort in this important center this year.

Prospects are bright for the best year in the history of our work in this republic. We have calls coming in from several places which we are unable to fill at present. With the arrival of new workers expected in the near future to add to our present force, we hope to make very substantial gains in all lines this year.

We solicit the earnest prayers of the MESSENGER family in our behalf.

L. V. CLEAVES.

Caracas, Venezuela.

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A WORKING CHURCH IS A CHRIST-LIKE CHURCH

"Please tell me where I can find the Protestant church that teaches the soon coming of Christ and our preparation to meet Him?" asked a young man in a very anxious voice of an acquaintance on a street car in the city of Vera Cruz, Mexico, a few days ago. On the same car was one of our sisters, Luz Morgado, the treasurer of the local church. She overheard the query and noted the disappointment of the inquirer when his friend could not give him the address he wanted. Gladly she told him that she was a member of the church he sought and asked why he was looking for her church. "Because my mother is dying. She is afraid she will die before some one can come to explain a tract your church puts out that tells of the soon coming of Jesus and the fate of the world in that day. Mother wants to be saved but there is no one to tell her how or what to do. Oh, come quickly, don't let mother die without knowing everything you can teach her!" Happily our sister went to the bedside of the dying mother to tell her the beautiful story of Jesus' love and how to be ready for the glorious day when from her earthly couch she would hear the voice of her Saviour and be forever with Him.

Thus the majority of our church members in this church are kept busy every spare day and hour distributing our literature, praying for the sick and repentant, and giving Bible studies to the many families in this city who are enquiring for the truth. Although we were forced to take away their pastor and put him in a more needy field the members hold regular Sabbath, Sunday night and mid-week meetings, doing their own preaching or giving Bible studies to the

best of their ability, and usually the church building is packed to its capacity with visitors.

Needless to say in this church the members have no time to quarrel with one another or to hack bite. Their only problem is how to take care of the ever increasing soul-harvest at their doors.

A few years ago someone gave a worn copy of "*Videntes Porvenir*" to an old Mexican gentleman in Los Angeles. As this book explained so many strange prophecies of the Bible he treasured it highly. Later he moved to Chihuahua, Mexico. His married daughter visited him and he showed her this strange book. She read it and gladly accepted all of its wonderful teachings. Returning to her home she began to tell her neighbors of her new found faith. Soon her husband, a railroad bridge builder, was transferred over on the east coast to the little town of Cuatotolapan, Vera Cruz. As soon as they were located in their new home the wife began to tell her neighbors of the truth. Two long years she labored for one family before all their prejudices and obstacles were broken down and they were converted. Together these two families began to work for others and when we visited them one year later we found thirty-two Sabbath keepers which we organized into a Sabbath school.

About one hundred and fifty miles from the nearest railroad in the sierras of the state of Chiapas a ranch employee bought and read one of our books from a colporteur. Drinking in all that the book taught and thirsting for more truth he walked sixty-five kilometers to find our church. Here he met Pastor Zaynos of that district who taught him the principles of our Message and how to work for the salvation of his neighbors. Brother Zaynos urged him to build a meeting house for their Sabbath services. Returning home this brother carried out the instructions to the letter and soon won several converts. Together this little group built a meeting house and when it was finished he again walked to Tuxtla Cutierrez to have Brother Zaynos come and dedicate their house of worship. Thus another broadcasting station has been established in that great state to send out the good news to all the surrounding dwellers.

At a near-by ranch called *Agua Esccondida* (hidden water) the owner bought and read "Great Controversy." From this book he accepted our faith. Not only did he teach it in his home but to all his employees so that soon Brother Zaynos was called there to organize a Sabbath school, and soon, enough will be baptized so that we can organize them into a church. This brother's oldest son, Abel Escarpullo, is now planning to attend our school next year and prepare himself for the ministry.

Almost two years ago Brother Nilesia Gonzalez, elder of the local church and who had done much to build up our work in that place, was asked if he would be willing to move to a near-by town for the purpose of doing self-supporting missionary work in that place. He and his wife consented to go. When we visited him we found enough new converts to organize a Sabbath school. A short time ago I visited him again and was able to organize a church of twenty baptized members.

Surely in this hour of financial crisis when we must cut out workers' salaries from our budgets in order to answer the many calls in our mission fields our only hope is to train our laity to do God's work in these last hours of time. The gospel light must go forward, driving back the powers of darkness and holding these precious blood-bought souls for our conquering King. In a trained and working church the members grow into the fullness of Christ rapidly, and successfully keep from their ranks all of the soul-destroying agencies that so greatly perplex our work and retard our victories. Surely only a working church is a Christ-like church.

J. B. NELSON.

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THE ISLES OF THE SEA

Recently it was the privilege of the writer to visit some of the churches of Cuba. Signs of progress were in evidence in each of the places visited. In company with the superintendent, A. A. Davis, a visit was made also to the Isle of Pines, a small island belonging to the Cuban government, about eighty miles south of the mainland. This island has a population of about 5,000 people many of whom are English, German and Americans. Here on this island is located the model penitentiary of the Cuban government, a most wonderful institution being conducted along humanitarian principles.

On this little island we have two companies of believers. About four years ago the island suffered a very severe cyclone which destroyed practically all the beautiful pine trees which gave the island its name. At that time our church building in Santa Barbara was completely destroyed. Since then our brethren have been meeting in a club building, but recently they secured a dwelling house on a large plot of ground on the main road at the edge of the town. The place was completely remodeled and converted into a commodious chapel with

a good sized room adjoining which will serve for the childrens' department of the Sabbath school. On the occasion of our visit this place was dedicated to the Lord. The interior was beautifully decorated with palm leaves and flowers. A number of the town people attended the dedicatorial service conducted by Pastor Davis, and later they expressed themselves as being impressed. We believe the island offers splendid opportunities for our work, and rejoice that it has been possible for Brother R. E. Stewart, who recently returned from his furlough, to locate on this island.

Returning to the mainland of Cuba we visited another fine group of people at Puerta de Golpe near Pinar del Rio. This group has been raised up during the last year or two under the efforts of our worker, José Veiga. In this group are two prominent business men in the city, with their families.

Our Moron church is a very neat substantial building. The walls are fourteen inches thick, well braced and reinforced to resist the frequent strong winds. The building of this edifice marks an important phase in the history of our work in Moron. It truly denotes growth in spite of obstacles. Only a few years ago our Jamaican believers of that place were completely divided over the racial question and for a time it seemed as though the work had almost gone to pieces. The Mann movement made its headquarters there, and at one time three of its workers were located in Moron. But under the efforts of Pastor J. N. Williams the pieces have been welded together and although those who went out from us still continue to hold their own services every Sabbath, yet our work has grown and this year the beautiful building was erected much to the surprise of the people of the town. As every other movement which breaks away from the Seventh-day Adventist organization has come to naught so the Mann movement has dwindled away in Cuba and only a few now remain a witness for it. Had it not been for a small debt of \$50.00 still to be paid, the church would have been dedicated at the time of the colporteurs' institute which was held there the latter part of December.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Havana, Cuba.

DOORS AGAIN OPEN IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

It has been some time since you have had a report from Cayman Islands. When we last reported things were not so encouraging, but today the prospects are bright throughout the field. Calls are coming in so fast we cannot answer them all as my wife and I are the only workers in our little island field which is composed of three islands, separated

by over a hundred miles of water and very rough water, but our church members, numbering something over sixty, co-operate with us and have helped to scatter many thousands of *Signs of the Times* and other papers. Good results have followed, and we find many interested ones all over the island.

The Little Cayman island has been closed against us for sometime, but on our way to Cayman Brac the other day the captain on board, who resides at Little Cayman, after learning who we were gave us an urgent invitation to visit the island and hold a series of meetings. There was a lady on board the steamer who also lives there. She said she had been reading our papers and giving them to her friends and now they wanted to hear a preacher. So after we dedicate the newly built church at the east end of Grand Cayman and hold a series of meetings there, we will visit Little Cayman.

We have been able to build three church buildings during the year and six months we have been here. Our Sabbath schools have grown from three to six, so we feel encouraged. There is a strong call for us to hold a series of meetings at West Bay, a distance of eight miles from Georgetown. We need help. May God move upon some one to come and join us in sowing the seed in this isolated mission field.

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REPORT OF THE WORK IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

The Leeward Islands Conference was organized on the third of February, 1927. Prior to that time it had been operated as a mission for a number of years. Pastor H. J. Edmed was elected president of the new conference. The territory was the Leeward and Virgin islands, with a membership of 666. This membership had increased to 707 at the close of 1928.

Pastor Edmed had served the field faithfully for several years, and feeling the need of rest, he asked for a furlough



New church building and believers at Santa Barbara in Isles of Pines.

that he might have an opportunity to build up his strength. His request was granted and he left on furlough February 1, 1928. This left the field without a president, and Pastor J. M. Cole, who has spent many years in the work in the South Seas, was called to the field. He came to the field in December, 1928, and served it faithfully until the time of the General Conference in 1930. Mrs. Cole had not been very well for some months, and when Pastor Cole left to attend the General Conference he took her with him, in the hope that the change and a short stay in the States would prove beneficial to her. Physicians strongly advised against her return to the islands. Pastor Cole felt it to be his duty to remain in the States with her, and because of this offered his resignation as president of the conference.

The conference has suffered the loss of other workers. Brother George Shadshiem was obliged to resign his work and return to the States because of serious illness. Lately we have lost Brother Davis, one of our young ministers, by death. Before his death Brother Davis was laboring in Montserrat, and was having some success in his work there. Brother Davis would, we believe, have developed into a strong worker, but death has brought an end to his labor and his plans. We are sorry to lose him; and we extend to his widow and children our sympathy in their great loss. We cannot understand why we are so often called to give up promising young workers, either in sickness or death, but we are sure God knows why, and we can trust Him.

While Pastor Cole was president of the conference, it was decided to organize the French islands into a separate mission and Pastor H. H. Dexter was called to that field.

The number of laborers in the conference is not large, and they could easily use many more, if they had the money to care for the additional expense. There are three ordained ministers, two licensed ministers, and five who hold missionary licenses; making a total at the present time of ten workers.

The ministers have been blessed in their work in this field. One new church has been organized in Barbados, and one splendid church building has been erected on the other end of that island. This house is free from debt, and I had the pleasure of assisting in its dedication early in the present year. The future looks bright, and we see no reason why the work in this field should not go forward with increasing success. We have seen many evidences of the Holy Spirit's working, and we are sure, if we will give ourselves fully to the Lord to be used in His cause, we shall see many others gathered into the fold.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to

God for the blessings that have attended the work in this field. God has been wonderfully good to us. We thank Him for a part in His great work, and for the measure of success that has attended the efforts put forth in this field. We rejoice, too, at the fast fulfilling signs of the end. We long to see the Saviour, to fall at His feet in adoration, and know that all the temptations and conflicts are over. But we must wait a little longer, fight a few more battles, endeavor to lead a few more people to Jesus for salvation. So let us buckle the armor a little closer, and work a little harder to hasten, as much as we may, the completion of the work, and the coming of our Lord.

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Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

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PRAYER CHANGES HEARTS

After six months of silence I again offer a brief report of our activities since leaving the Panama Conference last July. Upon our arrival in the city of San José, Costa Rica, we found prospects encouraging for a strong soul-winning campaign. Colporteurs had filled the city with good books, much free literature had been distributed, and personal contacts had been made by many of the workers with individuals of high standing and influence in the city.

As I considered the situation, in view of the great need for definite and continuous evangelistic work in behalf of these thousands of Spanish people, I felt a burning desire in my heart to be relieved of the administrative responsibilities as director of the Costa Rican Mission, in order that I might devote my full times to the soul-winning program. The union committee took the matter under advisement and kindly granted my request.

Our first efforts were directed toward the preparation of a suitable hall in which to hold meetings. After wearing out a pair of shoe soles walking up and down these rapidly disappearing cobblestone streets, we located a hall near the heart of the city, which was remodeled and painted, and equipped with mahogany pews, making a very desirable and representative place in which to hold our services.

I shall not more than mention the Harvest Ingathering campaign which consumed our efforts for several weeks, and which, under the blessing of God, was successful in spite of the financial depression. The church cooperated faithfully, thus enabling us to set a new mark in funds collected by the San José church. The campaign finished, we be-

gan to make definite preparation for a strong soul-winning effort in the city. For this purpose we had come, and we were anxious to turn from "serving tables" to the "ministry of the Word."

Professor and Mrs. Chapman, Juan Porras, and May Hammond, from the "Academia Adventista" were asked to connect with the effort; Professor Chapman to alternate with me in the speaking, Mrs. Chapman to give a series of health demonstrations in connection with the evening services, Brother Porras to direct the music, and Miss Hammond to do Bible work. Besides these regular workers a number volunteered their services during the campaign, and are rendering valuable assistance.

Our meetings began about ten days ago, and while the attendance is not as large as we had hoped it would be, nearly twenty persons have requested Bible studies, and are deeply interested. This includes a few who are preparing for baptism. The workers are praying most earnestly that God will give us victory in spite of the opposition so apparent. Our work has been grossly misrepresented by certain organizations here, so we are thankful to have even fifty strangers come in from night to night, and we are praying that God will hold in check the forces of evil until we have had a chance to present His glorious truth.

All the workers, including the speakers, spend every afternoon visiting and studying the Bible with the people in their homes. At six o'clock each evening we come together for prayer that God will send us the very people who should hear the truth at this time. At seven o'clock three times a week we conduct a Bible class before the evening service for the benefit of a number of interested people, and others who are preparing for baptism.

We feel sure that all who know us personally, and others who understand something of the burden and anxiety involved in carrying forward an evangelistic effort, will remember us when kneeling before the throne of grace, that God may give us boldness to preach the truth with convicting power, holding constantly to the affirmative in all our discourses, and trusting in God for a special manifestation of His Spirit's power as we endeavor to preach a risen Lord to those who are wont to think of Him as still hanging on the cross.

N. W. DUNN.

San José, Costa Rica.

With Our Departments

FROM THE MAIL BOX

It was a beautiful morning, the first Sabbath of the new year, when the steamer "Orinoco" anchored in the harbor of La Guaira, Venezuela. From the

shores of this port the mountains rise to an altitude of several thousand feet, and are all covered with green, which makes them the more beautiful to behold.

The little Sabbath school convened at 9:30 A. M. with Pastor G. W. Wells acting as superintendent. The school was opened with prayer by F. L. Harrison. While we were few in number, the study of the lesson as conducted by Pastor Andross, covering the first eleven verses of Romans the sixth chapter, was very interesting and helpful.

When the offering was taken from the four members, there was \$4.00 for missions. The school was dismissed by prayer by Sister Andross. Each one expressed appreciation of the little Sabbath school, which was held in a quiet corner of the ship's parlor.

F. L. HARRISON.

On the High Seas.

GIVE ADVENT MESSAGE THROUGH NEWSPAPERS

The task of carrying the Advent Message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people in this generation is not an impossibility, providing that God's servants make use of the varied agencies that have been placed here to aid in the accomplishment of that purpose.

Our leaders ride on swiftly moving railroad trains in order to meet appointments at distant points; some travel from one hemisphere to another on the giant steamships of the sea; some engage passage on airplanes in order to save time and keep pressing engagements for the promotion of our fast-growing world-wide activities. The cables carry messages under the sea, the telephone permits conversations to be carried on over great distances, and sermons are preached over radio broadcasting stations that may be heard in homes hundreds of miles away. Who would deny that all of these inventions were placed here in the providence of God to help His servants advance the work of soul-saving that they have undertaken to do?

There is still another agency which God has placed here for His servants to use, and they are using it, too, to good effect, but not in its fulness,—and that is the printing press. Our publishing houses in different parts of the world are perhaps doing more extensive missionary work for the promotion of Seventh-day Adventist teachings than any other single branch of the cause, yet they have their limitations in production and circulation, and millions of human beings have yet to learn anything of the last Message of mercy, either in printed form, or from the lips of the living preacher or teacher.

What about the vast avenue that God has opened to us through the public

press? In North America, scores of Seventh-day Adventist preachers are conducting systematic advertising campaigns through the newspapers to attract persons to their meetings and to the Message they are preaching. Money is being spent judiciously to announce the subjects of sermons and the place of meetings in advertising columns, while the preachers are either preparing reports of their sermons themselves for publication in the free columns of the newspapers or having some member of their evangelistic company do so. Success attends this kind of publicity in the way of attracting interested persons to meetings or in sowing the seeds of the gospel in the minds of persons who read the messages in the newspapers.

Something has been accomplished through some of the newspapers of England, South America, Australia, New Zealand, China, Ceylon and Africa, which should indicate to workers in these sections that editors there are favorably impressed with us and our Message as far as news is concerned. But should not a more pronounced and systematic effort be put forth by workers in many places to form contacts with newspaper editors, and have the Advent Message go through the powerful agency of the public press to the most remote sections while it is being circulated at the same

Why not begin now to get acquainted with newspaper editors and reporters, and pray God to make favorable impressions on the minds of these men so that they will aid in the proclamation of the Message through the columns of their papers?

The Press Bureau of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., will give gladly, free of charge, helpful information on writing for the newspapers to all who request it. What is news in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination? How should it be written? These and other questions concerning newspaper reporting are fully answered in this information.

W. L. BURGAN,
Sec'y., General Conference
Press Bureau.

Washington, D. C.

JAMAICA'S ARMY

In the latter part of November it was my privilege to look into the faces of the young people over in Jamaica once again. That conference has a host of young people; and it was inspiring to look into their eager faces. Truly they can do much as day by day they surrender their all to the Master for Him to use in His service.

One of the very encouraging features of our Missionary Volunteer meetings during the conference session was our prayer bands. We had about twenty such bands and every morning at 6 o'clock Brother Meeker, the leader of the young people in Jamaica, and I met with the leaders of those bands for prayer and counsel. God answered many prayers and I feel sure that those bands were a great blessing, not only to the young people in them, but also to the subjects of their prayers.

A large number of the young people enrolled in the Bible Year, so we hope to have the pleasure of sending many Bible year certificates to that field for 1931. It will mean much to the youth to get better acquainted with the Book of books. May the Lord greatly bless our army of young people, not only in Jamaica, but throughout the division and make them soul-winners who will do exploits for Him during the swiftly passing months of 1931.

Have you been doing something for Jesus every day this year?

How many soul-winning papers have you given to others?

Are you keeping up in your Bible year?

Remember to stir up the gift that God has given you by study, prayer, and service, for while "buried seeds will grow, buried talents NEVER."

Balboa, C. Z. M. E. A.

"A good thought, well expressed is often a source of inspiration to thousands whom the author never sees."

HOW TO PREVENT A COLD

1. Stay away from people with colds.
2. Keep up your body resistance.
 - a. Eat foods that form an alkaline ash and are an aid to the body in resisting colds, as:

Dried lima beans	Beets
Celery	Apples
Oranges	Bananas
Spinach	Almonds
Carrots	Seed raisins

- b. Eat very few, if any sweets.
 - c. Sleep eight hours daily.
 - d. Exercise outdoors in sunshine daily.
 - e. Drink 6 to 8 glasses of water daily.
 - f. Bowel movement daily.
3. Train your skin to stand changes in temperature by frequent bathing.
4. Breathe through your nose. Air is filtered in the nose.
5. Have diseased tonsils, adenoids or bad teeth removed.
6. Wash your hands often; always before eating.
7. Live and work in well-ventilated rooms.
8. Sleep with windows open.
9. See a doctor if you keep on taking cold in spite of taking care of yourself.

time among the multitudes living in the cities where the papers are printed? Does not God want His servants everywhere to utilize this agency that reaches every class of humanity? The possibilities of reaching the multitudes through the public press cannot be computed, so vast are they. A marvelous work can be done through the papers if they are faithfully utilized.

O'ER LAND AND SEA

As this issue of the MESSENGER goes to press many workers are engaged in evangelistic efforts. In San José, Costa Rica, Pastor N. W. Dunn is conducting the first effort for the Spanish-speaking people that has been held in that city. He is being assisted by Prof. George Chapman. Mrs. George Chapman, a graduate nurse, gives health talks and demonstrations each evening in connection with the meetings. Brother C. E. Ellis is also conducting an evangelistic effort in Port Limon, Costa Rica, for the English-speaking people. Let us pray for a large harvest of souls as a result of these as well as other efforts that are being conducted.

Over in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Pastor Glenn Millard and Brother G. A. Coon are having remarkable interest in their evangelistic effort. In and around their large portable tabernacle about one thousand people—sometimes many more—listen to the story of salvation every evening. From over in Barbados comes a similar report of an effort which Pastor L. H. Gardiner and others are conducting in the city of Bridgetown.

The latter part of January found Pastor E. J. Lorntz on the high seas. This time he was on his way to Chiriqui to visit Brother Ishmael Ellis and assist him in the work he is carrying on among the Guaymi Indians.

Miss Viola E. Cooke has recently joined the division office force to assist in secretarial and stenographic work.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of little Marilyn Joyce to the Bahamas. She came to live in the home of Brother and Sister Harry E. Beddoe, January 17, 1931.

The division family were glad to welcome back to the office Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Andross. They report a profitable time spent in the Caribbean Union.

Professor W. L. Adams also returned to the division office after a few weeks spent in different countries of the Central American Union.

On the 16th of January Mr. Librado Concepcion and Miss Anita Gregory were united in marriage in the San José church. Pastor N. W. Dunn performed the marriage ceremony. A few days after their marriage these young people sailed for Salvador where they will assist Brother Olsen in the work in that mission.

We are sorry that Mrs. D. A. Cone, wife of the assistant manager of the Pacific Press, in Cristobal, and baby had to return to the States the early part of February because of failing health. Mrs. Cone's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Steeley, who had recently come from the States, accompanied her.

The Inter-American Division Ministerial Reading Course For 1931

THE BOOKS

"Patriarchs and Prophets," by Mrs. E. G. White	
"The Ministry of the Word," by G. Campbell Morgan	\$1.50
"Meaning of the Cross," by Gordon Watt	1.25
"What is the Gospel," by Chas. G. Trumbull	.75
	Total \$3.50

Owing to the general circulation of "Patriarchs and Prophets," this book is not included in the price of the Reading Course set.

The price of the set may be a little higher in some fields on account of duty and depreciation of currency.

As it is impossible to get the promotion matter and books of the Ministerial Reading Course to our workers in Inter-America by the first of January, it has been thought best to have the course in this division commence April 1. This explains why there has been a seeming delay in making the announcement concerning the books for 1931.

Order, as usual, through your local Book and Bible House.

Workers and believers throughout our division will regret to learn of the death of Pastor B. E. Beddoe, for years the very efficient associate secretary of the General Conference. He fell asleep in Jesus February 4 in the Glendale Sanitarium, California. His son, Harry E. Beddoe, is secretary-treasurer of the Bahamas Mission.

Another cause for deep sorrow and regret was the sudden departure of Pastor and Mrs. L. G. Jorgensen and little Gilbert almost immediately after their arrival in the field. They longed to remain and could hardly get the consent of their hearts to turn their faces homeward again, but according to the word of the specialists it seemed imperative that they leave at once. A tropical disease, which had evidently been contracted by Sister Jorgensen during the term of service in Brazil and which seemed to have been arrested during their furlough in the States, manifested itself again even before Brother and Sister Jorgensen reached Trinidad. Pray earnestly for these dear fellow-workers.

Pastor Orley Ford, for many years a missionary among the Indians of Ecuador, has been called to connect with this division, and doubtless will have sailed for Honduras before this paper reaches its readers.

One more month until the thirteenth Sabbath! This is one more opportunity to demonstrate the willingness of the Inter-American Sabbath schools to help in the world wide field. The overflow on this thirteenth Sabbath goes to Africa. The work in that great field needs the help that this offering will furnish. Remember them on March 28.

THERE'S A CRY FROM MOUNT RORAIMA

Returning from a trip among the Indians, Sister A. W. Cott writes to the Inter-American Division office as follows:

"On our way home we passed through six villages. In four of these we have not yet organized Sabbath schools. The Indians living in them just pleaded for help. One woman as she bade us farewell, pressed my hand tightly and said in a most earnest tone, 'Oh, come back quickly, for we want Jesus and God's Word to be taught in our village.' The first time that we passed through this same village, we asked to spend the night with them and they said, 'No.' We finally persuaded them to allow us to remain over Sabbath with them, as it was then Friday afternoon. Within the next two weeks one of our baptized believers, Brother Warringding by name, spent two Sabbaths with them, and during this time gave them the Message, with the result that when we returned they greeted us in a most cordial way and are now asking for a mission.

"The next day, passing through another village, a number of the Indians followed us some distance on the trail, and before returning home, their last words were such that I shall never forget, for they said, 'Do come back quickly, quickly, and teach us God's Word. We want Jesus to stay with us. Please do not stay away from us so long this time.

"In the last village we passed through on our way back to Acurima, I just had to pull myself away from the women, for two of them held me so tightly that they even hurt my hand while they said, 'We cannot let you go. Stay and teach us Jesus' songs and God's Word.' I have a Sabbath school organized here but have had very little time to spend with the Indians, and this is what makes my heart sad. These people are dying out so quickly, that when we once leave them we do not know whether we shall ever see them again. They are sorely in need of continual help, for many of them know so little of God's Word. Where are the workers to gather in these precious souls?

"Just before reaching the Acurima hill, the Indians came out on the trail to meet us, and when we arrived we found that the whole village had gathered in front of the mission house, bringing us fruit and vegetables, and telling us how happy they were to see us, and that next time we must not stay so long. The fact is we shall soon have to leave them again for quite a period when we visit Uong King where there are several settlements of Arekunas. These people have already started a church building in the hope that we shall visit them and organize a mission there. We are glad to say that Brother Steele is to arrive there to erect a mission house.

"Our Sabbath school quarterlies are always late in arriving, and often we do not get them at all, so we have translated Sabbath school lessons for two quarters and arranged memory verses on the life of Christ, so that in every part of the field the Indians will be taught the same lesson—that is when the workers are with them. We also have a number of songs translated in the Indian language, which give them the Message and which they can understand when they sing them, which was not the case with the English songs."

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