

## NEW ADVANCES IN INTER-AMERICA

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Late in 1948 the General Conference Sabbath School Department passed on to us the welcome news that the Inter-American Division had been chosen as the recipient of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the third quarter of 1949. Furthermore, they requested us to select specific projects to be benefitted by this particular offering, and to provide appropriate promotion material as early as possible.

While this two-fold duty was a pleasant one, it was by no means an easy task; for we could see glaring needs all over the Division, and our hearts have been stirred for many months with the desire to see definite help provided in many places. Some projects have been delayed for years because of the shortage of funds with which to proceed. However, after prayerful and careful consideration, the Inter-American Division Committee finally voted to assign the "overflow offering" to three important enterprises; namely, Indian work in southern Mexico and Guatemala; a sanitarium-hospital at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico; and chapels in the French West Indies Mission. If each of these projects could receive as much as \$10,000, this would bring great rejoicing to our people, and would be the means of opening up the work in new places in a number of instances.

For many years the Division Committee has felt the necessity of doing more for the millions of Indians within our territory. Many years ago a small beginning was made among the Arekuna and Akawaio Indians of British Guiana. We have also many Indian believers in southern Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Guatemala. In the spring of this year we opened our first Indian training school at Momostenango, Guatemala; and it is our plan to place the graduates of this school in charge of small A. B. C. schools in various parts of that country. We believe this small beginning will develop into a large and important work for the Indian populations of interior Guatemala.

Our leaders, and the church membership of Puerto Rico, have long looked forward to the time when they would have a sanitarium of their own. The way has providentially opened up, funds have been raised, and the doctors are on the ground, ready to connect with a denominationally owned and operated medical center; but additional funds will be needed for equipment. We are looking forward in faith to the time when the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be taken in all the churches around the circle of the world, at the close of the third quarter of this year, believing that the necessary funds for the Puerto Rico medical unit will be forthcoming because of the sympathetic interest in this good work, which is shared by the entire church membership, and especially by the constituency of the Inter-American Division.

Then again, one of our very most pressing needs in all the Division is the need to provide chapels for our believers on the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, in the French West Indian Mission of the Caribbean Union. In these two islands we own but one church building; and in some instances the congregations have been ordered out of the rented quarters which they have occupied in the past, and have absolutely nowhere to go for the holding of regular church services. This need still exists, after plans and appeals have been reviewed year after year; and it cheers our hearts greatly to learn of the possibility that definite help can be provided through the co-operation of our Sabbath school members, in September of this year.

It is my earnest hope that all our Sabbath schools in this Division will rally to these three special appeals for help within our own field, and that we shall make the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to be received at the close of this present quarter, the very largest Sabbath school offering in all our history. Since we are to be the beneficiaries of the overflow from this offering, surely we should

lead out in a strong way, and do our utmost, by prayer and sacrifice to make this a really blessed occasion all through the field.

During this quarter the eyes of the Adventist world will be turned upon Inter-America in a special way. May God impress the hearts of His people everywhere, and give them the spirit of liberality, that the special needs of His work may be supplied at this time.

### The Calendar Issue

Throughout the entire Inter-American Division there is a growing protest against the so-called Calendar Reform. While this subject is being agitated by the public, it is really the time for God's servants to do what they can to bring the true aspects of the calendar issue before the people, and also tactfully to bring before them the true Sabbath of the Bible.

Since this question is soon to be discussed in high international councils, it behooves us to do everything within our power to educate responsible men and women everywhere as to the real issues involved.

Because the situation is urgent, the General Conference has requested Elder B. F. Perez, who is in charge of the Spanish broadcasts of the Voice of Prophecy, to visit influential men in Inter- and South America in order to secure their co-operation toward the defeat of the new world calendar scheme. Brother Perez left on this trip early in May, and his first letter indicates that he has had a good reception by leading officials thus far contacted in Latin America.

While in Cuba, Brother Perez visited a number of prominent government officials. The Secretary to the Minister of the Interior was so deeply interested in the calendar subject that he left his office, and with his personal car took Brother Perez to visit several other persons. They also had good conversations with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and with the members of the Commission.

Since his work in Cuba, Brother Perez has visited government officials in Mexico, Guatemala, and Salvador. In Mexico he had a most profitable meeting with the important leaders of the Protestant churches, and they promised their co-operation. They also plan to initiate a campaign against the movement known as calendar reform.

We have not yet received word as to what the other unions are doing to combat this calendar movement, but Elder H. J. Westphal, of Mexico City, writes that they are planning to distribute among the higher class of people 7,000 copies of the pamphlet on the change of the calendar which were sent them by the General Conference. In addition they are printing 100,000 copies of the same pamphlet on cheaper paper for promiscuous distribution among the reading public. They are also circulating a petition among the people in protest of the proposed calendar reform. If every field would do as Mexico is doing, we would certainly stir up a lot of opposition to this wicked scheme that has been set in operation again during recent months.—E. F. H.

### Some Interesting Facts Concerning Radio And Bible Correspondence Work In the Inter-American Division

From among the more than twenty thousand active students in our Bible Correspondence Schools in the Inter-American Division, over twelve thousand are reported as definitely interested in the message. While the degree of interest may vary,—from those who are definitely interested, to

those who have already begun keeping the Sabbath of the Bible, and others who are already in baptismal classes, still this interest is a marvelous demonstration of the effectiveness of our radio broadcasts and the work of the correspondence schools as evangelizing forces in our work.

If this interest is properly attended to during 1949, we should see a goodly harvest of souls as a result, perhaps running into the thousands.

At the time of this writing, in May, 1949, some twenty-five strategically located stations are releasing our religious programs,—the Voice of Prophecy, in the English, Spanish and French languages. In the Republic of Mexico, some fifty or more stations carry our Health broadcast without charge.

The facilities of our twenty-four correspondence schools now cover the entire Division territory, and also operate in the languages in which we are broadcasting, plus the Dutch language in Dutch Guiana, where we have a corresponding language broadcast.

While we thank God for the stations we now have, still, due to the many islands, multiple language, and political sections of our Division territory, there are still great unentered metropolitan centers where our broadcasts do not reach. We hope to add new stations in these territories as funds permit.

Surely God has given us this marvelous facility for just such an hour as this. With unwarned millions of people to be reached with a maximum of speed and a minimum of time, and with economy of expenditure, the radio offers the ideal medium for bringing this message quickly to the masses.

Like an angel flying in the midst of heaven, radio is literally lightening the earth with the glory of this message of truth, and this great work definitely includes the territories and the peoples of the Inter-American Division.

—L. H. LINDBECK

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### Onward, Ever Onward

On the evening of April 26, the delegates of the 27 churches of West Cuba Conference assembled for their 1949 conference session in the new Vibora, Havana, Cuba, church. This conference, which consists of 1,770 Seventh-day Adventist members, is under the leadership of Elder R. J. Roy.

In addition to the regular delegates, ministers and the workers from the conference, Elder and Mrs. E. J. Lorntz, of the General Conference, W. E. Murray, of the Inter-American Division, and F. S. Thompson, L. L. Reile, and W. A. Wild from the Antillian Union, were present. Elder Lorntz was formerly the president of the Cuba Conference when the entire island was in one field, and we were happy to have him and Mrs. Lorntz with us at this meeting, and also at the session of the East Cuba Conference which followed.

The proceedings of the conference extended over five days, closing on Sunday night, May 1, when Elder Braulio Perez spoke to the assembly on the calendar question. Elder Perez was starting out on his trip through the Latin American capitals, where he is working with high government

officials in the interests of holding in check the so-called reform, or revision of the present world calendar. We appreciated Elder Perez' sermon, and his presence with us at this particular meeting.

In a spirit of unity and progress the proceedings of the conference session were carried on. The days were filled with Bible studies, preaching, reports of the workers from the field, and the departmental secretaries; and also with the reports from the various sub-committees that had been appointed for the sessions. There were also reports from the president and the secretary-treasurer of the conference.

During the two-year period just closed, 298 persons were baptized in West Cuba, thus bringing the membership at the close of 1948 up to 1,770. The book sales for the last biennial period were very good, totaling \$77,000.00. The colporteurs numbered 31, and surely this is an excellent record for these faithful workers.

The president reported that there had been held an average of practically eight major evangelistic efforts per year during the last biennial period; that the tithe for the same period reached \$93,000.00, and that these figures indicate a healthy increase over the reports of former years.

The Sabbath school work in West Cuba is also going forward with real progress. In fact, this is true also of the work of the other departments as well. By comparison with the church membership it is interesting to observe that we have 2,091 Sabbath school members in West Cuba, who are organized into 56 regular Sabbath schools and 34 branch Sabbath schools.

Brother Celestino Roque reported that there are 600 members in the Missionary Volunteer Societies of West Cuba, 16 church schools, and 19 teachers. The great evangelistic possibilities of these schools are shown by the fact that there are more students attending the church schools from non-Adventist homes than otherwise, 346 being from non-Adventist homes, and 139 from the homes of our church members.

The spiritual messages which came to us from day to day were of great encouragement to all in attendance. Plans were laid for greatly enlarging our activities in West Cuba during the next two years. Large plans were laid for entering new territory, and all in all, it was a very good meeting.

The officers and other personnel elected for the coming two-year period are as follows: R. J. Roy, president; Silvio Sales, secretary-treasurer; Celestino Roque, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer, Educational, and Sabbath School Departments; R. J. Roy, secretary of the Home Missionary Department; Juan Palau, secretary of the Publishing Department; and Miss Riener Macias, secretary-treasurer of the Tract Society.

—W. E. MURRAY

### Progress in East Cuba

The East Cuba Conference has as its territory the two provinces of the Republic of Cuba called Camagüey and Oriente. This territory embraces about one-half of the island. Our conference in this section has its headquarters at Camagüey, which has become a large aviation center during recent years.

The East Cuba session of 1949 was called to order at Holguin, Cuba, by the president, Elder Miguel Vazquez, on Tuesday evening, May 3. The meetings extended to the end of the week, covering a period of about five days, and closing on Saturday evening, May 7. The meetings were held in the church building that was recently erected in

this prosperous city, and the entire series was characterized by a spirit of Christian unity and understanding.

During the days of the East Cuba meeting a large number of reports were presented to the assembly, most of them of a most encouraging nature. These reports were prepared and presented by the workers in the field, the departmental secretaries, and the president and secretary-treasurer of the conference. Space does not permit of our telling all of the good things we heard while in attendance at the meetings in Holguin, but we shall mention a few of the high points of special interest.

A very active church-building campaign has been carried on in this field during the past two years; and it was reported that six or seven larger church buildings have been financed during this time. Six of these have been completed and dedicated, and one is still in the process of construction.

During the two-year period this conference has been able to get together, chiefly through the two-percent fund, the sum of \$25,000.00 for the construction of these edifices. The Holguin church is one of the fine examples of this particular campaign. In East Cuba also, 222 persons have been baptized during the past 24 months, thus bringing the membership up to 1,814 at the close of 1948.

In this field we have 14 church schools, and four affiliated private schools, with a total enrollment of 511 students, 122 from Seventh-day Adventist homes, and 389 from the homes of non-Adventists in the conference. We believe that this situation brings to us a great opportunity, and constitutes a real challenge in the field of personal evangelism in the church schools.

We were happy to learn that in this part of Cuba 30 colporteurs are carrying forward a most marvelous ministry with our books, and other literature, they having sold publications during the past two years to the amount of \$59,000.00. It is interesting to notice in passing that the total sales for the preceding two-year period amounted to \$46,000.00, which certainly indicates a very good increase in sales during the past biennial period.

In the East Cuba Conference this year the Harvest Ingathering campaign is being pushed with greater zeal than ever before that the goal of \$10,000.00 may be reached in due time. We learned that in former years the Ingathering receipts have reached in the neighborhood of four or five thousand dollars only, so this feature of the work is also very evidently on the up grade, along with the others.

Some excellent reports were given by the departmental secretaries of the conference; and special interest was manifested by the delegates in the reports concerning our Sabbath school and lay-preaching work. At one of the meetings there were 14 lay preachers in attendance, one of these being a woman. These laymen will hold during 1949 at last one lay preaching effort each. Three others decided while at the meeting that they would join the lay-preaching forces of East Cuba, each holding an effort during the present year. Eight of the laymen's efforts will be held in entirely new places. It was good to see the zeal and enthusiasm of these consecrated workers; and we wish them much of the blessing of the Lord in their chosen fields of activity.

The officers and personnel elected at this meeting for the forthcoming two-year period are as follows: Miguel Vazquez, president; A. P. Christiansen, secretary-treasurer; David Caveda, Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and Educational secretary. Brother Caveda will also serve as secretary of the Radio Department. Bernardo Hernandez was elected to serve as Publishing Department secretary;

and the conference president will also carry the Sabbath School Departmental secretaryship.

Attending this meeting from the General Conference were Elder and Mrs. E. J. Lorntz. From the Division, W. E. Murray attended, and from the Antillian Union, F. S. Thompson, W. A. Wild and L. E. Reile. The coming year should be one of continual progress in this interesting part of the Antillian Union. —W. E. MURRAY

### British West Indies Union Mission

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### An Introduction to the New President

At the time of the annual meeting of the Inter-American Division Committee, which was held last December, in Santa Clara, Cuba, Elder R. H. Pierson, who for a number of years has successfully carried the presidency of the British West Indies Union, was appointed as the president of the Caribbean Union. Since that time the British West Indies Union has been without a president; but the work has not suffered in the interim, because of the faithful work of Brother Clyde Franz, the secretary-treasurer of the union, who has labored untiringly to carry the added responsibilities which this vacancy has placed upon his shoulders.

We are now happy to announce that Elder R. W. Numbers, of the Canadian Union, has accepted the call of the General Conference to serve as president of this rapidly-growing mission field. Recent correspondence from Brother Numbers indicates that both he and his family have passed their medical examinations, and hope to be able to reach their new field of labor some time during the month of June.

Elder Numbers comes to Inter-America with a good background of ministerial, evangelistic, and executive experience. He was graduated from Washington Missionary



Elder R. W. Numbers and Family

College in 1935, and began his ministerial work in the West Pennsylvania Conference of the Columbia Union. Later he did evangelistic work in the East Pennsylvania Conference, and labored there until 1940, when he was called to the Central Union, where he served as pastor-evangelist of several of our large churches in Boulder, Colorado, and in Kansas City, Missouri.

In the fall of 1944, Elder Numbers accepted the call to serve as president of the Maritime Conference of the Canadian Union, where he successfully carried his responsibilities until the time of his present appointment to the British West Indies Union.

Mrs. Numbers is also a missionary, in her own right. She will be remembered as the daughter of Elder W. H. Branson, and spent a large share of her life in the South African Division. We hereby extend a hearty welcome to Elder and Mrs. Numbers and their lovely family, and feel quite confident that God will greatly bless their labors in the British West Indies Union. —E. F. H.

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### Ingathering in Tobago

A Missionary Volunteer on the Island of Tobago, who was employed as a domestic servant in a guest house, told a most interesting experience in connection with his efforts in the Ingathering Campaign a few months ago. When the campaign started, this young man carried his papers with him wherever he went. An English tourist at the guest house had boasted that he was an agnostic, so our young man prayed most earnestly for wisdom to know how to approach him in the interests of the Ingathering work. He memorized a special canvass and waited for his opportunity, which was not long delayed.

One day the violent crying of an infant at the guest house, rather unexpectedly brought the English gentlemen and our young man into conversation, on this rather remote subject; but the young man had but one thought in his mind, and that was, how to begin to tell this tourist about our work. Presently he heard himself saying:

"Mr. Sennett, do you know anything about the work of Seventh-day Adventists?"

"No," he replied, "I do not believe in God, and to me the Bible is a pack of foolishness. I believe in helping humanity and in trying to make this world a better place to live in, without all this talk about God and heaven."

Here was the young man's opportunity! He said: "That is just the work I have to present to you," and forthwith he presented the Ingathering magazine which describes the work of Adventists in helping humanity around the world."

The guest said, "So you need money!" Promptly the young man replied, "Yes, Sir."

Guest: "Well, how much do you want?"

Solicitor: "To advance such a great world-wide work for one minute requires \$18.00. I hope you can see fit to help us with it for that amount of time."

The guest readily gave that amount; and later, in telling the experience the boy requested that the Scarborough church supply him with some other literature for this

gentleman. Some of the members found a copy of *Review and Herald*, which told about Adventist relief work in Europe. This, and two copies of *Life and Health* were soon placed in the hands of the tourist. In telling the experience, the young man stated that he noticed that when the guest left the hotel he was careful to take the papers with him. We join this earnest Missionary Volunteer in the hope that the seed sown by his efforts may bear fruit to the glory of God.

This is really a rather unusual experience, in view of the fact that most of our solicitors throughout the West Indies receive very small contributions. It is interesting to observe also that our young worker had memorized a special canvass, and had prayed for a number of days that the Lord would help him to make the right contact, and impress this gentleman to give something toward the support of our work.

The young man who told this experience was a delegate to our Youth's Congress in Trinidad, and upon his return to the island of Tobago, he said they had put up a motto in front of their church which reads: "BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, AND SHARE YOUR FAITH!"

—PERCY W. MANUEL



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### Suffering for the Faith

Central America is a most colorful and interesting part of the Inter-American Division. Sometimes we wish it were possible to devote an entire issue of the *Messenger* to that field, for then we could give a more nearly complete picture of what is happening among the local missions of that territory.

The work of the training school in San Jose, Costa Rica, is a most vital and interesting one, for its influence reaches to the boundaries of the union. The new educational enterprise at Momostenango, Guatemala, is another interesting story, with a bright future. The noble work being done in Honduras, in spite of many difficulties; the medical project in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua; as well as the numerous features of our mission program in Panama and Salvador,—all are distinctive activities that are worthy of our prayers and all the help we can possibly give them.

For the few inches of space available in this issue of the Division paper, we have chosen to pass along one brief experience which we trust will bring courage to all whose attention is attracted to it. Our worker, probably Elder J. L. Brown, who was formerly the president of the union, tells the following story:

"During the Honduras Mission annual session in 1947, a former priestess was baptized. Upon returning to her home she found that the news of her baptism had preceded her, and that the people were awaiting her arrival, and that of the other Adventist delegates who accompanied



Group of young ladies and their Preceptress, Miss Ruth Ingram, at Central American Vocational College, San Jose, Costa Rica.



her. Some of the citizens of her home town became intoxicated and tried to force our session delegation to drink strong national whiskey with them. In fact, they pulled their revolvers, and stoned some of the believers. They cast some out of the houses which they had rented, and the trouble continued for some time.

"However, a later communication from Cuyamel, the home of this former priestess, states that everyone of the believers is of good courage, and they are calling for an evangelist to start a series of meetings in that place, for they believe that many of their former enemies will attend our meetings and eventually accept the message of truth.

"The same letter which tells of the courage of our believers also states that one man paid \$100.00 to get musicians and dancers to start a mob in front of our church while meetings were being carried on, hoping in this way to break up the meetings. A translation of a few lines from this letter reads as follows:

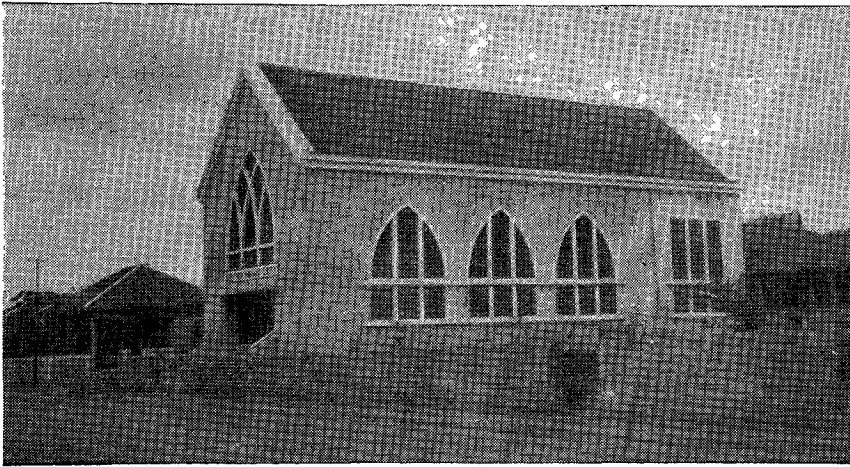
"The people are very much excited, and are trying to chase us out of this village. They have stoned us and insulted us, not once, but many times. They have also used ugly and insulting words during the hours when we have been holding our meetings.' However, none of these dear believers are discouraged, but are determined to press forward.

"May we all be as courageous as they are! Let us pray for them that they may be faithful, and let us also pray for ourselves, that when we face similar trials and persecution we shall be as faithful as they, and as loyal to our convictions as were the martyrs of olden times." —J. L. B.

### Appointments and Transfers

Elder Donald J. Thomann, formerly of the Central American Union, has recently accepted a call to the secretaryship of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments of the Mexican Union Mission. Elder and Mrs. Thomann have spent a number of years in our educational

"Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. *The receiver becomes a giver.* The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life."—*Desire of Ages*, page 195. (Italics ours.)



Our Representative Church in Mundo Nobo, Curacao, N. W. I. Mission Home Can Be Seen in Part, in Rear, at the Right.

work in Costa Rica. They have already moved to Mexico City and have taken up their new work.

Professor Charles R. Taylor and his family have accepted a call to connect with the Mexican Union where Brother Taylor will serve as Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary. For the past six years Brother Taylor has been a member of our school faculty in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Elder and Mrs. Alvin J. Stewart, who for several years have been located in Nicaragua, where Elder Stewart served as president of the mission, have accepted a call to departmental work in the Puerto Rico Conference, and have already assumed their new duties.

Elder B. L. Archbold, formerly the director of our Panama Academy, has recently been called to the Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretaryship of the Caribbean Union. The Archbolds have taken up their abode in Trinidad, and are getting started in their new assignments.

Elder Jose Castrejon, until recently the director of the Southwest Mission in the Mexican Union, has accepted work in the Puerto Rico Conference as an evangelist. The Castrejons are already busy with their latest undertakings.

Elder Rafael Fleitas and his family have responded to the call of the Mexican Union for a Union Publishing Departmental secretary. Elder Fleitas has served as our union book man for some years in the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

Elder Andres Riffel and his family, together with Elder Nicolas Chaij and his family, were recently transferred from Cuba, to San Jose, Costa Rica, by a special, chartered plane, both of these families having accepted work in the Central American Training School; Elder Riffel as director, and Elder Chaij as Bible Instructor.

Elder and Mrs. David Baasch, who have until recently served in the Puerto Rico Conference of the Antillian Union, have been moved to Medellin, Colombia, where Brother Baasch has taken up his new work as Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Educational secretary of the Colombia-Venezuela Mission.

Professor Clyde Bushnell and his family have recently taken up their new work in the Colombia-Venezuela Union Training School at Medellin, Colombia. Brother Bushnell is the director of that institution, and comes to us as a new recruit, from the Forest Lake Academy in the Florida Conference.

Brother B. O. Maxson, until recently the editor of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Canal Zone Branch,

has accepted a call to connect with the Mexican Union as secretary of the Radio Department.

Miss Mildred Diehl has recently arrived at our Montemorelos Sanitarium and Hospital from the United States. She is a member of the nursing staff of our rapidly expanding medical work in Mexico.

Brother Roy Williams, who has recently been treasurer of the Panama Academy, has accepted the call of the Mexican Union Mission to become secretary-treasurer of the Southwest Mission. Brother Williams and his family have already made this transfer, and have taken up their new work in Mexico.

Elder Fernon Retzer and his family recently left New Orleans by boat, en route to Barranquilla, Colombia. Brother Retzer will become the director of the Atlantic Colombia Mission, in the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fleenor, with their little girl, left Miami a few weeks ago, en route to their new field of labor. Brother Fleenor is to serve as Cashier in the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission office.

Elder A. Roy Norcliffe and his family, of Johnstown, Pa., sailed recently for Colombia, where Brother Norcliffe is to become the director of the Upper Magdalena Mission, with headquarters at Bogota, Colombia.

Elder R. E. Gibson, formerly the manager of the Andrews Memorial Hospital, in Kingston, Jamaica, has taken up his new duties as president of the Bahamas Mission. He is nicely settled in Nassau, and reports many interesting observations in connection with his new assignment there.

Brother Charles Pierce, recently called from the United States to serve in the Dominican Republic of the Antillian Union, has arrived in the field to take up his new duties as the director of Santo Domingo Academy. His family will come later.

Brother John Carr and his family have accepted the call of the Antillian Union for work in Santa Clara, Cuba, where Brother Carr has now become the director of the Agricultural activities of our training center in that field, and has already assumed his new duties.

Brother Glenn Houck, who has for the past several years served most successfully as the director of the Agricultural Department at the Santa Clara School in Cuba, has recently accepted similar work with the Central American Union Training School in San Jose, Costa Rica. At this writing he is on his way to his new field, and is visiting our school plants in Mexico and in Honduras en route to Costa Rica.

Elder Jorge Rendon, of the Atlantic Colombia Mission, has recently received a call from the South American Division for evangelistic and pastoral work in the Ecuador Mission. Elder Rendon and his family are making their move during the month of June.

Elder and Mrs. E. E. Parchment, of Kingston, Jamaica, are at present in the French West Indies, where Brother Parchment has been called to serve for a few months assisting in the church-building program now going on in the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. This good help will be very much appreciated in the French West Indian field. We have learned that Mrs. Parchment is to enjoy a leave of absence to her home country, British Guiana, in the near future.

We extend a most hearty welcome to all of our new recruits who have recently joined our ranks in the Inter-American Division. We know that they will all have plenty of work to do, and as they struggle with the many problems that will confront them in their various spheres of activity we are sure that they can have the confidence that the Lord is going before them, and will bless their efforts as they labor for the building up of His work.

To those who have been transferred from one situation to another, we extend our best wishes, and the hope that they may be prospered in their new undertakings. Some of those who have been called to other parts of the Division field will be taking up work which is practically new to them, and doubtless they will meet many perplexities. We wish them every blessing and pray that the Lord will strengthen each of them as they proceed with their new duties.

—W. E. MURRAY

## KODACHROME SONG SLIDES

(In Spanish)

Evangelists and youth leaders who use 2X2 Kodachrome slides may now obtain a complete set of 21 Spanish hymns and choruses on a beautiful picture background. These are the hymns and choruses which were shown at the Division Council in Santa Clara last December.

A total of seventy slides are now available at thirty cents (US currency) per slide, plus postage. Additional songs will be made later on; and if you wish a permanent order as the new material of the same high quality is prepared, please so indicate when placing order for the initial supply.

For information concerning the present stock, or permanent standing orders for new songs as they are produced, you may write to S. L. Folkenberg, Box 3005, Santurce, Puerto Rico; but please place your orders through your conference treasurer, so that the charge can be handled accordingly.

—A. H. ROTH

## Lay Preachers' Report as of March 31, 1949

No. Lay Preachers in Inter-American Division ..	1,065
No. Lay Efforts in Progress in the Division .....	531
Average Attendance at Meetings of Laymen in I. A. D. ....	13,820
No. of Persons in Baptismal Classes Resulting ..	1,863
No. of Persons Baptized thus far in 1949 from Laymen's efforts .....	418

—WESLEY AMUNDSEN

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## The Journey's End

SOFIE SCHAEFER GRUNZEUG, daughter of Joseph and Centa Rahm Schaefer, was born in Munich, Germany, November 29, 1905, and died at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Orlando, Florida, U. S. A., April 5, 1949, at the age of 43 years, following an extended illness, during which she manifested commendable Christian fortitude and great faith.

She was united in marriage with Brother Max Grunzeug on June 30, 1929, in Munich, Germany, and to this union there was born one son, Henry Grunzeug, also a native of Germany, who came with his parents to Inter-America in 1939.

The first work of Elder and Mrs. Grunzeug in this Division was in Venezuela, where they labored for ten years, Brother Grunzeug serving first in the Publishing Department of the Mission, and during the last four years, in connection with the Caracas Church in pastoral capacity among our believers there. Mrs. Grunzeug also worked as a nurse in the Dispensario Adventista until she was obliged to discontinue her activities and leave for the United States for medical aid in consequence of her last illness.

This devoted couple have rendered valuable service in the cause of God both in Europe and in the Inter-American Division. Everything was done for the restoration of health in the case of Sister Grunzeug, that medical science could suggest, but she passed peacefully to rest on April 5, and was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Florida, on April 7, 1949, there to await the call of the Lifegiver.

Besides her parents, her husband, and her son, Sister Grunzeug leaves to mourn their loss, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Schaefer Siegel, and Mrs. Thilde Schaefer Herckert, both of whom are residents of Germany. The funeral services were under the direction of Elder F. W. Avery, who spoke in English; and Elder W. K. Ising, of the General Conference, spoke words of comfort in German. Elder W. E. Murray, of the Inter-American Division, also assisted in the services, and helped Elder Grunzeug by counsel and sympathy during this hour of his deep sorrow. We shall miss our faithful sister from the ranks of the Inter-American Division staff of workers, but are comforted in the confidence that she sleeps in Jesus, and in the bright hope of the resurrection morning.

—J.

## Tidings From Far and Near

*Nassau, Bahamas, April 28.*—My visit to Andros Island was most profitable. Meetings were held in every church, with overflowing crowds, and baptisms were held in every church except one. We baptized twenty precious souls, which brings our baptisms to approximately sixty already this year.—R. E. GIBSON, *President, Bahamas Mission.*

*Mandeville, Jamaica, May 10.*—We are glad to report that we had an excellent Week of Prayer last week during which over 40 came forward to join the baptismal class and to follow their Lord. We are very grateful for the victories gained, and the reconsecration of those who had already given their hearts to the Lord.—B. G. BUTHERUS

*Cristobal, Canal Zone, May 16.*—You will be interested to know that Brother R. E. Delafield has had another baptism in which 27 souls were added to the church. This makes a total of 155 thus far. We are also having other baptisms elsewhere in the Panama Conference.

—L. D. MINNER

*Miami, Florida, May 23.*—Friends and associates of the family of Brother Vicente Moreno, will be glad to learn that Sister Moreno and the children are continuing their studies at Southwestern Junior College, at Keene, Texas, in preparation for future service. Thus they are courageously moving forward in spite of the death of our dear Brother Moreno, and we extend best wishes for the early completion of their plans, so that Sister Moreno may take up active service once more in the cause that is dear to us all.—E. A. J.

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**People - Places - Projects**  
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THE long-anticipated opportunity of receiving a special gift for Inter-American Division through the Sabbath School Offering overflow, is now "just around the corner!" Next month, on September 24, which is the 13th Sabbath of the third quarter, the Sabbath school world will be thinking of our field, and praying for the work here. They will be making appeals for Inter-America, and many of God's people will bring their gifts which represent great sacrifices, that the work in this Division may go forward! Let EVERY ONE OF US HERE IN INTER-AMERICA have an *extra special part* in the offering to be taken up on September 24. —J.



*Medellin, Colombia, May 1.*—The Norcliffe family, new recruits for the Upper Magdalena Mission, arrived in their new home in Bogota, Colombia, April 18. The following Sabbath, April 23, which was their first Sabbath in the field, Brother Norcliffe had the unique experience of celebrating a baptism in the city of Bogota. Of course the candidates were ready and waiting for baptism, but it was an interesting experience for him anyway. He will have some serious problems to face, due to political unrest, but his courage is good and the opportunities unlimited.

In the town of Malaga, where we had a church and a church school, all of the Liberal element has been driven out of town by the Conservatives. Our school teacher, Julieta Oviedo, a young girl, was the last one to leave town. She stayed there and continued teaching as long as there was one child to come to school. She wrote me when she finally had to leave, saying: "There is no use to stay here now, because the school has left me." We thank God for faithful workers such as Miss Oviedo, who are not afraid to stay by the work in spite of most trying circumstances. —GEO. C. NICKLE



*Mandeville, Jamaica, May 13.*—In all our fields the work of evangelism is moving forward. Every field but one has shown an increase in the number of souls baptized in the first quarter of this year. I think in West Jamaica they had twice as many new members baptized in the first quarter of 1949, as during the same period of last year. Really, we all can unite in saying: "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

—H. S. WALTERS, *Secretary, Educational and M. V. Depts., British West Indies Union*



*Balboa, Canal Zone, June 5.* Praise God 179 persons have now been baptized, as follows: 52, Spanish Church; 48, Second Spanish Church; 31, Colio Verde Church; 22, Rio Abajo Church; 13, Chorrillo Church; 11, Gamboa Church; 1, Juan Hill Church; and 1, for the Conference church. Still others will be baptized in June, as two more baptisms are to conclude the twenty-weeks revival. You are right. Let's have a goal and aim high for Christ. —R. E. DELAFIELD

*San Salvador, C. A., May 19.*—Our effort here in the city is keeping Brother Arroyo and me quite busy. We rented a hall on the far side of the city and have averaged an attendance of at least 250 each night for the past seven weeks. We are also continuing regular services in the church, and have not encouraged our members to attend the effort regularly, in order to give room for the new ones. Our brethren are supposed to bring a visitor in order to get admission. Rains are beginning, which will no doubt bother us somewhat from now on.

We enjoyed Brother Barulio Perez' visit here and I am sure it was profitable. —ORLEY FORD



*Mandeville, Jamaica, May 3.*—We are happy to report that Pastor Lee Gouldbourne has held an effort in the little town of Lucea, and now has more than 30 persons in the baptismal class.

Pastor Reid has held a spear-head effort at Duncans, from which he has already baptized 6 new members, and has as many more waiting for this sacred rite.

Pastor Fletcher has baptized 20 converts at Cambridge, and is now engaged in another effort at Harrywarch, where there is a very good interest.

Pastor Earl Parchment held his first effort this year at Mount Horeb, and has 25 persons enrolled in the baptismal class.

Pastor Lindo held an effort at Portland Point, a new place, and now has a Sabbath school in operation there.

We are happy to be able to report 162 baptisms in the West Jamaica Conference for the first quarter of 1949.

—W. S. NATION, *President, West Jamaica Conference.*



WE are really happy to learn that the Central American Training College has opened its new school year with twice as many students enrolled as it had last year. Naturally, Professor Andres Riffel, the new director, is of good courage. —E. F. H.



BE SURE to read Elder Hackman's front-page article in this issue, in which he presents the three major projects toward which our next 13th Sabbath Offering overflow has been dedicated. Wouldn't *you* like to have a part in helping in the establishment of the Mayagüez medical center, the work for the Indian peoples of Inter-America, and new chapels for the French West Indies, particularly in Martinique and Guadeloupe? Here is another great opportunity which is knocking at the door of each believer and friend of the work in Inter-America. —J.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS**  
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- August 6 ..... Home Missionary Day
- September 3 ..... Home Missionary Day
- September 10-17 ..... El Centinela & English Periodical Week
- SEPTEMBER 24 ..... Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (OVERFLOW TO INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION)
- October 1 ..... Colporteur Rally Day
- October 8 ..... Voice of Prophecy Offering
- October 29 .. Temperance Rally Day and Offering

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**REMEMBER THE DATE ★ AND PLAN FOR A LIBERAL OFFERING ★ SEPTEMBER 24, 1949**  
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