



GOD'S MESSENGERS

THE Lord has often given me a view of the situation and wants of the scattered jewels who have not yet come to the light of the present truth, and has shown that the messengers should speed their way to them as fast as possible, to give them the light. Many all around us only need to have their prejudices removed, and the evidences of our present position spread out before them from the Word, and they will joyfully receive the present truth. The messengers should watch for souls as they that must give account. Theirs must be a life of toil, and anguish of spirit, while the weight of the precious but often-wounded cause of Christ rests upon them. They will have to lay aside worldly interests and comforts, and make it their first object to do all in their power to advance the cause of present truth and save perishing souls.

They will also have a rich reward. In their crowns of rejoicing those who are rescued by them and finally saved, will shine as stars forever and ever. And to all eternity they will enjoy the satisfaction of having done what they could in presenting the truth in its purity and beauty, so that souls fell in love with it, were sanctified through it, and availed themselves of the inestimable privilege of being made rich, and being washed in the blood of the Lamb and redeemed unto God.

I saw that the shepherds should consult those in whom they have reason to have confidence, those who have been in all the messages, and are firm in all the present truth, before they advocate new points of importance, which they may think the Bible sustains. Then the shepherds will be perfectly

united, and the union of the shepherds will be felt by the church. Such a course I saw would prevent unhappy divisions, and then there would be no danger of the precious flock being divided, and the sheep scattered without a shepherd.

Such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent Movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell.

If the chosen messengers of the Lord should wait for every obstacle to be moved out of their way, many never would go to search for the scattered sheep. Satan will present many objections in order to keep them from duty. But they will have to go out by faith, trusting in Him who has called them to His work, and He will open the way before them, as far as it will be for their good and His glory.

Jesus, the great Teacher and Pattern, had not where to lay His head. His life was one of toil, sorrow, and suffering; He then gave Himself for us. Those who, in Christ's stead, beseech souls to be reconciled to God, and who hope to reign with Christ in glory, must expect to be partakers of His sufferings here. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:5, 6.—*Early Writings*, pages 61-64.

Antillian Union Mission

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A Few Excerpts from the Annual Report of the Union President

The Antillian Union Mission, as today constituted, extends east and west in the Caribbean area a little more than 1,800 miles, or about as far as from New York to a point between Omaha, Nebraska, and Denver, Colorado. It is composed of three independent republics and one territory; namely, Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico. Three languages are spoken by its members,—French, Spanish and English; and conditions within the union are extremely varied.

The annual income per person in Haiti is estimated by some authorities as forty dollars, and by others, twenty; while in Cuba and Puerto Rico the per capita income is said to be more than five hundred dollars. From this simple statement it can readily be seen that there is a wide difference in the giving power of our members in the various parts of the Antillian Union.

It is interesting to observe in passing, that the tithe receipts from 1944 to 1948 show an increase of \$104,018.29, or 84 per cent; and that mission offerings made a gain for the same period, of \$35,434.74, or 108 per cent.

Baptisms and membership gains are also on the up grade, the latter having registered an increase during the last five-year period, of 22 per cent.

Publishing Department.—The Publishing Department of the work in the Antillian Union is among the foremost in missionary activity, our colporteurs having been instrumental in bringing 143 persons into the truth, 77 of whom are already baptized members. These converts have come to us as firstfruits of the colporteur work during the first nine months of 1948.

Many interesting stories might be told of the experiences resulting from the faithfulness of our colporteurs. In Puerto Rico a book was sold to a man in Moca; and the colporteur took note of the fact that he was a spiritually-minded individual. When our colporteur left the territory he arranged for someone to visit this man and his family; and when our members called at the home, they were told that the colporteur who had sold them the book, and they themselves, were recognized as the persons that had been seen in

a dream, and who came to the home, and read the Bible with them. When the colporteur related this incident he showed a picture of this family, indicating that two persons are already baptized, and others are preparing to take this step.

In East Cuba, a colporteur found a chief officer of the army keeping the Sabbath as a result of having read an Adventist book.

Another East Cuba colporteur has interested 40 persons in the truth, 24 of whom are keeping the Sabbath and are organized into a Sabbath school.

The soul-winning champion of West Cuba has 100 baptized members to his credit from among the many he has interested in the truth. In addition to selling books this colporteur also gives Bible studies and preaches to the people.

The literature deliveries of the Antillian Union Mission have increased from \$119,000 in 1945, to \$170,000 during 1947,—the last year for which we have complete returns.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer Work.—In the Antillian Union we believe in the slogan that whoever saves the youth saves the church. The educational work in this union is one of our strongest features. Attention is being given not alone to the scholastic side of youth training, but also to the industrial training of our young people. Printing, dairying, carpentry, broom-making, and general fruit and vegetable farming are among the industries that are not only providing training to students, and assisting them in meeting the expenses of their education, but are also bringing in some revenue to our work.

We are justly proud of our Junior College in Santa Clara, Cuba; the Haitian Seminary, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; our growing academy plant in Santo Domingo; and our struggling institution in Puerto Rico. Our brethren in Puerto Rico are longing for the time when our educational institution can be moved out into the country, where God intends His training schools to be.

The young people of the Antillian Union are missionary-minded youth, and are most active in the various lines of Missionary Volunteer work. We are glad to report that each year hundreds of our young people are invested in the various groups, from the little Builders, on up to the noble Master Comrades.

The year 1948 has been a youth's congress year in this field. Large groups of young people have gathered for camp and congress work; and the results have been most gratifying. At the

largest gathering, more than 600 young people attended over the weekend, and some four hundred attended all the way through. We greatly appreciate the assistance and support of the General Conference and of the Division Committee in providing special help for these youth rallies in the Antillian Union; and wish Pastors Lucas and Roth to know that they are welcome for similar efforts in our field at any time they find it possible to return to this fruitful and promising field.

Sabbath School Department.—As we look back over the years, we see many evidences of the mighty power of God in the work of this department, and we give Him all the praise and glory for the great things He has done, and at the same time offer a tribute of appreciation to the loyal army of lay Sabbath school workers throughout this union, who have been faithfully doing their part.

In 1924 there were 353 Sabbath schools in the entire Division. At the close of the third quarter of 1948 the Antillian Union alone claimed 377 regularly organized Sabbath schools; and 209 branch Sabbath schools, which are doing a good work in building up the church. Our Sabbath school membership in this union has now passed the 23,000 mark.

It is also interesting to notice that during the two-year period ending September 30, 1948, there were 2,643 Sabbath school members baptized, or an average of 1,317 per year added to the church. We thank God for this good harvest of souls that have come into our ranks by the faithfulness of our Sabbath school members.

Home Missionary Department.—A glimpse of the work of this department reveals that our church members are exceedingly active, giving an average of 67,000 Bible readings, 120,000 missionary visits, and distributing 127,000 tracts and pamphlets every three months. Surely this is an enviable record.

There are 60 Dorcas Societies within the union, with a combined membership of 1,000, who furnished more than 6,000 food baskets and meals to the hungry, and distributed more than 7,000 articles of clothing to the needy poor during the first six months of 1948.

During the months of August and September, 1948, Lay Workers' schools were held in all the local fields of the Antillian Union with the exception of Haiti. There were 128 workers in attendance, and these claimed 444 souls as won by their efforts during the first



Workers, teachers and colporteurs of the churches of the Dominican Mission. They are attending a recent bienial session in the church of Ciudad Trujillo.

part of the year. They also fixed personal soul-winning goals for 1949, to a total of 770 new members. We thank God for what the lay preachers are doing in bringing the truth to their neighbors and friends; and are also most grateful for the excellent cooperation of our church members in the matter of our increasingly mounting returns from the Ingathering work. The increase in Ingathering funds for 1948 approximates a 40 per cent gain over the returns for 1947, or a total to date of more than \$30,000.00 and the campaign is still on at this writing.

Radio Department.—The Voice of Prophecy is now on the air in all four countries of the Antillian Union. It is given in English, Spanish and French. Radio Correspondence schools are operating in Cuba, Santo Domingo, and Puerto Rico; and a new school is about to be opened in Haiti. For the year ending September 30, 1948, we are glad to be able to report: total pieces of mail received, 69,135, including lessons, applications and letters; and a total of 62,275 pieces of mail dispatched, including radio talks, personal letters, books of the month, letters of the month, and radio logs. We have almost 4,000 active members; and to date, 5,396 persons have completed their courses and have been awarded certificates. The records show that 364

persons have been baptized to date through this radio work; and it will be most interesting to learn what the total will be at the close of 1948. Surely God is using the radio work in a most outstanding manner in the winning of souls for His kingdom.

General Observations.—The year 1948 bids fair to be the best in the history of our work throughout the Antillian Union. Good gains are evi-

dent in every branch of the work, and we believe this field will be able to report her full quota of baptisms, when the annual reports are made up.

We request an interest in your prayers that when the Archangel announces the end of time, the full quota of saints from this little corner of the Lord's vineyard may also be ready.

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The March of the Caribbean Union

"Like a mighty army moves the church of God." It advances slowly on some fronts; with delayed action on others. In some places we meet almost insurmountable odds; on emerald islands 600 larger cities and towns lie unentered; and hundreds of miles intervene between the outposts on the continent of opportunity. Witchcraft, superstition, language barriers, and prejudice all take their toll, and delay the work of the gospel message; but we

can thank God for large stretches where a monument for God dots the landscape every few miles.

We bear glad tidings today of a great forward advance in the Caribbean theatre; for the proclamation of the three angels' messages in this particular territory seems to be in no way hampered by any external factors, and here we have the demonstration that when God has the whole-hearted consecration of His people, and human effort combines with divine Power, the work goes forward as fire in the stubble.

In a territory whose total population is less than three million, God has been pleased to grant, during the four-year period from 1944 to 1947, a total of 5,475 precious souls as the fruitage of the work of His ministers and people. The year 1944 opened with 9,582 be-

lievers in the message. The year 1947 closed with 13,036 persons rejoicing in the truth. The record of baptisms in recent years is most encouraging.

1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
720	554	890	825	1,135	1,409	1,614	1,317

The net increase in membership is about 3,500; and the baptisms from 1944 to 1947 represent a gain of 83 per cent over those from 1940 to 1943. The reports of the first three quarters of 1948 show a gain over the corresponding period of last year.

With many parts of the world field struggling to lighten dark countries and gain a foothold in large, populous cities, how encouraging it is to be able to report that in the Caribbean Union there is not a city of over 10,000 where the message has not been preached, and where a company of believers is not to be found. There are only about ten villages with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 where we do not have a church.

In island after island will be found a monument for God every five to ten miles. Starting from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, with over 850 members, and taking the Eastern Main Road out of the city, after a ride of just two minutes, we come to Laventille. One mile farther on is San Juan. Another two miles and it's Curepe; then come Tunapuna, Arouca, and Arima, until we have counted 44 churches and companies on this little island of Trinidad, which is 70 miles long and 40 wide.

In Tobago, which is known as Robinson Crusoe's island, from Scarborough to Charlotteville it is the same. The spice island of Grenada is constantly producing rich harvests of souls. A six-hour tour around coral Barbados will enable us to visit 15 churches with over a thousand believers. But while this is characteristic of nearly all our fields, a small section of the French West Indies being the notable exception, the happiest part of it all is the bright prospect for the future.

Every one of our churches, under consecrated leadership, could double its membership in a few short years. Well-planned efforts in this union always bring encouraging results. This being the case, we fling out a mighty challenge to our workers and lay members to double the membership of our churches in the next quadrennial period. At the present time we are gaining only by hundreds each year; but the promise is that "thousands shall be converted in a day." It can be done! Let us attempt great things for God.

Evangelism in the Caribbean.—Evangelistic Councils have aided our ministry in the battle for truth. Seventy-five workers,—practically the entire ministerial working force of the union, were present at the Union Institute that was held in January, 1948. Conducted under the able leadership of Elder Roy Allan Anderson, and with a large spearhead effort in the Prince's Building, Port-of-Spain, as a laboratory, this institute inspired the ministry of the union anew, and the workers went back to their fields to do greater exploits for God. From Antigua, Elder O. C. Walker, of the Leeward Islands Mission, reports nearly 200 baptisms for the year. Three or four of our most promising young evangelists have been presenting 100 precious souls to the Master annually, as the fruit of their labors.

Brother G. E. Carter, the secretary-treasurer of the British Guiana Mission, and his wife, are just completing an effort at Wismar. Brother Carter writes:

"On the opening night, September 12, 1948, close to 500 people were packed into the only available hall. From night to night the people came, with an average attendance of about 250, from a total population of about 3,000 . . . In spite of all difficulties our hearts were thrilled when on Sabbath morning, November 13, fifty-one souls were baptized in the waters of the Demerara River. This has doubled the church membership. About thirty more are soon to be baptized. The offerings received from this meeting were very good indeed, especially considering that the average wage is about \$12.00 per week. A total of \$250.00 was realized, which more than covered our current expenses. God richly blessed this effort in every way, and we thank Him for the excellent results."

We believe that the entire ministerial force of this union has held one or more efforts each year for the past two or three years, and our larger cities are annually the scenes of strong evangelistic campaigns. One of our brightest spots in soul-winning, although the most perplexing where church housing is concerned, is the French West Indies Mission, where the field has doubled its church membership during the last quadrennial period.

From the Dutch Colony of Guiana, G. C. van Putten reports a large attendance at his effort held recently in Paramaribo. You will be interested in a few extracts from a letter written by a prominent minister of the Dutch Reform church to Elder van Putten:

"Very Esteemed Mr. van Putten: I thank you heartily for the announcement you sent me of the series of lectures you are conducting. If it is at all possible I hope to attend a few of them. I may tell you that

the first lecture I attended the other Sunday evening had my complete agreement.

"There is in Surinam the need of obtaining the knowledge of the prophetic word. I find that in Surinam as well as in Europe, the church has paid too little attention to this. Your views on Daniel 2 are exactly the same as mine. Moreover, that Sunday evening service, with the beautiful pictures on the screen, was evangelism at its best. May the Lord bless you in your labors.

"Undoubtedly there will be points on which we shall differ in opinion. However, that does not alter the fact that what I heard was a message which the church owes to the world, but has failed to give it. May our people, both church-goers and non-church-goers, as well as the unconverted among our fellow members, be awakened and led by your labors."

A recent issue of the *Review and Herald* recorded the story of how the leading spiritist in the island of Guadeloupe experienced a marvelous conversion. The burning of the spiritualistic paraphernalia prior to the spiritist's baptism is a new chapter in the 20th Century Book of Acts.

Elder Vernon Flory, of the South Caribbean Mission, tells the story of a ruffian in the village of Canaan, who constantly disturbed an evangelistic series of meetings. The climax came when this man gathered his unruly comrades together, and staged a mock baptism not many yards from the true baptismal scene. But God touched the heart of this man; and we have been thrilled to hear that about a year later he experienced conversion, and invited his friends to witness his own true baptism in the same place where not so long ago he ridiculed the sacred rite.

Many other stories might be told of the conversion of those who have seemed to us as strange prospects indeed. But God is no respecter of persons, and we thank Him with grateful hearts for the evidences of His blessing upon our efforts in this field.

Lay Evangelism.—We can take but a moment in passing to state that extensive and continuous efforts have been made to train and prepare lay preachers for their important work. Elder Wesley Amundsen of the Division staff, and R. E. Cash and P. W. Manuel of the union, have assisted two local men in this training program. Many institutes have been held and scores of very successful lay efforts have been conducted in this union. We thank God for the results of this good work.

Mission Homes.—Although forty years have elapsed since the beginning of the work in this field, only one mission-owned office could be recorded until recently; while four

we have many modern and very beautiful cities in which one may enjoy the very finest of society, and where social culture is as highly developed as it is in any other place in the world.

The population of these two great republics is made up largely of the descendants of emigrants from Southern Europe who have made their homes in South America, and have mingled more or less with the Indian peoples of the western hemisphere. Generally speaking, these people are peace-loving citizens; but when it is time for a revolution they know how to go about it, and to do things up fast; and they do not need modern planes and atomic bombs in order to wreck cities, either. During the past year we have been brought to realize this in a very forceful manner, for we were in the very midst of things last April when a certain revolution occurred. Bogotá, the capital, was the worst hit, where whole blocks were completely destroyed; but the revolution did not last long, and within a week order was pretty well restored, and the Pan-American Conference resumed its work, while the clearing up of the city was begun.

In Medellín, where our training school is located, we faced a serious problem during the revolutionary days, in finding food for the students. A little of this kind of business shuts off food supplies in a hurry, in places where there is never a large supply on hand. One morning we routed out a few merchants who had food supplies on hand, and bought a few tons of rice, beans, flour, and other supplies that would keep well; and we could have stood a few months of trouble if necessary. This move proved to be a very wise procedure; for although the revolution did not last long, prices suddenly jumped, and our supply helped us get through the year without too much difficulty.

The revolution of last April paralyzed our work in some places for several weeks. We were just beginning the Ingathering campaign in Colombia, and this, of course, had to be put off until later in the year. The business men had been hit so hard that we wondered whether we would be able to do any Ingathering at all during 1948. We are most happy therefore, to be able to report that Colombia has reached its annual goal. We appreciate particularly the help that Elder Culpepper, of the Division staff, gave us in our Ingathering campaign. This is very much appreciated, I can assure you.

Our Building Program.—At the beginning of 1948 we had two major building projects under way. One in Aruba, N. W. I., and the other in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Both of these have been completed, and we have already held successful evangelistic efforts in these new church homes.

Early in the year we purchased a very fine building lot in the city of Palmira, in the Pacific Colombia Mission, and funds have been raised in that local field with which to make a good start toward the building of a church and also pay for the lot. The construction work is now going on.

Another lot has been purchased in the city of Cúcuta, in the Upper Magdalena Mission. This is a city of considerable importance, near the Colombia-Venezuela border, and is one that gives promise to our work.

And again, over in the Atlantic Mission we have at last a good lot for the church at Cartagena. In fact, this lot could not be better suited to our needs. It is not only ideally located, but it is large enough to give ample room for a church school and possibly also a worker's home, in addition to the church building, which is our first requirement. We are most fortunate in securing this particular property, for we have been trying for several years to get a start in that place.

In Curacao we have also purchased a lot, on the opposite side of town from where our already overcrowded church is located. All of these properties have been paid for with funds on hand and all, with the exception of the one in Cartagena, were purchased with funds raised locally. Now that we have these lots, it is up to us to do something about erecting the necessary churches during this coming year.

Naturally, we hope to have a little help in the building of our church homes; but our people in the field know how to really get under the load, and something will be done toward our building program, whether there are any specials for building this year or not.

Our Training School.—The union training school at Medellín has enjoyed a very good year in spite of the revolution, the devaluation of the Colombian peso, and the general economic slump which affected very seriously the income of the school. We managed to complete the school year with 100 students, fifteen of whom were graduated from the twelfth grade. We hope to add the thirteenth grade this coming year, thus giving some special training

in three particular lines; namely, ministerial work, normal training, and business instruction. The industries in connection with our school are looking up, and Brother Collins, our industrial man, is of good courage. We hope to strengthen this branch of our work during the coming year.

Publishing Department.—We regret to report that our book men are having a difficult time, because of the drop in the value of the peso to about half its value of a year ago. This has necessitated an increase in book prices which we feared would be practically prohibitive. We are therefore most happy to observe that our book sales are the best in the history of the field; and I believe our gains over last year are greater than those of any of the other unions within the Inter-American Division.

Evangelism.—We are still weak in the Colombia-Venezuela Union on the point upon which we should be strong, —Evangelism. However, there has been some improvement; and we are able to report a 600 per cent increase over the previous year. Most of our efforts have been near the close of the year, and the report for 1948 will show the results of this work.

Layman's Movement.—This branch of the work is going well in our field, and it would do your heart good to attend a meeting of these lay workers and hear them presenting the message to the people. We need help to assist these faithful workers in harvesting the souls they have brought into the message.

Voice of Prophecy.—Our Voice of Prophecy schools are functioning well now, and we are beginning to get results in this field also. The office in Medellín requires two fulltime office workers to care for the returns that we are having, and we hope to have a man who can give his full time to follow-up work in the near future.

In spite of many hindrances, we have the good will of the people in the Colombia-Venezuela Union, and the Lord is with us. The work is going to advance in Colombia just as it has done in Venezuela and in Curacao.

Not more than six weeks ago Brother Laguna was stoned while holding a meeting, the blow striking him in the stomach. In spite of this he continued his work, and is of good courage. We thank God for such laborers; and ask an interest in your prayers that the work in this field may be completed in God's own time and way.

—GEORGE C. NICKLE

The Journey's End

ALFRED ROBERT OGDEN was born May 7, 1874, in Muscatine (Wappela), Iowa, and died in Cristobal, Canal Zone, on December 26, 1948, at the age of 74 years, 7 months, and 19 days.

At the age of three, he and his parents moved to Great Bend, Kansas, where they lived for six years before moving to Wichita, Kansas, where Alfred attended grade and high schools. He and his parents became charter members of the Wichita Seventh-day Adventist church in 1886. In 1890, at the age of 16, Brother Ogden began the first phase of his long life of evangelistic endeavor by entering the colporteur work.

In 1891 he became one of the original 73 students enrolled in Union College, Nebraska. Each summer he continued his colporteur work until 1894, when he entered another phase of ministerial endeavor, as tent master in an evangelistic effort. He was graduated from Union College in 1897, in the same class with Elders L. H. Christian and L. V. Finster.

In 1898 he was united in marriage with Esta Mae Meek, at Wilson, Kansas; and soon afterward, they accepted a call to wider missionary service, in South America, where Brother Ogden served as superintendent of the Western Coast Conference in Chile.

In 1903, due to the poor health of Mrs. Ogden, the family returned to Kansas, where they lived and labored for several years. He was then called to administrative work, in which capacity he served the denomination for nearly half a century, in the homeland and the mission fields. In North America he served as president of the Missouri Conference, the Iowa Conference, the Western Washington Conference, and the North Pacific Union Conference.

In December, 1927, he again accepted a call to the mission field, and served as president of the Antillian Union Mission in the Inter-American Division, for a period of ten years. He was then called to the presidency of the Caribbean Union, where he served for some time, making his home at the headquarters in Trinidad, B. W. I.

Following his years of leadership in the Caribbean Union, Brother Ogden was called to the Panama Conference, where his last years were expended in the cause he loved: During World War II he was connected with the War Service Commission, and labored valiantly for Adventist young men of the armed forces in the Panama area. He also served as pastor of the Panama City English church.

During our brother's recent illness he was eager to be back at his work again, and fully expected to resume his duties at the beginning of the new year. But the Lord saw fit to call this faithful warrior to lay down his armor at the very close of the year, after a fruitful life of unselfish service. Though he rests from his labors, his works do follow him.

He leaves to cherish his memory two children: Mrs. Beatrice Squires, of Sacramento, California; and Orland Ogden, of Aurora, Oregon. He is also survived by four sisters and two brothers; namely, Mrs. Margaret Hill, of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Kathryn Applegate, of Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Clara Degering, of Lafayette, Indiana; Mrs. Grace Leitch, of Seattle, Washington; John Ogden, of Walla Walla, Washington; and Frank Ogden, of Caldwell, Idaho. There are also two grandchildren,—Mrs. Maxine Heim, and Stanley Squires, of Sacramento, California.

Funeral services were held in Panama City; and memorial services were held in the Church of the Reformation, in Glendale, California. Our brother was laid to rest beside his wife, in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California, on January 5, 1949. Elders H. M. S. Richards and Bert W. Brown assisted in the services.

—Adlai A. Esteb

VICENTE MORENO was born in Málaga, Colombia, South America, on April 5, 1907, and died in an automobile accident near Breckenridge, Texas, January 2, 1949. The accident occurred when Elder Moreno and his family were returning to Keene, from a visit with friends in Roswell, New Mexico.

Approximately eighteen years ago Brother Moreno accepted the Advent Message when it was preached by Elder H. E. Baasch in his home village. He at once had an ambition to prepare for missionary service, and soon left his home and went to the Central American Training School at San Jose, Costa Rica. During the vacation months in the years of his attendance at the school in Costa Rica, he earned his scholarship canvassing in the different countries of the Central American Union, and was one of our most successful student colporteurs in the early days of this college.

Our brother was graduated from Central American Vocational College in December, 1936, and was married at the close of school to María Luisa Vargas, a fellow student and a worthy young, Christian of the San José, Costa Rica, church. Upon the completion of his training Brother Moreno was called to serve as publishing secretary for the Salvador Mission where his work was greatly appreciated.

Early in 1938 Brother Moreno was urged to return to Colombia, his native land, to help in extending the message in that country. After serving as departmental secretary, he became a public evangelist and was instrumental in building up large congregations in some of the most important centers of Colombia. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1940, and was faithful to this high calling until the time of his death.

In 1946 Brother Moreno served as a delegate from the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission to the General Conference Session in Washington, D. C.; and for two years he has represented his country on the Inter-American Division Committee. His only purpose in coming to the United States last September was to prepare himself for more efficient service in the Lord's work. His death will mean a great loss to our growing work in the Republic of Colombia.

Brother Moreno was a loyal, enthusiastic, talented, and sincere worker for God, and was indeed faithful unto death. We believe that he will come forth at the time of the first resurrection, when the righteous shall be called to their eternal home.

Funeral services were held at the Keene, Texas, Seventh-day Adventist church, and our brother was laid to rest in that vicinity, by the loving and sympathetic friends he has made while sojourning in this country. Elder Lewis, of the Southwestern Junior College, spoke words of comfort and assurance, and was assisted in the services by Elders R. R. Mattison, H. D. Jeffries, and F. W. Steeves.

Elder Moreno leaves an enviable record of Christian service, and to cherish the memory of his exemplary life, a devoted wife and two children, Miriam, nine years old, and Edwin, four; besides a large circle of friends throughout the Inter-American Division and also in the United States.

—F. W. Steeves

HANNAH REBECCA COOPER, was born in the Bay Islands, at Utila, January 28, 1860, and died at La Lima, Honduras, December 28, 1948, at the age of eighty-eight years and eleven months. Sister Cooper spent most of her life at Oak Ridge, on the Island of Roatan; but was visiting at the home of one of her sons, Lem Cooper, at the time of her death. She is survived by three sons and five daughters.

We regret that we do not have a more complete life sketch, but understand that our sister loved God, lived a consistent Christian life, and died in hope of the eternal reward.

—R. G. Jones

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FOLLOWING the Winter Council, some of the delegates had the privilege of visiting our work in other fields than their own, before returning to their fields of labor. Among them we were pleased to welcome to Miami and the Division headquarters office, Brother Guiscard Sablier, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Haiti Mission. Brother Sablier made a little trip up to Orlando, Florida, to visit the Orlando Sanitarium, and the Forest Lake Academy, with a view to studying the industrial features of our work there. We are confident that the Haiti Mission will profit by Brother Sablier's visit to Miami and Orlando.

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# People, Places, Projects

By EFFIE A. JAMES

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THE COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION has recently outlined an itinerary for the school men of that field, that will give them the opportunity to visit various parts of the mission in the interests of our educational work. Elder Nickle, the union president, says they expect to conduct a strong school campaign all through the union territory, and that as a result they hope to have from 140 to 150 students in the training school at Medellin when school opens a few weeks hence.

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EACH NEW PROJECT that is undertaken within a mission field requires a tremendous amount of work that is not seen nor often recognized, except within the close circles of the administration in the various fields concerned. Just now the ground work is going on, and definite plans are being formulated for the launching of the medical project in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Elder Folkenberg and his associates have already worked hard and long in the fund-raising campaign. The physicians in private practice on the island have been paving the way professionally for many years; and at this writing, Dr. Charles Moore is doing some post-graduate study in Los Angeles, California, preparatory to connecting with the medical plant in Puerto Rico. The Luce family, of Jamaica, are studying Spanish in Cuba, in preparation for work at the Mayagüez institution, when the time comes for Brother Luce to take up his new work.

All of this effort is merely supplementary and preparatory to the main issue of building the plant and making it ready for active operation. Watch for further news of the Mayagüez Sanitarium and Hospital.

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"PASTOR MCEACHRANE recently held an effort here in Georgetown. In spite of heavy rains the church was well filled, and there was a good interest. We are looking forward to a fine harvest of souls as a result of the effort here."—C. B. Sutton, President, British Guiana Mission.

A DEPARTMENTAL secretary's work is largely field activity, and involves a heavy daily program. During the ten-day sojourn at Ciudad Trujillo in September, Elder Wesley Amundsen, Division Home Missionary and Sabbath School Department secretary, reports a full schedule. He taught 20 classes; gave 5 treatments to a brother who came to the meeting with an injured hip and scarcely expected ever again to be fully restored, but left the institute practically well; preached 8 sermons; and also gave assistance at graduation exercises, investiture services, and committee meetings. During that stopover Elder Amundsen also had a number of personal talks with the workers, and "on the side" prepared a series of Bible lessons for the Bible Doctrines classes.

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## COMING EVENTS

- March 5 . . . . . Home Missionary Day
- March 12 . . . . . Missionary Volunteer Day
- March 12-19 . . . . . Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer
- March 26 . . . . . Thirteenth Sabbath Offering (Overflow Offering to Far Eastern Div.)
- April 2 . . . . . Home Missionary Day
- April 9 . . . . . World Review and Herald Offering
- May 7 . . . . . Medical Missionary Day

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"All of the ministers and departmental secretaries of the British Guiana Mission had a part in evangelistic efforts during 1948. The secretary-treasurer also invaded this field of action, and reported a splendid meeting in progress at Wismar. The last we heard, Pastor Reid was holding an effort at Bartica, on the Essequibo River, and reports a good attendance each night."—C. B. Sutton.

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WRITING under date of January 17, Elder A. R. Haig, of the British West Indies Union Mission, reports that 200 regular and auxiliary colporteurs attended the recent institute for our literature ministers in Kingston, Jamaica; and that the future looks bright for literature sales of that field in 1949.

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ELDER R. H. PIERSON, writing under date of January 4, informs us that one of his last official acts in the British West Indies Union was to pilot the West Jamaica Mission through the legal procedures of becoming a conference organization rather than a mis-

sion. This advance move took place at a meeting in Montego Bay, on the last Friday of 1948, thus giving the new status to the field, with the very first day of the New Year. The officers of the West Jamaica Conference are: Elder W. S. Nation, President, and Mrs. Mertie Shakes-Rodriguez, Secretary-Treasurer.

We understand that a similar change was contemplated for the East Jamaica Mission, at a meeting planned for the week after the re-organization of the West Jamaica field, but the actual report of this session has not yet come to the Division office.

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AT THE TIME of the Winter Council in Santa Clara, Cuba, Brethren F. S. Thompson, of the Antillian Union office; Andres Riffel, of the Santa Clara College; the college president, F. G. Drachenberg; and Emilio Girado, of the Puerto Rico Conference, were ordained to the gospel ministry.

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IN A RECENT letter to Elder E. F. Hackman, the Division President, Dr. Donald J. Sargeant, of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, informs us that the free clinic in that city was to open about the middle of December, 1948. Quoting from his letter we learn that: "It is well equipped, freshly painted, and large enough for a good patient list. Miss Marie McCall, a registered nurse, will supervise the clinic. She has everything prepared for a good, strong program. One dentist and four physicians will staff it, each donating one afternoon per week to the project. They are: W. C. Dunscombe, M. D.; C. W. Dunscombe, M. D.; John Taylor, M. D.; Maxwell Rudesale, D. D. S., and myself. Mornings will be used for laboratory tests, X-ray treatments, etc. After we get things under way I shall send you a further and more complete report."

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WRITING under date of January 23, from Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., Elder H. B. Lundquist reports that he is "feeling better every day," and is already looking forward to the time when he can return to his heavy work as leader of the forces in the Antillian Union Mission. Elder and Mrs. Lundquist and Mary Lou are taking a brief, but well-earned furlough in the United States, and will be greatly missed from their post in Havana, Cuba. We wish them every blessing as they renew their strength for the duties of the future.