

- **Magazine Sales in Panama A Six Months' Report—Jan. 1 to June 30, 1910** BROTHER Harold H. COBBAN, manager of the Watchman Publishing Association, of Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama, sends the following interesting report of the sales of the Caribbean Watchman maga-zine and El Centinela de la Verdad dur-ing the first six months of 1910:

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The Caribbean Watchman MONTH COPIES VALUE

January 4673 \$ 166.19

February 4757 182.67

March 5120 198.68

April 6337 243.53

May 7011 263.85

June 6829 258.39

Total 34,727 1 \$1,313.34

El Centinela de la Verdad

January 3046 \$ 152.30

February 2520 126.00

March 3230 161.50

April 3969 198.45

May 4100 205.00

June 2982 149.10

Totals 19,847 \$ 992.35

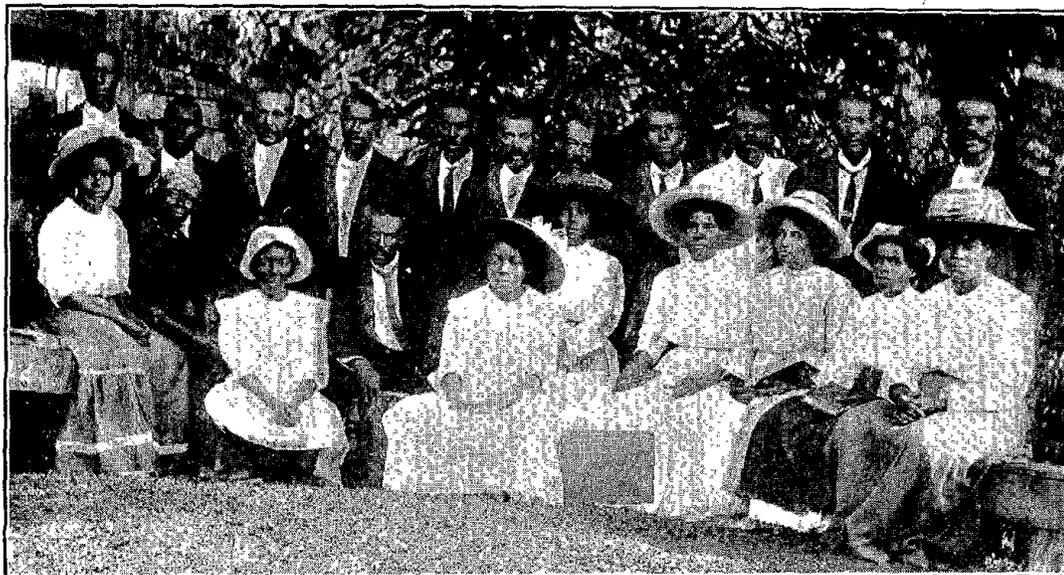
Watchman totals 34,727 1,313.31

Grand totals 54,564 \$2,305.66

- **RH 1912 Panama City, Canal Zone OUR work in Panama City is onward.** We can surely give a Joshua report of what the Lord has been pleased to do here. **We organized a church of sixteen members in January** (Central ), and I am sure that the secret of our success since that time has been that these members have all had a spirit to work for others by distributing the literature and visiting among the people. Besides the sales of the large books by our canvassers, some of the brethren have devoted a part of their time to selling the small books and tracts, and even the children sell papers. The sale of periodicals has now reached more than seven hundred monthly in five languages. These publications are a great factor for good. At present we are at work with the Temperance Instructor— a splendid help in the temperance cause. Sabbath, March 30, we baptized six converts, and there are several others who will soon be baptized. Our Sabbath-school now numbers thirty-seven members, and there is a splendid interest in the work of the young people's so-ciety. Pray for us, that we may do a thorough and speedy work in this great city. B. E. CONNERLY
- **RH SEPT. 1912 The West Caribbean Conference, which is composed of the republics of Panama. Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, together with St. Andrews,**

**Old Providence, and Corn Islands, was organized in 1906.** The work in this field was pioneered by Elder F. J. Hutchins, who was stricken with tropical disease in 1902, at Bocas del Toro, where he left a company of believers and a mission property to witness to his faithfulness unto death. To-day we have a growing conference of 484 believers, who are members of eleven churches and eight companies, most of which are located on or near the coast line of the Caribbean Sea. The conference owns several substantial church buildings, and is conducting several church-schools. The development throughout the conference gives assurance of a healthy growth. The administrative building, which is owned by the conference, is located at Cristobal, Canal Zone. The front part of the first floor is used as a chapel, and the rear part as the conference office and book depository, while above these are three suites of rooms for the use of conference workers, Nearly all the believers in this field speak English. Until recently but little effort has been put forth for the Spanish-speaking people, who compose the vast majority of the population. **Central American Conference** **The Central American Conference** is made up largely of Spanish-speaking people, except along the coast and in the Bay islands, where there are several thousand who speak English. It was among the latter that our work began, and these make up largely the present constituency of the conference. The territory embraced by this conference includes the republics of Guatemala, Spanish Honduras, Salvador, and the colony of British Honduras. The beginning of the message in this field can be traced to a woman of Honduras, who on visiting California in the year 1885, embraced our faith, and on returning to her home scattered much literature among her own people. The first minister to visit the field was Elder T. H. Gibbs, in 1887. Later, in 1892, Elder Hutchins began his labors in this field, and continued until 1900, when he was relieved by Elder H. C. Goodrich. The work developed rapidly among the English-speaking people, and at the present time we have in this conference eight churches and two small companies, with a membership of 244. In Guatemala City a graded school is conducted in English for the Spanish-speaking people, and is doing good work, as well as being self-supporting.

- **1912 BROTHER CHARLES DEGERING and his wife**, of Walla Walla, Wash., sailed February 3 from New Orleans, La., for Colon, Canal Zone, where they go to **take charge of the West Caribbean Conference office SECRETARIO TESORERO.** The book work in Panama and Honduras has made rapid growth in the recent past, and **because of the removal of the West Indian Union office to Jamaica, the Canal Zone office needed reinforcements.** Colon is destined to become an important shipping center in connection with our English and Spanish work in Central America, and Brother and Sister Degering have responded to the call for help at this place.



MOUNT HOPE BAND OF MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS, CANAL ZONE

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- **ABRIL 1914 INFORME DE LA OBRA EN PANAMÁ DE UN PERIÓDICO** WE clip the following from the Canal Record of March 4, a weekly paper " published under the authority and su-pervision of the Isthmian Canal Com-mission : "— " The Seventh-day Adventist Conference for Panama and the Canal Zone is building a small church for the accommodation of its congregation in New Gatun. The structure is a frame building capable of seating about fifty persons. **The Seventh-day Adventists have churches in Panama, Empire, New Gatun, Mount Hope, and at Cristobal, the headquarters of the organization.** The building now occupied by the superintendent of the conference was erected **to take the place of the one destroyed by fire on March 23, 1911.** The building contains apartments for the superintend-ent and his family, and the secretary of the conference, on the second floor, and the church and offices on the ground floor. Books and periodicals of the conference are sold at headquarters, also canned goods put up at the sanitarium operated by the Seventh-clay Adventists in Tennessee. The printing plant, which was formerly located in the building in Colon, has been removed to Jamaica. The conference church has been established in Panama and the Canal Zone since 1907. There are about 250 adherents."
- **RH INFORME FEBRERO DEL 1912.** At Colon, which is the headquarters of our West Caribbean Conference, the brethren are just com-pleting their conference office building, with book depository and meeting-hall below, and rooms for two or three families above. These facilities are needed, as since the fire a year ago, that destroyed the union conference printing-plant and led to its removal to Jamaica, **the church in Colon and Cristobal has had no proper meeting-place.** Elder H. C. Goodrich, president of the conference, lives here, also Brother G. C. Jenks, the field canvassing agent. The book work has developed strongly the last year, and we shall see yet greater work done with the publications in this polyglot region. The systematic training of the canvasser has borne

the usual fruit in South Central America. It is cheering to see it. Out at Mount Hope, two miles up the canal, we had a splendid Sabbath congregation. The believers are mostly West Indian brethren, some of whom learned the truth in the islands. Last evening here in Panama City, at the Pacific entrance to the canal, we had a good congregation filling their small meeting-hall to overflowing. **There is the nucleus of a good company already gathering in the old city of Panama, where Elder Brenton. Ernest Connerly and his wife are working.** This is a typical Spanish American city; and no small one either. The population is about thirty-five thousand. It is good to see the work of God moving on alongside this mighty engineering undertaking. The canal is the greatest piece of excavating ever undertaken by human hands. What a task it is to pierce the isthmus that has divided the great seas since the flood. But modern engineering is pushing the work swiftly to completion. W.A.S.

- **1912 FR RH JANUARY 12** I left Kingston, Jamaica, for Colon, where the **sixth session of the West Caribbean Conference was' to be held January 12-20.**

As the ship passed out of Kingston Bay past Port Royal, I remembered that just five years before, Jan. 12, 1907, Mrs. Bender and I had our first glimpse of the tropics as we passed this historic place on entering the bay. How quickly the time has passed, yet the days have been full of work., The mercies of God have been over us. We have not been free from human imperfections, neither have we escaped the physical ailments of the flesh. Together we passed, through the earthquake; and in my travels, fever of divers sorts, as well as unforgettable seasickness, some-times have been my companions. During these five years, not less than fifty thousand miles of land and water have been traversed. It is not much, but it takes time. January 14 I arrived in Colon. Elder H. C. Goodrich met me, and we had only sufficient time to reach Mount Hope, where the conference was held, before the night preaching services began. The delegation from the churches was larger this year than last. Two churches were admitted to' the conference. The reports of the laborers were listened to with interest. A great deal of literature has been handled by the workers, especially those laboring for the Spanish people. The regular canvassers have done good work during the year, and many are going out into the field again. Brother Timothy Brown has made a beginning in the work among the Indians in the western part of Panama. He reports six Sabbath-keepers, and forty pupils in school. He could not get out to attend the conference, as he is several days' journey inland from Bocas del Toro. The West Caribbean Conference comprises the republics of Panama, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, with a combined population of one million. Elder Goodrich was again elected president of the conference. **Brother J. A. Reid was ordained to the gospel ministry the last Sabbath morning of the meeting.** The fire, last March, was a hard blow to the work in this field. It burned out the building where the Cristobal chapel and the Watchman Press, as well as four suites of living-rooms for workers, were located. The printing plant was removed to Jamaica, but it was necessary to erect a building for the church here, as well as to provide a place for conference office, and for living-rooms for the workers. This

building, containing a neat chapel and office on the ground floor, with three suites of living-rooms above, will be ready for occupancy before this article appears in print. May the Lord be with the laborers and people of this conference as they begin another year's work. U. BENDER.

- **RH octubre 1913** We have found this a fruitful field for evangelistic work. Among the thousands of employees are many who listen eagerly to the word of life. Our colporteurs have sold \$12,000 worth of books and periodicals during the last year. We are sowing the seed in faith, and God is giving increase in rejoicing souls. I wish to relate one or two incidents that have been an encouragement to us. A young man who lost his arm in an accident was recently converted. After being re-jected by his former employer, he decided to go out among the people with books. He was very successful in this work, but he did more than to sell books. He improved every opportunity to tell his friends of the new-found truths from the Bible he had learned to love. Ten or twelve have lately taken hold of the message in Colcn; and when we ask them where they learned about these truths, they say, "We learned them from Brother Lee." This young man is faithful both in his work as a canvasser and also in his efforts to lead others to Christ. The Lord has blessed our work here so that our people have found favor in the eyes of their employers. Some of the farm managers have told me, "The men after they become Seventh-day Adventists are better workmen than they were before." Not only have they encouraged us to work among them, **but the company has given us two build-ings in which to hold meetings, and has given Elder Reid, our native minister, a house in which to live, free.** Besides this, Brother Reid has a free pass for himself and wife and their folding organ over their railroad lines. **The Lord has given us two organized churches and three companies,** besides interests in other places. H. C. GOODRICH.
- **1913- RH ENERO 1914 A Year on the Canal Zone D. E. BLAKE, M. D.** A YEAR ago I landed in Colon, having separated from the Sanitarium work in Nashville, Tenn., to engage in self-supporting medical missionary work in this field. We were welcomed by the brethren here, this being a very needy field with but few workers. **The town of Empire, an important section about twelve miles from Panama City,** was chosen for beginning our medical work, and as there was a small, struggling company at this place(GRUPO EN EMPERADOR), we felt that our assistance would be needed in strengthening the believers, also in making additions to the church. The Lord has blessed us in our medical work far beyond our highest expectation, and our efforts in evangelical work have also been very gratifying. The need of a small sanitarium was one of our early observations, but as the government of the Canal Zone forbids the acquisition of land and the putting up of buildings, we were perplexed to know how to meet this pressing need. We were thus compelled to work with what facilities we had at hand, and await developments of certain plans we had in view. Two weeks ago we were favored with the lease of twelve rooms in a large building in Cristobal, the American settlement adjoining Colon, at a very reasonable price, the owner giving twenty-five dollars for the special electrical

installation in our section of the building. The Isthmian Canal Commission maintained a hospital in Colon, but owing to the early completion of the canal, it was decided to discontinue it. This action removed the only hospital from Colon, thus leaving the field clear for our work. We were also privileged to secure the equipment we needed from Commission's Colon Hospital, in the way of surgical instruments, beds, bedding, etc., some of these new, and at an exceedingly low price. Thus within a few weeks our institution will be ready for business. We feel very thankful for these evidences of divine leading. They encourage and strengthen us. We are also thankful for the hearty support of the conference brethren. Our only purpose is to assist in the furtherance of the third angel's message. Our success is not measured by the money made, but by reaching souls with this glorious message. To the above end we solicit your prayers for the success of our work in this needy field. Empire, Canal Zone.

- **MAYO 1914 Panama Canal Zone** Warren George KNEELAND AFTER a pleasant voyage from New York, I arrived in Cristobal, Canal Zone, March 23. I have visited all the churches in the Zone, and am glad to report that the work has advanced since my visit in 1908. Owing to the fact that the ordinary work on the canal is nearly completed, **many of our brethren who have been employed here the past few years will soon return to their island homes. This will break up or greatly weaken several of our churches and reduce our re-sources.** The government of Panama is making liberal offers of free lands in the interior of the republic for actual settlers. Good openings could be found for a few families of consecrated workers to pioneer the way in these new fields, establish missionary stations, and teach the people how to carry on self-supporting missionary work. **Colon and Panama must necessarily be the center for future work in the Canal Zone.** In Colon city we have a small chapel, tract society office, and mission rooms for three families. We are beginning evangelistic work here with prospects of success. At Panama, the capital of •the republic and also of the Canal Zone government, we have no such facilities for aggressive work. **There are about fifty Sabbath keepers there with only a very small rented hall in unfavorable surroundings.** This hall does not comfortably seat the members, leaving no provision for the visitors who crowd around the place whenever there is preaching service. This place of worship costs us twenty dollars a month. Building lots suitable for our work are held at \$1,500 to \$2,500. We have just secured a few days' option on a lot that is centrally located and will , meet the present needs of our work, for \$800 cash. We shall try to begin building at once with materials already in hand. The governments of both America and Panama are spending money freely to provide substantial buildings in which to carry forward their work. Large manufacturing companies find abundant capital with which to build suitable factories. Elegant residential palaces are springing up all about us. Has not the time come for a humble house to be erected in this important Spanish and American headquarters where the third angel's message can be proclaimed?

- RH JULIO 9 1914 West Caribbean Conference** The eighth annual session of the **West Caribbean Conference** was held **May 22-27** with the church at **Bocas del Toro**, where ample provision had been made for entertaining the delegates and visitors who were in attendance. The names of thirty - two delegates were read, sixteen of whom were present at the first meeting. Elder A. J. Haysmer, president of the union conference, and Elder Warren George Kneeland, who is expected to labor in this conference, were invited to sit with us in the conference as delegates at large. Two churches, which had been organized since our last annual meeting, were received into the conference. Reports from the different churches showing an encouraging growth in nearly every place, were given by their several delegates. Especially was this true of the Bocas, Pearl Lagoon, and Port Limon churches. And in all the reports there was good evidence of the Lord's blessing which has attended the personal efforts of individuals in the different places. The need of making Panama City a center for our Spanish work on the Pacific coast was considered at some length, and the need of a suitable building for mission and church work was clearly set forth by Elder Haysmer in a meeting devoted to that purpose. The sum of \$436.75 gold was pledged by the delegates and visitors. It was indeed good to see the whole conference standing together as one man to help push the work in the city of Panama and on the west coast. Bpt the battle cry of the conference from the very first, as expressed in resolution No. 2, which was spoken to by nearly all the delegates, was to make the rest of 1914 a soul-winning campaign, in which the aim of every one shall be, One soul for Jesus in the year 1914. To the end, the work of the conference was marked with brotherly unity. All the different questions were freely discussed, and most of the resolutions were passed unanimously. In the personnel of the conference officers several changes were made. **Elder W. G. Kneeland was elected president**, in place of the writer, who has accepted an invitation to labor on the Isle of Pines. Elder D. E. Wellman was invited to take up work in the West Caribbean Conference, and F. H. Raley, secretary and treasurer of the union, will remove his office from Riversdale to Cristobal, and will also become secretary and treasurer of the West Caribbean Conference. Brother Charles Degering will be the secretary and treasurer of the, Jamaica Conference. 'We all appreciated very much the help given us in all our meetings by Elders Haysmer and Kneeland, and in spite of the heavy rains that continued nearly all the time, there was a good attendance on the part of the citizens of the place. A vote of thanks was heartily given to the churches of Bocas and its vicinity for their kind and generous hospitality; and then, with our hearts full of gratitude to a kind and merciful Heavenly Father for the feast of good things we had enjoyed, we all prepared to leave for our homes, to put in practice all the plans here laid for the advancement of the great work intrusted to our hands. H. C. GOODRICH.
- RH JUNIO 24 1915 The officers of the West Caribbean Conference are:** President, Warren George Kneeland; secretary and treasurer, to be supplied; executive committee, Elders W. G. Kneeland, D. E. Wellman, J. W. Shultz, J. A. Reid, and Dr. D. E. Blake.

- **1915 Elder W. G. Kneeland, of the West Caribbean Conference** (stretching from Nicaragua to the southern border of Colombia, in the heart of South America), reported 112 baptisms. And Elder N. H. Pool came in from the South. Caribbean Conference, which includes Venezuela and the Guianas, with a report of 378 persons **baptized during the year 1915**. Thus 711 new believers were baptized during the last year. The workers are expecting to pass the thousand mark during 1916. Besides the presidents of conferences there were at this meeting, F. H. Raley, the union secretary; A. F. Haines, manager of the union printing house; Elder E. C. Widgery, of the Leeward Islands; **Elder John Shultz, of Costa Rica; Elder B. E. Connerly, of Colombia; J. P. Redding, secretary of the West Caribbean Conference;** and J. J. Ireland, auditor of the General Conference. It is a word of cheer that every one of these workers has to send to friends in other lands. These brethren are hard at work down here in the tropics, and with them is a little army of West Indian laborers and thousands of believers. The day after the council closed, Elder Connerly and his family sailed for Colombia, expecting to settle about seven days' journey in the interior. They go with courage, and with our prayers that this may be a permanent establishment of our work in that republic. Now every one of the South and Central American republics is on our entered list.
- **RH 1916 OBITUARIO** WITH sadness we chronicle the loss of a faithful gospel worker, **Elder C. E. Peckover, who died in Boulder, Colo., June 27**. Elder Peckover began his ministry in the Middle West, and labored for a time in the opening of our work in the Canal Zone, Panama, where his health broke. Recovering, he accepted a call to Jamaica, West Indies. For the last six years, however, he had retired from active service. We mourn a brother in the ranks of the ministry, and assure his bereaved wife and children and the members of his family of the sympathy and prayers of their brethren.
- **RH ABRIL 6 1916 CUANDO LA UNION ERA WEST INDIES UNION CONFERENCE.** **The union office is removed from the Canal Zone to Jamaica, in order that the secretary may also assist in the work at the union publishing house.** Four new workers are earnestly called for by this union,— an evangelist and a field agent for the South Caribbean Conference, and the same for the West Caribbean. There are open doors for work among the Indians of the Mosquito Coast of Central America; and the Indians of the upper Guiana district, where Elder O. E. Davis lost his life, are still calling for some one to come and teach them about Christ's second coming, which, because of some tribal tradition, they are looking for. They call to us for help. Some day we surely must enter these regions, marked by a missionary grave, but left without a teacher. Canal Zone, Panama.
- **RH SEPTIEMBRE 1916** THIS week. ' from New Orleans, **Brother and Sister H. C. Kephart**, of western Washington, are sailing for the Canal Zone, Panama. Brother Kephart has been appointed to the secretary-treasurership of the West Caribbean Conference.

The coming of these work-ers will bring great joy and release to the overworked laborers on the Canal Zone.

- **RH 1916** Tins week from New Orleans, **Elder and Sister Berger Johnson**, with their two little ones, are sailing for the Canal Zone, en route to Central America, having responded to a call from the West Caribbean Conference **for an evangelist in Bocas del Toro, Panama. While the first work will be the shepherding of six or eight English-speaking companies in this region**, it is expected that their labors will extend to the Spanish-speaking peoples of Central America.

A continuación, diferentes noticias generadas en Colón, Panamá:

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