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except possibly some of the colporteurs, and I believe that their lives have been wholly dedicated to God for service; that they have withdrawn from all allegiance to the world, and are earnestly seeking more and more of the Spirit's power in their labors. With unbounded confidence in the message they are bearing to the world, they constitute a force that, though

For many years Sister Edmed stood nobly by the side of her husband, while together they gave all that life holds dear for the sake of the One who gave His life on Calvary for them.

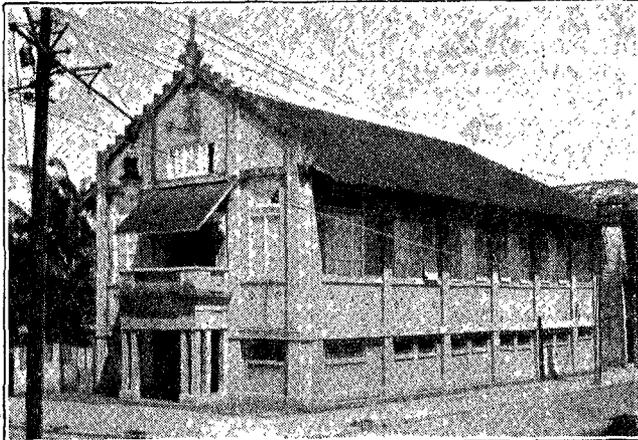
Another devoted toiler in the Master's vineyard, Sister Amy Walters, of Panama City, Panama, fell at her post of duty July 29, 1925.

We hold in grateful and affectionate memory these faithful warriors who fell in the heat of the conflict. These, with others who fought on the same field but are now resting, we confidently believe will soon come forth to their eternal reward. Having before us the example of their heroic services on the field of conflict, of their fortitude in the endurance of suffering, of their triumphant faith in the darkest hour, of their patient submission to the will of God in the face of death, we gladly renew our consecration of all to the completion of the task so nobly begun.

#### Our Publishing Work

About forty years ago a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, sent out from New York City, found its way into the hands of an honest-hearted man in British Guiana; and from this small beginning a little company of Sabbath keepers was soon gathered in Georgetown. This was quickly followed by another group of believers raised up in Barbados through the influence of the same lot of papers. Our literature has been the pioneer agency in almost, if not quite, every field in our division; and it continues to be a strong factor as an aggressive agency as well as a help in building up and strengthening the work already established.

Although we have had no one in the division to take the supervision of this department of our work, a measure of success has attended the efforts put forth. The literature sales for



Church Building in Colon, Canal Zone

year period has run as follows: \$8.62, \$9.77, \$10.09, and \$11.30. The per capita offerings were \$7.13, \$8.56, \$9.03, and \$9.13. It will be observed that the per capita offerings very nearly equal the per capita tithe. The weekly offerings to missions were 13.7 cents, 16.4 cents, 17.3 cents, and 17.5 cents.

When it is remembered that about 72 per cent of our constituency are extremely poor, that the wage they receive for their labor is a mere pittance, amounting to only a few cents a day, this gain reveals a degree of devotion to this cause that is most hopeful.

The spirit of personal sacrifice that enters into the lives of the people who embrace this faith is well illustrated in the following excerpt from a letter by one of our ministers, describing the erection of a church building on one of the islands:

"Should you see fifty-four women and children climbing a rocky hill and carrying their trays of sand a distance of three quarters of a mile, while the few men who can help build are working hard, digging, hauling sledges laden with stones, you could better grasp the situation."

It is our expectation, and shall be our constant endeavor, to enlarge the scope of our influence, carrying the message also into the homes of the wealthy, enlisting at least some of them in our ranks in every field.

As we extend our work in the prosperous Spanish countries, we confidently expect this division will become in every way more and more a source of strength and power in the closing work of the message.

#### Force of Workers

We have fifty-nine ordained ministers in this field, thirty-seven licensed ministers, 134 licensed missionaries, 125 colporteurs,—making a total of 355 laborers. We are very grateful to God for this loyal, true-hearted, consecrated company of workers, foreign and native, all of whom are united in heart and soul under our great Leader. I am quite well acquainted with the entire company of workers,

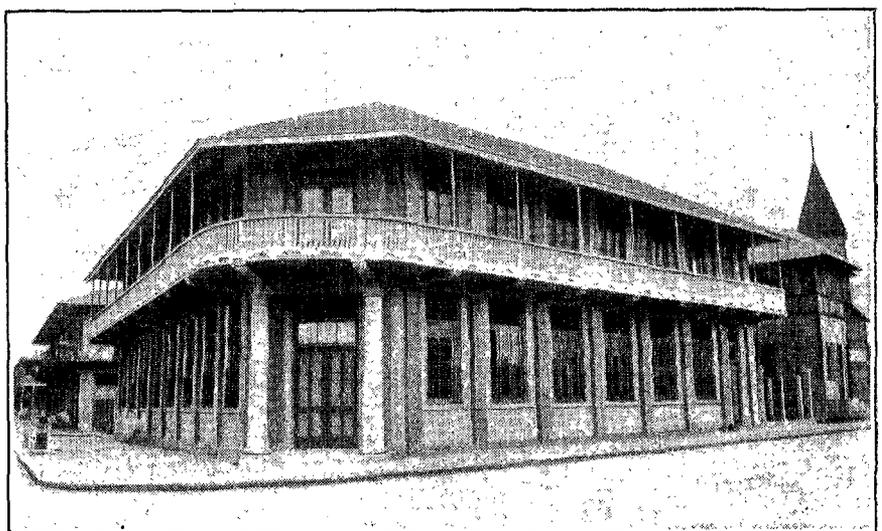
Lopez, while engaged in his regular duties, far back in the high Andes Mountains, was waylaid by four assassins, who, from ambush, with ruthless cruelty, shot fourteen bullets into his body, and then rushed upon him and thrust a long dagger into his heart. We are glad to say, to the credit of the Venezuelan government, that their agents vigorously pursued the assassins till two were killed, one was captured and sentenced to life imprisonment,—the extreme penalty in that country,—and only one escaped punishment.

Brother Lopez now peacefully sleeps on the field of his last labors, his grave in the village cemetery being marked

small, is, under God, absolutely invincible. However, considering the magnitude of the work before us, our numbers are altogether inadequate, and this will require an addition to our small force.

#### Our Force Depleted by Death

In the early part of this quadrennial period one of our most faithful and successful colporteurs, Brother Rafael



Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Cristobal, Canal Zone

by a suitable headstone. Since his death a large harvest of fruit coming directly from his seed-sowing is being reaped. He is among the blessed dead who rest from their labors while their works follow them.

After a long period of great suffering Sister Annie Edmed, wife of Elder H. J. Edmed, president of the South Caribbean Conference, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, Feb. 13, 1924.

The last two quadrennial periods are reported as follows: For the years 1918-21, \$449,844.60; and from 1922-25, \$513,303.20. In 1920 the record sales were reported as amounting to \$185,505.70, which is \$66,444.20 more than the record year for the last quadrennial period; and yet this last period shows a gain over the former of \$63,458.60. We are truly grateful to our colaborers in the union and local

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Under the experienced and inspirational leadership of Brother J. A. P. Green, who has just joined our force at the division office, we hope for far greater things in this department in the future. We are not unmindful of the splendid assistance rendered this field by the Pacific Press Publishing

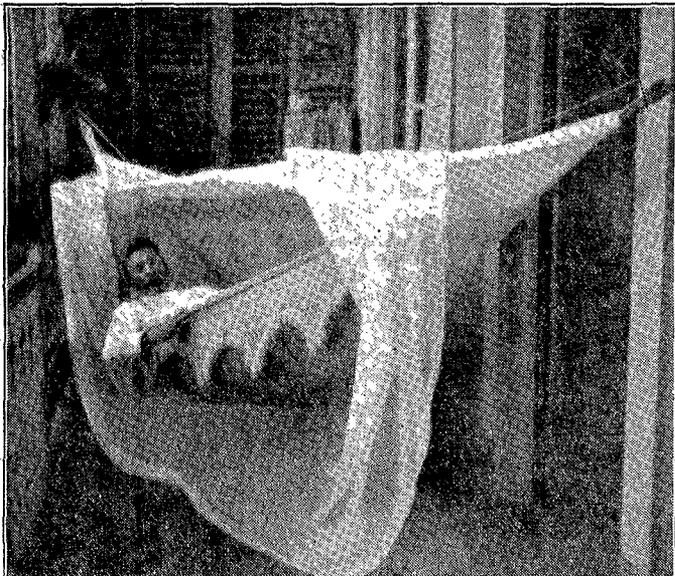
from the school campus, is used for pasturage. Several industries are in active operation. These include agriculture, dairying, cabinet-making, sheet-metal working, baking, and tailoring. Although the school has been in operation only about five years, there are now ten or eleven former students engaged in the work. One was sent to the Bahamas, three are now in Honduras, two are in the West Caribbean Conference, and four

1,377 pupils enrolled. As rapidly as we can train teachers for such work and as funds will permit, new schools will be started. There is no more urgent call for help than in this work.

Our hope for the future of our work in this field lies in the training of a large number of consecrated young men and women in our denominational training schools in the field. In every line of our work we need laborers who were born in the tropics, whose mother tongue is the vernacular of the people, who know their people as no foreigner can know them, and who are accustomed to climatic conditions that are often fatal to a foreigner. To make this possible, we need funds for the creation of industries in our schools that will enable the students to earn a large share of their expenses while in training for service. Unexpected success has attended the efforts of one of our workers in Jamaica in soliciting gifts from the wealthy for the installation of industrial equipment in the West Indian Training School. We hope that this experience may help us to solve, at least in part, the problem of establishing industrial plants in other schools.

#### Our Young People's Work

This phase of work has experienced encouraging growth during the last four years. Beginning with seventy-nine societies and a membership of 1,662 at the close of 1921, the number of societies had increased by the end of 1925 to 190, with a membership of 3,907. All the various lines of work in the department have been blessed with a corresponding increase. From my experience with the young people of Inter-America, it appears to me that they are as responsive to earnest efforts in their behalf as any in any other part of the world where I have labored. They have been almost wholly deprived of the many advantages so freely extended to the young people in more favored lands, and yet they escape many of the perilous



Sleeping Net Used in the West Indies

Association through its main office, and especially by the publishing house at Cristobal, Canal Zone. We believe that with a more efficient organization of our work the capacity of this institution will soon be taxed to its utmost.

#### The Sabbath School Work

During the quadrennial period covered by this report this important department has made very commendable progress. From 279 schools at the beginning of the period, the number has grown to 424 at its close. During the last four years 195 Sabbath schools have been organized. The membership has grown from 8,269 to 13,171, showing a gain of 4,902, or 62.7 per cent. The offerings for the period have increased \$52,957.90, or 84.7 per cent.

We regard the Sabbath school as a powerful factor in the work of evangelization, and are laboring energetically to make it still more effective. It is marvelous to see what is being accomplished in the training of new converts to the faith through this agency. There is no part of the world where the Sabbath school is not a very important factor in our work; but the darker the lands in which we labor, the greater the necessity of just such thorough, systematic, detailed instruction in the Word of God, in organized, united labor for those who know the way of life, and for the multitudes who still sit in darkness.

#### Our Educational Work

Our educational work in this division began in Jamaica, where we have a fairly well-equipped fourteen-grade school in an ideal location. The school has an excellent farm, consisting of 171 acres, thirty acres of which is under cultivation, while the rest, aside

department. A large percentage of the students are from Seventh-day Adventist homes, but a number, who were non-Sabbath keepers when they enrolled, have yielded to the prevailing influence of the Holy Spirit, until thirty-seven are now in the baptismal class. There is a Spanish department in this school, and the prospects seem favorable for it to become larger than the English department. The industrial features consist of agriculture, carpentry, broom making, plumbing, and sewing.



Graduates at the Caribbean Training School, Canal Zone

We have three small training schools for the Spanish; one in the Aztec Union, one in Cuba, and one in Porto Rico; also one for the French, in Haiti.

Our church and mission school work is yet in its infancy. This line of our work has not been developed as its importance demands. We have thirty-seven schools, forty-three teachers, and

snares laid by the enemy to entrap those who are in some ways more highly favored.

#### Our Medical Work

This department of our work is in the earliest stages of development. As yet we have no institution where we can train our young people healthwise