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A NEW ERA IN THE CUBAN WORK.

REV. R. L. WHARTON.

THE closing year has been one of progress in almost every respect in Cuba. A new government has corrected many of the mistakes of the former one, an unusually large sugar harvest has furnished work for hands that otherwise would have given trouble, and the attitude of our own government toward the Latin-American problem has re-assured the better element of the Island.

In the evangelical work, too, there has been everywhere a notable improvement, an alertness and a renewed spirit of investigation in religious matters that promises good things for the future; the Sunday schools of all the denominations have shown a healthy growth, the American Bible Society has distributed nearly 30,000 copies of the Bible—by far the largest

about a great awakening, and the appointment of three new, effective workers—Ortz, Someillian and Torres—has made it possible to make plans for the coming year that promise far greater things for the Master's cause than we have ever been able to hope for previously.



Presbyterian Church at Remedios.

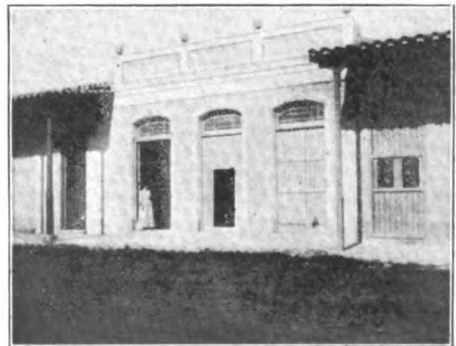


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number ever distributed in one year—while mission schools are being well patronized wherever established, and solicited in many places where it has been impossible to establish them.

In our own particular field there is a hopefulness among the workers, an activity among the members and an interest among outsiders such as we have not seen for a great while—the strong evangelistic campaign conducted by Dr. Ortz and Mr. Someillian during the spring and summer has brought

The work as planned calls for one central high school located at Caibarien, which is in the center of a rich, thickly settled section and in which our church alone is at work. To no other church laboring in Cuba has the sole responsibility for a great and growing section of the country been left so entirely as that around Caibarien has been left to us. This active



Miss Edith Houston in the Window of Her Home, Caibarien.

little city of 12,000 inhabitants has within a radius of thirty miles three large towns varying in size from six thousand to ten thousand inhabitants, and three smaller towns of from one to three thousand, yet no other church has opened work in any of these places leaving the entire work to us. It has long been our dream to man this section so effectively that no other church would think it necessary to come in, and it looks now like our dream would be realized. In addition to taking up this entire section, by spreading out our workers we hope to open work in two additional towns almost mid way between Cardenas and Caibarien, thus, uniting the two extremes of our field and forming a chain of stations two hundred miles in length along the central northern coast of the Island. This will increase the number of towns occupied to just a dozen, without including a number of preaching points in the country, while in but three of these twelve towns is the responsibility for this vast number of souls being shared by any other denomination. We must give them the Bread of Life or they will be left without it.

In order to carry out this definite plan of work for the entire field and to make room for the new workers, fitting each one into the place where he can give his best service, it has been necessary to change the field of all but one of the workers. This has meant a personal sacrifice to some, a much

more difficult work than that of their previous field, yet each one has expressed a readiness to undertake the work assigned him and the changes so far effected are proving the wisdom of the plans.

There is every evidence that we may expect a gracious in-gathering during the coming year and our only anxiety will be removed when we know that our Committee has not been compelled to reduce our estimates to the point where it will be impossible to carry out our plans.

Caibarien, October 1st.



Miss Mary Alexander, Caibarien.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK IN CUBA.

PROF. E. R. SIMS.

AT A FIRST glance, it would seem, after two American Interventions and occupation for several years, that it is a waste of money and time and effort to maintain private schools in Cuba. But the need of such schools is readily seen after even the most superficial examination of the methods and manage-

ment of the Public School System. The methods belong to the past centuries to a great extent, and the management is political. Furthermore, the great majority of the children of Cuba are educated in private schools. Taking into consideration these things, it will be readily admitted that the establishment of Church Schools has been wise