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## A FIRM PLATFORM.

**I** SAW a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation.

I was shown three steps,—the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, "Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.

I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immoveable platform.

I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it, and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform, and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master-builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven, and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it."

God calls for men and women of stability, of firm purpose, who can be relied upon in seasons of danger and trial, who cannot be swayed to the right or to the left, but who move straight onward and are always found on the right side. There are some, who, in time of religious peril, may almost always be looked for in the ranks of the enemy; if they have an influence it is on the wrong side. They do not feel under any obligation to give all their strength to the truth they profess. Such will be regarded according to their works.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## THE BIBLE STUDY

Salvation is of God, but we must co-operate with Him, or be lost.

1. Phil. 2: 12. We must work out what He works in us.
2. 2 Tim. 2: 15. We must study to please God.
3. 2 Tim. 3: 14. We must continue in the right way.
4. 1 Thess. 5: 21. We must prove and hold fast what is good.
5. 2 Thess. 2: 15. We must stand by the truth.
6. Isa. 58: 13. We must not trample upon God's Holy Day.
7. Isa. 56: 2. We must keep our hands from evil.
8. Isa. 33: 15. We must refuse a bribe.  
We must close our ears to scandal or wrong.  
We must shut our eyes against seeing evil.
9. 2 Tim. 2: 22. We must run away from youthful folly.
10. 2 Tim. 3: 5. We must turn away from hypocrites.
11. 1 Peter 5: 9. We must resist Satan.
12. Matt. 26: 44. We must watch and pray.
13. 1 Cor. 15: 58. We must keep busy in God's work.
14. John 13: 34. We must love one another.
15. Heb. 10: 25. We must attend the services of God's House.
16. Prov. 11: 25. We must be liberal.
17. Psalm 34: 13. We must avoid speaking evil.
18. Isa. 55: 7. We must forsake our own way.
19. Acts. 16: 31. We must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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NOTE—The word, "Must," which is used in the above study is not used imperiously, but advisedly. Ultimate salvation depends upon the right development of Christ-like characters. There is only one way to be saved—the narrow way and those who desire salvation must follow that way. The goal set for the Remnant Church, is to be without fault before the Lord. If we co-operate with Him, He is able to "present you faultless" before Him. Rev. 14: 5 and Jude 24.

## SPECIAL

In response to a request, we deem it wise at this time to publish in the "Visitor" of this month, a copy of the resolution which was passed by a large meeting of ministers, workers, and church officers, who happened to be in Kingston at the time, attending the Convention.

This is the only resolution a copy of which was sent to the Colonial Secretary for the Government, in order to show that Seventh Day Adventists are not connected with any racial agitation.

There are several societies in Kingston to-day, and, perhaps through Jamaica, that work on racial lines, and it seemed best to let the Government know that we are not in any way identified with such movements.

Similar resolutions were passed years ago in other parts of the Caribbean circle of Islands, and were very kindly received by the respective governments.

The special need for this action at the time it was sent out, was the fact that invitations were being circulated to our members and ministers to attend a meeting of a distinctly racial character, and the man who was to inaugurate the movement was designated "A Seventh Day Adventist Minister." Without such a resolution as the one below, the Government and public could scarcely do otherwise than regard our Denominational work unfavourably.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas It has been fundamental in the faith and practice of the Seventh Day Adventist Body to recognize,

(a) That God has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and

(b) That His over-ruling Providence determines and supervises the arrangement of the nations, so that He "sets the bounds of their habitation," in order to expedite and facilitate the promulgation and acceptance of the Gospel, (see Acts 17: 24-28) and

(c) In order to secure to every man Civil protection in the exercise of his religion, to restrain men from wickedness in their social

and economic relationships, and to maintain Civil equality before the Law, He has ordained "the powers that be" and has commanded all Christians to be subject to them, as being "not a terror to good works, but to to evil:" and that

(d) The Gospel Commission can only be carried forward successfully on the basis of Spiritual unity, drawing men of every nation, kindred, tongue and people (Matt. 24: 14; 28: 18-22; Rev. 14: 6) into one common Spiritual fellowship without regard to racial, national social or other prejudice; and

Whereas Certain men, having gone out from us, yet still moving under our denominational name as Seventh Day Adventists, are seeking to draw our adherents into racial and social antagonisms, and are agitating the same to the detriment of the exercise of unity, love, and Christ-like fellowship; as well as undermining the foundations of good government—therefore

Resolved That we earnestly disclaim any countenance of or connection with such movements, denouncing them as being contrary to the spirit of the Gospel, as calculated to stir up strife, and to bring confusion into our ranks; and that we admonish our workers, Churches officers and members of discountenance and avoid such agitators, to give them no place in our churches, and to discipline, in harmony with the Gospel any who, as members of our body, may lend themselves to the furtherance of such agitations.

HUBERT J. EDMED, President.

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## NEWS ITEMS

## MAHOGANY GROVE CHURCH BUILDING

That which promised to have been a very enjoyable and profitable time, was almost spoiled by rain, which came on near the time appointed for the service of Stone-laying to begin. It lasted throughout the ceremony which had to be very short, for which we were all very sorry, having anticipated so much.

Pastors Edmed, Hall, Meeker and their wives, several brethren from Craig, Coleyville and Mahogany Grove as also the writer were present, many of them being soaked by the rain. We braved the shower, however, and pressed close to the spot to witness the stone-laying by the President, who handled the trowel so deftly that one would think he is a first class mason. The old church building stands back upon the rocks, about a mile away, hidden from view by the thick forest of trees. The writer has known it for more than twenty-six years, and also its sister church Waterloo, which is similarly situated.

Notwithstanding the necessity for many interested witnesses to take shelter from the heavy downpour, we gathered twenty four shillings in the collection, this being supplemented by a gift from the Conference. The meeting was a pleasant one, and we felt that it was good to see so many of the brethren present who were members when the old building was started, and are still holding fast to the faith. Many who could never climb the steep to the old church building will now have opportunity to attend and hear the Message in their immediate village. We hope for brighter days for this church, and that we may very soon invite our people to attend the dedication of the new building.

L. RASHFOD.

A very attractive and successful Harvest Festival Service was held at Spanish Town on April 20, which also drew a large gathering from the town and adjacent churches. Pastors H. Fletcher, A. C. Stockhausen, and Bro. J. W. Grounds and the President took part. The choir rendered some splendid anthems inviting much appreciation. The children gave a very sweet recitation as they held their pretty baskets of various fruits, honey and eggs. Bro. Gilbert Campbell recited well. The decorations were very choice, and the exhibition of fruit surpassed our highest expectations. Spanish Town certainly deserves special mention for its production of such a program.

The printing of the *Visitor* is now in new hands, and every effort will be made to issue each number on time. We are very grateful to the old printers who made strenuous endeavours

to meet our needs, but were unable; and we wish the new printers success in their endeavours to co-operate with us.

We will take this opportunity of announcing that all matter and copy for the ensuing month must be in our hands by the 12th of the month. Later copy will either have to be destroyed or held over for the following month.

We desire that our church officers and the ministers and workers shall keep the *Visitor* supplied with reports. Let them not exceed one hundred words, unless there is special reason. Allow us to do some cutting, and remember that all our readers like to know how the work is getting on in your church, district, and department. A short report very often, is better than a long one.

Pastor Ogden enjoyed a new experience travelling to the Bahamas from Havana. As the time came for him to leave, he discovered that he could save time and expense by flying to his destination. So he borrowed a pair of wings, mounted up into the sky and reached Nassau in a couple of hours. Thus modern inventions help on the work and speed up its finishing.

North Street and her Sister churches in Kingston are busy at the time of writing, with the Big Week. Bro. Hudson has distributed hundred of books, and at Kencot, Regent St. and Rollington Pen, folks are busy trying to scatter truth like autumn leaves. Pastor B. A. Meeker is spending the week in Kingston, and helping with all his energy—and he has some! He took over £20 worth of orders in three days.

A letter has reached us from Prof. Tucker, who reports a pleasant and safe journey to his home. He found Sister Tucker in much better health, her temperature normal again, and, of course, with his arrival, her spirits happy.

Our College is fortunate in some ways in having churches nearby, and a splendid font for Baptismal services. Seven candidates came over there from Campbell's Castle, and were baptized by Pastor B. A. Meek-

er, on Sabbath, April 19. Bro. E. Parchment and the President examined the candidates.

The ruins of the old Porus Church building have lately been receiving considerable attention, and boards have been substituted for the old Spanish Nog walls. It makes us very happy to see this reproach to our Cause rolled away, and we hope the new appearance of the building will mean new members, and a new revival.

Let it be clearly understood that any movement—no matter how, or by whom it is started, that has for its foundation and inspiration a spirit of accusing the brethren, cannot stand. The Gospel was not started on a grievance, although Jesus Christ could rightly have filled the Bible with such. No man has ever been saved by an accusation—even a true one, much less a false one. Salvation, as Pastor Jones brought out forcibly in his recent sermon, is founded upon love to God and each other—not upon malicious misrepresentation, and false charges. Hatred never overcame one sin, never strengthened one man to meet temptation; and division never yet strengthened the Cause of God or brought it prosperity.

Following the announcement of twenty-one persons being baptized in the North St. Church recently, there comes the cheering report that thirty-seven new candidates enlisted within three weeks from that service.

Professor and Mrs. F. O. Rathbun left Mandeville for their well-earned furlough the morning following the Commencement program at the College. We wish them a happy time.

Before leaving, we were glad to have the counsel of Prof. Rathbun in the selection of a new engine for the school. This was ordered through the firm of Messrs Henriques of Jamaica, and delivery will be taken shortly, the old engine having completely collapsed. The new engine will have great power, and will be run at an estimated cost of 1½d per hour.

Pastor and Mrs. H. J. Edmed and Pastor H. Fletcher left by the s.s. "Lady Rodney," which sailed May 7. to

attend the General Conference sessions at San Francisco. The President and his wife appreciated the many expressions of loyalty and love which they received before leaving. They ask the prayers of all our readers, which they also will reciprocate.

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A meeting of all our Jamaica S. D. A. Pastors was recently held at the home of the President, during which a unanimous vote of loyalty to the Body was taken. A splendid photo was taken of this group, by Mr. Elliott, of Kingston, which may be seen in the office.

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Somehow our hearts feel a special thrill of joy in watching "Grannie" Oliver walk down the aisle each Sabbath, and deposit her mite in the Investment Fund Box. Bent with her ninety-three year life-struggle, and feebly leaning on her stick, she bravely steps down to this benevolence that brings her so much satisfaction. But the Big Week has also drawn upon her interest and devotion, and she came in to rest from her canvassing, happy in being able to report having sold five books. Grannie's example is surely worthy of the emulation of our younger members.

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**SWIFT RIVER CHURCH**—Readers of the "Visitor" will doubtless be glad to hear a little news from one of the oldest churches in the Conference whose upward march was begun first under the appreciated work of Brother Mais, of Kingston, who strengthened the remaining members.

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Some time in the month of January I was commissioned to look after the repairs of this building, which was fast decaying. The Conference generously donated a complete set of windows out of the thirteenth Sabbath Overflow. With a few available pounds, the old mason walls were replaced by boards. When the work is completed, the building will appear quite new.

April 27, a successful Temperance Rally was held, in aid of the Repair Fund. The choir of the Port Antonio Church rendered splendid help with their music. The church building was filled to its utmost capacity, there being crowds outside who could not find seats. Everyone left fully satisfied. The financial side was not

the only objective, and many were also favourably impressed that they decided to sign the Temperance Pledge and abstain from the use of strong drink and tobacco.

We solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters in behalf of this church, and that the efforts now being made may be successful.

R. B. CAMPBELL.

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#### TOURING PORTLAND

It has been the writer's happy privilege to pay another visit to the Portland churches. On April 2, the first call was made at Moore Park, where three good meetings were held with the brethren. One of these was a Baptismal service, at which nine precious souls made their covenant with God. The Moore Park brethren have put their shoulders to the wheel in an effort to construct a more presentable edifice in which to worship **the Lord.** They have been gathering stones from the river, and have several barrels broken.

We met with the Hart Hill and Swift River churches also, and spent a week-end with the Port Antonio Church, where on Sunday night we entered the water to bury six more persons with their Saviour in baptism. We give God the praise for these dear souls, who have been led to the light of Present Truth by His Spirit working through consecrated and zealous lay members.

The writer then accepted an invitation to visit the village of Constant Spring, eight miles from Port Antonio, where a strong interest has been awakened through Sister Gladys King's Sunday School, as reported in last number of the "Visitor," and later by the help of Bro. Cousins, as Leader of the Y. P. M. V. Society of Port Antonio. God is only waiting for the Young People to place themselves on the altar of service, to pour out His Spirit upon them and crown their efforts with grace and blessing. "The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand." Testimonies, vol. 7, page 64.

A pall of sadness hung over the Port Antonio Church on Sabbath owing to the death on that morning, of Sister Eleanor Hall, who has been with that church for fourteen years faithful in spite of many difficulties. Her husband and eight children who remain have our deep sympathy.

At Sherwood Forest, Manchioneal, and Hector's River, we found the members of good courage. One more person was baptized at Hector's River.

ALLAN E. STOCKHAUSEN

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### HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

BYRON A. MEEKER

Secretary

Churches that have adopted the plan to have a ten-minute missionary service each Sabbath, between the Sabbath School and the preaching service, are finding it a great help in the matter of securing reports. Solomon the wisest man said: "there is a time for every thing under the sun." If our churches are to render reports of missionary activity, surely there is need of a time to be given for the gathering of the reports from the members.

It has been found after much study that the plan of reporting weekly is the best. The time best suited to the members is just following the Sabbath School. The missionary leader and secretary should take charge of this service. Care should be taken that there is no confusion. The members should be instructed to sit quietly, and wait until this missionary service ends before moving about or changing seats. There should always be reverence in the house of God.

Even this ten-minute service must be planned beforehand, if it is to be a success. The leader must so condense the program that the meeting will not run over the time allowed. **EVERY THING THAT IS DONE MUST BE SHORT AND TO THE POINT.** The first Sabbath missionary meeting will furnish opportunity for more extended study of plans. If a special campaign is on, a special meeting should be called so that plans may be laid to do the work acceptably to God.

#### BIG WEEK

If you have had a part in the BIG WEEK Campaign you will watch with interest the reports from the various churches. It is our intention to publish in the *Visitor* the names of the churches that have reached the goal of two books per member. Look for your church in the list. If you can not find it there, I am sure you will be sorry. How we wish that there

could be some way of appealing to all our people, so that they would willingly unite to do what they can. Many are doing this, and I hope that you are one of the faithful company who "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

B. A. M.

### Missionary Volunteer Dept.

BYRON A. MEEKER,  
Secretary.

My heart has ever been young, and now that I have been asked to foster the Missionary Volunteer work in the Jamaica Conference, I feel a thrill of new life. There is something about contact with young people that inspires. To some extent we live our lives over again as we live with the youth, and face the problems of life with them.

The mental, moral and physical development of our youth, are the objects toward which we must press if we meet the mind of God.

True education consists in the restoration of the image of God in man. Youth is the time when the moulding process is most effective. The home has a greater duty to perform. Parents have sacrificed much for their children, but they must not stop short of doing all they can do in giving them the chance to develop Christian character. The home, the school and the church, are to work in harmony, for the restoration of the image of God in our youth.

It is needless to say, that the cause of God is suffering today because of a lack of the proper development of the youth. Our young people must sense more fully the need of preparation in every calling of life. For are they not to represent "Him who doeth all things well?" Nothing but the best will please the Master whom we serve, if we are His.

### Sabbath School Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED.

We have made a start on another year's record, and we are encouraged with the progress that the report of the first quarter of 1930 reveals.

More of our schools have been aiming to reach the Daily Study and Perfect Attendance goals, and many of those who have been working to this end have increased their number of Honour Cards, so that we have issued almost 200 more than for the closing quarter of 1929.

Notwithstanding the depression in some sections of the Island, our weekly offerings and the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings show an increase over the previous quarter. But there is a decrease in the Birthday and Investment gifts. We have had our spring program in the schools throughout the Island, giving all an opportunity to make a fresh investment for 1930, so we are hoping to see this fund greatly increased in the coming quarters. Little London got ahead and during March made some investments. Other interesting reports have come in. At North St., Kingston, an excellent program was renewed May 3, and at Kencot and Port Maria also. Lock out for more details in the July Visitor.

Two more schools have reached the standard for the Pennant. These are Old Harbour and Axe and Adze. The Sabbath School Department offers its congratulations to these. We are sorry, however, that Hart Hill, Darliston, and White House, have lost theirs for the past quarter; but we believe they will not rest until they merit it again. Our Penant schools now are:—

Kencot	Beeston Spring
Porus	Spring Garden
Old Harbour	Axe and Aze.

Another encouraignig item is the organization at Higgin Town, of a new school, with a membership of 46, the result of the evangelical efforts of the lay members of Erittonville Church, supplemented and completed by a course of meetings recently conducted by Pastor S. U. Powell. Pastor Powell writes that weekly and 13th Sabbath goals have been set, and that the interest in the Daily Study and Perfect Attendance goals, is good. These are cheering words from a new company.

#### STATISTICAL ITEMS.

No. of Schools, 91. Membership 4,316.  
Twelve-Sabbath Offerings, \$969.56.  
Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings \$342.31.  
Investment Offerings \$49.30.  
Birthday Offerings \$9.03.

No. Honour Cards issued, 637.

No Book Marks merited, 56.

May each new quarter show an advance in our Sabbath Schools in Jamaica.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

M. V. P. B. Kelly.

"And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

We are all conversant with the circumstances that cluster around these words. It was a time of crisis when God's people, and His glory were at stake. The intercession of Esther, the queen, seemed to be the only way of escape.

In such crises there are always those who are content to remain neutral. Esther was so inclined, but the word came to her from Mordecai, "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house more than the Jews; for if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time then shall there arise enlargement and deliverance to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house will be destroyed, and who knoweth whether thou art come to such a time as this?"

To-day a similar crisis exists. Satan and his emissaries have the church of God confused. God's people, and His Name are at stake and there are those who instead of working and planning to build up and strengthen God's church, are content to remain neutral.

Let such remember that we can take no such stand in the Cause of God. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad."

However, there are some, yes, many who are firmly planted—altogether unwavering, refusing to be tossed hither and yon. To such the words of the Saviour are addressed,— "Strengthen thy brethren," for, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

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Thank you, Brother Kelly. It does our hearts good to hear our young Missionary Volunteers speak in such strains, and to see them stand up for Jesus. We like the chivalrous ring and loyalty in these words.

Ed.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE.

### WHO'S WHO.

#### Lefevre.

Lefevre, a native of France grew up to be one of the greatest scholars of his day. A devoted and sincere Papist he was, a man to whom there was nothing as dear as the Catholic faith.

He had spent a noble and useful life, and as he drew toward the evening of his days a change was to come about in his religious ideas. He was a professor in the University of Paris where for many years he imparted to his students the knowledge he had gained as he delved into the many branches of learning. The strong desire came to him one day to write a history of the saints and martyrs; and while in the course of this great literary task, he turned to the Bible with the idea of gleaning from it some facts that would help him prepare his history. As he perused the precious book, the Spirit of God shed light on its pages; and before he knew it he became enraptured over the truths which made an indelible impression upon his mind. He set aside the work he had begun, and started a scrutinizing study of the Word of God.

Justification by faith seemed to be written in bold relief upon his consciousness as he read the precious pages of the gospels. An irresistible passion stirred his inmost soul for the thousands whom he knew were still in ignorance and error, and he began to tell others of a better way than Rome had taught. Before Luther had begun to sound in clarion tones the message of "Justification by Faith" in Germany, Lefevre had written: "It is God who gives us by faith, that righteousness which by grace alone justifies to eternal life."

He had a great influence with his students. They all loved and respected him. They listened with eager hearts to his words, and many of these after their Master had passed on to the Great Beyond, were to carry on a work of reform more extensive than Lefevre himself had accomplished. Many of them who once would have become frenzied at one word spoken against the Pope, under the ministry of their Master, accepted the Reform Faith. In fact, while Lefevre carried

on his work in a private way, Farel, one of his student converts, made a public proclamation of the truth.

The reformation in France through these instrumentalities, made quick progress; but a wave of persecution bore down upon the movement that almost stultified it.

Lefevre had a burden on his heart for the common people to be privileged to read the Word of God for themselves in their own tongue. He therefore undertook to translate the New Testament, and it is more than a coincidence that about the time Luther was issuing his German Bible, the French New Testament was published at Meaux. Lefevre spent every energy and means to scatter copies of his Testament among the hundreds of hungry souls in that town. With joyful hearts they received them, and it was not long that a reformation of life and ideas was seen among the people. The influence extended to other places; and now the Papal leaders determined to put a stop to this work. The stake was prepared, and the French reformer was called upon to either stand by his convictions and die, or recant and enjoy the liberty of the State. The hour of great test had come for a man who was ever courageous and loyal in promulgating the truth which God had imparted to him. Sad to say, Lefevre chose the easier path; but his recantation only caused others whom he had converted to go forth dauntless'y to advance the work of reform, many of them paying the penalty of death.

Dear young people where shall you stand in the last great conflict? Will you spend almost a whole life of devoted service to the Master, and when the acid test comes deny your faith? To-day we honour those who stand for truth in times of peace, but greater honour to those who will be unflinching in their trust and confidence, who will die rather than disobey the dictates of their consciences.

R. HARRIOTT.

#### NAMES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Patricia Brown, Catherine Dunbar, L. Anderson, Thelma Wood, E. M. Dunbar, Una Johnson, Oliver Fletch-

er, Vashtiana Oliver, Graviel McIntosh, Melford Reynolds, E. J. White and Earl Fletcher.

#### ANSWERS FOR MAY

1. Jesus was the greatest descendant of Rahab the Harlot, Matt. 1: 5 verse 1.
2. The Manna ceased at Gilgal, Joshua 5: 10-12.
3. Balaam the prophet received the conviction that he would not inherit the kingdom. Num. 24: 17.
4. Jesus "lead captivity captive" at His ascension. Ephesians 4: 8.
5. Seventh-day Adventists received the Sabbath truth through Rachel Preston a Seventh-day Baptist.

#### QUESTIONS FOR JUNE.

1. What devoted Christian of apostolic times was able to say, "Be ye followers of me?"
2. Before sin entered, who were the archangels above the mercy seat in Heaven?
3. Give a verse of Scripture which proves that God the Father recognizes Christ as a member of the Deity.
4. What mountain cleaves asunder as the New Jerusalem descends at the end of the Millennium?
5. How do you explain the words of Jesus found in Matt. 16: 28, and in what other places of the gospels does this statement of Jesus appear?

#### NAMES OF LITTLE FOLKS ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Edgar Bennett, Lowie Benett, Lenn Bennett, Aston Davis, Una Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Adelia Cleaver, Sylvia Clarke, Gloria Hope Newman, Monica Robinson, Patricia Brown, Beryl Chin, Daisy Stewart, Lucille Jones, Elizabeth Tulloch, Urselena Langley, Eric Plummer, Eudora Weber, Roy Crosbie, Carmen Bradshaw, Aston Oliver, Ena Henriques, Kathleen Brodie, Islo Lindo, Marion Brodie, Veta Henriques, Vivia Henriques, Cinderralla Oliver, Wilbert Oliver, Vashtiana Oliver, Luna Davis, Willie Fletcher, Floris Green, Leslie Weir, Linneth Weir, Ruby Weir, P. B. Kelly, Charles Morgan, Luther Arthur, Floris Green, Luther Morgan, Ethel Morgan, Arthur Morgan, Hilda Reid, Clare Stern, Graviel McIntosh, Melford Reynolds and Melvin Reynolds.

## West Indian Training College.

Prof. O. W. Tucker.

Thursday, May 1, was Commencement Day. The work of days of busy preparation gave the Chapel and Library and other apartments the appearance of some great event, with the festive decorations and the displays arranged so that visitors might inspect the work that had been done.

In the Library was a really grand display. Entering the door, rows of stands filled with garden produce met the eye. In a warm climate like Jamaica's, one scarcely expected to find huge cabbages tempting carrots, egg fruits, potatoes, and many other vegetables that looked so fresh and crisp that they might have been grown in the coldest of countries. Yet the room seemed to be filled with them. But on the left, the sheet metal industry displayed the fruits that grow from the deft hands of this department. It was a very good exhibit. On the right, furniture made from local woods tempted the buyer, and delighted the eye. The Bakery maintained its reputation for good white and brown bread. One always eats that bread as if it was cake—it is so sweet and palatable. But the bakers had a hard time competing with the Domestic department with its many and varied cakes and sweets.

Someone said that the men who marry the students that turned out such appetizing viands would surely be fortunate. But one section deserved special mention, had we been giving prizes, viz, the Artist's corner. The Dog's Head, so realistic, naturally attracted the eye. Then came various landscapes and faces, all of which showed that we have in our school a fine art teacher, and students who are capable of producing splendid pictures.

The decorations were tasteful and attractive. The Class 30 Motto, being set in a bed of leaves, interspersed with *Gladiola*—the class-flower, was surpassingly tasteful, the motto itself—"Because of Him," with the dimmed picture of our Saviour, quietly and softly in the background, attracted great appreciation, and was calculat-

ed to seal its impression indelibly upon each mind.

We warmly congratulate those whose labours produced such a display. But the program gave a refined setting to the whole proceedings. Many had come many miles through the pouring rain to attend this, but felt well repaid for the trouble and the soaking. The chapel was crowded, the students occupying rightful prestige on the platform seats. In the midst of the one hundred students were the Faculty, and school Board, Prof. Crawford, who is acting-principal, in the center, with the President of the Board, who occupied the chair. The chorus and solo singing were excellent, and the pianoforte, under the skilled hands of Mesdames Harrison and Meeker, charmed and thrilled the audience.

The addresses of the Class, which occupied seats in the front, ranked high among those of such occasions, and brought much satisfaction to an appreciative audience.

Seventh Day Adventists may feel proud and thankful for the possession of a College that can produce such standards of achievement from its students. And the Class itself may live in the assurance that if they keep their feet on the high platform which they have reached, and advance steadily, there is a path before them into which the Lord will lead.

The program was as follows:—

### PROGRAMME.

- Processional:..... Miss R. Harrison
- Invocation:..... Prof. F. O. Rathbun
- Chorus:....."Great is the Lord." By A. J. Boex.
- Salutatory and Class History: Miss A. Shaw
- Vocal Duet:....."My Faith Looks up to Thee".....Mrs. Meeker and Miss Harrison
- Poem:....."Ideals".....Miss S. Young
- Chorus:....."How Sweet the Name" By Shelley
- Oration:....."Because of Him" Mr. U. E. Morgan
- Vocal Solo:....."How Lovely are Thy Dwellings".....Mrs. Meeker.
- Valedictory:..... Miss V. Ebanks.
- Piano Duet:....."Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody"..... Mrs. Meeker and Miss Harrison.
- Commencement Address:.....Elder H. J. Edmed.

Mixed Quartette....."Softly now the Light of Day".....By Gottschalk

Presentation of Diplomas:

Chorus:....."Father O' Hear Us" By H. R. Palmer.

Benediction:

CLASS ROLL—Vivia A. Ebanks, Amuthal A. Shaw, Stella L. Young, Uri E. Morgan.

CLASS MOTTO—"Because of Him"

CLASS FLOWER—*Gladiola*

CLASS COLOURS—Old Rose and Silver.

Herbert J. Edmed.

Our Harvest Festival came off on the last Sunday in March, but quite unlike those we have had in the past. At this Festival, no food or any article was taken to the church for sale. Envelopes were given out weeks before so that the brethren did all the selling at home and brought in the cash on the Sunday mentioned above for which date a spicy programme was prepared and rendered by the children and choir.

At this meeting, we got in Four Pounds one shilling, which was the highest sum we have ever gathered. The visitors seemed quite satisfied, and above all, the brethren felt that this way was more in harmony with the Master's mind. It omitted many features—viz, the market appearance in God's house, the bartering that generally goes on in the church yard for the highest price, and also the aptness to lose the good impressions from the sermon, which is always the outcome of the sale afterwards. We gave serious thought to the Master's words in Mark 11: 15—17.

Newell Church, L. G. Mullings

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We are glad to report that we are on the way with our new church, as our membership has outgrown our present one. We have held three baptisms following each other quickly, and we are expecting another soon. The success in soul winning is due we suppose, to the efforts of Elder H. P. Lawson who stayed with us during his wife's illness. We hope the good work of soul winning will continue.

L. G. Mullings

## PUBLISHING.

W. S. NATION.

Hello, Colporteurs! Greetings to you. I hear you are meeting plentiful show-ers—I hope of both kinds. Wet weather used to be my harvest time, for I always reckoned to find my clients at home in wet weather. I never complained at the rain, for I usually found that if I could smile as I stepped into their homes dripping wet, they began at once to take an interest in me, and if I still smiled and reminded them that after rain comes the harvest, they seemed cheered into giving an order.

As long as the rain continued, my clients seemed willing to listen to my canvass. Fine! But I always endeavoured to time clinching the order when there appeared a rift in the cloud, and there was a holding up. That was my opportunity, and found it wise to time my canvass so that I handed my prospectus for them to sign just as the sun seemed to smile at them. That too, was my opportunity to move on to the next customer.

Pastor B. A. Meeker accomplished a stunt the other day. He had been working on his Big Week pledge, and had to wait an hour for a train. To make it short, he popped by chance into some shops nearby and before the train whistled its triumph, took orders for sets of small books, valued at 38/-. This brought his total up to £24. 6. 6 while helping the Kingston Churches. His personal Big Week will come when yours is here. That reminds me that the colporteurs set their date for Big Week work at June 14 to 21. There was a twist of wisdom in this selection of dates, for June 22 is the longest day in the year, so the Colporteurs' Big Week promises one of the biggest days, in which to secure the biggest orders in the biggest Big Week, because it carries the biggest strength of sunshine. What could be more appropriate?

Selling our literature is the biggest side of our evangelism. Medical Missionary work convinces that we MAY BE the people. Evangelical preaching is quick and often transient in its effects. But those books! So si-

lent, yet so loudly do they speak. A man I am acquainted with once bought a book. When delivery came, he glanced at the preface, read a sentence, and placed the book on the shelf. "Are you going to read that big book, Charlie?" the feeble, half jeering voice of his wife enquired. He was a bit of a coward, and half entering into the spirit of his wife, replied, "Someday, when I am sick, and want to pass the time away, I may look at the pictures." An hour later his wife saw Charlie go to the shelf, take hold of that big book, turn leaf after leaf, and then pause and read. This time he seemed deep in thought, but the book went back to the shelf, until it was about bed time, when he said, "Wife, I saw something about locusts, and the end of the world, and I feel a bit curious to see what it says, for you know we have had so many locusts lately. Passing the book to his wife, who was the best reader of the two, she began to read. The signs of the times, as they were explained in that book held them spell bound, and the clock struck, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, one, two. "Dear me," said Charlie, "I haven't heard the clock strike once, and I feel I could read that book instead of sleeping tonight. It seems to wake me up." But they went to bed to sleep. Charlie tossed and tossed as the words of the book kept running through his restless mind. Quietly he arose and read, and re-read, and then crept in to try again. But slumber was far away. The lines of that book—"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."—"The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God," and "Christ is soon to come" were becoming living realities in his mind, and he could not sleep.

The morning dawned and found the book—not on the shelf, with covers closed, but on the table, open. And both wife and husband kept glancing at the pages they had read, until breakfast food refused to be swallowed. "You are not eating, Charlie, what is the matter?" "Its that book. It has changed my interests, and to-day I want nothing but what is in that book." And the days and nights went by. The Colporteur was plodding around the town calling at many homes, oblivious of the heart strings

that book was pulling, until the bright Sabbath Day dawned when the three met in a quiet little country chapel. It was the Sabbath Day. The book had changed the hearts of two agnostics, who now rejoiced in the silent, yet loud speaking message of the book. Years after, I talked with them about that book, and with tears of earnest rejoicing Charlie's lips pronounced sweet benedictions on the silent pages.

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This is no far-fetched picture. It is a real picture that is being duplicated in hundreds of languages in every nation; and you, dear boys, are creating the scenes each day. Your labour of love is not in vain in the Lord. But remember that your BIGGEST DAY which you have dedicated to God in your Biggest Week, swells into a majestic greatness which you can never measure, even in eternity, as it draws its biggest gains in souls won for the truth and Kingdom of God.

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Say, we are not wondering whether you will reach your goal. We know you will, because Colporteurs are the men that win.

H. J. E.

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## LEADERSHIP

"There is no escape. Death to self precedes all successful leadership."

"A leader is one who sees the way, who goes ahead, and who gets others to follow him. We cannot get others to do what we do not do ourselves, and we cannot ordinarily get others to go farther in any course of action than we go ourselves."

"A man who seeks prominence is not a leader; a man who seeks results is a leader. A demagogue is not a leader. A statesman is a leader. .... Those men are missionary leaders who are willing to efface themselves for the sake of the kingdom of God, willing to suffer anything so long as the great cause is advanced, who do not count personal plans when they interfere with the plans of the kingdom of God."

"Work with people whom you are trying to develop. To see you do the

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## LITTLE FOLKS CORNER.

My dear Little Folks,

How the time runs away! Here we are in the half-year month of June! You are all growing so fast too, and so many other Baby little folks have come along this year, and the family is growing so large. How nice it is to have so many little brothers and sisters!

I am in America now, attending the great meeting of the General Conference. Such a big meeting, it is! I will have lots to tell you about when I return to Jamaica, wont I?

When I was out visiting the other day, Tommy came running in from school saying, "Mamma, I have lost my hat." Poor boy, he was quite excited about it. So to help him forget his trouble I told him of one of our missionaries who once had his hat blown away when he was travelling in a train, and he had to send seven hundred miles for a new one, and he had to go without one for six long weeks. By the time my story was finished Tommy's brother came in to say that the hat had been found.

Most of us wear some kind of a hat. The girls always want a pretty one, and some of them do look quite pretty, dont they? You know that people of different nations have what seems to us to be such funny ideas as to what kind of a hat to wear. I expect you would laugh if you saw some of them. Many years ago English ladies used to wear what looked like a large basket of flowers and fruit on their heads. The flowers and fruits were made of cloth and wax. Another time they wore large bunches of ostrich feathers that stood up so high that they had to stoop to get into the house doors. Today, the ladies in Wales wear a hat that looks like a short chimney with lace around. The rim is very wide, too. In South Africa, the natives pull a little carriage called a jin ricksha. They charge sixpence to pull a person about a mile in one of these. To attract customers, they dress themselves up very strangely. One that once pulled me along wore two polished horns of a bullock, fastened on each side of his forehead, so that they looked as if they grew there. Then he had feathers of many colours stuck in his hair,

and bands of pretty coloured beads round his forehead. Round his neck he wore large beads, animal's teeth, and seed pods, which he also fastened round his arms and legs, so that when he ran they rattled and made a great noise. They look like a man with horns and feathers. When they run, they each try to make more noise than the others who run the same carriages.

Some of the African girls draw their little short curly hairs together in bunches, and thread a string of beads on them, so they hang down like tassels all round.

In Korea the ladies wear hats made of straw, which are very large. Some of them nearly a yard wide. There is a rim at the side that makes the hat look the shape of a large cake tin. They have long strings that tie the hat down the side to a button in front.

The Bible says we are all soldiers of Jesus, and we must wear a helmet—not a helmet like men wear in Jamaica, or like the soldiers wear on the battle field. But a helmet of salvation. That means, our minds must be yielded to Jesus so that we know He is our Saviour and we are His dear children. When we wear that head dress, we will know that He helps us in trouble, and gives us victory when our enemies treat us badly, when temptation comes and we look to Him for aid. It will make us always happy and good. Whatever earthly hat we may wear, we must always see that we have the helmet of salvation, wont we?

H. J. E.

I must tell you a little story about a little girl named Beatrice, who was a little girl when I was a little boy. We often played together those days. Her mother died when she was a baby, and her sister Maria used to take care of her while her father was teaching in his large school. He was a quiet and good Christian man, whom everybody respected very highly. Sometimes he preached at the village church, and the little children loved to hear his simple talks.

But poor little Beatrice was not strong, and as she grew up she became a great sufferer. It often made

her feel sad that when other children went out to play she could not join in the fun with them, because she always loved to make others happy. However, when the kiddies were weary, or the days were too wet to go out in the fields, she would get them into her room and tell them stories and teach them to work and make pretty things. Every week she gathered the boys and girls together, and they had to bring in bunches of wild flowers, and then they would make them into little bunches, tie a pretty text card on to them, and then go to the beds in the hospital and give each patient one. As they gave the flowers, they would say "May Jesus soon make you better." The sick people used to love them for it, and often the little texts brought comfort to them in their pain.

Beatrice would also make little socks and dresses for the children's dolls, and little cloth balls for the boys. She would get people to give her old clothes for this purpose, and she was kept busy all day trying to do something to make someone happy.

One day, she began to suffer more pain, and the doctor came and looked very sad as he told her papa that Beatrice had a disease in her spine which could not be cured. "She may live a long time" he said, "but she will have to lie on her back perfectly still."

Papa turned away to hide the tears that started down his kind face. Maria had to go upstairs to another room to sob out her sorrow. Friends soon heard of the doctor's verdict, and the whole village became sad and quiet. But as they came to sympathize with the family, Beatrice would say, "I must try and do something for Jesus while I can, and He will give me strength and grace to be happy in my suffering." She never gave way to despondency, and when I went away to Africa, her kind, hopeful letters often led me to do right and to serve Jesus.

As she heard of people in trouble, or suffering, or sad, she would study the Bible for the promises of God, and send them some in a little letter, and she never ceased her work of love for the people in the village.

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Beatrice lived in this way for seventeen years. Almost every year she had an operation that caused her great suffering. But she never ceased her mission work. When she was about to die, she wrote, "Jesus has been my life companion. His arms have been under me to hold me up in my weary hours, and to soothe me in pain. If I could enjoy Him here when I could not see Him, and have been too weak to serve Him in the busy places, how much more will I enjoy Him and His service when He calls me to go and live with Him."

Many came to sympathize with her, but she was cheerful, and told them not to worry, for she enjoyed Jesus so much. "When He comes to take me home. He will heal me, and crown me with eternal health."

And the last day came. Hundreds of anxious people stood outside the home waiting to know how Beatrice was. Many of those in the crowd had been led to give their hearts to Jesus by her kindly interest in them, and now they waited with throbbing hearts until the word was whispered round, "Beatrice is dead." For a week, while the body waited the funeral service, people flocked around the casket where lay the long sufferer, the patient toiler: and they laid her to rest, and printed on the stone, "She rests from her labours, and her works do follow her."

This is a sad story that came into my own life, and I pass it on for the lessons of trust and service that it tells. May Jesus make us all beautiful, like Beatrice, so that we may meet her when Jesus comes.

H. J. E.

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**ANSWERS TO MAY QUESTIONS.**

1. (a) Nebuchadnezzar, (b) Shadrach, Meshack, and Abed-nego, (c) Jesus, (d) Because they refused to bow down to the idol. Daniel chapter 3.

2. Joash. 3, Methuselah, Paul, David. 2 Chron. 24: 1; Gen. 5: 27. 2 Tim. 4: 13; 1 Sam. 16: 23

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**THINKING CAP QUESTIONS FOR JUNE**

1. Name two disciples to whom Jesus said, "Come."
2. What chapter and verse in the New Testament has the word "Sheep" seventeen times?
3. What was the name of the little girl that opened the door of her home to the apostle Peter, when he came from prison?
4. What little boy said, "Speak for thy servant heareth?"
5. Give six Bible names that begin with the letter, "A."

All the Little Folks who would like to have a badge, and who have answered questions during 1929, send your names and postal addresses, giving your age, and one will be posted to you.

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 thing may indicate to them what no amount of descriptive talk could do."  
 "Show people not only your results but your processes. They want to know how you go at things..... To

be all we are capable of being and then to reproduce ourselves is the highest kind of ministry. This is preeminently what Christ did, and He says to us: 'Be examples. Be object lessons. Be illustrations of what I can do in the human lives.'

The leaders in God's cause are to lay plans of advance moves all along the lines.—"Gospel Workers," p. 351.

"The tribe of Issachar were leaders. Men who had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do..... and all their brethren were at their commandment."

**BELIEVE IN PEOPLE**

"Remind yourself that God has a definite and important work for every disciple to perform. Recall the hesitating and stumbling way which you did the first real work ever entrusted to you. Remember that God's chief way of getting things done is through very ordinary folk. If you do not believe in the big possibilities in ordinary people, then your leadership will be sadly limited."

"Locate definite responsibilities upon individuals. Let there be no uncertainty about what is expected. Assignments should be specific and accepted individually."

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