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FAITHFUL INTEGRITY

The power of little acts of evil, of small inconsistencies to mold character, are not estimated as they should be. The grandest and most elevated principles are revealed to us in the Word of God. They are given to us to strengthen every effort for good, to control and balance the mind, to lead us to aspire to reach a high standard.

In the history of Joseph, Daniel, and his fellows, we see how the golden chain of truth may bind the youth to the throne of God. They could not be tempted to turn aside from their course of integrity. They valued the favour of God above the favour and praise of princes, and God loved them and spread His shield over them. Because of their faithful integrity, because of their determination to honour God above every human power, the Lord signally honoured them before men. They were honoured by the Lord of hosts, whose power is over all the works of His hand in heaven above and the earth beneath. These youth were not ashamed to show their true colours. Even in the court of the king, in their words, their habits, their practices, they confessed their faith in the Lord God of heaven. They refused to bow to any earthly mandate that detracted from the honour of God. They had strength from heaven to confess their allegiance to God.

You should be prepared to follow the example of these noble youth. Never be ashamed of your colours; put them on, unfurl them to the gaze of men and angels. Do not be controlled by false modesty, by false prudence which suggests to you a course of action contrary to this advice. By your choice of words and consistent course of action, by your propriety, your earnest piety, make a telling confession of your faith, determine that Christ shall occupy the throne in the soul temple; and lay your talents without reserve at His feet to be employed in His service.

All heaven is cognizant of every thought and every action. Your actions may be unseen by your associates, but they are all open to the inspection of angels. The angels are commissioned to minister unto those who are striving to overcome every wrong habit, and stand clear from the devices of Satan.

E. G. WHITE

THE BIBLE STUDY

WHOLE-HEARTED SERVICE

- Q. 1. What was Paul's purpose in life?
ANS. Phil. 3:13. To develop his Christian experience was his supreme ambition.
- Q. 2. To develop this singleness of purpose, how did Paul reckon other objects?
ANS. Phil. 3:8. He was willing to lose all else, but to know Christ.
- Q. 3. What did Jesus call upon his disciples to do?
ANS. Luke 14:26, 27. They were to love all others less than Himself.
- Q. 4. Is this too great a demand upon us?
ANS. I Cor. 6:19, 20. No, for we are Christ's by right of purchase.
- Q. 5. Does Christ have a standard for His church to attain?
ANS. Eph. 5:27. A holy church is a church WHOLLY for God. "True holiness is wholeness in the service of God." C, O. L., p. 48.
- Q. 6. How is this purpose revealed through the prophet Zechariah?
ANS. Zech. 14:20, 21. Even the common things of life will be wholly dedicated to God.
- Q. 7. What examples are set before us of whole-hearted service?
ANS. (a) Heb. 11:24, 25. Moses deliberately chose to lose all worldly wealth and honour to serve God.
(b) Noah, "All that he possessed he invested in the ark." P. & P., p. 95.
(c) Elisha burnt yokes and slew oxen so there could be no turning back. I Kings 19:20, 21.
- Q. 8. Why is entire surrender and consecration so essential?
ANS. Luke 16:13. "He who does not give himself wholly to God is under the control of another power. Half and half service places the human agent on the side of the enemy." *Mount of Blessing*, p. 139.
- Q. 9. What warning does Jesus give to those looking for His coming?
ANS. Luke 17:32. Lot's wife left Sodom, but her affections were still centered there.
- Q. 10. How should we relate ourselves to the material things of life?
ANS. Paul made tents to support himself while preaching the gospel. William Carey, the pioneer of Protestant missions, said, "My business is to preach the gospel. I cobble shoes to pay expenses."
- Q. 11. How should we regard this appeal by God to complete consecration?
ANS. Rom. 12:1. We should count it as a reasonable service because Jesus gave all for us. F. G. CLIFFORD,
S. Africa.

Encouraging Evidence of Growth in the Antillian Union

While we ever recognize the fact that figures are generally dry and uninteresting, yet when they show growth and advancement in connection with the cause and work of God and especially in souls won for the message and truth for these last days, they take on a different aspect. Hence the wish that the following summary report and figures from the Antillian Union Mission, especially as related to baptisms and membership, will be sufficiently interesting for the reader to at least give them a passing notice.

The figures cover the three years 1928, 1929, and 1930, the time covered by the writer's connection with the work in this island-field, including the islands of the Greater Antilles of Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Santo-Domingo, Puerto Rico and the Cayman and Bahama Islands.

At the beginning of 1928 the total church membership stood at 5,165; at the close of 1930 we had 157 organized churches in the Union with a baptized membership of 7,104: a gain for the three-year period of nearly two thousand members, to be exact, 1,939. This means that within three years there have been enough members added to our field to make a good sized local conference or mission field. I recite this fact to encourage and inspire our people with the assurance that as a result of the funds contributed to the work there are substantial increases of membership to reward for all of the faithful sacrifice of our dear people.

The total number of baptisms during this three-year period was 2,656, but as in all fields of the world, at home as well as in the foreign lands, there are always some apostasies and removals.

With a net increase of nearly two thousand members out of twenty-six hundred and fifty baptisms the loss is not extremely unfavourable. We are hoping for, working for, and praying for better results in the future than in the past. With a large number of people keeping the Sabbath and in the baptismal classes in our various fields of the Union, we are expecting to have much more than a thousand baptisms during the current year. Really we have some hopes of closing the year of 1931 with a baptized church membership of not less than eight thousand members in the Antillian Union.

The Sabbath school figures are also very encouraging. We have 257 organized Sabbath-schools in the Union, with a membership at the close of 1930 of 9,860, and an actual attendance of more than ten thousand, as most of them have many visitors in attendance every Sabbath. It is interesting to think of the fact that every

Sabbath day there are more than ten thousand men, women, and children wending their way over hill, mountain, and vale in this island-field every week to attend the Sabbath-school, and receive of the blessings of God that come as a result of their contact with our Sabbath-school work.

Not only do our Sabbath-school members go to Sabbath-school to receive of its rich blessings for themselves, but also to contribute of their means to help forward the work in all the world. The Sabbath-schools contributed during the year of 1930 the splendid sum of \$18,450.47 to the mission funds for the world work of the General Conference. This is a miracle within itself. It is only by the faithful devotion and sacrifice of our dear Sabbath-school members that such a splendid sum could be contributed within a single year. So while they go to Sabbath-school to receive, they give to show their love and appreciation.

A. R. OGDEN, *Supt.*
Antillian Union Mission

NEARING THE END

As we near the end of time, there is going to be greater willingness on the part of God's people to help Him finish His work in the earth. Psalm 110: 3. Never before was there greater willingness needed than at the present time, when a real crisis faces the progress of the message. We should not only be willing to give ourselves to the Lord and help to bring others to the knowledge of the truth, but in addition we should bring all the tithes into the treasury that there may be means for carrying God's great Message to the world.

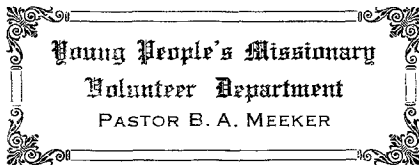
Many are thinking that because of the world-wide financial depression, if they become lax in the payment of their tithes and offerings, God will not hold it to be robbery. But it is a settled fact that times are much harder with those who are unwilling to give the Lord His portion.

Some wonder why they are so lean financially while the reason lies with themselves. If they were libdral toward God, He would be liberal to them. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," is commanded to-day as much as when Malachi wrote it. Are we doing our duty in this direction? Or, do we feel unwilling to obey this command? "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," says Isaiah 1:19, 20; "but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured by the sword for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

LIN RASHFORD

Let us continue to labour so faithfully that the "stick-to-it-iveness" of Seventh-day Adventists shall more and more become the astonishment of the world.

THIS YEAR BIG WEEK MUST BE AHEAD OF ANY PREVIOUS YEAR.



Mar. 14-21 was set apart as a special Week of Prayer on behalf of our young people, and for the spiritual advancement of our members in general.

The brethren who entered into the plan and took time to seek the Lord are not disappointed with the results. How true the promise is, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." It is for the individuals in our churches and companies who have not entered into this experience that our hearts are burdened. Surely if there ever was a time that earnest preparation should be made for the Kingdom, it is now. Why will any neglect this thing of greatest importance?

The surrender of our hearts to God in renewed consecration is the beginning of better things in Christian experience. Our lives must be more Christ-like. We need a reformation. A revival alone is not enough. God's church must be clean. Individuals who make up the church are to be clean. My brother, my sister, are you ready to carry the sacred message God has commissioned His followers to give the world? If not, why not get ready?

We wish that a full account could be given to the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer in the Conference. Only a brief mention can be made here, but God has a complete record.

Pastors Edmed and Clifford conducted very helpful meetings with the church and students at the College during the Week of Prayer. Every heart was touched by the Spirit's mighty power, and all took a forward step.

Pastor L. L. Hutchinson and his wife led out in an earnest revival effort in Kingston. Only recently forty-four were baptized in the North St. Church, and now twenty-five more have been united with the church in the same way. Do not the words of the Master ring out a clarion call to every Christian? "Say ye not there are yet four months and then cometh harvest, behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

From Everton Park comes the good news that two young women were converted during the Week of Prayer. The leader, Bro. A. A. Allman, told me that there is now a company of eight awaiting baptism. There is joy in heaven when souls are born again.

My wife and I spent the week with six of our churches. Everywhere we went, the spirit of consecration was manifest.

We believe that this week has brought a blessing to many of our young people. Jesus invites all to come to him. "Ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life!" Apart from Jesus there is no spiritual life or growth. Why are we so slow to learn the secret of a Christian life? Why do we ever forget that apart from Him we can do nothing?

If we would live victorious lives let us make every week a week of prayer. Do not neglect to observe the Morning Watch. Give attendance to reading. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God.

OLD HARBOUR

Though we are only a "Little flock," our Saviour bids us to "Fear not," for it is His pleasure to give us the kingdom if we are faithful. We are determined by God's help to be so to the end, and we have made our watchword, "Onward."

As we study God's Word day by day and know that a remnant shall be saved, we are made glad to think we are among that people.

In our Sabbath school we still hold the Pennant, and we have sent in sixteen names for perfect record cards the past quarter. A few weeks ago, we formed a reading circle, being encouraged by the President and Mrs. Edmed, Pastors B. A. Meeker and W. H. Randle on their recent visit. Today we are glad to send in twelve names of persons who have completed the Junior Reading Course. Two others will be added in the near future. We are glad as we think of our certificates, but more so when we think of the precious lessons gained by both the older and the younger readers. Surely this will encourage those who have not yet begun this course to begin today, and join the happy band of readers. The names are: A. A. Plummer, Mrs. A. A. Plummer, Mrs. L. Bennett, Miss C. Vassall, George Wynter, Aston Davis, Eric Plummer, Edgar Bennett, Louie Bennett, Lenn Bennett, Kenneth Robinson, Beryl Bennett, and two cradle roll boys: Ralph Bennett, and Randolph Davis. For all these rich blessings, the praise belongeth unto the Lord.

TRELAWNY

Immediately after the Conference Session of last November, I was asked by the Conference Committee to take up work in the unworked parish of Trelawny. Sickness in my family prevented me from moving forthwith, but on January 21 we took up residence at Spring Garden. At present we are visiting and getting acquainted with the people. We are also distributing literature, and holding Bible

readings wherever there are openings. The people are desirous of hearing the Message. God is blessing, and a few have become interested and are attending Sabbath school and we are expecting a harvest of souls.
H. P. LAWSON

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Another impressive baptismal service was conducted by Evangelist L. L. Hutchinson at the North Street Church on Sunday evening, April 5, when the Pastor led twenty-five converts into the water. The church was again crowded. Its officers performed their difficult duties in handling the crowd with commendable dignity and grace. The Conference President and Pastor F. G. Clifford, of South Africa, assisted Pastor Hutchinson. Several of the candidates were from among the juniors of the Missionary Volunteer Society, who had surrendered their lives to Jesus during the recent Week of Prayer meetings. The choir rendered suitable music, and after the baptism, the candidates were all voted into the membership of the church, the President of the Conference leading the church officers in extending the right hand of fellowship. Suitably Bro. Hudson, who had conducted the candidates through their baptismal classes, dismissed a Spirit-filled meeting.

Pastor Hutchinson is now conducting a series of meetings in the Regent Street Church building, which began April 12, and will continue about four weeks.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM." With great joy we record the word passed on to Pastor B. A. Meeker this week that little Keith Crosby has completed his reading of the Junior Reading Course. Well done, Keith, the Lord bless you. WHO NEXT?

Bro. F. H. Laing of Port Maria reports having raised up a new company with a Sabbath school of fifteen members. This is very encouraging.

Up for the day at Florence Hill, we found a large assembly on time for the opening of the Sabbath school. Brother Peter Nooks with his usual earnestness guided the services of the day, and we had a lovely time. Truly that Church is blessed, poor though it may be in temporal things. Yet with prolific grandeur the verdure-clad mountains that peak and glide into precipitous depths, covered with an abundance of fruits as far as eye can see, tell of His matchless power and praise, until the very hills seem to join in the vibrations of Sabbath songs. Here is a church building too, that has become

LAST YEAR BIG WEEK WAS BEHIND THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

too small for its growing membership, while in two directions our "Apostle Peter" tells of two new companies that are asking for the attention of a minister. That is a most healthy sign—a layman's movement that builds up its own membership while producing new companies is worthy of emulation.

Glengoffe is a natural competitor with Florence Hill, being situated similarly on the peak of a high hill, and surrounded by natural charms no pen can picture. Here we found another earnest company, led by Brother N. McLean. Glancing round at the opposite mountains, we could see the homes of many whose hearts await the message and invite the activities of the members. It was good to sit at the feet of Jesus with the Glengoffe company for a day, and to unite with that enthusiastic church in feeding on the word of God. We found the characteristic warmth of response among the members, whose rich experiences brought a pleasant Sabbath day to a close.

Bro. H. D. Robinson writes, "Truly the Lord is setting His hand the second time to deliver the remnant of His people from darkness! It was my privilege on the 14th of March to visit the new believers at Shady Spring; and as I listened to their inspiring testimonies expressing their joy in the blessed hope, it was indeed inspiring. I organized them into a Sabbath school with eleven members. Many are interested in the truth for this time, and we look for the work to grow in this place.

Sister I. Heron, who is leading the church at Santa Cruz since the death of dear Brother Mullings, sends us a eulogy of the earnest and faithful work he has done, and adds, "We feel assured that he is only asleep awaiting the Lifegiver." Many wreaths and flowers showed the love and esteem in which he was held. He is greatly missed by the church, and we ask for your prayers that the Lord may help us to be faithful as he was until Jesus comes."

Mrs. Edmed's display card showing the ribbons for the seven years study and punctual attendance at Sabbath school is also drawing on the ambitions of the members. These symposium meetings appear to be awakening a desire to press into the line of self improvement. Up to the present it has been asked, "Who will try?" But soon this question may be reversed, and give place to "Who is there that will not?" We are heading for a

united forward movement along all lines. Where do you stand?

Judging by reports, the Reading Course plan is to be a popular plan for 1931 in Jamaica. The response to Pastor Meeker's appeals in the symposium meetings has been liberal, and many are taking hold of this plan for reading good things. The Bible Year is attracting many adherents also, and we predict that more certificates will be earned this year than in any previous year.

Passing Ocho Rios last week, we were delighted to see the changes that are being made on the site of the new church building. A decorated booth showed that a Harvest Festival had recently been held, and the new foundation of concrete witnessed to the industry and determination of the little company to push the work forward. Sister Rennalls greeted us with her usual smile, and informed us of the success that is attending the local activities. Prejudice is breaking down, and the future looks very promising.

We have received a letter from the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. A. S. Jelf, C. M. G., informing us the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies had laid our address of loyalty before His Majesty, King George V, and that His Majesty graciously commanded that his thanks be conveyed to us. God save the King!

The Sunday Law agitation recently took on a new form in England, when a young 22-year-old girl raked up a law of the year 1780, and prosecuted a picture-house proprietor for giving an entertainment on Sunday. The case was tried at the court, and the judge found the man guilty. This has wrought up the anger of thousands, and, perhaps millions who engage in any non-religious pastimes on that day, and the subject of religious liberty is becoming a lively issue. It will be interesting to us to watch the progress of this unscriptural law. The churches will be up against the problem of forcing an observance for which there is no authority outside of the Roman Church. It will also be our opportunity to enlighten the people as to the real issue behind this agitation in the controversy between Christ and Satan. Let us wake up and study.

We would sound a note of warning to our leaders and members urging them to move carefully and wisely in the matter of admitting persons who do not carry recognition from the conference, to their

platforms, and of giving them a hearing. There are several men who at some time or other or in some way or other were associated with our body of believers, but who through some unchristian course have been disfellowshipped—possibly in other countries. Some of these are seeking a living by working upon the credulity of our members. Always remember that no church would disfellowship a person without good reasons, for it is the last thing any church wants to do. It is also the joy of Seventh-day Adventists to forgive and accept a brother or sister who has done wrong, on confession and forsakance of their sin. Therefore if a person remains outside the fold, you may be sure there is a kink in the life somewhere which they always conceal. There is one in Jamaica now, introducing himself and his "wife," and posing as an employee of this denomination. But we know that his true wife is in another Island, his children also, and that except doing a little colporteur work at one time he was never employed by the conference. This warning is not maliciously given; we should be kind to all men. But the kindness should be of the right kind.

Here is something to think about: especially if you are contemplating moving into Kingston to live. True there may be employment there, and there may be more life. There is—of a kind. But the life is not all of it the right kind of life. Every visitation that Divine wrath has permitted during the last few years has devastated cities. Earthquake, hurricane or what not—all have broken down the handiwork of man, despoiled him of his property, robbed him of his possession, and often taken away the nearest and dearest of kindred. City life is not conducive to spirituality, even though many good people may live in such an environment. But city life is a constant whirl, either of work or sport or pleasure. One's nerves are put to the strain by the unceasing noise, while the thrills that confront one at every turn unfit one for the sober, calm, quiet spirit that meditates and communes with God. City life has devastated the spirituality of many, robbed them of their love for Jesus, and led them into the by-paths of sin and folly. Therefore God permits city life to be severely checked by the visitations of destruction. Truly in this time we should heed the Saviour's injunction: "Remember Lot's wife."

Friends of Brother Frank Fletcher, our Jamaican missionary and his wife who are now residing in Costa Rica, will be happy to know that a little daughter has been given them, whom they have named,

THE LARGER BIG WEEK GOAL DEMANDS A STRONGER EFFORT.

Ermyr Hyacinth. She was admitted into human society on December 16 last, and we welcome her and wish her a safe and prosperous journey through life.

On Wednesday, April 8, it was our pleasure to greet Pastor A. R. Ogden, President of the Antillian Union Mission field, who called on his return to Havana, after attending conference meetings in our sister islands. Our beloved senior reported splendid gatherings and some remarkable experiences in the fields from whence he came, showing how the work of God is growing rapidly in those territories.

During his stay, Pastor Ogden visited the College at Mandeville, and took several meetings in the local churches, maintaining his characteristic enthusiasm and genial attractiveness. We were also glad for his counsel on many matters of a complex nature, and it was with much regret that he resumed his homeward journey on the 15th inst.

We announce with mingled feelings of sorrow and pleasure that Brother W. A. Bergherm has been called to the Division Home Missionary Department, to succeed Pastor C. E. Wood, who has accepted a call to the Superintendency of the Mexico Union. Of course, Brother Bergherm is still connected with us—for we are a part of the I. A. Division. But Division men always seem so far away, and to occupy very distant relationships as compared with the Union men. So we shall miss Brother Bergherm, to our regret, while we rejoice in his call to higher responsibility.

We regret to announce that Pastor Dan. Parsons, who has been Superintendent of the Mexican Union so long, has been obliged to retire from the work of God, owing to sickness. We sincerely pray that his health may be speedily restored.

From "J. A. G." of the Bonny Gate Church, we have received the following report which we print in spite of there being no name attached to it. Contributors should always remember that Editors do not accept "copy" that is not signed:

"We are glad to mention that improvement is being made in the Y. P. society of this church. As a result of prayer and encouragement, we are now trying our best. Eleven members are taking the Bible Year course. One of our older sisters has already read as far as the book of Proverbs, and others are following closely. There are twelve enrolled in the Junior Reading Course.

"We derived much benefit from the Week of Prayer. In spite of unfavourable

weather the meetings were held every night, and we are looking forward to a baptism in the near future. We were much encouraged by Elder Fletcher's recent visit. More weekly reports are being brought in and our young people are manifesting a good interest in the work. As we endeavour to press forward, we request your earnest prayers."

Up to Coopers Hill is not far from Kingston, but to reach there entails some hard climbing. We left the car two miles from the church, which we found standing on a high eminence from which the eye became at once entranced with the beauty all around. The building is very neat and commendably clean. But it is too far from others, and lacks a field for missionary activity. The conference team happily laid before a responsive audience of new converts the plans of our church life, and the response was enthusiastic and encouraging. It is truly wonderful how this Message is being planted in those out of the way districts, and how we find the believers one in heart and practice with ourselves. Our time was all too short, but sweetly spent, and we commend our new little circle of spiritual kindred at Coopers Hill (Above Rocks) to the Good Shepherd's unfailing care.

We were glad on returning to find the car safe, and suffering only for a large spike that had penetrated our inner tube. The rain made the task of changing wheels very . . . , but it was soon accomplished, and after several miles of twisty-twirley around the corners of a characteristic series of curves, we entered the sacred ground on which is the Everton Park building. What wonderful views we had! From Coopers Hill we could see Kingston, surrounded by the broad expanse of blue water, and the charms of a rugged coast line, splashed by a thousand white crested waves—the best view of Kingston we have seen. Then at Everton the vast basin-like valleys planted park-like with never ending variety held us spell-bound. It is a natural park surmounted on its crest by the witness for God's greatest message.

Dear Brother Allman greeted us with his smiling courtesy, and Brother and Sister Dunbar very kindly opened their comfy home to us for our entertainment, and they were so kind. The meetings, like all S. D. A. meetings, were filled with inspiration, love, and joy, and we spent a very profitable day and a half with the church. Sunday night a well chosen and splendidly rendered programme demonstrated that Everton Park can present other attractions than those of nature.

This visit completed our tour of the churches under Pastor Meeker's care, and we rejoice with them over the advances that we found throughout the itinerary.

A meeting of the Antillian Union Committee is called, and it is likely that the President of this conference may have to be absent from the island from May 14-28.

A government notice announces that H. E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Doctor H. Johnston to be D. M. O. in his brother's place during his absence from Jamaica.

We would suggest that when our readers ask for their letters at their local post offices, *they also ask for their papers*. Officials do not always mix papers with letters in their sorting boxes, and possibly some have failed to hand out the VISITOR through their not being asked for.

May we also suggest that all church officers make it a practice to go for their mail every week at least, for the Conference Secretaries frequently send on circulars and other matter that should be in your hands as early as possible. Thank you.

Sister Perry, who is associated with us to some extent in the office, tells how she has been working with a family for some time, trying to lead them into the truth. The Lord has blessed her efforts, and the lady has been keeping the Sabbath for three weeks. Four children have joined her in the baptismal class. This is surely good work, and should encourage us all to do our best to win others. Our opportunity will soon close. Let us work while it is called today.

Pastor H. P. Lawson, on settling at Spring Garden, found that Brother Goldbourne had created a good interest, and had added several to the list of Sabbath-keeping followers. The tabernacle that was used at Bamboo has been erected there, and the first Sabbath meeting was attended by thirty, which formed the membership of the new Sabbath school. Rains have fallen continuously, preventing several meetings, but the first night the tabernacle was packed. We should watch these interests prayerfully.

Writing from Port Antonio, Pastor A. C. Stockhausen reports that Brother Williams, of Trinityville, has been doing some work at Seaford, where there is a good interest. Various interests are springing up right around Port Antonio also, and that church has a baptismal class of 47 with others being added every week. The interest at Sherwood Forest is demanding a concentrated effort, which the church there is asking for. At Long Bay a baptismal class will reach its climax shortly, and there are many interested persons

calling for the message to be given at Mount Pleasant and Cooper's Hill (Portland). Thus is the Lord working and we praise Him for His love.

Our church officers should keep their eyes open for the Jamaicans that are returning from Cuba and Central American states by the hundreds. There are surely a number of our own members among them, and they should be welcomed and urged to unite by letter of transfer with churches nearest their homes. We have heard from one who has located at Banana district, who has commenced a Sabbath school. Bro. Lee Fletcher has been visiting and helping them with good results.

What with the constant rains and the glut in the fruit market, together with drought conditions in some parts of the Island, our dear brethren are meeting with financial conditions that try one's faith. Pastor M. Jones tells how in his district spice, which realized 80/- in 1829, is now selling at 12/6. In the west the sugar plantations have suffered such losses that employment and wages are at the very lowest ebb. Cocoanuts pay best if left to rot, and bananas cannot mature.

Throughout the Island we are meeting conditions that draw out our sympathy for our dear people. But these very conditions are so clearly given as signs of the near approach of the second coming of Jesus, that we rejoice in the hopeful grace of our members, who, unmurmuring, and full of faith, loyally stand to the truth they love. We are so glad for the assurance Paul gave us, that "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." It helps us all to say with the prophet Habakkuk: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail; and the fields shall yield no meat; . . . yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord is my strength, and He will make my feet like hind's feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places" Hab. 3: 17-19. We pray that these experiences may serve to draw us nearer to the Lord.

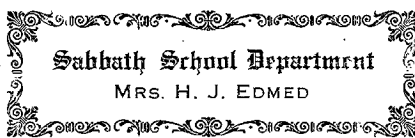
Hall-Campbell

On the twenty-first of April the marriage of Miss Olive Hall and Mr. R. B. Campbell was solemnized at the North St. Church, Kingston. A large number of friends had gathered in the church for the occasion. As the bridal party proceeded down the aisle, the choir sang "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden." The ceremony was performed by Elder Edmed, assisted by Elder Fletcher. Miss Hall was given in marriage by her father, and was attended

by her sister, Miss Nellie Hall. Bro. E. L. Hinds acted as best man. After the service Miss Folkes of Spanish Town sang very sweetly "O Perfect Love," and the choir gave another anthem while the party retired for the signing of the register.

Immediately afterward a reception was held for members of the family and visiting friends, in the home of Brother and Sister Maxwell on Windward Road. Among those from out of town who attended the wedding were Elder and Mrs. F. Hall, the bride's parents, and family; Elder and Mrs. Fletcher, and Mr. Nation; Prof. and Mrs. Rathbun, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Peake, Miss Golding, Messrs. Owen Campbell, Colin Pitter, and W. Warner from the College.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left the same night for their new home in Ocho Rios, where Mr. Campbell is labouring at present. We wish them both God's blessing.



Sabbath School Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED

RALLY DAY

We believe all our Sabbath schools in Jamaica will welcome the idea of another Rally Day. This has been arranged by the General Conference Committee for June 13th. An excellent program has been provided for us in the May number of the *Sabbath School Worker*, and we are looking to our Sabbath school officers to make the most of this occasion for strengthening the weak places and giving a new impetus to our Sabbath school work.

A cheering message was received from Wesley Brodie, a lad of ten, a few days ago, telling us that, although he had undergone an operation for appendicitis, he had not failed to study his Sabbath school lesson every day through his illness and even on the day of the operation. Well done, Wesley!

The Pennant

Our Mandeville Sabbath school has won the "Pennant" for the first quarter of 1930. They had reached the splendid average of 118 per cent. Hearty congratulations to them.

Workers' Training Course

During the past quarter we have sent out 22 certificates for the 1930 course to the following members of our Sabbath schools and extend to them also the congratulations of this department:—

North St., Kingston

Mr. L. A. Morrison, Mrs. H. Morrison, Miss B. Rose, Mrs. R. Rubey, Mr. P. N. Lynch, Mrs. Ada Hazlewood, Miss D. Johnson, Miss C. Petrie, Mrs. M. Knibbs, Miss F. M. Rose, Mr. P. Stephens, Mr. J. E.

Bryan, Mrs. C. Murray, Mr. Samuel Brooks.

Mandeville

Mrs. L. S. Crawford.

Contented Hall

Mr. T. H. Jones, Mr. W. C. Jones, Mr. Norman P. Jones, Miss M. Jones, Miss E. Williams, A. A. Jones, Mrs. Eliza Jones.

The Everton Park school has just arranged to take the 1931 course. Who will be next?



West Indian Training College

PROFESSOR R. E. SHAFER

COURTESY

"Far more important than any mere dictum of etiquette is the fundamental code of honour without strict observance of which no man, no matter how 'polished,' can be considered a gentleman."

"The honour of a gentleman demands the reliability of his word, the incorruptibility of his principle; he is the defender of the defenseless, and the champion of justice—or he's not a gentleman."—*Post*.

Good manners demand three things:—self-control, self-denial, and self-respect. Whoever takes advantage of another cannot be a gentleman, for the first law of good breeding, as well as the last, is kindness. The golden rule is the essence of manners as it is of most other laws of living.

Youth is the time to learn graciousness of manner, and there is no better place than in school to practice the art of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

How sweet and gracious even in common speech is that fine sense that men call courtesy! Wholesome as air and genial as the light, welcome in every clime as breath of flowers, it transmutes aliens into trusting friends, and gives its owner passport around the globe.

Dear young people of Jamaica, are you satisfied with your standards and achievements in courtesy and refinement? The West Indian Training College will aid you in gaining those things which are such a great help in making us better soul-winners for Jesus. Are you putting forth every effort to be here and enjoy the privileges that nearly one hundred other young people are enjoying?

Our second semester begins May 14. This would be a good time for you to enter.

R. E. SHAFER

News Notes

Saturday night, April 11, Mrs. Peake and her Domestic Science class provided the entertainment in the form of a pro-

REMEMBER THAT POOR TRUST IS DEAD. BAD DEBTS KILLED HIM.

gramme that was both interesting and instructive. We were told in recitation and song of the right as well as the wrong way of cooking and serving various foods. A demonstration was given by Miss V. Walker showing the correct way to set a table. One of the main features of the evening was a very true-to-life dialogue representing the Domestic Science class at recitation followed by a laboratory period in which they put into practice the lesson upon which they had just recited. At the close of the programme there were put on sale a number of good things made previously by the class. The artistic posters displayed that evening now beautify the walls of our dining room.

Several heavy showers of rain have recently fallen and have relieved our water situation which was becoming serious. Farm crops also have greatly benefitted.

On April 11 the home of Brother and Sister Lee Fletcher was gladdened by the arrival of a little daughter.

Mrs. Parchment's last chapel talk was a special source of inspiration to the young men who are earning their whole way through school. She gave us the experience of a young man in the States who returned to school at the age of 19 after having been at work for several years. As he had left school in the 5th grade, it was necessary for him to go back to the church school and take his studies with students very much younger than himself. From that time until he completed his college course, his way was beset with obstacles and difficulties of many kinds, with only an occasional easy run. But his determination to obtain a Christian education buoyed him up and he kept his eyes firmly fixed on that goal until he reached it.

Then we were brought nearer home as Mrs. Parchment told of a young man who came to this school in the early days of its existence. He had no financial backing and was obliged to put his pride in his pocket while he milked the cows, helped to build the stone walls around the property, ploughed with the mules on the farm, and sometimes helped in the laundry turning the washing machine. In the pursuit of his studies, his teachers noticed that although he did not always secure an "A" grade, yet there was always a spirit of perseverance and a determination to push through to success. If he failed, he did not grow discouraged and give up, but tried and tried again. He would say, "Just give me a chance, Miss . . ." and then he would dig into his books and grapple with the hard points till he had them mastered. So he made his way to the 13th Grade at W. I. T. C.

Leaving Jamaica he finally reached Pacific Union College where he completed his

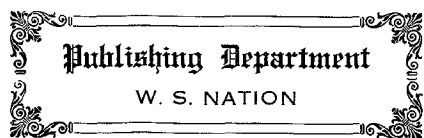
pre-medical course, then proceeded to the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda. Just a few days ago Mrs. Parchment received his photo taken in cap and gown on the occasion of his graduation as a full-fledged M. D. All honour to Doctor Holness and to every student of W. I. T. C. who will follow in his footsteps!

E. M. E.

Recently we were made to rejoice over the gift of a very fine turkey gobbler from a lady breeder in Canada who has one of the largest flocks of Mammoth Bronze turkeys on the North American continent. This lady heard in a casual way of our plan of enabling young people to earn a part of their expenses while in school, and offered to assist us by this splendid gift. Our gobbler can boast of a journey such as few of us have ever taken, coming something like 2,500 miles across Canada from Alberta to Halifax and then ten days by boat to Kingston. He reached us in fine condition and now struts about the poultry yard fully conscious of his superiority over the common turkeys.

The boys' and girls' clubs have been reorganized and are meeting the first and third Saturday nights of each month. Mr. C. F. Edwards leads the Excelsior Club with Mr. Lucas Hall as secretary, while Miss Mildred Bignall leads the Philmelodic Club with Miss Dell Brodie as secretary.

After many quarters of earnest striving, little by little climbing nearer to the required standard, and constantly encouraged to renewed determination by various superintendents, the Mandeville Sabbath school has at last secured the pennant. How proud we feel as each week we see it before us, and how we are striving to keep it! Last week one of our teachers was unable to meet with us because of sickness, but she arranged for her class to meet in her room. There they carried out the regular program and sent their report to the secretary to be incorporated with that of the rest of the school. This is typical of the spirit of co-operation prevailing, and on which we depend to enable us to retain the pennant.



"Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle—face it, 'tis God's gift.

"Be strong!

Say not the days are evil. Who's to blame? And fold the hands and acquiesce—Oh shame! Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name

"Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song."

Colporteurs, the time has come for us to be strong, and very courageous. The Lord has set His hand to finish the work and the printed page is one of the means He is using. We have evidences from every side to corroborate. The Testimonies declare that the wider the circulation of our publications the greater will be the demand for books that make plain the Scriptures of truth.

This is the Golden Age of opportunity for our publications while the world is passing through this depression, for "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." There is food for meditation in the following statement from one of our leading men: "Stress your book in the time of stress. When in trouble, people think; in distress, they think of things divine. In times of stress, they spend more sensibly. In perplexity, they are more penitent; in depression, more dependent; and in a crisis they can't afford to be without your book. In times of stress, STRESS THE BOOK. It's best for you and for them too."

In spite of the cry of hard times, it is encouraging to note the success of the colporteur work for the first three months of this year. We have made a gain of £81. 13. 10 (\$398.03) in deliveries over the same period of last year, and a gain of £835. 6. 6 (\$4,068.03) in sales. Colporteurs, what if some had been more faithful in putting in their time? Surely God is doing His part.

We need more men of Joshua's type in the fight; men who are strong and very courageous. Brother Dawkins is emulating this noble Bible character. He writes: "I travelled eighteen miles into the mountain with a load and then delivered only one book, so I had to turn back again with my load. But I am not discouraged, for I can plainly see that there is something more than human in this work. A Baptist minister was visited with *Return of Jesus*; he went into it carefully then exclaimed, "This is the book my people should read." The following Sunday he told his people about the wonderful book and this morning he gave me the names of thirteen of his leading members, saying that I must use his name to them."

Colporteurs, save the fragments of your money, you will become more wealthy and useful; save the fragments of your time, you will become more learned and wise; save the fragments of your opportunities, and you will never know on this side of eternity the results in souls saved.

BIG WEEK BOOKS CANNOT BE SOLD FOR PERSONAL PROFIT.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

QUESTION. Did Mrs E. G. White prophecy that Christ would come in the year 1844, as some tell us?

ANSWER. Emphatically, No! Mrs. White did not have any vision of any kind until 1845.

It might be well for us to state that Ellen Harmon (who became Mrs. E. G. White at her marriage) attended the lectures of William Miller (who was never a Seventh-day Adventist) who was undoubtedly raised up by the Lord to fulfil Revelation chapter ten, which is distinctly and only a time message, based upon the little book (of Daniel). She was but a child, 14 to 17 years of age at that time, and became fully converted under that message. Being a very timid and delicate child, she was not the kind to take any public work in connection with that movement. But after the passing of the time — 1844, the Lord strengthened her and called her to the prophetic office in connection with the three angels' messages of Revelation fourteen.

Nor should we cast stones at William Miller, for his mistake was only in the event that should take place in 1844; for in correctly finding the prophetic periods of the book of Daniel, he accepted the teaching commonly accepted at that time by many Christians, and the Lord did not correct him evidently because the judgment hour message was not yet due to the world. That the Lord foresaw the experience fully, is shown by a study of Rev. 10: 9-11. Therefore let it be known that if Miller had not made this mistake, the Lord's word would have failed. May we advise you that in Mrs. White's writing there are no cunningly devised fables. We have read them all over and over, and yet, basing our faith on the Bible, and the Bible only, we find perfect harmony between the Bible and the Testimonies.

A MOST INTERESTING STORY

Colporteurs Vs Angels

(The following interesting experience is convincing evidence of the value of properly presenting our literature to the people. It is real *evangelistic canvassing*. We pass it on to you.)

Sister Hawkins related a most interesting story at a Missouri camp-meeting, which illustrates the work of our colporteur evangelist.

She and her husband, who was a conference worker, were asked to visit a man and his neighbours who were calling for

a minister to come and baptize them. These people were found seventeen miles from the nearest railroad. Upon their arrival at this home, and after the usual formalities of becoming acquainted, the first question asked was, "How did the third angel's message find you away out here?" Then in the words of Sister Hawkins, he related his story:

"From my youth," he said, "I was a wild lad, with every bad habit of the age. I drank and smoked, chewed tobacco, played cards, and used profane language. I was a ringleader among the boys and young men even after I was married. The heart of many a poor mother was terrified when she knew that her boy was in my bunch.

"I knew little about religion, and cared less. During the revivals there were many prayers offered in my behalf, but each meeting left me harder in heart and more determined not to yield.

"While I was about my farm work one day, a middle-aged man approached me. I soon found that he was a book agent, a profession which I particularly disliked. I prided myself upon knowing just how to turn away all such in haste. But the noble, dignified, yet kindly appearance of this gentleman, connected with the earnestness which he manifested, took possession of me in spite of my prejudice. Thus I listened to his canvass. After I learned that the book was a treatise on Bible subjects, I declined to subscribe for it.

"The man was not so easily turned away even if I did not buy his book. I let him come into the house, and there in a fatherly way he placed one of his hands on my shoulder, looked me straight in the eyes, and said, 'Young man, I am not merely a book agent by profession, nor do I work for the money there is in it, but I am a missionary out on the King's business. The great God of heaven has sent me with a message to you.' Placing his other hand on the book without removing the one from my shoulder, he continued, 'The message is all in the book. God has given you a noble wife and beautiful children, and in the judgment He is going to require their souls at your hands. This is the key, the Guidebook to a better land. You need the key. Let us kneel down right here and talk to the King about it.'

"Usually I would have been angry at such remarks, but tears were in the man's eyes and his voice trembled with pent-up emotion. To my great surprise my family

were kneeling down beside the man of God while he was pouring out his soul in prayer for my salvation. In order to ease my suddenly awakened conscience, and in order to get rid of the man, I determined to buy the book. It was the book called, 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle.' All this time I was saying to myself, 'I will never read it.' But I could not get away so easily from him. He again put his hand on my shoulder, and with his eyes fixed more tenderly on me, he remarked, 'No, if I were just a book agent, my work would be more than done, but as I am an ambassador for the King, I have another message for you. It is not enough that you buy the book; you must also read it. I will pray for you.'

"Then leaving me dazed and puzzled, he was gone. I hurried back to my work, trying to forget about the book. But at every turn I could see that noble face lifted up in prayer. Stubbornly I resolved never to take that book from the shelf. But instead of going directly to supper and to bed, I took that book from the shelf and read it until midnight. I did this for about a week, and I also noticed by bookmarks here and there, that my wife was studying it during the day. We decided that we would go over one subject each evening. She would ask the questions and I would read the answers from the Bible. Once I asked timidly if she could offer a prayer like the man. She said that she could not pray as well as he did, but that she would try and do it the best she knew how. Thus we erected the family altar in our home.

"Before leaving, the man of God had also given my wife a copy of 'Shadow of the Bottle,' and of 'The Other Side of Death,' and quite a few periodicals, such as the *Signs of the Times* and the *Review & Herald*.

"On reading the 'Shadow of the Bottle,' I decided that conversion must be followed by a reformation in my life. I then parted company with 'Demijohn,' my pipe, and tobacco, threw away my cards and stopped swearing. After that came a short battle about the state of the dead, but the little book, 'The Other Side of Death,' and 'Bible Readings' soon made that all very clear to me. Then I began keeping the Sabbath, and by the close of the first Sabbath that I ever kept in my life, two of my neighbours and my wife had decided to keep it with me.

"I have not seen a living preacher, but I know all the points of the message, and

YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ACTIVE IN BIG WEEK.

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

Dear Little Folks,

I notice that a few of you are getting weary of the questions, and I am not getting quite as many answers as I had last year. I hope your parents are getting the VISITOR still. If not, you must be sure and ask them to order it. I have had some lovely little letters from some of the Little Folks lately. Some have been very sick. Wesley Brodie and his sister Kathleen had an operation, but they are better now, and Eric Plummer has recovered from his bad toe. Some of the Little Folks were baptized lately, I am so glad. Now for the story. It's too long for one paper, so half will appear now and the rest next month.

"FRANK GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE US"

A true story in two parts.

A knock at the door! A farm labourer is there with a message from grandpa, who lived on a beautiful farm forty miles distant under the great mountains whose fertile slopes formed a pleasing base for the rugged peaks that proudly lifted their gilded heads into the crimson sunset-sky.

Grandpa was very fond of Frank, the twelve year old son of a prosperous young couple who lived on one of the beauty-spots of a great continent, and to whom the message had come, inviting them to visit their aged parent for the week-end. The object of the invitation was a very happy one, and Frank's parents quickly decided to accept it, for grandpa had bought a farm that should be given to Frank when he was old enough to look after it, and as he was feeling infirm, he desired to lay out the plans and get everything settled before he might die.

Frank had been brought up to work, and loved the farm, and his parents knew they could entrust him with the care of all they had, and so next morning the two horses were hitched to the cart, and the happy couple were soon at the homestead, enjoying the beauty of the home of their son's inheritance.

But their joy was short-lived; for after looking round and pointing out the site for the home, and for the cattle-pen, and other points of interest, suddenly they saw far in the distance a galloping horse with its rider beckoning to them.

With anxious hearts and almost breathless silence, they strained their eyes, wondering what might be the matter, and who was the rider. Yet it did not take

long for the man to arrive, and soon with excited voice the rider shouted to Frank's father and mother to return home at once. Coming close to them, with his horse smothered in foamy perspiration, and panting hard, he dismounted, saying, "Master, go home, Frank is dying."

The troubled parents in their excitement and sorrow forgot to ask what was the matter, and hurried to saddle two of grandpa's horses, and were soon riding furiously. The poor horses seemed to realize that there was something that needed haste, and they snorted and pressed forward with leaps and bounds until they stood beside the gateway, and were left standing, while their riders passed by everybody and rushed into the candle-lit room, where lay little Frank suffering untold agony. The lad was too weak to welcome daddy or mother. Pale was the little drawn face that peeped beneath a fine bunch of golden hair. The parents tried to speak, but the suddenness of the shock seemed to choke them as they tried to say something. And it was in this sad plight that the doctor found them as he stepped alongside the little bed. He felt Frank's pulse, asked some questions which Frank tried to answer. But the poor lad could only tell his dear ones not to worry, Jesus would take care of him.

Stepping aside, the parents asked the doctor if there was any hope. But the kind man that he was could offer them no promise that Frank could live through it. "He is very badly hurt," he said. "We will do our best, but I know that only God can save him now."

This word spoken in kindness was like a spear thrust into their hearts, for while they were young, they were taught to love and pray to Jesus; but for a long time they had neglected to read their Bible, and to pray, and now—"Jesus would not want to listen to their prayers," they thought. Then they called the servant and enquired what had happened and how, for in their anxiety they had still forgotten to ask this. The boy said he was melting bees wax and turpentine in a kerosene tin, on the kitchen fire, when it suddenly caught fire; and as he feared it might set fire to the house, he carried it outside to the yard. As he was coming out of the door, Frank came running from the side, where he could not see him, and ran into him, knocking the burning fluid all over him. Frank's clothes were ablaze in a moment, and before they could do anything, he was burnt all over his body.

Broken hearted, the fond parents watched their treasure gradually sink into the arms of that sleep from which we never wake until Jesus comes again. The night was dark and still. The little brothers and sisters were brought around the patient sufferer as he battled with his agonies. Soon he became conscious of their presence and whispered again, "Jesus is with me, don't worry." Then closing his eyes, he fell asleep. They laid him in a coffin, and placed his body where the angels will watch and keep it until Jesus awakens him again. His earthly hopes are all gone, but his heavenly are still awaiting him. The earthly farm is lost, but the inheritance of all things with Jesus is still to be given him.

To be continued.

Thinking Cap Questions

1. Where was the apostle Paul converted?
2. Who was the first to win one to Jesus in the New Testament?
3. Who wrote the book of Revelation, and where was he?
4. Which of the ten commandments shows that we must love as well as obey God?
5. What food did God give to Adam and Eve to eat?



Names of those Answering Thinking Cap Questions

Edgar Barnett, Aston Davis, Eric Plummer, Lenn Bennett, Louise Bennett, Enid Billett, Evelyn Fletcher, Haskell Webber, Elis Anderson, Sylvia Morgan.

Young People's Page, continued.

say, Pastor, (addressing my husband) when can I be baptized?" Without waiting to hear the answer, while his face shone like that of an angel, he reached out eager hands and said "Oh, tell me who this King's messenger was? Where does he live? How can I find him? Maybe it is wrong for me to say this, but I would rather see him than an angel from heaven, or the dearest relative on earth."—*Geo. A. Campbell in Northern Union Reaper.*

CHILDREN SHOULD HELP WITH THE BIG WEEK.

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W. S. NATION

OBITUARY

March 31 was a day of shadow and sorrow at the familiar home of the Henriques family, at Hart Hill, when we were called to the funeral of Alexander Jacob Henriques, the respected father of Elder Henriques, now labouring in Costa Rica.

The deceased was born Dec. 25, 1853. Fifty-six years ago he united in wedlock with Miss Helen Smith, of whom seven children—four boys, and three girls—now survive, the one mentioned being an ordained minister, and whose three sons are now students at the Mandeville College.

Brother Henriques accepted the truth 28 years ago, and built and maintained in good order the church building at Hart Hill, of which another son is now the leader.

The funeral, which was conducted appropriately by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, was attended by a large and representative gathering, among whom we might mention Pastor H. Fletcher, Pastor and Mrs. Meeker, Pastor and Mrs. Clifford, the President of the Conference, the local Baptist minister (who gave the scripture reading), the local Salvation Army officers, and many members of the family, besides a wide circle of friends.

Pastor Fletcher gave the obituary notice, and the President addressed the gathering. The body was carried to the church-yard and interred in the grounds with touching solemnity.

To the widow and family, and especially Pastors Henriques, Fletcher and Randle,

we unitedly extend our sincere condolences. The vacancy death has created will be filled by Him who is an Husband to the widow and a Father to the fatherless. How happy the truth makes us all as it assures us that death is but a sleep, and only a few more years shall roll when we shall meet again!

The demise of Sister Hamilton of Southfield created widespread sorrow and deep sympathy for the bereaved family. Sister Hamilton has been a loyal Seventh-day Adventist for many years, having been baptized about twelve years ago by Elder Aalborg, and had endeared herself to the local church members and a large circle of friends. Members of her family are closely associated with the work of God, Brother B. R. Hamilton and his sister Viola at our Mandeville College. She leaves a husband, Horace V. Hamilton, seven children, and two grandchildren.

Our sister had spent nine weeks suffering, during which time the members of the family were kept in weary suspense. But love never wearies, and fond memories of mother's faithfulness sweetened the draught until the end was reached on the 21st March. One of her dying requests to her children was for them to be faithful in the message.

A large concourse of friends gathered at the home and church, and finally at the graveside, while her remains were borne lovingly by three sons and three daughters, as Brother E. E. Parchment, assisted by the President of the Conference and Dr. Johnston, conducted the funeral service. The sleeping place chosen was the churchyard in which in life Sister Hamilton's face was a familiar one, and from whence the angels will gather her when Jesus comes.

Brother Alexander Duffus was laid to rest on the morning of April 1, at the ripened age of 90 years. He accepted the truth in August, 1930, since which time he has been faithful and courageous, and expressed his faith and confidence in God up to the last. We were able to have prayer with him regularly during the four last Sabbath days he was unable to attend service. Pastor L. L. Hutchinson gave the funeral address.

E. S. PERIN, MARYLAND.

We are sorry to report the death of Sister L. M. Roach, at the ripe age of 82, who died March 23 from heart disease. She had been ailing for some time, but was never missed from her seat on the Sabbath days in church. She accepted the Message in 1915 and the Beverly Church unites in the hope of meeting her soon in heaven.

ERIC DORAN

BIG WEEK IS COMING!

June 20-27

Only once a year—just one week of the fifty-two—comes BIG WEEK. It is a little time-period, laden with almost incredible results. Already it has provided money to erect, equip, and otherwise assist 350 separate and distinct projects the world over.

Every appropriation from this Extension Fund, which is made up entirely of the profits on books sold or their equivalent in substitute offerings, has created a center of ever-widening influence. Take, for instance, our new College printing press. Big Week funds paid for it, otherwise we could not have obtained it. Our Conference printing is done there, and hand-bills, letter-heads, the VISITOR, and various jobbing lines, bear the stamp of our educational institution "on the hill." This work in turn provides work for several students, who are thus enabled to pay their way through school.

When their course is finished, and they take their places among the people, they will add new souls to the Kingdom of God, who, in turn, will widen the circle still further; so that we can never measure the effect for good until we reach the dim vistas of futurity. Its widening circle will be lost only in eternity.

Including the 1931 budget, the amount of money raised by the Big Week plan has reached the enormous sum of £325,000. This represents the profits on approximately 6,400,000 books. If we reckon that each book reaches the members of, say, five in a family, about 30,000,000 have had the truth placed within easy reach. It also probably represents over 10,000,000 personal contacts. This is a modest estimate.

No, no! the true value of BIG WEEK cannot be represented by figures. There is no thermometer that will register the spiritual warmth, enthusiasm, and fervour that is awakened in the heart of one who takes part in this campaign. Truly, the half has never been told. All we can do is to pray and work, each one doing his little bit as loyal soldiers of the Lord Jesus.

In the Young People's page we print an experience every one should read, as illustrating how BIG WEEK as an evangelistic enterprise may make each one who participates in the campaign more valuable to the unsaved than even the angels. TRY IT!

June 20-27

BIG WEEK WILL BE HERE

BIG WEEK PROFITS ARE ALL FOR THE EXTENSION FUND.