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DO MY ACCOUNTS AGREE WITH GOD'S?

Do my accounts agree with God? I have been thinking very much about this of late, especially since our Sabbath-school lesson on the unfaithfulness of Ananias and Sapphira. We know that the Scriptures commend faithful stewards, and that God will hold us personally responsible for any neglect in rendering to Him His own. I have been wondering if I have any accounts to clear up before the first of the year, that I might start a clean sheet for the coming year. God knows just how much tithe we should have paid for the past year. He knows how much we are able to give of our means to missions. This has all gone down on the heavenly records. He has recorded the pledges we have made and is waiting to see if we will live up to them. In the great investigation, if our personal accounts do not "square up" with the heavenly records, how shall we stand in the judgment?

If we have been withholding part of our tithe and making it appear that we have been rendering to God His own, are we not committing the same sin that Ananias and Sapphira committed? And shall we not receive the same punishment? Would it not be better if our accounts agreed with God's? In Volume 9, page 51, we read:—"The Lord has made us His stewards. He has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to Him His own. He has reserved the tithe as His sacred portion, to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring Him also the tithe which you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord as He has invited you to do. 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sake. He shall not destroy the fruit of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, said the Lord of hosts,'

"Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are labourers together with God? From every

church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality. My brethren and sisters, do not plead for retrenchment in evangelical work. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating. The church cannot abridge her task without denying her Master. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missions."—Vol. 9, page 55.

"It was a costly sacrifice that the Lord of heaven made. Divine benevolence was stirred to its unfathomable depths; it was impossible for God to give more. He 'so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' John 3: 16. Why is our gratitude so limited? It is only as a ripple on the surface, compared with the great tide of love that flows to us from the Father." Vol. 9, page 59.

W. J. HURDON.

HOW THE SABBATH SHOULD BE SPENT.

Sabbath, according to the law of God, is a day when the human family should rest from their daily activities and turn their attention to the study of the Bible, prayer, meditation, and missionary work.

There are certain things that are necessary when a person is preparing for a journey. The Christian's service is like a journey, as far as the preparation is concerned. On Friday, which is known as the preparation day, all necessities should be provided for, such as preparing the food for the Sabbath, pressing suits, taking baths, cleaning houses and shoes.

God has commanded that His day should be kept holy, and in order for it to be kept holy all manner of work should be laid aside except works of necessity and missionary activities. Only those things that are soul inspiring should be meditated upon.

At sunset on Friday the Sabbath keeper should be in such a frame of mind that nothing would intervene to prevent him from getting a blessing. Before the Sabbath starts the mind should be in a receptive attitude towards the influences of the Holy Spirit. Of course, the mind should always be in this attitude, but more so as the Sabbath draws near.

Jesus, our great example, has left on record for us a very good method of Sabbath-keeping. That is, He got up a great while

before daylight and had a personal communion with God, imploring for strength to withstand the numerous temptations of the evil one for that day.

In the writings of one of the servants of the Lord we find that on the Sabbath the human family should not indulge in any riotous living or gluttony, but that the meals for that day should be light, so that the mind can better concentrate on the study of the word of God.

There is a good lesson that it would do us good to take home for our own personal benefit, given by the wise man: "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of the Lord, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of a fool." Many times we go to the house of the Lord with whispering and sometimes loud talking, which are not pleasing to God. We should be silent and behave as though we were looking on Jesus preaching to us. In reality Jesus does speak to us for the Bible is the word of God and one's word is what he is; therefore God's word is His character revealed to us.

The evening part of the Sabbath may be spent visiting the sick and afflicted of the neighbourhood, doing active missionary work. We should try at all times to encourage those that are discouraged. Evenings should be spent in a profitable way. Parents should take their children for walks, teaching and showing them the wonderful works of creation. Doing this in a way that is pleasing to God, we shall reach eventually to the place where we are able to appreciate and put a higher estimate on God's handiwork.

Sabbath should be the most blessed day of the seven and no work should be done unnecessarily, but God should be first in everything. Other denominations do not keep their day of rest the same as Sabbath-keepers do. They do not regard it sacredly, but it is a day for sports, commercial transactions or gambling. Those that accept the Sabbath accept all the peculiarities, for God's people are a peculiar people.

May all Sabbath keepers work to the end of learning better how this blest day should be kept and live it out in our daily lives, so that we can influence those we come in contact with for good.

BRIAN R. HAMILTON.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

THE POWER OF HOME INFLUENCE.

"More powerful than any other earthly influence is that of a true home on human hearts and lives." The sentiment of this statement which we have from the pen of inspiration has the endorsement of all thinking people. Ever since that sacred institution was founded, men have recognized the mighty power of its influence. It is seen

and felt in the lives of all mankind, yet the full measure or extent of it will never here be comprehended. It is one of those silent yet potent forces the full sweep of which eternity alone will reveal.

The influence of the home is all pervading. It reaches into every phase of human life and endeavour. It colours every experience and permeates all that comes within the scope of human thought and action.

That which interests us most at this time is the effect of this influence on the work in which we are engaged. Is it of prime or secondary consequence in the Sabbath-school Department of this great movement? There is but one answer to this question, for there is no other department in which the influence of the home is more manifest than in the Sabbath-school. This is readily apparent, for it has to do with every member of the home, and therefore the power of it is felt to the greatest degree. Moreover, the nature of the endeavours of the Sabbath-school Department strike at the very heart of the home, for the basic principles of a true home are essentially religious. A home without the presence of the Institutor of home is a hollow mockery; in fact, a godless home is a contradiction of terms and an utter impossibility to the conception of those who understand the divine purpose of this institution.

We can reasonably conclude, therefore, that our Sabbath-Schools will be a reflection to a large extent of what our homes are.

Reverence for the house of God, orderliness during Sabbath-school session, will obtain to the extent the spirit of reverence is cherished during the hour of worship in the sacred precincts of the home, and the general trend of its order at all times.

Punctuality and regularity of attendance will be determined by the maintenance of habits of punctuality in the home.

A thorough knowledge of the themes under discussion in the Sabbath-school will depend upon faithfulness in prayerful study in the home.

The degree of sacrifice manifested for the sake of the waiting millions in heathen darkness will be measured by the attitude toward this question in the circle of the home.

It devolves, then, upon the Sabbath-school worker to direct his efforts beyond the place of gathering on the Sabbath—yes, even to the very heart of the homes represented by the members of the school. It must be recognized, of course, that there are limitations to these efforts, yet it is true that few exercise their full influence in helping to make the home what it ought to be.

The Sabbath-school and the home are inseparably bound together, and success in the former requires absolute co-operation between parents and the officers of the

school. This suggests the exercise of great care in the selection of those who are to lead out in this work. They must be such as will command respect, whose character is above reproach, who do not justly call forth criticism. Criticism kills, and parents must remember that they are dealing with deadly weapons when they stoop to it. It may be in so doing that they sow the seeds of death that will mean the loss of eternal life to their own children.

The true Sabbath-school worker will exercise heaven-born tact in winning the confidence and whole hearted co-operation of the parents. A real, personal interest in the varied experiences incident to the daily home life, particularly those which have a bearing upon the spiritual welfare and development of its members; a genuine sympathy for the parents in the countless cares connected with the rearing of children, especially in these days when the spirit of depravity and irresponsibility on the part of the children and youth of the world calls for increased watchfulness to shield our children from its baleful influence; the many little courtesies and attentions that cost nothing but the effort—ah, there is no limit to the helpfulness of one who allows the Spirit of God to impress the mind and open avenues for the infusing of an uplifting influence into hearts and homes!

And it will not be digressing from the subject to emphasize here the importance of making parents realize the necessity of absolute faithfulness in the matter of daily Bible study. This will prove the most potent factor in bringing our homes, and consequently our Sabbath-schools, up to the standard which God approves. I am convinced that if parents were faithful in studying the Bible with their children every day, many of our Sabbath-school difficulties would vanish; for God's word solves every problem of life, and the more we study it the more harmonious will be our efforts, the clearer our vision of our relationship to the world's great need, and the sooner shall we reach the goal for which we are striving.

Surely this is not the time for our people to neglect daily study of the Bible. Soon we shall all be tested on our knowledge of the Scriptures. In the spirit of prophecy we find this positive assertion: "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."—**The Great Controversy** pp. 593-594. Will the children in our Sabbath-schools stand the test? There is much meaning in that word "fortified." It suggests regular, continuous, painstaking effort in building up this wall of protection against the insidious errors of our time. In regular, spasmodic study there are many gaps left to weaken this structure, and it will crumble when pressure is so relentlessly brought to bear against it. Parents must

be made to realize that they are neglecting their divinely appointed duty when they fail in this matter, for which neglect they must answer at the bar of God. They must see the necessity of differentiating between essentials and non-essentials in the training of their children. They must have the conviction that the instilling of the truths of God's word into their minds holds pre-eminence over every other parental duty. All other things will follow in their natural order when we make first that which God has given first place.

Let us work and pray for Spirit-filled homes as the surest foundation for success in the Sabbath-school work.—**Sabbath-school Worker**, May, 1921.

TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE.

As we near the close of another year it is a good plan to look back and see just where we are standing. The great work of the Third Angel's Message is moving on; yes, hastening on to a finish. Are we keeping up the steady march or are we lagging or dropping out and allowing others to fill in the ranks?

No doubt at the beginning of 1926 many Sabbath-school members pledged themselves to be more faithful in attendance and daily lesson study and many entered into the study of the Teacher's Training Course. These are all most important but it is the last one I desire to speak more particularly about.

Have we faithfully continued the study of these two most interesting books "Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher" and "Devotional Life of a Sunday School Teacher," and have we endeavoured to put in practise the valuable lessons we have learned? If so, I am sure, as teachers our experience has been deepened and our influence on others has been felt.

The four great lessons for teachers in "Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher," pages 6 and 7, should make a lasting impression on our minds.

"First—put a high value on your work as a Sabbath-school Teacher.

"Second—Make your work as a teacher an important and serious part of your life.

"Third—The work of Christ in the world is dependent on how you teach.

"Fourth—Regard yourself if you are a Christian, as called to teach."

Dear teachers, ponder these statements carefully and ask yourselves "How have I, in my own personal experience, regarded these statements? Have I performed the duties of teacher, realizing the solemn responsibility that rests upon me? or have I carelessly gone on with no thought of souls at stake?"

May we just freely take a greater measure of the Holy Spirit, which God has promised, in order that our work may have

that power and influence which will lead the members of our classes to come closer to the Master.

Now the time is coming to complete the Teachers' Training Course for this year; I hope and trust that all who started these good studies will continue them until the books are finished, and then write on these questions given. Those who have the Sabbath School Worker for December will find questions there. Others will receive them later. Let us all complete the work on time and have that satisfaction that comes in seeing our work finished.

H. A. HURDON.

MEMORY VERSE CARDS.

Let all the Sabbath-schools remember we will have at the office, 112 Tower Street, Kingston, Memory verse cards for the children for the first quarter of 1927. Those who have not placed their orders should send them in at once, that no delay may come. Let all take hold of this General Conference plan to help the children. The Lord will help you. If each family that has children would sell something for 3d each quarter, and set aside that 3d it would buy one set of Memory Verse cards and that set means twelve cards, one for each Sabbath of the quarter.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN.

We trust every one is still putting forth faithful effort in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. It is not finished until our goal is reached and I am sorry to say that, as far as I can learn, we still lack a good sum of reaching our goal. Still there is no reason for discouragement if every one will still do his best in the work. A few churches have already reached their goals. The Belfield church was the first to go over the top in the campaign, and now they intend to double their goal. If we could only have a few more churches as faithful as they we would soon have our conference goal.

The other churches to reach their goals in their orders were, Mandeville, Everton Park, and Kingston North Street. We believe there are one or two companies who have reached their goals also but as we are not certain of this we will not report it as yet. The Regent Street church in Kingston has also nearly reached their goal and will no doubt be on the honour roll by the time this article reaches the field. We are also glad to report that the Spanish Town church is progressing nicely; they have gone beyond the £15 mark. We believe that they too will be on the honour roll by the time this article is being read. Their goal is £25.

While mentioning these good reports, we

must tell you that the North Street church in Kingston, not only reached their excellent goal of £200, but exceeded it by £50. So you will see that they have already raised more than a quarter of the entire conference goal; so we are depending upon the other churches in the field to do their part in raising the remainder.

The school at Mandeville surely did good work and did it quickly. They only made one concerted effort when the students spent two days in the work, and then the rest was just gathered here and there. They have gone beyond their goal of £60.

Mrs. Hurdon and Mrs. Sype have had very good success in soliciting the business men of Kingston, and found them very willing, and sometimes glad, to help in this good work. The Lord has promised that the wealth of the world should flow into his cause as it was needed if his people would just be faithful in going after it, and if they will be faithful in giving of their own means.

The following churches have sent in some excellent reports in the campaign and we believe some of these will be on the honour roll by the time this article is being read. These churches which we will mention here have half their goal or more; some of them much more. Coleyville, Seaford Town, Jack's River, Vaughnasfield, Brittonville, Mt. Carey, Hector's River, Port Maria, Santa Cruz, and Contented Hall.

While Montego Bay has not yet reached half her goal, we have been glad to note the fact that they are keeping right at it, and have been faithful in sending in the cards to tell us how they are getting along. When they sent the last announcement, they had raised nearly £6. There are other churches who are keeping faithfully at it and we trust they will still be rewarded with success. A few churches have done almost nothing as yet. We trust none of them will come up to the close of the campaign with the curse of Meroz resting upon their heads. "Curse ye Meroz, saith the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5: 23.

The church at Glengoffe have done some good work in the campaign and we trust that they will be honoured by being among those who reach their goal. Other churches who are located in parts of the island where they have been having unprecedented rains all these past few months, write that they have been much hindered in their efforts for the campaign, but that they are still hoping to be able to do something in the campaign. Let us all work and pray for success in this effort, not because of the money we hope to raise but because of the souls whom it is our duty to see saved in God's Kingdom. The greatest argument for this work is the great need, and the great

est rewards will be the souls whom we shall see saved in the Kingdom. What a joy it will be to meet these saved ones over on the other shore!

R. J. SYPE.

NORTH STREET, KINGSTON.

Thus far, 1926 has proved a record year in some respects, and in other ways shown a step in advance of past history of the work here in the city. To God be the praise and the glory!

Amongst church officers in particular and the brethren in general an excellent spirit has prevailed—the spirit of unity, and a willingness to do, and to respond to calls. There is more of the spirit of peace and harmony existing generally than has been for some time past. And as the Sabbath-school lessons on the pentecostal church are studied there is created a yearning in many hearts to “come back to the faith once delivered to the saints,” and to prepare for “the latter rain.”

There has been considerable cleaning up work of the church records accomplished, and the wheels of the chariot revolve with greater freedom to-day.

Three or four baptisms at different times during the year have more than sufficed to fill up the gaps. There is a large baptismal class under instruction. The Sabbath-school has risen into prominence on being the largest since its existence, both in enrollment and on attendance, as well as in the distribution of cards of honour merited by its members.

The Young People's Society bears the impress of progress likewise. The Home Missionary Society comes not a whit behind. Its activity is made conspicuous in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Their goal stood at £200. 0. 0, but has been exceeded by about £30. 0. 0 and before the termination of the campaign they will exceed £250. 0. 0.

The church school is in full swing under its new teacher, Brother P. J. Bailey. He is well initiated and is doing splendidly. Everything in the school moves along as though there were no change of management. Enrollment stands at 157 and the average attendance at 107. The school has come to stay.

The church board of deacons and deaconesses are worthy to be mentioned. They have been “up and doing”—a busy lot, indeed; visiting and caring for, not only the physically sick, but the spiritually sick of the fold; and ministering to the needy and straitened ones. Many blessings have come to the church through the activities of this board.

And now, the cold facts, as revealed by figures, show the tithes and offerings to be in good shape. The tithes compare favourably with the past. Offerings are far in ex-

cess, due to the needs and demands of the church school, to which the people contribute bountifully.

Truly, there are great and many reasons to rejoice and be glad in the Lord, and to press onward to greater victories and higher ground until the Master says, “Well done.”

S. U. POWELL.

KENCOT.

Dear Readers: The effort at Kencot is now in its eighth week. We regret that Elder Fletcher had to be called away two weeks ago to attend to an urgent situation in Port Antonio, which necessitated his disconnecting with the work here. Elders Hurdon and Sype have since then been conducting the meetings each night. We are thankful to state that the interest is still fine. A few more have stepped out to obey the Sabbath truth and others are promising to follow soon.

The enrollment of our Sabbath-school is now over sixty, which shows a steady increase. For this we thank the Lord. We are glad also that the weather conditions have improved, for the people have a better opportunity to attend the meetings regularly. Many people appear to be deeply touched by the plain truths that are being taught from the word of God. “So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” Isa. 55:11.

Continue to pray earnestly in behalf of the work here.

FRANK FLETCHER.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

W. I. T. C. ITEMS.

For the first time in the history of this college, the young men have outnumbered the young women. There are forty-four young men and thirty-four young ladies enrolled.

The reputation of this college had gained a foothold in many lands outside of Jamaica because we have two students from Spanish Honduras, two from the Cayman Islands, two from Cuba, one from Santo Domingo, and one from St. Thomas Island. The latest arrival from Cuba knew nothing of the English language when he came, having to speak through an interpreter. He is making good progress in every way.

Word has been received from Miss Minna Powell, who was graduated here last June and who returned to Cuba in July, that her home in the storm-stricken area of Havana was completely destroyed, together with her father's tailor-shop. She herself stood in the water for ten hours during the hurricane but was unhurt.

On the 12th September we welcomed Baby Parchment, Carol Joy, to her home at Cools-worthy. She brings happiness not only to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Parchment, but also to us as students who are interested in her growth and development.

Mr. G. W. Gallimore, a former student, was again classified this semester and would have had his graduation anticipations realized at the end of this school year, had it not been for the illness of his father, which made it necessary for him to return home last month.

We are glad to learn that Miss Louise Gordon, who left us a few weeks ago for medical treatment in Kingston, is slowly but surely improving, and we hope to have her in school again in the near future.

As we get almost tired of seeing the same faces day after day, it is really a pleasure to us when we have visitors. Though we are busy, yet there is always some one to take these visitors around and acquaint them with the various departments of our college, and also with some of the beautiful scenery that we enjoy. Many visitors are strangers, but we especially enjoy having our workers come. Elder and Mrs. Hurdon, Elder and Mrs. Sype and their little daughter, and Brother O. P. Reid and his mother have stayed over night with us, and Elder and Mrs. S. U. Powell and Mr. Rupert Harriott, a student of past years, spent several hours here on a recent Sunday. We shall be glad to see them often.

Our Saturday night programmes were ushered in by a meeting of the Home Club, with the out-going president, Mr. W. S. Nation, presiding. This year this organization furnishes one programme each month, and the officers are president, Mrs. Pearl Nation; vice president, Albert Haig; Secretary, Walter Hall; Assistant Secretary, Miss Andean. In the past this Club has conducted many farewell programmes to workers and student recruits leaving for fields of labour outside of this island; but this year they gave their second programme of welcome to new workers, greeting Mrs. Bertha Peake with a special chapel service on October 19. The Home Club programmes have included music, games, and drill on good form.

The former method of serving meals at the College has been set aside for the more modern cafeteria plan. Every student has the privilege of selecting his own foods from a goodly array provided on the counters, at a minimum charge of ten shillings and sixpence per week. The plan is meeting with favour as we become accustomed to it. Sack lunches on Friday evening save much work for the young women at the beginning of the Sabbath. Mrs. Peake, our new preceptress and matron, with her able assistant, Miss Randall, is receiving the hearty co-operation of all.

Our school has a larger number of junior boys than usual this year, and in order that they may secure the best results during the study period, they are taken to the Normal School and their study supervised by Professor Crawford.

Elder M. Jones and Pastor A. C. Stockhausen favoured the school with a short visit, Tuesday, November 15, while on their way to Kingston to attend a meeting of the Conference Committee. Professor Wineland and they went on the next morning by auto. Elder Jones gave an inspiring study at joint worship in the Chapel Tuesday evening on the subject of witnessing. His whole-souled enthusiasm was an inspiration to us and we hope we may have more visits of the same nature.

A new bath-room, equipped with shower baths, has recently been added to the home comforts of the boys.

Short-hand and typewriting are growing in popularity in our school. Mrs. Wineland has three students finishing their second year of the Gregg system of Shorthand, and six pursuing their first year. Sixteen typewriting students, supervised by Mrs. Nation keep both machines at a lively hum the most of the day. In fact, they are a striking feature of the Office vestibule.

Three Saturday night events have been furnished by the Entertainment Committee in the form of an illustrated talk by Mrs. Rathbun entitled "Around the World by Pictures," a stereopticon lecture on Egypt by Mrs. W. A. Pickering, and a lecture on "Circumnavigating the Caribbean" by Elder R. J. Sype, formerly a worker in Panama. Also under the auspices of this committee will be a recital to be given by Miss Harrison's music students and Mrs. Rathbun's Expression students on November 27.

The Spanish classes are being taught by Professor Wineland and Mr. B. R. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton also teaches eight grade arithmetic and Mr. Nation seventh grade arithmetic and reading.

All the laundry work this year is being done by the girls of the school, directed by Miss Vida Hamilton, which is an improvement over hiring outside women to do it as was done last year.

Work on the campus is being looked after by Mr. Nation and the Junior boys. A new lawn mower enables them to keep the lawns trim and neat. This adds another attractive feature to our location.

Under the capable management of Miss Ivy Andrade, the library is becoming more useful than ever before. The books are being classified and systematically arranged, and the magazine rack, which was added by the gift of the class of 1926, is now finely polished and in use. New tables of convenient height are appreciated by those who study there.

COLLEGE RHETORIC CLASS.

OBITUARIES

Brother H. A. Francis of Montego Bay reports the death of one Mrs. P. Stainrod, who was a very faithful sister in the church there. The day before she died she reached her Harvest Ingathering goal. This shows that she worked faithfully till death, and surely she awaits the coming of the Life Giver when she will receive her eternal reward for faithful service.

Brother Edward Kissendal, leader of the Jointwood church, reports the death of one of his brothers. We extend to the entire family our sincere sympathies in this their bereavement.

J. G. PETTEY.

Mrs. Laura F. Rathbun, of West Indian Training College, received a cable October 15, announcing the sudden death of her mother, Maria E. Foster, at College Place, Washington, the day before, of pneumonia. Mother Foster leaves three daughters, the other two being Mrs. B. A. Meeker, with whom she was living at the time of her brief illness and death; and Mrs. H. I. Pettis, of Norwich, Conn. She was the widow of Elder Charles Foster, who served during the early years of the message in Illinois, and laid down his life in the year 1882.—ED.

JAMAICA CONFERENCE.

NEWS ITEMS.

The leader of Mount Carey church, R. S. Bernard, reports an interesting experience in Harvest Ingathering. He approached a gentleman who had been accustomed to give him one or two shillings each year, and was told that times were very stiff this year, but that he would try to do a little better than in former years. After waiting for a long time, and feeling that he would get nothing, the gentleman came along and gave Brother Bernard 20/-.

Elder J. K. Humphrey, pastor of two of our largest New York Churches, spent seventeen days in Kingston recently, visiting his mother and relatives and friends. Elder Humphrey has been away from the island about 15 years. While here we were favoured with three stirring addresses from him in the North Street Church, one at the Upper Regent Street, and one at the tabernacle in Kencot where the special effort is now being conducted in that part of the City. Many hearts were touched by these sermons, and we trust that much good will be accomplished by them.

We were sorry that he could not remain with us longer, but having many important duties to look after in connection with the work in New York, he sailed for home on

the 13th of November. We hope he will be able to spend a long time with us upon his next visit to Jamaica.

The March Town Church is still doing active service, and they report that a Presbyterian minister is very much interested in the truth through their labours. Let us pray for these faithful workers.

Brother Robert Howell, leader of the Glen Goffe church reports that he has received three subscriptions for the Chinese Signs of the Times as a result of the Harvest Ingathering. Perhaps there are others who may be able to do likewise. The subscription for the Chinese Signs is only 4/3 a year. Let us do more for the foreigners among us.

Brother Maxwell from Cuba is here visiting his family for a few weeks. He seems glad to return to Jamaica where he can have a rest and be with his family for a little time.

C. W. Gibson, the leader of our church in Spanish Town, called at the office the other day and gave some very encouraging reports about the work there.

Brother Saliman has recently returned from New York, where he spent nearly three years. He is glad to be with his family again, and thinks there is no place like Jamaica, and we agree with him.

Elders Hurdon and Sype have been very sick recently with colds, but we are glad to say that they are able to be out again. They are spending some time in connection with the work at Kencot, and bring to us very encouraging reports.

Elder Fletcher, who has been spending some time with the Port Antonio Church, repairing and enlarging the church building called at the office this week. We believe that he will soon have the building there in good shape, which will be very encouraging to the members.

J. G. PETTEY.

The Kencot interest is still good. Seventy-seven were out to last Sabbath's service. There has been a marked improvement each Sabbath.

Three hundred Pounds for Kingston in the Harvest Ingathering this year! This should be a source of encouragement to the entire field. This is the largest Ingathering ever solicited in Kingston.

W. J. HURDON.

"Can you read your title clear to mansions in the skies?"

"Heaven is more than sitting on a cloud and playing a golden harp."

"A pilgrim is no meddler in the country through which he is passing."

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REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FROM CHURCHES AND COMPANIES.

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Bagbie, 3rd. Qr.	4 8 1	1 16 4
Ballimory	0 19 9	1 15 10
Bellas Gate	0 11 6	0 8 0
Beverley	— — —	— — —
Bird's Hill	2 2 2	1 14 8
Blue Hole	0 16 0	0 10 11
Bonny Gate	0 7 0	0 2 11
Bryant Hill	2 19 7	0 18 6
Bluefields	— — —	— — —
Belfield	2 17 6	5 4 3
Canaan	1 3 4	0 8 2
Contented Hall	1 15 4	1 14 9
Calderwood	— — —	— — —
Coleyville	— — —	— — —
Craig	— — —	— — —
Darliston, 2 months	5 5 6	7 12 3
Devon	0 17 6	0 13 4
Everton Park	3 8 8	0 10 7
East End, G.C.	— — —	— — —
Florence Hill	— — —	— — —
Fustic Grove	0 14 2	1 4 3
Glengoffe	— — —	— — —
Grant's Ville	— — —	— — —
Grove Town	— — —	— — —
Goshen	0 2 4	0 15 1
Guy's Hill	3 17 10	2 9 8
Georgetown, G. C. 2 months	2 4 4	2 10 8
Hector's River, 2 months	1 13 9	0 15 7
Hart Hill	4 13 3	1 18 9
Jointwood	3 5 3	9 0 3
Jack's River	— — —	— — —
Kingston	92 1 2	106 15 1
Lamb's River	6 13 6	1 10 0
Linstead	1 12 6	1 10 7
Little London	0 10 3	1 0 6
Long Bay	1 4 4	1 5 10
Mahogany Grove	0 17 10	0 17 4
March Town	5 17 4	4 3 10
Mandeville	8 18 8	11 1 10
Mile End	1 12 0	1 3 0
Montego Bay	4 0 5	7 0 1
Moor Park, 2 mths.	7 19 5	7 15 8
Mount Carey	3 5 9	6 13 4
Manchioneal	0 6 6	7 18 4
Mount Providence	2 10 2	0 7 10
Newell	2 16 0	1 16 11
New Port	0 17 8	2 1 1
Old Harbour	— — —	— — —
Port Antonio	— — —	— — —
Porus	0 1 0	1 16 8
Riversdale	2 2 0	1 18 9
Santa Cruz	1 10 5	4 16 6
Sav-la-Mar	— — —	— — —
Sheffield, 2 mos.	1 6 8	1 9 5
St. Ann's Bay	3 13 0	1 10 1

CHURCHES.

Sherwood Content	— — —	— — —
Sherwood Forest	— — —	— — —
Southfield	0 19 2	0 7 2
Spanish Town	6 11 11	8 15 5
Swift River	— — —	— — —
Trinity Ville	0 8 10	— — —
Troy	1 13 5	0 4 3

Upper Regent Street, 3rd Quarter	28 0 8	17 12 11
Waterloo	0 11 2	0 12 0
Vaughnsfield	1 19 8	1 7 5
Isolated	3 17 7	1 2 9

COMPANIES.

Britton Ville	1 0 9	0 1 3
Green Pond	— — —	0 7 6
Hill Top	— — —	1 3 6
Race Course	0 6 0	— — —
Seaford Town	1 14 9	3 0 5
Stewart Mountain	0 2 0	0 2 2
Tuscany	— — —	2 18 0
White Hill	0 12 0	0 14 6

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