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## PERSONAL WORK.

In the coming year, every effort should be made to enlist in service any member who may be among the idlers in the vineyard. All such should remember that the only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us—to engage to the extent of their ability in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them.”—“Steps to Christ” page 85.

How and where we shall begin is clearly set forth in Zech. 8: 16. “These are the things that ye shall do. Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour.” Again, the importance of this is given in John 9: 4, “The night cometh when no man can work.”

“As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know. What we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us; we can tell how we have tested His promise and found the promise true. We can bear witness to what we have known of the grace of Christ. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing.” “Desire of Ages,” p. 340.

“There are many who need the ministrations of loving Christian hearts. Many have gone down in ruin who might have been saved, if their neighbours, men and women, had put forth personal effort for them. Many are waiting to be personally addressed. In the very family, the neighbourhood, the town where we live, there is work for us to do as missionaries for Christ. If we are Christians this work will be our delight. No sooner is one converted than there is born within him a desire to make known to others, what a precious friend he has found in Jesus. The saving, sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart.” “Desire of Ages,” p. 141.

“The Word of God spoken by one who is himself sanctified through it, has a life-giving power that makes it attractive to the hearer; and convicts them that it is a living reality. When one has received the truth in the love of it, he will make this manifest in the persuasion of his manner and in the tones of his voice. He makes known that which he himself has heard, seen, and handled of the Word of Life, that others might have fellowship with him through the knowledge of Christ. His testimony from lips touched with a live coal from off the

altar is truth to the receptive hearts, and works sanctification upon the character.” “Desire of Ages,” p. 142.

“In the great judgment day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along, carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, pleasing themselves, will be placed by the Judge of all the earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation. . . . They enjoy the services of religion. They love to hear the gospel preached, and therefore they think themselves Christians. . . . Like the Jews, they mistake the enjoyment of their blessings for the use they should make of them.” “Christ’s Object Lessons,” page 365.

“All who would be sons and daughters of God must prove themselves co-workers with God and Christ and the heavenly angels. This is the test for every soul. . . . Good works do not purchase the love of God, but they reveal that we possess that love.”—“Christ’s Object Lessons,” page 283.

“Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving the message of mercy to the world, Christ would have come to the earth, and the saints would ere this have received their welcome into the city of God.” “Special Testimony to Ministers and Workers.”

W. J. HURDON.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

### FOR THE NEW YEAR.

At the close of another year and the beginning of the year 1927, it would be well for us to stop for a moment and take an inventory of our Christian experience and see what we can do to strengthen our work for the New Year.

As we look back over the past year, no doubt each one of us can see places in our own experience that we should like to have changed. But now that it is too late to change the past, we can only look forward to the future and pledge by God’s help to make the year 1927 one that will be imminently successful.

There are a few things that I would like to mention as we look back over the past year. It seems to me that we should try to correct some of these failures for the year to come. I am thinking especially of the Home Missionary work of the Conference. I was very much pleased to notice that for the third quarter of 1926 we had **one of the**

largest missionary reports in the history of our work in Jamaica. I am hoping that the fourth quarter will be as good; but we are very sorry to notice that up to the last reports that we had, we have failed to reach anywhere near the sum that should have been raised in the Harvest Ingathering work. Now, I wish we could all start right at the beginning of the year to prepare for a successful campaign for 1927. While it is too early yet to say how much has been raised, we are sure that we have not reached our goal, unless some churches that we have not yet heard from come forward with funds. This is very disappointing indeed. We believe it is because we have not all done our duty in the campaign.

Then again, as we look over the work that has been accomplished, while the report was very good, we do believe that there should be greater zeal in doing what we can for our neighbours and friends. As I travel among the churches, I find many of our people who are regretting the fact that not more is being done in their neighbourhood to bring the truth to the attention of their friends and neighbours. Of course, we can understand that it would be impossible for the few workers that we have in the Conference to spread out and do all the work there is to be done. It is therefore evident that every church member should consider himself a worker for God; and should take advantage of every opportunity and make opportunities to get the message to those with whom they come in contact. We feel sure that if every believer in the Third Angel's Message would consider this responsibility to God for the souls with whom they come in contact, and would put forth every effort at their command, we would see a great ingathering of souls in 1927. We believe that if all will do this, there will be the greatest advance movement in this Island that has ever been known in the history of the work.

I do hope that the Week of Prayer that has just passed, has brought a new experience into the hearts of God's people, and that while we are making new consecrations, we will consecrate ourselves, our lives and all that we have and are, to God for service.

I trust that we are not leaving everything in the way of missionary endeavour to the church officers. While we are very anxious that our missionary leaders and secretaries put forth earnest effort to carry on the missionary activities of the church, we must remember that the officers in an army cannot win the victory until individual soldiers stand to their post of duty and put forth earnest effort. Therefore it is evident, that in the army of the Lord, every soldier must feel his individual responsibility to uphold the banner of Prince Immanuel.

And now while we are admonishing the soldiers of the Lord to faithfulness for the

coming year, we should also linger a moment to thank God for the victories which He has given us in the past. Some of our churches have certainly been faithful in the past Harvest Ingathering campaign. The North Street Church in Kingston had raised up to the middle of December, more than £318. This is £118 over their goal. The Regent Street Church has also surpassed their goal of Thirty Pounds, and the Spanish Town Church has raised their goal of Twenty-five Pounds. The Mandeville Church went over their goal of Sixty Pounds and a few other churches have reached their goal. We certainly appreciate the faithfulness of these churches in their effort in this campaign and we are only sorry that more of our churches cannot be on the Honour Roll this year. Of course, we are aware that there are still others which will be on the Honour Roll when we receive the reports for December. We will have a complete list of all the churches and the amounts raised in the February number of the VISITOR. Some of our brethren over the field have been very faithful in this campaign, and have testified to the blessings of God as a result of their earnest efforts.

Once more, let us enlist every soul in the Jamaica Conference for a faithful work during the year 1927; and first of all, let every one of us pledge ourselves to be earnest in our seeking God for strength and guidance that the Holy Spirit may come into our churches that we might be a spirit-filled people; and then we are sure of success in our every effort put forth for the salvation of souls and for the strengthening of our forces all along the lines, and will be sure that every effort and every campaign that is launched will be successful in every way.

We wish you all the blessings of God for the New Year.

R. J. SYPE, H.M.S.

#### ST. MARY'S AND ST. ANN'S.

The first part of December, it was my privilege to visit the churches in the parishes of St. Mary and St. Ann. We found these churches doing faithful work in their endeavours to be a light to their individual communities. The first visit was to the little church at Jack's River. The brethren here are very few but have been doing their best to uphold the message there. Brother Gray, the leader has done very well in the Harvest Ingathering work.

That same night, we went over to Free Hill where we held an open air meeting and it was my privilege to speak to a very good audience of interested listeners. From here I went on to Bonny Gate where we have a small church who are struggling on against perplexities endeavouring to keep up the various lines of work assigned to the children of God and at the same time they are trying to finish their church building!

which is in course of construction. I spent two days with them, during which time we held the church election and the communion services as well as holding two public meetings and other meetings with the church. I found Brother Eunis Gordon the leader, faithfully upholding the light of truth and doing good work in fostering the missionary spirit in the church.

The next visit was to the church near Gayle, called the Grantsville church. They have laboured against difficulties but we found some very faithful and true hearts there. Their leader, Brother W. R. James, has a real interest in the progress of the message and they are trying to arrange in some way to hold their services near the village so that more can be reached with the present truth.

I went from here to the little Mile End church near Lodge P.O. As I was climbing the mountain upon which it is located, over a parochial road which was not very well kept, I wondered what kind of a church I should find in this apparently isolated place. But I was made very happy indeed to find a building which was a real credit to our work, and a lively wide-awake company of Adventists who are representing the message well. I could not help but think of the "city which is set on a hill" and trust that these believers may ever let their lights so shine that their neighbours may see their good works and glorify their Father in Heaven. There are yet others in that district who are interested and we believe there will be many others from there who will prepare to meet their God.

It was on a Friday morning that I wended my way down the mountain side towards the little town of St. Ann's Bay, where we have a good sized membership of faithful people. They are just finishing the construction of a new church building, and while it has been a long hard struggle to bring it to this state of completion, they feel rewarded for the effort as they realize the added influence it will lend to the work of the message in this little city. On the Sabbath it was raining hard all day, but in spite of the inclemency of the weather, the large majority were present for the services of the day, when the ordinances of the Lord's house were engaged in, and all seemed very happy and were glad they had not permitted the rain to rob them of the blessings which were received. We fear that in some instances we are too apt to let a little rain scare us away from service and hence from receiving the blessings in store for us.

At Brown's Town we found a small company of believers endeavouring to hold up the standard of truth in that important centre. We would like to solicit the prayers of all God's people for the work in some of these centres where the work has been going hard in the past, as we are sure there

are still honest hearts which may be touched with the message of truth.

Five miles out from Brown's Town is the little Devon church, which I believe is one of the oldest churches in Jamaica, and I much appreciated the pleasant association with Brother Thomas, who is one of the oldest Seventh-day Adventists in Jamaica, having accepted the Message under Elder Haysmer shortly after he held the first effort in Kingston. With Brother Thomas "the path of the just has been as a light that shineth brighter and brighter." I was thankful for the faith and confidence which is the rejoicing of his heart. It was good to hear him tell of the many blessings which he has received during these more than thirty years, which have been so freely given to the Master's service. His faith and hope and love were a real inspiration to me and I was wishing that those who may feel disheartened might hear him bear his testimony of what the message has done for him during these many years.

My next visit was to the little church located in the little isolated district called Ballimony, four miles from Pedro P.O. While this is not a large church they are supporting a church school which has an attendance of about forty. Sister Marshall, the teacher, is standing loyally at her post of duty through cloud and sunshine, and seems to have a real burden for the work. I was impressed that we are needing more of these devoted workers in this Conference who are willing to spend and be spent in training our growing army of children in service for God. In the evening before the service we had a song service and it was a real inspiration to me to hear those children sing the songs of Zion, and I offered an earnest prayer that God would lead these young lives into service for him. The following morning at seven o'clock we had the blessed privilege of leading two dear souls into the watery grave to follow their Lord in baptism. May God keep them faithful until Jesus comes. Following the baptism we held the communion service, in which all took part, and we felt the spirit of God very near as we engaged in these sacred ordinances.

I should not neglect to say that while at St. Ann's Bay, Brother Barnes, the leader of that church, and Brother Stevens, the assistant leader, accompanied me out to the little company known as Brittonville. I found a nice little company who had met under a thatch shelter, and we enjoyed the short time spent with them. They are endeavouring to raise funds so that they can soon build a sanctuary to the honour of God.

On my way back to Kingston, I stopped off at Linstead a few minutes, where I found Brother Reid of good courage in the service of God, and found that they are still determined to reach their Harvest Ingather-

ing goal. We wish every church would labour on with this determination. That same evening we met with the Spanish Town church for prayer meeting and enjoyed the beautiful sight of a large company of believers out for the mid-week prayer meeting. Surely we miss a great blessing when we neglect to attend these seasons of refreshing in the middle of the week.

There are a few strong impressions which were made upon my mind on this trip, and I wish to enumerate them in closing this article.

(1) We are living in the time when, as in no other time, God's people should be engaged in earnest and importunate prayer that we may be imbued with the Holy Spirit to give us power to finish this work in face of difficulties, such as poverty, isolation, lack of facilities, and spiritual degeneracy which surround us.

(2) God is blessing with spiritual and temporal blessings those of his people who are carrying a burden for the advancement of the cause of truth, and are making a covenant with him by sacrifice, and are willing to place all they have and are on the altar of service.

(3) We can see that the Lord is surely, though slowly withdrawing His Spirit from the earth, and it is high time for us to arouse and put on the armour of light if we are to still win souls for the kingdom before it is eternally too late.

(4) We are impressed more and more with the truth expressed by the servant of the Lord, that the greatest agency for the finishing of the work will be the godly lives lived by the laity of this denomination. Where we find a laxity along this line we see decay characterizing the work; but where we find our people actively engaged in missionary work and living earnest lives, we find the people impressed with the truth for this time.

(5) By way of summarizing, we would say that, on all sides, there is opportunity for giving this message in spite of the fact that sin and iniquity are increasing at an alarming rate; and there is a great need for whole hearted Seventh-day Adventists who will say as did Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord, send me." We need more men and women in the churches who have a real love for the Truth and for God, and who will stand for Truth though the Heavens fall. "Arise! Shine! for thy light is come."

R. J. SYPE.

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#### LINSTEAD.

The work at Linstead is still progressing. We are having good Sunday night meetings and many strangers are attending. There is also a baptismal class of seven, and ere this reaches the readers of the VISITOR a number will go forward in baptism, if not all.

The Lord knoweth those that are His. He has been seeking them out and will continue to do so. The following will illustrate this statement. Recently I had the privilege of studying with an Anglican minister, an intellectual man, late of one of the universities of America. Somehow I got in contact with him at the post office here. He was waiting for his mail, as I was also. I bought a "Gleaner" and started to read, and immediately I came across the news of some striking occurrences that had recently taken place.

The sun was very hot and I was sitting in my car reading. Noticing this minister standing by I invited him to a seat in the car and called his attention right away to what I had read, remarking that these things are but the fulfilment of the prophecies of God's word, and that God would have us understand that the end of all things is at hand. He became very interested in my suggestions and began to question me as to my belief. Without hesitation I outlined to him in a few minutes the reason of my hope in God. He was much pleased and invited me to his home, saying that he would like very much to study with me more fully about what I had outlined to him. I accepted the invitation and made an appointment to meet him on a certain evening.

At the appointed time I went with my charts and Bible. With his permission I pinned up my charts on the wall. He was very much interested in the different symbols, and suggested to me that if I wouldn't mind he would read the book of Revelation in the Greek, and I could read the English. We had a verse by verse study of the seventeenth chapter of Revelation. He was especially interested in the symbols of that chapter. He was very kind and pleasant all the way through and gave me the chance of explaining and unfolding to him those wonderful truths which give tangibility to our message. As we went along in the study he acknowledged, point by point, the conclusions arrived at. And when I was through he said that he had seen the truth of it all for it was so in the Greek. He thanked me for coming and gave me his name and asked me to communicate with him and send him reading matter. I firmly believe that some day this minister will be a herald of the message. The Spirit of the Lord will do it. Please remember him in your prayers.

O. P. REID.

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#### MANDEVILLE.

Since coming to Coolsworthy, I have again had the pleasure of visiting Grove Town. I was indeed glad to find some faithful ones, who are endeavouring with Master's help, to hold up the light of truth in this locality. Bro. Thompson, the church leader, informed

me that there are some who are preparing for baptism.

I have also made three visits to Newport. At this place, we have about twenty-seven baptized believers. They are in great need of a place of worship. The believers have made a beginning by getting out lumber. They have not been able to carry out their plans, because of the severe dry spells from which they have suffered. Anyway, their courage is still good; and I am hoping that ere long there will be a church-building in this locality, as a memorial for the Lord.

In company with Professor and Mrs. Rathbun, Miss V. Hamilton and Miss L. Parchment, I visited the district of Hopeton, in the parish of St. Elizabeth. Bro. C. H. Reid, late of the West Indian Training School, held meetings in this district, and as the result, there are some witnesses for God at Hopeton. It would certainly be a good thing if the work at this place could be followed up.

I have enjoyed my stay here at the West Indian Training School. Both teachers and Students, have done their part to make it comfortable for me. A few days more and we shall be parting for a short while. May the rich blessings of God accompany each one as they go, is the prayer of the writer.

W. H. RANDLE.

#### A VISIT TO THE CHURCHES.

Between the 19th and 28th of November, Elder Hurdon and the writer visited the following churches, Coleyville, Craig, Troy, Mahogany Grove, Waterloo, Beverly, Jointwood, Mount Carey, Montego Bay, March Town, Seaford Town and Lamb's River. Officers for 1927 were elected at these churches, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was celebrated at many of them. The brethren are of good courage and pledged themselves for a deeper spirit of co-operation during the ensuing year.

In some places we found that the dragon is especially wroth, but the brethren "know in whom they have put their faith, and are convinced that he is able to guard what they have entrusted to him until that Day." (20th Century, N.T.)

At Craig, quite a large number of the inhabitants of the village gathered on the banks of the Hector's River, which divides Manchester from Trelawny, to witness one brother and three sisters, go forward with their Lord in baptism. After the baptismal service we returned to the church where the newly baptized partook with their brethren, who received them into Church fellowship to the emblems of their Lord's broken body, and spilt blood. Shortly after this service was over two of the young people—Brother Hubert Mitchell and Sister Edith Francis—who were buried in the watery grave a few hours earlier, were joined together in Holy Matrimony, in the presence of a number of

their brethren in the faith and many other interested friends. The brethren at Craig are pressing forward and are calling for a teacher to open a church school there.

As space will not permit me to write of the doings of all the churches we visited, I must confine myself to the most interesting items.

At March Town we found the brethren just as alive as usual. At the evening meeting every seat in the church building was occupied and many had to stand outside the windows. Although there are many men in this church, the brethren again showed their confidence in Sister C. Innis by unanimously electing her to serve as Church Leader for another year. God will honour consecrated women even as He honours the men, so let not the sisters feel that there is no place for them in the finishing of the work. The membership at March Town has quite outgrown the church building, which is already a fair-sized one, so they have begun to make preparations for the erection of a new building. The old building they propose to use for their church school, which has an enrolment of nearly one hundred.

Elder Sype and the writer plan to make another trip toward the end of this month (December), when we hope to have baptisms at Seaford Town, Lamb's River, Orange, March Town and Jointwood.

I have just returned from Ipswich where I found a company of believers—about twenty including children—meeting together in a small booth on Sabbath days. A small bit of land has been donated there by one who is interested in the message (at present a member of the Moravian church) and the company there plan to erect a building early in the coming year. One brother who owns two hundred acres of valuable forest land, has promised to give all the lumber that will be necessary for this building.

The work is onward in this section of the Island and we give God praise for His leading providence.

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

#### GROVE TOWN.

On Sunday evening, November 28, Professor and Mrs. Rathbun, accompanied by three students of W.I.T.C. Messrs. Jesse Fletcher and Uri Morgan, and Miss Ivy Andrade, made us a visit and favoured us with a programme, arranged by Mrs. Rathbun. This programme was one of the best we have ever had here. Some of the items were as follows: Song by congregation, 907; prayer; vocal solo, "Some time He'll make it plain," Miss Andrade; reading, "The three Kings," Mr. Fletcher; quartette, "The crown of thorns," Miss Andrade, Mr. Fletcher, Professor and Mrs. Rathbun; reading, "The sufferings of Christ," Mr. Morgan; violin solo, "Melody," Mr. Fletcher; quartette, "Lord, Is it I?"; address by Profes-

sor Rathbun on the subject, "Present day signs of our Lord's second coming;" Violin solo, "Bercuse," Mr. Fletcher; a talk, "Integrity of character," Mr. Morgan; quartette, "Somebody's here with an aching heart;" offertory, Mrs. Rathbun; closing prayer.

The offering, in which nearly all had a part, was turned in to our Harvest Ingathering fund. I am sorry that we have not reached our goal of £10, nevertheless we are not discouraged.

I must confess that I wholeheartedly believe that the Lord is in favour with the plan of the Sabbath-school Investment Fund. The following incident has greatly strengthened my belief to this end.

Some time about the year 1913 my mother showed me a tender young fruit tree and told me that she had planted it to give me to remember her after death, as she thought she would not live long because of her poor health. I did not appreciate this gift until I came into the truth. After I left W. I. T. C. I gave it much of my attention. It grew up to be a healthy fruit-bearing tree, but suddenly it made a change and appeared to be dying. I then put forth more effort to help its recovery but in spite of this it continued to decrease until I gave it up to die.

At one of our Sabbath schools, when I was entreating the people to pledge something to the Investment Fund, I was impressed to show an example by pledging something; and I pledged the tree mentioned above. Not long after I looked at it and noticed it was blooming and beginning to bear fruit again. Surely it pays to serve the Lord with the first fruits of all our increase.

JAMES W. SHAND.

### BALLIMONY.

On Tuesday, December 7, we were very glad to have the visit of Elder R. J. Sype. It is quite a number of months since we have had the visit of a minister, and we were very glad for his presence with us. A profitable time was spent together on the evening of the above mentioned date, and next morning two dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

It is a regrettable fact that the church is not in a lively working order, but it is with anticipation of a great revival during this week of prayer that we pursue our onward course, trusting the Lord will help each one to rally to the work as never before.

With a very meagre territory, which is financially slow, the children have done remarkably well in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This campaign is a mighty factor in opening ways to present the truth to people. A few weeks ago, while engaged in this work I came in contact with a day school teacher about 8½ miles from my lo-

cation who is very much against Seventh-day Adventists.

After giving me a small donation and accepting a Harvest Ingathering magazine, he remarked: "I will surely read your book, Miss Marshall, but don't think you can persuade me to become a Seventh-day Adventist." With this saying he handed me a little booklet of his own publication in which he has been trying to show that we are out of harmony with the Bible, that we misconstrue the Bible, mislead the people, and try to make them believe that the Sabbath commandment is a moral law; and that it cannot be proven to be a moral law.

I seized the opportunity to give the truth to him through correspondence. A few days ago I sent him a copy of "The Christian Sabbath." Since then I have not heard from him. I am praying that the Lord will move upon his heart that he may see the right, for he would be a mighty power for good in his vicinity. The prayers of the readers of the VISITOR are solicited in behalf of this man who is just as earnest in his present work as was Saul before his conversion.

I do find that our spiritual strength is due largely to the amount of work done for others, so am determined, by the help of God, wherever I find myself always to do my bit until the Master comes.

M. L. MARSHALL.

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## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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### W. I. T. C. ITEMS.

Mr. C. H. Reid, one of the graduates from the Theological Course at the W.I.T.C., last year, paid us a short visit on his way home for a vacation from his work as a colporteur in St. Catherine.

Among the visitors in the early days of December were Brother N. L. Taylor, of Cuba, recently arrived there as the Antillean Union Treasurer and Auditor, and Brother C. V. Williams, who has returned from Mexico to take up the work of Conference and Tract Society Secretary in Jamaica. These brethren spent several days with us while auditing the college books, as they had not been audited for several years. In his chapel talk, Brother Taylor gave us a thrilling account of the late hurricane in Havana. Brother Williams assisted in one of the Week of Prayer meetings by giving a stirring discourse on Present-day Idolatry.

The occasional visits of Messrs. L. E. Soares and F. E. Heron, alumni of W.I.T.C., are appreciated by their friends and relatives at the college. We should be glad to have them come every Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lawrence, formerly students here and now residents in the vicinity, became the happy parents of a son on December 7.

Our largest water tank, built about two years ago on the hill across the garden, is now full for the first time.

Games in the moonlight, supervised by President Wineland, gave the students needful recreation on Saturday night, the eleventh.

Elder Hurdon was a welcome visitor twice during the past month. We enjoyed his chapel talk on selling character for the trinkets of this world, as the elephant in the picture parted with his valuable ivory tusks for worthless finery.

For the first time in the history of the college, all departments are closed down, except the bakery, for a two-weeks' vacation, beginning December 22, that all may have a rest between the two semesters.

The College Cabinet Department has had a busy season, with more orders than they can fill. Professor Wineland superintends the work, with Mr. B. R. Hamilton as foreman, and seven workmen, who are thus able to pay a good share of their school expenses. Professor Rathbun presides at the turning lathe. Several new pieces of machinery have been added to the equipment this year. The average output is approximately eighty Pounds a month.

Four students work afternoons in the Sheet-Metal Shop under the direction of Brother Beresford. They are supplying Kingston merchants with large orders, so that their output approximates Sixty pounds monthly.

The farm work is superintended by E. E. Parchment, and ten or twelve young men do their required work there. As we have had over forty inches of rainfall since school began, signs are favourable for a good harvest this year.

At the beginning of this semester there was a change of management and a change of procedure in the College Bakery. Mr. Parchment has charge, and all of the six young men who work there go to school regularly. The monthly output of bread averages over four thousand six-penny loaves.

Mr. Mullings' tailor shop keeps up its reputation for first-class work and much of it. He has three students as apprentices.

During the past semester our large auditorium, which serves for both chapel and church, has been varnished inside and painted outside.

The Sabbath School officers and teachers who have been taking the Teachers' Training Course, conducted by Professor and Mrs. Rathbun, finished their study and reviews on time, and some have written their papers. Miss Edna Wright has given good service as our Sabbath School Superintendent the past quarter, and Miss Maisie Wright as secretary. Mr. C. A. Pitter has been assistant superintendent and Mr. G. Bramwell, assistant secretary.

Among the many profitable experiences of

students is listening to chapel talks. Elder Randle gave several on the importance of little things. Mr. Nation talked on stick-to-it-iveness, and showed that perseverance conquers difficulties. Professor Crawford brought to our minds some interesting passages of Scripture which people say cannot be understood, but he clearly showed that they were written for our understanding. "Time lost cannot be regained" was the theme of one of Mr. Parchment's talks, wherein he showed how Mr. Gladstone, one of England's greatest Premiers, made use of his spare time. Professor Rathbun discussed inertia and its application to man and his habits. "A weed is a plant that is out of place; therefore if a man is out of place he is a weed," was used by President Wineland for one of his texts.

Our Week of Prayer came December 4-11, one week earlier than in the churches, on account of the beginning of mid-year examinations the following week. The readings were presented at chapel time, 7.30 a.m., prayer bands met at 6.50 p.m., in small groups for twenty minutes, and a daily devotional meeting followed. At this time the several commandments of God's great Law were interpreted to us in practical ways that were very helpful to all. We welcome these times of spiritual refreshing and regret their close, but trust that their influence will go with us through the year.

COLLEGE RHETORIC CLASS.

### PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

#### COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1926.

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George Reid	H.W.	39	12	16	11 6
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C. H. Reid,	H.P. & H.W.	22	8	8	6 0
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			O. P. REID, F.M.S.		

#### THE COLPORTEUR WORK.

The printed page has been going slowly but surely. Many homes have been entered by our few faithful colporteurs, and many truth-filled books have been placed in these homes, and many have been reading also.

Special mention must be made of the good work that Brother C. H. Reid, late of the College at Mandeville, has done in the parish of St. Catherine with the book "Hope of the World." He is now home f

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the holidays, but he has made so many friends around these parts that we would all be happy to have him with us again.

Recently, I visited a prominent gentleman in this parish, and he said that he had bought a book entitled "Hope of the World" from one Mr. Reid, and he had been reading it, and he found it so interesting he could not stop. His wife also, he said, was much interested and was reading it also. He said that he was not only reading it but studying it. Let us pray that the Spirit of God will guide the minds of those people in the truth.

It would seem that the Reids like reading, and they are not singular, I know. But these Reids (I do not mean the kind shaken by the wind) are not selfish in this fact of reading; but have been trying to get the printed page before the reading public.

At present we have Brother E. C. H. Reid, of Darliston church, and Brother G. M. E. Reid actively engaged in scattering the printed page in the parish of Westmoreland. They have been having success, which gives them courage to press on. One showed for his last week's work £19 in orders, and the other £13. This shows that the books are still going and will continue to go. Then before this reaches the readers of the VISITOR Brother D. B. Reid of the W. I. T. College and a number of others will have joined the rest of the Reids for the December vacation in giving good reading to the public that may be the means of bringing them to Christ.

Seeing then that we have such a wonderful book as "Hope of the World" to get before the public, it is planned to hold a colporteurs' institute early in February, the Lord willing. All those who wish to take up this branch of work may have the chance of attending and getting the necessary training to enable them to be good gospel salesmen. Look out for the date of the institute.

O. P. REID.

"A man can never own, in this world, anything that is fireproof, except character."

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## OBITUARY

### CHARLES WILLIAMS.

Brother Charles Williams of the Old Harbour church fell asleep in Jesus, Monday, December 13, 1926, aged 49 years. Brother Williams was a faithful member of the church for over sixteen years. His life among those with whom he lived was a consistent one, and to those with whom he came in contact his only aim was to tell them of the love of God for a sinful world. His testimony, which he bore time and again, was the hope of enjoying the privileges of the new earth. He was a very faithful tithe payer and has been faithful unto death. On Sunday before his death he told his wife just where she would find his last tithe and asked her kindly to send it in. He has also done his part in the Harvest In-gathering work. He had only four days illness, and in spite of all that loving and skilled hands could do he succumbed at eleven o'clock on the above date. We have every good reason to believe he sleeps to await the Life Giver's call. He leaves a wife, one daughter, and a large circle of friends and brethren to mourn.

(Mrs.) A. A. PLUMMER.

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