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HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

HOME MISSIONARY ITEMS.

HARVEST INGATHERING. We are sorry that it will be impossible to give the itemised report of the 1926 Harvest Ingathering results until the next issue of the VISITOR, but we can give the total results in round figures. We have exceeded the last year's figures by a few pounds. The total is a little more than £650. While this is about £15 better than last year, we are very much disappointed that we fell so far short of our goal. Of course we realise that many of the churches were labouring against unusual difficulties, but we trust all will begin to prepare and pray for a more successful campaign for 1927.

AMONG THE CHURCHES. We will not give a detailed account of our recent visit among the churches of Westmoreland, Hanover and St. James, as well as a few of the churches of St. Elizabeth, as Brother Stockhausen will give this account in his report. But I wish to say that we found these churches of good courage and trying to do their appointed work of warning this island.

CHURCH OFFICERS. Most of the churches have held their annual elections before this, and we are very anxious to hear from these churches and receive a list of the new officers. I am especially anxious to know who our new Home Missionary secretaries are. We would be very much pleased to receive a letter from each of these secretaries as soon as possible.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP. We are glad to note that the year 1927 is starting off with quite a large number of baptisms, which means that our churches are growing. We trust this will spell increased power in our battle against the enemy. Let every new member be enlisted in the army of service for the great King.

ORGANIZE FOR SERVICE. If your church is not organized for service, we trust you will lose no time to get organized. Do not be satisfied just to come to church on Sabbath and listen to a study by the leader, but plan for aggressive missionary work. Give every member in the church a part in the work. Organize Christian help work bands, Bible work bands, literature bands, prayer bands, and correspondence bands, and get every member busy in some line of missionary endeavour. We would be glad to correspond with the leaders and Home

Missionary secretaries about plans for the greatest missionary effort in the history of Jamaica for 1927.

REPORTING. We received one of the best reports for the third quarter of 1926 that we have ever had in this conference. We trust we may find the report for the fourth quarter fully as good but up to this time we have not received reports from a number of secretaries. We trust you will send these in. I am also anxious to have all the churches using the little individual report blanks, both for the young people and adults.

MATERIAL FOR LEADERS. On our recent visit among the churches I was very much impressed with a statement made by one of our good church leaders. He said: "I find that the best help I can get for my work, is the weekly visits of the REVIEW & HERALD. This paper gives me a real inspiration and a vision of the work which I cannot find any other place. Then I find a great deal of material to use in helping encourage the church." I noticed that he was a successful leader and his church was in a good condition. We wish all our churches would make an effort to have the "Review and Herald" and the "Church Officers' Gazette" for their leaders so that they might receive proper food.

FOR THE NEW YEAR. Let us take courage for the year 1927. We have every reason to be of good courage. Our Leader is still at the helm and is just as strong as ever to lead us through the storms of life. He has all power in Heaven and earth and has promised to be with us to the end of the world.

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

SEAFORD TOWN.

On the 27th of December, 1926, Elder R. J. Sype arrived at Seaford Town for the purpose of administering the rite of baptism for the first time. At 7.00 o'clock on the following morning the church building, which is equipped with a baptismal pool, was crowded with interested friends, who had come to join in the service. After a brief address, setting forth the meaning of Baptism, twenty precious souls, eight of whom had come over from the Lamb's River Church, were buried in the watery grave. Immediately after the baptismal service Elder Sype organized the Seaford Town Church with twelve charter members.

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

NOTES OF INTEREST IN THE WESTERN CHURCHES.

Elders Sype, Jones and the writer motored over from Seaford Town to Axe and Adze on December 29th to officiate at a Stone Laying ceremony. Many visitors were present and a service was first held in the old building. Elder Sype spoke at this service, which was followed by the stone laying service, presided over by Elder Jones. Seven stones were laid and the brethren at Axe and Adze are working hard to get their new building erected. After the election of officers we returned to Seaford Town.

Next morning, Elder Jones having returned to Contented Hall, we set out on a trip to the following churches: Orange, Montego Bay, Mount Peace, March Town, Sheffield, Little London, Sav.-la-Mar, Mount Carey, Vaughnsfield, Contented Hall, New Roads, Canaan, White Hill, Santa Cruz and Newell.

The Mount Peace company was organized into a church with ten members and the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated here.

We spent Sabbath (New Year's Day) at March Town and next morning fourteen precious souls (one of whom came over from the Sheffield Church) went forward in baptism and united in church fellowship with the brethren.

On Monday morning (January 3rd) five more were baptized at Little London and were received into church fellowship. One of these, an old man of nearly eighty summers, had been a member of the Methodist church for forty-five years, and held the position of a class-leader up to three months ago when his eyes were opened to behold the precious light of the Third Angel's Message. One whole family of five, the Father of which was a lay-reader in the Presbyterian Church, has been led to a knowledge of Present Truth by attending the last Week of Prayer meetings that have been held at this place. The ordinances were also celebrated here.

Four more souls were baptized and received into church fellowship at Vaughnsfield on Tuesday, January 4th.

On Thursday, January 6th, we attended a Temperance Programme given by the Newell Church at the Court House in Black River. Elder Sype occupied the chair and among those who took part were Dr. Johnstone, who spoke on the harm caused by intemperance from a scientific point of view, and Mrs. McLaughlin, wife of the Clerk of the Courts, who sang a solo. This programme was listened to by a large and appreciative audience, and we trust that the first effort on the part of the brethren at Newell to do something in the town of Black River may prove to be the entering wedge to open the way for the promulgation of the third angel's message in this town.

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

KENCOT.

The Lord still continues to bless our efforts at Kencot in the promulgation of the gospel. Six persons have definitely taken their stand for the Truth and some others are expecting to follow. We do not always expect that people will step out and obey the Truth in great numbers whenever an effort is held, for it means a right about turn in their lives, and only the honest in heart will be willing to take this step when convinced of the Truth, and these are always found in lesser numbers. Luke 15: 7, 10.

There are enough Seventh-day Adventist believers in and around this vicinity to form the nucleus for a strong little church and thus become a mighty centre for soul winning. The chief reason for beginning an effort at Kencot was to relieve the increasing congestion of our church at North St., by establishing a church at Kencot that the members around that vicinity could attend.

Our Sabbath-school now has a membership of sixty-eight, and I am glad to say, we have a very lively school which is steadily improving. We had a very enjoyable 13th Sabbath programme, one feature of which was very pleasing and impressive, a dispensing scene in China. This was suggested by Sister Sype and carried out by nine persons. We thus endeavoured to illustrate the different maladies that are brought daily to the dispensary for treatment and bring vividly to the minds of those present the difficulties under which our medical missionaries labour in far off China. The special offerings were taken while an appeal was made by a song sung in behalf of China by the participants in the dialogue. We thus raised over two pounds, seven shillings.

Good work is being done by the members of our school in inviting children to the Sabbath school. We now have thirty-four little ones in regular attendance.

In order that the young people of this vicinity may be led to appreciate more fully the real pleasure and benefits of Christianity, unmixed with worldly enjoyments and environments, we are having social programmes every other week. We endeavour in preparing these programmes to choose only those items that will be of spiritual and intellectual benefit to the young people. They consist of special songs and recitations, a talk on some good, beneficial topic, and an interesting Bible game to finish. Great interest is manifested in this feature of the programme by those in attendance. Each meeting is eagerly looked forward to. We pray that the Lord will bless these endeavours in behalf of these dear young people. We also plan to make these programmes an asset in the raising of funds for a church building here, by taking a special collection at each function.

FRANK FLETCHER.

KINGSTON CHURCH.

It is truly gratifying to announce for the encouragement of others that at a business meeting of the church held January 5, reports from every department of the work revealed that it is yet on the onward move. "Not unto us but unto God be the glory." The treasurer's report both for the quarter, and the entire year, talked so plainly, that a motion to sing the doxology in token of appreciation of God's blessing was heartily acted out.

The Sabbath-School Department has shown steady growth in numbers—the highest in history. The attendance is proportionate, too, with the enrolment. A few of the important items taken from the treasurer's report are reproduced as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Tithe	215	1	7
Harvest Ingathering	322	10	3
S. S. Donations	27	10	0
13th Sabbath	12	4	10
Church School	48	11	9½
Church Expense	53	16	5
Church Building	39	12	11½

Received during the whole year—

	£	s.	d.
Tithe	826	17	0½
S. S. Donations	115	16	3
13th Sabbath	41	7	7

Our balance sheet shows a credit in each branch. It must be borne in mind in this connection that our forces have been reduced by quite a few who live in the vicinity of Kencot, and who form a re-inforcement to the late effort there.

The church school held a closing function on the school grounds December 23. It proved quite a profitable past-time to those gathered and to the children themselves. All felt a good evening had been spent. The occasion had been much honoured with the presence of Professor Rathbun, who upon invitation made it possible to respond and acted his part as chairman, in a manner befitting the occasion.

The church on the night of the 6th of January held a farewell meeting to Brother and Sister Pettey and little Jimmie. It was painful to part with these devoted, true hearted, loyal missionaries, but we gladly released them to fill some more needy place in the field. May God's blessing accompany and prosper them always till we meet again some day.

S. U. POWELL.

FIELD REPORT.

During the month of December I visited the following churches: Linstead, Guy's Hill, Riversdale, Bagsby, Carron Hall, and Bellefield.

Abundance of rain in these parts mili-

tated to some extent upon movements of the brethren in church work, the Harvest Ingathering in particular, and generally in their coming together. In some instances, two or more Sabbaths in succession, holding meetings was impracticable; but despite every obstacle, the spirit, courage, and determination is generally good in all these places.

Bellefield had more than doubled its Harvest Ingathering goal. The future outlook is promising in this section, if an effort could be launched.

Guy's Hill started late in the campaign through no fault of theirs, but was determined to reach their goal before the close of the year.

Bagsby was doubling up its efforts, and doubtless has attained the mark.

Linstead is highly favoured with the vigilant and untiring zeal of Brother O. P. Reid, and produces fruits of his labours. The work in this important centre ought to be built up to the greatest extent, and its effects will tell for good on neighbouring districts.

Carron Hall is fighting against "odds and ends," but they are of good courage and determination.

In all these churches officers for 1927 were duly elected, and all set in order for a forward missionary drive.

S. U. POWELL.

VICTORY IN JESUS' NAME.

The enemy of the human race has worked continuously and effectively in every age in separating men and women from their God, beclouding their vision, and especially so in these last days, lest they should see and understand the message of salvation which God in His mercy is sending to every person under the sun. But in spite of all that he has done and will continue to do the victory is ours in the name of Jesus Christ.

The message of God to-day is the only solution of all the problems of our lives. It has solved my problems, and not only that, it has saved me and has placed within my heart the burden for the salvation of others. When this blessed truth came to me twelve years ago the first impression that it brought was a longing desire that my relatives should have the privilege of knowing the joys that were wrapt up in it. The promise of Malachi 4: 5, 6 has always been the burden of my heart, in that the hearts of the fathers would be turned to their children, and the children to their fathers. All will agree that this is a generic term, and it takes in the mothers as well as the fathers.

And so within these years I have been working for my family, and the Lord has crowned my efforts with success in that out of eight members in my immediate home circle I have had the privilege of seeing five as baptized believers in the message of Rev.

14: 6-12. These are father, mother, two brothers and a sister. The rest I hope will come later. The crowning act in the drama, if I may use the term, was the glorious privilege I had on the 19th of December of baptizing my mother with four others.

This scene took place at the Linstead church in the presence of a large number of onlookers, among which were interested ones and believers. I am sure that those who are acquainted with the conditions that were existing at Linstead when we moved there two years ago will rejoice with me in knowing that fourteen members have been added, and that at present there are prospects for another baptismal class. This, I believe, is the mighty working of the Spirit of God.

From the experiences that I have gained here, in claiming the victory in the name of Jesus Christ by faith, I want to pass on to my brethren so that we all may claim the victory, knowing that the truth will triumph, and that when it triumphs our lives may be such that we will triumph with it, along with those for whom we have laboured.

O. PERCIVAL REID.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE.

The West Indian Training College terminated one of its most successful semesters of work on the 21st of December. Perhaps a brief resumé at this time will interest the readers of the VISITOR. The enrolment for the half year reached the same number as for the entire year preceding. Twenty-three of the Jamaica churches have young people here in training. Southfield is in the lead with seven, Kingston is next with six and Newell comes third with four. Besides those in attendance from Jamaica, there are this year nine students from other places as follows: Cuba, two; Cayman, two; Honduras, two; Panama one; and Porto Rico, two. More than a dozen applications are in for students desiring to start in the new semester, so chances are good for the enrolment passing the hundred mark again.

Among the interesting features of the past semester may be mentioned the Harvest Ingathering, the Week of Prayer, and the meeting of the newly formed Old Students and Teachers' Association. Some mention has already been made in the VISITOR about the details of the Harvest Ingathering and Week of Prayer. Suffice it to say here that the total amount turned in to the Conference was more than sixty-six pounds, and that these two special features of the school work served to bind the hearts of students and teachers closer together and to give all a clearer vision of personal needs and of the greater responsibility resting

upon us of serving a world in need. The association meeting, which will be reported by the secretary, was a source of encouragement to all. We may expect to hear more and more of the work of this band of loyal supporters of the College as time goes on.

Almost all of the school family left the school for the holiday period. Nevertheless, a number of improvements have been made during this time. Worthy of mention are the cement walk in front of the Ladies' Home, the finishing of the painting in the Auditorium, new locks for the class-rooms, a new entrance to the tailoring department, and the preparing of a room for the furniture polishing department. We are glad for these added comforts and are hoping that many other parents and guardians will send their young people here to make use of them.

W. H. WINELAND.

THE O.S. & T.A. MEETING.

Peace and good cheer were instilled in the hearts of the students and teachers of the West Indian Training College on the evening of the twentieth of December.

Something was astir. There was a little rustle, a little bustle, a hurrying here and there; yet there was no air of rude excitement, but an atmosphere of natural dignity prevailed.

At six-thirty the old bell rang out in clear sweet tones ascending the silver heavens of that tropical moonlight night. The doors of the spacious dining hall were thrown open and in came the faculty members, then the student family intermingled with the welcome faces of a few old students.

They had gathered on the dear old hill of fame—not to visit the halls of learning, but for a more endearing occasion. They had gathered to add one more link to the golden chain of memories which binds their hearts in unseverable unity and good fellowship. They had gathered to attend the long looked for banquet of The Old Students and Teachers' Association, to exchange heartfelt greetings and to say in thoughts, if not in words, "Lest we forget."

The banquet hall had been converted into a garden. The tables, which were arranged in the form of a square, were decorated with bunches of ferns and fruit and coloured caskets of candy. In the centre of the hall was a small square forming a bower of ferns and flowers. Tall overhanging bamboos intertwined with poinsettias stood gracefully everywhere, while the golden glow shed from the coloured Japanese lanterns overhead added a little charm of fairyland. Each one took his place at the tables and amid pleasantries partook of the dainty repast.

Once again all was hushed as Mr. Jesse Fletcher played on his violin. Then Mr.

P. J. Bailey, the esteemed president of the Association, arose and smilingly expressed his joy to be present. He spoke of the happy school days gone by. His thoughts wandered back through the avenue of the past, and glancing down one could see the old students plodding their way over the rugged path; the teachers, too, who walked with them up and down the aisles of daily duty, leading them over the crags and hills of school days. There one could look in the midst of earth and see the ripened harvest, and still further beyond view with rapture that which surpasses their fairest dreams—glories that await them in the world beyond.

Professor Wineland, our worthy principal, next spoke. He admonished the students to build such characters as would enable them to go among their fellow men in sincerity of purpose, with gentility, and to have sanctified ambition.

After a vocal solo, Mr. O. P. Reid, another much admired old student, spoke on the aims and purposes of the Association. He showed how necessary it was for tender ties of good fellowship to bind the former and present students together that the same good spirit of loyalty and devotion manifested by the old students may be caught by the new students.

A discussion, "How can I best help the Association," next ensued. Many took part in this. Each spoke of his love and esteem for his alma mater. May the good spirit that prompted each word live as long as life shall last.

IVY J. ANDRADE, Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

TEACHERS, ATTENTION!

Here are some valuable suggestions which I have copied from the September "Sabbath School Worker," and knowing that perhaps some will be teaching this year who have never taught before I believe this will be meat in due season; and to our teachers of experience a review of these principles will make us more efficient.

1. Marking the Attendance. Present and on time, I; Absent, A; Transferred to another class, tr.; Dropped after being absent three consecutive Sabbaths, Dr. (Write name and address on a blank card.)

2. Marking the Daily Lesson Study.—Lesson studied each day, 7; if less, mark the exact number; if not studied at all, 0.

If a member has been absent, record his lesson study for that period the first time he is present.

3. A newcomer may be added to the membership the first Sabbath he is in attendance if he gives the assurance that he expects to attend regularly. Write the name and address on a blank card. The Secretary should put the name on the class record

card. (The secretary should always have a blank slip of paper in the envelope.)

4. Each teacher should have a list of the class membership and their addresses, so that he can keep in touch with any that are absent. (Visit, telephone or write.)

5. It requires about one shilling a month from each senior and youth to keep up the Sabbath school expense. Keep this in mind when the offering is taken.

6. Take the offering and mark the class records at the beginning of the class period. Those coming in after the record is taken are regarded as absent, as they have missed over half the service. Place envelope where the secretary can easily find it without disturbing the class.

7. Make visitors welcome by speaking to them and providing a Bible and quarterly. After the session is over, introduce them to other members of the class as may be convenient, and heartily invite them to come again.

8. Arrange your class so they sit in two or three short rows before you, rather than in one long row.

9. Talk loud enough so that every one in the class can easily hear you, but not so loud that other classes will be disturbed.

10. Have the lesson so well prepared that you will not have to look at your Quarterly too often. Never just read the questions.

11. Get your class to contribute to the lesson study. Direct your questions in a way that will draw them out. Do not talk too much yourself.

12. Do not confine yourself to the quarterly in your study. Use outside references. Your contributions should be fresh and to the point.

13. The teacher should be an example to the class in attendance and daily study.

14. Attend Teachers' meeting, Teachers' training class and prayer meeting.

15. Bring any complaints or suggestions direct to your superintendent.

OTHER INSPIRING THOUGHTS.

"The teacher makes the Sabbath school; here centers success or failure; his ideals measure to the height to which a Sabbath school attains; here pulsate the very heart throbs of the Sabbath school endeavour.—**Sabbath School Leaflet Series, No. 3.**

"Teachers should study as fully as possible what they desire to teach.

"Teachers should study how to teach what they have studied.

"Teachers should study to be what they have studied, and studied to teach."—**Sabbath School Worker.**

"It is relatively an easy task to control a class if the teacher's knowledge is at once so clear, so distinct, and so adequate as to challenge the respect and admiration of the pupils."—**Brumbaugh.**

"As truly as the angels of God were seen by Jacob in his dream, ascending and descending the ladder with its base on the

earth, but whose top reached the heaven, so truly will angels minister to the consecrated teacher who is trying to lift his pupils a step higher on the way to heaven."—**Sabbath School Worker.**

"The one who shall accept the responsibility of teacher, if not fully qualified, if he senses the responsibility of his position, will do his utmost to learn."—**Test. on Sabbath school Work, p. 96.**

H. A. HURDON.

Many who attended the Conference will remember that Mrs. Leland, the Antillian Union Sabbath-school Secretary, had some samples of Birthday and Absentee cards which she showed us. The Absentee cards may be used by the teachers. If a child is absent and one of these nice little cards is sent it is appreciated much by both child and parents and it shows an interest in the members of your class.

One card has on it this little verse,

In the rain or sunshine,
Through the wind or snow,
Remember that the Sabbath school
Is the nicest place to go.

The Birthday Cards are very attractive too. They sell for 1/6 a dozen or 1½d a piece. The Absentee cards are 1/- a dozen or 1d each.

Perhaps there are some who would like to get some of these. We are ordering some of these at the Tract Society Office so all orders may be sent there. Please send money with the order. Do not forget the Memory verse cards too.

H. A. HURDON.

34,000 TEACHERS!

This total number of Sabbath School teachers is more than all the public school teachers in twelve states of the Union. What would we think of twelve states that were doing nothing to improve the efficiency of its teachers? In each are to be found many agencies for teacher training, because the public realizes the importance of well-trained, efficient, progressive teachers for its children.

In the public schools the subject matter is secular, whereas in our Sabbath schools it is religious, thereby being of vastly greater importance. Shall we religious teachers be less efficient, less progressive in our work than secular teachers are in theirs? Shall we do no self-improving to become better workers in the Lord's vineyard?

The Sabbath School Department also realizes the importance of trained teachers for the children, youth, and adults of the denomination. It does not maintain teacher training departments in colleges or universities, it does not have normal schools of its own, neither does it conduct summer sessions. **BUT IT DOES HAVE A TRAINING COURSE** suited either to class instruc-

tion or private study. The outlines for the 1927 Course will appear in the **SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER** beginning with the February issue, now out. The books, costing but 4/- postpaid, should be ordered now of the Book and Bible House. They are "Learning and Teaching" and "Victory in Christ." It will be well worth any teacher's time to take this Course of training, and we trust that many will do so. Remember, "like teacher like pupil."

J. C. THOMPSON,
Associate Secretary General Confer-
ence Sabbath School Department.

A MESSAGE TO SABBATH SCHOOL WORKERS.

"Changing the conduct of our pupils is not enough. We must see to it that the changes occur because the pupils want them to occur; that the better ways of living are adopted because they themselves choose them in preference to others.

"Jesus in His life on earth was continually changing men's lives. He is still doing so. And He is securing not an enforced adoption of His programme but the most willing and determined adherence to His plans. How is it accomplished?

"Let us examine an instance of a life changed through Jesus' influence. Zaccheus was a publican who had grown rich in his despised business. He had evidently heard a great deal about Jesus and when Jesus came to Jericho Zaccheus made up his mind to see Him. But he realized that he could not see for the crowd because he was little of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order that he might get a good view. What was his motive? Largely curiosity, doubtless. He was willing to endure the inconveniences and discomfort of the position in order to satisfy that curiosity.

"Now, Jesus came and called him to 'make haste and come down.' And Zaccheus 'made haste and came down and received Him joyfully.' Why? Because Jesus told him to do so. But mere telling is not always enough. If securing right conduct were merely a matter of advising people it would be a much simpler task than it is. Zaccheus came down because he felt that by coming down he would have something far more worth while than a fine view. The change in his conduct was due to the arrival of new facts, the knowledge of Jesus' attitude toward him.

"A little later we find Zaccheus changing the whole plan of his life. Before his experience with Jesus, money seems to have been his chief desire. But now he has a new scale of values. Justice and righteousness are worth more than gold, and he is willing to make fourfold restitution for the wrongs he has done.

"A like case is that of Matthew. Jesus

came and called him. Matthew's work had been profitable to him. Upon it depended his livelihood. But here are greater values to be realized, beside which mere pecuniary gain counts as nothing. 'And he arose and followed Him.' With the rich young ruler, whom Jesus loved the trouble was that his scale of values was wrong. He desired eternal life. No flaw could be found in his conformity to the law. But he could not sacrifice the less for the greater. He went away sorrowful, but nevertheless he went away.

"Here, then, is the principle. The pupil will change his conduct if he feels that the proposed plan will bring him greater worth than the present plan."—**Learning and Teaching.** pp. 47-49.

These interesting paragraphs are but a sample of the entertaining and helpful instruction to religious workers, contained in one of the books ("Learning and Teaching") of the 1927 Sabbath School Workers' Training Course. Any one may take the course privately if he hasn't the opportunity of joining a class of Sabbath school workers. An outline of the weekly lessons, with assignments is given in each issue of the **Sabbath School Worker**, beginning with the February number. If one cannot do more he can read "Learning and Teaching" and "Victory in Christ" privately, thus receiving a rich intellectual and spiritual blessing. The cost of these two books is but 4/- and they are obtained through any Book and Bible House.

J. C. THOMPSON,

Associate Secretary General Conference Sabbath School Department.

OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Elder O. Montgomery at the General Conference at Milwaukee spoke these words of encouragement to our Sabbath schools.

"I am glad for the privilege of speaking a word for the Sabbath school work. I wish to tell you how I regard this work, and how it has always appealed to me. I look upon the Sabbath school work as one of the most successful pioneer agencies for the upbuilding of the cause of God. Years ago I learned that the Sabbath school is often the first form of organization in any section where an interest was created. The Sabbath school usually begins its work long before a church organization is established.

"We have often said that the Home Missionary Department touches every member of the family. But in its recent developments I find that the Sabbath school department is touching some more members of the family that the Home Missionary Department is not able to reach. I was interested as I visited a Sabbath school recently to have the privilege of attending the

Cradle Roll division. If I remember correctly, there were six or seven infants in their mother's arms, and there was a programme for these little tots. You have an organization that includes the entire family, from the babies to the grey-haired fathers and mothers. It develops spiritual growth in every heart and trains for actual service in the work of the Lord Jesus.

"I am not able to express in words the extent of the influence of the Sabbath school Department in our denominational work. It is one of the most potent factors among us in holding the children in the truth, and in throwing a hedge about their spiritual life. This is not only true of the children and youth, but I have discovered that the fathers and mothers and aged brethren and sisters who attend the Sabbath school are usually the people who are the most earnest, the most spiritual, in all church activities.

"There is another feature in which the Sabbath school is occupying first place. When I say 'first place' I mean that they are ahead in the race, while the rest of the church activities have not reached a quarter of the way. I refer to the raising of funds. We have come to look upon the Sabbath school Department as the strong wheel-horse in the raising of our mission funds. Fifty-two per cent. of all funds given to missions in North America flows into the treasury of the General Conference through the Sabbath school. That is a wonderful achievement. What would our Mission Board do if our Sabbath schools were to close, or should lose their interest in missions? It would strike one of the most staggering blows that could possibly be aimed at our world-wide work. We recognize that the raising of funds is not the primary object, the chief purpose of the Sabbath schools, yet I believe that dollars given "here" means souls saved "out there," and quite directly we are winning souls when we are raising dollars. We should have no other purpose in the raising of our financial goals than the winning of souls.

"Putting it in a few words, I count the Sabbath school and its work in the homeland as one of the most mighty factors we have for a strong advance work in all the world. North America is doing marvellously well in supporting the world work, for you train the boys and the girls and young men and women for responsibility in God's cause. The first responsibility I ever bore in this cause was to teach a Sabbath school class, and I praise the Lord for the experience I had as a teacher. May the Lord bless the Sabbath schools.

Brethren and sisters, let us not lightly regard the work of the Sabbath school. Let us resolve that we will by the help of God, this coming year be found in our places in the Sabbath school doing our part to make it a real soul winning agency.

MRS. W. J. HURDON.

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We are glad to quote the following letter of appreciation. It speaks for itself and we trust all will keep in mind the fact that loved ones far away are looking eagerly for news from their Island home, and rejoice at progress here.

"The Jamaica Visitor.

"The students, teachers and workers in our school have appreciated the encouraging words and reports sent to us in your good little paper, the JAMAICA VISITOR during the past year. I am writing to ask, that if possible you will retain the name of our library on your free mailing list for the year 1927. I hope that you may be able to do this for our students are eager to see their home paper and miss it so much if it is even a few days late.

"Thanking you for past favours and in advance for giving this request your favourable consideration, we wish you prosperity and the blessing of God in your work thru the coming year.

"Your sister in Christ,

"ALLIE OWEN, Librarian."

College of Medical Evangelists,
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SACRIFICE DEMANDED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Dear Brethren: Our Week of Prayer at Blue Hole, which commenced 11th December and ended the 18th, was quite remarkable. The first day of this prayer season was conducted by Pastor George Smith. During his sermons the Spirit of God worked upon my heart so much that tears ran down my cheeks for joy.

The writer and his brother, A. B. Langley, are two poor humble labourers in the Master's service. Our physical force, also our financial condition, are unable to support our zeal and love for this golden message; however, with continuing prayer we endeavour to accomplish what we are able. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2: 13.

We both have only washing apparel and sometimes this kind gets us discouraged because of the trouble it gives us in having it for use. So we made our prayer to the Lord for a suit each of the unwashing kind. Our prayers were answered yet have we not received them. The Thursday previous to the beginning of the prayer season I went to a store in a city place and asked to let me see a piece of cloth that I desire very much but with no money to purchase same.

On the road going home I renewed my prayer to the Lord. When I reached the post office I found there awaiting me £2 8/ from my sister in America, stating that we are to take this to buy something to wear. I was filled with joy, expecting to return to the place to have the two suits purchased which cost the very £2 8/.

To my surprise the Spirit of Christ demanded of us the full amount. We with tears of rejoicing gave it to the dear Lord, expecting even better suits; and are comforted by Abraham's experience with Isaac, his son.

I have always enjoyed this season when it comes around, but never so much as this year. I am thinking that it is because it is a double thing, both prayer season and week of sacrifice. If this would meet the Conference approbation, I would kindly ask that you always allow these periods of services to meet together annually. I am indeed certain that the Lord in these last days will want His people to make great sacrifices to Him, and I am glad that He has commenced it with us.

WILFRED E. LANGLEY.

OBITUARY

HUBERT ALEXANDER FRANCIS.

I am sorry to inform you of the sad news concerning our Montego Bay treasurer, Brother Francis. He left his home this morning 27th December, to his working place, about 12 miles distance. During the course of the day he left the workshop to buy a file to sharpen his saw. As he entered the road, an uncontrollable motor car over-took him and crushed him to death immediately on the spot.

Brother Francis has been a very faithful man in his office, for the past six years and he has been elected to serve the coming year. During the election he asked to be released even for one year; but for his noble service and faithfulness we could not afford to release him. We have truly lost one of the corner posts of the church.

Brother Francis came here as a stranger, but he lived here as one that was born here. Not we only as a people have lost a man, but the community has lost a friend. For the quiet Christian life which he lived he was beloved by all. He now sleeps in the arms of Jesus, and we hope to meet our faithful treasurer in the kingdom of God.

A. M. LAWRENCE.