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## THE NEW YEAR.

New mercies, new blessings, new light on thy way;  
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;  
New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight,  
New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;  
New wine in thy chalice, new altars to raise;  
New fruits for thy Master, now garments of praise;  
New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His face;  
New streams from the Fountain of Infinite grace;  
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;  
New gleams of the glory that waits thee above;  
New light of His countenance, full and unpriced—  
All this be the joy of thy new life in Christ.

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL.

## THE CRISIS AT HAND.

Ever since some of us were little children we have heard the pioneers and leaders in this work preaching from the text of Revelation 13 and telling us of events in the closing days of the fulfilment of prophecy. Without a doubt the final issue is upon us. God's powerful restraining hand may yet hold back the Sunday law forces from achieving their full aim for yet some time to come, but without a doubt we are face to face with the beginning of the final battle.

Elders Longacre and Votaw of our Religious Liberty Department, who are keeping in touch continually with affairs in Congress, have been telling us that there is a new line-up of the Sunday law forces. As never before they are laying themselves out to press for the winning of their objective. Well we know what this conflict means that now we are entering upon. We must let the public know. Be ready, brethren and sisters, as the word is sounded, to do your part. Pray and spread the literature. Enlighten the people. Let everybody know what it means that the churches seem to be rising almost as one to throw the influence of their millions into the scale for the enforcement of the long-coveted laws. God has hitherto helped this people in holding back these elements. These things are the call of God to us to put away sin and to hold ourselves where God can work His will through His people.

W. A. SPICER,  
President General Conference.

"A working church is a living church."

## "BE YE ALSO READY"

A new year is before us; a year freighted with great possibilities and great dangers. As never before we see the work of God hastening into every nook and corner of this world. Evidences of the soon-coming King are multiplying daily. This New Year will bring its added burdens for the people of God; its many calls to enter into the opening providences of God. It will call for a deeper consecration than ever before; it will call for greater courage as we face the greater dangers. As conditions grow worse and worse (for evil men will wax worse and worse) we shall need more and more of the grace of God.

The coming year must bring to us as a people more of the power so freely offered which alone will enable us to defeat the powers of darkness that are closing in upon us.

"Floods of spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it." Vol. 8, page 46.

The mightiest influence in moulding character that will bravely advance in the face of every difficulty is the unreserved surrender of the life to Christ. "At the commencement of this New Year we are starting out on a journey in which we can have no knowledge in advance. The road is one on which we have never gone heretofore. We know not what any day will have for us; what our duties will be, what burdens shall be laid upon us, what sorrows we shall have to endure, what battles we shall have to fight. We cannot see one step before us." We cannot afford to travel this road alone. Jesus has promised to go with us every step of the way if we will accept His company. All He asks is that we surrender our load of sin. We have no right to count on His help and protection and guidance if we are not willing to comply with His conditions. We cannot travel the road before us alone except to our own hurt. If you would know "The Way" there must be first a willing heart, willing to make a full surrender, yielding all to His guiding hand, following prayerfully and carefully in His steps; looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," we shall never lose our way. Clouds may gather, storms will beat upon our path. However fierce the tempest, those who turn to Jesus will find in Him an ever-present help.

"The enmity of Satan against God, will be manifested more and more as he brings his

forces into activity in his last work of rebellion; and every soul that has not fully surrendered to God and is not kept by divine power will form an alliance with Satan against heaven, and join in battle against the ruler of the universe.

"My brother, my sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the Judgment, that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace. In that day the redeemed will shine forth in the glory of the Father and the Son. The angels, touching their golden harps, will welcome the King and His trophies of victory,—those who have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. A song of triumph will peal forth, filling all heaven. Christ has conquered. He enters the heavenly courts, accompanied by His redeemed ones, the witnesses that His mission of suffering and sacrifice has not been in vain.

"There are homes for the pilgrims of earth. There are robes for the righteous, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

"We are homeward bound. He who loved us so much as to die for us, hath builded for us a city. The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no sadness in the city of God. No wail of sorrow, no dirge of crushed hopes and buried affections will evermore be heard. Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garment. Soon we shall witness the coronation of our King. Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.

"It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet, a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.**' Heb. 10: 35-37. Look up, look

up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed. 'Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.' James 5: 7, 8."

"I have walked on the Mount of Gladness,  
I have wept in the Vale of Tears,  
And my feet have stumbled oft times as I  
trod through thy path of the years;  
Yet my heart has ever lifted its song of  
thankful praise  
To the God of all eternity, who has kept  
me in my ways.  
Though alone I tread the wine press, or  
kneel in Gethsemane,  
I know he has never forsaken, and that  
he leadeth me.  
Though I walk through the Valley of the  
Shadow, my soul shall not be dismay-  
ed,  
For my God is the God of the Fathers, the  
God of the unafraid."

W. J. HURDON.

### RESIGNATION.

"And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible with thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." Mark 14: 36.

How much did Christ bear to save me? He gave up His honour, riches, and glorious home and became the son of one of the humblest of day-labourers, even the carpenter Joseph. He suffered the gnawing pangs of hunger for nearly six weeks, intensified by the guilt of the sins of the world. For three and a half years He bore my (our) griefs, carried my (our) sorrows. Men despised and rejected Him. They opposed and afflicted Him. He had no place of His own to lay His head. He was hungry, footsore, and weary.

How much did He suffer for me (for you)? Go to dark Gethsemane and there see the intense agony that forced the bloody sweat through His pores. He craved human sympathy, but He suffered alone. Follow Him to the Judgment Hall, with its injustice and insult. Climb Golgotha's mournful heights. Behold Him, tortured, on the ignominious cross. Taste the wormwood and the gall. See the darkness that surrounds His blessed form. All nature revolts. His Father's presence is hidden. With a sense of infinite isolation, He treads the wine-press alone. Hear His piteous cry: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Draw near and see Him die. "Not what I will, but what thou wilt."

Then shall I refuse to follow where He leads? He knew no sin. He suffered for my sins (and yours, dear reader). Shall I complain when called to suffer on my own account? The cross that He gave may be heavy. The thorn in my path may be sharp. The cup that I drink may be bitter. The storm that I fear may surround me. But I hear Him say, "My grace is sufficient for you." Therefore, not what I will, but, Father, "what thou wilt."

"Thy way, not mine, O Lord,  
However dark it be;  
Lead me by thine own hand,  
And choose the path for me."

HUBERT FLETCHER.

### GLENGOFFE.

December 2-4 was fully occupied at Glengoffe, during which time the Ordinances of the Lord's House were administered, a Harvest Festival Service conducted, and a new lamp—an Aladdin, a gift to the church by the worthy Doctor Dryden of the town—was unveiled and dedicated. These latter functions were a success in every way. Members of the Kingston choir contributed largely to the musical side of the programme. Other visitors from Kingston were present, also visiting brethren from Everton Park and Linstead. Brother O. P. Reid and Mr. Kenneth Dixon figured prominently in the proceedings of the evening, and the writer gave some helpful thoughts on "Seed-sowing and Reaping." The local talent too gave a good account of themselves. All went away feeling satisfied.

The night meeting, at which the unveiling, lighting, and dedicating of the lamp took place, was equally successful and somewhat unique. Several Chinese were in attendance, two of whom are specially interested in the truths of Seventh-day Adventism. These latter are regular subscribers to the *Signs of the Times*. To them Brother Howell, the energetic church leader, accorded the privilege of unveiling and lighting the new lamp, respectively. Nearly eleven Pounds was taken in at these two meetings.

S. U. POWELL.

### NORTH STREET, KINGSTON.

A month ago we stood about £70 from our Harvest Ingathering goal. To-day we are in sight of it by £20. We have no doubt about exceeding the mark.

The Week of Prayer has started in with rich blessings to all. Movings of the Spirit have been felt and manifested in each meeting.

"Mercy-drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead."

S. U. POWELL.

"Past achievements will not atone for present duties left undone."

### REGENT STREET, KINGSTON.

On Sunday, November 27, at 3.30 p.m., the members of the Regent Street Church gathered once more in the little church, and listened with enthusiasm to one of the finest programmes ever held there, on the all-absorbing subject of "Temperance."

Some weeks previous this place was the scene of busy activities, arduous practising of songs, recitations and dialogues—all on the subject of temperance; and on the day appointed, we met together to reap the fruits of our labour.

The chairman appointed was unable to be present, so almost on the spur of the moment the writer had to act as chairman. Owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, we did not have as large a crowd as we anticipated, but this did not detract one iota from the enthusiasm and interest displayed by both actors and audience.

We were treated to a rich collection of musical selections by the choir, led by Bro. David Walker, interspersing recitations and dialogues, which were well rendered and highly appreciated by the audience.

The minds of all were vividly impressed with the harmful effects of the baneful habit of using alcohol and narcotics in any form; and the great good to be derived from abstaining altogether from these poisonous drugs which are among the greatest curses in the world to-day. A truly profitable and enjoyable evening was spent and all left well satisfied. The requests were numerous to repeat the programme, which we plan to do at an early date, God willing.

The chief purpose of this programme was to assist in raising funds for the finishing of our church building, which was not quite completed. A silver collection was taken.

FRANK FLETCHER.

### A LESSON.

I shall never forget a vivid experience of my boyhood days. It was in the winter time, and the sidewalk was icy and very slippery. Father wanted to take my hand, but I was very independent, and told him that I could walk alone. Soon my feet shot out from under me, and I went down with a thud. The bump was painful. I told him that I guessed I would take hold of his hand. He reached down a big finger, which I grasped with my little hand. But soon we came to another slippery place, and again my feet slipped out, and my baby grasp upon his hand was not sufficient to hold me up. The second bump was more painful than the first. Then I said, "Daddy, I will let you hold my hand now." Then when my feet slipped a third time, his strong hand held me. The trouble with us is that we are too strong, too confident, too resourceful, for God. We don't let Him hold us.

L. E. FROM,

Secretary Ministerial Association.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

### AN INTERESTING HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCE.

Brother J. C. Klöse, home missionary secretary of the Southeastern Union Conference, spent a few hours recently, accompanied by his wife, calling on three wealthy families of Chattanooga. At the first home they called they were met at the door by the coloured servant. The lady of the house received word and came to the door. Sister Klöse engaged her in conversation concerning mission work, and there was no interest until it became known that the Klöses were Seventh-day Adventists, connected with the people who held the world council in Chattanooga. Learning of this the lady of the house replied, "Oh, that is different; come right in." After a brief conversation the lady of the house excused herself, left the room and came back a moment later with \$5. After another brief conversation the lady retired from the room, coming back with another \$5, stating that her husband thought the former donation was too small.

At the second home they were met pleasantly, and the lady of the house accompanied them to the flower garden back of the house where her husband was sunning himself. After Brother Klöse explained the purpose of their call, the gentleman of the house said, "Suppose we were to reverse it. Say I am a Seventh-day Adventist and you an Episcopalian, and I would solicit you. Would you give a donation to me? Brother Klöse replied, "That all depends. If I knew your mission board was operating where the need was very great and my mission board was not working there, relieving the suffering and distress of the people, I believe I would give to you." To this the man, who is an Episcopalian, replied, "Well, I will give you a small donation. Call at my office Monday." To the lady of the house he said, "I have a check book; why not write a check now?" The man then wrote a check for \$15.

*Field Tidings.*

### AN IDEAL GOAL FOR EVERY CHURCH.

Every member a Home Missionary worker.

The Family Altar in every home.

Every Home Missionary a reporter.

At least two hours each week per member in service for Christ.

At least one soul for Christ per member each year.

At least five interested homes or names on each worker's list throughout the year.

Every English reading S. D. A. family a subscriber for the *Review*.

*Eastern Canadian Messenger.*

## THE SECRET OF PERFECT WORKMANSHIP.

Service that counts is not something that we do. Rather, it is something that Someone else does with us. We are living tools that God wants to use. A native pastor in Korea wrote to a friend in America:

"I have been so greatly blessed. Not that I have done anything. The beloved Carpenter of Nazareth hath stretched forth His beautiful hand and taken hold of me as a plane to work on His building. My only honour is that His hand hath touched me." In the same spirit Paul cried, "Yet not I, but the grace of God." Let us as tools ever glory in the pierced hand that lifts us and uses us. Failure comes when we think, "I am labouring abundantly!" Yielding to the Master's hand is the secret of perfect workmanship.

*Selected.*

The Saskatoon church has won a soul through sending out twenty-five copies of the *Present Truth* regularly for twenty weeks. This individual has taken his full stand for truth. Three other people have also been won through the Home Bible Study League, and a number of names are coming into the office through reading the little tract, "Is Jesus Your Friend," which is being distributed with the Harvest Ingathering. Let us be faithful in the circulation of this little tract.

*Western Canadian Tidings.*

### A REAL HOME MISSIONARY

Nineteen calls and not once turned down in Harvest Ingathering work. This happened the other day in the business district of East Ellsworth. How did it happen? It happened because Brother Alfred Holland who introduced me to his business acquaintances has done Harvest Ingathering work in the same place year after year.

Brother Holland is elder of the Beldenville church, but he is better known by everybody in town for his absolute honesty in all business relations. Through his truck garden, he has business contact with practically everyone in town. Then all remember him for his missionary activity. Seldom does any one refuse a tract given or a book offered for sale by Brother Holland. He is seventy-nine years of age, and has been a home missionary for over fifty years. The same year that Elder Andrews went to Switzerland, Brother Holland returned to England for a short visit, and although he had not yet been baptized, he took with him a good supply of our books and gave them to his former acquaintances. This was in Great Grimsby. We later had a strong work in this place. Returning to America, he was baptized in 1878 by Elder Decker at Stevens Point, and has been an active layman ever since, always carrying some responsibility in local church work.

What a pleasure it was to go out with this brother! To me it was a privilege to be associated with one who has been a real home missionary for so many years.

I have related this experience to emphasize two points: First, be in your contact with others such that you can at any time come to your acquaintances in the role of a missionary worker;

and second, go to the same people year after year in the Harvest Ingathering work. It pays.

*Wilbur Holbrook in Lake Union Herald.*

### A SOLILOQUY

If I refuse to give to missions, if I do not take part in the Harvest Ingathering work, I really cast my vote in the favour of the recall of every missionary, and cut from my Bible the last two verses of Matthew 28.

If I do less than heretofore, I vote for the reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced effort and contribution.

If I give and do the same Harvest Ingathering work as formerly, I favour holding the ground already won, but vote against any forward movement. By that kind of vote, I change the text, and make it read, "Stand still," whereas it really says, "Go."

If I give more, and take a more active part in Harvest Ingathering work than in former years, if I do all I can, then my life's vote this year will be in favour of an advance in harmony with the Saviour's command, "Go ye and teach all nations—to observe all things."

Resolved—That I will put forth greater effort to assist in the spreading of the gospel message, and to take an active part in the Harvest Ingathering.

—Adapted from African Division Outlook.

### FOR THE MAKING OF A CHRISTIAN HOME.

Five years ago a mother in a southwestern city lay ill with tuberculosis. She faced death. "Then," she says, "the evolutionistic and semi-atheistic ideas I had acquired in high school and college failed me utterly, and I began studying the Bible for a ray of hope." An old man next door remembered that he had a book on the Bible, and he brought her "Our Lord's Return." I knew from that hour that I had found God's truth. I ordered a dozen more books from the advertisements on the inside cover. I got in touch with Adventists, and learned the principles of health reform. By the first of the year I was able to be up, and I was baptized on the first Sabbath. Then I was introduced to *Parents' Lessons*, the very thing I needed for the making of a Christian home, and the training of my two little ones."

Two years later she wrote; "It would rejoice your hearts to see the transformation that has come over at least four homes as a result of the *Parents' Lessons*,—notably my own home. I praise God daily that He has been so merciful as to provide this help for us; for so many of us have never had the privilege of being in a Christian home in our lives, or knowing what one was like, and we had so little to go by. And we knew practically nothing of the art of training and instructing children at home. I do thank God for the assurance that now we are learning to rear our children for Him, and that this knowledge will grow and increase as we apply ourselves. My great regret is that more mothers cannot be encouraged to shake off their indolence and avail themselves of this blessed help."

You, too, will find *Parents' Lessons* help you to make a Christian home. The *Lessons* for 1928, beginning with the January issue, will have studies right through on Babyhood, Childhood, Preadolescence, and Adolescence. Send, for information, to The Home Commission, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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### SELECTION OF TEACHERS

"The object of Sabbath school work is the ingathering of souls." "There should be much personal work done in the Sabbath school; so the teacher becomes a great factor in this work, either to promote or hinder it. The consecrated teacher can be used mightily in this way. He stands as sort of pastor to those in his class.

The time is at hand when perhaps many new teachers are appointed for the Sabbath-school work. Some are experienced, and some are not, but all should be ever learning and seeking to find new and better methods of imparting the truth to those who are in their classes.

Qualifications of good teachers are many. Deep consecration is one of the most important, without which the teacher's work will be lifeless and unfruitful; then there should be a willingness to make thorough preparation of the lesson. The teacher's dress should be modest and plain, free from extremes in styles, preaching the truth to those who are before her or him.

I quote from "Testimonies on S. S. Work," pages 22 and 24: "Teachers should do all in their power, as those standing in defence of the truth, to raise the standard high. There cannot be a worse thing done for your Sabbath-school than to place as workers young men and young women who have shown great defects in their religious experience . . . Do not lower the standard in your Sabbath-school. Your children must have as their teachers those whose example and influence will be a blessing rather than a curse. They must have constantly before them a high sense of virtue, purity, and holiness which characterize the Christian life . . . Give not, by voice or pen, encouragement to men or women who have not moral worth, whose past life shows a want of conscience and integrity. They may be sharp, witty, and intelligent; but if the heart is not imbued with the Spirit of God, and if they have not integrity of character, their influence points earthward, not heavenward, and will be detrimental, wherever they are, and in whatever they may engage.

"We are in great need of men and women who sense sin and hate iniquity; who have spiritual eyesight to discern the wants of the cause of God, and to work with a devoted, unselfish interest, keeping self ever hid in Jesus. We want young men of whom

God can approve, who have practical godliness, who have consciences quick to feel and sense danger; men and women who will not exalt themselves, and will not seek to hide the deformity of the soul under a cloak of godliness; those who feel their weakness and imperfections of character, and who will hang their helpless souls on Jesus Christ.

"Every teacher in the school should feel that he is a missionary for God. He must improve his moments and his ability to obtain a knowledge of the word of God, that he may impart the same to his scholars. Teachers will become disqualified for their position if they are not learners."

A paragraph from a recent letter from Mrs. Plummer gives us these few lines from "Testimonies on S. S. Work:"

"Teachers and workers in every department of the Sabbath-school work, I address you in the fear of God, and tell you that unless you have a living connection with God, and are often before Him in earnest prayer, you will not be able to do your work with heavenly wisdom, and win souls for Christ."

Sister Plummer then says, "I wonder if the reason why we do not make all the advancement that our hearts desire is because we, ourselves, personally do not maintain that living connection with God that is spoken of in these few words. I feel like urging strongly that all our Sabbath-school workers make their work more effective by seeking the Lord most earnestly for that personal victory over sin, and that personal guidance in our work, which only the Lord Himself can give. There is nothing too hard for Him to accomplish through us if only we, ourselves, serve as the right-channel between Him and the people."

"Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of our Sabbath-schools as by the ministers in our pulpits, for all alike are engaged in the work of bringing souls to Christ. Each in his place is to work, as did Christ, in the spirit of love, for the erring and impenitent. This is what Christ would see in the Sabbath-School Work." Test on S. S. W. p. 42. Does He see it?

H. A. HURDON.

### INTERESTING CLASSES.

"The word '*interest*' is derived from the Latin word '*inter esse*,' which means, 'To be in it,' or really 'To be among it.' Now every lesson will be interesting to class members if they have a chance to be *in it* or *among it*. When the *teacher* becomes the preacher, the class members have no chance whatever to be *in it*, but are compelled to listen to the wisdom of one who leaves his rightful place as a teacher and becomes, instead, a preacher. The class is thus deprived of a chance to tell individual experience, or

to speak of personal findings in the Word of God with regard to the lesson, and so on."

"Now, the only pedagogic way to avoid preaching, is to ask questions, and never to state any truth or fact which the class members could state if the proper question were asked them. And it seems to me that one great need, in the effort to increase the interest in the Sabbath School, is to bring about a reformation in the Sabbath School Teachers' Meeting, so that there would be given from time to time—at least once a quarter—special instruction to the teachers on the importance of asking proper questions. The art of asking proper questions is a science. The one who asks questions must maintain an attitude of humility. A boy, returning home after his first day at school, said to his mother: 'Why, our teacher does not know very much. He has been asking us questions the whole time.' Lack of humility is one of the reasons why so many people find it difficult to ask questions and, no doubt the most of us find it easier to say the thing ourselves. But that is not *interesting* the class members."

"Once the church members see that in the Sabbath School they have a chance to state their own findings, and occasionally to even throw in an experience, they will be more interested in the Sabbath School than in any other part of the church service."

"Another matter which should be given due consideration, if we are to increase the interest in the Sabbath School, is to allow sufficient time for the class study. In some of our churches in Europe, there has been a growing tendency to make all kinds of speeches or readings during the opening exercises, and to have a long review of the previous lesson, so that only a very short time is left for the class study, which is really the most important part of the Sabbath School. I was glad to hear Sister Plummer say the other day, that the *reading* of the Missionary Readings was the poorest way of presenting the idea of missions to the Sabbath School: and that a short free talk would be much better."

E. KOTZ.

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### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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#### WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

If the number of letters of inquiry is any sign, there are a good many new students planning upon attending the West Indian Training College at the beginning of the next semester. As this number of the VISITOR will reach its readers, it will be time to make quite definite plans, for school begins again on January 25 to continue for eighteen weeks.

Students are admitted at any time during

the school year, but there are two best times for entering: at the opening of the first semester and at the opening of the second semester.

In order to pay our bills, it is necessary to maintain the cash basis announced at the beginning of this school year, of six Pounds ten at the beginning of the semester and the price of a month's board at the beginning of each month thereafter.

F. O. RATHBUN,  
*Acting Principal.*

(Note:—In this issue the commencement speeches, including the class song, are concluded.—Ed.)

### VALEDICTORY

Friendship, like the oft-repeated story of the cross, because of its loftiness, its sublimity, its majestic symphonies, seems almost a thing incredible. All nature and all thought are the husk and shell of the sweet sincerity of joy and peace drawn from the alliance of one soul with another.

It is indeed a truth that one's friend is an effigy of himself, and thus true friendship cannot be made from frost-work or threads of glass, but rather is formed from the toughest fibre of the heart—replete with intrinsic nobleness and contempt of trifles, which preserve the delicacy of its beauty from the ravages of Time, Distance, Penury, and Adversity.

To-night I can see that our friendship glows with these attributes. Like soft moonlight rays our alliance of soul began, when together we as a class started out on the path to excellence and success. Our association each passing day strengthened its brightness to star-like splendour, and time has matured its effulgence to a very semblance of the orb of day.

This programme to-night marks the first hillock in our path to success; and ere we venture out into the broad plain of Service which lies just before us, a pang of grief pervades our feelings, and we begin to wonder what causes our reluctance to move on—what makes our thoughts so irrecoverably engrossed with feelings of sadness upon having to withdraw from the precincts of our Alma Mater. Is it the mathematics, the language, the science? Nay, it is that flower which blooms in all kinds of weather and cheers us by its sweet fragrance—Friendship.

"Memory plays sweet interludes on our quivering heart-strings," when we recall that most proverbial saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," whilst in our minds pass in succession those to whom we have to say good-bye.

Members of the Board and teachers, fain would we address our farewells first of all to you. Relentless have been your efforts in endeavouring to place within our grasp solu-

tions to the difficult problems that confronted us from time to time. Your labours have been untiring in combating the waves of disappointment and discouragement which swept across our path in all their fury again and again. And when it seemed as though our last glimmer of hope was about to give way to the gloom of despondency, your evinced interest in us, your cheery smiles and words of encouragement chased away the sombre clouds; and as they lifted, again our light of hope began to kindle. How can we repay you for your work? Could we fashion from the gold of Ophir crowns of rarest beauty, ascend to some constellation and sprinkle them with star-dust for jewels, engage the potentates of earth in all their pomp and glory to adorn your well-deserved brows with them—then the half of our gratitude to you would not have been expressed. But your labours shall be rewarded as you see us fitting places of usefulness, even in the remotest parts of the world, and more fully so should we all meet in the Beautiful Beyond. Farewell, farewell.

Beloved Alma Mater, we are loath to leave thee, but we must; for the training we have had from you has inculcated in us readiness to attack, desire and determination to help find solutions to the problems which face the world. And so with firm, unflinching tread we go forth in loving, unselfish service, from within thy sheltering seclusion into a world rampant with vapid and virulent influences, to supply some of its yawning needs, holding high aloft, bright, radiant, and unsullied the banner of the principles which you have endeavoured to form in us as part of our very being. To you in loving and gracious tones, we sigh our depressed farewell.

Fellow students and friends, your presence here to-night is a signal evidence of the friendly interest you maintain for us. Most sweet is it to know as we journey onward in our career, that there are some here who are interested in our joys and sorrows—who are interested in our success. How it inspires us with an ambition to rise higher, and to build us noble lives—such as will be an honour to them, to ourselves, and to God. Gladly would we linger a while and enjoy the pleasant association with you whose kindly thoughts toward us synchronize with the rolling years. But from the vast domain where duty calls to service, we hear our names echo and ring through the silent air. Answer we must; but ere we go, we pause to tell you a regretful yet loving farewell.

Dear classmates, we who have together delved into the problems of school-life have been benefited by our amicable association. The sympathizing touch of each other has been to us an incentive to still nobler living. We have shared with each other the joy of mastering the studies, and overcoming trying experiences which have been ours;

and the friendship thus formed, from our close relationship, is true and genuine; for it springs and grows in the soil of your noble and self-sacrificing hearts. And as now the golden sun of our school career sinks lower behind the western hills of commencement night, our friendship, like the lengthening shadows of eve, strengthens with its setting. Classmates, how hard it was for us to bid farewell to teachers, Alma Mater, and friends! Yet, even now we must say farewell to one another; but 'tis not for ever. If steadfast, we shall meet on the farther bank of the river in the Homeland; for all roads of service, at the end of the way merge into one of the paths which lead through the pearly portals of that Beautiful Beyond.

The world is full of tasks which are ours to do, and the completion of our course causes us to separate and go each in search of his own. The restless waters of the wide ocean may roll between us, and this meeting to-night be the last time we view each other in this world; but soon we shall be together once more. Soon shall the eastern hills be clothed with the glory of a rising sun—not a sun to rule the day, but the Son of Righteousness Who comes to reign victorious over all the earth and to take to His heavenly mansion those who have served Him with all their hearts.

"What means this parting then to you and me?

What means it that we scatter o'er the land?  
Shall we not go and bid the nations flee  
The fearful wrath which hovers near at hand?

"Yes, rather tell them of the refuge found,  
The wondrous love which wills that none shall die;

Go spread salvation's message far around;  
Go bid the people to this refuge fly.

"The time needs heroes fearing not to die;  
For truth and freedom live when brave men swell

The righteous ranks which march out to defy

The tyrant's haughty boast. Farewell, farewell."

COLIN ARTHUR PITTER.

### SONG TO W. I. T. C.

O wondrous Muse, now fill my soul with praises  
That I may sing my Alma Mater's graces;  
O give me words that I may tell with power  
Her sterling worth this hour.

#### CHORUS:

My W. I. T. C.  
Thee on the hill I see,  
My heart will be with thee  
As long as I shall live;  
And may no earth-born cloud  
Bedim thy record proud,  
But march thou ever on  
In state and glory.

When nature's hand did mold the lofty mountains,  
Did fill the seas and ope the gushing fountains  
She gave to thee a beauty all excelling;  
That beauty now I sing.

Yet not the most for this I hold thee famous  
But for achievements and for prospects glorious,  
For sons and daughters, messengers of heaven,  
That to the world are given.

For sons and daughters yet to take thine honour  
And to the breeze unfold its glorious banner,  
By word and deed to show the way of living,  
That peace on earth will bring.

Live on, work on, nor cease thy noble labour,  
Till in eternity thy bark shall anchor,  
Till joy supernal takes the place of sorrow,  
And storms no more shall blow.

P. J. BAILEY.

### WHY GET AN EDUCATION?

This question may well be asked of us, "Why spend so much time and money in worrying to get an education beyond an ordinary elementary education? Your forefathers have succeeded fairly well without; then why don't you save yourself all this trouble?" To one who is not ambitious, who has no aim in life to become something, but like a hog wallows himself in the mud of his self-satisfaction this kind of an argument seems good; but anyone who is content with merely an elementary education will never and can never raise himself from the low plane he may now be in.

It is because of this truth that the Greek nation stands out so prominently, intellectually, in history. They reached the zenith of educational development and have never since been surpassed. Our race—the negro race—is also beginning to realize its importance, and so it is endeavouring to give its youth a good education. This is marked, when we consider that while a few years ago our forefathers were toiling hard under the cruel lash of their slave masters, to-day their offspring are occupying prominent places in the world. Their progeny is no longer a door-mat for the more highly blessed to walk on, but he now sits with the rulers of our land. The government of our island is partially in the hands of the once down-trodden race. What has done this? Isn't it education?

Education lifts one socially, politically, spiritually, and temporally. It lifts him socially because, having acquired an education which makes him more refined and dignified, he is invited to associate with those who are his equal in these respects. He seeks his companions in the ranks of intelligence, for as the old adage says, "Birds of a feather flock together." Politically he rises in that he may become the leader of his race. Though one may be ever so poor, this stupendous height is not impossible for him to reach if he has education. We have the late Premier of England, Mr. Lloyd



George, who was once a shoe-maker, but, having drunk of the Pierian Spring, he continued his studies until he was able to fill the coveted office of Premier of England. Then again, we have the man Abraham Lincoln, whose name is of world-wide fame. Had it not been for his persistence in getting an education, he would never have been heard of today. He was so poor that he was unable to purchase his own books but instead was obliged to borrow; while at the same time the privilege of going to school was denied him. He did not sit back complacently because of his poverty. He diligently studied until at last he was able to fill the president's chair.

True education goes hand in hand with the Christian religion. The benefit derived from an education from a religious viewpoint cannot be too fully emphasized. How would the gospel be propagated had it not been for those who had an education? The educated class has to be reached and it can be done only by educated preachers. Education also gives a broader knowledge of the Creator. When, for instance, we study physiology, astronomy, and histology we are bound to appreciate more fully the omnipotence of the Almighty.

Lastly, education helps one temporally. If a casual glance be taken of the successful business men of the world, it will be readily seen that they are all educated. Unless one has an education it is almost impossible for him to succeed. It is needed in the office, in the workshop, in the factories, on the farm, and in every other sphere of life. Just think of the catastrophe there would be if there were no one with an education to fill these places! Education gives one an impelling aggressive force which cannot be kept back. If he happens to be at the bottom, he is sure to rise. The youth who is educated *must* succeed. The fact is so often verified that it is not necessary here to cite any examples. The reason for so many dependent classes to-day is in the fact that right education is lacking. They have no education to fill higher places; therefore they must be satisfied to fill the menial and servile places.

There are many who venture to acquire this golden treasure, but when the heat of study, hardship, and inconvenience arises, they wither and die of the lack of perseverance. They put forth a little effort at first and then get discouraged. Why not imitate such men as Booker Washington, Lincoln, Garfield, and others, who had to toil hard amid many adverse circumstances, but never rested until, like Hannibal, they had topped the ladder? Their motto was "There shall be no Alps." Who knows that in an ordinary boy whom we may pass carelessly may not be a Demosthenes or a Plato, but who because he lacks the development of his potential ability remains unnoticed? Like the diamond he needs to undergo the re-

fining process. A diamond before it is polished looks just like any ordinary stone, but on being worked on for probably about two years, it produces the brilliant and lustrous gem. If it were not worked on it would be worth little or nothing; but afterwards several hundreds or thousands of Pounds. This is true also of the youth who has an education. Doesn't it pay, then, to have an education? It is hoped that all who read these lines and have not the coveted treasure, Education, will insist on getting it.

R. B. CAMPBELL, '27.

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## COSTA RICA.

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Some fifteen months ago the Lord thought fit to entrust to me a place among the labourers of His vineyard. He called me to work in one of the picturesque countries of Latin America—Costa Rica. Well do I recall the Sabbath morning when I landed in Port Limon. The surroundings, and in fact everything, were so different to those in Jamaica that indeed I felt as if I had been wafted into another world. But my feelings in this direction soon faded, for half an hour after landing I was in a little Seventh-day Adventist church, singing the same old songs and studying the same Sabbath School lessons.

As the western horizon flushed with the crimson of sunset, a peculiar emotion possessed me, as I realized that I had spent my first day in the mission field. But there was no cause for lament, neither was there any reason for ruminating over the pleasures I had left behind—college associations, friends, relatives, and the like. The brethren here were hospitable beyond expectation, and there was also the promise, "Lo, I am with you."

On Monday of the next week I betook myself to the part of the church building in which the day school sessions are conducted. Here came my first disappointment. I had formed a mental picture of a well-equipped school house and about 50 pupils but there was to be found anything but a well-equipped school house, and but 19 pupils answered at the ringing of the bell that morning. I enrolled the pupils and started in to work with the prayer that my efforts would be blest of God.

After 15 months of labour there is now in Port Limon a large church school, numbering 133. Indeed, has God blest. I am proud of the fact that to me is entrusted a part in the closing work, for as never before, "The fields are white already to harvest." May I not solicit your prayers in my behalf, that God may continue to bless my feeble efforts?

OSCAR HARRIOTT, '25.

## SPANISH HONDURAS.

Many and varied are the experiences that come to us from day to day as onward our course we pursue. When rightly met, these are the things that make towards perfection of character. We are either weakened or strengthened as a result of life's daily combats, thus we can account for the relative position that we sustain in the accomplishment of our ideals or purposes.

Notwithstanding the battles to be fought the hardships to endure, and the problems to solve, our allwise Creator never permits us to endure above that which we are able, but proportionately distributes ability to the creatures under His care; and in this distribution sweetens life with joys that are lasting. Then may we not thank God that life is not all sorrow and misery; but that there are bright spots in our experiences that more than compensate for what we suffer? Moreover, the wonderful provision of the gospel gives to us the assurance, if we will but exercise faith in God, of victory through Christ.

Not so long ago it was the writer's privilege to give a Bible Study to a Spanish lady in Utila. The subject was God's love for man (El amor de Dios hacia el hombre). Before we proceeded with the study, God's blessing was invoked, after which it would have done any one's heart good to see the interest shown during the study of this subject. To her the Word of God was like a refreshing draught to a thirsty soul. Surely the Word of God reveals just the Saviour that satisfies the longings of the human heart. In this study I experienced the working of the Holy Spirit, enabling me to speak the Spanish language in such a way that she could clearly understand this grand phase of the Gospel Message.

Such experiences do greatly encourage us in our labours for the Master. They bear out the truthfulness of the statement that "Our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

E. S. RIETTIE, '24.

## CURRENT ITEMS.

As the semester examinations come at the time appointed for the Week of Prayer in the churches, we devoted the week December 3-10 to that purpose. Usually the readings were presented at the 6 A. M. meetings and inspirational talks were given at the 7.15 P. M. meetings, which followed the prayer seasons in small bands in the dormitories. We were privileged to have Pastor Jones with us for two mid-week services and Pastor Hurdon for the week-end. Victories were won, and all were inspired to continue the warfare against sin with fresh courage and energy.

Miss Grace Hurdon accompanied her father to the college and visited among her many old friends.

The wedding of two members of the Newport church, Miss Hines and Mr. Loney, took place in the college auditorium at noon on December 14, Pastor Randle officiating and the college furnishing the music. At least one hundred guests from a distance witnessed the ceremony.

On the evening of November 19 we enjoyed the privilege of seeing lantern views of "Famous Pictures" and hearing about them in the lecture given by Mrs. W. H. Pickering of Mandeville. A few pictures of famous cathedrals were also included.

By invitation several of the teachers attended the closing exercises of the Brampton School for Girls on the night of December 12.

It is announced that the marriage of Miss Beulah Mortlock of Montego Bay to Mr. Brian Hamilton, '26, will be solemnized on December 20, at 5 P. M., in the college auditorium. They will reside at the college, where Mr. Hamilton is a teacher and superintendent of the cabinet and carpentry department.

Our industrial departments have been having more than a busy season this semester. Even by working nights the Sheet-metal Shop has found it impossible to supply the heavy demand for orange-oil containers, along with other work in the shop and outside.

The holiday postponed from November 3 was appreciated two weeks later. The young women of the Philmelodic Club entertained the school family from 6.30 to 9.30 P.M., with an excellent programme in two parts and a "lap-supper" between them. One especially enjoyable feature was the giving of volunteer impromptu speeches on assigned subjects. The girls have proved themselves royal entertainers both last year and this.

Invitations have been received for a wedding to be held in the S. D. A. church at Port Limou on December 27, when Miss Miana Powell will become the bride of Keith O. C. Harriott.

## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

### WANTED—A COLPORTEUR

- Wanted, a colporteur, a "regular" one  
With an eye to see how the battle's won;  
With a steady nerve and a heart that's clean,  
A patient soul and a mind serene.
- A colporteur of utterance clear and true  
Who knows his faith will carry him through:  
A colporteur to pray in the face of hate,  
A colporteur to dare—and not hesitate.
- Wanted, a colporteur whom God can use  
Whose courage clings, though men abuse:  
A colporteur whose zeal is all aglow  
Who toils unceasingly as the hours go.
- Wanted, in brief, a colporteur true  
(These lines are directed straight at you)  
While the Lord is offering with joy and love  
A starry crown in His realms above.

L. L. GRAND PRE.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

If there was a spark of doubt in my mind that the spirit of the Lord impresses people to buy our books, it would have been cleared away by the following experience. While we were delivering some books in the town of Port Antonio, a gentleman came into the store where I had just handed a twenty-four-shilling 'Hope of the World' to the lady of the store. The book was left on the desk while the lady was gone for the money. The gentleman was attracted to the title of the book and began to question me about it. In a brief way I explained it all to him. He then said that somehow he was impressed to buy the book. He also said to the lady that he thought the buying of a good book was a better investment than pleasure-seeking. Just then he pulled out the twenty-four-shillings and paid me for one of the books. So this is a concrete evidence that the Spirit of the Lord does help to sell our books.

Brother A. Heron writes: "Oh, it is interesting to hear the people praise the book, 'The Return of Jesus.' I took several orders where I had delivered that book just from how the people appreciated it. Never had I received such testimonials from other books that I had used in the past. Mr. Frederick Donaldson, of White Hall, says, 'Mr. Heron, I am glad that you did persuade me to give you an order for that book. To me it is just as when a man is hungry and gets a good morsel of food. The book is as easy as to pick the leaves of this tree.'"

Another man, Enos Edwards, of Airy Castle, says, "Why I like the book so much is because it points always to the Bible. I thought I knew my Bible, but I found since I bought your book that I did not know anything." I have many more testimonials but no space.

These experiences show us that the Lord has set His hands to finish the work through the printed page. May He ever help us to do our share faithfully.

O. P. REID.

**THE CANVASSING FIELD**

The canvassing field is an institution of learning. I can say so with conviction for I am speaking from experience. It teaches patience, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, economy, faithfulness, and many more virtues that I could mention if space were allowed.

I am certainly glad for the little experience I have had. As I went, the majority of the people I came in contact with were very generous, hospitable, and friendly. In spite of all these remarkable traits, the gospel needs to be preached. There are immoralities on every hand. Hundreds are living in the mire of sin and shame.

It seems to me as if the entire race is on an onward march to degradation. In some places people do not care to hear about anything pertaining to religion. Just think of this in civilized Jamaica!

On one occasion a gentleman told me that the Lord will not punish a man whom He has created. After I showed him my book, he said that all the books I might sell, and all that the parson preaches are of no use, for every man is saved. How contrary to the teaching of the Bible! I promised to send him some tracts. Let us do our part. "The humblest worker, moved by the Holy Spirit, will touch invisible cords whose vibrations will make melody throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity."

C. R. THOMPSON.

**COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1927.**

Names	Book	Hrs	Orders	Value of Orders
R. B. Campbell	H.W.	156	109	85 5 11
	H.F.			*58 3 3
B. E. Hurst	B. F.	132	94	52 18 0
	O.D.			*15 13 3
H. D. Lawrence	O. D.	66	73	35 4 0
	C. O. S.			*2 11 0
B. A. Ricketts	H.W.	80	29	16 13 8
				*6 15 3
A. A. Dixon	H.W.	32	5	4 5 0
				*1 14 9
F. C. H. Reid D. & R.		16		*7 17 0
	H.W.			6 6 0
A. W. Heron D. & R.		24	3	*6 6 0
				*6 6 0
Miscellaneous				37 18 0½
				*66 7 4½
		506	313	238 10 7½

\* Value of Deliveries \*165 7 10½

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**REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1927.**

Churches	Tithes	Offerings	Har.	Ing.
Axe and Adze	1 3 0½	0 12 0	0 5 3	
Blue Hole	3 5 7½	1 0 7½	0 0 0	
Belias Gate	3 2 2½	0 3 2	0 0 0	
Ballmonay	0 17 7	0 1 4½	0 2 0	
Beverley	1 0 6	0 8 0	0 0 0	
Bird's Hill	3 11 1	0 14 1	0 14 10½	
Bagbie	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Belfield	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Bonny Gate	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Bluefields	0 7 0	0 10 0	0 15 0	
Bryant Hill	5 15 11½	0 7 10½	0 0 0	
Brown's Town	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Beoston Spring	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Brittonville	0 18 3	0 4 1	0 0 0	
Carron Hall	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Canaan	4 18 8½	0 14 1	0 0 0	
Contented Hall	2 19 11½	2 3 5	3 0 0	
Craig	5 4 10½	0 18 10½	2 18 0½	
Campbell's C.	0 0 0	0 5 3½	0 0 0	
Coleville	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Duxes	0 18 9	0 4 9	0 0 0	
Darliston	4 18 2½	1 10 4½	1 1 6	
Dalvey	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Everton Park *	2 19 3	0 4 3	6 0 9	
East End	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Flower Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Fustic Grove *	1 12 8½	1 10 3½	2 2 0½	
Goshen	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Glengoffe	2 11 10½	0 17 8½	0 6 3	
Guy's Hill	3 14 9½	1 0 2	0 0 0	
Grove Town	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
George Town	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Grantsville	3 9 3½	0 7 9½	0 11 7	
Hart Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Hill Top	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Hector's River	1 11 3	0 6 2	1 1 6	
Jack's River	1 3 0	0 8 1	0 0 0	
Jointwood *	7 15 3	2 18 4	5 4 11½	
Kingston	82 2 5	6 6 4	37 17 7½	
Kencot	4 19 9½	2 13 11	2 17 4½	
Lamb's River	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Linstead	0 11 0	0 4 8½	1 10 9	
Long Bay	1 3 3½	1 0 0	0 5 6	
Little London	0 12 10½	0 4 8½	0 6 3	
Montego Bay	3 18 9	1 18 5½	2 12 2½	
Mr. Providence	3 14 9	2 0 7	1 11 6	
Mt Peace	0 15 0	0 7 6	0 10 10	
Mt. Carey	3 15 3½	1 0 9	1 12 0	
Mill End	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Mancheuca	0 1 7½	0 7 2	0 0 0	
March Town	6 16 0½	3 9 7½	0 4 4½	
Mandeville	20 1 9½	4 7 13	34 12 8	
Moore Park	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Mahogany Gve.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
New Port	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Newell	2 18 8½	0 11 11½	0 9 6	
New Roads	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Old Harbour	1 13 3½	0 2 4½	0 2 1	
Orange	1 4 0½	0 8 7	0 8 0	
Prospect	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Port Antonio	13 19 6½	3 17 5	9 1 7½	
Porus	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Port Maria	0 6 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Riversdale	3 9 0½	0 13 0	0 6 0	
Race Course	0 2 6	0 1 0	0 0 0	
Spring Garden	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Sheffield	0 14 11½	0 5 1	0 0 0	
Spanish Town	6 1 2	1 7 1½	2 10 7½	
St. Ann's Bay	2 11 2	2 2 4	4 9 11½	
Southfield	1 8 3	0 0 0	1 0 0	
Santa Cruz	8 18 1½	0 16 10½	1 19 8½	
Seaford Town	2 16 11	1 1 11½	2 13 4½	
Sav-la-Mar	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Swift River	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Springfield	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Sherwood C.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Sherwood Forest	2 5 1½	0 0 0	1 8 7½	
Trinity Ville	0 11 6	0 10 1	0 0 0	
Troy	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Tuscany	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
Upper Regent	1 9 5 8½	2 1 0	4 9 3½	
Vaughansfield	0 9 3½	0 2 7½	0 0 0	
Waterloo	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	

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The Editor is glad to report to the M. V. Juniors that three lists of "Boys and Girls in the Bible" have been received. When may she expect yours?

## CONCERNING GOSSIP.

(From Elder D. C. Newbold's sermon, the Lacombe Church, November 12.)

"Open mouths indicate empty heads."  
 "The most depraved thing in the world is gossip and backbiting."  
 "Gossipers are in partnership with Satan—the accuser of the brethren."  
 "Scandal-bearers ought to have a sign on them—'RABIES.'"  
 "Let us stop this dreadful mouth disease."  
 "Join the M. Y. O. B. Society—Mind Your Own Business."  
 "If all the sins were divided into two, one-half of them would be the sins of the tongue."  
 "What a good thing it would be if our ears would close as easily as our mouths open."  
 "Judge not—you're not able to judge. I do not suppose that one person in this room would be elected as a judge if the province were electing a judge."  
 "Seventh-day Adventists are efficient deep-sea divers. God promises to cast our sins into the depths of the sea, but some Seventh-day Adventists dive down after them, and bring them up."  
 "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? . . . He that backbiteth not with his tongue . . . nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour."

*Western Canadian Tidings.*

## REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

(Continued from Page 11.)

Churches	Tithes	Offerings	Har. Ing.
Windsor Forest	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
White Hill	0 14 9	0 9 0	1 2 7
Norway	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Conf.	0 1 3	12 7 1	0 0 0
Isol.	1 3 9	0 8 0	3 11 9
	£254 2 11½	69 16 2¼	141 17 1¼

Offerings for Kingston for month of October should have been £11 17 9¼ instead of £2 14/8¼ as reported. Please report promptly at the end of December and oblige

JAMAICA CONFERENCE,  
 Per W. J. HURDON.

## THE SABBATH IN THE HOME

Did you ever see little noses pressed against the window pane, watching a sun that seemed to sink all too slowly, while lugubrious young voices wailed: "Oh, when will Sabbath be over?" Well, perhaps not; I hope you haven't. But I have; and therefore it is with keen pleasure that I read such a testimony as this, from a mother in South Carolina:

"It has always been a problem to us to help the children keep the Sabbath aright without giving all our time. And I'm not sure that even then we gave them the right idea of the Sabbath. If parents have to be on a constant strain during the Sabbath to keep their children from play or something wrong, the children haven't really gotten hold of the Sabbath, have they? But I'm so glad for the *Parent's Lessons*, which have taught us the true idea of the Sabbath and how to use it at home. We need all the help we can get in training our children to love this message and in preparing them to help carry it in these last days. I'm sure these *Lessons* have been sent to us from God for this purpose."

And later this same mother wrote: "I wouldn't take twice the money, even as hard as it is to get, for what my *Lessons* have been to me. And I know this year will be better; for I'm starting in early, and unless we have sickness, I can put in more time on them. They are one of the best things God has done for Seventh-day Adventists. My children have room for improvement, and I know it depends on me; and I'm praying that God will help me, as well as other Seventh-day Adventist mothers, so to train my children that they may be examples of what He would have them be."

Is every one of you mothers, and every one of you fathers, a student of how "to train my children that they may be examples of what He would have them be?"

## GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME COMMISSION.

*It is transgression in little things that first leads the soul away from God.*

## NEWS ITEMS

Brother Gideon Jones and family from Spanish Honduras arrived in Kingston on the 13th of December on their way to Santo Domingo. Brother Jones has been appointed secretary-treasurer of that field.

We remind the readers of the VISITOR who are planning to attend the Conference that there will be a very attractive display of our books, Bibles and papers for sale at reduced prices. Come prepared to purchase something. The opportunity for getting books at special prices will not come again very soon.

We are glad to announce that Brother Halg who was seriously ill in the Public Hospital here for some days, is making satisfactory improvement. We are praying that by the time this note reaches you he will be strong and well again.

## OBITUARY

On the morning of the 20th November Brother E. Harriott, the father of our Office Assistant, passed away. The funeral services were conducted by Elders Powell and Hall. We regretted that we had to take leave of our brother, but yet rejoiced to know that he was faithful even unto death, and that we shall soon meet again. Brother Harriott accepted the truth in March 1916, and proved a valiant soldier of the cross until the day of his death. Words of cheer and hope were spoken to his bereaved wife and two sons who were present. To Oscar Harriott, his second son, who now labours in Costa Rica, we extend our heart-felt sympathy.

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