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## GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

"I know not by what methods rare,  
But this I know: God answers prayer.  
I know not when He sent the word  
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.  
I know it cometh soon or late;  
Therefore, we need to pray and wait.  
I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the guise I thought;  
I leave my prayers with Him alone  
Whose will is wiser than my own."

## THE CONFERENCE SESSION

The eighteenth biennial session of the Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Kingston, at the North Street church, January 12-22.

It was the privilege of the writer to arrive on Monday the 16th and attend the opening of the first business meeting of the conference session, and remain till the close. We were greatly pleased with the splendid spirit of loyalty manifest in the meetings throughout the session, and believe that the meeting will prove to be one of lasting blessing and uplift to the cause and work of God and the spread of the Third Angel's message in Jamaica.

Not only were the business meetings of the conference largely attended, but the church was filled to its utmost capacity (and much of the yard as well) for all other services. In fact the night meetings were so largely attended that it was necessary to hold services in both the North Street and Regent Street churches, where hundreds of people attended, among them many strangers not of our faith.

As already suggested, the business affairs of the conference passed off harmoniously; and we believe that, as a result of many of the actions taken, the work in this field will receive a new impetus for advancement.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—

President—Elder H. J. Edmed.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. W. Grounds.

Conference Committee—Elder H. J. Edmed, Elder R. J. Sype, Principal of the W. I. T. College, Brother J. W. Grounds, Elder George Smith, Elder H. P. Lawson, Brother R. S. Bernard.

Home Missionary Secretary—Elder R. J. Sype.

Sabbath-School Secretary—Sister Edmed.

S. S. Secretary during absence of Sister Edmed, Sister Grounds.

Field Missionary Secretary—Elder B. A. Meeker.

Young People's and Educational Secretary—Brother P. J. Bailey.

College Board—The Conference Committee, Prof. F. O. Rathbun, and Brother P. J. Bailey.

The resolutions adopted and plans laid for the furtherance of the work throughout the field are given elsewhere in this issue of the VISITOR. The labourers in attendance at this session, aside from the workers of the local Conference are also mentioned elsewhere. The help and presence of these brethren in the conference session were appreciated.

Perhaps one of the most impressive services of the entire conference session was the ordination on the last Sabbath afternoon of three of the brethren to the work of the gospel ministry; namely, Brother George Smith, Brother A. C. Stockhausen, and Brother H. P. Lawson. While these brethren have been working for a number of years as licensed ministers, they had not been previously ordained. It was felt at this time, however, that these brethren had so proven their gift and call to the work of the ministry that they should be set apart to this sacred work. Surely it was an inspiration to all to have the privilege of being present on this occasion and witnessing this solemn service. May God greatly bless these brethren as they take up the larger and fuller responsibilities as ordained ministers of the gospel, and make their ministry such as will bring light and salvation to many who come under their influence.

Perhaps I should mention in this report also that while Elder Edmed was selected President of the Conference, yet it may be some time, even months, before he will arrive in the field to assume his responsibilities. In the meantime the delegates elected Elder Sype, the Home Missionary Secretary, to act as the chairman of the Conference Committee and carry the responsibility of the work in the Conference until the arrival of Elder Edmed. Elder Sype has a very thorough acquaintance with conditions and the needs of the field, so that under his leadership and by the blessing of God we believe that the work will move forward, without interruption or delay. Let us all remember that it matters not so much who may carry official responsibility in the Conference or in the local churches as that the Lord, the Head of the church, is leading out. We should unitedly co-operate as work-

men and believers, all together for the advancement of His work.

A unanimous vote of heart-felt appreciation was extended to Elder and Sister Hurdon for their years of faithful and efficient service in the Jamaica Conference, and the believers will always wish them God speed and Heaven's blessing as they go to other fields of labour.

A. R. OGDEN,  
President Antillian Union Mission,  
Havana, Cuba.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE  
EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE JA-  
MAICA CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.  
JANUARY 12—22, 1928**

1.

It is with deepest gratitude to God that, as delegates in Conference assembled, we review the biennial period just closed, because of the many tokens of His loving kindness, and tender mercy manifested toward us. While we are filled with sadness over the loss by death of a few, we rejoice in the assurance that very soon death with all its consequences will be destroyed forever. We unitedly record deep, sincere gratitude to the gracious Giver of all good things for all blessings received; but especially are we thankful for the new churches and companies of believers that have been organized during this biennial period; and, as we welcome them among us, we pledge them our hearty support, and rejoice in the assurance of their help in our efforts to carry quickly to every soul in this Conference the truth that is so precious to us. We are also grateful to God for the increasing strength and devotion of our children and young people, and for what our training school and church schools are doing to help train the children and youth for their places in the Master's service. Therefore,

**RESOLVED**, that we express our gratitude to God by pledging ourselves to press forward unitedly with greater diligence to finish His work speedily in our hearts, our homes, and in every part of the field in which He has called us to be His witnesses; and then to do all in our power to help God's work to triumph gloriously in all parts of the world.

2.

As we are assembled here in conference, we are made sad to recall the loss we have sustained in the death of Sister O. P. Reid, who laboured so faithfully by her husband's side in various parts of this field, and also by the death of a number of loyal co-workers in the local churches. But our hearts turn to Him whose all-wise providence has permitted these fellow-workers "to rest from their labours;" and in deep appreciation of the helpful lives and faithful service of our fellow comrades we record here our earnest

desire that precious memories of them may ever inspire us to follow more and more closely the Master Whom they served so loyally.

3.

**WHEREAS**, we are years behind in carrying out the instruction which the Lord has given to us concerning the training of our church members for definite soul-winning service, therefore,

**RESOLVED**, that we delay no longer in organizing a class in every church to give instruction regarding successful methods of giving Bible readings; and that the book "How to give Bible Readings" be used as the text book.

4.

**WHEREAS**, the Ministerial Reading Course has been a source of great spiritual blessing to our workers in every part of the world in preparing them for more efficient service, therefore,

**WE RECOMMEND**, that all the workers of the Jamaica Conference avail themselves of this help by becoming subscribers to the course.

5.

**WHEREAS**, we believe we shall find it possible to make still greater progress in our Sabbath-school work if we set before ourselves definite goals for the next biennial period, therefore,

**WE RECOMMEND**, (a) that we work definitely to get every believer enrolled in the Sabbath-school; (b) that for strengthening our Sabbath-school work, every school subscribe to the *SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER*, and for the Memory Verse Cards to help interpret the weekly lesson to the children; and (c) that every school endeavour to qualify for the pennant by reaching the 75 per cent. efficiency goal in attendance, daily study, and offerings.

6.

**WHEREAS**, it is an indisputable fact that our publishing work plays an important part in the carrying of the Third Angel's Message to every corner of the earth, therefore,

**WE RECOMMEND**, that we launch the Big Week Campaign in harmony with the date set by the Inter-American Division, which will be announced in due time by the Jamaica Conference, and we also,

**RECOMMEND**, that the entire constituency of the Jamaica Conference be encouraged to take a part in this campaign.

7.

**WHEREAS**, the colporteurs that we send out have to meet with the educated and the uneducated,

**WE RECOMMEND**, that we adhere strictly to the Testimonies in the selection of our colporteurs; and in doing this we solicit the co-operation of the Executive Committee of the Conference.

8.

In harmony with the General Conference Publishing Department Recommendations, WE RECOMMEND that the Jamaica Conference adopt the following:—

**COLPORTEUR FINANCIAL POLICY.**

- (a) That colporteurs remit to the Book and Bible House, weekly, at least 50 per cent. of all advance payments on book orders;
- (b) That the colporteur settle with the Book and Bible House in full at the close of each delivery for all books that have been delivered;
- (c) That settlement be made in full for each month's business by the 10th of the following month, either by cash or the return of books;
- (d) That where a colporteur has an account with the Book and Bible House, the colporteur will be charged 60 per cent. instead of 50 per cent. of the retail price of the book, and that the extra 10 per cent. be applied on his back account;
- (e) That should settlement not be made according to recommendations, all orders must be accompanied with cash until the account is in balance;
- (f) That the Book and Bible House will refund one half of the transportation charges on all books returned to balance account.

**COLPORTEUR GOALS.**

To encourage faithful and more earnest effort on the part of our colporteurs,

WE RECOMMEND the following monthly goals for the Jamaica Conference:

1. An average for men of 35 hours per week for a month's work; and 30 hours per week for ladies;
2. A report to be sent to the Field Missionary Secretary and the Book and Bible House each week;
3. Remit, weekly, at least 50 per cent. of the deposits taken on orders;
4. Have the previous month's account in balance by the 10th of each month.

**BONUS ALLOWANCE.**

As an encouragement and aid to those who give faithful service,

WE RECOMMEND, that all who reach the above four goals during the month receive a bonus of 5 per cent. on all funds paid to the Book and Bible House during the month. For example, if during January you send us twenty Pounds, you will receive credit on your account or a cheque for one Pound. This applies to regular colporteurs only, who sell nothing but our books and Bibles. We are sure that the operation of this policy will be beneficial to both the colporteurs and the Book and Bible House.

9.

In view of the advantages that we believe

might come to the cause of God in the Jamaica Conference if a legal corporation could be perfected in harmony with the laws of the Colony for the holding of titles to church and other properties, the receiving of wills, legacies, and bequests, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Jamaica Conference in regular session assembled instruct and authorize the Executive Committee of the Conference to take such steps as may be necessary for the perfection of such a legal organization for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the Jamaica Conference. If after further investigation and counsel with the Antillean and Inter-American Division executive officers, it is deemed wise to proceed in the formation of such legal corporation.

10.

WHEREAS, "the Lord hath appointed the youth to be His helping hand," and realizing the necessity for all of us as workers ever to increase our efficiency as God's workmen and to press forward more diligently in His rapidly closing work.

WE RECOMMEND, that Jamaica earnestly endeavour to reach the following Missionary Volunteer goals during 1928:

- 1,200 young people in Missionary Volunteer societies.
- 1,000 young people observing the Morning Watch.
- 75 Reading Course certificates.
- 75 Bible Year certificates.
- 50 Standard of Attainment certificates.
- 1,000 Pocket League Members.
- 75 young people converted and baptized.

11.

Recognizing that God is calling every church member to enlist for service in the finishing of the work,

WE RECOMMEND,

- (1) That the Home Missionary Department give careful study to the organizing of our churches for service.
- (2) That we urge the churches who do not hold weekly missionary meetings to organize and do so just as soon as possible.
- (3) That we encourage our churches to renew their missionary zeal in using our inexpensive tracts in their missionary endeavours.
- (4) That, since it is impossible for this department to properly foster the missionary endeavours without a knowledge of what is being accomplished, we emphasize the importance of faithfulness in reporting, and that every church Leader be requested to encourage the members of the church to be faithful in this matter, as well as to see that the Secretaries are prompt in reporting to the Conference

Home Missionary Secretary at the close of each quarter.

12.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL MONEY.**

**RESOLVED,**

- (1) That the churches in the Jamaica Conference hold one or more Harvest Festivals each year and that all of the money received therefrom be sent to the Conference office through the regular channels.
- (2) That 50 per cent. of these funds be credited to the church raising the money, to be held in trust by the Conference and to be drawn upon by that church, upon written request, (for church repairs or building) the request to be made by an action of the church or church board and signed by the Elder or Leader and clerk of that church or company.
- (3) That the other 50 per cent. of this Harvest Festival money become a co-operative trust fund to be used specifically for building and repairing of churches in the Jamaica Conference and to be disbursed by the Conference Committee according to the needs of the different churches or companies.

13.

WHEREAS, we have reached the time when the Lord will accomplish His "short work" in the sounding of the last gospel proclamation, in which every member of the Remnant Church is to have a part, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, that the workers and lay members of the Jamaica Conference set a goal for souls of not less than five hundred for the year 1928, and that the delegates present at this Conference set a goal for their individual churches, and then enlist the co-operation of every member in an earnest endeavour to reach it, and thus do their part in helping the Conference to reach its objective of five hundred souls won during 1928.

WHEREAS, the Word of God admonishes all to be subject to the "powers that be," inasmuch as God is the author of civil government and has established it for the well-being of society; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the British Empire is established upon principles of righteousness, protecting the civil and religious rights of all,

RESOLVED that we, the Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Session assembled, express our high appreciation of the just laws under which we live, and pledge our loyalty and allegiance to the throne and person of His Majesty, King George the Fifth, and to the Commonwealth, praying that God will continue so to direct the affairs of state that peace and prosperity may abound to all, and that the work

of the proclamation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may continue to flourish in all parts of the Empire; and further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to His Excellency, Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., the Governor of Jamaica, for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

J. W. GROUNDS,  
*Conference Secretary.*

**AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED**

The delegates and brethren and sisters who were in attendance at the last meeting of the conference session will remember the resolution introduced and unanimously adopted to set as the aim in the Jamaica Conference the gathering in and baptizing of at least 500 souls during the year 1928.

While this may seem like quite a large number, yet I feel very confident from the spirit of the people of this conference that this goal is not too high and can easily be attained if every member in every church will unite whole-heartedly and earnestly for the accomplishment of these results.

I understand that there are about eighty churches and companies in the Conference. If the members of each one of these will plan definitely in interesting friends and neighbours, presenting the light of truth to them, this, with the results that would accrue as a direct influence of meetings that our workers may hold in the churches, should lead to from one to three or more baptisms during the year, and thus the gathering in of the number of people mentioned will be quite possible.

We read in Volume 9, pages 116 and 117: "The Leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbours. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers."

Has not the time come when this instruction given to us by the servant of the Lord should be heeded by every member in every church, and all unite their efforts in this week of soul-saving? Surely we have come to the time for the outpouring of the Spirit of God and the "latter rain"; and we are glad to see drops falling on the believers in Jamaica. Only a little time is left, dear brethren and sisters, until the work of God in the earth will be finished and Jesus will come. May we each one, day by day, be found faithfully doing our best, so that when the work is all finished and Jesus comes, no soul can meet us at the judgment bar and say, "Why did you not warn me?" But rather, on the other hand, may each

one have so loyally done his part that he can hear from the lips of the Saviour the words spoken to him individually, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." To so live and pray and labour that we may finally hear from the lips of Jesus the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you," will be worth more than all the riches and glories and honours of this world.

A. R. OGDEN.

### THREE WEEKS IN JAMAICA

Three very pleasant, and we trust somewhat profitable weeks were spent by the writer in Jamaica, beginning with the Conference session already reported. Following the Conference session, several days were spent by the members of the Antillian Union Mission Committee at the West Indian Training College near Mandeville, in counsel and the laying of plans for the future work throughout this large territory.

Beginning Sabbath, January 28, in company with Elder Sype, we started out to visit a number of churches in the Conference, and ending Sunday night, February 5, with a service in the Kingston North Street Church, we visited fourteen churches. One day during the week we preached four times in as many different churches and the day following in three different churches. On other days one and two services were held so that during this brief period we were able to visit as many churches as we did. It afforded us great pleasure and joy there to meet with the brethren in some of the churches in the Conference, and we only wish that time and opportunity had permitted our visiting every other church in the Conference; but other duties forbade our doing so—at least at this time. We had to leave on February 8 to spend a few days in Cuba. Having the opportunity of visiting a number of churches in the Conference has given us a better idea of the field and the needs in some places than we could possibly have gained otherwise.

Among the observations made, I saw a very definite need in a number of places visited for church buildings, for we read in the Spirit of Prophecy the following statement: "Wherever a company of believers is raised up, a house of worship should be built. Let not the workers leave the place without accomplishing this." On the other hand we were glad to see such commendable buildings in some places visited as St. Ann's Bay, where we held service Sunday evening, January 29, with a good interest and later in the week at Guy's Hill, where Elder Fletcher has been labouring and is completing a splendid, representative church building, standing as a light in that community.

On Thursday evening, February 2, we held a service at Port Maria. This is one

place that certainly needs a suitable memorial for God's message, and we are glad to know that the little company of believers there are enthusiastic and settled in their desire and determination to see this work accomplished. It is being planned, I understand, that meetings be held at Port Maria in the near future, which we are confident will result in the ingathering of souls, and that a good church building then be erected as a memorial for God's truth in that place.

On February 4 we had the pleasure of meeting with the company of believers at Highgate, which is known as the Belfield Church. At present the believers are meeting in an improvised place of worship, but it is their determination to establish the work more permanently in that place by the erection in the near future of a suitable church building in some suitable location for the people of that entire community. We appreciated the privilege of meeting with the believers there and enjoyed the hearty hospitality of Brother and Sister J. H. Stockhausen, as well as like courtesies received by us in all other places visited.

I will not take time to enumerate the conditions as we found them in the several churches visited, more than the brief mention already made; but suffice it to say that at every place we found a group of loyal believers who seemed to appreciate our visiting them; and in almost every meeting, those held by day as well as at night, there was a goodly representation of strangers, friends and neighbours not of our faith. It only evidences the fact to the mind of the writer that by proper effort in all of our churches there can be a large ingathering of souls. To this end may God greatly prosper and bless His work throughout the Jamaica Conference during 1928.

A. R. OGDEN.

### AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

We feel sure that all who attended the recent conference session will heartily agree with us when we say it was a most excellent feast of good things. Our hearts were made glad as we heard the reports of an onward move all along the line; and as we listened to the stirring messages delivered by the servants of the Lord, our hearts burned within us, and we were possessed with a determination to give of our best to the Master. We are also sure that those who attended this most excellent meeting have done all in their power to carry back the inspiration of the occasion to their home churches.

Now we are burdened to see this same spirit of service and consecration at work in all our churches; for if this be the case, we can be fully assured that the Lord will accomplish great things through his people, and that the work will grow during the year 1928 as it has never grown before. We are

fold by the servant of the Lord that "Those who have been truly converted will be so filled with the love of God that they will long to give to others the joy which they themselves possess."

Those who were present at the last meeting of the conference, will remember that the following resolution was presented and adopted by a unanimous vote of the delegates and others present.

"WHEREAS, we have reached the time when the Lord will accomplish his "short work" in the sounding of the last gospel proclamation, in which every member of the Remnant Church is to have a part, therefore,

"We Recommend that the workers and lay members of the Jamaica Conference set a goal for souls of not less than five hundred for the year 1928, and that the delegates present at this conference set a goal for their individual churches, and then enlist the co-operation of every member in an earnest endeavour to reach it and thus do their part in helping the conference to reach its objective of five hundred souls won during 1928."

We feel sure that every delegate and believer who was present at the above-mentioned service felt a real thrill in his heart as this vote was taken, and now we are appealing to every believer in Jamaica to arise and shine and let the glory of the Lord be seen upon you, so that not only five hundred, but many more than that number shall be rejoicing in the knowledge of this message by the close of this year.

However, there is one thing which we must remember—"Procrastination is the thief of time." It will not do to trifle with this matter. We must be up and doing while it is yet day"; for the year 1928 will soon pass from us, and some day eternity will be upon us. Two months of this year have already slipped by; in other words, one-sixth of the year has passed into eternity. This means that we must lose no time if we are to help in reaching our goal of at least five hundred newly baptized believers for 1928. Let every church set a goal for souls and then bend every effort to reach that goal.

We are asking that every church that has candidates for baptism correspond with us at an early date, and we will endeavour to arrange for a baptismal service as early as possible. We also trust that every church will organize its forces for an aggressive soul-winning effort.

We feel sure that there was never a time in the history of the work in Jamaica when the Spirit of God has been more at work on the hearts of men and women, impressing them with the importance of seeking the Kingdom of Heaven, than at the present time. We find those in every walk of life over the island expressing themselves as being in a state of anxiety as to the out-

come of present day events. While we may see iniquity abounding, we must remember that "Grace doth much more abound", and that "the Spirit of God is awaiting our demand and reception," and that He will urge the Truth home to honest hearts.

Beloved brethren and sisters, let us press the battle on. Let us never grow weary in the fray until the victory is won. Just as surely as there is a God in Heaven and as surely as He has a message for this generation, just so surely will that message triumph and all those who come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty will triumph with that glorious message. We are with you for the reaching of our great soul-winning goals and endeavours.

R. J. SYPE.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

### OUR HEALTH WORK

The "Baby Medical Missionary Work", so named by Elder Leland in the 1926 conference session, was started in Kingston soon after the writer landed in Jamaica from Santo Domingo in October, 1925.

I had been drawn over the hot coals of affliction in that land through the severe illness of a very promising daughter, but with the prompt assistance of the British Government in Jamaica and the miraculous help of the Great Physician, coupled with the prayers of many of God's sincere children, she was made whole and is standing to-day as a monument or token of God's power and grace, and has become a righthand worker in the Life and Health Treatment Rooms. (Jer. 32: 17, 27; Acts 10: 38.)

Some years ago, while in St. Croix, Danish West Indies, I had inquired of the Government of Jamaica relative to the health work I wished to carry on in this country, and the privilege was then granted that I could prosecute my work without being molested, as there was no law against me. Papers were sent to the Governor regarding our health work.

With this in mind we had no fear, and with my wife and youngest daughter I started out by faith in this work with one patient, who showed marked signs of improvement after taking a few treatments; and then came two others. Mr. B, a young man who had spent eighteen Pounds or more on his illness, after taking a few weeks' treatments was completely cured of a very aggravating trouble. To-day he is a strong man. Seeing the little success at Windward, we were invited by Sister Harrison to her home. At this place by the help of our Heavenly Father we achieved much success. Though sick and unable to move, Sister Harrison used her influence both orally and in writing to further this noble work. I shall cite a few interesting cases treated while at her home.

Mrs. L., a lady of about 57 years of age, was under the physician's care owing to inflammatory rheumatism. She could scarcely walk along without being helped by two attendants. In reaching the treatment room she was so stiff and painful that she could not comfortably sit except with the help of pillows. After three treatments she could walk a mile. She took daily treatments, including Violet Ray Light electricity for 17 or 18 days. To-day she is strong and as nimble as ever. To God be the glory. Owing to the improvement of the work and the place being small, we left Sister Harrison's for 28 Harbour Street. Here we did and are doing a better work, as we have more room.

Mrs. R., a school teacher, was received for treatment in January, 1927. She suffered from Rheumatoid for several months and was so emaciated that she could scarcely walk without being helped by her husband or some one else, and after spending six weeks at the Life and Health Treatment Rooms, she became a well woman. Now she is placed again on the teacher's staff and is drawing her pay as usual. She is 53 years of age. (Mark 16:18.)

Little Sister F. could not get along well in school owing to deafness. The mother being away in Spanish Honduras, left the child with an aunt in this island. Hearing of the Life and Health Treatment Rooms, she brought the child and after taking daily treatments for two weeks she could hear perfectly. She is a promising girl, and will make a good scholar. (Matt. 7: 32.)

Bro. P's hearing was restored by the Violet Ray Light and other similar treatments that he took at the Life and Health Treatment Rooms. He had spent quite a little sum at a doctor's on his hearing. He is feeling much improved, and is now shouldering great responsibilities in mission work.

Mr. I. W., a handsome looking Hindoo young man, had spent £35 0/0 on his three years' chronic illness, and was getting worse. But after receiving eleven days' treatments he became perfectly well and strong, and added eight pounds to his weight during that time.

Miss R. spent eleven days in the Life and Health Treatment Rooms, and during that time she put on seven pounds' weight. To-day she is well and is qualifying herself for the Master's work.

Hundreds of cases have come under our view, but these are enough to convince any unbeliever of the efficacy of this work, which is far ahead of allopathic remedies.

During the year 1926 we gave 1,196 treatments; during 1927, we gave 1,529 treatments; total, 2,725.

"The Lord wants wise men and women, who can act in the capacity of nurses, to comfort and help the sick and suffering. O that all who are afflicted might be ministered to by Christian physicians and nurses who could help them to place their weary,

pain-racked bodies in the care of the Great Healer, in faith looking to Him for restoration! If through judicious ministrations the patient is led to give his soul to Christ and to bring his thoughts into obedience to the will of God, a great victory is gained." (Counsels on Health, p. 388.)

The medical work is called the right arm of the Message, and if it is not used it will surely become impotent and useless.

"It is the Lord's purpose that His method of healing without drugs shall be brought into prominence in every large city through our medical institutions." (Counsels on Health, p. 394.)

F. HALL,  
Medical Secretary.

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## HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

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### HOME MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR

We wish to invite all to read carefully number 11 of the resolutions passed at the recent conference session. Just to summarize it, you will notice that it comprehends four recommendations, as follows: (1) That careful study be given to the organization of the churches for service. (2) That all our churches plan to hold weekly missionary meetings. (3) That the churches renew their zeal in the use of our inexpensive tracts in their missionary work, and (4) That in order for the department to function as it should, all the members of our churches are urged to be faithful in reporting to the missionary secretary of the individual church each week, and that all these secretaries be faithful in reporting to the conference home missionary secretary at the close of each quarter.

Every church should give careful study at once to organizing its forces for service. It will be only by so doing that the Jamaica Conference will reach its goal of at least five hundred members added to the churches during this year. Some of our churches are so organized that every man has his work to do. This is as it should be. There are so many ways in which we can do missionary work. There are Bible readings to be held, papers to be given away or sold, cottage or open air meetings to be conducted, as well as the many opportunities for personal work. Organize bands and make each band a prayer band. Let us make this the business of our lives.

In the matter of weekly prayer and missionary meetings, we trust that every church will be faithful. Let your Wednesday night prayer meeting be also a missionary meeting, giving reports of your missionary endeavours and laying of plans for missionary work, at that time.

The third section of this recommendation is a very important one. We fear that there has been a letting down in the matter of using our small tracts in our missionary

work. Now we are aware that the financial end of the question is somewhat of a problem to most of us, but we are wondering if we can not do as they are doing in some others of our W. I. Fields, sell these tracts. We have tracts which may be had for a shilling per hundred. These could be sold for a half-penny each and the profits be used in purchasing more. We are asking that this matter be given careful consideration in all our churches.

Now, a word about reporting. We trust that every church will put forth earnest effort to get every member to report the work done, and also that every Home Missionary Secretary will be faithful in reporting to us at the close of each quarter. I am sure that co-operation on the part of all in this and all other matters of service will be rewarded with added success in the endeavours of the churches.

We shall expect to hear of advancement all along the line as a result of the earnest efforts of our people in all parts of the field during the remainder of this year. We feel sure that the Lord is waiting to do great things for us. Let us all be up and doing while it is yet day.

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

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### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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#### KINGSTON CHURCH SCHOOL

When I came to Kingston, I found a well-filled schoolroom; so I cannot claim the enviable reputation of the pioneer. However, as in everything else, so in a work of this nature, there are advantages and disadvantages; and success lies both in the way the advantages are made use of and in the way the disadvantages are met.

I cannot report phenomenal growth in numbers (that took place before I came), but our enrollment and attendance have kept up, due, in many cases, to the enthusiasm and interest on the part of the children in their school work. This, to us teachers, is an encouraging feature of the work, and goes a long way toward sweetening many a bitter experience. The children are eager to learn and responsive to proper tuition, in many cases mastering work more advanced than would be expected of children in their grade. All this spurs us on to do our best, for to the true teacher it brings the keenest pleasure to see the beaming faces of the children as they grasp the meaning of the passover, a problem in arithmetic or grammar, a knotty point in Latin composition, or as they pass in with evident and justifiable pride a map of South America with the natural features and political divisions all neatly filled in.

But the spiritual must ever take first place. Consequently we improve every opportunity to emphasize spiritual truths, es-

pecially in nature study and Scripture lessons. We find that the Morning Watch text fits into the devotional period every morning, and on Sabbath in Young People's meeting the result of this daily study of the texts is seen in the readiness of the pupils to take part in the Morning Watch review. During the recent Week of Prayer we had really inspiring meetings, and as it was explained that prayer was not a formal procedure but "an opening of the heart to God as to a friend," a large number readily improved the opportunity of applying the key to Heaven's storehouse. In the baptismal class the school is represented, and we find pupils ever ready to visit, with their teachers, the Hospital or the Alms House. Of course we would not take all the credit to the school, for well do we know that the influence of godly homes is a powerful factor in the development of character in the young. To see our pupils ultimately take their places as pillars in the house of God is our hope.

Personally I am glad for the experiences that come to me in the course of my work. They teach me lessons that I could not learn otherwise. To have the necessary wisdom to prosecute "the nicest work ever committed to human beings," is my greatest desire.

P. J. BAILEY.

The foregoing report was crowded out of the February number of THE VISITOR. As this issue goes to press, Brother Bailey has resigned from the teaching work to serve the conference in departmental work, as noted elsewhere.

On the last Sunday afternoon of the conference the W. I. T. C. students gave a representative programme under the direction of Miss Harrison, with Prof. F. O. Rathbun as chairman. Vocal and piano solos, talks, declamations, quartet, and chorus proved both entertaining and inspirational.

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### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

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#### BIENNIAL REPORT

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come, the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever; where the inhabitant shall not say: I am sick, and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard."

These words from the servant of the Lord most strikingly express the great possibili-



ties in our young people; they also express the wonderful opportunity the Lord grants them to be "His helping hand" in finishing this great work.

As we look back over the experiences of the past biennial period, we are aware that we, the Missionary Volunteers of Jamaica, have fallen short of the high ideal set before us, yet we believe that our young people in this field have endeavoured to turn their backs on the world, and with their faces set toward Zion, are striving to "come up to the help of the Lord against the Mighty." It is their sincere desire to see the Advent message finish its work in this generation. Neither have they forgotten their motto, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us."

It has been the aim of the department to place proper emphasis upon the missionary phase of their activities, and we believe it can truthfully be said that our young people in Jamaica have the vision of the work of God.

The secretary of this department is sorry to confess that his time has been so completely occupied with other departmental and pastoral duties that he has been unable to give as much of himself to the young people as would be consistent with the important place which our department holds in the world programme of this denomination, and we are sincerely trusting that the Lord will open the way at this conference to place some one in charge of this work who will be able to give his entire time to co-operating with our dear, whole-hearted young people of Jamaica. We feel deeply grateful to our heavenly Father that so much has been accomplished during this period, in spite of the fact that we have not been able to hold any institutes or special efforts for the youth during this time. That they have not failed in their endeavours nor lost sight of their aim, the following statistics will prove. This report is for 18 months, ending December 31, 1927.

Missionary Visits made	....	13,259
Bible Readings	....	3,459
Persons taken to services	....	1,361
Hours of Christian help work	....	12,858
Treatments given	....	1,268
Value of fuel and food given	....	£50 8 6
Articles of clothing given away	....	571
Bouquets given to sick	....	503
Papers & Magazines distributed	....	4,430
Tracts distributed	....	8,769
Books distributed	....	1,010
Missionary letters written	....	1,320
Replies received	....	579
Average number reporting	....	456

In closing this report, we should like to mention the devotional features of our work.

(1) The Bible Year. While we have not come up on this line as we should, nor as we would have done had it been placed and kept before the societies more, we are thankful that a number of young people have re-

ported for their Bible Year certificates.

(2) Standard of Attainment. We are sorry that so few have taken the studies in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History, but we are sure that this, too, is largely due to the fact that the secretary has been unable to promote this feature. However, a number are taking the examinations, and so will be receiving the certificates.

(3) Reading Course. A few societies are taking advantage of the reading course, and have enjoyed the opportunity of thus adding to their vision.

(4) Morning Watch. We are able to give a better report about the morning watch. So far as we are acquainted with the societies, every one which is functioning, reports observers of the morning watch, and conducts the exercises in its weekly meetings. We have found that in a number of these societies it is made the leading feature on the programme with great success; and where this is done, the society is a live one, and its missionary zeal is very noticeable.

I am sure that we express the sentiments of the young people in this island field, when we say that it is our desire to do our part in co-operating with those of older years and of wider experience in finishing the work of the Third Angel, in Jamaica, and we desire the prayers of God's people that we may see more accomplished in the future.

R. J. SYPE,  
M. V. Secretary.

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## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

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### AN INTRODUCTION

We are told by the servant of the Lord that the colporteur work, rightly conducted, is one of the greatest agencies for the advancement of this last warning message to a dying world. We feel that we should make some mention at this time of the progress of that work in this conference. On a recent visit which Brother O. P. Reid paid to the office he made special mention to us of the faithful work which most of the colporteurs are doing in the field. We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of these faithful workers and what they are doing in carrying the message over hill and dale to the homes of the people in the form of the printed page. We feel sure that they will meet fruits of these efforts in the Kingdom of God.

We would also express our appreciation for the good work done in this department by Brother O. P. Reid, who has served so faithfully and capably for the past few years as Field Missionary Secretary of the Jamaica Conference. Those who attended the conference session will remember that Brother Reid is now to enter the evangelistic work, in which the Lord has greatly blessed him in past years, and to which he feels called of God. This made it necessary for

us to elect a new Field Missionary Secretary.

Because of the great need of more ordained ministers to help in many of the details of the field, it was felt that it would be a great blessing if while calling for a man to fill this place, he could be both an experienced book man and also an ordained minister. Fortunately we were able to secure just such a one, in the person of Elder E. A. Meeker, who comes to us from America, but who has spent many years of faithful service in the Orient.

We have just received word that Elder and Sister Meeker sail from New York on March 14, which means that they will land in Kingston March 19. We are sure that all will welcome these workers to our midst and will give to Elder Meeker the same hearty co-operation which has been given to Brother Reid in the past.

We should mention also that Mrs. Meeker is a sister to Mrs. Rathbun at the College, and we believe that she is to give some assistance in the work at that institution, and we are certain that those who are acquainted with the college and the strong work which Mrs. Rathbun has done on the faculty there, will be delighted to know that we shall have another addition to the faculty who we have every reason to believe will give just as faithful service in another department as has Mrs. Rathbun in her department.

We bespeak for Elder and Mrs. Meeker a very successful connection with the work in Jamaica. May the Lord bless their efforts with those of the other workers as well as of the laity in our churches.

R. J. SYPE.

**COLPORTEUR WORK FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1928.**

Names	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value of Orders.
D. L. Barnes	O.D. B.F.	36	60	26 15 0
U. E. Morgan	O.D. B.F.	24	38	21 1 6 *0 6 0
D. B. Reid	H.W. H.P.	16	15	19 10 0
B. A. Ricketts	H.W.	15	5	6 4 9 *2 1 6 3 4 0
Andrew Robinson	B.F.	8	7	*1 17 0 54 0 3½
Miscellaneous				*67 10 6½
				<hr/> 99 125 130 15 6½

\* Value of Deliveries \*71 15 0½

O. P. REID, F.M.S.

**THE CONFERENCE OFFICE**

We would like to introduce you to our conference office at this time. First let us take you into the business office and introduce you to brother Grounds, whom many of you met during the conference session. He is our secretary-treasurer, and you will enjoy his genial ways, which remind one of our much beloved Brother Pettey.

Brother Grounds will appreciate the hearty co-operation of all the church treasurers, in his work, as well as a faithful effort on the part of all churches, and companies in keeping up the literature work and paying up back accounts.

Next we will make you acquainted with Sister Grounds, who will take charge of the Sabbath-school department until the arrival of Sister Edmed, which will be several months. We trust that all the Sabbath-schools will keep in touch with Sister Grounds and give to her the same support which you have so loyally given to Sister Hurdon. And right here we must say that Sister Hurdon won the love and admiration of all the Sabbath-school members in the Jamaica conference, and we predict that Sister Grounds will do the same.

Now, we are going to turn to another room and introduce you to our Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary. (We were about to say "our new Y.P.M.V. Secretary, but this would hardly be proper, for he served in this capacity from 1924 to 1926.) He is Brother P. J. Bailey, well known to all the young people of Jamaica. We need not exhort you to rally to his support, for you know him so well and so favourably that you will gladly do all you can to help in the young people's work.

The president's chair, so acceptably filled the past few years by Elder W. J. Hurdon, which has been made vacant by his acceptance of a call to another field, is at present unoccupied, only that your unworthy servant is endeavouring to fill it temporarily, awaiting the arrival of our newly elected President, Elder H. J. Edmed, from England. We, however, are with you in any plan which can be laid for the advancement of God's cause and for going into the vineyard to find those five hundred souls to add to our churches during 1928.

In every organization there are those who quietly and yet faithfully go about their duties in furthering its interests. Yet, their work is such that it does not come much to the light, though it is very important. Such is the case with the three young men connected with our office. Brother R. Harriott is well known to all, since he has worked devotedly and efficiently in the treasurer's office for a number of years. Brother Hinds is connected with the Book and Bible House, and when you receive the package of materials which you have ordered, it is his careful hands that have attended to your wants. It is also he who smilingly waits on you as you step into the Book and Bible House quarters at 112 Tower Street. Then here is Brother Walter Hall, who is stenographer and assistant in the office. When you find in the lower left hand corner of the letter which you receive from this office the legend J.G./WH it means that Brother Grounds dictated the letter and Brother Hall typed it. Or if it is RS/WH, it was I who dictated it to Brother Hall. We appreciate the faithful efforts of these brethren and are sure that they will share in the final reward for all that has been accomplished from this office for the advancement of the cause of God.

Finally, let us wish all success in the work of God as you, together with those who remain in the office as well as those of us who spend a great deal of our time in the field, do your part in finishing the work of God.

R. J. SYPE.

**Report of Tithes and Offerings for the Months of Dec. 1927, and Jan. 1928.**

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings	Harvest Ingathering.
Axe and Adze	1 13 5	1 8 4½	0 5 9
Blue Hole	5 13 4½	1 8 7½	8 0 9
Bellas Gate	5 1 2½	1 12 6	4 0 0½
Ballimoney	0 13 7	1 5 8	0 2 1½
Beverley	0 13 3	1 4 3	2 0 7
Bird's Hill	3 10 3½	3 4 8	1 2 8½
Bagbie	2 8 1	2 2 11½	0 0 0
Belfield	3 11 6½	3 0 6½	0 8 3½
Bonny Gate	0 7 9	0 8 10	1 3 0

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings	Harvest Ingathering.
Bluefields	0 0 0	0 10 0	0 5 0
Bryant Hill	3 5 5½	2 4 8½	1 17 3
Brown's Town	1 15 7	0 14 9	0 12 9
Beeston Spring	0 19 9	0 7 9	0 0 0
Brittonville	0 15 1	1 4 9½	2 5 11
Carron Hall	1 8 3	0 9 9	0 0 0
Canaan	3 6 3	2 12 4	7 10 0
Contented H.	1 13 9½	3 5 5½	0 0 0
Craig	8 11 1	3 14 0½	2 8 7
Campbell's C.	0 0 0	0 7 6	0 0 0
Coleyville	3 0 2½	3 2 5	4 10 0
Duxes	1 2 4½	0 15 0	0 2 9
Darlinton	6 18 10½	5 9 4	0 15 3
Devon	0 17 6	1 15 0	0 1 6
Dalvey	0 14 0	0 15 0	0 0 0
Everton Park	3 11 4	1 11 0	0 0 0
East End	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Florence Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Flower Hill	0 12 0	0 7 0	0 0 0
Fustic Grove	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Goshen	2 7 0½	1 12 7	2 3 0
Glenoffe	5 11 9½	8 0 1½	0 0 0
Guy's Hill	0 6 5	2 12 1½	0 0 0
Grove Town	3 4 6	2 0 11	2 1½ 0
George Town	2 15 7	2 18 8½	4 15 3
Grantsville	1 8 1½	1 1 10½	0 0 6
Hart Hill	32 2 2½	21 10 3½	0 4 0
Hill Top	0 0 0	0 19 6	0 0 0
Hector's River	1 16 2½	1 1 5	2 2 0
Jack's River	0 14 0	0 12 7	0 0 0
Jointwood	8 3 8½	9 0 5½	0 16 9
Kingston	81 1 11	23 3 0½	45 14 10½
Kencot	5 10 7½	4 5 1½	6 9 9½
Lamb's River	5 18 0	2 8 4	3 19 0
Linstead	2 0 7½	1 1 4	1 2 6
Long Bay	0 17 8	1 2 4	0 0 0
Little London	0 15 2	0 0 8 5½	0 10 0½
Montego Bay	5 16 3	4 0 0	1 10 3
Mt. Providence	7 13 4	2 12 2½	0 10 9½
Mt. Peace	0 14 5	0 6 11½	0 0 3 3
Mt. Carey	4 13 2	3 8 9½	2 12 7
Milc End	0 13 0	0 10 6	0 5 0
Manchioneal	0 2 3	0 19 11½	1 7 11½
March Town	5 19 10	4 8 5½	4 14 3
Mandeville	25 2 11½	11 6 2½	4 6 9
Moor Park	4 9 8½	4 2 4½	0 0 0
Mahogany Gve.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Newport	1 12 7	1 5 11½	1 3 7
Nowell	6 7 9	3 11 7½	1 1 3
Norway	0 3 6½	0 3 4½	0 0 0
New Roads	4 14 1	1 0 9	2 0 0
Old Harbour	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Orange	0 16 10½	1 11 6	0 1 10½
Prospect	0 3 6	0 3 6	0 0 0
Port Antonio	19 8 1½	9 18 5½	0 18 2½
Porus	3 0 2½	6 5 4½	0 10 6
Port Maria	1 16 4	1 17 0	2 2 6
Riversdale	4 6 0	2 0 11	0 3 0
Race Course	0 7 0	0 3 0	1 15 6
Spring Garden	3 16 9½	0 19 9½	1 7 9
Sheffield	1 4 11	0 10 7	0 8 0
Spanish Town	9 19 10½	10 18 5½	1 2 4½
St. Ann's Bay	2 16 11½	2 2 10½	3 3 3
Southfield	6 6 8	2 2 4	2 7 0
Santa Cruz	5 8 0½	2 6 4½	1 10 2
Seaford Town	2 17 1	4 6 10½	4 7 3
Sav-la-Mar	0 7 0	0 1 0	0 0 0
Swift River	1 5 9	0 18 0	0 6 0
Springfield	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sherwood C.	0 10 0	0 3 6	0 0 0
Sherwood F.	0 12 10½	8 19 1½	0 1 0
Trinityville	2 7 1	0 15 9½	1 15 2
Troy	1 14 0	0 5 6½	0 7 10½
Tuscany	0 0 0	2 1 6	0 0 0
Upper Rgt. St.	12 9 11½	3 7 3½	17 19 3½
Vaughansfield	1 10 3	1 16 7	0 7 6
White House	0 17 0	0 14 5	0 4 1
Waterloo	2 18 5	1 5 9	0 0 0
Windsor Forest	0 10 8	0 4 0½	0 0 6
White Hill	0 19 3½	0 11 4½	0 3 0
Isol.	10 0 3½	6 11 4	1 18 0

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JAMAICA CONFERENCE,  
per J. W. GROUNDS,  
Treasurer.

SEED THOUGHTS FROM THE CONFERENCE

When human beings make promises, many things may intervene to prevent their being carried out: accidents, sickness, unforeseen delays, or death. But nothing can or will intervene to prevent the fulfillment of Christ's promise, "I will come again."

Is your church ashamed of you? Are you ashamed of your church or its doctrine?

No preacher of any church is an up-to-date preacher who doesn't preach from the books of Daniel and the Revelation.

Day by day the battle against evil is getting fiercer, and we must fight harder to win.

We must determine not to be led by anyone but Christ.

We must have a will to say No in temptation.

Victory is won by our being determined to keep Christ in the heart through prayer and study of God's Word.

The church cannot well get along without the young people; and the young people cannot well get along without the church.

Every young person to-day should be in a training camp preparing to "battle for truth."

Parents should see that every one of their children is being trained for service.

The corner stone of the M. V. work is in the home. Parents are a very important part of the Young People's Work.

STAND

"Having done all . . . STAND." Eph. 6: 13; "Be ye steadfast, unmovable." 1 Cor. 15: 58.

When you are tempted and tried—STAND.

When shadowed by doubt and unbelief—STAND.

When the days are dark and hopes are crushed—STAND.

When the fight is hard and you battle alone—STAND.

When opportunity comes to witness for Christ—STAND.

When others get worldly and don't seem to care—STAND.

When you are tempted to shirk or desert your task—STAND.

When the devil tries to lead you into an easier path—STAND.

When some around you misunderstand and persecute you—STAND.

When you are discouraged and on the point of giving up—STAND.

"STAND THEREFORE." Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to STAND against the wiles of the devil." Central Union Outlook.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Elder Ogden, the President of the Antillian Union Mission, in company with Elder Sype, visited fourteen churches from January 28 to February 5. The churches visited enjoyed this privilege very much of receiving the help and encouragement which was received from the messages brought by Elder Ogden.

On February 5, Elders Ogden, Borrowdale, and Sype motored out to Glengoffe to be present and assist in the dedication of their new church bell. Elder Ogden gave a very interesting and appropriate address on this occasion, giving special emphasis to the message which has represented by this little building and by the bell, which pealed forth its call to divine services in a place where the Third Angel's Message is proclaimed.

Elder Smith has held at least one baptism since the close of our conference session, and we believe he has others waiting for his visit to the various churches of his district. This is a good start toward that goal of at least five hundred souls.

Elder Stockhausen reports that he is to hold a baptismal service at Sherwood Forest, and also one at Port Antonio. These services were postponed one week on account of the severe cold and sore throat from which Elder Stockhausen has been suffering; but we are informed that he is improving nicely so that, no doubt, he will have conducted these baptisms by the time this is read, making still more toward the five hundred.

A letter from St. Ann's Bay reports a lady very deeply interested in the message as a result of attending the service held there by Elders Ogden, and Sype on Sunday night, January 29. She was so deeply impressed by Elder Ogden's sermon that she has begun to study the message carefully. We never know what will be the result of inviting some one to a service.

Elder and Mrs. Andross sailed for the Canal Zone on January 30. We are sure that all felt that these servants of God had brought great blessings to our conference session, and as a number of young people as well as older ones accompanied them to the boat to bid them adieu they wished them Heaven's richest blessings and a speedy return to our island field.

On February first Elder Bidwell, superintendent of the Bahama mission, Elder Stewart, acting superintendent of the Cuba Mission, and Brother Raff, Field and Home Missionary Secretary of the Antillian Union, sailed for Cuba. These brethren had attended the Union Committee meeting at Mandeville, January 24-27.

On February 6, Elders Wood, Hurdon, and Borrowdale sailed for Haiti. Elder Wood, our Inter-American Home Missionary Secretary, who gave such valued help at the recent conference session, goes to visit the Haitian and Santo Domingo missions. Elder Borrowdale returns to Porto Rico, where he has charge of our work, and Elder Hurdon is on his way to St. John's, Antigua, where are located the headquarters of the Leeward Island conference. Elder Hurdon is taking the presidency

of that conference after eight years of faithful service in the Jamaica Conference.

On February 8, Elder Ogden, president of the Antillian Union Mission, and Brother Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer and auditor of the Union, sailed away for Cuba. With the departure of these brethren all the visiting workers have gone their various ways, and we are left alone to again pursue our various duties in connection with the work of God in this field. We shall miss the counsel of these brethren and their stirring messages, but we can only wish them God's blessing and assure them of the hearty co-operation of the workers and laity of the Jamaica Conference in the onward march of the work of God.

The many friends of Sister M. Harrison, our pioneer believer in Jamaica, will be anxious to hear of her physical condition, as she has been confined to her bed for so many months. We are sorry to report that she has not been so well as usual the past few days, and has failed quite rapidly. However, we are informed that she seems a little stronger to-day (February 12), and we trust that she may gain strength.

We enjoyed a pleasant call at the office from Elder Isaac and his son, of Haiti. The son is on his way to Mandeville to attend our college there. We understand that Elder Isaac was the first to proclaim this message in Haiti, and is still actively engaged in the same blessed work in our neighbouring island.

We have received a shipment of a complete stock of tracts treating on all phases of the message for this time as well as on many practical subjects. These tracts sell for 1/- per hundred. Let us use more of these tracts this year than were used the last few years.

Remember the Book and Bible House, first, by your patronage and, second, by paying your bills promptly so that we can serve the field as we should like to serve it.

The Kencot church is making plans to launch out into a new era of activity and growth. They expect to undertake a very active building campaign, and we trust they may be rewarded with a neat building to represent the message in that section of the Kingston-St. Andrew's corporation.

## CONFERENCE OFFICE.

## HARVEST FESTIVALS

Please read carefully the recommendation which was passed at the conference session concerning the Harvest Festivals. It will be noticed that the plans for the use of these funds have been revised somewhat, so that each church will be granted 50 per cent. of its Festival funds for immediate use in any necessary building work or repairs on church buildings, and the remainder shall be used as heretofore as a part of a co-operative building fund to be disbursed by the Conference Committee. The above-mentioned recommendation is number 12 of those published in this issue of the VISITOR. We trust all will read this carefully, and that the churches will act accordingly. We are also very anxious to hear from all churches that are planning to hold these festivals in the near future.

R. J. SYPE.

## CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE

It would be very foolish for a man to go to build a house without tools. It is also very difficult, to say the least, for us to conduct the work of the churches without tools with which to work. We wish, here, to mention the "Church Officers' Gazette." Not only does this publication give valuable suggestions for the various services of the church, and for the programme of the home missionary and young people's societies, but from now on there is to be published in it the readings for the "foreign missions" programme each month. It would be worth while for each church to take a special collection to subscribe for this periodical for the leader, at least, and for other officers where possible.

R. J. SYPE.