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THE BIBLE*

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labour, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.—*Selected.*

SPECIAL EVANGELISM MONTHS— MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY.

We are sure that 1928 is to be the best year in the history of our work in Jamaica, in numbers won for God and the Message, if every member will just keep our aim ever before him. We must keep our eyes on the mark, and bend every effort and plan to reach it. One has said that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," but we will go farther and say "Eternal vigilance is the price of success in any line;" and we feel sure this is especially true when it comes to winning souls for the Kingdom of Heaven, for we have an adversary who is ever on his guard and will contest every step. We have set a goal of at least five hundred souls added to the churches of Jamaica during 1928. This will not be realized without vigilance and planning.

At a recent meeting of the Conference committee this matter was given careful consideration, and it was decided to inaugurate what should be called a special evangelism campaign. This is not to be thought of as a time when the workers only are to be engaged in such a work, but a time when

every member of the churches of Jamaica is to think of himself or herself, as, in some sense, an evangelist, and we are to make a three months' intensive effort to enlist large numbers in our baptismal classes. We wish to urge that church leaders organize their churches into bands for the holding of cottage meetings and Bible readings, for the distribution of literature, or for any line of work which will redound to the end of enlisting souls for the Kingdom.

We shall be glad to hear from every leader and to know what you are doing. One month of this special "Evangelism campaign" is already past. Let us make the most of the remaining two months.

R. J. SYPE.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE RECENT CONFERENCE

The conference of January 12—22, 1928, seems to stand out head and shoulders above others. According to the observations of the writer it can be set down in the annals of the work as the greatest conference held in this island. Many features go to prove that.

1. There was in attendance the largest number of delegates from the eighty churches and companies throughout the island.

2. There seems to have been the largest number of other visiting brethren and sisters, and of these

3. The largest number of new members in attendance for the first time at a conference assembly.

4. The reception of 9 or 10 new churches and companies into the fellowship of the Conference formed an outstanding feature too.

5. The concourse of people in attendance at the night meetings held simultaneously at the North Street and Regent Street churches also told a tale. It was never so seen before.

6. The Holy Spirit was evidently the presiding officer in every meeting—not only in divine worship, but in the business sessions.

7. The evangelistic feature was prominent. The call to repentance and reconsecration met hearty response. Many in nearly every meeting came forward confessing their sins and found pardon and acceptance with God.

8. The sick and afflicted also found comfort and relief, as prayer ascended on their behalf.

* This eloquent tribute was read at the recent conference by Elder Ogden, and as some desired copies of it he requested that it be printed here.—Ed.

9. Three Jamaicans were ordained to the gospel ministry, the largest number ever ordained at one time.

10. Last, but not least, for the first time in the history of the work in Jamaica, the Tract Society especially had its reproach of debt rolled away, as did also the Conference itself, with a surplus to the credit of each.

Isn't it wonderful that in the face of such fearful odds and conditions as attended the work in 1927 such marvelous fruitage has been produced?

"Who would not bless His holy name
And laud and magnify?"

And blessed be the human instrumentalities through whom God has wrought wondrously. Let us still move forward to glorious victory,

"With Jesus as our Fellow,
With Jesus as our Head."

S. U. POWELL.

PRESIDENT'S BIENNIAL REPORT

At the opening of this our eighteenth Biennial Session of the Jamaica Conference, we have great reason to "praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works toward the children of men."

One year and a half has passed since we last convened in conference, a year and a half freighted with trials and difficulties, problems, and perplexities; and as we have reviewed the varied experiences we have had from time to time, and as we have recognized the guiding hand of God through them all, we can truly say, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."

In Volume 6 of the "Testimonies" we are told that on such occasions as this if every day a praise meeting should be held, a simple service of thanksgiving to God, there would be much more power in our meetings. It also says that Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures will be overcome by his attacks. As we conform more and more with the plans and purposes of God, we are to see more and more of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. The Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message has begun, and this will wax louder until the angel of mercy is withdrawn from the earth. We should take every advantage possible on such occasions as this to store our minds with the truth for this time. We should be more earnest in seeking the Lord for a deeper consecration; and as we receive more power, we should recognize that that power is given for service, and as we relate ourselves to this work in service, God will use us as lights in this world of sin. The earth will be lightened with the glory of God.

Again I would remind you of the prayer

of our heavenly Representative: "Neither pray I alone for these, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

The end is rapidly approaching. This message is being extended into every corner of the earth; men of every nation, kindred, and tongue are listening to the Third Angel's Message, and Jamaica must come behind in no gift. There are many over this island yet who are waiting and longing for the truth of God. The work is by no means finished here. While it is true that we have here one of the largest memberships compared with the population of any place on earth, (there is one Seventh-day Adventist in Jamaica to every 340 people on the Island; and no greater percentage exists anywhere except it be in California. There are, of course, some of the smaller islands of the sea that might possibly make a better showing) with such an army of over 2,500 believers, what a mighty advantage we might take of the great adversary were we related to the work as the Lord in His great plans designs that we should be.

During the last year and a half much has been accomplished over the Island. Brother Jones in the western end has most faithfully co-operated, and his continual efforts have been to build up and strengthen and encourage the churches under his supervision. Much has been accomplished. March Town, one of the churches that he is in close touch with and I think one of the most active missionary churches in our ranks, has witnessed the baptism of nearly 40 souls this last year; and sister Innis, the faithful leader of this church, informs me that there are nearly 25 in the baptismal class at the present time.

Brother Lawson, who took over Brother Stockhausen's work in the western end of the field upon returning from Grand Cayman, conducted an effort at Craig which resulted in the reorganization of that church and the baptism of 19 souls with a large baptismal class under instruction for the next baptism. Sister Lawson has been conducting the church school at Seaford Town, and Brother Lawson is at present very anxious to conduct an effort there.

Brother Smith for the first year of the term had been doing faithful work in the Regent Street Church; but it was thought best to locate him at Bellas Gate to supervise a group of churches in that district. This

has been a great blessing in that district, and a new interest has been springing up at Croft's Hill, where eight are now observing the Sabbath and are being established in this truth.

Brother Stockhausen about six months ago located in Port Antonio to take up pastoral work in the large church there. His efforts have been most successful, and tithes and offerings have almost doubled, which always indicates progress. We expect to have a large harvest of souls as a result of the Home Missionary efforts put forth by the members of that church. A wonderful interest has been developed about fifteen miles south of Port Antonio, and members of the Port Antonio church are keeping in close touch with this work; they all feel that there will be a large harvest of souls in this district.

Brother Frank Fletcher was called to connect with Elder Fletcher in an effort held in Kencot, where he rendered valuable service, but later was asked to take charge of the Regent Street Church, where he is having excellent influence especially with the young people. We expect that as a result of the present effort being conducted during this Conference Session he will have more than he can care for in following up and searching out the interested.

Elder Fletcher, who commenced the effort in Kencot, Kingston, was called to superintend the reconstruction of the Port Antonio church, which needed immediate attention. This building, under his supervision, has been placed in excellent condition, to the joy and rejoicing of that company. The building was enlarged, and it was thought for a time it would serve ample accommodation; but on my last visit to Port Antonio, it was filled to the utmost capacity, and the believers are beginning to feel that their faith was too small, and that the extension should have been much larger. This we hope will prove correct, and that on an early date there may be still further additions. After building the church in Port Antonio, Elder Fletcher moved to Guy's Hill, where under his supervision and hard labour that church has been placed on the list as one of our best buildings on the Island.

Elder Powell, pastor of the Kingston Church, notwithstanding all the opposition and problems that have had to be encountered, has done successful work and 46 souls have been baptized since the last general session. We feel very grateful to God for the results of this faithful service on the part of workers associated together in this field.

Elder Sype, our Home Missionary Secretary and Young People's Leader, has been most faithfully attending not only to his own duties, but also to duties that fall to the president of this field, thus overloading him and making it very difficult for him to accomplish the work that he desired to do.

I think most of you can appreciate the position that I have been placed in this last year in endeavouring to keep up the work in the office, vacated by the resignation of Brother Williams, and endeavouring to carry the presidency of this field; but I feel very thankful for the experience that has been mine. Trials and difficulties and perplexities sometimes weary the flesh; but I am sure that the experience that I have gone through has brought me into closer union with my Saviour, and has thus been a great source of strength and comfort.

HARVEST INGATHERING WORK

Our Harvest Ingathering work for this year has been conducted under conditions that have, to some extent, been detrimental. I refer to the excessive rains this fall, making it impossible for some of our churches to meet together for weeks at a time; and yet, in spite of it all, the larger churches have reached their goals and the receipts for the two biennial periods have been as follows:—

1924 and 1925	£1,320	0	2½
1926 and 1927	£1,242	0	5½

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

Our Missionary Volunteer work has suffered greatly because of the added burdens that have been laid upon the leader of that department; but we trust that plans will soon be laid for aggressive work in that department. With the army of young people at our command, there are great possibilities for the future. We are told that our young people may have even a greater influence upon the minds of other young people than the ordained minister. I should like to quote a statement that I quoted to you two years ago from Professor Kern: "The reason why so many young people who have been converted never advance beyond the alphabet of Christian experience, is because different branches of the missionary work are not laid before them, and they are not given a definite part to act. The sequel of every revival effort should be the re-organization of the missionary work. Let those who labour for the young see to it that they are properly organized for missionary effort, and that work and instructions adapted to their age and experience be provided." We have a comparison of the membership of the various societies which will reveal the fact that our young people are increasing from year to year.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Our Sabbath Schools are recognized as the most important factors in our church work and whatever helps the Sabbath School, helps the church. The Sabbath School Department is everywhere recognized as the backbone of the church, and as you are all fully aware, were it not for our Sabbath Schools scattered all over this Island, there would be very little hope in our churches.

Every effort should be made to strengthen the Sabbath School. The following figures will speak for themselves:—

Year	No. member-	Att.	S.S.W.	Inv.	Fund
1924	78	2,889	2,248	23	0 0 0
1925	82	3,080	2,687	28	0 19 0
1926	84	3,530	2,832	30	59 19 0
1927	87	3,681	2,975	24	48 14 1

Birthdays	12 Sabbaths	13 Sabbaths	Totals
1 18 0½	494 11 7½	257 15 10	754 5 5½
4 3 3¼	548 16 9½	277 18 4¼	831 17 6¾
6 14 11¼	555 7 9½	296 0 10¼	918 2 7¾
6 9 1¼	593 5 5¼	279 14 4¼	928 3 11¾

PUBLISHING WORK

Our Publishing work has been progressing during the last eighteen months as will be evidenced by the report from that department. We fully realize that the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message will accomplish its work largely through the influence of our Publishing work. We should do everything to encourage the canvassing work, for if properly conducted it becomes missionary work of the highest order. Our sales for the past two years have been:—1926-1927 3,395 11/11.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

We have always been very proud of our Training School located at Mandeville, so beautifully situated in one of the most healthy places on the Island. Unfortunately heavy burdens have been laid upon Professor Rathbun for the last year; but I am thankful to say that much has been accomplished, and while discouraging to Professor Rathbun, has been very encouraging to others who have been watching and praying for his success there. An excellent faculty has given him splendid co-operation, and I am sure that all will agree that a splendid spiritual atmosphere exists there. Professor Rathbun will shortly give you an account of the work done at the school.

We are operating four church schools in the island, and the largest is the Kingston Church School, with an enrolment of over 100. Brother Bailey has been faithfully supervising the school, and we are proud to announce that three of the students from this school successfully passed their Cambridge examinations. Our school at March Town, conducted by Sister Sangster has made a most promising showing. Sister Sangster will tell you something of her experience there before the Conference is over. I am pleased to tell you that at the last baptism of nineteen that took place recently at March Town, eight were baptized as a result of the faithful work done by the church school teacher in the March Town School. We will also mention that Sister Lawson at Seaford Town, and Sister Dillon at Guy's Hill have been doing their part faithfully in their respective schools.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would impress upon your mind the one great fact that the work is closing and will soon be finished, finished much sooner than we anticipate. Time and again we have been admonished that the end will come like an overwhelming surprise. "Watch and pray" should be ringing in our ears. The great unfinished work should spur us on; the outstretched hands on every side should be a tremendous appeal to every believer of this truth.

I finish by quoting from the servant of the Lord, "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. And 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 still amidst the shadows and turmoil of earthly activities. Let us consider most earnestly the blessed hereafter. Let our faith pierce through every cloud of darkness, and behold Him who died for the sins of the world. He has opened the gates of paradise to all who receive and believe on Him. Let the afflictions which pain us so grievously become instructive lessons, teaching us to press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of Christ. Let us be encouraged by the thought that the Lord is soon to come. We are home-ward bound. The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no more sadness in the City of God. No wail of sorrow, no dirge of crushed hopes and buried affections will ever more 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."

W. J. HURDON.

[The copy for the foregoing address and for the following report reached us too late for the Conference Special.—Editor.]

HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

We speak of the Sabbath School as the church at study, but the Home Missionary department is the entire church at work. The church will not be able to finish the work of God until every member is found doing his part in the work for which the church is organized; that is, the winning of souls for God's kingdom.

We feel thankful for all the evidences which have been manifested in the churches of Jamaica during the past conference period that God's people are aware of their God-given responsibilities in this great work, and that they are endeavouring to place themselves on the altar of service. At the same time we regret that there has not been more accomplished than has been accomplished during the time for the salvation of precious souls for whom Christ died, and trust that we may, here, dedicate ourselves anew to the task before us.

Immediately following the conference session of 1926, we began definite plans for the launching of the Harvest Ingathering campaign for that year. In spite of many hindrances that campaign was a success, and we had a gain over the previous year, gathering in over six hundred and fifty pounds in money and accomplishing much in other lines for the advancement of the work of God.

After the close of the Harvest Ingathering for 1926, it was my privilege to spend some time among the churches, encouraging them along various lines of missionary endeavour, as well as conducting a number of baptisms and holding the communion services in a large number of churches. During these visits among the churches we were greatly encouraged to find so many of the smaller churches in the country places organized for intensive missionary efforts. Among these small churches which we have found so actively engaged in missionary endeavour, we should like to give special mention to a few which we trust may serve as models for others similarly situated.

The small churches in the adjoining districts of Bellas Gate and Blue Hole were actively engaged in an aggressive effort for the surrounding districts when we visited them early in 1927. We found the brethren at Blue Hole going out each Sunday morning to an adjoining district, where they held

cottage meetings and where they are finding quite an interest. This was resulting, not only in a good ingathering of souls, but also in an excellent spiritual condition in the church itself.

We found the small church at Ballimoney, an isolated district in upper St. Ann, doing a good work, and we had the privilege of baptizing two classes there in the last part of 1926 and 1927. This little isolated church has experienced great blessings from the hand of God as the result of their united efforts for the salvation of souls.

We mention these few companies as illustrative of the work which we have found in other places, but these have been mentioned since they were the most typical of the kind of work we feel should be carried on in all our small churches scattered throughout the island.

During the Big Week campaign of 1927 we found the churches willing to do their best. While we have not been able to do as much in this effort as we should like to have done, yet we believe that was the most successful effort of this kind we have had in this Conference.

During the latter part of 1927 it was our privilege to visit the larger portion of the churches in the west half of the island, conducting their annual elections and holding the ordinances with them, as well as baptizing a large number of candidates and assisting in the 1927 Harvest Ingathering campaign.

We are sorry to report that, on account of an unusually stormy season in certain sections of the island, we fell a little behind in our 1927 Harvest Ingathering. We raised about six hundred Pounds in funds, but trust there has been a greater ingathering of souls as a result of the visiting of this campaign season. We have been especially pleased with some of the testimonies which have come to our attention in regard to the personal blessings received by those who have gone out into this work, as well as the opportunities which it has offered of getting in touch with interested parties.

While we should like to recount many of the experiences of this campaign, we shall mention only two of the more impressive and typical ones. Brother Barnes of St. Ann's Bay reports that he has been able to give the message to a large number as a result of this work whom he was never able to reach in any other way. Elder Stockhausen has reported a most interesting experience in Port Antonio. This church was thoroughly organised for the campaign. They had a number of bands and every member of the church took part in the campaign. We believe this is the first time in our experience that we have known of a large church that was able to enlist every member in the campaign. The Conference set the Port Antonio goal at £25 0/0. However, they felt that this was too small and set

their goal at £38 0/0; but even this proved to be too small for a united church, and they actually raised the magnificent sum of £44 0/0. We mention this experience as we feel sure it is only what every church could do if they were fully alive to the possibilities of the work and were thoroughly reorganized.

Rather than take time to relate the experience of the various churches in all the lines of Home Missionary endeavour, we will close by presenting the report of missionary work done during the past eighteen months ending December 31, 1927.

Average number reporting	1,209	
Offerings for Home Missions	£50	0 0
Missionary Visits	41,594	
Bible Readings	15,014	
Persons taken to S. S. or other Services	1,818	
Hours of Christian help work		
	52,318	
Treatments Given	5,526	
Value of Food and Fuel given	£431	3 8
Articles of clothing given	2,112	
Bouquets given to sick	887	
Papers and Magazines distributed	12,976	
Tracts distributed	25,878	
Subscription for Missionary periodicals	284	
Books distributed	5,153	
Scripture Cards given	1,058	
Letters written	3,562	
Letters received	1,978	

May the Lord richly bless his people in Jamaica during the ensuing conference term and make it a period rich in the winning of precious souls for the garner of the Lord.

R. J. SYPE.

FIFTEEN GO FORWARD IN BAPTISM AT THE EAST END

It was the writer's privilege to spend the week-end, February 17th-19th with the church at Sherwood Forest. In this short time we had twelve meetings altogether. On Sunday morning, February 19th, we gathered on the sea beach at Fairy Hill for a baptismal service. Although there was a large gathering of people, the behaviour was all that could be desired. After a brief address on the meaning and significance of the ordinance, five women and three men buried the "old man" beneath the blue waters of the ocean and rose again to walk "in newness of life." Later in the day, after those who had been baptized were received into church fellowship, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated at the church. That same night, at the seven o'clock service, the building was crowded to its utmost capacity, with many standing outside the windows. There is quite an interest to hear the truth at Sherwood Forest and

we hope to be called there soon again for another baptism.

On Sunday, February 26th, the ordinance of baptism was again administered by the writer. This time five women and two men were buried with their Saviour at Port Antonio. The Lord is working mightily here, as is shown by the fact that fifteen more are in the baptismal class preparing to go forward at an early date.

Last Friday and Sabbath, March 2nd and 3rd, were spent with the church at Moor Park. Although I have visited this church four times, this was the first time that we were able to have anything like good meetings. Moor Park seems to be the rainiest spot in Jamaica. Although it rained on Sabbath, a good many of the brethren were able to come out and participate in the ordinances. A baptismal class was also formed here. This church has a fine body of young people, and it is indeed a pity that the church school had to be closed down. We hope that it will not be long before they will see the way open to start it going again. From this place we journeyed out to Hart Hill, where we had two good services. The ordinances were celebrated in the afternoon on Sunday, and at the night meeting I had the privilege of preaching to the largest crowd (so I was informed) that had ever gathered in the building since its erection. There was not standing room inside.

As one goes from place to place and sees the great interest being manifested by those not of our faith to hear this last warning message, one cannot fail to be struck with the fact that God is fulfilling His word—"The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Let us "arise, shine;" that men may see the glory of the Lord which is risen upon us, and give glory to His holy Name.

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

REGENT STREET CHURCH.

The Smith Village or Regent Street Church in Kingston is among those churches which came forth from the great biennial feast of January well filled and benefited by the good things partaken of there; and we determined as never before to lay our all completely on the altar of service in this great cause. We realize that the one supreme goal which should inspire the hearts of every believer in the Third Angel's Message is, "The finishing of the work." For its attainment we are praying and working.

Our hearts do beat in unison with all the other churches in Jamaica—yes, with all the Seventh-day Adventist believers in the world—for the accomplishment, under God, of this magnificent task, while we sincerely pray and strive that the work may be finished first in our own hearts and lives.

It was our privilege during the Conference week to have meetings conducted by some of the visiting brethren every night at our church on the chief phases of our message, I rejoice to say that as a result of these meetings some dear souls have taken their stand for the truth. We have at present a baptismal class numbering fifteen and expect that others will enter the class very soon.

Realizing the efficiency of systematic, prayerful work, the church has been organized into bands for missionary work and prayer, with leaders and associate leaders and districts assigned to each band. By this we plan to cover as much territory as possible. Each band has a definite goal in view. Some individual members have pledged to win as many as four souls to the Master during the year 1928. May God bless them and give them souls for their hire. As a church, by the help of God we have pledged to win during 1928 thirty souls for the kingdom of God. We are hoping, God helping, to unite our efforts and go over this goal. Help us to pray that our hopes may be realized.

The servant of God speaking through inspiration says, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 117.

Dear brethren, let us awake from our lethargy and be alive as never before to our great responsibility—the finishing of the work—knowing that in due season we shall reap abundantly if we faint not.

FRANK FLETCHER.

THE NEWELL CHURCH.

As leader of the Young People's Missionary Society of this church, I am sure the readers of the VISITOR will be glad to be informed of the progress of the work in this corner of the Lord's vineyard.

We are just a small society, as many of our young people have left us to attend the West Indian Training College. We who are left cannot remain still, as there are many souls around us who know not of this grand old message. One of the most interesting reports that our delegates brought back from the Conference was the resolution for the winning of souls.

Already we have set our "Soul Goal" and have started work to that end. As a society we have formed two Prayer Bands, which meet on Sabbaths.

On Sunday afternoons we go out visiting in bands, and all meet at a spot where we conduct open air meetings on the same evening. These meetings are well attended, and we hope to continue until we see fruits of our labour.

S. F. MAIR.

GROVETOWN

Our compound Harvest Festival began at six o'clock in the morning of February 12. At that quiet hour we went to the beach, some three and a half rocky miles from our church, where six of the candidates of our baptismal class were buried in their watery grave by Elder Randle, being born again as fruits for the Kingdom.

Later on the same day, at about four o'clock, a large crowd gathered at our church for the other part of our Harvest Festival. We were also favoured by the appreciated presence of Professor and Mrs. F. O. Rathbun, and Messrs. B. Hamilton, E. Brodie, A. Brodie, and D. Reid from the West Indian Training College, who all rendered important items on the programme. Professor Rathbun also acted as chairman and gave an address on the Parable of the Sower, showing its two-fold purpose and meaning. Other numbers on the programme were given by our members, under the supervision of C. R. Thompson, our S. S. Superintendent.

Attention was then directed to our lovely offering of fruits and other products and the names of the donors were read. While Mrs. Rathbun played, an offertory, a liberal offering was taken up, and the chairman gave thanks to God, the Giver of all good gifts.

JAMES W. SHAND.

BELLAS GATE AND BLUE HOLE

During February, Elder George A. E. Smith visited the churches at Bellas Gate and Blue Hole, where during his licentiate ministry he had won many of the first fruits and where he had been labouring during the months preceding the recent conference session. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated at both places and were especially fitting at Bellas Gate, where they had not had the privilege for over a year, owing to the paucity of ordained ministers.

At Bellas Gate ten precious souls followed their Lord in baptism. In the early hours of Sunday, February 12th, the church members and candidates gathered in the place of worship, where the latter were examined and all listened to a stirring discourse on the manifestation of the Christian life. After that the company marched to the river, over a mile away.

A great number of persons gathered on the banks of the stream, and Elder Smith took advantage of the opportunity of speaking to them. He based his remarks on the text in I Cor. 4: 9, last part. We are a spectacle to angels, to men, and to the world. Referring to the candidates in particular and to Seventh-day Adventists in general, he said we are a spectacle as our Lord was on the cross; to some for rude jests, to others for curious comment, to

others for ridicule, and to others still that they might mark and watch to find failure in them in the days to come; but Jesus has promised not only to save but to keep. On the part of the angels, however, these candidates on their public acknowledgment of their Saviour and His wonderful grace, were a cause for rejoicing, and they struck a higher chord to the praise of Jesus and the glory of His grace.

A decidedly good impression was made upon the hearers, after which the baptism took place in a very solemn manner. At the close of the service Elder Smith journeyed to Blue Hole, where the same rite was performed, six dear people going forward at this place, at an hour when the friends were able to attend.

HENRY WATTS.

ACTION

The more people do, the more they can do. He that does nothing renders himself incapable of doing anything. While we are executing one work, we are preparing ourselves to do another.—*Hazlitt.*

"When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one."

THE FAULT-FINDERS

A fable runs that the gods gave three fault-finders each a piece of glass. One of them, a fool, made his piece into lens whereby he magnified every little error into something huge. The second was a just man; he used his as a window pane, so that he saw things more as they were. The third man, though a fault-finder, had wisdom; of this piece he made a mirror wherein he could see that many of the faults he deplored were in himself.—*Selected.*

"The only way to do a great work for Christ is to start and keep on doing a little each day in His name."

"If there is anywhere on your horizon a light, fix your eyes upon it and turn your thoughts away from the clouds which may cover the rest of the sky. One spot of blue is worth a sky full of gray."

BY THE IMPERIAL WIRELESS SERVICE.

Vibrating through the ether from Australia by the great Empire Radio installation comes the message

"Warburton, Victoria Hygiene, Watford, Herts, England.

"Please forward immediately two thousand copies of 'Protestantism Imperilled!'—'Signs.'

We rejoice greatly to see such a large quantity of this little book going out to the farthest point of the Empire. It will do a blessed work in opening the eyes of our Australian friends to the menace of Rome.

The Missionary Worker, (Watford, England.)

THE KEY THAT UNLOCKED HIS HEART

A kind word has a magic power. Many a person has been turned from wrong to right, from discontent and unhappiness to peace and happiness, by the winning power of kindness. Such was the experience of the old man in the following instance:

"Sir," said this old man one day to a minister, "would you like to know how it was that I, an old gray-haired sinner, was instrumentally led to become a Christian?"

"Yes," replied the minister, "I would very much like to know."

"Well, sir, I was walking in the street one morning, when I met a bright-eyed boy. The fellow stepped up to me, and in the most polite manner imaginable, said, 'Please, sir, will you have a tract? And, please, sir, will you read it?' Now, I had always hated tracts, and when anyone offered them to me I generally got angry. But that 'Please, sir,' overcame me that morning. I could not say no to that gentlemanly little fellow, with his kind 'please sir.' No, no; so I took the tract and thanked the boy. As I had promised him that I would read it, I did read it. By God's mercy the reading of that tract led me to see that I was a sinner. It was the means of bringing me to Christ. That 'please sir,' was the key that unlocked my hard old heart."—*Selected.*

ALL ARE INCLUDED.

If every minister, Bible worker, colporteur, teacher, office worker, institutional worker, church officer, and every member of the church would keep a personal prayer list, and put forth personal effort in behalf of those whose names are on the prayer list, thousands of souls would be won every year.

G. A. ROBERTS,
In The Review and Herald.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

NOTES

Up to the time of writing (March 12) a number of names have been sent in for certificates of different kinds. We are glad for these, and hope that long before 1928 closes we shall reach the goals we have adopted for these different lines of self-improvement. Let me call attention to these goals again:

Bible Year Certificates, 75.

Reading Course Certificates, 75.

Standard of Attainment Certificates, 50.

It will certainly be interesting to note just how far we have advanced toward these goals. Here are the figures:

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT

- 11 certificates applied for.
- 7 examination papers sent up to Division office.
- 1 seal issued.

READING COURSE

- 21 certificates applied for.

BIBLE YEAR.

- 3 certificates issued.
- 13 certificates applied for.

We hope that ere this reaches our readers, the certificates applied for will have been issued. All those who qualify for certificates of any kind must be sure to acquaint their society secretaries immediately.

ATTENTION!

Society Secretary, have you yet sent in your first quarter's report? If not, do it NOW. Remember your report is due in the office not later than the 10th. Let this be our slogan: "EVERY REPORT ON TIME."

IS THIS YOU?

During the recent Conference session, Mrs. Andross personally received application for three Junior Bible Year certificates for

Luther Turner,
Winnifred Kelly and
Millicent Kelly.

When she took their names, she failed to take their addresses; so in sending the certificates to us, she could not say where they should be sent. If the owners of these names will communicate with us, their certificates will be forwarded promptly.

M. V. WEEK OF PRAYER

At the time of writing this (March 12) we are in Missionary Volunteer Week. This special week is being observed by our young people all over the world. We are having good meetings in Kingston. How did you enjoy the week? Let us hear.

P. J. BAILEY.

M. V. CIRCULATING LIBRARY

The reading in the March "Gazette" for the first day of the M. V. Week of Prayer ought certainly to persuade us to read only those books that will be uplifting. In addition to the Reading Courses, you will find the books in the Circulating Library of such a nature. Indeed, many of them are Reading Course books. A glance at the lists will serve to show that these books deal with a wide range of subjects—biography, missionary travel and adventures, nature, health, doctrinal, etc. They do not deal with the exciting and the sensational, nor yet with the philosophical and metaphysical; nevertheless there is to be found in them that which is sufficiently interesting for the mind of the typical boy or girl, as well as that which is sufficiently solid for the maturest mind.

The habit of purposeful reading is a characteristic of the people in the world who think and do great things. Reading moulds the mind, and consequently has a great effect upon the character; and as character building is the most urgent business we have to undertake, it is very important, *what* we read and *how* we read. This is a problem in these days when, from presses all over the world, a large stream of literature, much of it filthy, is pouring out daily for our mental consumption.

The Circulating Library helps to solve this problem. Therefore make use of it.

P. J. BAILEY.

Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost. This work was neglected in Israel. Is it not neglected to-day by those who profess to be Christ's followers?—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 191.

Men can make money and plenty of it without God; men can acquire learning without God; but character cannot be formed without God.

"To be little with God in prayer is to be little for God in service."

"Much secret prayer means much public power."

"Nights of prayer with God have been followed by days of power with men."

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.**WHY I AM ATTENDING A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.**

In this world are offered two kinds of education. These are a Christian education and a worldly education. The majority of the young choose the learning that the world offers. The reason for doing so is that they may have all the pleasures it affords. A few of them are as follows:—dancing, going to the theatre, games, garden parties, etc. But is this their main reason for doing so? They think they receive the world's recognition, and will be able to procure a lofty position in the eyes of the world, which will bring them great gain, as far as this world's goods are concerned.

The modern scientists are denying God to be the Creator of the human race, meanwhile conferring upon monkeys the honour of being the ancestors of man. All of the different things that I have mentioned are roads that lead away from God.

All that I have already said will show the great contrast to what I am about to say now. A true education is one that restores the image of the Creator in the created. Will any of those things mentioned in the worldly education do the restoring work? True education is three fold, developing the hands, heart, and head. Now my

chief reason for attending a Christian institution is that I may receive a diploma which will not bear the world's seal, but will be impressed with the seal of the great King of Kings, in the day when He descends in the clouds to graduate his faithful children.

A. SHAW.

W. I. T. C. NOTES

Fourteen new students have been welcomed thus far this semester. This includes Mr. Nahum Isaac from Haiti and Mr. Galliano from Cuba, the other twelve being from Jamaica.

The first week of the semester was memorable because of the presence among us of the members of the Antillian Union Committee, who chose our delightful location for their annual meeting. We enjoyed their talks in chapel, at evening worship, and on Sabbath—not to mention the special treat on the night after the Sabbath, when each one told his most interesting experience in mission work.

New classes begun this semester are Shorthand I, Bookkeeping, Testimonies, and Pedagogy. Miss Eva Williams and Mr. Henry Simpson have started teaching in the Normal Training department.

All the Wineland family have been patients at the Glendale Sanitarium for longer or shorter periods since the new year began.

Mr. Arthur Heron spent a day with us on his way to Axe-and-Adze for the special event to occur there in the Seventh-day Adventist church on February 29th. Miss Maud Marshall also participated in this happy event, and Elder M. Jones officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Heron plan to spend a month in Montego Bay and then make their home in Trinityville. All his former teachers and classmates here appreciated their share of the wedding cake posted to us, and join in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

Among the former-student callers thus far this semester are Messrs. C. R. Thompson, R. B. Campbell, C. A. Pitter, G. Bramwell, L. Fletcher, and L. Soares, Miss Doris Powell and Miss Maisie Wright. We are always pleased to see our old friends.

All will be glad to learn that Elder Keslake, our former Bible teacher, has made a good recovery from the accident in December when he was run down by an automobile.

Elder S. U. Powell made us a short call on March 15, as he was on his way to Santa Cruz with other members of his family.

Both the academic and college rhetoric classes are now using *The Watchman* for examples to supplement their textbooks, taking three months' subscriptions. The advanced students especially enjoy reproducing some of the articles as "oral-themes," thereby learning both present truth and good English.

On the last Saturday night in February our neighbour, Mr. E. H. Francis, gave us another interesting travel lecture, this time on Algeria and the Sahara.

Professor Crawford has been called to Southfield twice in the last fortnight by the serious illness of his father. In his absence, Mr. Nation conducted the march last Saturday night.

Our prayers for rain were answered on the 13th, when the drought of four months was broken by a half inch rainfall.

A baptismal class of thirteen has been formed and meets each Sabbath evening.

On account of vacation our church election did not occur till the first of February. The leaders of the Sabbath School are R. Bowyer, B. R. Hamilton, Vida Hamilton, and Stella Young; of the M. V. Society, D. Barnes, W. S. Nation, U. Lawrence, and M. Daley.

The class in Domestic Science prepared and served a model dinner in honour of their teachers on March 13th. Those who enjoyed this treat were Professor and Mrs. Rathbun, Professor and

Mrs. Crawford, Elder Randle, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, and Miss Harrison.

Our sheet-metal shop continues to be rushed with work. As soon as a lull came in the demand for orange-oil containers, several large jobs of roofing and guttering were handed.

Soon after retiring time on the night of February 16 one or more unwelcome callers forced their way into the business office and helped themselves to what they thought would be of value to them, including two letters containing small checks and some tablets of soap. They then visited the laundry and selected several pieces of men's wearing apparel. The police were promptly notified and have arrested the thieves.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1928.

<i>Churches and Cos.</i>	<i>Tithes</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Axe and Adze	0 18 6	0 5 1½
Blue Hole	2 3 7½	0 3 4½
Bellas Gate	0 9 9	0 5 6
Ballimoney	0 3 5	0 3 9
Beverley	0 0 0	0 0 0
Bird's Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0
*Bagbie	3 19 6½	1 5 5½
Belfield	4 10 9	1 19 9
Bonny Gate	0 0 0	0 0 0
Bluefields	0 0 0	0 0 0
Bryant Hill	3 4 3½	1 9 6½
Brown's Town	0 0 0	0 0 0
Beeston Spring	0 6 6	0 5 0
Brittonville	0 7 10½	0 1 0
Balacava	0 7 8	0 6 1
Carron Hall	0 0 0	0 0 0
Canaan	0 0 0	0 0 0
Contented Hall	2 2 2½	1 8 0
Craig	2 16 9½	0 15 11
Campbell's Castle	0 0 0	0 3 0
*Coleyville	3 17 6½	1 3 10½
Duxes	0 0 0	0 0 0
Darliston	8 18 7	0 18 11½
*Devon	0 12 9	0 4 10½
Dalvey	0 0 0	0 0 0
Everton Park	0 0 0	0 0 0
East End	0 0 0	0 0 0
Florence Hill	2 3 4½	1 11 1½
Flower Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0
Fustic Grove	0 14 3	0 6 7
Goshen	0 0 0	0 0 0
Glengoffe	0 0 0	0 0 0
Guy's Hill	3 12 0½	0 18 9½
Grove Town	2 11 4	4 8 5
George Town	0 0 0	0 0 0
Grantsville	0 19 0	0 9 1½
Hart Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0
Hill Top	0 0 0	0 0 0
Hector's River	0 17 3	0 4 7
Jack's River	1 1 3	0 0 0
Jointwood	2 15 6	1 3 4½
Kingston	50 6 0½	11 0 2½
Kencot	6 4 5½	3 9 8
Lamb's River	0 0 0	0 0 0
Linstead	1 9 9½	0 8 9½
Long Bay	0 7 10½	0 8 7
Little London	1 9 1	0 7 0
Montego Bay	2 15 7	1 13 2½
Mt. Providence	4 9 11½	0 15 3½
*Mt. Peace	0 8 11	0 3 0
Mt. Carey	2 14 8½	0 12 7
Mile End	0 0 0	0 7 4
Manchioneal	0 2 8½	0 9 3½
*March Town	8 3 5½	4 18 10½
Mandeville	12 5 8	4 10 2
Moor Park	2 7 8	1 3 4½
Mahogany Grove	0 0 0	0 0 0
Newport	0 0 0	0 0 0
Newell	3 6 0	0 9 7
Norway	0 0 0	0 0 0
New Roads	0 0 0	0 0 0
Old Harbour	0 0 0	0 0 0
Orange	0 7 4½	0 12 6
Prospect	0 0 0	0 0 0
Port Antonio	13 14 3½	3 6 2½
*Porus	1 5 8½	1 7 1
Port Maria	0 0 0	0 0 0
*Riversdale	4 12 6½	1 11 2½

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings
Race Course	0 0 0	0 0 0
Spring Garden	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sheffield	0 0 0	0 0 0
Spanish Town	6 8 5½	1 12 10½
St. Ann's Bay	2 17 0½	0 18 5½
Southfield	1 6 0	0 11 6½
Santa Cruz	1 7 1	0 10 11½
Seaford Town	2 4 0	0 14 8
Sav-la-Mar	0 0 0	0 0 0
Swift River	0 0 0	0 0 0
Springfield	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sherwood Content	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sherwood Forest	0 14 8	1 9 4
Trinityville	1 7 0	0 10 6½
Tuscany	0 0 0	0 0 0
*Upper Regent Street	10 7 1	2 6 3½
Vaughansfield	2 1 10	0 3 7
*Waterloo	1 7 0	1 0 0
Windsor Forest	0 0 0	0 0 0
White Hill	0 12 0½	0 4 1½
Isoll. & Conf.	34 9 10	1 3 9½
Totals	£231 7 7½	69 1 4½

*Remittance for January and February.

COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1928.

Names	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value of Orders
R. B. Campbell	O.D.	157	109	77 15 9
	D. & R.			*27 9 6
H. D. Lawrence	Miscel.	90	87	41 8 0
B. A. Ricketts	H.W.	148	66	54 19 1
	O.D.			*4 16 8
B. E. Hurst	O.D.	30	37	21 18 9
	B.P.F.			*12 0 0
Andrew Robinson	B.F.	64	32	14 8 0
	H.P.			*7 10 0
D. B. Reid	H.S.	27	16	*24 0 0
Miscellaneous				37 10 3
				*29 9 0
Totals		516	347	£271 19 10
* Value of Deliveries				*93 17 2

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

ITEMS

Don't forget the FIVE HUNDRED.

In answer to a circular letter sent out to the churches, we are receiving many interesting letters from the leaders, expressing their views as to the greatest needs of their respective churches. Nearly all agree that they are determined to go after their share of the 500.

If you have not yet arranged for your order for the little book, "How to Give Bible Readings," do so at once.

The following conference workers were present at the funeral of Sister M. Harrison, referred to in another place in this paper: Elders Powell, Sype, Smith, Fletcher, and Hall, and Brother Grounds, and Brother Frank Fletcher, as well as the entire conference office force.

On a recent date Elder Smith baptized six people at Bird's Hill and, shortly previous, seven at Mount Providence. This makes about thirty to whom he has administered this rite since the recent conference session. This is a good start toward the 500.

Elder Lawson recently held a baptism at Waterloo. As they were suffering from a drought, so that they had no water, their candidates were taken over to Craig Head and baptized in the Hector's river.

The Guy's Hill church building is to be dedicated on Sunday, April first. We are thankful for the good work done by the brethren there in co-operation with Elder Fletcher in erecting

this creditable sanctuary to the service of God.

On Sunday, the 25th of March, the Linstead church holds its Harvest Festival, and on the 8th of April Brother Reid will begin a series of meetings at Glengoffe, and will also help the small churches near by.

On March fourth, Elder and Mrs. Sype drove out to Duxes, near Point Hill, to assist in a Harvest Festival. Bro. Frank Fletcher was to have been there for that occasion, but on account of a minor motor accident in which he received some bruises, he was unable to fill this appointment.

On April 5th Elder Sype and Elder Lawson will sail for Grand Cayman to look after the work there and arrange for the various interests of the churches on that island. They will be gone two or three weeks.

By the time this paper is in the hands of the readers, Elder Meeker will have reached our shores, and we trust all who are interested in any phase of the literature and book work will get in touch with him as soon as possible.

Brother David Reid was a visitor at the office one day this week after a successful delivery of books in St. Catherine. He has returned to Coolsworthy.

A letter from Brother E. E. Parchment, elder of the Mandeville church, states that there is a good interest in the district of Windsor Forest, Manchester, and says they are calling for a worker. The Lord has many dear souls in these hundreds of little districts in the island. Let us go out as lay workers from the churches and gather them out and help make up that FIVE HUNDRED souls for 1928.

Don't neglect to arrange for at least one Harvest Festival during 1928.

Elder Fletcher held a baptism and marriage at Spanish Town the last Sunday in February.

Elder Powell is to give the Riversdale church some special help in the near future and will also give some assistance to the Bagbie church.

Elder Lawson reports quite a lively interest at Seaford Town. We trust and pray that there may still be souls gathered out in that district.

It has been arranged for one or two strong tabernacle efforts to be held during this season. The time and places will be announced later.

Elder Sype is visiting the following churches during March: Linstead, Mandeville, Southfield, Ballimoney, Manchineal, Hector's River, Long Bay, Sherwood Forest, Port Antonio, and Guy's Hill.

Elder Smith will connect with the work at March Town about the middle of March, and will remain there two or three months to assist them in getting started at their long-looked-for, church building, as well as to give them other needed to help in their soul-winning campaign.

Sister Hurdon has received word from Elder Hurdon, written from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. These islands are in his territory, and he was remaining there a few days to hold a special effort with the church at that place. We trust the Lord will richly bless him in this effort.

Brother O. P. Reid was a recent caller at the office as he was on his way with some of his faithful colporteurs.

Brother R. Newball, who has been a teacher for many years in San Andres and Old Providence islands, and who has more recently been connected with our training school in Panama, was a welcome visitor at the office recently. He had been acquainted with Elder Sype some years ago, when they were both labouring in the West Caribbean conference.

Brother Albert Haig has recovered from his recent illness and is again on the firing line, placing our good books in the hands of the people of St. Mary.

Brother Arthur Heron, who has been canvassing in St. Thomas and who has been accomplishing a good work in the vicinity of Trinityville, recently

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passed through Kingston on his way back to Hanover, where he and Miss Marshall were united in marriage on the 29th of February. We wish for them success and feel sure the Lord will bless them as they return to Trinityville to labour for souls.

A letter from Brother Dunbar, the leader of the Moor Park church, tells of the efforts being put forth by that church for the gathering in of souls. He says, "The brethren here have caught a fresh spirit of the Message. We have divided the little company into bands and are going out into the districts around having Bible studies and cottage meetings, and we are meeting with good success. To God be the glory."

A letter from Brother Stevens, of St. Ann's Bay, tells of an awakening at Ocho Rios. He has been giving them a little assistance there, and they have rented a hall and have a number of new persons attending their Sabbath services.

"A sound of going" is being heard "in the tops of the mulberry trees." Remember the five hundred.

CONFERENCE OFFICE

SEED THOUGHTS FROM THE CONFERENCE

If one made no other decision than to observe the Morning Watch daily, it would revolutionize the life.

Much more than did Christ, we need to commune with God till we are "charged with a heavenly current that should connect humanity with divinity. Through continual communion He received life from God that He might impart life to the world. His experience is to be ours." Desire of Ages, p. 363. See also C. O. L., p. 139.

Sin must be rooted out of our lives like weeds out of a garden, which are not allowed to have dominion over it.

The spirit of God comes into the heart when we choose Him and renew our choice hour by hour and moment by moment.

Holy love in the heart of even one member of the home will transform that home.

Since it takes two points to determine a straight line, in making a straight line for the Kingdom we must set a goal for our endeavours, and with Christ as the other point to look to we can move forward to any goal.

"Where there is no active service for others, love grows cold and faith grows dim." D. of A., p. 825.

When the Spirit of God comes into the heart,

He creates a love of righteousness and a hatred and abhorrence of sin.

To invite the Holy Spirit into the heart without surrendering the life to Him, without obeying the Spirit's leading, is to invite destruction. The Spirit must destroy the sin or the sinner.

If you want to know the truth about any teaching, find how Christ lived in regard to it, what the Bible says about it, and what the law of God says of it. Jno. 14: 6, Jno. 17: 17, and Ps. 119: 142 tell us what is truth.

A sick sheep may follow a stranger, but a well one never will. So church members with a healthy, vigorous Christian experience will follow only the true Shepherd.

Just as an ocean liner does not have enough steam in its boiler for an entire voyage, so a Christian cannot store up spiritual food for a week or more at a time; nor can one take in enough at a conference session to last a biennial period. *The liner must get its steam as it goes.

Christ could not have come to this earth as a man and lived the life that He lived without the Holy Spirit.

As Noah sent the dove forth after the flood, so the Father sent His Spirit into the world; but because of sin He found no place to abide till Christ came. At this baptism the Spirit in the form of a dove rested upon Him and remained while he was on earth; after Pentecost the Spirit came the third time and, as promised, will abide with us forever.

We have not lifted up Christ as we should—in the home first, in the community, and to the world.

The youth should work for other young people and bring them to Christ.

One cannot be a Christian and not have fellowship with God.

When we are walking in darkness, the darkness does not seem so dark because we are accustomed to it.

God ended creation by making the Sabbath on the seventh day, and He made it by resting.

Christ's death sealed the covenant, and if He changed the Sabbath, He had to change it before He died; for no will, testament, covenant, or law can be changed after the death of the Maker.

God is love, and children of God naturally "take after their father."

Christ was raised from the dead because he was not held by sin.

OBITUARY

With sadness we record the death of our beloved mother in Israel, Sister Margaret Eliza Harrison, who calmly slept away in Jesus' keeping on the 4th March, aged 87. A solemn and impressive funeral ceremony was conducted by Elder Sype, accompanied by Elders Fletcher, Smith, Hall, and the writer, on the evening of the 5th. Most, if not all, are aware that Sister Harrison was the first Seventh-day Adventist in Jamaica; and through her instrumentality the first minister, and canvassers too, were sent out here to establish the work. And lo, what fruitage of her first efforts it pleased God to cause her to behold before her death! Well may she rest in peace "from henceforth," and her "works do follow" her.

S. U. POWELL.