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A WELCOME LETTER.

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To the dear Workers and Members of the Jamaica Conference.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

We have been deeply impressed in reading the report of your recent Conference by the splendid progress shown in the reports that were given, and by the series of resolutions that were passed, which must call for the active, earnest co-operation of each member. We rejoice that each department of the Lord's work is to be carefully and enthusiastically strengthened, for we believe that team work, which means a well-balanced, steady pull all together, is the kind of work that tells in the long run. We are looking forward to joining you in a strong endeavour to reach our goals.

We have secured a booking for myself for passage to Jamaica, on the s.s. Camito which is scheduled to sail from England on June 5. Mrs. Edmed and our daughter will follow a few weeks later. Our stay in England has impressed us very deeply with the nearness of the end of human probation. Almost every week the papers have announced some political cloud on the horizon that might easily portend the next great war. The signs of the times have multiplied so fast and have become so numerous that they have almost become commonplace, and men are in great danger of failing to realize their solemn meaning. Our opportunity to save souls is "now or never." Our greatest need is a revival of active Godliness, a Christlike anxiety for the salvation of souls. We are with you in setting high goals, and the Lord will be with us as we endeavour to reach them. Until we meet, pray for us as we pray for you, and may the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Yours for the triumphs of truth,

HERBERT J. EDMED.

PORT ANTONIO CONVENTION.

We feel much at home and very happy to be back in Jamaica again. On Friday the eleventh May in company with Elder E. F. Hackman, associate secretary of the Home Missionary department of the General Conference, and Brother Raff, we arrived from Cuba, where we had just concluded a series of three missionary con-

ventions. Immediately on arrival and landing from the boat, we were met by Elder Sype and were soon on our way to Port Antonio, at which place we arrived just in time for the Friday evening service and were pleased to find the church filled with people.

Convention meetings were held over Sabbath and Sunday which we believe were greatly appreciated by the people, as evidenced by the large attendance at each service. Meetings were held practically all day Sabbath, following the Sabbath-school, with a vesper service at the close of the Sabbath. The hearts of all present at this service were greatly cheered, as one brother, who had formerly been an active leader in the church, and who had grown careless in his Christian experience, arose to his feet and gave expression to his determination to again take his stand with the people of God.

The day's programme closed with a stereopticon lecture evening after the Sabbath by Elder Hackman, and all were greatly surprised to get a little glimpse of what our "Big Week" has accomplished in the establishment and fostering of institutions along all lines of our denominational work. This Missions Extension plan has been a mighty factor in strengthening our work all round the circle of the earth.

A number of brethren and sisters from nearby places were in attendance, and we were especially pleased to meet the group of believers who have been brought into the light of the message through the faithful efforts of one of our lay members, Brother Thompson, which only illustrates a little, the possibilities of the great laymen's movement.

The Convention closed with a sermon Sunday evening by the writer on the subject of "What and Why the Seventh-day Adventist Movement." A very large attendance, many not of our faith, seemed much interested, some not having been to an Adventist meeting before expressing a determination of becoming regular attendants at the church services in the future. The Lord is greatly blessing the faithful efforts of Elder Stockhausen in the work in the Port Antonio district. He has a large baptismal class and hopes to reach his aim of gathering in at least one hundred souls during the year 1928.

As workers we greatly enjoyed the privilege of meeting with the believers in this convention and appreciated very greatly the kind hospitality enjoyed in the home of Brother and Sister Stockhausen. We solicit an interest in the prayers of our believers throughout the Jamaica conference for the work in this section of the field.

A. R. OGDEN.

VISIT TO CAYMAN ISLANDS.

On Thursday morning April 5th Elder Lawson and I found ourselves aboard the motor boat "Cimboco" and on our way to the Cayman Islands, to visit our work there. This boat, though small as compared with the large steamships, is a vast improvement over the small sailing vessels which ply to these islands.

On Friday morning we sighted the small island of Cayman Brac, which from the south-east gave the appearance of a great stone fortress rising in a sheer wall nearly 150 feet high. As we rounded the east end and came along the north coast, we found that there was a low, sandy beach about a half mile wide reaching out from the bluff and extending the entire length of the island. However, the high bluff gradually gets lower until at the west end it merges gently into the low sandy beach. The island is eleven miles long and one and a half miles wide. The inhabitants live only along the north shore on the narrow strip which I have mentioned. The population is about 1,600.

We spent a few hours on shore while our boat was unloading cargo. Since Elder Lawson had canvassed on the island a number of years ago, he found some of the warm friends he had gained at that time. We spent a very pleasant time with these people, and then toward evening went on board the boat and were off again, this time toward Little Cayman, some 10 miles distant. There are only 150 people living on this island, though it is a little larger than Cayman Brac. That night, about 10 o'clock, we lifted anchor again and headed toward the east end of Grand Cayman, 60 miles away. In the morning (Sabbath April 7) we sighted the low-lying coast line of that island, and about eight o'clock anchored out about a half mile from the beach at the little village of East End.

Though we have a church at that place and would have been glad for the privilege to spend the Sabbath with them, we were not allowed to land there as that is not a port of entry. We were to remain on board until we reached Georgetown, the capital of the island. After unloading their cargo at East End, we were on our way again for Georgetown, and arrived there about noon. Here we docked at a natural wharf hewn out of the rock which

forms the shore. We were welcomed to the island by some of our believers there and also by many who are not members of our church, as all seemed to know Brother Lawson.

I was very much surprised at Georgetown. Although it is only a small town of about a thousand inhabitants, yet it is a very up-to-date place and has good shops and stores. I found we could purchase almost anything there that we can purchase in Kingston and some things which cannot be procured here in Jamaica. There are some very fine citizens there. Many of the inhabitants are the direct descendants of early English and Scotch settlers, and are a very progressive and cultured people. We found the people charming, and in many instances living in lovely homes.

Now, as to our work. It has met with many difficulties, not because of a lack of interest on the part of the people so much as because we have not understood the situation there as we should have understood it, and have not built as we should have built. We have no buildings in the island and no place to hold services. We found our few believers in Georgetown meeting under very trying circumstances, and the leader, Brother Percy Alley, doing his work under most unfavourable conditions, being afflicted so that he cannot leave his room. Still the Lord is blessing him and he has a real burden for souls. While he cannot leave his home to any extent, he is praying and doing all in his power for the advancement of the Truth of God.

We found a most loyal little band of some fourteen members in Georgetown, and enjoyed some real refreshings from the Spirit of God in our services there for one week. During this time we purchased a very fine plot of land for a church building site, and feel that the Lord opened the way in a special sense for us to purchase this particular site. We trust to see a building erected here in the near future. I am confident that the Lord is about ready to do great things in Grand Cayman.

As the "Cimboco" left her regular run for more than a month, we were forced to look toward returning home on one of the small schooners which ply these waters. While there are some very fine men operating these little boats, and we appreciate their capable seamanship in operating them, yet since they are so completely dependent upon the breeze for their motive power, and we have had so much experience with them in the past, we rather dreaded the homeward journey. We left Georgetown on the 12th of April for East End, leaving arrangements with the captain of one of the schooners to take us from there on his way to Jamaica on the 17th.

We took passage in one of the 50 motor cars of the island for a place called Bodden Town, 12 miles distant from Georgetown. As this was the end of the road, we "took passage" on the backs of horses for the remainder of the distance (12 miles) to East End. We followed the beach most of the way and enjoyed this horseback ride very much.

We found a good little church at East End, with about 15 members. They have no building except a little temporary booth. Money is very scarce in that section, as the people seem to live largely from the sea, and it is only as the men folks come in from their trips after long intervals that there is any money in circulation. This situation makes it quite impossible for them to build their church building without some assistance. We enjoyed ourselves immensely with the dear brethren and sisters at that place. They are very loyal and true to God and to the Message for this time. We held meetings each night and had a large attendance at each service. Backsliders were reclaimed, and many unbelievers were very much interested in the messages borne, so that we are sure there is a great work yet to be done in that district. With such a fine company of people as we have there, we feel sure that they will continue the good work which was begun and that we shall see great improvements made in all lines. Brother Bodden is the leader at East End and is doing a good work, and has the loyal co-operation of all the believers there.

We expected to leave there on the 17th of April, as we mentioned before, but the schooner did not come until Sabbath morning, the 21st. Quite early that morning we heard some one running along the beach calling "Sail ho!" and knew the boat was there. Soon the entire church, as well as some of the friends we had gained while there, were gathered on the beach to see us off. It was a stormy morning, and the waves were beating high. There was quite a little uneasiness on the part of many for our safety in going out to meet the schooner, as we must go by dorry more than a half mile out to the open sea. We had a very earnest visit with the believers and a word of prayer with them, and then while many tears were shed, we most regretfully bade them adieu. Our hearts had been knit together with them, and we were loath to leave them.

We had a most thrilling experience getting out to the boat. As the little dorry dashed over the reef, a mountainous wave struck us and engulfed us. For a moment it seemed that we were doomed, but by the mercies of God we got through safely and reached the schooner after a perilous trip

over the waves of a boisterous sea. When we reached the schooner and thought we were bound for Jamaica, the captain informed us that he was returning to Georgetown, as it was too stormy for him to load his cargo of rope which he was taking on at East End.

That evening we found ourselves once more in the home of one of our believers and her sister at Georgetown, and were soon enjoying the association again of the dear people of that church. Sunday night we held a service there and were gratified that a splendid young woman who had wandered away from the fold of God returned to His love and care and renewed her hold on the mighty arm of the Lord. We felt that it was the Lord's doings that we had been turned back to Georgetown. On Monday a little schooner came in from Nicaragua bound for Black River via Cayman Brac. As it was not at all certain when the other boat would be able to leave, we engaged passage on this boat and at midnight that night, after a good meeting with the believers and friends, we bade farewell to our dear friends there and were off again on the briny deep, hoping to be safely landed on Jamaica soil within a very few days, but were doomed to wait eight days from then before we reached Black River. However the Lord "works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform."

Although it is only sixty miles from Grand Cayman to Cayman Brac, it took us two days to reach there on account of the weather; but on Wednesday evening, the 25th, we anchored in a lovely little cove on Cayman Brac, and the owner of the schooner found us a pleasant lodging place, where we were to remain (as we later learned) for three days. Though, at first, impatient at the delay, we soon learned that the Lord's ways are best. We felt that it would not be best to say too much about our work but to rather prospect around for possible openings when we could place a worker on the island. Various people, however, who knew Elder Lawson, began to question us, and before we knew it we were giving the message to the people. On one evening we gave four Bible studies, and the next night held a service, besides visiting a large number of people in their homes. You may imagine our joy, when the Sabbath came, to leave six dear souls who promised to follow their Lord all the way. We are asking all our readers to pray earnestly for these dear ones on Cayman Brac, who are the first fruits of the Message on that little island. The people there are a wonderful people, and we are sure there is a work to be done for them.

Sabbath evening we had, again, weighed anchor and soon found ourselves out on the broad sea bound for Jamaica. Three

days later we anchored at Black River and the following day I was on my way to Kingston and Elder Lawson to Seaford Town.

We feel that we spent a most profitable time in the Cayman Islands. Souls were won for God, the churches were encouraged to greater activity, isolated members were visited, plans were laid for broadening the work, land was purchased for a building at Georgetown, and we gained a clearer knowledge of the needs of the field. We believe that both ourselves and the brethren with whom and for whom we laboured gained a stronger faith in our great Leader.

In closing this article we wish to solicit the earnest prayers of all for the work in these islands.

R. J. SYPE.

VISITS IN CLARENDON.

During the early part of March the writer, before going to Hanover, where he is assigned special evangelical work and the building of a new church for the March Town members, spent a profitable time with the Bird's Hill, Bryant's Hill, and Mt. Providence churches in Clarendon.

The Bird's Hill church added seven new members to their number by baptism, one of whom is an old gentleman who is experiencing bitter persecution from his wife for his new faith. He rejoices in the truth of II Timothy 2:12.

Two loyal ones followed Jesus into the watery grave at Bryant's Hill. The impression made (according to the opinion of our older members) will be fruitful of good in the near future. A new baptismal class was formed of bright young people. God's blessings are following the faithful efforts of the leader and laymen in the surrounding districts. This church has secured church furniture costing nearly £20.

The Mt. Providence brethren have moved into their new building. There is much to be done upon it, but with the roof and doors complete they have made a decided step in advance. They are expecting to put in the wooden sides during the coming month. They have a floor area of over eight hundred square feet. Six persons were baptized here, and there is quite a revival of missionary endeavour, which is an indication that they propose to increase their numbers considerably during this year.

Although the writer urges active work in life and words for the reaching of the splendid goal of "Five hundred souls for 1928", he is using every care not to railroad people into the churches. He wants the message to stick and the members to stay.

G. A. ECCLES SMITH.

KINGSTON MOTHERS' SOCIETIES.

In harmony with the Elijah message, "He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers," the mothers of the North Street and Kencot churches decided last March to organize in a simple way to consider the problems that all parents have in common. They meet at the respective churches on alternate Wednesday evenings and study "Parents' Lessons." After five meetings the membership has reached twenty-five in the North Street church and ten at Kencot.

The magazine, "Parents' Lessons," published monthly by the General Conference Home Commission, contains very helpful articles for study under four headings: Babyhood, first two years; Childhood, age three to nine; Preadolescence, age, ten to thirteen; Adolescence, age, thirteen to twenty.

The North Street Society is preparing a special programme for all interested fathers and mothers to be given early in June.

MRS. R. J. SYPE.

MOUNT PEACE.

"The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart. And a good report maketh the bones fat."

On the twelfth of May we were very glad to have Elder M. Jones in our midst. After a serious study of God's word we were privileged to observe the ordinances of the Lord's house, for which we were very glad. They point us right back to the last supper He had with His disciples to commemorate His death.

On the thirteenth morning of the same month we had the privilege of seeing four dear souls who have determined to take their stand for the Truth led into the watery grave at Kew Wharf. Many people from the neighbouring districts were in attendance, and as Elder Jones reasoned about the judgment, I am sure many people were asking this solemn question, "Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?". I pray that the Lord will send the answer back to them, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." O Happy advent people! ;Look upward to the place where our light afflictions shall win so great a prize!

C. N. GILLIAM.

TWO WEEKS' SERIES OF BLESSINGS AT REGENT STREET.

April 8-21 proved to be a season of rich blessing for the Regent Street Church. We were privileged to have with us Elder Hubert Fletcher, whom the Lord used mightily in the revival of His people.

We had meetings every night and morning for two weeks. The main themes of the speaker's discourses during the night meetings were these stirring ones: "The Coming of Christ and Preparation to Meet Him," "Noah's Ark and its Lessons," "Closing Events of Earth's History," "The Law of God the standard of the Judgment" and other important Bible topics, prophetic and practical, which brought very vividly to the minds of those present the responsibility of every person and the seriousness of the time in which we are living. Hearts were touched and tendered.

I want to make special mention of the morning meetings which convened at 5 a.m. every day for the two weeks. The Lord came preciously near to His children during these seasons of devotion. The line of thought followed in these morning meetings was, "Preparation for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit." Morning by morning, step by step, in a very systematic way the steps in preparation for the "latter rain" were pointed out, and the sins that would stand in the way of receiving that outpouring, both of the individual and of the church as a whole. As the searchlight of God's Word was thrown on the life of each individual, there came a greater realization of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and a deep conviction to every soul. Things that were hitherto considered as too trivial to think of as sin were greatly magnified and placed in their true light as stumbling blocks in the way of receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Souls were led to the foot of the cross and to a deeper plunge in the crimson fountain which cleanses us from all sin.

There has indeed been a spiritual revival in the Regent Street Church. God grant that the good work which has been begun will continue,—and show forth itself in much fruit-bearing in the lives of the brethren.

For the encouragement of the readers of the "Visitor," I insert here a few of the numerous testimonies of those who were privileged to attend these seasons of blessing.

"I desire to express my gratitude to God for the two weeks' effort at Regent Street. It was a time of deep heart-searching. We are glad to say we had droppings of the 'latter rain'. Truly the Lord used Elder Fletcher to His glory. 'Joys are flowing like a river.' I pray God that He will continue to give us showers. May the Lord continue to use Elder Fletcher wherever he may go."

"We had a profitable two weeks' series of evangelistic meetings at the Regent Street Church, conducted by Elder Fletcher, from the 8th to the 22nd of April. The Elder preached and lectured morning and

evening each day, bringing from the Word of God some living facts; and many souls were stirred and hearts softened by these spiritual appeals.

"We are sanguine that a lasting good effect will be produced, as crowds sat quietly night and morning to hear the refreshing streams of the words which were uttered in real earnestness by the servant of God. We have already seen the change, as several are coming forward and joining with the people of God."

The meetings were well attended morning and night, and some without our ranks were led to make the surrender and decision to enlist among God's remnant people.

On Thursday night of the second week of the meetings joy was brought to our hearts as we witnessed the burial in baptism of ten dear souls.

Surely the time has come for that greater coming together in prayer of God's remnant people. As spoken of by the prophet Joel, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people; sanctify the congregation . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord."—Joel 2:15-17. This injunction should come to us with all the more significance as we see the day approaching. May God grant that there may be a revival in every church and company of the Conference.

On Tuesday night, the 18th of April, Elder Fletcher gave a very touching and pathetic stereopticon lecture on "The Life of Christ," interspersed by special musical selections. As the scenes of Calvary were presented, each felt that he was responsible for the sufferings and cruel death of the Saviour. God forbid that we should crucify Him afresh by continuing in sin.

FRANK FLETCHER.

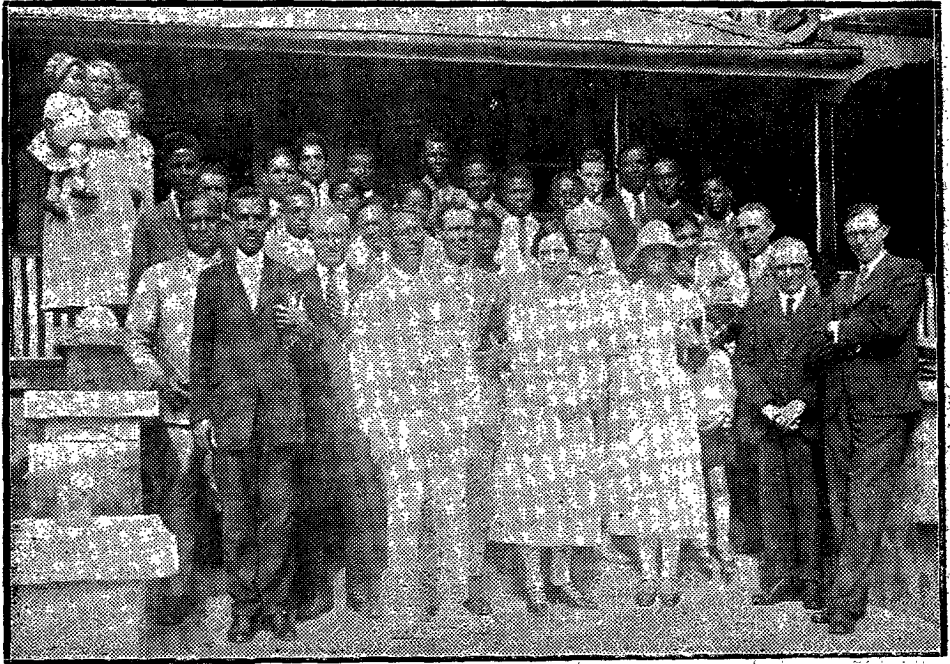
"He who beholds the Saviour's matchless love will be elevated in thought, purified in heart, transformed in character."

THREE KINDS.

"Three kinds of people will be found
Where'er we go the world around;
And some of them are quite renowned.
One class will work with heart and mind,
Are always sweet and always kind,

And these we call the workers.
The second class will go by jerk,
Sometimes they stop, sometimes they work,
And these we call the jerkers.

The other class will always shirk,
They love to talk, they hate to work,
And these we call the shirkers."



Workers and Colporteurs at the Institute.

THE COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE.

Great interest was shown in the book work at our recent Colporteur's Institute held in the West Indian Training College, May 7-17. Seven men came in from the field to unite with the students in studying the art of Christian Salesmanship. About twenty are definitely planning to enter the Colporteur work.

A regular programme of instruction was followed. Each day vital questions were discussed. We had special Colporteur songs, which added much to the interest of the meetings.

Our Union Field Missionary Secretary, G. D. Raff, was with us and gave much valuable instruction. His years of experience in the work fit him to speak with authority on matters pertaining to the circulation of our truth-filled literature.

On Wednesday morning we were glad to have Elder A. R. Ogden, president of the Antillian Union, speak at the devotional hour and at night Elder E. F. Hackman, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, gave an interesting lecture on the "Big Week."

We considered the subject "Selling Seventh-day Adventist Literature as a Business," in its various phases. A quotation from the writings of Sister White emphasises the sacredness of the work;

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties." The regular colporteurs in attendance took an active part in the institute. We had round table discussions on such topics as "Gaining a Hearing", "Creating a Desire", "Taking the Order," and "Delivering the Book." Actual experiences were related, and by the exchange of ideas and plans many lessons were brought out.

The field will be manned with earnest Colporteurs during the vacation. When you have opportunity, speak an encouraging word to them, and remember to ask God to direct in this important line of missionary endeavour.

BYRON A. MEEKER, F. M. S.

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

Names	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value of Orders.
B. A. Ricketts	O.D.	120		20 0 0
	H.W.			*8 4 0
H. D. Lawrence	O.D.	68		5 0 0
	P.P.F.			*12 0 0
R. B. Campbell	O.D.	127	109	.87 0 0
	H.P.			*38 3 3
A. R. Haig	H.W.	88	40	49 5 8
	H.P.			*25 0 0
B. E. Hurst	O.D.	140	25	53 7 0
	P.P.F.			*27 1 0

Miscellaneous			43	7	8
			*42	1	10½
	543	174	258	0	4
*Value of Deliveries			*150	10	1½

B. A. MEEKER, F.M.S.

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

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings	Harvest Ingathering.
Axe and Adze	0 13 8	0 6 4½	0 0 0
Blue Hole	2 2 6½	0 2 6	0 0 0
Bellas Gate	0 13 3	0 2 3	0 0 0
Ballimoney	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Beverley	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Bird's Hill	3 12 9½	0 16 6	0 0 0
Bagbie	2 8 5½	0 13 11	0 0 0
Belfield	4 5 11	0 18 4½	0 0 0
Bonny Gate	0 9 3½	0 5 6½	0 0 0
Bluefields	0 0 0	0 11 0	0 0 0
Bryant Hill	6 4 7	2 14 5½	0 0 0
Brown's Town	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Beeston Spring	0 5 3	0 4 1	0 0 0
Brittonville	0 7 3	0 0 0	0 0 0
Carron Hall	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Canaan	1 14 1½	1 15 3	0 0 0
Contented Hall	1 11 9	1 1 4½	0 0 0
Craig	2 13 8½	0 12 4½	0 0 0
Campbell's C.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Coleville	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Duxes	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Darliston	3 9 0½	1 4 11½	0 0 0
Devon	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Dalvey	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Everton Park	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
East End	1 17 0	0 11 6½	0 0 0
Florence Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Flower Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Fustic Grove	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Goshen	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Glengoffe	1 1 3½	0 15 7¾	0 0 0
Guy's Hill	2 18 3½	1 0 6¾	0 0 0
Grove Town	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
George Town	3 7 6	3 13 11	0 0 0
Grantsville	0 17 4	0 6 7¾	0 0 0
Hart Hill	5 15 3½	1 7 6½	0 0 0
Hill Top	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Hector's River	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Jack's River	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Jointwood	3 17 4½	1 0 9	0 0 0
Kingston	63 3 0½	10 1 4½	0 0 0
Kencot	3 15 4½	2 13 4½	0 0 0
Lamb's River	2 14 6	1 15 0	0 0 0
Linstead	0 8 1½	0 12 5½	0 0 0
Long Bay	1 0 0	0 11 0	0 0 0
Little London	0 14 6	0 4 2	0 9 0
Montego Bay	4 19 1½	1 8 1½	0 0 0
Mt. Providence	3 15 0	0 14 0½	0 0 0
Mt. Peace	0 5 0	0 6 0	0 0 0
Mt. Carey	2 13 1½	0 16 0½	0 0 0
Mill End	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Mancheonal	1 1 5	0 14 4	0 0 0
March Town	4 18 5½	1 17 3	0 0 0
Mandeville	15 5 3	5 7 9½	0 0 0
Moor Park	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Mahogany G.	0 0 0	0 9 3	0 0 0
Newport	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Newell	2 17 6	0 12 5	0 0 0
Norway	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
New Roads	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Old Harbour	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Orange	0 4 11	0 7 0	0 0 0
Prospect	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Port Antonio	11 5 0	3 3 0	0 0 0
Porus	3 6 8	2 1 9	0 0 0
Port Maria	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Riversdale	1 18 8½	0 9 10½	0 0 0
Race Course	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Regent Street	7 19 7½	2 13 5½	0 0 0
Spring Garden	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sheffield	0 8 9	0 4 3	0 0 0
Spanish Town	6 0 7	1 14 7	0 0 0
St. Ann's Bay	1 12 1½	0 13 5½	0 0 0

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings	Harvest Ingathering.
Southfield	1 16 11	0 13 1½	0 0 0
Santa Cruz	0 19 5	0 5 4	0 0 0
Seaford Town	1 15 6	0 8 9	0 0 0
Sav-la-Mar	0 6 0	0 3 0	0 0 0
Swift River	0 6 9½	0 4 3½	0 0 0
Springfield	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sherwood C.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sherwood F.	1 14 0½	1 4 5½	0 0 0
Trinityville	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Troy	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Tuscany	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Upper Rgt. St.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Vaughansfield	0 2 10	0 5 2	0 0 0
Waterloo	0 10 6	0 8 2	0 0 0
Windsor F.	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
White Hill	2 0 10½	0 11 1½	0 0 0
Isol.	41 16 1½	2 9 0½	0 2 0
Totals	£238 12 5½	66 18 0	0 2 0

J. W. GROUNDS, Treas.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

THE JAMAICA SABBATH SCHOOLS

Through the hills of fair Jamaica,
In the towns, and valleys too,
Little groups of staunch believers
Every Sabbath brings to view.

In the large towns we have churches,
Workers organized in bands,
Counsel oft by learned leaders
Who have roamed in foreign lands.

There the Sabbath-schools are prospering;
Numbers surely should inspire.
And our daily lesson study
Leads our minds to values higher.

Offerings, too, are largely given;
But our hearts with longing thrill,
When we often heard the call made
That our offerings cannot fill:

Calls for men with clear-cut vision,
Calls for men to blaze the way,
Calls for means to take the message
Where the darkness still holds sway.

We are proud of our town churches,
With their faithfulness and zeal,
With their loyalty of purpose
Which their generous gifts reveal.

But there's other cause for gladness;
Think you this is all we claim;
Think the larger towns and cities
Only, have the chosen name?

Nay, in many a tiny hamlet,
And on many a distant hill,
There are those who keep the Sabbath,
Striving to obey God's will.

Every Sabbath sees them faithful,
Keeping still God's holy rule,
Studying with unswerving fealty,
In their tiny Sabbath-school,

Without churches, friends, or leaders,
Without music, helps, or books,
Yet unswerving in their purpose
Not a point to overlook.

Days and weeks and months pass by them,
These dear isolated bands,
And they never see a preacher,
Or can clasp a brother's hand.

Many stand 'gainst opposition,
E'en deserted by their own,
But the power above uplifts them,
And unites them to the throne;

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Weary oft, but never faltering,
Lonely oft, but ever true,
Giving of their scanty portion
With a love scarce brought to view;

Loyal in their tithes and offerings,
Steadfast in their earnest love,
Clinging firmly to the message,
Seeking for the home above.

Surely these, far more than others,
Need our words of hearty cheer,
Need the loving word and handclasp
As they live among us here.

Sabbath-schools dot fair Jamaica,
Hill and valley, town, and dale,
Meeting week by week to study,
Knowing not what 'tis to fail.

Sabbath-keepers now, we bid you,
Cling and trust and look above,
Leaning each day strong and stronger
On our heavenly Father's love.

Carry now our love and greetings
To the ones we have not known,
Tell them we are looking forward
When we'll all be gathered home.

Keep the Sabbath-school, dear loved one;
'Tis a bond of union sure,
Til we meet in heaven's homeland,
No more partings to endure.

May our Sabbath-schools prove fruitful;
May dear souls be won to Him,
Who has given His life to save us,
And whose love will ne'er grow dim.

And may those who took the message
To those dear ones far away
Meet them there in heaven's homeland,
In that great, soon-coming day.

The above poem was written by Mrs. Ira Clute Brando, to represent the Sabbath-schools of the state of West Virginia. It so truly represents the Sabbath-schools of Jamaica that we give it almost as printed, substituting the word Jamaica for West Virginia.

Fifty-one secretaries sent their reports to the office before the 10th of April. I hope the close of next quarter will prove to be a banner quarter, and that all the secretaries will send their reports on time.

The following Sabbath-schools reached their financial goal for the quarter:—Hart Hill, Kencot, Seaford Town, Coleyville, Spring Garden, George Town, G. C.

It will be interesting to watch this list grow.

334 Cards of Honour have been issued for the past quarter. Some of the Sabbath-school members are receiving the blessing gained by being

present and on time, with the lesson studied every day. Are you among the 334?

"An Honour Card is the outward sign of an inward work. Without that evidence of an inward work, it is valueless. One half of the evidence is immediately apparent in being present and on time at the Sabbath school. The other half will manifest itself sooner or later in the service you render to the Master." S.S.W.

REMEMBER RALLY DAY, JUNE, 9.

MRS. J. W. GROUNDS.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Word has been received from Elder H. J. Edmed, our conference president, that he will sail from England June 5 and will reach Jamaica June 19. We are glad to know that Brother Edmed will be with us soon, and I am sure it would be well for all our people over the island to remember Elder Edmed in their prayers, that the Lord will protect him as he travels over the mighty deep and lead him safely to our shores, and that he may enjoy the blessings of heaven in his labours among us.

Elder Hurdon has been safely returned to his family in Jamaica. He is looking well, and reports a prosperous trip, and also a very thriving and growing work in the Leeward Island Conference, which is his future field. However his home-coming has been marred by the fact that he found his mother, Grandmother Hurdon, in very feeble health, being confined to her bed most of the time and failing very rapidly, so that they will not be able to risk the journey with her for some time.

Word from Brother O. P. Reid, who is holding a series of meetings in the Glengoffe church, tells us that they are having a splendid interest, and that some have already decided for the Truth of God. We rejoice with the brethren there over this success and pray that the Lord will continue to bless them in the efforts put forth.

Elder Fletcher is engaged in a series of meetings at Spanish Town, and reports a good response on the part of the people in that city. He says they have a number of very fine people interested in the message and several have already decided to obey the Lord. It is indeed encouraging to see the work going so well in these places where there are already good lively churches.

Elder Stockhausen reports splendid progress in most of the churches in his district. He will soon hold another baptism in Port Antonio, and they have added new members to the baptismal classes in Sherwood Forest, Long Bay, and Manchioneal.

We were pleased to receive a little visit from Professor and Mrs. Rathbun, and Elder and Mrs. Meeker a few days ago. They came to Kingston to look after some business, both personal and for the college, and Professor Rathbun's presence was much appreciated in a joint council of the Kingston church board and the conference officials to consider some matters connected with the church school in Kingston and to formulate some plans for future work.

On May 21, Elders Ogden, Hackman, Meeker, and Syde, and Brethren Raaf and Grounds, sailed for Panama to attend the Inter-American Division Bookmen's and Home Missionary convention being held there during the last weeks of May and the first of June.

Don't forget to be preparing for "Big Week", July 7-14.

Remember the "five hundred." The Commencement Exercises of the West Indian Training College will be held May, 25-28.

Attention of the leaders of our churches is called to a copy of the British *Present Truth*, which accompanies this issue of the VISITOR. Kindly bring it to the notice of any members who have English-born neighbours, who may not be aware of the fact that we have a well-established work in England as well as in nearly every other country of the world.