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ELECTIONS FOR 1929.

The election of Church Officers is an annual responsibility which every church member should share. To a large extent the future spiritual welfare of the church, the success of its activities, and the unity of its fellowship depend upon those who are appointed to lead in the different departments of the church life. Poor leadership creates spiritual stagnation, indifference, and failure. It is often the cause of disunion. For these reasons the book published by the Gen. Conference H. M. Department on the subject of the organization of the church has this counsel:

"No one should be selected for any position of responsibility in the Church who is out of harmony with the doctrines of the denomination." Page 89.

Another instruction inspired by the Lord is,

"The leaders of churches in every place should be earnest, full of zeal and unselfish interest: men of God, who can give the right mould to the work." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 618.

The Bible sets a very high standard of character and efficiency for all church officers: "Able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness" (Num. 18: 21); "Men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom'' (Acts 6: 3); "Not selfwilled, not soon angry, no striker, not given . to filthy lucre, a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word" (Titus 1: 7-9); I Tim. 3: 1-9; "Of a ready mind. neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock" (I Peter 5: 1-4). Isaiah could not be sent out until his lips had been touched by the purifying fire; and the disciples were not entrusted with their divine responsibility and their holy offices until they had confessed and forsaken their every sin.

Should we not pause and consider that the Lord is as particular today, and that church officers as well as conference workers should be selected from the very best men in character, and the most consecrated, zealous and devoted followers of our blessed Master?

WHAT AVOID AND WHO.

Avoid partisanship and favouritism. Beware of the man who pushes himself or his friends forward. The man who pulls strings should be shunned and severely left out. If those who have held the offices in 1923 have been truly successful. and have sought to meet God's standard, and proved a real uplift in their department, it is all right to re-elect them. But the fact that a man has held an office previously is not in itself a. valid reason for his re-election. If such a one has got the church all twisted and divided, or in a rut, or both, make a change if you can. But do it in a kindly way and prayerfully. Never show a spiteful spirit, and avoid changes that will be for worse. Make gentle allowance for the one who has tried and failed, or who has had to battle with a difficult condition. Then- avoid as far as possible giving more than one or two offices to one person. A healthy distribution of responsibility is God's plan. One office well carried is far better than many badly managed. We do not recommend a very old person to act as leader of the Young People; and a bright, cheerful winner of souls makes a good superintendent of the sabbath school.

How To PROCEED. Always in the presence of a minister, it is best for the church members to name the committee for nominating from the floor. One person should be permitted to name only one other person. Sometimes the church requests the Committee of Church officers to name the Nominating Committee; but this is not really consistent with free ecclesiastical polity, and it has many dis-advantages. It is an unwritten law that officers should abstain from any part in naming this committee or from being on the committee. The Nominating Committee duly appointed by vote of the church may then prayerfully and carefully consider what the church needs, and proceed to make the selection of the very best persons available, yoking up some of the younger members with the older for the purpose of educating them to bear responsibility. The report should then be brought before a full church and each name voted upon. If there should be any objection to a nominee (which is very unusual except in very special cases) the whole report should be referred back to the Nominating Committee, and the objector should lay his case before the committee privately and confidentially, leaving it to the committee to act in the matter according to their best judgment in counsel with the presiding minister. This makes for peace and saves offence, which Christians must always avoid.

FROM OLD TO NEW.

The retiring officers should carefully hand

over all their completed reports, and books, and paraphernalia in good order to their successors, and kindly wish them success and the blessing of God, assuring them of their co-operation.

AFTER THE ELECTION.

When the officers have thus been carefully and prayerfuly elected every member of the church should rally to their help. Never forget the golden rule. Co-operate with them as you would like the church to cooperate with you if you held the office. Cheerfully offer yourself as an active worker in all the campaigns, the goals, the plans, and the prayer-meetings. Write large in your mind that the more the members act their part, the brighter and easier, as well as the more spiritual, will be the church as a whole. The officers should also endeavour to keep pace with all the Conference plans and inspire the members to unite in all the activities which emanate from the Conference departments. Demand from the Treasurer a receipt for every penny you pay him; and let the treasurers guard their reputation from possible reproach and suspicion by giving a duplicated receipt for all he receives. Never forget that the churches of Jamaica are a family of God's people, combining to form the one Conference, and that we are organized for the united, speedy, and systematic uplift of each other, and the finishing of the work of God in the earth.

Let 1929 be a record year for each one of us and for the Conference as a whole. May the dear Lord lead us all on to the attainment of a Christlike character and the achievement of greater victories in His glorious Name.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

MANCHIONEAL AND HECTOR'S RIVER

Early in July I arrived in these parts and found things in bad shape. However, by the help of the Lord I started in and by the 5th of August I secured the theatre in this town for a series of meetings. I continued for six weeks, with the result that many have accepted the truth. At present I have a class of twenty preparing for baptism, which may come off ere this reaches your hands. There are many more that will be ready for another class as soon as this class is over.

During the series of meetings we held a Harvest Festival which netted seven Pounds. The Sabbath school, when I came, enrolled about twenty-seven, and the offering was three shillings per week. At present there is a membership of fifty-two, and the offering is seven shillings per week. The church has also, up to the second week in November, raised eight Pounds for the Harvest Ingathering.

Our great drawback here is the lack of a suitable place of worship. The little place

that we are worshipping in has become too small to hold the sudden oxerflow of members. Moreover it is not a place to represent this wonderful message. We are still using the theatre for our services on the Sabbath as well as week nights. We solicit your prayers that God will help us to get a church soon.

The Church at Hector's River was about to be closed up when I arrived, and so I have been endeavouring to help both places at the same time to some extent. I found, however, that unless a series of meetings could be held at that church, no definite result would be seen. Therefore I started a series of meetings on November 2nd. This is the second week, and the interest is as good as could be found anywhere. Some have decided to obey the truth even without my appealing to them. I am expecting that many will decide for the truth before the meetings are finished.

I again appeal to the readers of the VISITOR to remember this place in your prayers. Brother and Sister Haig have kindly consented to make this their headquarters for a few weeks along with the writer, so as to lend their help in the series, which we appreciate very much.

OSWALD P. REID.

CONTENTED HALL

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Our Church-school began its operation on Monday, the 29th October, under the direction of Miss E. E. Williams. one of the recent graduates from the West Indian Training College at Mandeville, and the outlook is rather inviting and hopeful.

At Mt. Shrewsbury Estate, with the helpful consideration of E. Morris, Esq., the owner of the property, in a very clear running stream, we performed the very pleasant duty of burying nine candidates with their Lord in baptism.

This is in connection with the church at Darliston and the prospective company that is in course of development in the Water Works district.

Our service had quite a telling effect on the visitors who asked for more services later in the day. This took place Sunday, the 11th of November, 1928.

To God be the glory.

METHUSELAH JONES.

BEESTON SPRING

Surely with earnestness we can say. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Our believers, realizing the great need of soul-saving and of having a church to which we may invite interested ones, plunged with deep interest into the erecting of a foundation on which to build a church. After labouring for quite a few weeks, we were pleased to have a visit from Pastor Edmed, Pastor Sype, and Pastor Jones. All the people around were interested.

We laboured cheerfully with a little aid from a few of our friends, and now by the help of God we are about to complete the foundation. The wall is 32 feet by 19 feet. We rejoice greatly as we understand from the people around that success is ahead.

Some who are unsatisfied with their religious experience are coming to us for help. Just a few days ago an intelligent young man told me that he did not know why he was not a church member as he desired to be, but he was unable to decide where to go. He said one minister had said in a sermon that we are not now under law but under grace. I explained the subject as far as lay in my power and he felt much surprised. I gave him a tract and have since written him a letter. We wish the prayers of all our people in our endeavours.

We rejoice that Pastor M. Jones on his visit the other day planned for the date of the Corner-stone laying to be December 27, 1928. We beg the prayers of all our people for success in our work here at Beeston Spring.

EDWARD MORGAN.

MOUNT PEACE AND FLOWER HILL

On Sunday, the 11th of November, it was my privilege to meet with the brethren at Flower Hill. Six of us from the Mt. Peace church went to strengthen the faithful ones there, who are feeling somewhat neglected. As they have not seen a conference worker for over two years, they were glad for my visit. After an interesting Bible study, we had a splendid testimony meeting, one long to be remembered. The Lord of the harvest came very near to us, and our conclusion was that it was good for us to be there. The brethren there would like to have me remain with them all the time, but my duties in the Mount Peace church forbid that. We were compelled to return home the same night, making eighteen miles for that day's journey. With feeling we sang as a closing

song, "When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined in heart And hope to meet again."

C. N. GILLIAM.

HERE AND THERE.

"Day by day golden opportunities are cpening for our publications to go forth as silent messengers of truth. Let men and women be selected for the canvassing work, —not from the floating, careless elemenn, but from those who carry a burden for the extension of the knowledge of truth. Keen foresight and consecrated ability are needed at this time. Let those be selected for the canvassing work who are adapted to this

line of work. Let not these feel that they must work hard to obtain a license to preach. The Lord is calling for efficient labourers in many lines of service. If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting before the people the publications that will explain to them the word of God."—Mrs. E. G. White, quoted in "Review and Herald," October 25, 1928.

WON! The first to announce their goal reached in the H. I. Campaign was the W.I.T. College, with £36 and a determination to go on. Spanish Town came next, having set their goal at £30, and reached £35 8/0. So excited were these good folks over their success, that the College telegraphed the good news, and the Spanish Town members jumped into an automobile and rode into town to announce the fact. Arriving at Hart Hill, we found that they had passed their goal, and we look with interest to see who are to be the next to claim priority. We congratulate these churches on their achievement.

The United States and Canada report their Ingathering to October 10 as having reached \$403,175.74 (£\$3,994. 18/11). New York is striving to reach \$15 per member and expects to get it. The "Promoter" says, "Already hundreds of churches are over the goal of \$10.00 per member." Splendid. Truly the Lord is fulfilling His promises. The same circular says, "Success is sold in the open market. YOU can buy it,—I, can buy it any one can buy it who is willing to pay the price." Are you?

The Festive Season will soon be here. The Jamaica church-buildings need money urgently, as several buildings are in the last stages of decay. We have actually had to pull one down to save life. Other buildings should be finished, and yet others are urgently needed. We have to do something to get hold of some money to attend to this work, and the need is unusually urgent. Here is a plan for each member of the church to help. During the Christmas season people are in a buying mood. That is cur chance. We are planning to inaugurate a campaign in which we will ask each Church to sell two books per member during that week, and turn the profits over to the Conference. If we can sell 3,000 books, we would have £150. The date appointed is to be December 16-23.

For 1929, you should order your Review and Herald, Youth's Instructor, Little Friend, Gazette, Sabbath School Worker, and Life and Health. Send orders at once, accompanied by cash. Do not waste money on Christmas Cards. If you must give a memento of the season, get a supply of "The Morning Watch Calendars," and the Home Missionary Calendar. Cards are only wasted, but the calendars revive thoughts of God and His truth every day of the year.

THE CONFERENCE TEAM.

A trio team started out on Thursday morning, October 17, on a Harvest Ingathering and Church visiting tour. Pastor Meeker took the chair in the car, while the rest of the company voted that he is a good driver and a splendid man to handle the Chinese. Our pathway led us to Port Morant, Hector's River, Port Antonio, Annotto Bay, Highgate, Port Maria, Richmond, Troja, and home, and lasted until Tuesday evening following. En route we called at several estates, and upon the Chinese, each day setting our goal as seemed wise and expressive of some faith.

The first day we secured £10; the second, £5. We divided ourselves at times, Mrs. Edmed attacking some of the large houses, at times alone, at others accompanied. Sometimes we all went in. Elder Meeker and I worked in the Chinese shops, where we found the most ready givers. One Estate gave us five guineas, and another two. The shops usually gave £1.

We were entertained on Thursday night by Elder A. C. Stockhausen, who joined us on Friday and took us to Swift River where we found our little company of faithful believers expecting a meeting. That night we drove on to Moore Park, where Sister Burgess entertained us over Sabbath. We held meetings that day with the company, and Sunday morning Elder Stockhausen led several souls into the waters of baptism. This was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and we left' for Hart Hill. Here the rain threatened to spoil our gathering, but we held services, four more new believers being baptized in the River. Again we administered the Ordinances, and conducted a Sunday evening meeting. Brother and Sister Henriquez kindly entertained us here, and Monday morning we continued our H. I. Campaign work, going on to Port Maria.

We set our goal total at £50 for the trip, and at first experienced some disappointing work. Still the receipts steadily climbed until the evening shadows found us comfortably resting at the lovely home of Brother and Sister Stockhausen, at Highgate. Tuesday morning the work went hard again. We needed fifteen pounds to reach our goal, and the morning scarcely brought us any-thing but disappointment until we turned homeward, calling at the Chinese shops long after dark. But the best was this last portion, for at almost every Chinese store at which we called, we received £1. Those men would look so astonished when Elder Meeker addressed them in their own language; and when he showed what the others had done, his argument became irresistible, and they gave. Reaching Spanish Town near nine o'clock, we needed £3 to make our

goal, but we just got 10/- from a chance shop that happened to be open, this bringing up our total to £48 2/2. Several promises had been made, however, and we feel sure that when they come in we shall have passed our goal. We praise the Lord for His help and blessing on this trip.

As this goes to the Editor, Pastors Edmed and Meeker are preparing to make another long tour of the Western end of the Island in the H. I. Campaign interests, while Mrs. and Miss Edmed will finish up their work of the stores in Kingston.

Wherever we have solicited help for our work, we have found that the merchants and others are cherishing good opinions of our work, and especially of the school at Mandeville. Let us all live up to the high standards of our Message, and this will continue.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

RATIONAL TREATMENT OF DISEASE (Continued.)

"In order to have good blood, we must breathe well. Full, deep inspirations of pure air, which fill the lungs with oxygen, purify the blood. They impart to it a bright colour, and send it, a life-giving current, to every part of the body. A good respiration soothes the nerves; it stimulates the appetite, and renders digestion more perfect: and it induces sound, refreshing sleep"—Ministry of Healing, p. 272.

"Thousands have died for want of pure water and pure air who might have lived. And thousands of invalids, who are a burden to themselves and others, think that their lives depend upon taking medicines from the doctors. They are continually guarding themselves against the air and avoiding the use of water. These blessings they need in order to become well. If they would become enlightened, and let medicine alone, and accustom themselves to outdoor exercise, and to air in their houses, summer and winter, and use soft water for drinking and bathing purposes, they would be comparatively well and happy, instead of dragging out a miserable existence"-"Counsel on Health", pp. 55, 56.

COLD WATER A PHYSIOLOGICAL TONIC

"Cold water is a physiological tonic, and has the advantage over medicinal tonics of all sorts in that it awakens nervous activity without the imposition of any extra burden upon any vital organ, and without hampering the activity of any function. The cold bath employed in such a manner as to produce tonic effects accomplishes its results by increasing vital resistance to the causes of pathological processes, by making the wheels of life run more smoothly, by lifting the whole vital economy to a higher level. The impression made upon that harp of a million strings, the skin, with its vast network of sensory, motor, sympathetic, vasomotor and thermic nerves, arouses every nerve centre, every sympathetic ganglion, every sensory and motor filament in the entire body to higher life and activity. Every blood-vessel throbs and every cell quivers with a new life; the whole body thrills with quickened impulses, the whole being is translated into a new state of existence"—"Rational Hydrotherapy," pp. 212, 213.

To interest the reader, I shall mention a few cases that came under our view: Capt. W. P. J., aged 66 years, became a patient of the Life and Health Treatment Rooms April 17 to September 27, 1927. After being treated by notable physicians here and abroad without success, he was recommended to this place, and after receiving the right kind of treatments, he became well and strong, having put about twenty pounds on his weight. He is now working at Port Limon, Costa Rica, in the service of the U. F. Coy.

Mr. J. W., who had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism that resisted the doctor's remedy, came on an eighty-mile trip to get relief. The man was disfigured when he came to the treatment rooms. After ten days' handling with success, he went home a strong man without pains.

Mrs. McC., a former student of Booker T. Washington's School, U. S. A., has found an oasis for her trouble. As she is suffering from chronic pellagra, and found no relief in drugs nor patent remedies, she came with tears in her eyes to cool her body of the fire that seemed to burn within her poor sick body. By judicious handling the blaze went out, and in a few days by God's help she will be well.

Mrs. H., an invalid nurse, for four years suffered from paralysis agitans. When in the States she had quite a number of physicians. All kinds of medicines were given but to no avail. But after three weeks clever and wise handling of this intelligent lady, she is rapidly climbing Recovery Hill, and will soon be on the tableland of Health.

We give praise to God for the great success that comes to the work. Our knowledge is not greater than that of others, but the work is established on the principles of God's word and on the Testimonies, and being Christians, we love to serve.

F. HALL.

PRAYER

Martin Luther said; "Prayer is a strong wall and a fort of the church; it is a godly Christian's weapon, which no man knoweth nor findeth but only he who has the spirit of grace and prayer." Prayer is really getting in touch with God. We find that the Bible mentions the word "prayer" 357 times.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

A DOUBLE THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

The story of the open doors for the gospel in Inter-America that is being told us weekby week in our "Missions Quarterly" is surely leading us to realize the necessity for our co-operation in supplying, to some extent, the need for schools and dispensaries in order that the truth may reach the multitudes who are calling for our help.

That our assistance may really be felt, our Division Sabbath School Department has suggested that every member endeavour to double their offering on the coming Thir-Sabbath. Our Sabbath Schools teenth throughout the world are asked to giv \$105,000.00 on that day. On the first Thirteenth Sabbath of 1928, the magnificent sum of \$134,384.33 was given for Central Africa. We had a part in that, and shall we not endeavour to do more for our own Division? Articles setting forth the needs of Inter-America have been sent to all our world Divisions for publication in their papers; so we are hoping there may be as liberal an overflow for new work as there was for Africa.

At the recent Fall Council thrilling stories were told showing how God is opening the way for the proclamation of the Messagein heathen lands, indicating that we are living in the time of the latter rain and that soon the work will be finished, and then our offerings will not be needed.

In the world, at the Christmas season, presents are freely exchanged from friend to friend. Shall we not, in appreciation for the gift of a Saviour, give the very best we have on December 29, for the extension of His kingdom? MRS. H. J. EDMED.

WAITING

"The Isles shall wait for his law." How long! O, how long! Thus saith God-"I the Lord have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee. and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles." In the great Inter-American Division which you are now hearing about every Sabbath, forty million Spanish-speaking people are waiting. Just this week I stood in my doorway and counted twenty-three black-robed priests passing at one time, and this in a relatively small city. Every time I pass through the city I see pasted in some window this printed slogan, "Long live King Jesus. Long live Costa Rica Catholics." Surely the enemy stole a march when he educated people to believe that the terms "King Jesus" and Catholicism are synonymous. But that is the situation that confronts us in these strongholds of Rome. The people have sat in great darkress. Now the light is entering. Thousands. are hungering for the light, and for want of men and means it is now impossible to send the light to all who are calling.

For this reason "La Academia Adventista Centroamericana" was started a little more than a year ago. This is our only training school for Spanish-speaking workers in all Central and Northern South America and at present it is only in the embryo as the following facts will indicate.

There is no school farm and no money to buy one. There are no school buildings and no money to build any. There are no laboratory facilities nor industrial facilities. There are no charts, no maps, and I can almost imagine someone saying, "That is no school."

But it is the inception of a school, from which is destined to go forth workers to all parts of Latin America. Two families are here learning the Spanish, getting ready for the day of larger things. Under their charge are fifteen young people. They all know the language. They are all Christians. And they everyone have their eyes de-finitely fixed on the fields "white already to harvest."

We have a single old-fashioned building. The walls are common earth and the wood part is badly ant eaten. But it furnishes a place to live-to sleep, to eat, to study, to recite, and to worship-for both students and teachers and their families. We have only a few library books in the library; only a few odd benches, stools, and chairs to sit upon; only a little folding organ to furnish us with music; only a single cow to supply us with milk, and only a few hens to supply eggs: but we have Jesus with us and are therefore happy.

This is the beginning that has been made toward establishing a training center to train workers for the millions of Latin-Americans in Inter-America. We are waiting for marching orders-money that we may move forward. We are sure that the Sabbath Schools all over the world are anxious to have a part in establishing this new training school. Your opportuntiy is a large thirteenth-Sabbath overflow.

W. H. WINELAND.

REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928.

In taking up the work of this department, we were glad to find our Sabbath Schools in Jamaica striving for the same goals, the attainment of which is doing so much to bring efficiency into our schools the world over. Whether we are making as good progress as we should we will leave you to judge from the figures presented, but we are glad for what has been accomplished. We feel sure no one questions the value of cur goals. From our experience we know

that those who make a daily study of the lesson are seldom absent from Sabbath School and very rarely tardy. They take the most interest in the class study, and their ready answers are an inspiration to others to follow their good example. They are keenly desirous that the truths they have studied should reach lands in the darkness of heathenism, and so they give cheerfully to missions according as God has prospered them. The servant of the Lord has given us this instruction: "Let the Sabbath School lesson be learned, not by a hasty glance at the lesson Scripture on Sabbath morning, but by careful study for the next week on Sabbath afternoon, with daily review or illustration during the week."-"Education," pp. 251, 252.

Of our 3,672 Sabbath School members, 457 merited the Honour Card for Daily. Study and Perfect Attendance, 19 having earned the Ribbon Bookmark. The number of secretaries who reported and won the Blue Star for promptness was 83 out of 87.

Four of our schools have retained the Pennant, having reached the required percentage of the goals. These are Kencot, Georgetown (Grand Cayman), Hart Hill, and Seaford Town. Others are following close on them, and we hope they will scon reach the standard.

Our offerings are as follows:-

12 Sabbaths	 £191	9	54
13th Sabbath	 83	11	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Investment Fund	 6	19	7^{-}
Birthday Offerings	 0	17	0

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The offerings show an increase of £38-0/10 over the previous quarter. Of the above amount £5 $19/10\frac{1}{2}$ was given by our faithful Home Department members.

The gifts each quarter from our large family of Sabbath Schools scattered through out the world, now numbering 8,642, enable cur Mission Board to send the good news of salvation, through our missionaries, to many dark corners of the earth. It will not be long until the work will be finished and our opportunities for giving will be at an end; so let us do our part faithfully now, and soon we will hear the "Well Done".

MRS. H. J. EDMED.

REASONS WHY I PRAY

1. Because my God invites me to come boldly

2. I realise my own deep need of God's help in regulating the affairs of my life. I need victory in my soul and power over

self.

4. I desire a sweet communion, fellowship, and association with my God. 5. I have confidence in the Lord as a prayer-

answering God.
6. The times in which we live are serious and perilous. I dare not walk alone.
7. I believe He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

THE W. I. T. C.

COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES (Concluded.)

DIGNITY OF LABOUR

It is the tendency of man in every period of this world's history to look down upon hand labour and those that live by it as if there were something menial and degrading about it, but this is one prejudice which man has to rid himself of before he can have real success and be of help to humanity.

Many consider that labour is the result of man's disobedience. Many may think that it is a downright curse from God, but that's a mistake, it was the ground that was cursed and not labour. Is there anything more pleasing to the sight than the handiwork of some artistic workman?

As a noble writer has said, "So far is labour from being a curse, so far is it from being a disgrace, it is the very principle which like the winds of the earth or the agitation of the sea keeps the world in health; it is the very life-blood of society, stirring in all its veins and diffusing vigour and enjoyment through the whole system.

Ladies and gentlemen, have you ever stopped to think for a moment of the many men who have raised themselves from obscurity to honour by toiling with their hands? They were men that were born in poverty, not with a golden spoon in their mouth or with any expectation of drawing some legacy in the future from some rich relatives of theirs, but men whose lives were hedged about with hardships and financial embarrassment. But as the poet Lowell has said. "No man is born into this world whose work is not born with him"; they were born with their work and nothing, nothing could turn them away from their call-They diligently turned to labour with 11)g. their hands, guided by their intellect, with a resolution to find a way or make one.

Booker T. Washington was a slave boy, born in a log cabin, without schooling, books, teacher or ordinary opportunity, who won the admiration of mankind by his practical system of education and industry for his own race.

There are wonderful things wrapped up in youth which man cannot detect, but which will be disclosed if they turn to labour in the right way.

As that American writer, Orison Swett Marden, has said, "You cannot look into a cradle and read the secret message traced by the divine hand and wrapped up in that bit of clay any more than you can see the north star in the magnetic needle. God

has loaded the needle of that young life so that it will point to the star of its own destiny, and although you may pull it around by an artificial device or an unnatural education and compel it to point to the star that presides over law, poetry, arts, medicine, or whatever your pet calling may be, until you have wasted years of a precious life, when once set free that needle flies back to its own star."

That has been the case with many whom some of you have had the privilege of listening to on similar occasions to this. Tonight you have before you some of those who are trying to follow their own star. And as we are about to receive what we have been long anticipating, must we not give the credit to our beloved teachers for our mental and practical training?

We, the class of 1928, in a few short hours from now will be scattered far and near in this our little island home. We may rot have the privilege of seeing you face to face again. Aware of the fact, we have left behind in memory of this class this presidential chair, not for its mere value, but for its significance. By this we know that we will ever be remembered by our teachers as they march into chapel each day to take their seats, seeing the principal taking his seat whose chair was made by the hands of certain members of this class and presented by the class as a token of their love.

Though we may no longer speak with you, the chair we leave behind as a memorial tells you that our love still lingers with you.

J. E. BRODIE.

THE FIRST SEMESTER, 1928.

The time is drawing near for the close of the first semester or eighteen weeks of this school year. This semester will close December the 18th and the next one will begin January the 16th. We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed our school during these past eighteen weeks. While we have had perplexities as usual and disappointments along the way, yet we can look back and see the leading hand of our Heavenly Father.

When the school opened in August, it was with the expectation that Professor Nelson would be with us very soon. However, as already been mentioned in these has columns, we were disappointed in this. The Board then found it necessary to ask me to take the principalship, which work we took up about the close of the first six weeks' We wish here to say that these period. twelve weeks have been very pleasant ones indeed, in spite of the strenuous nature of the work in connection with our institutions, especially in administrative capacity. Our work has been greatly lightened by the fact that we have a most co-operative group of teachers. In fact, I feel that it would be impossible for me to desire any more cooperation than I have received.

Then, too, we have on the whole a very good class of students. While there are a large number who are not Seventh-day Adventists, and some who are not Christians at all, as well as a number from the island of Cuba who have been handicapped with a lack of knowledge of the English language, yet in spite of all these facts the student body has been very co-operative and the discipline has been easier than might have been expected with such a variety of students. As we approach our vacation time, covering the holiday season, we look forward to the little rest from our strenuous labours with satisfaction, not simply because of the rest, but because it will give us an opportunity to prepare phases of our work in a stronger way for the next semester.

Now, to our brethren and sisters over the field, we want to send out this little call, asking for your co-operation and your prayers that the next semester may be more successful than the one which is about to close. We are also asking you to co-operate with us as regards any worthy young people whom you may know who are desirous of entering the college. We solicit correspondence from all our churches at an early date.

> R. J. SYPE, *Principal*.

The first semester at the W. I. T. C. closes December 18th and the second semester begins January 16, 1929. We trust more of the young people of Jamaica are planning to enter school for the second semester. Have you written to the Principal about it?

beople of Jamarca are planning to enter school for the second semester. Have you written to the Principal about it? On account of Examination Week, and Reviews the week preceding it, our annual Week of Prayer is to be observed November 24—December 1.

Posters and placards are announcing Better Speech Week November 18-24. During the week each student and teacher will receive a tag each morning, which he will probably lose if he makes a mistake in his use of verbs. Songs, poems, and talks will be given on the importance of correct English.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

HARVEST INGATHERING GOALS

Some Churches and many individual church members are rejoicing at this time because their goal which was set at the beginning of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is reached. We wish that every church and every member in the Jamaica Conference could have such a record. Is it too much to expect from Churches and members everywhere that we will hear the good words, "We have done our best in this campaign to advance the cause of God?" Will God be pleased with a report that indicates a lack of the whole hearted service?

Sometimes there are those in the churches

who fail to take part in the programme of the church because of ill-health or other hindrances, and who feel that they must. at least make a special offering to the cause which is being advanced. May we not look for such offerings to swell the fund and help put our conference over the goal of £800?

Elder Edmed and the writer made a Harvest Ingathering tour of the west half of the island. We planned our trip for two weeks, and set our goal to raise 105 Pounds. God rewarded us with a total collection for the trip of 109 Pounds and 11 shillings.

With reported offerings to the conference office the total amount received up to November 25 stands at about 700 Pounds. Has your church and every individual in it turned over to the conference treasury all that has been collected? Let every church leader and treasurer see to it that this matter is attended to before the close of the year.

BYRON A. MEEKER, H.M.S.

BOOK-SELLING CAMPAIGN

Fresh duties present themselves in the onward march of the message. We bring to your attention again the book-selling campaigns which are to be carried on at different seasons of the year. The church members are invited to have a part in these special efforts. It is hoped that an average of two books for each member will be sold in each church. The profits of the sale of the books are to go into a church building fund. The need of such a fund is apparent to all who have visited our churches, and also to those who are sending in calls for help to build or repair churches.

Our first campaign begins December 16 and lasts for just one week, till December 22. We hope that you will plan at once to have a part in this home missionary work.

The two books that have been selected for this sale are "Bedtime Stories" and "How to Keep. Well." These are sold at 1/3 a copy. We believe that they will sell readily at this season of the year.

May I make a few suggestions as to how you may meet the people with these books? Tell the people that you are working for the uplift and best interests of the home. Explain how good books aid in character building. Tell them that a little money spent in providing good books for the children will result in great blessing to the child. With reference to the health book you can tell them that the good advice they receive in that book is worth many times the price they pay. Remember to say, "The price is only 1/3, how many do you want?"

You should familiarize yourself with the contents of the book. A good salesman knows his goods. You will be able to inspire others only to the extent that you yourself have been inspired. The great motive in selling books is to help others. In making your appeal to the people impress them with the fact that they need the books you are offering. Help them to feel that they will be greatly benefited by such reading matter in the home.

Well what more can I say that will encourage you in this good work? Of course God's work is never accomplished in our own strength. If you are afraid to do this work read Jeremiah, chapter 1. The Lord can do for you what He did for His servant Our Captain's order is "Onward of old. March" till the victory is gained and the prize is won.

> BYRON A. MEEKER, F.M.S. & H.M.S.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER, DECEMBER 8-15.

If there was ever a time when the call to prayer should arouse us, it is at this present time. We have kept through dangers seen and unseen. For some reason God's hand has been over us to protect. We still have opportunity to "make our calling and election sure." We pause at this season and unite in praising Him. We offer up our united thanksgiving for His goodness that has been bestowed upon us.

This year has been a year of progress in the work of the Lord. Many souls are being added to the church. The great Harvest Ingathering Campaign has moved forward with blessing in its path. Souls at home are refreshed with the news of the triumphs of the cross, and the distant lands will have the gospel lamps kindled anew, and thus the message spreads. Are not these reasons for grateful praise?

The work that lies before us is urgent. We must have the presence of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the task that God has committed to us. Prayer is our key to unlock the store house of heaven. Victory must come to us personally if we are to triumph in the finishing of the work of God.

Our church leaders should earnestly seek the Lord for his guidance as they shall lead the flock to a deeper consecration. Let our people everywhere assemble in the churches or in their homes and observe this Week of Prayer as is becoming to those who are waiting for their Lord to come.

BYRON A. MEEKER, H.M.S.

YOUNG MEN. ATTENTION!

We are looking forward to better things for our colporteurs. The "free from debt" slogan, which is being sounded, brings hope There are several of our in its train. bright young men canvassing at this time You should not only plan to stay free from debt but you should plan now to save so that you can go to school and acquire more education. The scholarship plan makes it possible for you to get a nice substantial reduction in school expenses. Write to the office regarding the plan.

The colporteur work is a sacred calling. Only those who are consecrated can engage in this service to the glory of God. We thank God that faithful men are responding to the call to scatter the printed page "like the leaves of Autumn."

B. A. MEEKER.

SEVEN DEFINITIONS OF PRAYER

2. "Prayer is Heaven's wireless telegraphy." 2. "Prayer is the unseen wire stretched from the very heart of God to the very heart of man."

"Prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's З.

4. "Prayer is linking oneself to God as the belt links the machinery to the source of power.'

5. Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend."
6. Prayer is "the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast."
7. "Prayer is the spiritual approach to God in the act of worship."

. PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

GRATITUDE.

Borrowing in a large measure the sentiments and words of Cecil DeCarteret, Lord Bishop of Jamaica. as presented in his stirring message to Jamarca, as presented in his stirring message to the people on November 10, 1928, which preceded that day of days, November 11, better known throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire as Remembrance or Armistice Day, I pass on a few words in behalf of our worthy Colportenrs

Gratitude and a sense of responsibility ought to be the two dominating impulses that should move every true Seventh Day Adventist in their recollections of what our loyal Colporteurs have done and are accomplishing for the Truth Etern-

done and are accomplianting for the al. The glorious heroism of these bookmen in the church's gravest crises should always be remem-bered with Christian gratitude. It is unquestion-ably their love for their Saviour and for the celestial country, coupled with the determination to defend Right against the oppression of her ruthless foes of the present World, that cause the noblest and best of our ranks from every land to respond unbesitatingly to the call, and to face suffering, discouragement from many of their own brethren, and even death in a splendid act face suffering, discouragement from many of their own brethren, and even death in a splendid act of voluntary sacrifice. The full measure of their sacrifice we shall never know: what they have endured and are enduring is indeed beyond the conception of those who have not passed through the same experiences as theirs. Many of these heroes have long ago laid down the weapons of their warfare, while others by stepping into their places are pressing the battle to the gates! Will their sacrifices pass by unnoticed? "Not till earth and not till heaven pass away." Therefore it is our bounden duty to STAND by them at all times, and under all circumstances, and not to slight them or turn them from our doors; for by doing this we quench their spirits and many times doing this we quench their spirits and many times turn away an angel from heaven.

And while expressing our gratitude to them. "lest we forget", let us thank our Creator for the success they now have in scattering the Print-ed Page. And may He help us to keep untarnish-ed the wonderful message we are helping to pro-laim, and to maintain its dignity among the in-

habitants of Earth, so that at the last trump, when the dead in Christ shall arise, we too, with them may share in the delicacies of heaven. ALBERT R. HAIG,

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A GOLD MINE.

This summer, while I was at the Junior Camps in California. one day during the Girls' Camp and once during the Boys' Camp we hiked down the canyon about two and a half miles to a golu mine, to show the Juniors how men get gold. Let me sort of combine the two days' experiences.

Let me sort or combine the two days' experi-ences. It wasn't a big gold mine, with a mill and a large gang of workers. It was a little placer mine, with just one lone miner living in a little house by the side of the river. The mine, how-ever, was near the top of the hill behind the camp. The genial and obliging miner took us up the steep trail to the diggings on the hill side. He answered all sorts of questions from the bors and their leaders as to how he located the vein, etc. and then proceeded to demonstrate the process of finding gold. First he dug out some of the gold-bearing gravel, then dumped loads of it into a machine called a dry washer, which, turned by a hand crank, sifted out the stones and blew out the dirt leaving finally a residue of dark sand. This he dumped into a miner's pan, and with all the company trooping after him trudged down hill to the river side, where he worked the pan in the water, floating out the sand little by little, and at last pointed out to the boys a gleam of gold

remaining in the bottom. Finally there was

remaining in the bottom. Finally there was nothing left but the gold, and the miner picked it up on the blade of his knife. "Oh!" "Ah!" "Aw!" groaned the boys, gazing "at the tiny flakes; 'how much is it worth'?" "About three cents," said the miner. "A man may work all the time at digging and panning, and make on the average maybe a dollar a day. Once in a while he may find a nugget. The largest one I ever found was this." And he exhibited a watch charm made of an irregular chunk of gold. "It's worth five dollars." "Couldn't you make more money at farming," asked the boys. "Maybe," said the miner; "but then, you see, I love mining and I like to work to find gold."

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Those Junior boys and girls to find gold." Those Junior boys and girls tramped back to camp with a new experience and doubtless with various thoughts in their heads. But 1 venture to say that none of them were pondering the thought that was uppermost in my mind. And that was this: These boys and girls are themselves precious gold, the homes in which they live are the miners. Now it takes some knowledge of mining to find gold. You have a some the miner to the some the miner to the some the source of th

miners. Now it takes some knowledge of mining to find gold. You know, I wouldn't be of much use in a gold mine, because I know next to nothing about it. I couldn't locate a vein of gold, and I should be very awkward and ineffi-cient in the process of panning. It would take some training to make me a successful gold miner.

And it takes some training to make us fathers and mothers successful miners of the gold of character in our children. "Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accom-plish, until the importance of the parent's work is fully recognised and they receive a training for its responsibilities." Education, page 276. Parents now have the opportunity to receive such help in the Parents' Training Course of the Home Commission (General Conference, Takoma Park. Washington, D.C.), which will be glad to send full information.

Perhaps. parents, you could make more money at farming, or fishing. or making automobiles, or something; but then, I hope, you love mining and like to work to find gold.

ARTHUR W. SPALDING.

WEDDING BELLS.

On the 31st of October a pretty little wedding took place at the S. D. A. church in Troy. The contracting parties were Mr. Llewellyn Powell and Miss Emily Nelson, daughter of Mrs. Mar-garet Nelson of Warsop. The bride was a faith-ful helper in the Craig church in teaching, re-citing, and answering other calls. We hope she will costinue the approxement in the church with will continue the same work in the church with which she will now unite.

Friends, relatives, and well-wishers from Siloh, Friends, relatives, and well-wishers from Siloh, Craig, Shudleigh, and Warsop were present when Elder H. P. Lawson performed the ceremony, which we believe God sanctioned. The newly married couple left the same evening by motor car on the thirty-mile drive to their new home. I be-lieve the readers of the VISITOR wil join, with the writer in wishing these two promising young people continued success and happiness, with much of the Lord's blessing.

M. NELSON.

OBITUARIES.

Mary Matilda Hutchinson. "Nevertheless, not cui will but thine be done." Thus would we ex-press our resignation to the divine will, as we reverently how the head over the remains of our departed Sister. We feel a tugging at our heart strings as we remember that she goes from us never to return. But we commit her into the hands of our loving and all-wise, kind and merci ful, heavenly Father, with the assurance that all is well. We know not why she should be cut off at a time when her usefulness was at its

height; we know not why the ruthless hand of death should be placed upon her at a time when she seemed so far from the tomb; we know not why this flower of exquisite beauty should be snatched away from us so suddenly—no, we know not, nor need we to know. "Jesus doeth all things well," and we accept this as the dispensation of our God, whose eye is upon His children for good.

Mary Matilda Naylor, was born at Manchioneal, in Portland, on the first of July, 1884. In her early life she was religiously inclined and was for some time attached to the Wesleyan Church, some time attached to the westeyan Church, until the year 1914, when she was led by the Spirit of God to believe that Christ's return was Spirit of God to believe that Christ's return was imminent. She therefore accepted the tenets of Seventh Day Adventists, believing that all the commandments of God, including the Sabbath, should be kept by every Christian. This faitn she accepted in the United States of America, where she continued to be a loyal and faithful member of the New Rochelle Church for ten years. On returning to Lamaica she was united in mar-On returning to Jamaica, she was united in mar-riage to Mr. Henry Lamb Hutchinson, on August 6, 1924. She then became a member of the Hector's River S.D.A. Church, and was superin-tendent of the Sabbath School. Her devotion to duty and her zeal for service have won the hearts of all she came in contact with. Her interest in the Sabbath School was unbounded, and under trying circumstances she made great sacrifices to trying circumstances she made great sacrifices to attend to the work which was so dear to her heart, as was evinced by her walking eight miles each Sabbath to church. She has been called to rest to await the time when she shall enter the service of the Eternal Sabbath School above. Since her coming to Manchingel to live she has here her coming to Manchioneal to live, she has been connected with the S.D.A. Church here, where she manifested the same zeal up to the time of her death.

her death. As far as we know, she has been a faithful. loving wife and mother. Her genial deportment was of a quiet, kind, gentle, and of an unas-suming nature which endeared her to us all. We believe that she will be wonderfully missed by the community. She has left a sorrowing hus-band, a daughter, two sisters, and four brothers to mourn their irreparable loss.

"Sweet be thy rest, and peaceful thy sleeping, God's way is best. Thou art in His keeping. O blessed sleep where ills ne'er molest thee; Why should we weep? Heaven hath blessed thee.

Sweet be thy rest."

"Thy work is done, thy sowing and reaping. Thy crown is won, and hushed is thy weeping From tears and woes, from earth's midnight

dreary; Thine is repose where none ever weary. Sweet be thy rest.

"Sweet be thy rest; no more we may greet thee Till with the blest in heaven we meet thee. O union sweet that death cannot sever!

There we shall meet where sad tears fall never.

Sweet be thy rest."

O. P. REID.

Fenderson A. Harris. The Church at Port An-tenio suffered a great shock and a keen loss on Monday, November 5th, when our dear Brother Harris fell asleep in Jesus. He was born of Maroon parentage at Moore Town—the headquarters of these people in the parish of Portland—twenty-nine summers ago. About five years ago he embraced the Third Angel's Message, and was baptized at the Con-ference heid at Coolsworthy, Mandeville, the fol-lowing year.

ference held at Coolsworthy, Manuevine, the iso-lowing year. Only a few weeks ago he sat in the choir, and served as Secretary of the Y.P. M.V. Society, and now he is at rest. We shall greatly miss his help in these departments, in both of which he took a keen interest. However, we do not sorrow as those without hope, for if faithful we expect t, meet him very soon again, when the angels shall catch up the saints to meet Jesus.

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A large company turned out to pay their last respects to him. Words of consolation were spoken by the writer on I Cor. 15: 16-21. ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

PASTOR C. N. MOULTON. On Sunday October 28 a telegram came to our hand announcing the sudden death of Pastor C. N. Moulton, at Clark-town. The deceased, who was 54 years of age, came recently from Santo Domingo to seek medical advice. Advised by Doctor Bobo to have an X-ray examination and a surgical operation, our dear brother went to the country to settle his aged parents in a new home and gather strength for his prospective ordeal. During his stay, he seemed to gain in strength and weight, and suc-ceeded in transferring his parents to their new home at Bonham Spring. On Friday, however, fis he talked with his son about his plans to come to Kingston the following Monday, he suddenly complained of pain, and this continued, in spite of the treatments given, until Saturday evening. 27th. Still conscious, he discussed matters with his son, and at last announced that he felt he was dying, and suddenly fell back in his son's arms and expired.

was dying, and suggetty ten back in the arms and expired. Pastor Moulton has been a great pioneer in this work. As a true-type colporteur he spent many years in different parts of the Caribbean. scattering the printed page far and wide. He was a certifeman in appearance and manners, and resilv won his way to the hearts of his_patrons. a sentleman in appearance and manners, and easily won his way to the hearts of his patrons. About 1907 he went to canvass in Santo Domingo. where several persons had begun to observe the Sabbath through reading our literature. He soon found them, and in spare time began to organise them. Remarkable success attended his labours. One minister soon accepted the truth, bringing with him into our fellowship almost his entre congregation. In a few years 300 persons had united with us. Pastor Moulton was ordained, and carned the love and respect of the many friends that came under his benign influence. In his demise, the Cause of God has lost a true-type warrior, and besides his many friends in our denomination he leaves a wife and daughter and one adopted son to share with us our sad bereavement. bereavement.

The funeral services were splendidly arranged by the son, Demetro, although very young, and assisted by Pastor Powell and Brother F. Hall, the writer conducted a service at the honse, after which the increasing cortege adjourned to the grave at Clarktown where Pastor Powell appropriately and tonchingly committed his remains to their last resting place. There was a very large and respectful gathering at the grave side, our people from several churches coming in buss-es and cars, and also a large concourse of the public.

Sav. warrior, thou dost sleep, While loved ones miss thee sore, and weep, Though silent now. thy lips still speak, To lift and strengthen many weak.

Though dead thou art, thy works yet live,

Sweet consolations of grace to give: Soon Jesus will speak, and thou shalt hear, And seize the crown He bids thee wear; And we will see thee in life again, And with thee in glory e'er remain.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

HARVEST INGATHERING IN COUNTY OF SURREY.

The readers of the VISITOR would no doubt be pleased to learn of the progress of the Harvest Ingathering campaign in the respective counties. For several reasons I am not in a position to-give correct figures concerning the amounts col-lected in Cornwall and Middlesex, but will give below an outline of what was accomplished up to the first of November, in the county of Sur-rev:--rey :-

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Surrey's goal is £450 0/0, which leaves us £175 0/0 more to obtain before we reach our aim. As our churches are still working hard, I feel confident that a good portion of the de-ficiency will be realised. A few hindrances have militated against our churches starting out on time and doing what they at first anticipated. However, I feel sure that the close of the year will find Surrey with its goal of £450 0/0 reach-ed. May God continue to richly bless His people in the willing service they render for Him. R. HARRIOTT.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We have a good shipment of Morning Watch and Home Missionary Calendars, and would like our people to procure their supply Immediately. We know that the little Morning Watch Calendar has proven a great blessing to those of our young people in particular who have observed the Morn-ing Watch faithfully throughout the year. As usual we have them in two kinds—the plain and the de luxe. The plain sells for 3d. and the other for 9d. Those in the de luxe covers cer-tainly make a better remembrance gift than the usual Christmas cards which are sent out at this season. The Home Missionary Calendars are by no means less picturesque than those of form-er years. They cost only 1/3 and we hope-each "Adventist family will purchase one for the home. home.

home. We are also offering a special discount on Bibles you purchase for cash during the month of December. We have a good stock of Bibles of all sizes, bindings, print and prices. It is cus-tomary for us to give ten per cent. discount-to. our people, plus postage; now we are offering a discount of fifteen per cent. We will do our best to execute all orders promptly, so de not delay, forwarding your order today. Our motto cards are selling fast, and we are giving them at the usual cheap rates. We would encourage all to special rates we are offering on our books and Bibles. Bibles.

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