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THE SPIRIT OF PRAISE.

To praise God in fulness and sincerity of heart is as much a duty as is prayer. We are to show to the world and to all the heavenly intelligences that we appreciate the wonderful love of God for fallen humanity, and that we are expecting larger and yet larger blessings from His infinite fulness. Far more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience. After a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our joy in the Lord and our efficiency in His service would be greatly increased by recounting His goodness and His wonderful works in behalf of His children.

These experiences drive back the power of Satan. They expel the spirit of murmuring and complaint, and the tempter loses ground. They cultivate those attributes of character which will fit the dwellers on earth for the heavenly mansions.

Such a testimony will have an influence upon others. No more effective means can be employed for winning souls to Christ.

We are to praise God by tangible service, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of His name. God imparts His gifts to us that we also may give, and thus make known His character to the world. Under the Jewish economy, gifts and offerings formed an essential part of God's worship. The Israelites were taught to devote a tithe of all their income to the service of the sanctuary. Besides this they were to bring sin offerings, freewill gifts, and offerings of gratitude. These were the means for supporting the ministry of the gospel for that time. God expects no less from us than He expected from His people anciently. The great work for the salvation of souls must be carried forward. In the tithe, with gifts and offerings, He has made provision for this work. Thus He intends that the ministry of the gospel shall be sustained. He claims the tithe as His own, and it should ever be regarded as a sacred reserve, to be placed in His treasury for the benefit of His cause. He asks also for our freewill gifts and offerings of gratitude. All are to be devoted to the sending of the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

BIBLE STUDY.

HOME, FROM THE BIBLE VIEW.

"God designs that the family of earth shall be a symbol of the family in heaven. Christian homes established and conducted in accordance with God's plan, are among His most effective agencies for the formation of character and for the advancement of His work." Testimonies, vol., 5, p. 430.

Gen. 2:4. What is God's plan for grown young men?

Ecc. 9:9. How should a man live with his wife?

Eph. 5:25-33. What should be the basis of nuptial joy?

Eph. 5:28-33. How much should a man love his wife?

Verse 25. How should a husband love his wife?

Verses 25-27. What high objective should a husband hold in view?

Prov. 31:28. How should a husband cheer and encourage his wife?

1 Peter 3:7. How tenderly should he treat his wife?

Col. 3:19. What should be avoided? Weymouth's translation reads: "Married men, be affectionate to your wife and do not treat her harshly."

Mal. 2:14, 15. Is the Lord watching a man's treatment of his wife?

Matt. 19:6. Who is the Author of a proper marriage?

Verse 9. What one thing may justify a separation.

"Men and women can reach God's ideal for them if they will take Christ as their Helper. What human wisdom cannot do, His grace will accomplish for those who give themselves to Him in loving trust. His providence can unite hearts in bonds that are of heavenly origin. Love will not be a mere exchange of soft flattering words. The loom of heaven weaves with warp and woof finer, yet more firm, than can be woven in the looms of earth. The result is not a tissue fabric, but a texture that will bear wear and test and trial. Heart will be bound to heart in the golden bonds of a love that is enduring." Min. of Healing. p. 362.

Note.—The next reading will deal with the wife's relations.

H.J.E.

"The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. Self-love, Self-interest must perish."

GENERAL.

The following letter reached me just before Xmas, from one of our dear young sisters in Kingston: "I was very much impressed with the reading on Saturday especially where the merchant gave more after his loss. Father gave me £1 to spend as I like during the Xmas, so I send you 10/ as a gift for the Mission Work." What a sweet spirit! It shows too, that the spirit of sacrifice is taking hold of our dear young people in Jamaica. The Lord bless the donor.

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An excellent work is reported by Brother H. A. Dailey, who, as a lay member, busily engaged in his temporal affairs, has found time to work for the salvation of his neighbours. This has resulted in the raising of a company of believers at Ewarton, and as evidence of the thorough instruction given them, Bro. Dailey inclosed Tithes, Sabbath School offerings for the twelve sabbaths and the Thirteenth Sabbath, Week of Prayer offering, and Harvest Ingathering. He also inclosed cash with order for Sab. Sch. Lesson Quarterlies. The spirit of this new company is emphasized by Bro. Dailey in the following comment: "Our Church, though small is blessed with the spirit of activity and unity and is courageous in spite of growing opposition and hatred." To organize such a company is a great source of joy and pleasure, and we urge our working laity to bring all their converts to the same degree of earnest devotion to God's cause.

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On Sunday, January 5, accompanied by Pastor R. J. Sype, and Bro. T. N. Bettey, we visited Ewarton, where we found that Bro. Dailey had prepared for an open air meeting. A goodly number attended, the speakers being seated on the steps of a large house and the audience on planks on the lawn. The subject of Christ's second coming was presented, and earnest attention was given. Ewarton seems to be one of our coming centers of influence.

H.J.E.

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Sister Irene A. Scarlett reports from Mt. Peaceas follows: "We are working in the district of Mt. Catherine since November, holding open air meetings and visiting the people in their homes. On Sunday, Dec. 2, there were about 50 persons present to hear Bro. Gilliam speak on The Seven Last Plagues. Many hearts were touched, and we are determined to stand by our leader."

C. A. Livingstone writes of the plan followed by the Carron Hall company in reaching their Harvest Ingathering goal of £6: "The first week of the campaign we removed 22 squares from the chart. We left the balance for six weeks, when we invited our friends to an entertainment during which we explained the chart, and invited the audience to help us tear off the other squares. Pastor H. Fletcher was present, and we feel thankful for the way in which the Lord blessed brethren D. Glow, D. Brown, and Sister F. E. Murray in their effort to help. So with the help of the Lord, we reached our goal notwithstanding that several members failed to take any part. May the Lord enlighten us all that we may know what the Lord requires of us in such work, and in the saving of humanity."

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MOUNT PROVIDENCE CHURCH BUILDING.—January 16 was the day appointed for the stone-laying ceremony of the above building, and a party of Conference officials attended. The district was represented by a goodly number of members and friends, and M. Lopez Esquire, J.P., laid the first stone, the second being placed by the President of the Conference. The President gave an address, in which the steady growth of our denominational world-wide work was outlined, and Mr. Lopez added some very wise counsel on Christian living. The stones contained each a bottle in which the addresses and the names of the present Church officers were placed. The building is a wood structure, built on a high elevation, and very attractive. The surrounding ground has been planted with a view to helping to meet the costs of the enterprise, and we congratulate Leader Bailey and his devoted members for the courage and loyalty which the edifice represents.

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BEESTON SPRING set their stone-laying service for Dec. 27, on which date the Conference car, driven by Pastor B. A., Meeker carried a party from Kingston for the occasion. Our hospitable school faculty gave us a resting place for the nights going and returning. A good foundation had been completed, and several stones were provided for nine persons to lay. The accommodation and program were nicely arranged, and our members surprised us with their excellent help. Over £12 was collected and we left the company seemingly very happy over their success.

Returning, we called at the home of our veteran Pastor Jones, whose home on the hill always seems like our own home. We were indeed sorry to find sister Jones invalided, but glad to exchange greetings with the Contented Hall family.

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BAGBIE CHURCH BUILDING.—This House of Worship has been under the unwearying activities of Pastor H. Fletcher.

NORTH STREET, KINGSTON CHURCH.

A retrospective view of the past year fills us with praise to Him who has hitherto helped and brought us through precious experiences. To Him be the glory.

On January 1, 1928, the membership stood at 447; at its close 515. Of this gain, 54 were added by baptism during the year.

The financial thermometer has shown a rise in every direction, and exceeded that of 1928 in all but one item. Total Conference funds amounted to nearly £1,050. The Sabbath School contributed £153 of that amount; while local funds amounted to £287. Our Harvest Ingathering Goal of £200 was exceeded, passing the 1927 collection by a few pounds.

Our Church School is making a name for itself. Four of its scholars passed successfully the Pupil Teachers' examination in July, and several are in preparation for the coming July examination. Parents Day, held December 20th was a success, and brought great credit to its teachers, Sisters Wilson, Gordon, and Parke. Various articles of handicrafts, drawings and paintings were exhibited, and £2 10/ was realized from the sale of these.

Brother W. F. Burkley has been conducting an effort upon his own initiative, with the consent of the brethren, and is meeting with good success. He constructed a tabernacle 20'x30', in which he is conducting a branch of the Sabbath School with about forty members. Sister DeLeon also holds Sabbath School at her home on the other end of the city, which is steadily growing.

S. U. POWELL.

RATIONAL TREATMENT OF DISEASES.

I think the readers of the "Visitor" will be interested to hear what God has done for the sick.

Mrs. S., aged about 47, a devoted Christian lady from Gayle district, St. Mary, suffering, according to the doctor's diagnosis, from tumor in the left mammary gland. Distressed in mind and body, she came to the LIFE & HEALTH treatment rooms for help, and in nine weeks, with scientific treatments and the help of God, she was cured of her malady. She puts me in mind of the cripple at the Beautiful Gate, or the case of King Hezekiah. Acts 3; 2-12, 16; Isa. 38:21.

Miss D., aged about 35 came in to be treated with a good size exophthalmic goitre. By careful and persistent treatments, the trouble is almost gone.

"The Christian is encouraged to show patient perseverance in carrying forward the work of the gospel ministry, in connection with the medical missionary work. As he gains an experience in genuine religion, he obtains a spiritual knowledge that makes character."
"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 220.

F. HALL.

TRINITY VILLE Church enjoyed a happy day, on Dec. 22, 1928, when Pastors A. C. Stockhausen and O. P. Reid, accompanied by some candidates for Baptism came down to celebrate the Ordinances of the Lord's House, and to baptize three candidates. The meetings continued all day, and forty-five were present at the Sabbath School. The occasion seemed more sacred because of its following the Week of Prayer, during which we had enjoyed much blessing. Taking for his text, Romans 12: 1, 2, the Pastor emphasized the need of the spirit of sacrifice, and included a warning against conformity to the world by neglect of family worship, in adopting unsuitable fashions, and marrying unbelievers. Many touching quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy were read. The day was very profitable to all, and as the visitors quickly disappeared into the shadows of falling night we were led to praise the Lord for such sweet occasions.

A. W. HERON.

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GINGER HILL.—I visited Ginger Hill last Sunday. Had a hard day, but a pleasant time. Some candidates will be ready for baptism shortly. Some have accepted the truth recently, and three others made their decision on Sunday.

We are in the grip of dry weather, and strong breeze. Everything is being dried up. We are not far from a water famine. Influenza is also raging.

H. P. LAWSON.

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Sister Lourine E. Chisholm has written us a lengthy eulogy in which she depicts the life work of our venerable Brother J. R. Parchment, who has been Leader and Treasurer of the Southfield Church for thirty years. We regret that we are unable to print so lengthy an appreciation. But we are glad to take from it the facts that during the thirty years, Bro. Parchment has missed only one sabbath meeting, and has shown a deep interest in the Young People and every department of the church activity. His treasury books are clean, and never has he allowed the church to get into debt. He believes it is best to wear out than to rust out, as shown by his healthy, active life. Bro. Parchment cast a shadow over the church on Dec. 29, by announcing that he must now resign his labours to a younger man. We are glad he is still with us. Southfield has supplied the Cause of God with several successful students, and some of them are now in the work of God. We join that Church in praying that our dear brother may be spared to help by his counsel and genial presence the flock he has shepherded so long and faithfully.

H. J. EDMED.

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"Kindness is catching; and if you go around with a thoroughly developed case, your neighbours will be sure to get it. Be kind, one to another."

HOME MISSIONARY.

PUBLISHING.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS
TO STIMULATE MISSIONARY
ACTIVITIES
IN OUR CHURCHES.

1. Hold a missionary meeting every Sabbath immediately following the Sabbath School, as outlined in the *Church Officers' Gazette*. This service must not exceed fifteen minutes.
2. Plan to carry out the first Sabbath missionary program each month, as outlined in the *C/O. Gazette*.
3. Organize Bands in your Church according to the needs. Every Church should have:
 - a. Prayer bands;
 - b. Bible Study Bands, Baptismal classes.
 - c. Literature Bands;
 - d. Christian Help Bands;
4. Every Church should be organized for service as follows:—
 - a. Territory districted for campaigns.
 - b. Each member assigned a field of labour.
 - c. Systematic Missionary Work.
5. Individual prayer: "Lord what wilt Thou have ME to do?"

BYRON A. MEEKER, H.M.S.

Missionary reports have been pouring into the office. Has your Church Missionary Secretary sent in one? If not, why not? What part have you had in making a record? Are you co-operating with your Secretary by reporting?

Many souls have been won to the truth during the past year. Thousands of Harvest Ingathering Magazines were distributed as well as other literature. The Conference has passed the £800 Harvest Ingathering goal by more than £200. Surely if the records were complete Jamaica would make a good showing. Our report will be incomplete if you have failed to report. Our aim is, "Every church member a reporting member."

When you read the *Visitor* the records of 1928 will be closed up. We have only the living present in which to act. When the work is done Jesus will say to some one, "Well done good and faithful servant." I hope to hear these comforting words, don't you? "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designed on earth where we are to work for God." (C.O.L. p. 327) Look for your place, and God will help you to find it.

B.A.M.

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"If you have a good temper—keep it; if you have a bad temper—dont lose it.

COLPORTEURS ACHIEVEMENT:—Looking through the report of the year's sales for 1928, as published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, we notice that in the Antillian Union Section, Jamaica tops the list with \$12, 162.70.

Speaking of this, the Manager at Cristobal says, "According to our records, we have sold in Jamaica during 1928 almost twice the value of books that we sold in 1927. The retail value amounts to over \$12,000. In fact, Jamaica not only leads the Antillian Union but also the Inter-American Division." This should encourage us all to press the work to greater achievements and still higher goals. Our membership is increasing, and 1929 opens full of prospect for a good year of financial prosperity in this Island, and we may well set our mark 25% higher.

H.J.E.

CAYMAN BRAC.—I am sure our readers are interested in the work over here. It is over four months since I arrived and I have enjoyed many precious experiences. Twenty-six adults are now keeping the Sabbath, in spite of persecution, and we give the Lord the praise. The meetings have been well attended, and by prayer and earnest endeavour we are preparing to erect a monument to the truth.

The Lord has recently opened the way for us to hold meetings where the people have hitherto been unwilling.

A Brother went out with his Bible and some tracts to engage in missionary work, and almost the first man he met freely offered his home.

The week of Prayer season was to me the best I have ever enjoyed, while to the new believers it was a genuine refreshing. We met at 5 o'clock, a.m. and the stirring words we read in the *Review* and *Herald* brought us Pentecostal showers and we were led to prayer and heart-searching before God. We felt more than ever our need for a thorough preparation for the soon coming of Jesus. Continue to pray for us.

FRANK FLETCHER.

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BAPTISM AT VAUGHNSFIELD. On Sunday morning Dec. 23, a large crowd gathered on the banks of the river to witness this service. There were two candidates. As the writer spoke on "What is Christianity?" we could see that the Holy Spirit was bearing witness to the truth. As we gathered for the celebration of the Ordinances the Church building was packed with those not of our faith, and the writer spoke on "The

WHAT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED

1. That the TIME ALLOTTED for the Sabbath School session is one and a quarter hours. We should not go beyond this time and thus encroach upon the time of other meetings.

If each item on the program is kept to time we could keep within this limit. The review should not exceed ten minutes in presenting the main points of the lesson. Be sure that the full time—thirty minutes—is given to the study for the day. Do not let this be curtailed by other items. They all have their place, but these two are the most important.

2. That an article from the pen of Sister White and published in the *Review* and *Herald* in 1890 gave origin to the Birthday offering plan adopted by our General Conference S.S. Department, and should claim our attention more fully. We quote a portion of the article: "For life, health, food and clothing, no less than for the hope of eternal life, we are indebted to the Giver of all mercies; and it is due to God to recognize His gifts and to present our offerings of gratitude to our greatest Benefactor. These birthday gifts are recognized of Heaven."

The Treasury of the Gen. Conference sacredly sets aside these gifts each year for work in new fields.

We received 81 S.S. reports for the past quarter and only eleven reported birthday offerings.

3. That our Weekly Offerings for Missions in the Sabbath School help to keep our missionaries in the field. We would not like any to have to be recalled through our negligence, so let us set a goal for each week's offerings, and strive to reach it. The Kingston Churches have done this, and have either reached or gone far beyond it.

We would express our appreciation of the effort put forth by our Sabbath Schools on the last thirteenth Sabbath, which gave us a record offering. It is the best in five years, and amounted to a little over £96 for Inter-America.

Mrs. H. J. EDMED.

Sabbath Question." At the close of the sermon an appeal was made for those who would keep God's Sabbath to stand. Twelve persons stood to their feet and gave their names for baptism.

The brethren are now working on their church building, and brighter days seem to be dawning for this company. Let the "Visitor" family remember this isolated spot in prayer.

H. P. LAWSON.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE.

TEAM WORK.

This is a phrase much used to-day to indicate united effort. The idea springs from the harnessing of animals in teams for work. We all like to work with others, especially if they are doing the same thing as we. There is something in team work that inspires us to do our best. The comradeship keeps our spirits up, the association makes the work pleasant. How many would enjoy a hike to a distant beach or mountain peak, if they had to go alone? On the other hand, how delightful is the trip with plenty of company! The mother who says, "Come on, girls," or the father who says, "Come on, boys," is sure to have more hearty co-operation than the one who says, "Go, work..." Children like to be associated with father and mother. And grown-ups as well as children respond very readily to the team work suggestion.

Christ fully recognized this fundamental trait of the human mind when He said, "Take my yoke upon you." The yoke naturally suggests the sharing of the same job by at least two, and that is team work. You will remember also that when the Master sent His disciples out to do missionary work, He sent them in pairs.

Now, twentieth century young people are the same as first century ones, as far as team work is concerned, so the M. V. society is organized into working bands. This, in providing team work, gives plenty of scope for that spirit of comradeship, which, if properly exercised can be a very great blessing. Form bands in your society for distributing literature, giving Bible Readings, visiting the sick, or doing Christian Help Work. Let each band be a definite unit for a definite purpose. Do it now, and note the difference it makes.

P.J.B.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

THE CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

From the 23rd of February, 1928, when the Circulating Library restarted operations, to the end of the year, exactly 140 orders were received for books. This shows the interest our people, young and old, manifested in good reading. Keep in mind that there are several complete Reading Courses in the Library, and that the reading of any of these courses brings the recognition of the General Conference in the form of a certificate. Consult the lists in your church, and see your church leader about securing what books you need.

"Give attendance to reading."
"Read a good book every month."

P.J.B.

FIND THE ANSWER.

Questions for February.

1. Who is the President of the Far Eastern Division Conference?

2. "Hath sorrows borne him and did surely esteem our he yet smitten carried God our afflicted and stricken of we griefs." The foregoing is a text of Scripture; re-arrange the words in their proper order and give the reference.

3. Who was the first empire builder mentioned in the Bible?

4. Where were Paul and Silas imprisoned?

5. What man desired to die the death of the righteous?

N.B.—The January "Visitor" having been published late, we will receive answers to the January questions up to February 12. The February answers, of course, must reach us by the same date. January and February answers will be published in the March issue. Address answers to Young People's Page, 112 Tower St., Kingston.

HER "WASHING."

Two young ladies, Missionary Volunteers of the same society, and of comfortably situated families, met one day. As both were cyclists, Number One said, "Let's go for a ride early Sunday morning."

To this Number Two replied, "I am sorry I can't, for I have an appointment at the same time."

"Where are you going?"

"To an old lady's."

"What for?"

"Taking over some wash."

"Wash? What are you going to do with it?"

"Going to wash the walls of her room; her place is in bad shape, you know."

"Fine! May I go with you?"

"Of course; the old lady will be glad to see us, I am sure."

The above story was told me by Number One. She expected the Sunday morning to find them brightening up a cheerless room and a cheerless life instead of taking that ride. Christian Help Work?—Surely! It is for such work as this that the King will say to them on His right hand, "Come ye blessed of my Father."

"Go and do thou likewise."

P.J.B.

COMING.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK, March 9-16. The March "Gazette" will, of course, contain the programme for the week. Does your Society have access to the "Gazette"? Make this M. V. Week the best yet in prayer and victory.

INTER-AMERICAN
READING COURSE, 1929.

Senior: (These books need no introduction.)

"Providence of the Great War" 50c (Special)

"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" \$1.00

"With our Missionaries in China" 50c (special)

\$2.00 (8/)

The chance of your life-time to get this combination of books so cheap.

Junior:

"Peter the Fisherman" 65c

"Bedtime Stories" No. 3 30c.

95c (4/)

Order from the Tract Society—

P.J.B.

MISSIONARY MOFFATT AND THE ALBUM.

Just before leaving England for his Missionary work in Africa, a young lady requested him to write something in her autograph album. This is what he wrote:—

"My album is the savage breast,
Where darkness reigns, and tempests
wrest

Without one ray of light.
To write the name of Jesus there
And point to worlds both bright and
fair,

And see the savage bow in prayer,
In my supreme delight."

PAUL'S DEGREES.

In A.D. 59, not many years after Paul's conversion, he was "the least of the apostles... not meet to be called an apostle." In A.D. 64, five years later, he speaks of himself as being "less than the least of all saints," and in A.D. 65 he calls himself "the chief" of "sinners." SEL.

LIFE IN CHRIST—

The service of Christ is the business of my life.

The will of Christ is the law of my life.

The presence of Christ is the joy of my life.

The glory of Christ is the crown of my life.

SEL.

"INFINITE power dwells with Christ. The Christian only has to draw near and take hold upon that divine, inexhaustible power and grow strong day by day. This is the miracle that makes giants out of cripples."

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER.

LITTLE FOLKS PREACHERS.

In 1843, when men began to preach about the soon coming of Jesus, a law was made to stop all such preaching in Sweden, because it was against the teaching of the State Church of that land. Many men and women kept on telling about it, and were put in prison. But little children were not thought to be old enough to punish in this way, and so the law did not apply to them. The Lord then put His Holy Spirit upon some of them, even those who could not read or write, for He had said that this gospel would be preached in all the world to all nations, and His word cannot fail. (Matt. 24:14). These little children would then leave their play or whatever they were doing, and, standing on chairs and tables, would preach to the people about Jesus, tell them to prepare to meet Him, and to forsake their sins.

In a very nice little book we have, there is a picture of a little girl only five years old, standing on a table, talking to a lot of grown up people. An open Bible lies on the table, and a pussy cat sits underneath listening to her little playmate as she pleads with the people. This little girl, the book says, was playing, when she suddenly began to sing hymns. The family knew she was then filled with the Holy Spirit, and they called in the neighbours to hear her. Then the Holy Spirit would speak through her. She was a good little child, obedient to her godly parents, and that was why the Holy Spirit used her to give His message to the people.

In another place, Elder Loughborough tells of a little boy, only eight years old who was used in the same way. One day a priest was very angry with him for preaching, and tried to make him ashamed before the people. So he asked the lad to read a hymn. But the boy said he could not read. So the priest asked, "What do you know about the Bible anyway?" The boy answered that he knew there is a text in the New Testament which had the word "And," fourteen times. The priest said there was no such text. Then the boy said, "Will you please read Revelation 18:13. On reading that verse, he found that the boy was right, and the people shouted out, "The boy knows more about the Bible than the priest."

During that time in several countries, little boys and girls worked hard to get their companions at school and play to love Jesus, and many became Christians.

One little boy the writer knew was at a boarding school. The boys were all very naughty, and the schoolmaster was very sad about it. One day this little boy gave his heart to Jesus. Then

he began to work for the other boys. He first got one of his chums to pray with him. Then another, until many joined. Then they started Sunday afternoon meetings, and soon the whole school became good by turning from their evil ways.

At one of our tent meetings, little Mary brought her two younger brothers. They had good voices and helped with the singing. I asked her to try and bring her parents, and soon we were so happy to see the whole family take their seats in the tent. They all accepted the truth, and have remained faithful for over thirty years.

Now, my little Folks, will you not work for Jesus? He loves you, and He will help you. How happy you will be when Jesus comes to see some in Heaven whom you have brought there!

H.J.E.

QUESTION CORNER.

1. What baby was hidden in an ark of bulrushes?
2. In what town was Jesus born?
3. What tree is mentioned in the Bible that gives fruit every month?
4. What boy saved his sheep by killing a lion and a bear?
5. What prophet explained Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

As the last issue was late, you may send answers to last month's questions with this, by February 12.

HABITS.

Little Folks, do you know we all have habits? Some are good, and some are bad. Whichever they are, they all grow and become strong the more we exercise them. There is only one way to get rid of bad habits, and that is to ask Jesus to help us give them up, and then refuse to have anything to do with them. A boy once wrote an essay about these habits, and he said,

"Habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter, it does not change 'a bit.' If you take off another you still have a 'bit' left. If you take off another, the whole of 'it' remains. If you take off another, 'it' is wholly used up. All of this goes to show that if you want to get rid of habit you must throw it off altogether."

So it is, Jesus never helps us to give up only a part of a bad habit. He wants us to give it all up, and when we are willing to go that far, He will help us.

H.J.E.

SEVEN REASONS WHY EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SHOULD TAKE THE BIBLE YEAR.

1. "The Bible presents a perfect standard of character; it is an infallible guide under all circumstances." "Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 264.

2. Because "Every chapter and every verse of the Bible is a communication from God to men." "Patriarchs and Prophets" p. 504

3. Because "There is no other book whose perusal strengthens and enlarges, elevates, and ennobles the mind, as does the perusal of this Book of books." "Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 499.

4. Because "The oftener and more diligently you peruse the Scriptures, the more beautiful will they appear, and the less relish will you have for light reading," Id., Vol. 1, p. 242.

5. Because "A day is coming, a day of clouds and thick darkness, when all will wish to be thoroughly furnished by the plain, simple truths of the word of God, that they may meekly, yet decidedly, give a reason of their hope." Id., Vol. 1, p. 135.

6. Because "Satan can never gain advantage of the child of God who relies on the Word of God as his defense." Id., Vol. 9, p. 69.

7. Because the Lord has said: "Above all take time to read the Bible—the Book of books." "Counsel to Teachers," p. 138.

WHEN TO READ THE BIBLE.

"Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; . . . even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage and meditate upon it." Steps to Christ," p. 95.

MINNIE E. DAUPHINE.

WEDDING BELLS.

On December 19th last, Brother R. Harriott, who has long been a congenial and efficient member of our office staff, was united in marriage to Miss Doris Powell, eldest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. S. U. Powell of Kingston. The esteem in which these parties are held was shown by the large attendance of well-wishers who filled the North Street S.D.A. Church. The ceremony was conducted by the Conference President, and the bride was attended by her sister and other members of the family, Brother Aston Williams being the Best Man. Special music was rendered by the Choir, and Miss Vera Sasso sang an appropriate solo during the signing of the register, Mrs. Gordon presiding at the organ.

A reception was held at the home of the Bride's parents attended by a large company. There were many pretty and useful presents which were greatly admired by the guests.

We feel sure that all our members in Jamaica will unite with us in wishing the newly wedded couple every happiness and an abundance of divine blessing.

ARE WE DOWNHEARTED? NO!

Should the first part of this question be passed down the line of our advancing colporteurs who have no time to stop and grumble about the so-called impregnable obstacles of hard times and of the impossibility of doing the work which the Lord has planned to go forward, certainly the cheering answers would be "NO!"—and "NO!" in its fullest sense.

To-day a banner year is in the past. Our local field has passed through the crucible of hard times, and yet through the providences of Jehovah, success has attended the work. Were this not so how could the Colporteur Band hold the line of defense? Certainly their stand against Satan's onslaughts is due to God's keeping power; may they ever make Him their Comforter and Leader amid the din of battle.

The writer has spent a few days with our boys, and passes the following words from them: Brother A. Heron writes that he is thankful to God for the success achieved in his recent delivery of nearly £38 value in the far-from-being-virgin-soil of St. Thomas.

Brother A. Robinson is of good courage. He says, "Give me a sound pair of boots and a khaki uniform, and by God's grace I shall make the hills sound with the good news of the cross."

Brother Pitter exclaimed in my hearing the other day, "The canvassing work is no ordinary work." Surely then, he means it has the sanction of Heaven.

Brother Spence of Hanover and I had a cosy rest one night on two benches of a schoolroom. It was somewhat hard, nevertheless he is of good courage, and has procured some good orders.

Considering the havoc wrought by the recent "norther," Brother F. Lindsay had a good delivery last week—a very good start for a beginner.

Brother L. Dillon has been added to the army. I left him storming the capital of St. Ann. Let us pray for this new "soldier of the Cross."

Brethren Hurst and Ricketts are ploughing through mud and stones but their faces still beam with the joy of service.

Brethren Barnes and Lawrence are still holding the lines in far away St. James. Let us pray for them both.

Brother Ogilvie and Brother Frank Jones are also hard at work. The enemy is bent on flooring them, but they press on with a smile, and with their faces set like a flint.

The old year is gone. Boys, what are your plans for this year? Are you downhearted? Methinks I hear you say, "DOWNHEARTED?—NO!"

May God bless you all for your past faithfulness. I assure you that I shall stand by you though shells be bursting. While assuring you that the President of our Conference and his entire staff are praying for you as you face these trying times, I commend you to the care and keeping of Jesus—the best Friend of the canvasser.

A. R. HAIG, Asst. F.M.S.

FROM OTHER-LANDS

AGE 73; HOURS 1,345; DELIVERIES \$2,613.

Colporteur Craig of Ohio need not sing, "Will there be any stars in my crown?" He knows there will be. Think of the seed sowing indicated by the following information concerning him in a report from Brother J. W. Mace.

R. B. Craig, working the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, is seventy-three years of age. He lost his wife in 1925, and is working alone. Those who worked with him say that he puts a lot of energy into his work, running up and down stairs and hurrying from house to house. He writes me that five souls have accepted the truth as a result of his work since 1925, and many more are interested. Here is his record so far this year: Hours put in, 1,345; delivered, \$2,613.00. He expects to reach his goal of \$3,000 deliveries. I quote from his recent letter: "The figures look cold and lifeless, but they represent many happy visits and promises to obey the Lord and be saved when He comes." If we could get a hundred men like him, what a record would be rolled up; and God has them if we can only find them."

Under date of Dec. 5, Brother Craig reached \$3,000 in deliveries.

THE LAYMAN.

LEAVE it to the ministers, and soon the church will die,
 Leave it to the women-folk—then some will pass it by,
 For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,
 And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,
 But he also has the training of his little girls and boys,
 And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here,
 And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere?

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,
 To teach that way of living from which all that's nobler springs:
 But the minister can't do it single-handed and alone,
 For the laymen of the country are the church's corner stone

When you see a church that's empty though its doors are opened wide
 It is not the church that's dying, its the laymen who have died.
 For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done,
 It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

HOW ONE WOMAN OBEYED THE PRIEST.

Over in another country a man had been around selling one of our smaller books that had a picture of Jesus on the front page. As soon as the priest heard of it, he called the whole parish together, and commanded them to burn those books. Most of them went home and did it. However, one woman said to herself, "If I burn that book with the picture of Jesus, I burn my Lord." So she took that picture page off and one or two other pages inside and laid them by, but burned the rest.

Not long afterward another colporteur came along with the book, "Our Day." She said, "I will buy that book, but there is another book too that I want." And she brought out that picture. She said, "The priest told me to burn the book, and I did it of course, but he didn't say I couldn't buy a new one, and I want another copy of the same book." Thus she got both books and she came to Christ.

L. H. CHRISTIAN,
 Fall Council.

A REAL BOY.

ACTIVE steps are being taken by some of our conferences in the East towards interesting church school children in the sale of literature. With the splendid variety of books adapted to this work, it would appear that this is a promising field. Note the following experience:

The students of the North Philadelphia Church school are to be commended for the good work they are doing. Jerry Harris put in 41 hours two weeks ago besides attending school. His sales were \$37.75 and his deliveries for that week were \$48.00. He canvasses all day Sunday, and every afternoon and evening except Sabbath. He did not do so much last week, as he fell from the banister on the third floor, to the hall on the second floor, on his face. He was taken to the hospital, where they put six stitches in his lip. The next day he wanted to attend school. I did not think he would get to canvass last week, but you will see he worked 12 hours, and sold and delivered \$13.50 worth of books.—East Pennsylvania Promoter.

The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand, and thou shalt lend unto many nations; and thou shalt not borrow Deut. 28:12.

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Owing to the size of this paper, and the necessity of keeping down the costs, we will be obliged to limit all workers' reports other than the Secretarial reports of the Conference departments, to two hundred words. Obituary notices and weddings should be confined to fifty words, or less. May we tell our readers a story that may help; A minister once preached a beautiful sermon, but very long. Next day, anxious to hear if his members were pleased he visited a lady who usually spared no words in flattering his preach-

ing. But to his dismay, he found she did not like his sermon. "What was the matter," he asked impatiently. "It was too long," she replied. "But," said the parson, "do you not know you should love the sincere milk of the Word, in order to grow?" "Ah, yes," said the lady, "but you know, sir, these are the days of condensed milk." So, you must please condense what you write, or allow the Editors to do it. Kindly address all matter for the VISITOR to the office in Kingston, and have it in our hands by the 15th of each month. We welcome all short, spicy reports, in condensed form. EDITORS.

REPORTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1928.

| Ches and Cos. | Tithes. | | | Offerings. | | | Harvest Ingathering. | | |
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| Axe and Adze* | 24 | 2 | 12 1 1/4 | 2 | 2 | 1 1/4 | 1 | 7 | 5 1/4 |
| Blue Hole | 31 | 2 | 9 5 1/2 | 0 | 15 | 6 3/4 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Bellas Gate | 19 | 0 | 19 11 3/4 | 0 | 5 | 7 1/4 | 2 | 19 | 0 |
| Ballimoney | 17 | 1 | 1 7 | 0 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Beverley | | 0 | 12 5 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Bird's Hill | .. | 3 | 7 1 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Bagbie | .. | 1 | 7 11 1/2 | 2 | 6 | 0 1/2 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Belfield* | 28 | 4 | 15 10 | 3 | 12 | 8 1/4 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Bonny Gate | .. | 0 | 4 6 | 0 | 10 | 11 1/4 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Bluefields | .. | | | | | | | | |
| Bryant Hill* | 24 | 6 | 15 9 3/4 | 1 | 13 | 0 3/4 | 0 | 13 | 11 |
| Brown's Town | 12 | 0 | 15 3 1/2 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Beeston Spring | 9 | 0 | 17 8 | 0 | 6 | 9 3/4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Brittonville | .. | 0 | 15 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 1/4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Carron Hall | 15 | 3 | 8 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Canaan* | 28 | 2 | 7 10 | 3 | 19 | 6 3/4 | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| Contented Hall | .. | 2 | 2 3 3/4 | 4 | 8 | 7 1/2 | 0 | 13 | 3 |
| Craig | 41 | 2 | 2 9 3/4 | 3 | 7 | 1 1/2 | 1 | 16 | 5 |
| Campbell's Castle | .. | | | 0 | 8 | 10 1/4 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Coleyville | 20 | | | 1 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Cornwall Barracks | .. | 1 | 17 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 1/2 | | | |
| Cayman Brac | .. | 2 | 8 0 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| Duxes | 7 | 0 | 16 5 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 1 1/2 |
| Darliston | 53 | 7 | 12 5 1/2 | 5 | 3 | 11 1/4 | 3 | 9 | 9 |
| Devon | .. | 0 | 18 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 1/2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Dalvey | 3 | 0 | 14 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Everton Park* | | 3 | 9 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 1/2 | 2 | 12 | 4 |
| East End Qr. | | 3 | 7 3 | 1 | 8 | 11 1/2 | | | |
| Florence Hill | .. | | | | | | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Flower Hill | 7 | 0 | 7 3 | 0 | 12 | 3 | | | |
| Fustie Grove | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| Goshen | | 0 | 17 6 | 0 | 8 | 9 1/2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Glengoffe | 42 | 1 | 8 2 1/4 | 1 | 15 | 2 1/4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Guy's Hill | 38 | 6 | 8 8 1/4 | 2 | 18 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 1/2 |
| Grove Town | 35 | 2 | 14 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 1/4 | 2 | 1 | 1 1/2 |
| George Town* | 10 | 3 | 7 6 | 2 | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| Grantsville* | 24 | 5 | 8 4 1/4 | 1 | 6 | 11 1/2 | 2 | 15 | 9 |
| Hart Hill | .. | 6 | 7 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hill Top | .. | | | | | | | | |
| Hector's River | .. | 0 | 11 9 1/2 | 0 | 15 | 8 1/4 | | | |
| Jack's River | 18 | | | | | | | | |
| Jointwood | 50 | 11 | 2 4 1/2 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Kingston | 515 | 74 | 17 9 | 32 | 18 | 8 1/2 | 12 | 2 | 5 1/4 |
| Kencot | 41 | 4 | 8 11 1/2 | 7 | 2 | 10 1/2 | 1 | 11 | 0 1/4 |
| Lamb's River | 29 | 4 | 10 10 3/4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 7 |
| Linstead | 35 | 0 | 6 0 1/4 | 0 | 18 | 6 1/2 | 0 | 13 | 10 |
| Long Bay | 19 | 0 | 11 8 1/4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Little London* | 22 | 0 | 12 3 | 3 | 19 | 4 1/4 | 0 | 10 | 2 1/2 |
| Montego Bay* | 54 | 8 | 15 6 1/4 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 10 1/4 |
| Mt. Providence | 40 | 3 | 3 8 1/2 | 1 | 8 | 2 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Mt. Peace* | | 0 | 9 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | | | |
| Mt. Carey | 27 | 3 | 0 3 3/4 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 1/2 |
| Mile End* | | 0 | 16 0 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Manchioneal | 28 | 1 | 18 6 1/4 | 2 | 12 | 6 1/4 | | | |
| March Town* | 88 | 12 | 13 10 1/2 | 6 | 18 | 5 1/2 | 6 | 4 | 1 1/2 |
| Mandeville | 85 | 15 | 14 4 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 5 1/2 |
| Moor Park | 31 | 1 | 10 2 1/4 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Mahogany Grove | 29 | 2 | 10 1 1/2 | 0 | 15 | 2 1/2 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Newport | | 1 | 3 5 | 1 | 2 | 9 1/4 | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Newell | 40 | 4 | 0 4 3/4 | 2 | 10 | 5 1/4 | 0 | 7 | 11 |
| Norway | .. | | | | | | | | |
| New Roads | 12 | 3 | 4 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 1/2 | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Old Harbour | 13 | | | | | | | | |
| Orange | 22 | 2 | 11 5 | 2 | 19 | 6 1/2 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

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| Prospect | 141 | 11 | 7 2 1/4 | 11 | 11 6 1/4 | 0 | 11 3 |
| Port Antonio | | 0 | 15 10 1/2 | 1 | 17 6 3/4 | | |
| Porus* | 10 | 2 | 0 1 1/4 | 2 | 7 5 1/4 | 11 | 0 6 |
| Port Maria | | | | | | | |
| Riversdale | 59 | 3 | 11 6 | 2 | 13 4 1/2 | 0 | 14 9 |
| Race Course | | 0 | 7 6 | 0 | 7 0 | | |
| Spring Garden | 4 | 1 | 1 0 | 0 | 11 9 | 1 | 13 6 |
| Sheffield* | 20 | 1 | 18 11 1/4 | 1 | 6 6 | 0 | 9 10 1/2 |
| Spanish Town | 30 | 10 | 3 1 3/4 | 13 | 2 6 1/2 | 0 | 6 7 1/2 |
| St. Ann's Bay | 49 | 2 | 9 1 1/4 | 1 | 16 5 1/2 | 2 | 12 1 1/4 |
| Southfield* | 20 | 3 | 19 4 | 2 | 7 8 | 2 | 4 10 |
| Santa Cruz | 31 | 4 | 16 1 1/2 | 1 | 8 11 3/4 | 0 | 5 0 |
| Seaford Town | 12 | 2 | 16 2 1/2 | 5 | 1 6 | 0 | 10 6 |
| Sav-la-Mar | | 0 | 15 6 | 1 | 2 0 | 0 | 11 3 |
| Swift River | 7 | 3 | 9 6 | 1 | 5 9 1/2 | 3 | 4 0 |
| Springfield | | 3 | 11 6 | 1 | 15 6 | 3 | 14 0 |
| Shearwood Content | | | | | | | |
| Shearwood Forest | 80 | 1 | 13 10 3/4 | 1 | 5 10 | 0 | 2 0 |
| Trinityville | 26 | 1 | 6 8 1/4 | 2 | 4 6 1/4 | 4 | 1 3 1/4 |
| Troy | 12 | 2 | 3 9 3/4 | 1 | 1 3 1/2 | 2 | 1 10 |
| Tuscan | .. | | | 1 | 6 0 | | |
| Upper Regent St. | | 12 | 13 0 1/2 | 5 | 8 4 | 0 | 8 6 1/4 |
| Vaughansfield | 21 | 1 | 3 5 1/4 | 0 | 14 8 1/4 | 0 | 1 9 1/2 |
| Waterloo | 27 | | | 0 | 17 2 1/2 | | |
| Windsor Forest | | 0 | 9 6 | 1 | 17 4 | 0 | 2 3 |
| White Hill | 11 | 0 | 12 7 | 0 | 8 10 1/4 | 0 | 1 3 1/2 |
| Isol. | | 52 | 12 7 1/4 | 47 | 19 6 1/4 | 26 | 14 9 |
| Totals | .. | 369 | 19 2 1/2 | 271 | 16 5 1/2 | 173 | 2 3 |

*November report included.
Note:—Report of Membership incomplete.

| Churches and Cos. | Tithes. | Offerings. | Harvest Ingatherings. |
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| REPORT OF COLPORTEUR WORK—JAMAICA CONFERENCE | | | |
| DECEMBER, 1928... | | | |
| NAME | Book. | Hours. | Orders. Value of Orders. |
| B. E. Hurst | H. P. P. P. F. | 21 | 6 *13 0 0 |
| L. Dillon | H. P. R. J. | 64 | 61 * 40 0 0 * 0 15 0 |
| Frank Jones | H. P. R. J. | 72 | 42 32 0 0 |
| E. C. H. Reid | H. W. | 20 | 7 10 0 0 |
| A. Spence | H. P. R. J. | 91 | 33 * 3 12 0 * 37 19 0 |
| B. A. Ricketts | H. P. R. J. | 86 | 3 * 8 17 7 * 9 18 3 |
| L. P. Lindsay | H. P. | 20 | — * 5 0 0 |
| D. L. Barnes | O. D. H. P. | 44 | 7 20 10 0 |
| H. Lawrence | B. R. H. P. | 14 | 4 7 0 0 |
| A. Heron | H. P. B. R. | 10 | — *10 0 0 |
| A. Robinson | R. J. H. P. | 3 | — * 4 19 0 |
| Miscellaneous | R. J. | .. | .. 109 3 6 *101 3 10 |
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