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A Happy New Year to You All.

FROM THE THRESHOLD OF 1930.

MY BROTHER, my Sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the judgment that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace.

We are still amidst the shadows and turmoil of earthly activities. Let us consider most earnestly the blessed hereafter. Let our faith pierce through every cloud of darkness, and behold Him who died for the sins of the world. He has opened the gates of paradise to all who receive and believe on Him. To them He gives power to become the sons and daughters of God. Let the afflictions which pain us so grievously become instructive lessons, teaching us to press forward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ. Let us be encouraged by the thought that the Lord is soon to come. Let this hope gladden our hearts.

We are homeward bound. He who loved us so much as to die for us, hath builded for us a city. The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no sadness in the city of God. No wail of sorrow, no dirge of crushed hopes and buried affections will ever be heard. Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garment. Soon we shall witness the coronation of our King. Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth in the Redeemer's glory in the Kingdom of God.

It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience that after ye have done the will of God, ye might, receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and will not tarry." Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

BIBLE STUDY.

THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING 1930.

- Isa. 43: 11, 12. We are God's witnesses.
2. Cor. 3: 2. Men read our witness in our lives.
- 2 Cor. 2: 1. We either commend or condemn God by the life we live.
- 2 Cor. 6: 1,3. The ministry of the gospel is blamed for any inconsistency.
- 1 Cor. 9: 2. The lives of converts if consistent are the credentials of the ministry.
- Matt. 5:14. Our lives are the only spiritual light the world has.
- 1 Peter 3: 1!—7. Unbelieving relations may be won by a consistent christian relative.
- 1 Peter 2:12. Those who mistreat us may be gained by our good works.
- Isaiah 39:1-8. We may bring about temporal calamity to ourselves and others by failing to witness for God.
- 2 Kings v: 1-4, 15. The Captive Maid won a heathen General by witnessing.
- Rev. 3: 15-18. Lukewarmness is a state the Lord cannot tolerate.
- Rev. 3:10. Present loyalty to God and His word will secure us for the future.

"All who follow Christ will wear the crown of sacrifice. They will surely be misunderstood by selfish men, and will be made a mark for the fierce assaults of Satan."—E. G. White.

"With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man."—E. G. White.

"There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."—E. G. White.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

Time in its rapidly onward march has brought us across the threshold from the old into the new year. How quickly the days, weeks, and months have sped by! It seems but a few days since we began writing 1929; but the year is gone never to return—no not one single day, hour, or moment of the year can revert to us. Its record is past. Its pages are filled. Not one jot of the history of the past can be recalled. A

new calendar hangs before us. The year 1930 has opened its clean new pages with all its privileges and opportunities. How its pages shall be filled from day to day is a matter for each individual to determine.

As we take a retrospect of the past, each of us, undoubtedly, has some things to regret. We have done things we should not have done, and we have left undone many things that should have been done. But to change the past we cannot. Time can not be recalled; no, not even one single moment. The only alternative before us therefore is, to "Walk in wisdom, redeeming the time." Col. 4:5.

We have the present. The future with all of its opportunities, is open before us. May we use these to the best possible advantage. Again it seems that the words of the apostle Paul contain counsel in due season: "Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Pil. 3:13, 14.

We cannot undo the past, but we can to the very best of our ability and the grace of God, improve the future. To this end may God greatly bless every member of the Jamaica Conference during the year upon which we are just entering, that it may be a year of greater advancement in the spiritual life of every one and a year more fruitful in service for the Master.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all for bringing into the Lord's treasury a faithful tithe for the advancement of the work. Especially would I like to express my profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation of the noble way in which so many have assisted in the Missions Extension—better known as the Big Week, and also of the loyal co-operation and hard work as evidenced in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. It means much to the building up and strengthening of the work in the Jamaica Conference. And that which strengthens the work in Jamaica helps to rebuild up and strengthen that of the Union, and the Division of which it is no small part.

So again, I thank one and all of the believers for all that has been accomplished under God during 1929. May we not expect even greater things during the new year upon which we have entered? May it be even so?

We also rejoice in the splendid number of accessions to our membership by the large number of baptisms. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." God has indeed given us a wonderful message, and a faithful people. Psalm 110: 3.

ALFRED R. OGDEN,
Superintendent.
Antillian Union Mission.

Special.

SIMPLICITY AND MODESTY IN DRESS.

The following statement appeared in the "Sydney Morning Herald." We republish it with headings just as they were given in that paper. If the Roman Catholic Church takes this attitude on the dress question, how much more earnest should we be who have stood for dress reform since the inception of this denomination?—Ed.

MODERN DRESS.

RULES FOR GIRLS.

CHURCHES.

Incorporated in a pastoral letter by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Kelly) are "rules for modesty in dress," formulated by the Association of Roman Catholic Religious Women. The pastoral letter, which was read in all Roman Catholic churches in Sydney yesterday, states that the regulations are to be regarded as the precepts of the Roman Catholic Church, and their promulgation is to be entrusted to the religious teachers of Roman Catholic girls.

THE RULES.

1. Girls from four to ten years, wear dresses to knee, and sleeves at least to the elbow.
2. Girls from ten to fourteen years, wear dresses not less than two inches below the knee when sitting, and sleeves at least to the elbow.
3. Girls over fourteen years—
 - (a) Wear dresses at least four inches below the knee when sitting.
 - (b) Sleeves, including those of sports costume, to the elbow.

- (c) "V" necks never to be worn.
- (d) Sleeves of evening dresses to cover the shoulder and pit of arm.
- (e) Necks of dresses, in every case, to be not more than two inches below the pit of the throat.
- (f) Transparent material for dresses to be rigidly excluded, unless worn over a non-transparent slip.
- (g) Flesh-coloured stockings not to be worn.
- (h) Bathing costume to consist of a two-piece costume reaching to the knee. Beach-ropes, closed from neck to knee, are always to be worn.
- (i) Bathers are never to loiter in bathing costumes on the beach, or have photographs taken in bathing costume.

The association strongly condemns smoking, and the use of all intoxicants.

"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God."—St. Matt., V., 8.

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"The men that move the world are the men who do not let the world move them."

"The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tip-toe."

NEWS NOTES.

Pastor George Smith writes:—

In making the last visit of the year among the churches in my circuit for the purpose of administering the Lord's Ordinances of the Lord's House and appointing officers, I am enjoying very encouraging experiences.

I planned to spend from four to eight days with each church. From the Mount Peace Church I went with some of the brethren to a district called Richmond, south of Lucea, and held meetings for three nights, conducting Bible studies in the homes of the people during the day.

There are many interested persons here and some are actually observing the sabbath though not perfectly. Three other thriving districts, namely, Fat-Hog-Quarter, Dias, and Riverside are in the neighbourhood, where we expect precious souls to accept God's last call. A church in this locality is my aim early the coming year.

At a district near Flower Hill, Blue-ary's, meetings were conducted and a good interest manifested; and the people asked me to return. A deeper

consecration on the part of the Flower Hill company will contribute much to the success of an effort at this place.

The Axe and Adze believers are not only building a material Church of stones, mortar, and timber, but they are also building in character and missionary endeavour.

The day after my arrival I accompanied Sister Wallace and her son to a district ten miles away, called Williamsfield: I had secured a horse to take me over, but decided to walk the first three miles as one has to be quite athletic to negotiate the stones and boulders in the road. It is a fertile district physically, and also for our own work, with a good class of residents, of whom several are already interested.

Brother Wallace and his family have sown the seed for some time, but a blasting east wind in the person of an evangelist of a different order has prevented the seed from germinating. His method of opposing us is to abuse us.

As a result of the meetings and Bible studies the people have discovered the true nature of this man's work. Many are anxious to begin obeying the truth, and plans were made for me to return in January for several weeks. May I request that you pray and watch for a strong church at this place.

It would be inspiring as well as interesting to present to our readers all the reports and comments we have received in the office relating to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. From the viewpoint of the office, this campaign eclipses all others in earnest endeavour and achievement. Many of our members felt that the Conference had taken undue liberties in placing the individual goal at ten shillings per church-member. But as they moved out in faith, everyone that we have heard from changed their mind, and rejoices in the evidence it gave of our confidence in our laity to achieve things, and our leaders to co-operate.

Another year we must revive the Honour Rolls; and in the next campaign we promise not to be late with the device for we have reserved this year's for next year, and the stock is already in hand. It is a lovely device that you will not want to stop looking at. Then, too, we hope to have new canisters, and hundreds more converts to join us in the effort.

Thank you dear brethren and sisters, young people and Little Folks who have taken part. Thank you dear Ministers

and adjutants, and Church officers, who have enthused and aided the people. And may I add, Thank you, dear Lord, for Thou has gone before us and given us our heart's desire. We opened our mouths wider and Thou has filled them. We praise Thy glorious name!

Grip and pathos were combined in the words of our veteran Pastor, Methuselah Jones, when referring to the campaign and he told how rains washed out many plans and drowned a few good resolutions. Yet in spite of it all—"Up to the top, boys, up to the top!" echoed down the valleys from Contented Hill, revealing his indomitable courage and faith. Unconsciously, Pastor Jones has set the motto for 1930 for each one of us. In all we do, let us get "Up to the top, boys, up to the top!"

Seldom has Pastor Meeker's face beamed more brightly, or his voice sounded more triumphantly musical than when he returned from a cleaning up tour of unworked territory we had to pass for want of time, and he announced having collected £24 for one trip, and £21 10/ for another. Pastor Meeker has worked strenuously in the recent campaign, and we feel that it is due to him that we acknowledge the value of his efforts as well as their success.

A VOTE OF THANKS. We have not yet announced generally, although some have heard of it already, that our Harvest Ingathering Fund is to be larger this year than usual. Usually, one quarter of what we gather is passed on to the Antillian Union Conference, while we have the half to use in Jamaica in accordance with the budgeted plan of the Executive Committee. But, in view of our great need for Church Buildings, the Union has very kindly decided to allow us to retain their share, so that instead of half, we will have three quarters of what we gather in. The Union is not flush for money, and has many items to provide for. It is just assuming responsibility for the work in the Cayman Islands in addition to its many other burdens. Therefore, let us all take off our hats to Pastor A. R. Ogden and his Committee, and carry a vote of thanks with acclamation.

Thanks to Mr. C. Hope Panton, of the Valentine Bakery, for his very kind distribution to the poor of Kingston on the 24th inst., in which several of our members were invited to participate.

The Spanish Town Church, though not the first to reach their goal, as last year, have done remarkably well. They reported £44 with "Up to the top" still going strong. Brother Gibson the leader, writes of their joy in securing Pastor Meeker to help them with the chinese. They pushed their goal up to £50 which they are determined to raise independent of other help. This is in face of adverse changes that have taken place at Spanish Town of late which have thrown hundreds out work, and created poverty hitherto unknown.

With only twelve members, the little Canaan company has struggled into victory. With £9 already in hand (Dec. 15) they are reaching up toward £12. It is truly wonderful.

We regret to announce the death of Doctor R. Bobo, whose name is well known in the West Indies, and whose work and association with the Cause of God in this field has been highly esteemed.

The Doctor embraced the truth about eight years ago, having attended tent meetings which were conducted in Kingston. As a very efficient and highly educated physician, and as a political leader, his skill and gentlemanly disposition opened before him a pathway to a successful medical career and to honour. But he responded to the call of duty to his Master, renounced the world and its brilliant allurements, and unhesitatingly cast in his lot with the Remnant Church.

He soon threw himself earnestly into Church life. He was a clever musician, composed and led in choir work, and became as a physician and Brother, a blessing to the poor of the fold. Probably his merits were not appreciated for their full worth.

Before leaving for Paris, where he died, the doctor expressed his desire on returning, to give up his practise, and to become a medical evangelist in harness with the writer. For this we had looked forward and planned, but his sudden demise has foiled the plan, and we are left to carry on, comforted in resignation to God's will, and the belief that we will meet our dear Brother in the resurrection day.

We extend to his bereaved family circle, the united sympathies of our people in Jamaica, and assure them that we share with them the fellowship of sorrow and hope in Christ. This

brightened his last days, and it shall add lustre to ours. A rising vote of condolence was solemnly taken at the North Street Church service, on Sabbath, Dec. 7.—ED.

Another Church will soon be added to the circle at Campbell's Castle, near Mandeville, Pastor B. A. Meeker having already made appointments to effect the organization. Writing from there, Brother J. N. Barnes gives an interesting item showing the wonderful way our books accomplish their work of soul saving. He says, "Just after meeting at Mandeville one Sabbath, I was asked how I became a S. D. Adventist. I replied that a copy of "Our Day" was loaned me by Mrs. G. Barnes at Farm. Bro. Bailey, who was standing by, informed us that he sold that book to Mrs. Barnes at Four Paths, years ago, and he must have given it to his sister. He added, 'Eternity alone will show the results of our book work.'

The Campbell's Castle Company is the fruit of that book, for I started to visit the same family from whom I got it and they also accepted the message and now the company that has developed from that beginning is to be organized into a church!"

Brother Barnes gives a very interesting report of an interview he had with a clergyman recently, in which the latter admitted that we are right on the questions of the true sabbath and baptism. The length of the dialogue prevents us publishing it. Yet we like such reports.

We regret to have to report that Sister Lawson has had a relapse, and has been taken to the hospital. Her case at this time is causing some considerable anxiety, as it is feared that a major operation may be necessary. Let us all pray that the Lord may restore her speedily to health if it can be His will.

Rollington Pen Church was favoured on the 8th inst., by a visit and sermon by Pastor A. R. Ogden, who was very happy to see a new Company in the Tabernacle. Over fifty adults were present, and at the opening, Brother Berkley gave a brief outline of the beginnings of the work there. A sister in that district gave some Bible studies, out of which an interest was developed. Bro. Berkley, who is a builder by trade, built the very comfortable temporary place of meeting, assisted by others who came in. Now, the membership

has grown, so that it has been organized into a church, and he reported seven more awaiting baptism.

Brother Berkely, who is past the allotted span of life, has been a great blessing to this work, and we rejoice with him as we see how the Lord has blessed him. They passed their H. I. goal, and are now making plans for the erection of a suitable permanent church building. May the Lord bless the Rollington Pen church, and dear Brother Berkely.

For a few weeks Sister Nellie Hall has been in Spalding giving treatments with great success. Twenty-one patients were successfully attended in three weeks in the new Treatment room, and the work is recommending itself. It is expected to open a ward for male patients in the near future. Although busy with this work, Sister Nellie Hall collected more than £1 Harvest Ingathering, and is taking orders for "Life and Health."

THE WAY TO SUCCEED.

Luther accomplished a great work with his student forces during the Reformation. Forty of them were sent to Zwingli, who after seeing what they could do wrote the following words to Luther:

"I have never before seen such young men as these. Their hearts are full of the power of the Reformation, and like flaming torches, they go through these valleys of Switzerland. Would that we had one hundred instead of forty; for then we could set the mountains of Switzerland on fire."—Would that we had one hundred whole hearted colporteurs in each union, how quickly we could set the islands, mountains, and the valleys of the Inter-American Division on fire. "No man can succeed in the service of God unless his whole heart is in the work."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 273.

Mental culture is what we, as a people need, and what we must have in order to meet the demands of the time. "The Saviour did not despise education; for when controlled by the love of God, and devoted to His service, intellectual culture is a blessing."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 249.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation."—*Isa. 52.7*.

A very important meeting of the Jamaica Conference Committee was convened at Mandeville, Dec. 24 26. All the district superintendents were invited to attend to lay before the members the church building and church school needs of their circuit. We are not prepared to announce at this writing, the decisions reached, but after hearing each need, the Committee proceeded to allocate available funds as seemed for the best general interests of the work, and to construct a working policy by which suitable witnesses may be erected in the various centres of the Island. We are grateful to the Lord for a plan which enables us in some measure, at least, to supply the need for Church buildings in a way that members can co-operate, and yet have a little help.

Pastor S. U. Powell has been busy erecting the Conference tabernacle near Brittanville. Meetings were to have continued several weeks, but incessant rains have held up the work. There is a good interest in the district, and it is expected that the new church building will be erected nearly three miles from the place intended.

When planning to build churches, we recommend our brethren to take into consideration the need for every church to have a field for missionary activity, so that its membership may grow. The location should therefore be in a town or village, centrally situated, and on a road that is easily accessible. Hidden and isolated churches usually die out as members are removed by death or otherwise. Spiritual inactivity is the little worm that eats a church to death. Let your plans be such as to keep that worm out.

Baptismal candidates should be assisted to realize their duty to snare with other members the responsibility of keeping the church buildings in a good state of repair. A few shillings spent each year on paint, creosote, glass, etc., and the floors and furnishings kept clean would save much that dishonours the Lord from spoiling our worship.

A SURPLUS.—We like to hear about surpluses as a rule, but here is one we do not care for, which we read in one of our recent papers: "The world has an overplus of men who could if they would —BUT WON'T." Perhaps there are plenty of the same kind of women! Let them not be found in our churches.

WELCOME HOME!—It was with much joy that we welcomed Brother and Sister Grounds back to Jamaica, after a few months of much needed and well earned rest. They returned via Cuba per S.S. "Carrillo," and report a very pleasant trip. When they left the States, the streets were mantled in snow, and there is quite a contrast between the clothes they wore there, and those they wear here. They are both well, and we look forward to the renewal of our association in the office as he takes up the work of the Secretary—Treasurer of the Conference.

GOOD BYE.—Automatically, Sister E. M. Edmed ceases her connection with the office work. Therefore from this time and until further notice, all office remittances, orders and correspondence for the Secretary-Treasurer should be addressed to J. W. Grounds.

CORRECT CHURCH RECORDS.—The Spanish Town Church has felt the real issue created by members who move away and yet fail to transfer their membership. There are over eighty members registered on their books, whereas about twenty have moved away. Yet owing to their failure, this church had to fix its goal at £41, when it should really be about £30. We give this illustration to our members hoping they will see the importance of having their names transferred when they move permanently or for any length of time. Church officers should see that such transfers are made, and thus save themselves hardship. We might point out that where a church has a larger number of members on its books than there ought to be a wrong impression is created as to the per capita of the membership in any campaign, as well as in the tithes and offerings. For instance, if a church of twenty members reports thirty, which it must do if there are thirty names on the register, then the delinquency of the ten members would be set against the others. On the other hand, the church to which they contribute their labour and offerings would benefit unjustly in the reports. Fair-play demands that every moving member be transferred without delay.

Sabbath, Dec. 14th, the first day of the "Week of Prayer" was another red-letter day at the North Street Church. At three o'clock in the afternoon we assembled together again to praise God for leading those who had come to bury the "Old man" in the watery grave.

We were especially glad to have Brother and Sister Grounds, who have just returned from their furlough, with us. The Lord's Spirit brooded over the meeting as the eighteen candidates, seven of whom came from the Rollington Pen Church, and eight from Dallas Castle, were buried with their Saviour. We commit these dear souls, most of whom are young people, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and solicit the prayers of the "Visitor" readers on their behalf.

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

We are wondering if when the year is out we will have reached our goal of 500 souls won during 1929, or if we will come behind. Many of our churches are working hard to win their neighbours, and the Lord is blessing them. Pastor H. Fletcher reports having organized a new church at Water Mount. Sister Wallace of Axe and Adze reports that four new converts have taken their stand at Peter's Mount, and they are working with much promise at Hodds, seven miles away. Bro. Morgan tells how Brother Reid while helping the church in its Harvest Ingathering campaign, convinced some neighbours of the truth near Beeston Springs.

THE DEAR OLD REVIEW.—Quite a number of our members take the Review and Herald in Jamaica, but there ought to be many more subscribers. This year the paper will be of special interest as it will contain the reports of the coming meeting of the General Conference in San Francisco. Delegates will be there from all over the world, and the thrilling reports of missionaries from the wilds of earth—their conflicts and their triumphs, will form attractive reading. The price for the year is 10/. Order at once.

Pastor A. R. Ogden, President of the Antillian Union spent a few days in Jamaica, and left for the Cayman Islands on the 14th inst. He will receive a warm welcome on those neighbouring dots of the ocean, where Pastor I. G. Knight has completed two church buildings and one Mission House in only a few weeks. Pastor I. G. Knight is one among a few men we know who can erect, complete, seat and dedicate a new church within two months, with very little help. And our esteemed colleague is a veteran, well on toward the sunset years of a life full of active service for the Master.

Sabbath School Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED.

Our "Pennant" Schools take great pleasure in their achievement, and having won the "Pennant," are determined not to lose it. The following is taken from a letter written by our Sabbath School Superintendent, Sister Williams, at Contented Hall,—She says:—"We are very glad to be able to keep the "Pennant." It means more to us now for the labour it took to have our record perfect last quarter owing to the inconveniences of the rainy season when it was very hard to get out to Sabbath School. We were fearful of losing it, but the joy we had in the report you sent, that we had the average per cent. to retain it, almost outweighed the first joy of receiving it.

WE SHALL NEVER LET IT GO.

We are working hard to have individual classes reach the three Goals and for an incentive pin on their numbers on our boat to China. They are all striving hard to be sailing every week.

Sister Anna Lumley, the S.S. Secretary at Darliston writes:—"I must say thanks ever so much for the 'Pennant.' I must admit the school was over delighted with it, and hope we shall make every effort to keep it."

We enjoyed meeting with the Spanish Town Sabbath School last week. The Superintendent, Bro. Miller, was quite enthusiastic over the prospects of receiving the "Pennant" at the close of the present quarter, and we believe they will. Their Sabbath School program was carried out in a very commendable way. The Secretary, Miss A. Folkes, presented a very interesting report, and the Missionary article given as a talk by Miss Nellie Folkes was enjoyed by all. The choir composed of young people rendered some sweet music.

We are looking for others to be on the "Pennant" list by the close of 1929. Who will be first?

Many do not reach the required verage for the "Pennant" through failure in the Daily Study and Perfect Attendance Goals. These are within reach of all, and we hope every school will make the following resolutions for 1930:

1. To work for the "Pennant."
2. To take the Teacher's Training Course.
3. To have the S. S. Worker in the school.

4. To provide the children with a Picture Roll or Memory Verse Cards.
5. To get every church member enrolled in the Sabbath School.

Publishing Dept.

Byron A. Meeker.

The Home Missionary Calendar is a compact compendium of information. Remarkable pictures adorn each page bringing to view attractive stories in colour that make each month interesting. Its missionary suggestiveness is helpful, and the quotations carry an appeal that helps to keep one's heart warmed up for each duty.

Then there is the Morning Watch Calendar. Do you have one? Why not have one for each member of your family? and then sell some to your neighbours. You could sell enough to pay for your own. They are well worth 6d. each as a selling price. Order from the Book and Bible House quickly. Remember that such things will only sell at the first of the year.

Dear Colporteur:—

It seems that the little note attached to the report is all too short, to let it pass as sufficient correspondence from me this week.

As I said in the note, last week was spent in the Harvest Ingathering among the Chinese, and there is another week's work left in this line. You do not know how thankful I am to our Heavenly Father for the good success that has crowned our efforts.

I feel very glad that the colporteur work has gone forward in the face of the difficulties. Now that our Brother Nation is on the firing line, and is ready for business, we are feeling that things will even go more smoothly. and of course with better results.

I suppose you are already planning for the New Year. The prospects look bright for having with us in the field some bright young men, who are impressed that the Lord would have them enter the field. Let us pray that just the men of God's choosing may be led into this important work.

My heart was cheered the other day as I was calling on the Chinese in St. Ann to come across our Brother Townsend. He looked so fresh and well. He told me that he had taken over 40 pounds worth of orders the week before. Look at his report, and you will see that he

is really working hard, and if I mistake not he is past his sixty fifth birthday. Then too he was dressed neatly, and was cleanly in appearance. How glad I am that he is in the service.

I think of you boys scattered over the island and know that even though the way is hard God is watching over you. The seeds of the precious TRUTH are being sown, and soon the harvest will be gathered in.

Good reports are coming from all along the line. Most of the colporteurs are finding that they cannot count on more than 50% delivery, and they are getting orders to make up for the loss. Well be of good courage, for God is your strength.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

BYRON A. MEEKER.

West Indian Training College.

PROF. O. W. TUCKER.

Our Library has been receiving much attention recently. The Art Class presented it with a beautiful hand-painted picture, which has found its place on the wall of the Library. The senior English History class presented it with a book on the life of the Prince of Wales. Then a few days later the presentation was made of a framed picture of King George V. This along with the fact that about one hundred new books that have been ordered recently assures us that our Library has found its place in the institution. We are very happy that the young people appreciate our Library and are learning to go to it for information. May it continue to grow and may we continue to use it more and more.

On the night of December 7, the faculty of the College presented a program which seemingly was enjoyed by all. The program is given below:

1. Faculty Song "What if it Were To day?"
2. Vocal Duet: "Blessed Saviour, Thee I love." Miss Harrison Mr. Bailey.
3. Vocal Solo: "Mary," by Prof. Tucker.
4. Reading: "Goliath," by Mrs. Rathbun.
5. Piano Solo: "Tremolo" by Mrs. Meeker.
6. Double Duet: "Within the Walls, Messrs. Tucker, Hamilton, Bailey and Rathbun.

7. Chalk Talk: "The Ole Swimming Hole." Prof. Rathbun and Miss Peake.
8. Baritone Solo: (a) "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice."
(b) "Le Secret." Prof. Tucker.
9. Vocal Solo: "The Swallows," by Mrs. Meeker.
10. Piano Solo: "Jessie's Dream," by Miss Harrison.
11. Benediction: Prof. Crawford.

The date of the mid semester vacation is December 24 to January 2. This allows only one week vacation between the semesters, and for that reason many of the students will not be going home but will remain for the next semester. We are happy that everything has gone so well during this semester and that such a good spirit has been manifested on the part of the students. We only hope that the semester that is now closing has meant what it should mean to those who have had the privilege of attending the College. We feel that every student who has been with us ought to be better prepared to meet the problems of life for having been here. To all students and prospective students we extend a Hearty Christmas Greeting.

NEW SEMESTER.

I stated previously that the new semester begins January 2. Many young people have expressed their intention to join us at that time. We sincerely trust that nothing will intervene to break these plans. We are expecting to have our dormitory full and we are not sure that we will be able to accommodate all who desire to come. However, you should not let this discourage you, but send in your application that it may be acted upon and as soon as there is an opening we shall be glad to have you join us. If you have passed the date of the opening of the semester without taking advantage of it it is not yet too late for you to make inquiries. Address your communication to the Principal and you will receive a prompt reply to your inquiry.

At this time of writing the old building just back of the chapel is having the roof torn off and is being converted into a water tank. The College has at present a good supply of water, but we will be thankful even to have a greater reserve.

The College Board has scheduled to meet on December 24 to council about

matters pertaining to the welfare of the College. We greatly appreciate the counsel of these brethren and each one has only one desire and that is to make the West Indian Training College a better place for our young people.

IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

The Improvement Campaign closed last Wednesday morning at chapel time (December 11). Miss McCamey's band was ahead having received five pounds twelve shillings. The other bands have done well and approximately forty Pounds have been raised, including that raised by the office to assist in improving in the school homes. As a final act in this campaign we set aside a half day for painting. All students and teachers donned their work clothes and spent from seven thirty in the morning until twelve o'clock in spreading paint. The girls with the assistance of some of the teachers painted in their dormitory while the young men painted in theirs. The result was that fifteen rooms in the girls dormitory received their first coat of paint, and fourteen rooms in the boy's dormitory received theirs., while one of these rooms received two coats, so the amount of work accomplished has practically tied. However, we feel to give the honor to the young women for the splendid work they did during the half day. At the close of this program we gathered in the College dining room where ice-cream was served to all participants. We wish to thank those who have made it possible for us to make these improvements, and we also wish to assure those who have not yet had a part that even though the campaign is closed their funds can still be used in this worthy cause.

Two new students arrived this last week and there are prospects of others coming this week. They are so anxious that they do not wish to wait until January 2.

One! Two! and Away We Go!

What About You and the Bible Year for 1930? Are you the M.V. who started to read the Bible Year and failed to complete it? If so, now is your chance to start again with the beginning of 1930, your exploration of the inexhaustible treasures of God's Holy Book. Hundreds begun this trip year after year but were never able to complete it. Some have been shipwrecked by the hurricane of discouragement, and others

founded on the iceberg of spiritual lethargy. Which class are you in? Never mind, though. Let 1930 be your year of triumph. It's a real pleasure to conquer the thing which seemed so hard at first! Begin with a strong determination to go straight through from Genesis to Revelation without hitch, increasing your momentum as you go along. Don't confine yourself to the Morning Watch. Try to read in advance of it and finish up before the end of the year—perhaps you can do it in eight or nine months.

It should be the ambition of every M. V. to read the Bible through during 1930; not merely to obtain the certificate but to fortify our minds with Bible truths, which keep us true to God, and guard us against the snares and allurements of Satan. Too many of our young people are falling out to join the ranks of our "Adversary the Devil." If more time were spent with the Bible—I would venture to say—none would give up this truth under any circumstance. It is more interesting than all the story books man has written. As you read, it will unveil its kaleidoscopic beauty with each chapter you cover. And every time you read it through you will have a new desire to read it again. I find it so in my case. I read it through about twice before becoming a S.D.A., and since then, almost every year. It is true that it takes time, but remember that, "where there is a WILL there is a WAY." Nothing is impossible when we want to do a thing. Get down to business and enthusiastically use your spare moments, and you will have time to spare. When you realize that a busy man like George Muller could read his Bible through 400 times during his short span of life, there can be no excuse for you.

I give the Bible Year credit for keeping me true to God even before accepting this truth. It's a safe investment. You can never lose out. It would be good to underline important texts as you go along. You will thus be able to find them again easily. If you desire to have a good Christian experience, give more time to Studying your Bible. It will be your "Shield and buckler" in temptation. Now who will join the race for 1930? Let's see who will finish first. One! Two! and away we go!

R. B. CAMPBELL.

"A christian is the world's Bible. In many cases, unfortunately, a revised version is needed."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE.

WHO'S WHO.

DR. DAVID LIVINGSTON.

David Livingston, the great missionary explorer, was born at Blantyre, Scotland, in 1813. As his parents were very poor, he was compelled to begin work in the cotton mills at the age of ten. But he was a great lover of knowledge. After working from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., he attended night school till 10, and then studied the next day's lessons till midnight. At twenty a decided religious change came into his life, and there was born in his heart a desire to serve the Saviour and to lead others to him.

He accordingly offered his services as a missionary to China, but the Opium War prevented his going to that country. Then he decided to make Africa his field, and left for that vast continent in 1840, after receiving his medical degree from Glasgow. Arriving in Africa, he devoted himself to work among the natives and successfully operated mission stations among the Bechuana people. His intense earnestness and sincerity greatly enhanced his influence among the natives. During this time he narrowly escaped being killed by a lion, and married Mary Moffatt, daughter of the great missionary. He also discovered Lake 'Ngami. Thoroughly disgusted with the Boers' treatment of the natives and with the slave trade, he determined to open up Africa or perish, encouraged by the thought which he himself expressed, "The world for Christ will yet be realized."

In 1854 he explored the Upper Zambesi and opened a highway to the west coast at Loanda. On this journey he had thirty-one attacks of fever, but he never gave up. Then in 1856 he made a most perilous journey to the east coast. He now left the service of the London Missionary Society in order to carry out the work of exploration, believing this to be the foundation of missionary work in Africa. "The end of the geographical feat is only the beginning of the enterprise," he said.

He now made his first visit to England, where he spent most of his time lecturing on the missionary possibilities of Africa, for he always regarded himself first and foremost as a missionary. Then he returned to Africa, and made extensive exploration in the lower Zambesi coun-

try. During this time he lost his wife. On his second visit to England in 1864, he wrote a book which exposed the horrors of the Portuguese slave trade in Africa.

He now made the last expedition to his chosen field of labour. He received very little help from the Government or the Geographical Society because of his missionary views. But he went forward. In 1869 he discovered Tanganyika and other lakes. He suffered terrible losses and great disappointments, and what with poor health besides, he was in direst need. But just then he was met by Stanley at Ujiji. His need having been abundantly supplied, he went forward into the heart of the country in an effort to solve the geographical mystery of the Nile sources, thus to bring the great interior of the continent into touch with Christianity and civilization, and ultimately to stamp out the cruel slave trade. But his was not to be the satisfaction of finishing this expedition. On the morning of March 31, 1873 he was found dead on his knees at his bedside. His heart was taken out by affectionate natives and buried in Africa, and his body was transported to England, and buried in Westminster Abbey, April 1874.

Thus ended a life of unswerving trust in God; a life of unremitting labour, a life of almost superhuman courage born of prayer and the desire to serve God by serving his fellowmen.

P. J. BAILEY.

FIND THE ANSWER.

ANSWERS FOR DECEMBER:

Question 1. The likeness of God.
(2) The first dominion. (3) The Tree of Life.

2. Esther 4:14.

3. Edward Irving in England and Joseph Wolff in Asia.

4. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12.

5. Isaiah. Because he wrote so much of Christ and His sufferings for our salvation.

You, Number One, never sent in answers to these questions. Answer these.

And You, Number Two, got discouraged because your last answer didn't happen to be right. Try again. And You, Number Three, just stopped; why,

you don't know. Begin again with the New Year. Now, One, Two, Three, away! Mail your answers as soon as you receive the paper, to the Kingston Office.

QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY.

1. Who said these words and when: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"?
2. Prove that the Sabbath was known and kept before Sinai.
3. What man with all his family was stoned for stealing?
4. When was the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference organized?
5. What was the first city in Europe in which the gospel was preached?

M. V. NOTES.

OUR GOALS FOR 1930,

I know you are looking for them; here they are:

Membership	1700
Morning Watch Observers	1000
Bible Year Certificates	250
Standard of Attainment Certificates	100
Reading Course certificates	150
Papers and Tracts distributed	50000
Young People Converted and Baptized	150

No, these are not the goals for your society, but for the whole Conference. To find your goal, divide 1700 (the Conference membership goal) by your society membership goal, then with the quotient divide each of the other items. And when you have found your goal, go ahead and reach it. You have a whole year to reach the goal, but make sure you use the whole year by starting now. To reach the goal you have to do much more than you have done in the past. But it *ought* to be done; it *CAN* be done! it *SHALL* be done:

The whole Inter-American division is looking to Jamaica to lead, they challenge us to lead; and they have a right, for this is the largest Conference in the Division. What answer shall we give to this challenge?

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DIRECT EXAMINATION.

Does January 1930 find me ahead of where I was in January 1929? Did I
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LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER.

My dear Little Folks,

I am writing you a little letter this month, to wish you all a very happy new year. I want also to thank you for the interest you have taken in the "Visitor," for your many sweet little letters and messages, and for the encouragement you have given. I want to assure you first, that God does love each one of you, and will be with you this year. He wants you to grow like Jesus did—strong in spirit, in wisdom, and in favour with God and man. You will do this if you refuse to waste time, if you read your Bible a little each day, and get by yourself and pray to Jesus, talking to him just as you would to your dear parents. It will help you to pray out loud. Not long prayers, but loving little prayers. Tell Him you love Him, you want to be like Him, you want Him to help you be a good boy or a good girl. Then when you are in trouble go and tell it to Jesus. Do some missionary work. Visit the sick with a few pretty flowers with a text tied on. Help Mamma and Papa, and brothers and sisters. Take part in all our campaigns. Do not get cross when you play with your little friends. If you do not win a game, be glad that someone else does. Refuse to talk about or do anything that you would not like Mamma or Papa, or Jesus to see and hear.

In this way you will grow happy, and Jesus will become more precious to you every day. So, when I wish you a happy New Year, I am wishing you all these nice things.

Keep on answering the questions and write to me sometimes. When you write give your postal address so I can reply.

Your big Little Folk,
HERBERT J. EDMED.

Making an Angel Out of Rock.

Some years ago, three men went for a long walk on a country road. It was one of those roads that children were fond of, because in the grass on either side, there were many pretty wild flowers, and tall trees, and sometimes a very large rock among the trees would look as if it had rolled down from the mountain behind and stood still just to let the people pass.

Only one of these three men seemed to be taking any notice of the lovely things

God has made, as they were talking all about business and other dry things that don't interest Little Folks. But Michael could not keep his eyes from the side of the road, and he seemed to be much more keen on watching the pretty things that grew along the way. Soon, he left his two chums, and as they were busy talking, they walked a long way before they noticed that he was not with them. They looked behind, but Michael was nowhere to be seen, and soon they turned back to look for him.

After walking quite a distance, they found him standing by one of the large rocks. He had a little hammer and chisel which he carried in his pocket, and was chipping off little bits of the rock, until he was covered with white powder, and his friends had a good laugh at him. "What are you doing with that dirty old lump of stone?" they asked; and they had such a look of disgust on their faces, for they did not want to walk down the street with such a dirty looking man. But Michael did not care. "I can make an angel out of this stone," he said. This made them laugh more; but soon they started off again, and forgot all about the incident.

Many months rolled away, when those two men received a card asking them to come to the home of Michael, whose full name was Michael Angelo, who became a very great man afterwards. And as they entered the door of his workshop, they saw a beautiful angel standing on a white marble stand, spreading its great wings, and holding an olive branch in his hand. It was so nicely carved that the men stood and looked at it a long while. The marble was so white, and in its polished state, looked so real, and its face so noble, that Michael's friends just wondered.

"Where did you get such a fine piece of rock from?" they asked, and he said, "Don't you remember the day we walked out together, and you lost me, and then found me covered with the dirty powder of a rock at the roadside? This is that same rock." You can guess how surprised those men must have felt, can't you.

But this little story has a lesson for you and me, for God has placed us in a very beautiful world, and as we are like the rock in the wilds, we look very dirty with our many sinful ways. But one day Jesus came down to our world and

walked its streets, filled with men and women and dear Little Folks like us. Many of them looked so ugly with their sins and diseases; and the little folks were so naughty. One day when the children came to Him for His blessings, His disciples thought them so wicked and rude, that they should not come to Him. But as they sent them away, Jesus said, "Suffer —" I will let you finish the text, because I am sure you know it. He knew that selfishness had made them unclean, but he said, as He thought of what He would do for us all, "They shall be as the angels." His angels will not be made of cold stone, but living; and they shall be "White as snow." They will shine with the glory of God, too, and as the angels that never sinned see us in heaven, they will ask "Who are these?" and the answer will be given, "These are they who washed their sinful hearts in Jesu's blood." The little hammer and chisel that God uses to transform us, are the trials, and temptations, and hard things we have to bear in this life. If we keep sweet and trust Him, the day will come when we will be polished, and Jesus will take us to be with Him as the good angels are with Him to-day.

H.J.E.

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER QUESTIONS.

1, Herod. 2, Peter. 3, Four quarter-nions of soldiers. 4, Peter. 5, Acts 12: 11.

The December Visitor did not come from the naughty printers until the 12th, so you must answer December and January together. They seem to forget that all my Little Folks are waiting for their questions and answers from the first of the month.

H.J.E.

Now for the questions. I have a peculiar one this month, and as I want your thinking caps to be in constant use. I am going to tell you I was reading about a gentleman that had an argument with a Little Folk girlie about a hen and an egg. It was this,—A hen comes from an egg, and an egg comes from a hen: which was created first, the egg or the hen?

2. Who kept the first Sabbath mentioned in the Bible?

3. What man besides Jesus walked upon the sea?

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4. How many kinds of fruit does the tree of life bear?

5. Where does the Lord say that boys and girls shall play in the open air?

As our last number was sent out too late, names will be published next month. Ed.

M. V. NOTES

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observe the Morning Watch in 1929? Did I read the Bible through in 1929? Did I earn a Reading Course certificate in 1929? A Standard of Attainment certificate? a Standard of Attainment seal? How many tracts and papers did I distribute per week in 1929? Did I lead any one to Christ in 1929? Did I gain any definite victories in 1929? And what about 1930?

OFFICERS' JANUARY SCHEDULE.

1. Revise membership list; call for new members; secure pledge cards from Kingston for new members.

2. Organize working bands.

3. Subscribe for the "Gazette" or make definite plans to renew your subscription at the proper time. Subscription price 3/9.

4. Make sure that the Bible Year work gets a good start. Keep a list of those reading.

5. Form a new standard of Attainment class. Get the best person you can find to lead out. Encourage those who have certificates to work for seals.

6. Form Reading Circles for Reading Course work.

7. Make definite plans to secure means to supply yourselves with tracts, papers, etc., for distribution. (Weekly collection, pledges, stamp collecting).

Did you take the Standard of Attainment examination last month? If not do it now.

As soon as possible we shall give a summary of the work done during 1929. In the meantime make sure you are keeping up your share of the goal for 1930.

OBITUARY.

JAMES SPLEEN.—Great sorrow and sadness came to the Church at Trinityville on Monday Dec. 9th, when that most dreaded visitor, *Death*, entered the home of their Leader, Brother Spleen. For more than thirty years this dear brother has endeavoured to faithfully keep the torch of the Third Angel's Message alight in Trinityville and the surrounding districts, and by his faith, courage and zeal has inspired his brethren to climb the heights to victory.

A telegram to the Conference office summoned the writer to perform the last rites of the church. The great esteem in which our brother was held, by the community in general, was testified to by the large number who climbed the three miles of mountain trail to his home to pay their last respects. A sorrowing wife, sister, and many children and grand children remain to mourn for their loved one who now awaits the call of the Life-giver. To these we tender our sincere sympathy, committing them to the care of Him who "is touched with

the feelings of our infirmities, and 'who comforteth us in all our tribulation.'" ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION.

We decided to dedicate our new church building on Oct. 20. The rains came during the week before and continued up to the date set for the Dedication but on the morning of the 29th, the sun came out and a very pleasant day followed. The Dedication was set for ten o'clock and at half past nine the church was filled to overflowing with friends from the City, when the time came for the services not only was the building filled but all standing room around it, Brother Frank Fletcher came down from Cayman Brac to assist in the services and some of our girls from the East End Church came to help us in the singing. Not only our people but the people of the town congratulated us on the neat building and expressed their pleasure that the Seventh Day Adventist had a place where they could meet for worship. A long felt want.

Another Church in Cayman Brac is almost completed and a Mission House in Georgetown is nearing completion. God is blessing in establishing our work here on a strong basis. We have the respect of all throughout the island and hope to win many to Jesus in the time to come.

MRS. I. G. KNIGHT.

Report of Colporteur Work in the Jamaica Conference, November, 1929.

Name.	Book.	Hrs.	Orders.	Value			Value		
				Orders.	Deliveries.				
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Barnes, D. L.	H.P.	109	16	32	16	0	17	2	0
Dillon, L.	R.J.	36	7	5	14	0	1	12	0
Dawkins, A.	H.P.	25	2	8	0	0	4	10	0
Flynn, L. E.	R.J.		11	14	6	6			
Fletcher, H.	H.P.	150	41	55	19	0	5	12	0
Hurst, B. E.	H.P.	70	66	91	7	0			
Lawrence, H.	H.P.	38	8	12	1	0			
Lalor, M. A.	B.R.	75	7	30	8	6	1	12	9
Ogilvie, C. J.	H.P.	63	4	5	10	0	12	11	3
Robinson, A.	R.J.	74	13	21	14	0	6	16	9
Ricketts, C.	C.K.	73	3	4	3	3	4	4	0
Ricketts, B. A.	R.J.	88	9	15	9	5	13	11	4
Spence, A.	R.J.	199	33	27	18	0	14	0	9
Townsend, H. J.	B.R.	199	48	91	15	0	19	19	0
14 Colporteurs		1199	268	417	1	10	121	11	10

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