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## LOYALTY AND DEXTERITY.

THE Lord abhors indifference and disloyalty in a time of crisis in His work. The whole universe is watching with inexpressible interest the closing scenes of the great controversy between good and evil. The people of God are nearing the borders of the eternal world; what can be of more importance to them than that they be loyal to the God of heaven?

All through the ages God has had moral heroes; and He has them now—those who, like Joseph and Elijah and Daniel, are not ashamed to acknowledge themselves His peculiar people. His special blessing accompanies the labours of men of action; men who will not be swerved from the straight line of duty, but who, with divine energy will enquire, "Who is on the Lord's side?" men who will not stop merely with the enquiry, but who will demand that those who choose to identify themselves with the people of God shall step forward and reveal unmistakably their allegiance to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Such men make their wills and plans subordinate to the law of God. For love of Him, they count not their lives dear unto themselves. Their work is to catch the light from the Word, and let it shine forth to the world in clear steady rays. **FIDELITY TO GOD IS THEIR MOTTO.**

It is the duty of every Christian to acquire habits of order, thoroughness and despatch. There is no excuse for slow bungling work of any character. When one is always at work, and the work is never done, it is because mind and heart are not put into the labour. The one who is slow, and who works at a disadvantage, should realize that these are faults to be corrected. He needs to exercise his mind in planning how to use the time so as to secure the best results.

By tact and method, some will accomplish as much work in five hours as another does in ten. Some who are engaged in domestic labour are always at work, not because they have so much to do, but because they do not plan so as to save time. By their slow dilatory ways, they make much work out of very little.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## THE BIBLE STUDY.

### The Christian's Wisdom.

1. Prov. XI: 30. The Christian's wisdom is soul-winning.
2. Jer. 16: 16. Soul-winning methods are like fishing and hunting.
3. Jer. 16: 16 and 19. The scope of this work reaches to "the ends of the earth."
4. Mark 5: 19, 20. It begins with those IN our homes.
5. Luke 14: 21, vs. 23. Souls must be sought in the cities. And in the country districts.
7. Acts 1: 14, & 2: 1. Prayer leads to unity of believers.
8. Acts 6: 6. Such prayer brings success.
9. Acts 2: 3 & 7. There is a Pentecost for all who seek it by repentance, faith and prayer.
10. Acts 4: 14 & 33. Great power attends such.
11. Acts 2: 3. The tongue of the prayerful speaks with power.
12. Matt. 21: 28. This power is available to-day.
13. Jno. 15: 5. Our Helper is Christ.
14. Rev. 14: 6-12 & Matt. 24: 14. Our Message.
15. Luke 2: 49. Our enthusiasm.
16. Isa. 54: 2, 3. Our Harvest.
17. Dan. 12: 3. Every soul won will be our eternal glory.

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REMEMBER OUR GOAL for 1930;  
600 souls won and baptized.

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SPIRITUAL MATHEMATICS: Subtract from your life all your sins; Add to your life every grace; Divide yourself and all you have with God and your fellow-man; Multiply souls for the Kingdom. Result: A rejoicing entrance to the future inheritance, bringing others with you.

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### LOSS THAT IS GAIN.

In order to become spiritually rich, you must become carnally bankrupt. Carnal death is the seed of eternal life.

### THE FIELD.

For three weeks after May 28, the days will be full of importance to our world-wide believers, for the General Conference will be in session at San Francisco. Jamaica is to have two

delegates: Pastors H. Fletcher and H. J. Edmed, who expect to leave early in May.

This meeting will be of supreme importance to the great movement represented by the three angels of Revelation 14. In spite of a few set backs, and the waning faith in Missions enterprises characteristic of our times, the past four years have shown phenomenal progress in every line of our denominational activity. To-day, the whole vast heathen world has opened its doors to our workers, and multitudes invite us to lead them to Jesus and prepare them for His soon coming. The pace for meeting the calls will be set at these meetings—probably the largest in our denominational history. Let all our Brethren constantly hold these meetings before the Lord in prayer. Mrs. Edmed has decided to accompany our President.

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During the absence of Pastor H. J. Edmed, Brother G. W. Grounds will act for the President.

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Sister O. Elliott, of Free Hill, writes that the work among the Indians has stirred up quite an interest. Many of them are studying the Bible with her. That is good missionary work.

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Florence Hill Church is rejoicing over its increase of members. Our veteran leader, Brother Nookes is now pleading for assistance in the work of enlarging the capacity of the present place of meeting.

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Bro. C. S. Cousins of the Port Antonio M.V.S. tells how a young sister (King) was appointed leader of a Prayer Band. This Band started a Sunday School a few miles away, and the work was so successful that they called for Bro. Cousins to carry the work further. He held meetings for two weeks, the Band assisting by singing etc., and on Sabbath, March 22, 45 persons took their stand. These are studying the Sabbath School lessons, and giving to the Lord His own. Well done—Missionary Volunteers. Such reports not only do us good, but they create healthy encouragement for others.

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So many weeks have passed since the Conventions were held, that reports of their success would seem out

of date. However, we must state that at March Town, Darliston, St. Ann's Bay, and Port Antonio, as well as at the Mandeville College, showers of blessing fell upon a thirsty people. From every place has come messages of appreciation and re-consecration, and we believe the meetings were a source of great strength and revival to the churches.

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I sincerely believe that one of the greatest factors the Lord has to help in finishing His work in this generation, is our publishing work.

As I move from place to place in church missionary activities I find that many of our dear brethren and sisters are rejoicing in the Blessed Hope through reading our literature.

The angel that came down from heaven, having great power, and which lightened the earth with its glory truly represents the circulation of our literature and its effects.

Not long ago I was informed of a gentleman living some miles away from the main road, in the mountains, was keeping the Sabbath. On the eighth inst., I was privileged to visit him. As we studied the Scriptures, he informed me that he found the truth while visiting a friend two years ago where he saw a copy of *Bible Foot Lights* on the table. After reading it, he borrowed it for further study, compared its teaching with the Bible, and decided for the truth. So he has been keeping the Sabbath for two years.

Shall we not continually remember this Brother in our prayers

J. D. ROBINSON.

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For a number of weeks we have been holding cottage meetings a few miles from Riversdale, with the result that three persons have decided to honour the Sabbath of God, and many others are in the valley of decision.

J. BILLETT.

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The Sabbath after our last baptism at North Street, Kingston, when we reported 19 persons baptized, twenty-five persons joined the Baptismal Class. Thus with steady advance the Third Angel's Message presses onward toward final victory.

A. C. SJOCKHAUSEN.

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At Beverley, I was happily surprised to find a nice little church building.

It was simply crowded. The collection, not counting the amount received for sales, amounted to 21/-, which in a poor district seemed to be very good. They are trying to raise money with which to repair their building. It is a nice property, but the roof needs new shingles, and some wood-work needs attention also. I commend them for taking care of their building and repairing it before it goes too far. The Brethren seem to be full of hope and courage.

E. M. EDMED.

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While attending the Colporteurs' Institute, I was able to get into closer touch with the inner working of our Mandeville College. I could not resist the impressions of admiration for the fine body of students, and their quiet and dignified demeanour. Looking into their faces, the question arose, "What would happen if all those young men and women—over one hundred of them—were suddenly scattered throughout Jamaica?"

It was just about this number that "turned the world upsidedown" after Pentecost. Would they turn Jamaica the same way? If those dear young men and women could grip the object of our Mandeville College, and rise to its standard, if they could by consecration become clothed upon by the Holy Spirit as were the early disciples, their zeal would make itself felt in a remarkable way. Let us pray for our students at the W.I.T.C.

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About thirty young men with a few of the other sex met in the Dormitory under the leadership of Pastor B. A. Meeker, W. A. Bergherm, and W. S. Nation. Many of them had bronzed with the suns of tropical strength, as they had plodded their way among the ups and downs of this Island. They were our Colporteurs. May I call them Literature Evangelists? They wrestled together for a solution of the many problems peculiar to their work. Somehow, heaven's goals are always humanly impossible, its policies cross the grain of our inclination. But consecration and faith overcome them all. There is no easy path to victory. The laurels of achievement are never fashioned in the loom of ease, or self-indulgence. Where Christ beckons, we see only the path of self-denial. "Let him deny himself"—but there we find

rest. This is a strange paradox, but a fascinating reality.

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Our Colporteurs are brave. They move forward unflinchingly to reach their goals. Our prayers go with them. Jesus is with them. Angels of light go before them and prepare the way. Unseen visitants from above encamp around them. When they sacrifice, achievement rewards them. When they persevere, they WIN.

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A lady walked out to her shopping. On the way she saw some children playing with a book which had pictures, and a gold-lettered title. She thought the parents could not know that the children were spoiling such a valuable book, but on informing the mother, she was simply told that the book was no good. "May I have it?" the lady enquired. "Why, yes," was the reply, and as the children threw the treasure into the filthy water of the gutter, the lady picked it up, wiped it, and placed it in her bag. When home, she rested to read the book. It was a copy of *Bible Readings*, sold to an unappreciative neighbour. But God never wastes the work or time of His agents, and soon the truth found a response in her heart, she was baptized and became an active worker.

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Before leaving the Institute, that body of workers rededicated themselves to their work, and went forth bearing precious seed. If they succeed and persevere, 1930 will be a banner year for our book sales—AND for souls won through our literature.

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SILENCE is the golden answer to slander. CONTEMPT is the best reply to gossip. YOUR LIFE will silence the false accuser.

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There are some things we must leave the Lord to settle. If we endeavour to vindicate, the devil will twist our words. To the wrongly maligned the Lord says, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

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At a recent meeting the question was asked of the congregation, "Has your increased offerings of last quarter made you any poorer?" Of the hundreds present, every one seemed to smile as they shouted a happy, "NO!"

Many persons wonder why S.D. Adventists can keep up a continuous stream of offerings to the Cause of Missions. But it works out this way. On our recent tour we met a man who was driving a car for a commercial traveller. In conversation, he informed us that his cigarettes cost him about six shillings per week. The "Movies," another three shillings, and drinks about the same. This makes a total of about twelve shillings per week that he spends on things that break down his health, ruin his mind, and destroy his spirituality. In one year this amounts to £31 4s. 0d. If that man should become a member of our church, and still retain his job, all this money would be saved, and he could give it without feeling the loss of it—besides the spiritual and physical benefits that would accrue.

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Our Sister Conference, Haiti, has been made happy by the arrival of a new member, born Feb. 15, to Pastor and Mrs. deCaenel. His name is Henry Robert, and we truly welcome him, and wish him a safe journey through life. Henry Robert took out his ticket to Heaven at the Cradle Roll Office, and is now well started on the journey.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS. Take Notice.

Here is a little word for you, my dear Young People. I know you will be sorry to part with Bro. Bailey, who has led your department for some time, and has endeared himself to many of you. But in the adjustments of our plans and after prayerful consideration of the best interests of the work and of each Department, Bro. Bailey had to be released to devote his entire time to Educational work, at the urgent request of the College Board.

Pastor Byron A. Meeker was chosen to take his place as your leader, and I am sure that the sorrow of losing Bro. Bailey will be compensated by this splendid choice.

The change has already been made, and I know that you will rally to Pastor Meeker's side and help him to make the M.V. Department a rousing success.

May the Lord bless you all.

H. J. EDMED.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

BYRON A. MEEKER.

How do you spell, B.I.G W.E.E.K?  
This is the way:

B.I.G  
B.I.G.G.E.R  
B.I.G.G.E.S.T

This year our total goal is £200. For each Church, it is the profits on two books at 1/3 each, for every member on the church roll. For each individual, it is the profits on at least two books sold only for cash.

Last year, we went bigger than ever. This year we must aim for biggest than ever. We know you will do your best.

Missionary Leaders and Secretaries, and Church Leaders, you will find things go better if you get at it. Organize it, look after it, collect the funds, and send them in as soon as the week is over. Some of you will need to sell a dozen or more. Those who can should do so. Jamaica is to get \$3,825 from this Big Week, if enough comes in. Let us do our bit, and the Lord will provide the rest.

Last year we won because of the hearty way in which the campaign was begun. Let us repeat with added recruits and enthusiasm.

If you are an isolated member send in your order to-day, and give the Lord a hand. He needs your help. You need the experience, your neighbours and friends need the books. Do not forget that books are soul-winners. Study the word—

B.I.G.G.E.S.T.

H. J. E.

### Publishing Dept.

B. A. MEEKER.

### OUR COLPORTEURS MEET AT MANDEVILLE.

One of the most interesting and profitable institutes for the regular and student colporteurs of Jamaica has just ended. As usual it was held at the West Indian Training College, with 25 colporteurs attending.

The manager of the Pacific Press Publishing House of Cristobal, Canal

Zone, E. W. Everest, was present during the entire meeting. His presence added a great deal of interest and enthusiasm to the occasion, and will prove of great value in uniting the field and the publishing house.

From the very first meeting, and on through the entire ten days there was a splendid interest and spirit of devotion. The writer was especially impressed with the opening meeting held Thursday night, March 20. After a brief Bible study the meeting was turned over to the colporteurs to express their hopes and confidence in the work. One after another arose with an unusual expression of earnestness in their voice to tell how thankful they were to be engaged in the Lord's work.

If there are hard and trying experiences in the colporteur field, they were not mentioned at this meeting. It really would have inspired anyone to have been present. This enthusiastic and loyal spirit manifested on that occasion seemed to run through the entire ten days, uniting all hearts together.

The presence of Pastor H. J. Edmed was greatly appreciated. Every one was impressed with the fact that he is keenly interested in the circulation of the printed page. During his stay he made a public announcement for the first time of the recent action of the committee in the change of the field missionary secretary of the conference.

The news of Elder Meeker dropping

the work as field missionary secretary caused considerable stir, and brought forth a very fitting and beautiful tribute in his honour. The colporteurs all testified of the help, encouragement and kind treatment they had received from Brother Meeker during his service. At the same time they gave a hearty welcome to their new leader, Brother W. S. Nation, promising him their co-operation and expressing their confidence in him. It is only proper to say here, that perhaps at no time in the history of Jamaica has the colporteur work been brought up to a higher standard than at the present time. There is no doubt that this has been possible largely through the efforts of Elder Meeker, whom the Lord has blessed during his connection with this department of the work.

Moved by a conviction of the solemnity of the time in which we live, and being deeply impressed by the importance of dedicating their all to the Master, the colporteurs pledged themselves to faithfulness to their task during the year. At the very last meeting of the institute, they very fittingly set goals for themselves,—goals of hours for the year, and goals of sales they expect to reach. There was nothing of the hasty or unthoughtful character about the meeting whatever, but calmly, each one made known his goal. Every one felt that it was good to have been present. We believe the future holds great things in store for the colporteur.

W. A. BERGHEM.

### REPORT OF COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE, MARCH, 1930.

Name.	Book.	Hrs.	Orders.	Value			Value		
				Orders.	Deliveries.	£	s.	d.	£
Bird, W.	R.J.	36	11	7	19	0	..	..	..
Dawkins, A.	H.P.	65	14	13	13	0	10	10	7
Fletcher, H.	H.P.	40	..	..	..	..	11	13	0
Lalor, M. A.	B.R.	22	..	..	..	..	7	3	3
Morrison, Ruth	G.C.	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ricketts, B. A.	R.J.	41	9	9	2	6	1	7	6
Ricketts, C.	C.O.S.	47	23	5	19	6	..	..	..
Robinson, A.	R.J.	35	..	..	..	..	1	2	0
Reid, D. B.	H.P.	32	9	16	14	0	4	4	0
Spence, A.	R.J.	34	5	8	19	0	1	16	6
Townsend, H. J.	B.R.	72	6	6	1	0	26	3	0
Williams, C. E.	B.R.	30	10	6	1	0	1	7	6
12 Colporteurs		472	87	74	9	0	65	7	4

W. S. NATION, F.M.S.

## WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE.

O. W. TUCKER.

The College has been blessed with many visitors recently. On March 4 and 5 we had a church officers institute, which was quite well attended by those from neighbouring churches. During this institute it was our privilege to have Pastor J. C. Thompson from the General Conference, Pastor Ogden from the Antillian Union and the local Conference workers. The institute was very helpful to the churches in this part of the field.

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### WEEK OF PRAYER.

We have just closed our Spring Week of Prayer. It was our privilege to have Professor W. L. Adams, who is Educational Secretary for the Inter-American Division, with us during the week. His talks were very helpful and there seems to be an excellent spirit in the school as a result of this Week of Prayer. It is indeed encouraging to know that some of our young people who have never taken their stand for Christ before have decided to live for Him.

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### COLPORTEUR'S INSTITUTE.

We are just now closing a Colporteur's Institute. Colporteurs from all over the Conference have been in attendance and the programme has been so arranged that it has been possible for each student colporteur to attend the meetings. Many of the colporteurs have caught a new vision of their work and the students have felt very grateful for having the institute here at the College. We are hoping to send several of our students into the field this summer to obtain a scholarship to come back to school another year.

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### BEGINNING OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

At a recent Board Meeting at which there were representatives from the Division and Union Conferences it was decided to have our regular school year begin in January to conform to the practice of the island in that respect. The opening date of the next regular school year will be the second Tuesday in January. This will neces-

sitate a little re-organizing to meet the situation. A "special" or "extra" term of twelve weeks will be thrown in from September 10 to December 20. This will take care of our young people who do not desire to stay out of school this year until January. The school year will be divided into three terms of twelve weeks each. I make this announcement at this time so that the many patrons of the school may begin now to make plans in regard to the next school year. More details will be published later. If you are particularly interested it might be well for you to correspond with the principal.

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It has been the privilege of the Principal to visit several sections of the island recently and to talk to our brethren in regard to Christian Education. It is indeed encouraging to have the hearty response that has been received in each church visited. I am sure the work is onward in this field, and that our young people are realizing more and more the importance of a Christian Education, and may this interest grow until it will be necessary to enlarge our institution to take care of the many students who will desire to come to the College.

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It is indeed interesting to know that a former Inspector of Schools in the island has become interested in the work of the college as a result of the reports of our convention work and educational talks given here. I am sure that there are many in the island who would be heartily in favour of the work of the West Indian Training College if they only knew the plans upon which our denominational educational institutions are operated.

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### WHY I AM ATTENDING W.I.T.C.

Believing that the Lord's return is near, I felt the need of a Christian training that would fit me to tell others of this precious truth.

Realizing that I could not attain this training in my home church, I prayerfully considered the possibility of attending the W.I.T.C.

Studying carefully the lives of many of my friends and acquaintances, who had the privilege of a Christian Education in the W.I.T.C. I observed the

marked improvement in their spiritual, physical, and mental bearing. They were not afraid to speak a word for the Master when an opportunity was given. They looked manly and dignified. Their language was pure and edifying. The things which used to interest them were forgotten, for their ideals had changed, their thoughts had taken a higher and more enterprising outlook. They seemed to have one aim and that the standard of a life hid in Jesus Christ.

This fired me with a stronger determination to be where I could get such a training and for these reasons I am now attending the W.I.T.C.

Realizing that my life must pass through a moulding process, I want to associate with young people whose hearts are pure, and whose character bears the stamp of God; and teachers whose lives will influence me for good.

To associate with young people of the world means sacrificing God and right. They are looking for nothing but "a good time." They go to places which seem very good to them, but give only heart-ache and fatigue, and finally make them unfit for anything in the world. These aren't found in a Christian School and that's why I am attending one.

With a determination to help in the spreading of the gospel could I get the necessary training in another High School or College? Would my life be getting the training which would restore God's image in my soul? Would I be pitching my tent toward heaven? No. The Bible which is the highest standard of a Christian Education is little thought of. The teachers work only to develop the intellectual and physical powers, leaving the spiritual undeveloped. Such is not a Christian Education in the truest sense of the word? No. It educates only for this life. Their work is finished in the classroom.

The place filled in the world by those who receive a Christian Education may not seem great to many, but what are we striving for? A name here, or in Heaven?

The spirituality that is lacking in the world, the firm faith in God and His word I have found in all schools, have formed the gateway for the service of my Maker. That is why I am attending a Christian School.

EDNA W. PARCHMENT.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE.

### WHO IS WHO.

#### SAVONAROLA. THE FLORENTINE MARTYR.

At no time of the world's history was true religion banished from the earth. Amidst the grossest darkness of sin and error; there could always be found those who never "bowed the knee to Baal." Men and women who held aloft the standard of truth and righteousness in their lives; and while the world was going wrong, they cherished in their hearts the unadulterated truth.

Among the wicked and perverse antediluvians, were found a Noah and his family. Among the people of Sodom upon whom God rained fire and brimstone, was found a Lot, whose righteous soul was vexed because of the abominations practised around him. From out a heathen home, Abraham, the "father of the faithful," was called. During the backslidings of Israel there were those whose hearts ached as they witnessed the apostasy of the people; and prophets who feared the living God, under pain of persecution and death cried aloud against the sins of Israel. When Christ came to earth, the world was entirely oblivious to the greatest event of its history; but a few shepherds, three wise men from the East and others who waited for the Consolation of Israel were ready to greet the world's redeemer. The Apostolic Church in all its purity and strength went forth conquering and to conquer until the light of the gospel had shed its beams to the uttermost parts of the then known world. The glorious gospel of a crucified and risen Saviour knew no defeat in those days.

But soon the church departed from its purity. Evil men arose in its midst teaching seducing doctrines, a spiritual decadence crept in as the years rolled by, the church began to pander to the Pagan religion; and before many centuries the world was wrapped in great moral darkness. We often speak of this period as the Dark Ages. Even at such a time could men and women be found who still endeavoured to preserve the true apostolic

faith; and were fearless in their denunciations of the corruptions existing under the cloak of religion. Girolamo Savonarola came on the stage of action about the middle of the fifteenth century—at a time when men excelled in the arts and sciences; but their moral corruption was unspeakable. It was at such a time that Savonarola preserved an unwavering faith in God, and filled with righteous indignation against the iniquities of the church he spoke forth the message of conviction and warning in the face of great odds.

In the city of Ferrara, Italy, Girolamo Savonarola was born—September 21, 1452. He was born of noble parentage, and was surrounded during his early days with much pomp and display. His parents had high ambitions for him; and desired that he should become a professor of physical science like his grandfather. They therefore paid strict attention to his early training, giving him every opportunity of becoming versed in the scholastic learning of his day. But Girolamo's oft repeated prayer was:—"O Lord, teach me the way my soul should walk!" He kept his ear attuned to the Spirit's voice, was ever willing to submit to its dictates; and therefore fitted into the plans and purposes of God for him.

Savonarola had reached the age of 23; and one day when the Festival of St. George was being celebrated and his parents had left home; he bade farewell to the place of his birth and departed for Bologna. Here he decided to become a Dominican monk and joined himself to the Monastery of St. Dominic. He had hoped to find men here possessed with rare Christian qualities; but he was only too sadly disappointed. True he was to every duty, and never tired of studying the Word of God and telling others of the consoling gems of truth contained therein. Three years after entering the Convent, Savonarola was promoted to the office of preacher. In his early experience he seemed to have made little impression as a preacher. It tended at times to discouragement but he was not daunted. He had a strong conviction that God had a great work

for him to do, that a responsibility rested upon him that he dared not shirk. It was not long, however, before he was stirring multitudes by the rich eloquence of his spirit-filled sermons.

He was eventually sent to Ferrara his home by the Dominicans, and here met with little response. The Ferrarans were too drunk with pleasure and riotous living to become serious and interested listeners. However, a war broke out between Venice and Ferrara, and taking ample precautions, most of the Dominicans in the city of Ferrara were ordered to leave the convent. Savonarola was sent to Florence where he was to play the greatest part in the history of his life; and eventually be sacrificed. He said farewell to Ferrara and his beloved parents forever, and on reaching Florence, went direct to the convent of San Marco.

At that time Florence was one of the most corrupt cities in Europe; but Savonarola kept his character untainted. The light of truth was shining more and more in his heart, the thought dawned upon him that penance was of little avail; and with all the earnestness of his soul, a forerunner as it were to the noble reformers who were to give solidarity to the work he began, he preached justification by faith. He called upon the wicked to repent and forsake their sins, and God would abundantly pardon. And in the very stronghold of papacy great numbers accepted his doctrine. He denounced the union of church and state, and so God used him to prepare the way for such men as Luther, Knox and Calvin.

Very often there was revealed to him in vision calamities that were to come upon the people because of their wickedness, and his voice of warning was heard from day to day. Savonarola was shown that God would purify the church by severe chastisement.

Savonarola framed a constitution for Florence that has been declared the very best that could have been devised. He did all in his power to make Florence a better place. But the time soon came when the enmity of

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## LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER.

Well Little Folks, I am thinking about you to-day—what I shall tell you about. I wonder whether you ever think about me? I know you do, because I have had some very sweet little letters again, which I want to answer when I get the time.

Many years ago, we were living in a pretty little town in the eastern part of South Africa. Our children were little folks then, just like you, and we were always so happy.

One day they came running in to tell us that the tall chimney-stacks we could see far away across the fields were wool-washeries, and they wanted us to take them to see how the wool is washed. They had seen the men cutting the wool from the dear little sheep. But it was so dirty that none of us could understand how the wool ever became white. They said the manager was such a nice man, and he would let us see the whole process if we would only take them.

So off we went, trudging in the heat, until the perspiration just ran down our faces. But the kiddies were excited, and they ran ahead, picking all kinds of pretty flowers, and catching the grasshoppers and Hottentot gods that jumped out of the grass, until we came to the muddy entrance of the large narrow building with the tall chimney.

The manager met us very kindly, gave us some refreshing drink, and then took us into the washing shed. Here were many stacks of dirty, greasy, wool. It did not smell too sweet, either. But we forgot all that as we saw the wool plunged into a great tank with boiling soapy water, in which spiked rollers turned round and round in opposite directions, pulling the wool apart, and stirring it in the water until it reached the other end of the trough, when it passed between two steel smooth rollers to have the dirty water squeezed out of it. From these rollers it dropped into another trough, and repeated the same process, and so through several washings, until the last rollers turned it out quite white. Then it was dropped into large round tanks that revolved very fast, and the force of the suction caused by this, sucked out the balance

of the water, leaving it, what they called, "bone dry."

That means that it was almost dry. The wool was then laid out in the sun on concrete slabs until it was perfectly dry. At last, they picked it up, put it into sacks, pressed it down very tight, bound it round with hoop iron, marked it, and sent it away for the manufacturer to make clothes and other nice things for us. We did enjoy watching this, the manager was so pleasant; and we thanked him ever so much for his kindness.

As we walked home we talked about the lesson of the wool as Isaiah speaks of it. Sheep cannot wash themselves. Like Pussy cat can. So the dirt they pick up stays with them all their lives unless someone else cleans them. And the prophet says, "all we like sheep have gone astray, as we will have our own way," instead of obeying the Lord. Jeremiah says that we who do evil cannot do good. We cannot cleanse ourselves of sin. So Jesus gave us His word to purify us. If we obey His word, and accept His promises, that word will purify us. Then we may come to Jesus with the prayer—"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

The prophet Isaiah, speaking for the Lord, says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

When the wool is natural and dirty, it is no use, and it spoils the sheep. But when it is clean, it becomes useful for so many things, and brings so much comfort to most of us.

We should be so happy to have Jesus for a Friend, for He does so much for us. When He has washed us in His blood, He makes us so sweet and nice, so white and clean in our hearts, and we become such a comfort to many by our happy words and kindly deeds.

H. J. E.

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### FOR THE THINKING CAP.

1. There was a big crowd of people watching some men make a terrible fire in a big furnace. They kept putting in more and more fuel, until the fire was seven times

hotter than they ever made it. A great king was there on his throne, attended by many courtiers. At his command they bring three men, bound hand and foot, and cast them into the fire. But when they look in they see four men walking up and down in the fire, unharmed.

(a) Who was the King? (b) Who were the three cast into the fire? (c) Who was the fourth in the fire? (d) Why were the men cast into the fire?

2. What king was only seven years old when he began to reign?
3. What man lived 969 years?
4. What Apostle forgot to take his coat with him?
5. What boy made an angry king sweet tempered with music?

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"What is the best gift that God has given the children next to Jesus?" asked one. "Christlike parents," was the answer; and the teacher said, "That's right." So say I. Do you?

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We are not giving the names and answers for the last *Visitor*, in this number, but will put them all in the next. The printers kept us so late last month, that there has not been time to receive answers this month. We have now put the printing work into new hands, and they have promised to be on time in the future, so we hope to have no more delays.

We want you all to send answers with your addresses, and your age, so that we can send out the Badges to you.

H. J. E.

"Familiarity with sin will inevitably cause it to appear less repulsive. He who chooses to associate with the servants of Satan, will soon cease to fear their master."

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### WHO'S WHO.

*(Continued from Young People's Page)*

the pope and others of high rank in the church was stirred against him. He had dared denounce the evil practices of those in high places; and he was not to suffer mere excommunication, but death at the stake. He was not deterred. He preached with greater fervour—he knew what was before him. "O Lord! O Lord!" he cried with a voice that made the hearts of men terrified. "Grant me this martyrdom! Let me quickly die for Thy sake, as Thou has died for me! Already I see the axe sharpened. But the Lord bids me, 'Wait yet awhile, until that be finished which must come to pass, and then shalt thou show that strength of mind which shall be given unto Thee.'"

Eventually a bull of excommunication was given by the Pope with the command: "Those to whom this bull is sent, to declare—on all festival occasions, in the presence of the people—this same Fra Savonarola to be excommunicated, and that he be so held by everyone, inasmuch, as he has not obeyed our apostolic injunction. And everyone is prohibited, under like penalty, from rendering him any assistance; from having any communication with him; or expressing any praise of him, inasmuch as he is excommunicated and suspected of heresy." On Palm Sunday following, Savonarola, impressed that his time on earth was short, disregarding the command of the Pope not to preach, gave an impressive sermon. This began his final troubles. While under trial tortures which gave him excruciating pain were brought to bear upon him.

At times he would cry, "Take, O Lord! take, oh, take my life away!" True to the very last, he would not deny his Lord. The fatal hour eventually came after the sentence of death had been pronounced. With calm composure he went to the place of execution, his last words before he reached the scaffold being, "Our Lord suffered as much for me." Suspended from the scaffold, the pile beneath him was lighted, and the ashes of the martyr thrown into the River Arno. Thus on May 23, 1498 Savonarola offered up his life, a life that left behind it a wonderful and unending influence for good; a life that will be immortalised at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and we shall see him in that company clothed in scarlet among the victors of a vast redeemed host.

### QUESTIONS FOR MAY.

1. Who was the greatest descendant of Rahab the harlot?
2. At what place in the wilderness journeyings of the children of Israel did manna cease?
3. What prophet of God received the conviction that he would not inherit the eternal kingdom.
4. At what time did Jesus "lead captivity captive?"
5. Through whose instrumentality did Adventists receive the Sabbath truth?

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### FAREWELL.

About three months ago it became necessary, on account of her health, for Mrs. O. W. Tucker to return to the States. At that time consideration was given to the releasing of Professor Tucker to accompany her, but Sister Tucker bravely insisted that she be allowed to undertake the journey with her younger sister so that her husband might remain with the College until the close of the school year. This sacrifice made for the sake of the work was accepted and greatly appreciated.

However, Sister Tucker's health has not improved as had been hoped and it was with keen regret that the faculty and students learned that the time had come when it seemed best for her companion in life to rejoin her.

On the evening after the Sabbath, March 29, we all gathered in the Chapel to formally bid Professor Tucker farewell. A number of appropriate songs and recitations were rendered and then the Chairman called upon Brother E. E. Parchment to speak for the Mandeville Church. In wishing Professor Tucker "God-speed" Brother Parchment assured him that the members living at a distance as well as those resident on the "hill" would long remember his spiritual and soul-inspiring sermons and songs. Mrs. Peake voiced the appreciation of the school family of Professor Tucker's labours among us and on their behalf presented him with a souvenir in the form of two pictures of Jamaican scenes painted by a Jamaican artist. After Professor Tucker's response the evening was brought to a close by all uniting fervently in singing the prayer, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

During the short time they have spent with us, Professor and Mrs. Tucker have greatly endeared themselves to those with and for whom they have laboured, and we will continue to pray earnestly that Sister Tucker may soon be fully restored to health, and that they both may continue to find joy and success in the work to which the Lord has called them.

E. M. E.

### AT REST.

We regret to report the death of Bro. Josiah Wright of the Campbell's Castle Church, which took place March 12, at the age of 53, after a three weeks confinement to his bed.

He accepted the Message under the labours of C. H. Reid, in 1928, and was baptized shortly after. His wife and children have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. A large concourse attended the funeral, which was conducted by J. N. Barnes.

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"All who are not decided followers of Christ are servants of Satan. In the unregenerate heart there is love of sin, and a disposition to cherish and excuse it. In the renewed heart there is hatred of sin and determined resistance against it."