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"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the strained, restless relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place,—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## The Bible Study

*Why does the Lord speak to us by prophets?*

- Gen. 2: 15, 16; and 3: 8-24. Before sin, and after, the Lord talked with our parents face to face.
- Gen. 3: 8-24. The Lord was willing after sin to talk with the sinner face to face.
- Gen. 3: 8. But a change had come over man through sin, and he was afraid of God.
- Exod. 3: 1-6. Just before the Exodus, the Lord sought to speak face to face with Moses.
- Exod. 3:6, last clause. But Moses had inherited from Adam down, a fear to look upon God.
- Exod. 20: 18. Again, when the Lord spake His Law, He honoured Israel by speaking to them audibly, but they were afraid, and removed afar off.
- Deut. 4: 32, 33. This was the greatest event since Creation.
- Isaiah 6: 1-5. This good man also inherited Adam's consciousness of sin, and was afraid.
- Exod. 33: 20. Sin made man incapable of enduring the sight of God's visible presence.
- 1 John 4: 18. Our imperfect love for God fills us with fear of Him.
- 2 Cor. 5: 20. The Gospel is to reconcile us to God.
- Rev. 22: 4. When the work of reconciliation is perfected, we may again see Him face to face.
- 1 Cor. 13: 12. Until Christ comes, we can only see as through a glass, darkly.

Amos 3: 7. The secrets of God are revealed through the glass—the prophet.

Exod. 20: 19. The children of Israel requested the Lord to adopt this plan.

Deut. 18: 15-18. The Lord accepted this plan and adopted it.

Deut. 18: 19. He attached a penalty for not heeding the prophet's word.

2 Chron. 36: 15, 16. To reject God's prophets leaves the sinner without remedy or escape from the wrath of God.

Num. 12: 6. God had His own method of communicating through the prophets.

Psalms 105: 13-15. The Lord has a special care for His prophets.

2 Peter 1: 21. They were chosen from men of holy character.

ibid, vs. 19. We do well to take heed to the voice of the prophet, for it is more sure than anything we can see—compare 16-18.

NOTE:—We cannot conceive of a loving Creator leaving our race to meet the crisis of life and the developments of history without Divine counsel. A study of the Great Advent Movement from 1844, must convince any candid reader that the remnant body of Seventh Day Adventists has developed a mighty movement worldwide in its purpose and achievements under the special favour of the Testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of prophecy. It was specially given to guide Israel in its movement to the Holy Land, and that history has repeated itself, so that our work is what it is today largely through this precious gift.

## Spiritual Training.

We should not forget that each one of us will follow the bent of habit, and habit is formed by repeating an act. It is therefore important that we do not act hastily, and that we should be careful even in the smallest and seemingly most insignificant details of our department.

A good character is the fruit of right habits. A bad character is begotten of bad habits. The reason why the Lord says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it," (Prov. 22: 5) is, because "training" is cultivating and establishing good habits in the child.

The story is told of an old mule that served many years at turning a mill-crank, by pulling it round and round, that when it was let loose to graze, it continued going round and round. This illustrates the force of habit.

Whatever becomes a habit from childhood sticks to us to the end, and expresses itself either for good or bad, according to the nature of the habit.

Says Doctor Hamilton, "Beware of bad habit. It makes its first appearance as a tiny fay, and is so innocent, so playful, so minute, that none but a precisian would renounce it, and it seems hardly worth while to whisk it away. The *trick* is a good joke, the *lie* is white, the *glass* is harmless, the *theft* is only a few apples, the *bet* is only a sixpence, the *debt* is only a half a crown. But the tiny fay is capable of becoming a tremendous

giant; and if you commence and harbour him, he will nourish himself at your expense; and then, springing on you as an armed man, will drag you down to destruction."

Esau was the victim of habit. His sad story should warn us, for when in older days he sought repentance, though the Lord was just as merciful and forgiving as He ever was in dealing with the sinner, yet habit prevented Esau from making complete surrender, and though he sought salvation with tears, he could not let the habit of profanity go; he found no way of salvation. Heb. 12: 15-17.

Dear parents, are you yourselves cultivating right habits? Daily Bible study? Daily family worship? Daily abstinence from evil thinking and speaking? Daily missionary activity? Daily secret prayer? Daily training of your children?—these neglected once, then twice, will soon deface their fruits from your piety and leave your character stained with sin. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation!

Let us not forget that those who will live in heaven must first cultivate heavenly habits here. Our earthly life is given us to develop the heavenly character—and character is the fruit of habit.

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### NEWS NOTES.

**STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!** These three words are set up in the danger spots where automobile drivers need special caution. We print them here to call attention to the words on the front page.

The message of the front page was written years ago, but is emphasized a hundred times today; and the question arises as to our preparedness for that stupendous crisis of which we are on the verge. The challenge of today's wickedness must be met by each of us, with a more perfect preparation for what is coming.

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Lured by some glittering dream of more money, better dresses, less work, and more respectable environment, some of our youth are attracted to city life. Others are adding land to land, in the hope of enriching themselves easily. Satan does not care what method one adopts so long as he can induce one to forget that we are near to the Kingdom of God.

Hence it is that we meet with young sisters who have paced the streets of Kingston in search of work for weeks IN VAIN. And those who invested all the profits of last year in land, forgetting what they owe to God, are depressed and disappointed because there is no market for their increased crops. Truly, Godliness with contentment is great gain, these days. God will teach us all the lesson of Haggai, for He wants to take away all our pride and selfishness before Jesus comes. The whole world is today passing through a period of great financial distress. Our social and political leaders are trying to solve the problems connected with the present distress. But the only solution will be found when Jesus comes and puts an end to sin.

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Until then let us keep humble. Keep our youth from the city. Educate them for missionary work, for those who are in the plan and purpose of God when the final crash comes, have the promise: "Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isa. 55: 16. The Psalmist's spirit is worthy of thought: "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Psalm 84: 10.

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A very pleasing letter has reached us from the hand of Prof. F. O. Rathbun, who with Sister Rathbun have been spending several weeks among old friends in California. A reception was given in their honour at Pacific Union College, where they were able to present a full report of their experiences in Jamaica, especially at the Mandeville College, all of which was heartily appreciated.

They also met about fifty of their old friends at the home of Sister Sarah Peck—who, by the bye, is an old friend of the Editor's family also. Many other social kindnesses from warm friends have served to make their stay very enjoyable.

At the time of writing they were about to visit friends in other parts of the States. Time soon flies, and our dear colleague records the plan of return when the time comes. We trust they will come back to us in their old time strength.

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Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson expect to arrive in Jamaica in time to assist

some with the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. They will be very welcome.

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Prof. R. E. Shafer and his family expect to reach Jamaica in time for the School term, and Prof. L. and Mrs. Dunn plan to reach here in October.

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SEVEN ABOMINATIONS in God's sight are listed in Prov. 6: 16-19. They are, "A proud look"; a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations; feet that be swift in running to mischief; a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

May we suggest that however men may speak to the contrary, and claim to be God's children while seeking to destroy the unity of the Church, the Lord plainly designates THAT man—an abomination. Such men deserve our sympathy, but not our support, lest we also become an abomination to God.

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The American Quota plans have recently opened the gates of the land of prosperity to many West Indians, and Jamaica has lost quite a number of our members who have joined in the exodus. The United States of America is a wonderful country, progressive and beautiful. In many ways it is an ideal country, and the real American people are very free and lovable people. Yet we are not sure that it is a suitable home for many of our young people, who will doubtless find many temptations and hardships which they would not find in Jamaica. We sincerely pray that those who have gone from us may be true to God, and may return to us stronger and more spiritual members for the new experience in a wider sphere.

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Among those who have gone, are Sister H. E. Carter, of Mount Carey, Bro. Jesse Fletcher, Bro. P. J. Bailey, who has been closely associated with our M. V. and Educational work, Sister Winnie Thomas, our Bible worker. Mrs. Harriott, wife of our Book and Bible House manager, Sister Thelma Wood, who has been almost gratuitously connected with our office stenographic department for some time, and Sister Enid Wright, of Southfield.

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On taking leave, the office workers presented Miss Wood with a copy of

*Christ in Song*, and of *The Desire of the Ages*, as a token of their esteem and good wishes.

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Sister Carter's son, Doctor A. E. Carter, having completed his medical course, expects to take post-graduate surgical work, and then take the English Exam., after which we hope he will join us in this field. We congratulate him on his success.

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Sister Connie Smith, of Kingston, is now convalescing from what two months ago threatened to be a very critical illness. Expecting to have an operation, she went to Black River, where, under the able attention of Dr. Johnson, she has made a splendid recovery. Earnest prayers were offered for her during the anxious time, and the Lord graciously answered prayer. The North St. Church is truly grateful to see Sister Smith at the services once more.

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Sister Rashford is among us again, after a minor operation to her foot in the hospital. We trust that the relief will be permanent.

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Pastors Geo. A. E. Smith, and A. C. Stockhausen left the first week in August for their respective fields, after spending several weeks in Kingston, where their services have been greatly appreciated. Pastor H. Fletcher also found his hands full in the wide territory of his two districts. The St. Ann district has been added to Pastor Fletcher's superintendency, and Bro. R. B. Campbell is now assisting him.

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Miss Maisie Wright has now joined the office staff in the stenographic department, where we trust she will prove to be a valuable worker.

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Having completed his medical course, Doctor H. M. Johnston is at this writing on his way to Jamaica, where he expects to settle and join his brother at Black River. We congratulate Dr. Johnston on his success, welcome him home, and wish him every blessing as he starts his work of mercy in relieving the sick.

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**AMONG THE CHURCHES.** We are experiencing a return of the droughty conditions which caused our people much suffering last year. Newel and Southfield look as though they had

passed through the fire, and are scorched by the intense heat and continuous dry weather. It is very trying to work in these parts, where the heat is enervating night and day.

Our new church building at Williamsfield is steadily going up, the foundation being completed. The carpenters will be at work in another week. This church has been adding to its membership until it has outgrown the old church building. We expect to lay the corner-stone September 7. An interest has been created in a near-by district, and the brethren are holding Sunday afternoon meetings, although to reach the place involves a long climb up steep hills.

The membership of Southfield Church is small, owing to so many having left for other places. Brother Parchment served as Leader for many years, but was forced to retire on account of advancing age. He is much respected by the people in and around Southfield for his demonstrated Christianity.

Eight were recently baptized at Coleyville and added to the church. It was good to see the large number that gathered at the river-side to witness the service. Elder Hall is doing well at his medical work and at the same time acting as Leader of the Church. We hope that the time is not far distant when the desert will blossom as the rose through the long ages of eternity. The great work will soon be finished, and the Lord will come. Let all be of good courage, and talk courage as we go.

LIN RASHFORD.

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### NOTICE

I hereby give formal notice to our churches that the next Session of the Jamaica Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will convene at Kingston, November 20—30.

Delegates should be elected immediately, on the following basis: one delegate for each church, one for every twenty members and one for an additional fifteen members.

Immediately on the election of the delegates, their names and postal addresses should be sent to Bro. Grounds, 112 Tower Street, Kingston.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

President, Jamaica Conference, S.D. Adventists.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER S. M. DUHANY, from whom we have received the following report:

"I have been reading the reports of the General Conference in the REVIEW and HERALD, and they are most inspiring. How much more so it must have been to be there! I am real glad that I am privileged to be in this message.

I have completed reading my Bible through since the beginning of the year. I read it through twice some years ago, but this is the earliest that I have completed the reading."

Thus Hector's River sets the pace, gives the example, and rejoices in its achievement. We have sent for the certificate, wondering who will be next.

### HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

B. A. MEEKER.

AN APPEAL TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN HEARTILY IN THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN.

"The Lord has appointed the youth as His helping hand." Vol. 7: 64.

"With such an army as our youth rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." Ed. p. 271.

"Youthful talent, well organized and well trained, is needed in our churches. The youth will do something with their overflowing energies. Unless these energies are directed into right channels, they will be used by the youth in a way that will hurt their own spirituality, and prove an injury to those with whom they associate." *Gospel Workers* p. 261.

What is your response to this call to service? You are needed in this great campaign. If you are left out surely the cause will suffer loss, and you too will miss a great blessing to your own soul. When nations are at war the youth sacrifice their lives in service to their country. Will we be less loyal in service to our Master?

My young Christian brother, sister, give the Lord the best that you have to offer. He wants you. He desires to use you. Sister White has said that as we do soul-winning missionary work for Him, "We shall find that means shall flow into the treasuries, and we

shall have funds to carry on a still broader work. Souls who have wealth will be brought into the truth, and will give of their means to advance the work of God." Vol. 9: 101.

#### HARVEST INGATHERING.

The three goals before us are these:

1. At least one soul won for the Master.
2. At least ten hours of earnest service.
3. At least ten shillings gathered to help win more souls.

We hope that our young people will take an active part in the campaign and that many will plan on doing much more than reach the individual goals. Our aim should be to do as much as possible to advance the cause of God. A good plan is to lift and keep on lifting till the Harvest Ingathering campaign closes. Your church needs your help, and you need the experience.

Keep going, it's wiser

Than dragging behind,  
And dreaming and sighing,  
And dreading the grind,

In the Ingathering battle

They only prevail

Who daily keep going

And never say "FAIL."

—Adapted.

LEMUEL E. ESTEB.

#### ORGANIZATION HINTS THAT WILL WORK IN HARVEST INGATHERING.

1. Church Officers should give careful study to Harvest Ingathering Plans. You should plan your work, and work your plans. Every church member should be assigned his post during the campaign. This will insure success.

2. The assigning of definite territory to each member, not only brings results, but insures a thorough work, and shortens the campaign.

3. The Young People should be given a definite part in the plans. The co-operation of the Young People is necessary for the success of the campaign.

4. Consider the children as a part of the plan. Don't leave them out.

5. Prepare to begin on time. September 6 is the Rally Day. September 7, solicit funds.

6. Make use of the Goal or device. It would be a good idea to divide the church into ten bands. When a tenth of the goal is reached the band which got its portion of the goal first

could paste the picture representing a missionary on its proper place on the device. This band should not stop working, however, but be divided among the other bands. Then the next band to raise its goal could build the mission house. They do not stop working but join other bands. In this way the whole church will be working to raise the goal, and all the church will join in reaching the last tenth of the goal. Please note this plan, for I feel that the interest in the campaign may be kept up all through the eight weeks, if this plan is carried out. The directions will be sent with the device.

7. To a great extent the success of the Harvest Ingathering will depend on the enthusiasm and spirit of the church. Let the leaders lead.

8. The Treasurer of the church should keep the office in Kingston in continual touch with the financial standing of their churches, and should send the funds collected into the office at regular intervals, but the report cards provided should come in every week during the campaign.

9. Remember the three goals:

1. At least one soul won.
2. At least ten hours in faithful service in the campaign.
3. At least ten shillings gathered for the spread of the gospel.

10. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS. "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world."

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*Publishing Dept.*  
W. S. NATION F.M.S.

It is a law of human nature that what he does not understand he opposes. It is the duty of every colporteur to so saturate his mind with the facts of the book he canvasses, that with the aid of the Holy Spirit he can convince his hearers of the importance of having such a book in their possession. To acquire such knowledge is the purpose of our Institutes. The greatest compliment that any colporteur can pay to the Spirit-filled books he is selling is to tell the truth about it and tell it effectively.

"True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providence, the reward of faith and discretion, or virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral

tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them." I concur with these statements and therefore will produce evidences of their authenticity. I quote from Brother Hurst:

"Its not at all my desire to complain. Thank God, for this place (St. Ann.) I find the finest lot of people here, and you will see that with the effort I have made God has blessed wonderfully. £150 8/- worth of orders has been taken to be delivered in September."

Brother Spence writes: "I have had very many evidences of our Heavenly Father's watchcare, for which I desire to thank Him. When I put in the field 45 hours, I noticed the Lord enabled me to take £20 10/- orders; when I put in 46 hours He gave me £30 2/- worth; when I put in 10 hours I took £6 11/- worth, and this week when I put in 14 hours He granted me to take £8 5/- worth. Can't you see in that, Brother Nation, an average proportion of hours to orders approximately? I am interpreting this to verify the Lord's promise, and as a fulfilment of His agreement.' "Go work in my vineyard and whatsoever is right I will give them.'"

We are very grateful to our Heavenly Parent for the success of the canvassing work in Jamaica. Brother E. W. Everest, of the Inter-American Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, writes: "When I arrived in Mountain View the other day and saw the sales report of our field for the first six months, it certainly looked good to me, and one of the things which showed up the strongest, Brother Nation, is an increase in sales to Jamaica for the first six months, of practically 100 per cent. In fact, Jamaica shows the largest increase of any of the fields in the Inter-American Division."

Colporteurs, let us give God the glory for this wonderful work in our Island field. Still I feel that there is room for greater improvement, therefore, "let us stay by the task we have begun, for soon the work will be done." Cherish in your thoughts, and inculcate into your lives this wonderful sentence of Hudson Taylor:

"Be God's man;  
In God's place;  
Doing God's work;  
In God's way."

**Sabbath School Department**

MRS. H. J. EDMED.

In presenting the report for the second quarter of 1930, we are glad to note a little increase in the number of Honour cards issued and also in our Investment offerings for the first six months of this year. In 1929 we had \$115.73 while this year our total is \$147.55. Kencot heads the list for the past quarter with £2 12s. 2½d. Next we have Southfield with £1 8s. 6d., then follows Manchioneal £1 6s. 9d., North St., Kingston, 18/6½d. Spanish Town, 15/7d., Rollington Pen 14/8½d., Everton Park 12/-, Riversdale 11/3½d., Watermount 11/3½d. March Town 10/3d Little London 9/-, Mandeville 9/-, St. Ann's Bay 9/7, Joinwood 7/5, Mt. Carey 5/7d. Smaller amounts were reported from Belfield, Craig, Mt. Peace, Darliston, Flower Hill, Goshen, Lamb's River, Montego Bay, Seaford Town, Prospect, Sherwood Forest, Spring Garden, Springfield, Trinityville, and Port Antonio. In a previous issue of the "Visitor" others have been reported who had their Investment programme at an earlier date, and the small amounts from some of the last named schools are the balance of their Investment gifts.

We are saddened, however, when we compare our Twelve Sabbath offerings and that of the Thirteenth with those of the first six months of 1929. The decrease is specially noticeable in the latter offering. Remember decrease in offerings means retreat from the Mission fields.

Summary for Quarter ending June 30th 1930.

Number of schools .....	90
Membership .....	4301
Honour cards issued .....	642
Ribbon Book-marks.....	45
Twelve Sabbath Offerings..	\$937.23
Thirteenth Sabbath .....	346.69
Investment .....	98.25
Birthday .....	15.79
Total .....	\$1397.96

Of this amount \$73.46 was given by the Home Department members.

Training Course Certificates have been granted to the following members for 1928 and 1929 courses,—

North St. Kingston,—Alda A. Escofery, Doris L. Brown, Miss P. Reynolds, Laura Carr, F. Rose.

Kencot,—Mrs. J. W. Grounds, Sister Hinds, Sister Leslie Bro. R. Carter.

Mandeville,—Mrs. L. Rathbun, 1928 and 1929. Mrs. L. S. Crawford, 1928 and 1929, Senior and Junior. Mrs. B. Meeker. Miss V. M. Peake, Miss A. Shaw, Mrs. Bertha Peake, Mr. C. J. Ogilvie.

A list of names of certificates for members of our Port Antonio school will soon appear.

Let each Sabbath School member ask themselves the question, "How can I improve this report the present quarter?"

**W. I. Training College**

BUSINESS MANAGER

Congratulations are due Miss Mildred Daley on having received from the "Gregg Writer" a "Student's Complete Certificate" as evidence of her completion of the study of the principles of Gregg Shorthand.

The headquarters office of Gregg Shorthand in New York has kindly presented us with a handsome portrait of Mr. John Gregg the originator of Gregg Shorthand. We plan to have this picture framed and hung in the commercial room.

During the vacation two new Cuban students have joined us —Mr. Mario Lopez and Mr. Jose Manendez. Two others are expected shortly. A 12-week term of study has been provided this summer for the Cubans and they have worked diligently. Miss Morgan had charge of this department for some weeks, and now, while she takes a short vacation, Miss Edna Parchment is their teacher.

Just now on the Farm all hands are busy harvesting Pimento, Red Peas, and Corn. The barbecue has scarcely been large enough for all the drying that has had to be done, but the weather has favoured this work, and it has progressed steadily.

The newest venture in this department is the purchase of five young turkeys—four hens and a gobbler—the latter's father being a prize imported bird. This is the beginning of what we hope will some day be a large flock.

About thirty of our pure bred brown leghorns have now been transferred to the new poultry house.

The excessive heat in Kingston this summer has caused many residents to seek refuge among the hills of Mandeville with the result that our Bakery has not experienced the usual summer slump. Our bread has an island-wide reputation and visitors to this part of the country take pains to secure it.

Recent visitors to the school have been Mr. Solomon of the firm I. C. Solomon & Son, Mr. Alberga of Grace, Kennedy and Co., Mr. M. M. Alexander merchant of Kingston, and their accompanying lady friends, also Mrs. Hyslop and Mrs. Lindo, visitors at the Newleigh Hotel. All were greatly interested in the work being carried on.

**FAREWELL**

While we rejoice at the prospect of additions to our staff we also regret the loss of one who has been connected with the school in various capacities for a number of years. Since 1926 Brother P. J. Bailey has had his name on the consul's list as an applicant for the opportunity to enter the United States and shortly after school closed he received notification that his turn had been reached. He succeeded in securing the necessary papers and it became evident that we were to lose him from our teaching force.

Sunday evening, July 27, the school family gathered in the dining room which had been re-arranged for the occasion, to bid Brother Bailey "God-speed" on his journey. A little time was spent in a social way and then Professor Crawford called on different ones to express their feelings toward the evening's guest of honour and their wishes for his future. Brother Hamilton and Brother Parchment spoke of their long and pleasant association with Brother Bailey, both as a student in the school and later as they laboured together as members of the faculty. Miss Edmed expressed appreciation of his work in the conference office and told of the hopes that had been cherished that under his leadership in the Commercial Department, West Indian Training College would produce the champion shorthand writer of Jamaica. Several other speakers followed and then Miss Morgan recited feelingly a poem of farewell.

Brother Bailey carries with him a leather wallet and a loose leaf memorandum book to match, as an expression

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## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE.

### WHO'S WHO?

There has just passed away to rest 'till Jesus comes, Pastor G. B. Thompson, who for years has been connected with the General Conference as a man highly respected and dearly loved. I remember when he came to S. Africa, many years ago, as a young minister. He put up a tent in Grahamstown—the City of the Saints, as it was called, though not suitably, however.

He held a course of meetings there, and one family took hold of the truth whose faithfulness never declined. Afterwards another course of meetings was held in the same place, and the seed sown by Pastor Thompson produced a rich harvest.

We found a writing from the hand of Pastor Thompson which we are impressed to publish this month, hoping it may appeal to many of our young people. It is as follows:

### ALMOST, BUT LOST.

To be almost saved, is to be wholly lost at last. A hunter who almost shot a deer, missed it. A passenger on a sinking steamship who was almost saved, was drowned. A patient who almost recovered from pneumonia, died. A man who almost reached success, just missed it. A traveller who almost reached home, died on the way.

'Almost persuaded; harvest is past; Almost persuaded; doom comes at last! 'Almost' cannot avail; 'almost' is but to fail!

Sad, sad that bitter wail, 'Almost—but lost!'

Nothing but salvation will avail in the end; but this is what the Saviour promises us through the merits of His life. We are near the end. The sun of human probation is approaching the horizon. Our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary is about to lay down the censer, and the place of His ministration to be "filled with smoke from the glory of God."

Some have long borne heavy burdens. They have sacrificed much; they have given their children to God; they have sat in their old age, and looked at the vacant chair by the fire-side. On their knees around the fam-

ily altar they have prayed, not that the absent one might return, but that he might be kept faithful where he was. Great sacrifices in other ways have been made. Some to embrace this message have sacrificed relatives, friends, and position. Now as the gospel ship is making port in storm and stress, amid reefs and rocks and dangerous shoals, it is no time to lose heart, to grow discouraged and cast away our hope. "Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

Nothing is sadder than a wreck near the shore—a noble ship that has headed into the wind and breakers and plunged on in the darkness, wrecked in sight of port.

"The *Royal Charter* had been around the world, and was at last homeward bound. She had reached Queenstown, and then sailed for Liverpool; the message was telegraphed to Liverpool that she was almost home. Dr. William M. Taylor, a great New York preacher, was then in Liverpool as pastor, and the wife of the first mate of the *Royal Charter* was a member of his church. You may remember that the *Royal Charter* never came into Liverpool. An officer of my church told me that he waited on the dock all night, straining his eyes to catch a first glimpse of the vessel. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool was there. Bands of musicians and thousands of people waited to give her a welcome home. But the *Royal Charter* never came in. She went down in the night with almost all on board.

"They came to Dr. Taylor, and said, 'Will you go and tell the wife of the first mate?' So he started off to tell her. As he laid his hand upon the doorbell, the door flew open, and a little girl sprang out, crying, 'Oh, Dr. Taylor, I thought it was my papa. He is coming home today.' The preacher said he felt like an executioner as he walked into the house. He found the table laid for breakfast, and the wife of the first mate stepped forward, her face shining, as she said, 'Dr. Taylor, this is indeed a privilege, and if you will wait a little while, perhaps you will sit at our table with us, for my husband was on the *Royal Charter*, and he is coming home.'

"Dr. Taylor says he looked at her a moment, while he steadied himself and held on to a near-by chair, and then said, 'Poor woman, your husband will never come. The *Royal Charter* went down last night, and your husband is lost.' He says she threw her hands to her head, staggered for a moment, and then fell, and as she fell she cried, 'Oh my God, so near home, and lost!'"

Some who read this, perhaps, are almost in the fo' d. You have almost decided, yet hesitate to yield your heart to God and keep His commandments. To be almost persuaded is not enough. You must yield to the pleading of the Spirit, and become, not almost a Christian, but wholly the Lord's. Why not now!

Are you in the fold, yet doubting and undecided, fearing that after all you have made a mistake and the Lord is not coming? Are you looking about for something else to cling to? It is too late now to jump overboard and perish in the angry billows that beat the foam-crested shore.

This message is not a fable; it is the fulfilment of prophecy, and its destiny can be no more thwarted or hindered than can yonder sun or planet be stayed in its orbit in the heavens. No matter how great the storm, those who believe God will reach port. "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved."—G. B. Thompson, in the *Eastern Canadian Messenger*.

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### NAMES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Catherine Dunbar, Mary Dunbar, A'ma Wright.

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We congratulate Sr. S. M. Duhaney of Hector's River on having achieved the splendid work of reading the Bible through already this year. She says that she has sometimes read it through twice in one year, but this is the earliest time that she has completed the first reading.

We hope that many of our young people as well as the older members will follow this splendid example of Sister Duhaney. Who will be next?

## LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER.

My dear Little Folks,

I want to talk to you to-day, about a story you already know. A young man came to Jesus one day to try and cause Jesus to say something unwise. This young man was learned, and thought Jesus could not teach him anything. But just to catch Him, he asked Him what he must do to obtain eternal life.

But Jesus understood what was in the young man's heart, for He can read our thoughts so easily. And He asked him another question, "What is written in the law? *How readest thou?*" Jesus believed in reading, and He showed the young man that if he had read well, he would not need to ask the question.

Jesus was a great believer in reading. I suppose He read a great deal when a boy, for He seemed to know the Bible by heart. In the last vision of the Bible, recorded in the book of Revelation, He told John to write what he saw in a book, and to say to us all, "*Blessed is he that readeth*, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those sayings which are written therein...." Rev. 1: 1-3. So Jesus loves to know that we read.

When I was a little boy, my Daddie had a big room with shelves all round that were filled with books. Glass doors in front, which were kept locked, showed how he valued those books. Sometimes we kiddies would want to look at the pictures or read some of the books, but we were strictly ordered to replace them when we had finished with them, and shut the door. He expected us to read a little every day, and often when we were sent to bed, we would sit on his knee while he asked us to tell him what we had read.

Daddie always gave us a book on our birthday, besides a few toys, and we had our own little set of shelves where we had to keep our books. He taught us to cover them with paper, and keep them carefully so they would not get dirty.

So, by the time we left school and had to go into the big world to earn our living, we each had our little library, which we valued very much. In this way I learned many things that have been helpful to me as I grew up to manhood, and I am grateful to my

Daddie for teaching me to love books which helped me to get through many trials and perplexities.

Books are made to be kept. In old Egypt they made clay pots and reed baskets in which to keep their books. Sometimes they would kill a monkey or other small animal and make the skin into a bag for keeping the book, which was often a lump of clay written upon when soft and then baked.

You remember how God wrote His book of the ten commandments on two tables of stone, and Moses had to make a box overlaid with gold, in which to keep them. Then, Moses had to write the civil law in a book or scroll, and put it in a box at the side of the Ark of the Testament, so that the priest could take it out to read to the people. That box had a little side door to keep the book carefully. This shows that God takes care of books. And we read that Angels of heaven keep books in which they write all our good and bad deeds and sayings, and they will carefully take care of them until the judgment.

But our books are small, easy to handle, and easy to take care of. Once upon a time there were so few Bibles that they were chained to stone pillars in the churches, and if anyone wanted to read them, they had to go to the church to read. But now, we can each have our own dear Bible, and we can read it at home, in bed, at the table—anywhere, we can carry the word of life and read it.

Do you take care of your books? I have some in my home today, that are more than one hundred years old. I often read them. And I hope, dear Little Folks that you will try and get a new book every year or more, ask papa to make a shelf for you to keep them, and then read a little every day. Read good books, for they help you to be good. Read lives of Missionaries, read our papers, read the Bible through every year—it will help you so much, and Jesus will be pleased with you. If you form the habit of reading a little each day, in ten years you will be surprised how much you know, and it will help you to form a good character.

When we went across to America we saw such a lot of flying machines, taking people up in the air. They

made such a noise, and travelled so fast. On the sea we saw some little flying machines in the water—little flying fish, which looked like little bits of silver with wings, and they made no noise. It was pretty to see them in great numbers dart out of one wave, fly a little way, and then dive into another.

John saw angels fly in the midst of the heavens, and all the noise he could hear was their voices giving the world the Gospel. He saw them coming down from and going up to heaven, always busy working to help us. We do love to read about those bright beings that have never sinned, and someday we shall see them too. They are now guiding God's great work all over the earth.

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At the General Conference we saw two great tall Christian brown men, who were chiefs from the Fiji Islands. Their hair was like a very thick bush, and they are very powerful.

When they were boys, their parents used to be wild cannibals. That is, they used to eat people. Little children in those days always lived afraid that one day their parents would kill them and eat them, so they were never happy. They knew nothing about God, or Jesus, either. But one day one of our missionaries came over there and taught them of the love of God and His dear Son, Jesus. They became Christians, and now they are ordained ministers, and are such nice men. They showed us how they dressed in their heathen state, and they each held a big thick stick, and a knife which they used in their wickedness to kill people. But now, the sticks and knives are gone, and they hold a Bible and Hymn-book instead. As they saw the piano, one said, the conference was like the piano—it has black and white notes, and when touched they bring out sweet harmony. So that conference had white and coloured people, and as they were touched by the Holy Spirit they were so full of harmony. In this they referred to the spirit of love shown by all races that gathered there.

It is that kind of people that our Sabbath School offerings send the Missionaries to save.

H.J.E.



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### QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

1. Describe the Tree of Life.
2. Why were Adam and Eve prevented from eating of the fruit of the Tree of Life?
3. What was the difference between the offering of Cain and that of Abel?
4. Who does Jesus say are His friends?
5. Who will have a right to the Tree of Life when Jesus comes?

### LITTLE FOLKS ANSWERING AUGUST QUESTIONS.

Ruth V. Dawkins, Olive P. Dawkins, Endora Webber, Winnifred Stern, Vera Davis, Roy Crosbie, Nora Davis, Daisy Davis, Thelma Davis, Dolores Ogden, Sylvia Morgan, Carmen Bradshaw.

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### Answers to August Questions.

1. John 11: 35.
2. King Jonathan, 2 Chron. 27: 1-6.
3. Gabriel.
4. To fulfil all Righteousness. Matt. 3.
5. They were sleeping. Matt. 23: 36-45.

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### QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

1. Why did Ananias and Sapphira die suddenly?
2. Who was Cornelius? And what was his character?
3. Who was Abraham's son of Promise?
4. Who carried the cross for Jesus?
5. Who preached to the people on the Day of Pentecost?

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### W. I. TRAINING COLLEGE.

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of the esteem in which he is held. As he goes to further prepare himself for service our prayers and good wishes follow him, with the hope that it will not be very long until he will return to unite again with us in labour for the upbuilding of his Alma Mater.

## TO AND FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

After the kind "send off" given us by friends and relatives, on the night of May 8th. in company with Elder and Mrs. Edmed, I left the shores of "sunny" Jamaica on the S.S. *Lady Rodney* to attend as one of the delegates, the 42nd session of the General Conference which was to be held at San Francisco, Calif., U.S.A.

My original booking to go via New York was cancelled by special request in order that I might conduct a special series of meetings in Nassau. We had a most enjoyable trip together, especially as we were birds of the same spiritual "feathers". On our arrival at Nassau we were met at the wharf by Elders Syge and Reid, and taken to the home of the latter where we were given a right royal welcome and reception.

As it was the original intention of Elder and Mrs. Edmed to visit friends in the Southern parts of the U.S.A. and having no special mission in Nassau, seeing an opportunity to continue their journey the next day, they, much to their regret that we had to part company so soon, sailed for Miami.

During my stay in Nassau I shared the hospitality of Elder Reid's home, and also found Elder and Mrs. Syge to be the same old friends, and was nicely entertained by them.

After a successful mission I left for Miami, Florida, where I spent a most enjoyable two days with new-found friends and brethren. I then travelled up through the southern states to visit an old friend and co-worker in Cincinnati, Ohio. By the way let me explain that the "jim-crowism" which I referred to in a previous report has nothing whatsoever to do with the actions of our people, because they do not control or operate any of the railroad lines in the States, or any where.

In my extensive trip of nearly ten thousand miles, travelling from south to north, and from east to west, I have had the best of reception and treatment every where by both the coloured and white brethren. It had never been otherwise at any time during my stay.

It was good to meet beloved pastor Roberts who was the first to welcome and entertain me on my arrival at San Francisco. Then the almost daily reunion with the many former workers in this field. All having asked me to

convey to all the brethren their greetings.

My whole stay was most profitable and enjoyable. After meeting the more than sixteen thousands of believers and delegates, representing more than 347 different languages, hearing them relate their experiences and give their reports—and particularly the determined stand taken by the coloured brethren to work hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder with their white brethren for the speedy finish of the work among all races; I have returned with a deeper consecration and greater confidence in the soon and ultimate triumph of the work of the organized body of Seventh Day Adventists.

HUBERT FLETCHER.

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As we have received many enquiries, we hereby give notice that Mr. S. U. Powell has tendered his resignation from the ministry as well as the membership of Seventh Day Adventists, and that he is therefore no longer bearing credentials as a minister.

We regret that Mr. Powell has taken this step, and pray that the Lord may enable him to see his mistake. We believe with all sincerity that the Cause he has espoused is, like all other separatist movements, destined to fail. The Conference has had no quarrel with Mr. Powell, and we shall be glad to answer any questions of a reasonable nature concerning the matter, in private correspondence.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Jamaica Conference of S.D. Adventists.

By the above action, Mr. S. U. Powell also ceases to be a Marriage Officer for the Seventh Day Adventist Body.

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### SPECIAL.

With great sadness we have to record the demise of Sister Jones, the esteemed wife of our veteran minister—Pastor M. Jones. A more extended notice will be printed in our next issue.

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### EDITOR'S NOTICE.

We regret that we are unable to include several good reports in this number, for want of space. They will take precedence next month, which promises to be a very interesting number. We hope to secure at least two hundred renewed and new subscriptions. Please send in yours.