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Work That Requires Our Thought

Wrongs cannot be righted, nor can reformations in conduct be made by a few feeble, intermittent efforts. Character building is the work, not of a day, nor of a year, but of a lifetime.

The struggle for conquest over self, for holiness and heaven, is a lifelong struggle. Without continual effort and constant activity, there can be no advancement in the divine life, no attainment of the victor's crown.

The strongest evidence of man's fall from a higher state is the fact that it costs so much to return. The way of return can be gained only by hard fighting, inch by inch, hour by hour. In one moment, by a hasty, unguarded act, we may place ourselves in the power of evil; but it requires more than a moment to break the fetters and attain to a holier life. The purpose may be formed, the work begun; but its accomplishment will require toil, time, perseverance, patience, and sacrifice.

We cannot allow ourselves to act from impulse. We cannot be off our guard for a moment. Beset with temptations without number, we must resist firmly or be conquered. Should we come to the close of life with our work undone, it would be an eternal loss.

The life of the apostle Paul was a constant conflict with self. He said, "I die daily." His will and his desires every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did God's will, however crucifying to his nature.

The young would not be seduced into sin if they would refuse to enter any path, save that upon which they could ask God's blessing.

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.

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

Our Saviour bids, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." If we encounter difficulties, and in Christ's strength overcome them; if we meet enemies, and in Christ's strength put them to flight; if we accept responsibilities, and in Christ's strength discharge them faithfully, we are gaining a precious experience. We learn, as we could not otherwise have learned, that our Saviour is a present help in every time of need.

ELLEN G. WHITE

THE BIBLE STUDY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Q. 1. What is the Holy Spirit called?
ANS. Jno. 14:16, 17. He is called "The Comforter."
- Q. 2. Whose place does the Holy Spirit occupy on earth?
ANS. Jno. 16:7. He takes the place of Jesus Christ on earth.
- Q. 3. Who leads us to Jesus?
ANS. Rom. 2:2. God, by His Spirit.
- Q. 4. By whom are we born into God's kingdom?
ANS. Jno. 3:3-8. By the Holy Spirit.
- Q. 5. By whom should Christians be led?
ANS. Rom. 8:14. By the Holy Spirit.
- Q. 6. By what does He lead us?
ANS. I Peter 1:23. By the Word of God.
- Q. 7. Through whom do we receive power for victory over our sin?
ANS. Jno. 1:12, 13. Through the Holy Spirit.
- Q. 8. Through whom do we receive power to witness for Jesus?
ANS. Acts 1:8. Through the Holy Spirit.
- Q. 9. To what is the Holy Spirit contrary?
ANS. Gal. 5:16, 17. He is contrary to our sinful desires.
- Q. 10. When we are led by the Holy Spirit, may we follow our natural inclinations?
ANS. Gal. 5:17-last clause. No. As long as we crave for the gratification of natural sinful lusts, it shows that we have not yet submitted to the Holy Spirit.
- Q. 11. Where does the Holy Spirit take up His abode?
ANS. Jno. 14:17; I Cor. 6:19. In the believer.
- Q. 12. Does a Christian's body become sacred by conversion?
ANS. I Cor. 6:19, 20. The body should glorify God in all its functions.
- Q. 13. What will happen if we fail in this?
ANS. I Cor. 3:16, 17. We may not defile the body. We shall be destroyed.
- Q. 14. Does self-denial make Christians miserable?
ANS. Rom. 14:17. It brings righteousness, peace, and joy.
- Q. 15. What will the Holy Spirit do for us daily?
ANS. Philemon 3:5. Renew our strength and consecration.
- Q. 16. Is the Lord willing to give us His Spirit?
ANS. Luke 11:13. He is if we ask Him.
- Q. 17. Are there varying measures of the Gift of the Holy Spirit?
ANS. Joel 2:23; Eze. 34:26. Yes. "As thy day."
- Q. 18. What should we pray earnestly for now?
ANS. Zech. 10:1. For rain that ripens the harvest for the coming of our Lord.

THE WAY OUT

The present financial depression has not come to us as a surprise. We have preached through the years that this day was quickly approaching, and that when it came it would test the faith and loyalty of all God's dear people. Has not He told us that men's hearts would fail for fear as they looked upon the crises that rolled rapidly in sight to herald the near approach of our dear Saviour? Luke 21:25.

Nor do we believe that any permanent relief will come, because the curse causeless does not come, and the enormous sins that characterize our times persist. Yea, they grow worse and worse, grieving away the Holy Spirit, leaving Satan to work his wicked will upon a people who never cease to invite his hellish benediction upon their lives. Men may find some temporary alleviation of distress, but as it will be by adjustment of the conscience rather than the incidence of sin, such relief can only be of brief duration.

Yet the Lord's work must be done. His purpose cannot fail. We are still responsible for the finishing of the work. There must not be any reduction of our enthusiasm. Our activity is to be increased rather than diminished. We are told that the Lord has a thousand ways that we know not of to help us, and it is surely up to us to seek Him and reverently ascertain the way in which He would lead us. We must find the sacred avenues to success. Remember that to the Lord's people nothing has changed. We have the same God, the same Saviour, the same precious promises, the same gospel commission, the same blessed truth, the same divine purpose, and the same broad field of labour.

Certainly we should adapt ourselves to the situation. Harder work, greater effort, increased energy, mighty enthusiasm, unwavering faith, and undaunted courage must characterize our every endeavour. Such economies as may be necessary must not minimize our activity nor reduce our goals. Our study must be to learn how to achieve greater results with a smaller purse. Every leader must be a Gideon these days, seeing his forces reduced to the impossible, yet forging ahead toward victory with plans and instruments that no liberal army would use. Possibly the Lord sees that some of our near home stakes need strengthening and adjusting. Maybe He is testing our faith and our consecration. Or, maybe, He is calling upon us to examine our methods of finance, for we fear that He has many in the fold who fail to give Him a faithful tithe besides many others who could, but do not support His great mission enterprises as they should. Possibly He is seeking to en-

rich some of His poor who are in the bonds of adversity and poverty because they have grieved away His Spirit from their lands, their business, and their homes, by robbing Him.

We are impressed with these views by reading the following: It is not returning to God His own that makes men poor." Vol. 6, p. 449.

"If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the storehouse, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments." Vol. 4, pp. 475, 476.

"Whenever God's people in any period of the world have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence and in gifts and offerings, they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should attend all their labours just in proportion as they have obeyed His requirements. When they acknowledged the claims of God and complied with His requirements, honouring Him with their substance, their barns were filled with plenty. But when they robbed God in tithes and offerings, they were made to realize that they were not only robbing Him, but themselves, for He limited His blessings to them, just in proportion as they limited their offerings to Him." Vol. 3, p. 395.

It is therefore profitable and common sense at this time to examine our individual relationships and practices in the matter of faithfully giving to God willingly and liberally as we should. Jesus told this whole story in just a few words, in Luke 6:38: "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

It stands to reason, therefore, that many are poor because they withhold that which is mete from the Lord.

We are happy in the thought that God's people in Jamaica are a responsive people. We feel sure that every member will prayerfully study the situation, exercise more faith in God, and give faithfully what belongs to Him. Thus, with an earnest consecration to strong missionary endeavours, and reaching out to the achievement of our goal to double our membership this year, we may yet be able with the help of the Lord, to measure up to the present need.

We speak of these things because, in spite of many additions recently made by baptism, the income of the conference for the first quarter this year is considerably less than that of the same period last year.

Sabbath School Department
MRS. H. J. EDMED

At our recent conventions held in Pastor Fletcher's district, we were encouraged by the response given to our appeals to reach a higher standard of efficiency in our Sabbath schools. Officers and teachers of the 17 schools represented seemed to realize more fully the sacredness of their work, and the necessity of thorough preparation for it. Riversdale, Bagbie, Gayle, Belfield, Guy's Hill and Everton Park decided to take "Worker's Training Course," although late.

Quite an interest was also manifested in the "Pennant," especially by our St. Ann's, Riversdale, Belfield, and Spanish Town schools, as they are the nearest in this group of obtaining it. As we showed what an average of 65 per cent in Honor Cards and offerings would mean to each school, the Goal did not seem at all impossible to them. Several of our schools seemed determined to be more liberal in their gifts to God's cause.

The question of "rainy days" and how to deal with the members in reference to their attendance mark when unable to attend at such times was fully discussed, and so we give here for the benefit of all our schools the resolution that was passed at the last General Conference.—"We recommend that our Sabbath school standards be held high, and that Honor Cards be issued only for perfect attendance without tardiness and for daily study, with a ten-minute minimum as the time of study; the only exception to the standard being for absence due to most unusual circumstances which no forethought, preparation, or adjustment could have avoided such as serious illness, or an act of Providence, as in case of cyclone, earthquake, blizzard (Very heavy rains we might substitute for blizzard) etc., and that perfect attendance cards be issued to such members, family or group, if they have faithfully carried out the Sabbath-school program and rendered a written report to the secretary of the Sabbath-school, giving daily study and offering items, together with other information that may be of interest in the program of the school to which they belong."

The Investment offerings in some of our schools have helped them to get a little nearer the "Pennant." These offerings for the first quarter of 1931 were almost double those of the same period of 1929 and 1930. Letters are still coming in showing the interest that is taken in this plan for increasing our offerings. Sister

Plummer of Old Harbour writes: "Our Investment program came off successfully last Sunday evening. The children's part of the program was of very great interest to the visitors, who after the meeting, told how much they had enjoyed the meeting. One person added, 'The recitations and songs speak plainly for themselves.' We had on our Investment table 2 chickens, 2 small dresses, 1 pint of red peas, one dozen and two eggs, four canes, one small basket of ripe bananas, and a sponge cake valued at 3/-. With the offering from the visitors it all amounted to 11/-."

Sister Duhaney of Hector's River sends these cheering words: "Our Sabbath school is very encouraging, and we are working and praying for new members. Our Investment program was quite a success. We raised £1, 2. 0 on that day."

Sister Anna Smith of the Canaan Sabbath school says: "We had a lovely Investment program; even the children in the Kindergarten were anxious to invest something, and it was a real surprise to hear a six-year-old girl say that she would give her own hen, for when her father invested for her, it was not she that gave, and then her little four-year-old brother did the same. We expect good returns from the investments that were made." God bless the children!

The report of our Sabbath schools in the Jamaica Conference for the first quarter of 1931 is as follows:

No. of schools *	97
Membership	4338
Attendance	3793
Honour cards issued	697
Ribbon Book-marks for one year	46
" " for two years	12
" " for three " "	4
" " for seven " "	† 1
Offerings 12 Sabbaths	\$902.02
Thirteenth Sabbath	292.29
Investment Fund	92.37
Birthday offerings	10.63
Total	\$1297.31

*All reported.

†Bro. W. E. Langley.

Our Honour Cards show the largest number on record, but our offerings have fallen below the first quarters of 1929 and 1930. We trust as the result of RALLY DAY, we shall have a better showing at the end of the present quarter.

Sister A. W. Sangster writes of the Worker's Training Course in this way: "I do not see how I would be able to get along in the Sabbath school without being a member of this wonderful and inspiring class."

Sister Ida Holness of Jointwood Sabbath school sends an interesting report, which reads thus: "We had our Investment program on the day appointed. We all had an enjoyable time. All were anxious

and willing to co-operate. Those who had never invested anything before planned to invest something. A little girl decided to invest a banana root, and not long after she brought in 2/6. Our Sabbath school is progressing. We are happy to see the children having a part in this good work."

**Young People's Missionary
Volunteer Department**
PASTOR B. A. MEEKER

THE RIGHT AIM

It should be the aim of every Seventh-day Adventist to strive in every way possible to get this glorious message to our fellowmen. Heretofore we have been content to erect buildings that misrepresented the high and holy message which we are striving to propagate.

The scene is changing, however, and the past years have seen some very presentable and well constructed buildings erected with several others on the way. Our Newell building is well on its way, but the general depression has had a lot to do with the slow progress we are making at present. The brethren are all of good courage, however, and we are sure that the good Lord in his own time will help us to achieve our aim.

The corner-stone laying of the Chudleigh (Craig) building will take place on the tenth of May, when we hope to get some help for our continuation of the work. This promises to be a nice building, of cut stones, and its prominence will give it a good chance of being seen from many adjacent villages. Our Aucembeddie Church Building is nearing completion, and we hope to be able to dedicate it very soon.

What a fine thing it would be if all our brethren were able to work at carpentry and painting, so we could save much that we pay out in this direction. The outlook for a good ingathering of souls this year is very promising, as nearly all our churches are preparing candidates for baptism. Soon the good work will be finished, and the Lord will come.

In company with Pastor Fletcher, Pastor Edmed and wife, and Brother Grounds, we visited eight churches in Pastor Fletcher's district. We wish to bring you a good report of the meetings held. It was my privilege to present at each of the churches the educational goals of the M. V. Department. Pastor Fletcher speaking of the special meeting in which these things were considered called it the "time for action."

It was so, for when the slips were passed, which had the four goals printed on

them there was action, These goals are as follows:

1. **MORNING WATCH.** To observe the Morning Watch one must devote time to prayer and meditation in the morning hours. The Morning Watch Calendar is a great aid to this practice, and may be had from our Book and Bible House for only 3d.

2. **BIBLE YEAR.** The Bible Year implies the reading of the Bible through in a year, or for the Juniors to read it in part as is prescribed by the department.

3. **READING COURSES.** Senior: Great Controversy, chapter 19 to the end of the book; Alone with God, and Keeping Well. Total cost 19/6. Junior: Sweetest Stories, A Journey to Happy Health Land, and Bed Time stories, No. 4, price 2/3.

4. **STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT.** This study consists of two branches, Denominational History, and Bible Doctrines, price for the two booklets 1/3. A more simple course may be had for the Juniors for 9d.

When the Bible Year and Reading Courses are finished, certificates are issued to those completing the course. In order to secure the certificate for the Standard of Attainment examinations are necessary. The student receiving 75 per cent is entitled to pass and receives a certificate that is a real mark of honour. We urge all who will to take this course and prepare for better service in the Master's work.

At St. Anns Bay we had a good start in the right direction. Forty signed up to reach one or more of the goals. Fourteen are planning to take the Standard of Attainment.

We were especially impressed with the number of young people and children in some of our churches. Mile End had a splendid showing. Many of the young people not of our faith came in. There was a keen interest on the part of nearly all in the goals. Nearly every one signed cards, and here too a large number decided to take the Standard of Attainment.

Members of the Gayle Church were enthusiastic in carrying out the plans. Brother F. T. Boyd was appointed to teach the class organized in the Standard of Attainment. It is planned that in each church some one will take a keen interest in seeing that those who are beginning in a good thing may continue faithful till the goal is reached.

Perhaps the most hearty response was given at Clermont. There forty-six of the members are enrolled in the Standard of Attainment. There are three classes organized, and teachers appointed for each. They will plan to have their classes on Sabbath afternoon.

We wish to say that everywhere, at Guy's Hill, Bagbie, Riversdale, and Spanish Town, the same good interest was shown in the plans. In the eight churches visited no less than 210 signed to take the Standard of Attainment. Let the good work spread. We are convinced that if our people will lay hold of the opportunities afforded them in these courses, great blessing will result. Surely as we do the same things in all our churches, we will be prepared to speak the same things.

Brethren and sisters, young people and children, let us join heartily in plans for the improvement of our spiritual powers. Let us pray, and read good books. Let us study God's message to us, and live to His glory.

I will be glad to hear from any who wish to enquire further with reference to the goals or the missionary activities of the church.

BYRON A. MEEKER

NEWS NOTES

We saw in one of the recent exchanges, that Big Week stands on a tripod. Its three legs are Medical work, Publishing work, and Educational work. He might have told us that modern tripods are usually extending, for that is the kind of Big Week we aim to produce this year. Then too, the wider the base, the firmer it will stand. So we want to reach a wider circle this year. And, last but not least, the tripod usually upholds a good picture-taking machine. That is exactly what this year's Big Week is doing. Examine the little booklet and you will see the cheering prospect for which many mission stations are watching. Jamaica is among them.

The forced return of Jamaicans from Cuba opens a door of opportunity to us. We should hunt up those among them who are our brethren in the faith. Urge them to get their membership transferred, and get them interested in all the goals and aims of your church. Let none be lost if we can save them.

Pastor F. G. Clifford has left Jamaica to visit some of our institutions in the United States in connection with his work. He expects to return and take his family back to South Africa about August. He thoroughly enjoyed his brief stay among us.

We have great joy in reporting that some are desirous of coming into our fellowship at Port Maria. The greater portion of our members and the children are taking the Bible Year. Some have completed it already. We are arranging to have our new foundation constructed in a

few weeks. On Sunday, April 5, our new organ was unveiled and dedicated. Messrs. P. R. Miller, manager of the bank here, and D. A. G. Murray, a local solicitor, took part, the latter being represented by Doctor Hibbert. Several friends each drew out a stop, and we were favoured by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Walker of Guy's Hill. Pastor H. Fletcher offered the dedicatory prayer, and a well rendered program followed. Much credit is due to all who took part. T. A. GRAY

Brother Uri Morgan, after a protracted attack of the "Flu," has again started out to earn his way through the higher College grades and to complete his course. He is finding depressed conditions, but indomitable courage keeps him going. Let us pray for him.

While itinerating, we happily met Brethren Balfour Hurst and B. A. Ricketts. Both were full of courage, and told of success. Brother Hurst is taking a few days rest, and we were glad to meet him and Brother Ricketts.

Brother K. E. Destoe sends an encouraging report of his part in the awakening at Spring Garden which is now being fostered by Pastor H. P. Lawson. By home to home work, quite a stir has been aroused, and Brethren Gouldbourne and he have held many Bible studies in the houses. Then they have invited the Brethren to visit these interested persons with excellent results. One gentleman who at first was much opposed, accepted later the invitation to attend the meetings, and did so. Brother Destoe is filled with the joy of what he designates, "Pleasant" service, and requests the prayers which we will readily offer in his behalf.

The President of the conference left for Cuba, May 14, to attend a meeting of the Antillian Union Committee. Pastor E. E. Andross and other Division departmental workers will be present, and important matters will be discussed. The President expects to return to Jamaica about the time of the issue of this paper.

The Big Week fever has already begun to grip our church officers. Brother E. Hamilton of Clermont church has sent the order for his company, and announces his plans for selling the books. That sounds like business! Pastor A. C. Stockhausen had his churches in line, and sent their orders in early. Brother Gibson, of Spanish Town, came into town to get his arm massaged, but first of all, he brought his plans for Big Week,—a man with one hand kills two birds with one stone!

We had a baptismal service here last night. The church was crowded to the utmost capacity, and twelve souls were added to the Port Antonio church membership. There are quite a number of interested persons in this town, and they are coming to our fold one by one.

A. C. STOCKHAUSEN

Cable advice informs us of the death of Sister O. P. Reid at Nassau. We are unable to publish any of the particulars, but at the Sabbath service at North Street, May the 9th, the church passed a standing vote of sympathy for Brother Reid and the family. A letter of condolence was also sent from the office.

Heart-rending stories of the recent earthquakes in various parts of the earth have been recorded in the *Review and Herald*, and we wish every member in Jamaica could have read them. One worker who lost his wife and daughter in one visitation, was unable to find them for several days. At last their charred remains were discovered huddled together beneath the pillars of a large emporium which must have fallen upon them. They were placed together in a box and buried. At Managua, the earth tremours continued for several days. Every building in the city was destroyed, and our workers had to sleep without cover, and have water brought to them. All that they owned was destroyed, but the Lord spared their lives. We are thankful that Brother Frank Fletcher had not long left the city when it happened, so he escaped narrowly.

In these terrible visitations thousands of lives were hurled into eternity without a moment's notice. Their probation then closed, and those whom the quake found unsaved can never be saved. How we should work for the salvation of our neighbours—and ourselves, for we know not when some such calamity may blot out our lives in an unexpected moment. "Therefore be ye also ready, for at such an hour as ye think not—"

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Itinerating in Pastor Fletcher's territory provides one with an exceptional insight into the fullest exercise of the graces of hospitality and spiritual enthusiasm. Jamaicans are noted for these excellent traits, and the Conference Team enjoyed a succession of demonstrations of this kind from April 24 to May 4, as they visited the churches.

The Team consisted of Brother J. W. Grounds, Pastor B. A. Meecker, and Pastor and Mrs. Edmed. Pastor Fletcher acted as Master of Ceremonies, than whom we could not wish a better, having previously arranged for our accommodation and

entertainment, which the brethren lavished upon us.

Beginning with St. Ann's Bay Church, meetings were held all day in each center into which surrounding churches came. At the place mentioned, we had representatives from Devon, Brittonville and Bamboo. At Mile End we found also members from Ocho Rios. Bonny Gate and Gayle united for the day, Guy's Hill and Carron Hall; Clermont, Comfort Valley and Broadway; Riversdale, Williamsfield, and Linstead, made up enthusiastic congregations, and at Bagbie and Spanish Town—the last place visited, the conventions were very successful.

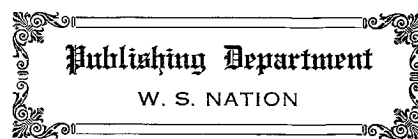
The day usually began with an introduction by Pastor H. Fletcher, a study by the President for church-officers, and a presentation of the aims, methods, goals and awards of the Sabbath school department by Mrs. Edmed. After lunch, Brother Grounds carried us through a study of the work of the Church Treasurers and Clerks. This being the first time the Secretary-Treasurer of the conference has accompanied us, we found in his studies an element of freshness that was both helpful and pleasing. Pastor Meecker came on for the last of the departmental studies, his instruction always being spiced with the distribution of pledge cards on which members (as reported in his department of this paper) promised to take the various reading and educational courses for which he offered and exhibited very attractive certificates.

The night services were usually well attended by persons not of our faith, and the congregations were very encouraging. These were conducted by the President.

It is remarkable that as in other parts of the island, friends who are not members, very kindly opened their homes for our comfort. Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Mile End were true friends; Mr. and Mrs. James, and Mr. and Mrs. Silvera, of Gayle, provided most grateful rest; while the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James discoursed sweet music for our needed diversion. And what shall we say of the Barnes family at St. Ann's Bay, the Davis and Janes at Mile End and Gayle, the Walker family at Guy's Hill, Sister Gryson and her helpers at Bagbie, the Fletcher family at Riversdale, and the Philpots and Folkes' at Spanish Town! We have not named them all, for so many Marthas ministered to our needs that the list becomes too formidable for our brief space. We thank them all, and pray the Lord to give them infinite compensations.

We missed only one appointment through rain, although the showers were falling all around; but we did not miss one Convention meeting. Since returning we have heard encouraging reports of the

results, and we praise the Lord for the good time He gave us, and dear Pastor Fletcher for the excellent arrangements.



COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

A colporteurs' institute will be held at the West Indian Training College, from June 9-18th. All prospective and regular colporteurs are requested not to allow this opportunity to pass them. Our new Field Missionary Secretary for the Union, brother J. R. McWilliams, will be with us.

Only those who have met the specifications of the Conference as stated in the resolution passed at the last Biennial Session, will be granted Conference courtesies, such as travelling expenses and board and lodging.

19. Standards for Colporteurs

Whereas The work of the colporteurs is work of the highest missionary activity, and a great soul saving agency, and

Whereas We desire to show special appreciation to those who now labour diligently and sacrificingly in this department of work, therefore

RESOLVED (a) That when a colporteur averages 1000 hours for the year, and delivers sales amounting to £200 minimum per annum, he be granted a Colporteur's License, providing he is in harmony with the faith of this Body, and is free from debt, and his life is in keeping with its holy principles.

(b) That before entering under designation of a Regular Colporteur, the worker must work the average of not less than fifteen hours per week, deliver a minimum of £15 retail value of our large books per month, and be free from debt.

(c) That regular colporteurs fulfilling the foregoing condition enjoy the courtesies of the Conference in attending Colporteurs' Institutes and Conference Sessions.

(d) That in case of those desiring to enter the colporteur work, and attending Institutes to receive the necessary instruction, a deposit of one pound sterling be required, which shall be refunded after one year's standard Regular Colporteur's work has been reached, or forfeited as payment for the Institute should the minimum not be attained.

"You may be whole-souled in your consecration—but you must work.

You may pray earnestly—but you must work.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

QUES.—"Will you please explain very clearly what is the sin against the Holy Ghost?"

ANS.—This is an old question which seems to trouble many people. The answer, however, appears to us to be quite simple. This sin is first mentioned specifically in Matt. 12: 22-31; although it is referred to in other Scriptures. Jesus Christ wrought His miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit, but the Jews claim that this Spirit was Satan. For this reason the Jews refuse to accept Christ, who came to save them.

Now, whenever we reject the Holy Spirit in the same way and for the same reason, we commit the unpardonable sin. We do not understand that God is no more arbiter in dealing with this sin, than He is with others; but seeing that the Holy Spirit is the divine Agent in the conversion of men, there can be no other way of salvation, and this makes the sin unpardonable. To illustrate: Suppose a man is drowning in the water and you throw a rope for him to lay hold of so that you can pull him out of the water; he decides that you are only fooling him, and refuses to lay hold of the rope. He is committing an act that prevents you from saving him. In like manner the Holy Spirit is the connecting link between Heaven and earth, the heavenly life line thrown out to save us from perishing in this life; if we lay hold of this life-line we may be saved, but if we refuse to recognize God's saving Agent, and reject Him, there is no other way. Except ye be born of water and of the Spirit, you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

THE BOOK THAT WINS

There never was another book like the Bible! Its words are living words. This is suggestively revealed in the experiences of God's Two Witnesses—the Old Testament, and the New. Revelation 11:3 portrays them "clothed in sackcloth" for 1260 years. Yet, in the succeeding verses they are shown to be moving things with astonishing power, until in verse twelve we are shown how they would astonish the universe and be exalted to the heavens.

This is in thrilling contrast with the apostasy which would be clothed in scarlet, adorned with all the tokens of wealth and affluence, sitting as a queen, honoured of men, and which ends in the bottomless pit. Rev. 18: 1-24.

An illustration of this may be found in

the history of Scotland, which, up to the ninth century after Christ, was the land of tribal conflict, whose clans were wild and roving. The iron hand of the Romans had failed to subdue them, and thus far they had remained unconquerable. Then the foundations of a united kingdom were laid in the union of the Scots and Picts, whose strength resisted the ambitions of neighbours and became invincible.

But now another prince among men—an ecclesiastical prince with a keen eye to aggression and self-exaltation—began to send on professedly peaceable missions his ambassadors and missionaries. Stealthily, the country was flooded with those men whose wealth and learning secured for them an easy appointment to the highest positions in the land. Monasteries, nunneries, schools, and abbeys multiplied, and the representatives of Rome filled the places of highest honour, and gained half the land for their following. They were the magistrates, the legislators, the priests; and with such power they were able to rule as dictators the other half, whose riches they collected, and upon whose spoils they lavished themselves.

Truly Rome sat as a queen in Scotland, and she made herself delicate and rich by the merchandise of the people. But this did not last forever. Unseen and unknown, and without any apparent power, Wickliffe's translation of the New Testament was carried into the country. One copy was hidden down in a vault, from whence a special few could take it to hear it read. Then another copy was taken into the thick forest quietudes, and read in secret to an enthusiastic few. From Bohemia there came a convert of John Huss, who was not careful to conceal his love for the Word of God.

The death sentence had been passed on some for declaring their faith in God's Word. Somehow the prelates began to learn that there was a leaven of truth working against their craft, and, discovering a man of God who dared to challenge the Roman teaching, the first pile was erected at Perth, and the "Heretic" fastened to a pole by an iron band round his waist, and was burned, gunpowder being used to expedite the burning. This, they thought, would put the Bible out of commission. But they soon found to their chagrin that burning people did not destroy the life of God's Word. Other piles were soon lighted, and pious victims whose lives were too pure and holy to be

soiled by the bigotry and intolerance of the hierarchy, were burned at the stake.

However, the priests discovered that such measures were weak, and it soon became necessary to strengthen their arrogance, and a rule was made at St. Andrews College that all who became Master of Arts should swear on oath to defend the Roman faith. Truth to tell that from the ashes of every martyr there appeared to arise thousands of their kind. True, the Witnesses were clothed in sackcloth, but they lived, they spake with power.

Visiting the old Greyfriars church—the scene of brutal persecutions such as cannot be named—we saw the memorial stone that tells how over fifty thousand martyred Protestants lie beneath that sacred ground. Nearby, we saw the cells into which the Lollards that soon filled the country and overthrew finally the power of Rome, were gathered like sheep in a pen, packed so closely that none could sit, and if one died of exhaustion (as many did) their dead bodies were held from falling by the crush. This was the climax of Rome's endeavour to hold her throne. But it was doomed. The Bible had won, Rome had lost. Truth though clothed in the humblest garb, and degraded to the lowest, is mightier than all pomp of wealth and pride, and there is not enough arrogance in all the world to hurt God's Word.

It was in 1543 that the dawn of a new day opened the doors of liberty to Scotland, and an Act of Parliament granted her people the free right to read the Bible in their own tongue.

"O wild, traditioned Scotland,
Thy briary burns and braes
Are full of pleasant memories,
And tales of other days.
Thy story-haunted waters
In music gush along;
Thy mountain glens are tragedies
Thy heathy hills are song.

Land of the Bruce and Wallace,
Where patriot hearts have stood,
And for their country and their
faith
Like water poured their blood;
Where wives and little children
Were steadfast to the death,
And graves of martyr warriors
Are in the desert heath."

The only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that which remains, by being co-workers with God in His great plan of redemption.—*Christ's Object Lessons, p. 342.*

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

Dear Little Folks,

We met such a lot of Little Folks as we went around with Pastor Fletcher, and when the reading courses were presented to them, so many of them took two or more. It made us all so happy. Are you taking any this year? Little Keith Crosbie was the first to send in his name. He had read all three of the junior books, so he will get a certificate—a nice big one. Our dear Little Folk Katherine Brodie has, like her brother Wesley, had an operation, and we are happy to tell you she is better. Today we received a letter from Carmen Bradshaw stating that she had hurt her arm and is laid up. We hope by the time you read this Jesus will have made her well. Will it please you to know that your Big Little Folk Brother has finished reading the junior Reading Course?

Say, what is the matter? So few Little Folks are now sending in answers to Thinking Cap questions. Are you weary of them?

Names of those Answering Thinking Cap Questions for April:

Iris Samuels, Asenath Dolly, Carmen Samuels, Luna Davis, Eudora Webber, Hayden Stern, Sylvia Morgan.

Thinking Cap Questions

1. What prophet was a shepherd?
2. What great leader spent forty years minding sheep?
3. What did the Passover Feast commemorate?
4. Who is the first man mentioned that paid tithes?
5. If a man had ten sheep, how did he pay a tithe?

"FRANK GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE US"

A true story in two parts.

Part Two

For many months a cloud seemed to hang over little Frank's home. His loved ones missed him more and more. His vacant chair at the table, his silent voice that had so often brightened the evening hours as he would discuss with his parents the affairs of the farm in which he took a keen interest made the home seem so quiet. The old saddle, unused, hung with ever increasing draperies of cobweb, for no one cared to use it. The hunting dogs sat where their master used to sit, with saddened eyes blinking their sorrows,

as if to ask where Frank had gone. The little mound, too, beneath which his still body lay, offered no solace—and when the kiddies were all asleep, dad and mother would quietly ask each other where Frank had really gone. "I wonder if we will ever see him again?" Dad would say; and the tearful mother would huskily express her sorrow that they could not know. Then they would get down the large family Bible they had neglected so long, and search in vain for some light, only to be reminded that they had so long neglected their spiritual privileges that the way seemed dark, and they were not sure whether the Lord would hear them now if they prayed.

In this state of despair and sadness the days passed wearily away. Now Frank had gone, life had no attractions for them, and the farm seemed to be bathed in the deepest sorrow, until one evening, just as they were about to sit down to supper, there was a knock at the door. A tall gentleman, whose face seemed to glow with love and kindness, stood waiting admission. He was nicely dressed, and the manner of his greeting as they met impressed them that he was a man of gentle birth and Christian experience. He was engaged, he said, in evangelical literary work and would enjoy speaking with them, and as it was too late to go to the next farm that night, he would like to remain for the night. This request they gladly granted, especially as they felt that this man might brighten the home with some special message for them. So, after supper was over, they sat down together and Frank's parents listened attentively to the visitor's story of his work. He showed them a book that would tell them of many Bible subjects, and make plain many mysteries. Turning over the leaves, they could see plainly that this book was just the one they needed to answer all their doubts. In fact, the colporteur's canvass had already enlightened them, and when he had finished they readily ordered his book, and asked for others. Then they told the story of Frank's death, and asked the gentleman if he could show them what became of their dear little boy when he died.

Mr. V. D. M. got out his Bible and they spent the rest of the evening studying, and they soon learned that the Lord had sent the gentleman to bring peace and joy in believing to their hearts. As he read text after text, they were so happy to find that the Lord would still hear

them when they prayed, and that if they would give their hearts to Jesus, they would meet dear little Frank in heaven when Jesus comes. The Bible seemed like a new book. Things that were so difficult were made easy, and when they went to bed they could not sleep for the joy that Jesus had put into their hearts by the promises of God.

Mr. V. D. M. stayed a few days, and Bible study occupied most of the time. They saw that Jesus was soon coming, that they should keep God's commandments, and many other lines of truth were made clear. The home brightened much, and every heart was filled with grateful thanks to Jesus. It was thus that God wiped away the tears from their eyes, and they said, "The Lord has taken our treasure away, so that He could turn our hearts to the truth, and now we are happy as we look for the coming of our dear Lord to unite us all again in a land where there shall be no more death."

Thus, dear Little Folks, Frank's sad death was permitted by Jesus to turn the hearts of the parents to love and serve Him, and to prepare them for the colporteur that would bring them His message of salvation. Sometimes you will meet sad and disappointing things in life, but do not get discouraged. God loves you, and is always doing and allowing things to come to lead us nearer to Him, and if we trust Him and hold on to His truth, we shall someday understand the very darkest experiences of life.

Not long after the colporteur sold this family a copy of the *Great Controversy* and other of our books, the writer was called to baptize them. Two of the children have grown up and are now connected with the work of God. The others are in school preparing. How we should prize and pray for our colporteurs!

A Whole Church

Brother J. G. Petty, secretary of the Mexican Union, refers to progress in that field in a recent letter:

"Interests are springing up in every direction. Just recently, only last week, a whole Baptist church came over to us and are begging for instruction. The pastor of Mexico City church and Brother Calvo were sent out to visit these people and to meet two Baptist ministers. So they had a debate. The flock of Baptists turned out and many Catholics also. The Baptists could not produce any argument at all, and the people were utterly disgusted with their ministers and told them they would never go to hear them again, that they had not been teaching them the truth all these years, and so there they are waiting further instruction. I don't know what Brother Moon is going to do, because there are interests in every direction."

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NOTICE

The Secretary of the Jamaica Conference would appreciate any informations as to the address of Mr. Z. M. Richards, Mr. I. G. McFarlane, Mr. Henry Watkis, who have recently returned from Cuba.

STONE LAYING

On Sunday, May 10, a large company of interested friends and members gathered to the scene of the building activities near Craig, to witness the Stone-laying ceremony of the new church-building that promises to be an ornament prominently placed to herald its invitations and light to a wide area of residents whose homes are seen scattered all over the lovely hills and dales of Warsop.

Pastor Lin Rashford, though suffering badly from an attack of neuritis, pioneered the program. Elder Hall and his daughter, Nellie, were among the visitors and representatives of several churches. The weather was decidedly against us, for it rained most of the day, only holding up indifferently during the service. Miss C. A. Saunders opened the proceedings with a solo, which was followed by another from Mrs. B. A. Meeker's sweet voice. The President of the conference then laid the stone and gave an address on the objects and methods of true worship. A good collection was taken up, and the proceedings closed with prayer by the Pastor and a fine solo by Miss Winnie McCatty.

The brethren were very thankful for the spell of rainless weather which enabled them to carry out their successful and to them, eventful ceremony. They are certainly to be commended for their plans and achievements to date.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

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You may be vibrant with enthusiasm—but you must work.

You may have a burning passion for souls—but you must work.

You may be personally acquainted with Jesus—but you must work.

You may be thoroughly prepared—but you must work.

You may be sincerity personified—but you must work.

You may have faith—but you must work.

You may be tactful as Paul—but you must work.

You may have the courage of Joshua—but you must work.

'Don't sit down to take what comes; go after it.'

Colporteur Monthly Report

April, 1931.

NAME	HOURS	SALES	DELIVERIES
Fletcher, H. H.	52	£ 31.18. 0	£ 15. 4. 0
Hurst, B. E.	14		24. 8. 0
Spence, Alex.	69	29. 9. 0	7. 3. 0
Ricketts, B. A.	129	69. 9. 3	17. 9. 6
Miller, H. G.	86	43. 0. 3	5. 8. 2
Morgan, Uri	50	31.13. 0	3.18. 0
Haig, A. R.	12		14.10. 0
Dawkins, A.	105	32.14. 0	7.12. 0
Lalor, M.	113	7.17. 0	20.18. 7
Dillon, L.	50	32. 0. 0	
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A STUDENT'S SOLILOQUY

"Nothing beats a trial but a failure." That sentence ran in my head. I made up my mind that I was going to do my level best not to fail. But even if I failed, through no fault of my own, I'd go back and make another trial; and I made up my mind that if I was going to get knocked, I'd take my knocks with a smile and have the world laugh with me rather than at me.

I had the notion, and I think it's pretty nearly correct, that anything you don't carry through to some conclusion is going to stand out against you.

The great value of that year lay in the fact that it taught me how to use every moment of time. I could study for ten minutes and get ten minutes' worth of study out of it. I got into my books immediately, and learned to work rapidly when I had time to work. This one lesson has been one of the greatest things that my college course was to give me.

Would I say that anyone discriminated against me because I was working my way? I think I said no to that before, but I'd like to make it emphatic. I received all sorts of encouragement, as do any and all fellows who work their way. The trouble is that some fellows who are working their way and are clamouring for a job are afraid to dirty their hands when a job is offered to them. My advice to the man who has to work is to swallow his pride when a job comes along, and do it. If he is too genteel for any honest work that has to be done, let him stay away—for his own good.—Selected.

OBITUARY

Dulcie Haynes, of Goshen, eldest child of Brother and Sister Alfred Haynes, died March 13, 1931, at the Public Hospital, after an operation, at the age of 36. Sister Dulcie was baptized at the North St. Church, in January, 1930. Addressing her mother just before her death, she said, "I am going to die, but do not fret for me; I am safe in the arms of Jesus." Pastor L. L. Hutchinson conducted the funeral.

Mrs. Minnie Cameron Reid was born at Cross Keys in the parish of Manchester, Jamaica, on the sixth day of June, 1898. She attended the elementary school and then after finishing the secondary technical school, entered the Public Hospital at Mandeville, where she completed her three-years course of nursing and midwifery. After completing her training she was placed in the same hospital as head nurse, which place she filled so acceptably that she later became the matron.

In 1928 she was called to fill the position of matron of a sanitarium and hospital in Kingston. She remained with that institution until June, 1929, when she left her native island to come to Nassau to become the wife of Pastor O. P. Reid,

During the nearly two years of her sojourn in this island Mrs. Reid has faithfully done all she could to alleviate the suffering of those with whom she has come in contact, and her acts of kindness will be remembered by many long after they may have forgotten the things she may have taught by word of mouth.

A few years ago Mrs. Reid accepted the faith held by Seventh-day Adventists and became a member of the Kingston church. She has always remained true to her faith and to her God.

Sister Reid fell asleep in Jesus Monday, May 4, at the Bahamas General Hospital. Her death was sudden and unexpected; but she was living in readiness. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Pastor O. P. Reid of Nassau, and her mother of Cross Keys, Jamaica, as well as a host of relatives and friends. However, we mourn not as those who have no hope.

"We shall meet again; meet ne'er to sever.

Soon shall peace wreath her chain round us forever.

Thy work is done; thy sowing and reaping;

Thy crown is won, and hushed is thy weeping

From tears and woes; from earth's midnight, dreary.

Sweet be thy rest."

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer and she was laid to rest in Ebenezer Wesleyan cemetery. R. J. SYPE

Thoughts on the BIG WEEK Campaign

To LEADERS

B e enthusiastic, TAKE THE LEAD,
I nspire your flock to work with speed.
G ive all your strength to push the plan,
W ork hard, yea! do the best you can.
E ach day begin with earnest prayer,
E ach eve report your work with care,
K eeping in touch with the office -
BIG WEEK.

To SECRETARIES

B e diligent of books to keep account,
I n cash for sales check each amount.
G ive books only to those who sell,
W ith gentle urge try to do well.
E nlist for work both young and old,
E ntering the line with courage bold,
K eeping in mind the goal you seek -
BIGGEST WEEK!

To ALL

B EAT 1930 BIG WEEK, HOLLOW,
I n organization, enthusiasm, and sales,
G ive every neighbour a chance to buy,
W ith prayer for success - that never fails.
E ach page doth light and truth supply,
E ach soul you save will by and bye
K eep you joyous in the heavenly
BIG WEEK.

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June 20-27

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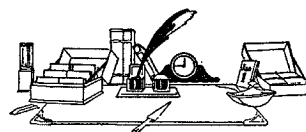
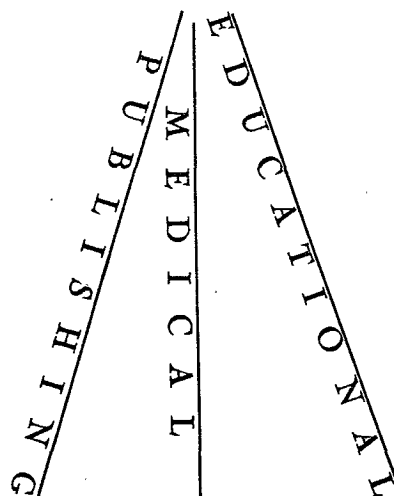
All profits to be given to the Extension Fund - absolutely.

Unsold books to be returned to the office, unsoiled, by July 8.

All who cannot sell books are asked to donate at least one day's income to the Extension Fund.



THE
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We advise each church to organize **BAND FIELD DAYS.** They help to win.

In each church the Big Week Committee should consist of the Church Leader, the Home Missionary Leader and Secretary, the Missionary Volunteer Leader and Secretary; the Home Missionary Secretary being the chairman.

The Committee should meet and pray and make plans, assign members their books and territory where needed.

The Home Missionary Secretary should keep account of all books distributed, and see that either their full money value or the books (if not sold) are returned to him by July 8, without fail.

Cash for sales should be paid to the Home Missionary Secretary who, in turn, will pay same to the Treasurer of the church for transmission to the office, receiving a receipt for the same from the Church Treasurer.

The Missionary Leader or Secretary should send a report of the Big Week in his church to the office immediately on the close of the BIG WEEK.