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THE LESSON OF LOT'S CHOICE.

"When Lot entered Sodom, he fully intended to keep himself free from iniquity, and to command his household after him. But he signally failed. The corrupting influences about him had an effect upon his own faith, and his children's connection with the inhabitants of Sodom bound up his interest in a measure with theirs. The result is before us.

"Many are still making a similar mistake. In selecting a home they look more to the temporal advantages they may gain than to the moral and social influences that will surround themselves and their families. They choose a beautiful and fertile country, or remove to some flourishing city, in hope of securing greater prosperity; but their children are surrounded by temptation, and too often they form associations that are unfavourable to the development of piety and the formation of a right character. The atmosphere of lax morality, of unbelief, of indifference to religious things, has a tendency to counteract the influence of the parents. Examples of rebellion against parental and divine authority are ever before the youth; many form attachments for infidels and unbelievers, and cast in their lot with the enemies of God." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 168, 169.



"The cities to-day are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah. Holidays are numerous; the whirl of excitement and pleasure attracts thousands from the sober duties of life. The exciting sports—theatre going, horse racing, gambling, liquor drinking, and reveling—stimulate every passion to activity. The youth are swept away by the popular current." *Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 89.



"The time is near when the large cities will be visited by the judgements of God. In a little while these cities will be terribly shaken. No matter how large or how strong their buildings, no matter how many safeguards against fire may have been provided, let God touch these buildings, and in a few minutes or a few hours they are in ruins.

"The ungodly cities of our world are to be swept away by the besom of destruction. In the calamities that are now befalling immense buildings and large portions of cities, God is showing us what will come upon the whole earth. 'Out of the cities', is my message." *E. G. White, Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 83.

THE BIBLE STUDY

THE TRUE SABBATH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

1. QUEST. How long did our Lord live on earth?
ANS. Luke 3: 23 marginal date says He began to be about thirty years of age A. D. 27. He attended four Passovers, at the last of which He was crucified and became our Passover: John 2: 13 and 23; 5: 1; 6: 4; Matt. 26: 2. So that he lived $3\frac{1}{2}$ years after His baptism, being $33\frac{1}{2}$ years of age at His death. This is confirmed by the prophecy of Dan. 9: 27, He being "cut off" in the midst of the prophetic week, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ years after His ministry began as the Messiah.
2. QUEST. What was one of His customs during His life?
ANS. Luke 4: 16. To attend service on the Sabbath day.
3. QUEST. This custom for $33\frac{1}{2}$ years would aggregate how many Sabbaths that He observed?
ANS. About 1746. This was His example for us. 1 Pet. 1: 21.
4. QUEST. How many more Sabbath days did He definitely warn His disciples to avoid breaking after His death?
ANS. Matt. 24: 20. He warned them of the danger of breaking the Sabbath in the destruction of Jerusalem which occurred A. D. 70, or 39 years after His crucifixion. This involved 1981 Sabbath days.
5. QUEST. What Sabbath day did the disciples keep after His crucifixion?
ANS. Luke 23: 54-56. The Sabbath of the commandments of God.
6. QUEST. After Paul was sent to the Gentiles with the gospel, how did he treat God's Sabbath day?
ANS. Acts 13: 14. At Antioch, in A. D. 45, he conducted services.
7. QUEST. After conducting the services of that Sabbath day, what request did the Gentiles make?
ANS. Acts, 13: 42-44. They requested him to preach to them the following Sabbath, and on that day the whole city turned out to hear him. If the Gentiles had been celebrating the crucifixion on Sunday, would they not have asked him to "Come to us tomorrow?"
8. QUEST. In A. D. 53, when at Phillippi, what day did Paul and the Christians observe?
ANS. The Sabbath day. This was 22 years after Christ died. Acts. 16: 13.
9. QUEST. In the same year what are we told the apostle did?

ANS. Acts 17: 2. He and the Christians observed three more Sabbath days.

10. QUEST. Was it Paul's manner or custom to observe the Sabbath day?
ANS. Acts 18: 1-3. He conducted service every Sabbath day, as it was his "manner."
11. QUEST. How long did Paul stay at Corinth in A. D. 54? and how did he treat the Sabbath days?
ANS. He conducted service "every Sabbath" for one year and six months, in which were 78 Sabbath days. Acts 18: 11 and 3.
12. QUEST. In A. D. 96, what day did the apostle John observe?
ANS. Rev. 1: 10. He observed the Lord's day.
13. QUEST. What day had the Lord taught John was His day?
ANS. Mark 2: 27, 28. He had taught John and us that His day is the Sabbath day. The fourth command-

- ment says that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.
14. QUEST. If we add together all these Sabbath days that are specifically mentioned as being observed by Christ and His disciples, and the early Christians, how many do they aggregate?

(a) Christ's lifetime, . . . 1746.
(b) Christ's warning, . . . 1981.
(c) At the crucifixion, . . . 1.
(d) Apostles at Antioch A. D. 45, 2.
(e) Phillippi, A. D. 53, . . . 1.
(f) Thessalonica, . . . 3.
(g) Corinth, A. D. 54, . . . 78.
(h) Patmos, A. D. 96, . . . 1.

TOTAL 3,813.

After Crucifixion, 2,067.

Surely this is overwhelming evidence that the New Testament Sabbath is the same day as that of the Old Testament which was made at the Creation.

Home Missionary Conventions in Jamaica

For some months I had been looking forward to the time when I could visit Jamaica and become better acquainted with the work and people of this island. From our Jamaican people in Panama I had learned that Jamaica was a very beautiful island and that the people were very religious. I have been in the island now nearly two months, and visited many parts, and can say I am not disappointed. The people that live here surely have much to be thankful for, with all the beauties of nature around them that one finds here. At every place the people have been more than kind, and have shown a great interest in the finishing of this work that Jesus may soon come back again.

Soon after our arrival in Kingston we entered into a Bible Institute for all the ministers of the island. This was a very interesting meeting and one long to be remembered. As we studied 'our times' and the work to be done before Jesus can return, all felt the great need of more power in our ministry. With the large number of unentered places in this island it was felt that our ministers should spend as much time as possible during this year in holding public efforts for those who have never heard the message. All felt that we should more closely follow the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy in teaching our churches how to work for God, and not depend so much on the ministers. We should live so close to the Lord that we can be channels of light to others, and not be weaklings demanding the care of our ministers all the time to keep our souls alive. So it was arranged

that our ministers should each hold at least three evangelistic efforts during the year and spend the rest of the time helping our people to know better how to be soul winners for God.

After the Bible Institute all the ministers remained and joined in the home missionary convention that was arranged for all the churches located in and around Kingston. A good interest was manifested by all present as we studied the plan God has given us for the finishing of the work. Just as the Lord gave a definite plan to ancient Israel for the building of the Tabernacle, so has definite instruction been given for the finishing of this work.

In Rom. 9: 28, the statement is made that God "will finish his work", and that when He begins, it will be a "short work." God has a definite time in His great plan when the "finishing of his work" should begin. In Rev. 10: 7 we are told that "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished." We all know that this seventh angel began to sound in the year 1844. This was the time when the threefold message of Rev. 14 began to go to all the earth. So the means that will be used in the finishing of the work is the preaching of the Three Angels' Messages, for when the work is complete Jesus is seen coming back to this earth to gather his people. The Lord not only tells us of the 'time,' the 'means' that He will use, but the people He will use is also pointed out (the people that give these messages to the world). "In a special sense Seventh-

day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. . . They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages." If God has called this people to this definite work, then every believer in this message occupies a very important place in finishing the work. In fact we are told that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers." Vol. 9, p. 117. The ministers' efforts alone can never "finish" this work and make it possible for the Lord to come back again; it will take the consecrated effort of every member of the church. That the services of every one may be used, we are also told that as "time is short, our forces must be organized to do a larger work." Vol. 9, p. 27. This plan of organization is given in the following words: "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by one who cannot err." Vol. 7, pp. 21, 22. As an organized army can accomplish one hundred times as much as a mob, so a church well organized can accomplish much more than if every member works here and there by himself. Our church territory should be divided and every member given a definite place where he can work for God. "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." "God now calls upon every one who has a knowledge of the truth, who is a depository of sacred truth, to arise and impart the light of heaven to others."

After the church has been divided into bands and territory assigned to each member, then comes the important work of teaching the members "how to work for God." "Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged. Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes, how best to help the poor and care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted." "It is training, education, that is needed. Those who labour in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instructions in practical methods of doing missionary work."

Visiting Different Centers in the Jamaica Conference.

After a good convention in Kingston we spent the "week end" at the West Indian Training School. The students seemed to take a special interest in

knowing some of the best ways of doing work for God, and the special plans for finishing the work, as outlined for this people by God.

Of all students of the world, I think those who have the privilege of attending the West Indian Training School are most fortunate, situated as it is in the high altitude, where it is cool and invigorating, on the top of the hill where you can get one of the most beautiful views to be found anywhere, with the practical industries to help in building up the body, with a good band of well-trained teachers who not only try to train the mind to its highest efficiency, but also develop the character not only to be the best in this world but also for the world to come. I think it should be the ambition of every young man and woman in Jamaica to attend the West Indian Training School.

Our next visits were at Coleyville, Beverly, Riverside, Newel, Darliston, Montego Bay, Spring Garden, St. Ann's Bay, Gayle, Clermont, and Port Antonio, where to each place gathered many representatives of our surrounding churches. We are very pleased with the new church buildings, and appreciated the keen interest shown both by the public and the members of our movement. In all these churches we found our people interested in the Missionary activities peculiar to the body, many who attended the meet-

ing being themselves the fruits of labours of our laity. May the Lord richly bless His people as they labour and press forward in their endeavours to reach all in their territory with the message.

Our last week was spent with the West Indian Training School in their Spring 'Week of Prayer.' The school management co-operated in every way possible to make the meetings a success. The students entered heartily into seeking God in their prayer bands and as a result many found the Lord for the first time. We greatly appreciated the splendid help rendered by Eld. and Mrs. Edmed at this meeting and also many of the other meetings. Eld. Meeker gave splendid help in all the conventions. Sister Meeker was with us in a large part of the conventions and greatly cheered us all by her helpful and timely songs.

We leave your beautiful island with a grateful heart for the privilege of visiting so many of your churches and meeting your earnest and faithful members. We will long remember your kind hospitality.

L. V. FINSTER.

NOTE. Pastor L. V. Finster left March 2 by steamer for Havana, Cuba, where he expected to conduct similar institutes to those he held here. He left behind a grateful people who wish him every blessing, and who look forward to another visit in the near future.

Notes from the Field

Bro. Albert Haig writes us the following report from Riverside,—“I look back with gratefulness to the time when Elder Smith left me at Dias to accompany you on the tour among the churches. I was a bit reluctant in remaining alone, yet today I am glad. He left me with one convert and when he returned, after staying away about three weeks, he found a happy band of twelve adult Sabbath school members, and, praise the Lord! every one is a loyal Sabbath keeper. Through my feeble efforts they still come one by one, and two by two. Today, as I look upon the sincere faces of thirty adult Sabbath-keepers, who, along with their children, make up a happy Sabbath school membership of fifty or more, I am led to exclaim, What hath the Lord wrought! Then there are many in the Valley of Decision. Will you not pray for them?”

Elder Frank Hall has recently moved to reside in Kingston. His daughter, Nellie, sends us a report of a missionary visit which she and her sister paid to a friend, who requested them to visit a young man who they found was recovering

evidently from a fit of epilepsy which had been brought on by a quarrel. Being unable to give him treatment for lack of conveniences, "We thought best to present him to the Great Physician, the all forgiving Saviour. We realized how much He had done for us, and now it was our business to point him to the Saviour. As we did so, his eyes filled with tears, and we repeated John 3:16 in which he joined, and then we had prayer and song. The next evening we found him feeling well after having a deep sleep, and we felt to give the Lord the glory. The next Sabbath, he was present at church and gave his testimony, as his heart was filled with joy."

Our dear brethren at Mile End have succeeded in establishing a new base for a church by missionary activities, and have requested that a minister be sent to baptize several new converts.

In order to facilitate the work in St. Thomas this year, Pastor A. C. Stockhausen has now settled in Morant Bay with his family. Their many friends at Port

Antonio were very sorry to be so far separated from them, but the churches have resolved to carry on with new and ever increasing energy so that the local work shall not suffer. We rejoice in the hearty spirit of co-operation with which all our churches have resolved to hold their own fort while releasing their ministers to the evangelistic campaigns. We look forward to a rich harvest of souls and much blessing for our churches as they thus rally under the banner of our beloved Prince of princes.

May we send on a word of warning to our country members, and especially our dear young people in regard to the uselessness of coming to Kingston to seek work. Several times we have been visited by members of our country churches who had come to the city hoping to get work, but who have been unsuccessful and find themselves stranded and without means to return to their homes. Today, Kingston is overflowing with men and women and youth who cannot get work. Why waste the time and money in trying? Then too, we should "Remember Lot's wife." The cities of to-day are the great centers of iniquity, the focal-spots of sport, the nests of vice, the incubators of God-forgetfulness. It is the cities that suffer first and most from the judgments of God; and all this because city life is not of God. The man that built the first city was not a man of God. The Tower of Babel was destroyed and its people confounded by God because families clustered together and united in defying their Creator. There is no reason for us to reside in the city. Especially in Jamaica do we find resources that provide life in every inch of land we would cultivate. "Back to the land!" should be the slogan of every Seventh-day Adventist, and this is no freak idea of a fanatic. It is solid as well as Divine wisdom.

The world scarcity of hard cash is a puzzle to many of our time. In proportion to its size and population Jamaica is better off than many of the wealthier countries. There is a paper before us which tells of the poverty of Chicago, one of the world's largest cities, and which is in desperate need of 150 millions of pounds sterling. Her police, teachers, sanitary staff and municipal workers cannot get their wages, and no bank will give them credit. 700,000 are out of work, and there is no money to feed them or their children.

New York also has tried to raise a loan £40,000,000 and can get only £2,500 for eleven days at 6%. Appeals to the U. S. Government for help have failed.

What the city officials fear is that "out-of-works may go marketing with their guns." Then the troops will be marched out, and as troops bring more guns and no bread, the outlook becomes alarming. How wonderfully are the words of Jesus being fulfilled, "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Has your subscription expired for the VISITOR? Notice has been sent you on the wrapper, and we trust that you will renew by sending your one shilling quickly. We cannot afford to let the list get smaller.

We are always glad to receive reports of good experiences from our members. As far as possible we endeavour to preserve each author's identity. Yet there are editorial rules we must observe. Do not take two or three pages to describe an incident that could be told in a few lines. The Bible plan is to put a whole history in a few verses. See Daniel 2: 37-45, etc.

Bro. Samuel Lindo sends the following experience:

"I am glad to state that a new field has been opened two miles from Bellas Gate Church. Owing to the many religions which encircle us, it is very laborious to harvest souls. Nevertheless the Lord is working mightily on the hearts of the people. We haven't hands enough to give them our literature.

Three visits have been made, seats being cheerfully lent by one of the inhabitants. Bro. S. G. Lindo made the people glad as he expounded the Law of God, and the people looked eagerly for our return.

We hope that souls may respond to this work."

Brother R. B. Campbell reports that several persons have recently taken their stand for the truth at Ocho Rios, where the work is onward. One brother who first hid from our workers and spoke reproachfully of our people, afterwards attended a study which created an interest in his heart. Two more studies sufficed to open his heart's door to the Holy Spirit, by whose mighty working a complete change has taken place. The same gentleman has now renounced his tobacco and coffee, mastered a difficult temper, and is selling his hogs. More still, he is witnessing for Christ and keeping the Lord's Sabbath. How wonderful is the Lord's working!"

One ship looks just as good as another when safely anchored alongside the calm and placid pier. But when they get far out

into the ocean and have to battle with storms, huge waves, and an angry sea—then their strength is tested and their sailing qualities are known. So with us. As long as we only have a call in our hearts to attend church, we look just as sweet and faithful as all the rest who are there. But when we get out into the angry mob of hard work, and difficulty; when we meet with persecution, temptation, and a call to sacrifice for Christ—then it is that our true Christian worth is revealed. What kind is your religion? Is it enduring? Can it stand a set back or two?

Before us lies a copy of a letter from Queen Helen of Rumania, addressed to the Secretary, *Canadian Watchman* Press. It says, "Her majesty Queen Helen has received two very nice books from your Association—one in Greek and the other in English, which you so kindly sent to Prince Michael. Her Majesty very much appreciates your kindness in sending them, and wishes me to convey to you her warmest thanks."

His Majesty, Haile Aelassie I, Emperor of Abyssinia, recently granted audience to Gen. Conf. Secretary, C. K. Meyers, with whom he talked much about our work in that country. The interview resulted in a donation towards the erection of a sanitarium in the capital city, amounting to \$25,000 gold. Thus our work is being supported by royal gifts and words of appreciation.

To those who are seeking work we pass on these comforting words: "A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. Often we lament the scanty resources available, but were Christians thoroughly in earnest, they could multiply resources a thousandfold." *Messages to Young People* p. 320.

Brother E. M. Hamilton, the enterprising H. M. Secretary of the Clermont Church, writes:

"The Clermont Church regard the never-to-be-forgotten time spent in the two days convention which was conducted by Pastors Finster and Meeker a great blessing and inspiration. It has made a wonderful impression on the minds of the public, and created a new zeal in us as a Church. With the new plans before us, we hope to make this year a record year in missionary endeavour by the aid of the Holy Spirit. We wish all our sister churches the continued upholding of the hand of God."

The Literature and Correspondence Band of Mandeville Church, through F.

G. Morgan, sends the following good word:

"Soon after assuming leadership of this Band, the two members and I wrote letters to the twenty-five persons whose names were handed to us. Many encouraging replies were received, and the names of those who replied were kept on the list and others were supplemented, thus keeping the total at twenty-five.

Since then as far as means permitted we have faithfully mailed 25 copies of *Present Truth* each week.

After reading the views of some ministers and others that appeared in the *Gleaner*, we concluded that they were not properly informed on the subject of the Calendar Reform. So we secured the names of 25 ministers stationed in different parts of the Island, and sent copies to these of the *Present Truth* which contained studies on this all-important question.

Recently we have written letters to some of those who are still on our list. All have not yet replied, but from the letters of those who have, we feel amply repaid for our efforts, and that God has fulfilled His promise, 'My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.'

Of the many replies received, one has promised a donation to help in this noble work. More than one have recognized the value of the studies in these papers and have been aiding our work by distributing them among their friends after reading them. One Anglican clergyman has expressed his appreciation in these words: 'I thank you for affording me the pleasure and opportunity of saying thanks to your L. & C. Band for their kindness in forwarding me so regularly and for such a long time copies of *Present Truth* which I have read with much interest.'

Sister Morgan and her colleagues have certainly hit on the right idea of Band Work. Just a trio, but persistent, prayerful, tactful, and earnest, such faith will produce its harvest. Would that more such work was done in Jamaica. We once visited the Governor of the Leeward Islands, and he showed us a drawer full of our magazines, of which, he said, we might well be proud. A poor church in one of those Islands sent a subscription for his name, unknown to him. The magazines went direct to him. He read and marked them and kept them as treasures of truth. He became a staunch friend of this Cause. Let us cast our bread upon many waters, and after the Latter Rain, we shall find the fruits of our little yet faithful sacrifices.

The Evangelistic Campaign is now in full swing. Pastor H. Fletcher chose to

open his first effort at Gayle, where he is combining the work of completing the church building with his every night preaching. Pastor W. H. Randle has found a mine in the vicinity of Beckford Kraal, and considers his prospects hopeful. Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith is going strong at Montego Bay. Pastor L. Rashford is at Auctembeddie, amidst a fearful drought and many discouraging features, yet full of courage. Pastor H. P. Lawson is strengthening his work at long-neglected Sherwood Content. Pastor A. C. Stockhausen has been fortunate in securing a splendid lot on which he has erected a very neat Tabernacle, which has the commendation that it is wholly bolted together, and even the iron roof can be dismantled without pulling a nail. Pastor J. A. Reid already has a baptismal class at Regent St., Kingston. R. B. Campbell is also at Gayle, and Albert Haig at Dias. Each one of these efforts is a subject of fervent prayer. Hundreds of hearers are listening to the solemn Message for the first time. Many will now decide for their eternal destiny. We plead with our people to make these efforts a special subject of prayer each morning; and while praying for these remember the noble efforts being made by our lay members.

Sister Caroline Milne, of Morant Bay, is one of our Charter members. She has lived for years alone, and has been long appealing to us to hold a series of meetings at Morant Bay. Her heart still carries a warm place for the truth, to which she has loyally and devotedly adhered all these years. We met her at the meeting at Morant Bay the first night full to overflowing of joy and gratitude to God. Doubtless her sun is setting, but she finds a golden setting of answered prayer, as she listens to a waiting people singing the old hymns of the Advent Hymnal. The Lord bless you, Sister Milne.

We welcome a good report from our Spanish Town leader, Brother C. W. Gibson: "Readers of the VISITOR would like to know how we are getting along in Spanish Town. We closed 1931 with two baptisms, which added fourteen new members for the year. This has enraged the enemy, and he has been very active. Yet, thank the Lord! through His grace we have been able to repel the attacks and to advance into his territories.

The Slogan for 1932—greater evangelism—has taken possession of us. Our company at Reeves Mount, under the leadership of Brother C. V. Thompson is doing well and have ten in the baptismal class.

A young couple recently won to the truth in another district desired to do something for the Lord, have erected a

large shed and with the help of our young people have started a Sunday School with an enrollment of over twenty.

Another sister from a near district is doing a similar work, and the institutions are not neglected—the hospital the lepers, the Poor House are receiving their share, and quite an interest is springing up. We ask your prayers."

A very kind interest was taken in the opening of the new Tabernacle effort which took place on Sunday, March 6, at Morant Bay. Several of our best singers and friends went in their cars to help with the singing. The President of the Conference was the speaker for the evening, and he was accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Meeker, Mrs. Edmed, and Miss Sasso. Sister Smith and the two Misses Hogg were taken over by their cousin. Dr. H. M. Johnston took his car full, there being Miss Andradé, the Misses Fanny, Hazeldene, and Pauline Burke, Bro. McCatty, with his daughters and Miss Winnie McCatty, Bro. Hurst took Bro. and Sister Stockhausen, the parents of our Pastor Stockhausen, and Bro. Hamilton took Miss Hamilton, Miss Carmen Smith, and Mrs. Hamilton Sen. Several of these formed a very select choir and rendered very sweet selections and solos.

There was a crowded attendance of a very orderly audience and that meeting gave evidence of the interest of a long-waiting people. Since the opening, we hear that there has been a well sustained interest, and our brethren are hopeful of reaping a bountiful harvest. Many of the recently baptized members rendered assistance in various ways, and our dear old father Stockhausen appeared to have returned to youthful vigour as he took the field in his hands. In the audience we observed the Chief of Police and other notable citizens of the district.

OCHO RIOS CHURCH

On Sunday February 21st, a missionary Rally programme came off here. It was well attended by those of the immediate vicinity and afar, in spite of the fact that there were two other special meetings at nearby places at the same time. A satisfactory amount was realized to help further our church-building work.

One of the items which attracted special notice was, "Satan's Committee Meeting." This was a dialogue. Mr. Do-Nothing, one of the committee members, suggested that he would get the church to do no missionary work; the desire of Satan would thus be realized, and the S. D. A. denomination would be destroyed. Satan, the chairman, was more than pleased with Mr. Do-Nothing's wise counsel, and

he bade him to speed away to put into operation his plans. Other imps who were present were, Intemperance, Persecution, Love-of-style, Worldly Gain, and Nurse-a-Grouch. After listening to the suggestions of them all, the chairman came to the conclusion that to get the church to do nothing was the most successful means to hinder the work of the Second Advent Movement.

With the understanding of what the Lord expects of each member to help fin-

ish the work, and in order to keep Satan out of the church, the membership was therefore divided into bands according to the respective districts in which they live. The inspiration for service is now going strong. Already we are seeing some results in the work of soul-winning. There is quite an interest around, and it would seem that the showers of the latter rain are falling on thirsty souls. Very frequently on Sabbaths new ones would be out to church to cast in their lot with God's peo-

ple. What if all our churches would awake and proclaim the knowledge of a soon coming Saviour! Where we now have weak churches there would be found strong, active, growing ones. It is time to heed the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Isa. 52: 1.

R. B. CAMPBELL.

BIG WEEK, 1932

MAY

THE MINISTERS ARE BUSY WITH TABERNACLE MEETINGS, THEREFORE Churches, Leaders and Officers can prove their capacity to create and sustain a successful and victorious campaign.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS:

1. BIG WEEK is an effort to raise \$128,858 in one week by profits on sales of books for Mission work.
2. The money is to provide :
 - a. A training school for Russians—Manchuria.
 - b. The building of our first publishing house, Persia.
 - c. Establishing treatment rooms in Greece, Turkey, and Bulgaria.
 - d. Equipment and supplies for new hospital in Abyssinia.
 - e. Land upon which to build publishing house, Japan.
 - f. Buildings for school and chapel at Luwazi Mission, Africa.
 - g. Nurse's home at Luz Mission, Africa.
 - h. Boy's dormitory at Bolivia Training School, South America.
 - i. Three village school buildings, India.
 - j. Two colporteur boats, Newfoundland Mission, North America.
 - k. \$40,000 for salaries of native workers in Mission fields.
3. The plan depends upon the loyal co-operation of every member in selling their quota of books.
4. The failure of one member of each company in Jamaica would involve a loss of £12. 10. 0 to the fund.
5. Should they sell the books and fail to hand in the profits, the loss would be the same.
6. For this reason **NO BOOK MAY BE SOLD ON CREDIT**, unless it is paid for in full by the seller, at the close of the Big Week.
7. The Conference cannot take back any books, therefore it is wise *not to order more than the church will be responsible for full payment of*, such payment to be made at the end of the Big Week.
8. It is a peculiar feature of S. D. Adventism that truth triumphs over adversity, and surmounts all difficulties, rising victorious in spite of obstacles.
9. The individual goal is the sale price (5/-) of four books.
10. Leaders, call your committee together, study the program and promotion matter that we are sending you, and plan your campaign. Assign each member a territory, keep strict account of number of books taken by each, and number paid for. Appoint special Field Days for each band. Arrange the program so as to make it interesting and inspiring. Combine your work with many prayers, go forward and work hard. Prove that you are worthy leaders. And may the Lord bless you.

B. A. MEEKER.

Home Missionary Department

BYRON A. MEEKER

The churches and representatives of churches which had the privilege of attending the Home Missionary Conventions in which Pastor Finster took the leading part were fortunate indeed.

Besides Bro. Finster, the Home Division Secretary, Pastor McWilliam, the Antillean Union H. M. Secretary, was with us. The programmes for each day consisted of the study of ways and means for better service for our Master. Many spiritual lessons were brought out, outstanding among them being the blessed truth that Jesus is our substitute for the transgression of God's law, and that his presence gives us power to live the victorious life.

Statements from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy were presented showing our individual responsibility in giving God's great message to the world: "God calls upon every church member to enter His service. Every one must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption." *Testimonies, vol. VIII, p. 47.*

"Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." *Testimonies, vol. VII, p. 30.*

God has given us a wonderful message and such an appeal should stir our hearts to respond. Our churches must organize for service: "Let the teachers lead the way in working among the people; and others, uniting with them, will learn from their example. One example is worth more than many precepts." *Ministry of Healing, p. 149.*

The matter of districting the church territory received considerable attention in the conventions. Every member should work and have a place to work and material to work with.

It was generally agreed that literature is our best means of approach to our neighbours and friends. There is a stir now in this conference to provide suitable literature, and it is planned to use the "Family Bible Teacher" series of tracts, which is a course of Bible Readings in 26 numbers, in a systematic way. The set is on sale at the Book and Bible House for 1/- a set, and the readings should be distributed in their consecutive order, one or two per week. People who read themselves into the truth are usually the most substantial converts.

Thirteen conventions were conducted in all, and among the many topics that were studied, Big Week and Harvest In-gathering plans received much attention.

We pray that this year may be a great soul-winning year in Jamaica; but, brethren, the results will not be what they should be if you neglect *your* part.

More About Reporting.

When the VISITOR family receives their copy for April, a new quarter will have started, and every church member should adopt the new system of reporting. They should have a report form for their special use, and this blank is to be kept by the Home Missionary Secretary or M. V. Secretary, and given to the teacher of said member's Sabbath school class. During the ten minute service each individual in the class will receive his card for marking the record. We urge each member to make this report all that it should be: If your memories are weak, just write down beforehand the list of your Missionary work for the week, so as to have it ready to place in the Blanks. We feel sure that you will like this new system when you become accustomed to it. It will also inspire us to greater service for the Master.

Sabbath School Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED

It was our privilege on February 20th to visit our Port Antonio Sabbath school. Sister A. C. Stockhausen, the superintendent, had an interesting programme arranged. Part of the opening exercises was a well rendered selection by the choir which was accompanied by the organ, two violins and a guitar which added greatly to the enjoyment of the piece. At the close of the study one of the young people recited a poem bearing on the Second Coming of Christ which was the lesson for the day. It was encouraging to find that preparations had been made to start the Teachers' Training Course.

Our next school visited was Mandeville, Feb. 27th. Brother H. J. Strother led the school enthusiastically through the opening exercises during which time a touching solo was rendered by Miss E. W. Parchment, one of the lines being, "I want to be ready, don't you?" and the response came from the school in the chorus, "I want to be ready, I do, I do." It was a real pleasure to visit the children's Divisions in this school. Sisters Shafer and Dunn superintend the Kindergarten Division, and it gave us great joy to see the little mites from two years old and upwards repeating their memory verses for the quarter, and singing their pretty little action songs. Their faces showed that Sabbath school was a happy place for them.

The Primary Department led by Miss Edna C. Parchment and Miss M. Bignall was no less interesting. The "Missions Quarterly" article for the day was told in an interesting and simple way for them by one of the young lady students, and one of the young men accompanied the singing with his violin. Nine of the children had a perfect record up to date in "Daily study" and "Attendance." Their interest in the Sabbath school exercises was very apparent. We were pleased to see a number there not of Adventist parents.

Prof. and Mrs. Rathbun and Miss D. Brodie are conducting a Sabbath school at Plowden that was started by Brother Barnes of Campbell's Castle. Here the majority of the membership which is about thirty is from the non-Adventist neighbourhood.

From St. Ann's Bay our secretary, Sister Violet Hurst, writes that they have started a Sunday school near the town, of 35 members. We trust these will soon be members of our Sabbath school. We rejoice in all these soul-winning efforts by our Sabbath school members!

We have also been glad to note, in the Sabbath schools that we have attended, the co-operation given by our Superintendents and teachers in assisting the Home Missionary Department in securing their reports.

We hope every Superintendent will not dismiss the Sabbath school until the Home Missionary leader is on the platform to begin the ten minutes service, and that the teachers will be present during this time to hand out and collect the reports from the members of their classes. Co-operation ensures success.

The following have received certificates for the 1931 Teachers' Training Course:—

NORTH STREET: Philip N. Lynch, Ada Hazelwood, Florence Rose, Dorcas Johnson, Rebecca Rubey, M. Knibbs, L. Anderson, L. A. Morrison, P. Stephens, S. Brooks, C. Murray.

RIVERSDALE: Mrs. H. Fletcher, Mrs. J. U. Billett, Mr. J. U. Billett.

KENCOT: Mrs. J. W. Grounds, Edith M. Leslie, Mrs. H. Smalling, Edward Mattocks, Rebecca Whittington, Benjamin Williams.

GLENGOFFE: Mrs. M. A. Howell.

MANDEVILLE: Prof. L. L. Dunn, Mrs. L. S. Crawford.

Publishing Department

W. S. NATION

History repeats itself in various ways. At the beginning of the new year the colporteur work had a peculiar outlook.

There seemed to be no prospect ahead, only dark forebodings. On every side naught was heard but words of discouragement. The only thing to be done was done, and that was to give the command, as any courageous leader would, "GO FORWARD."

One of my best colporteurs was told that the parish to which he was sent seemed unfortunate.

"Why is it so?"

"Well, this is one of our drought-stricken areas. The people cannot afford to buy your books."

Certainly man's extremity is always God's opportunity. Like Israel of old, cumbered on every side—on the left and on the right rose the lofty mountains which stood defiant of their dauntlessness; behind, the hostile host of Pharaoh in hot pursuit, and before, the Red Sea, a challenge to their courage. Should they give up and be captured? NO! Their command was "GO FORWARD!" And they did.

Thus was the predicament of this colporteur. On the left were words of discouragement; on the right drought; behind depression; before the Red Sea of faces; but with "bull dog" determination he obeyed the command "GO FORWARD." Did God fail Him? Note the tenor of his report:

"Dear Brother Nation,

I am still on the job and I am having success. To God be the Glory. I have made up my two weeks' delivery to £102. 4. 0. I have another delivery for next week. I am also trying to make up another £100 delivery for April." The following week this same colporteur worked 40 hours and took £50 orders. Surely the Lord is going forward with His faithful colporteurs. One earnest, conscientious, faithful young man in the colporteur work is an inestimable treasure.

And now we will have a word from Brother Destoe: "I had set my goal at £25 for the week, but God has given me £36. 12. 0 with £2. 10. 0 advance money. I have now set my week's goal at £50 and trust that God will give me same. I now feel a deep sense of horror whenever I look back on the past, for had I caught the fire then, as now, laziness would have long been burnt out of me, and I could be called a COLPORTEUR—but alas! I am instead, just a worthless drop of DRAUGHT PORTER. But I have now pledged myself to GO FORWARD."

Brother Hurst has caught a clearer vision of things as they are, and this is what he says: "I am persuaded that the better book to handle in this time is *The Great Controversy*. I began on Friday and got 4 orders. I realize that the world needs Jesus now as never before. They

enquire what do these things mean. By the merits of God I shall try and in faith help to tell what they mean."

"The people who purchase a book will read it, having before them a mental photograph of the face, conduct, and the spirit of the man who sold it to them; and this silent influence will weigh heavily in the decisions they make for or against the truth."

Brother Dawkins is also of good courage. He writes: "I am praying to the Lord to make me a great salesman for *Great Controversy*. If I could sell one hundred copies this year I would truly be the happiest of your boys. Do you think that can be done? You know that it is easier to sell eight *Home Physicians* to one *Great Controversy*, but when delivered I feel more joy over one *Great Controversy* than eight *Home Physicians*."

The Lord through His servant told us that great changes are soon to take place

in our world and the final movements will be rapid ones. Think of it. For the first two months of 1931 we delivered £119. 7. 3 and for the same period of this year we delivered £408. 1. 6. Note the difference.

Colporteur Report February, 1932.

NAME	HOURS	SALES	DELIVERIES
Dawkins, A.	60	£ 1.18. 0	£20.16. 0
Destoe, K.	116	74.10. 0	
Dillon, L.	98	47.10. 0	25. 0. 0
Fletcher, H. H.	79	61. 0. 0	13. 6. 0
Grant, H. W.	44	16. 4. 0	1. 0. 3
Hurst, B. E.	41	46. 6. 0	42.19. 0
Miller, H. G.	111	48.18. 0	43. 4. 6
Reid, E. C. H.	94	43. 4. 0	
Ricketts, B. A.	132	88. 3. 6	102.11. 6
Ricketts, C.	47	3. 7. 0	13.16. 0
Robinson, A.			3.18. 0
Spence, A.	60	39.15. 6	1. 6. 0
Stern, Lynval	38		1.11. 0
Wallace, R.	82	28. 7. 0	17. 2. 0
14	1002	£499. 3. 0	£286.10. 3

Young People's Page

At a recent meeting of the Northern European Division Council some highly spiritual resolutions were passed relating to our individual Christian experience. We wish our space permitted us to include them all, for they are so timely, and so impressively worded. But we insert here one section that was especially devoted to our youth, which reads as follows:

APPEAL TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

"We write unto you, young people, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."

As we meet in Division Council, and consider the perils among which we live, and especially when we listen to medical warnings concerning the horrible ruin into which Satan has seduced so many promising lives, we feel we must address to our young people a solemn, affectionate appeal. We ask you to think earnestly of your own duty in such a time as this. The hour of temptation, widespread and deadly, is here.

Inventors of evil things have assisted the enemy of souls to convert modern life into one huge snare. In the picture palaces, on the hoarding, in shop windows, and popular magazines, are displayed to the eye every kind of excitement to unclean lust. Books and papers abound with sexual temptation. The radio is ready to bring into almost every home the allurements of the theatre and the music-hall. Dress fashions destroy modesty.

Modern society sneers at virtue. Even science stands ready to break down characters by teaching men and women how to sin against their own bodies with comparative safety. Innocence and virgin purity are the object of Satan's continual attack.

Where are you standing, dear young people, in a world so fouled by the tempter's hellish labours? Are you keeping the heart pure and the will strong by faith and prayer? Or are you being drawn into the slime and rottenness that are engulfing so many, physically, mentally, and morally?

We appeal to you most earnestly to live the white life, and stand on the side of purity, not only for your own sake, but also for the sake of others, perhaps younger and weaker than yourselves—it may be, your own brothers and sisters—to whom you may become true friends, real helpers. We need your full, unspoiled strength in giving the world, by voice and conduct, the living Advent message that makes its receivers pure, "even as He is pure."

Rank yourselves decidedly under the banner of the Lord Jesus; unite yourselves with your fellow Missionary Volunteers in strong, unselfish efforts to rescue the young people of this corrupt age. Boys and girls all around you are selling themselves to be slaves of evil. Save them. We who are older look to you to link your youthful enthusiasm with our efforts to fill the whole world with the message. We ask you, by the Saviour's

indwelling presence, to be the winning, venturesome, ardent crusaders that God meant you to be, that you and we may rejoice together in one Leader, one task, one victory.

God bless you all, we pray, as you try to raise aloft the standard of the message and carry it as it should be borne before the world.

We hope you will read often and thoughtfully the pamphlet that was written to our young people entitled *Standards of Christian Living*. We ask all of you to give earnest study to the teachings of this book that none of you will ever be in the slightest doubt, when beset by the artful temptations of the evil one, as to what your attitude and course should be as one of our loved and trusted Missionary Volunteers.

QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: What is a lad to do who has paid for a good education and is offered a job in which he cannot get the Sabbath off, especially when Sabbath keepers will not employ him?

ANSWER: The Lord has an answer, and here it is:—

“Remember the Sabbath day, to KEEP it holy. Six days shalt THOU labour, and do all THY work; But the SEVENTH DAY is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in IT THOU shalt NOT do any work. . .” When Satan invited Jesus to ignore God’s commandments, His answer was simply this, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread ALONE, but, by EVERY word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matt. 4: 4.

We have not emphasized words to minimize the value of others, and as a rule we object to any emphasis unless it includes every word. But we are simply endeavouring to make a reading application to the questioner. If when you have “finished” your education you cannot do right and trust the Lord with the consequences, then your education has not been of the right kind. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” “When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant to the soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee; to deliver thee from the way of the evil man. . . who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness.” Prov. 2: 10-13.

Many different things lead our young people to violate their conscience in order to obtain an earthly livelihood. But we see no need. Our trouble mostly is that they have determined to secure some definite work, when the Lord may have another plan. A young man once trained for stenographic work. He searched for

weeks for a job, but in vain. There were hundreds of other jobs advertised, but they were not in the line of his choice. So he hung upon his poor widowed mother until starvation stared them both in the face. A humble, enterprising spirit is needed to-day as much as it ever was. The only safe policy for any one is, to make God first. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Then fit your life into His leadings. Let Him direct your steps, and all life’s necessities will be added to you. Study Matt. 6: 33. Study Psalm 37: 25-31 and 34: 7-10.

2. Why do S. D. Adventists avoid the picture houses?

ANSWER: Pictures of the right kind in moderation are beneficial, because elevating. That is doubtless one reason why the Lord has made the earth so beautiful. But we must remember that the eye is a gateway to the heart, and any picture that is not good leaves us with a heart impression which under certain circumstances will lead us to sin. Therefore the Lord says that he who would dwell with Him, “Shutteth his eyes from seeing evil.” Isa. 33: 14, 15.

The policy of the Picture Houses is acknowledged to be to appeal to sexual and other criminal tendencies of human passion. The pure in heart shall see God; but he who feeds on the impure can never enter into His presence. A study of the first Psalm should appeal in this matter. It is also worthy of notice that modern lowering of standards has developed simultaneously with the popular exhibition of pictures that ignore the rules of decency and propriety.

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YOUNG PEOPLE, ATTENTION!

Last year you made some splendid resolutions, and decided among other things to take the Standard of Attainment. Did you finish your course?

Now the new year is passing so swiftly away, what are you going to do with the threads you began to weave into your character. Will you allow them to become tangled, and in the end blame heaven? It is wise to follow this old advice—“If you don’t at first succeed, try, try, try, again.”

You who have studied some should determine to complete the course this year. Those who have not taken up the study should begin at once. The books for the course cost only 1/3 for the seniors, while the juniors can buy theirs for 9d. Why not order your books to-day? To finish such a course will mean so much to you. Do not wait for others, do it alone if needed. But DO IT! “Prepare to meet thy God!”

BYRON A. MEEKER.

LITTLE FOLKS’ CORNER

Here we are, again, little Folks, quite happy over the nice long list of names we received for last month. We miss many of our Little Folks, and hope they will get busy and send in their answers again. Do not think when you fail to send answers that we forget you. No, we pray for you every day, and (don’t tell anybody) we ask Jesus to wake you up if you are asleep.

Reading about monkeys, the other day—you know they are such funny creatures, and everybody likes to watch them because they are up to so many tricks. In the London Zoo they are kept in large, strong-wire cages, and they are all sizes. Little Folks go by the hundreds to see them and watch their antics. They are all sizes, from that of a small kitten to the size of almost a man. But they are so bad tempered that they have to keep each kind in a separate cage. Monkeys come from warm climates, and England is very cold, so these cages have to be kept warm. Until lately they warmed them with hot pipes through which steam passed day and night. But now the wise men have learned how to make a lamp that is light and warm, and acts just like the sun. So they have hung these lamps up in the cages, and now when it is cold, the little creatures hang by their tails, or cuddle up with each other in the “sun.” If one tries to disturb them they open the whites of their eyes and show their teeth at you. It is nice to see the people trying to make the poor little animals happy and comfy, and we wish every boy and girl would be kind to dumb animals. They are God’s creatures, and He loves to see them treated kindly. Professor Rathbun has built a little cement basin in his garden in which he keeps clean water. The little wild birds come there in the morning to eat the crumbs which Sister Rathbun places there for their breakfast, and to have a drink or a bath. Then they fly into the trees and sing their morning song of praise to Jesus.

BRINGING UP ‘HOOT.’ A True Story of an Owl.

A baby owl was found one cold April morning nesting snugly among the leaves under a bramble bush. Apparently he had fallen out of the nest, as his mother was sitting in a tree near by. The nest could not be found, so he was taken home and nick-named “Hoot.”

Feeding on bits of chopped-up rabbit,

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he soon became very tame. When hungry he would pop his little round head over the side of his basket and call "Tu--wit" in a hoarse kind of whisper. Then, if food did not arrive soon, his calls became more and more agitated. A few strips of nice fresh rabbit soon settled him, however. All the mice caught in the house were given to him and he always swallowed them whole! As he grew older he was allowed complete freedom. His favourite perch during the day time was in a fir tree which stands in a quiet corner of the garden. A game of tennis always interested him. Frequently he stood at the end of the net and followed the flight of the ball from one side to the other.

The owl was on friendly terms with the two dogs in the house, but not so with strange ones. One evening Hoot was eating half a rabbit on the lawn, when a strange dog started walking slowly towards him. Hoot immediately picked up his rabbit, and chasing the dog round the lawn, made repeated swoops at its head. Running for all it was worth, the dog took refuge in the house, but Hoot went in after it. Presently Hoot came out again, still carrying his rabbit, and went back to the lawn to continue his supper. The dog did not worry him again, but remained under the table, looking very scared.

At last Hoot vanished. As winter drew on his visits became less and less frequent. Sometimes the remains of rats and mice are found in the garden, which shows that instinct has taught him at last the power of his own beak, sharp claws, and silent flight. It is a pity to think that his long friendship was merely "cupboard love."

Little Folks Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Evelyn Fletcher, Edgar Bennett, Lenn Bennett, Louis Bennett, Kenneth Robinson, Eric Plummer, Egerton Brown, Joyce Brown, Emlin Spence, Gertrude Porteous, Roy Crosbie, Daphne Crosbie, Rennard Billett, Enid Billett, L. F. Beresford, Eudora Webber, Ethel Benain.

So many made mistakes this month that we must give the correct answers, so you can see where you are. They were, 1, Samson, Judges 14: 8; 2, Nebuchadnezzar, Dan. 4: 10, 11; 3, Jacob, Gen. 28: 12; 4, Enoch, Jude 14; 5, Jehoshaphat, 2 Chron. 20.

Thinking Cap Questions.

1. What did John see in the hand of Jesus in Rev. 14: 14? and what is He going to do with it?
2. Where are we told about trees appointing a king to reign over them?
3. Where do we read about a dialogue between a stone and a beam?
4. What prophet got so many presents that it took 40 camels to carry them?
5. How many years was Noah building the ark and warning the world of a coming flood?

How an African girl won her parents through patience and prayer.

"At a recent missions council, Director W. H. Branson, of the African Division, told the story as follows:

"This girl's father sought to make her give up the truth and Christianity. First he prohibited her from going to school, but that did not discourage her. Then he shut her up in a dark room, and kept her there for days without food and water, until she almost perished. Then he brought her out of the dark room, and asked her if she was ready to recant, and she said, 'No, Father, I will never give up my faith in Jesus. If I have to die, I will be true to God.' And she also said to her father, 'I want to tell you that I have been praying that God will show you the light.'

"He whipped the girl until she was exhausted from the pain. Then he asked, 'Now will you give up your religion?' But she said calmly, 'No, father, I cannot; but I am praying for you.'

"Finally, one day, in his desperation, he took the girl out to a small tree and stood her up against the tree and wound a rope around her body, binding her to the tree so tightly that she could not move. Then he took a small cord and tied that around her forehead and to the tree so tightly that it cut into the flesh. And he left her there a whole day.

"In the evening, when her father came back, he said, 'Now are you ready to give this up?' She said, 'Father, I have been praying all day that God would convert you to this Gospel, but I will never give it up.'

"One of our European workers went there just after that to hold some revival meetings in the school our teacher was conducting, and when this girl heard what was going on, she secretly went to the native teacher and said, 'This is the time to reach my old father and mother, and I want you to agree to meet me every day at a certain hour to pray for my parents.' The teacher agreed, and every day during that meeting they met and prayed that God would bring those two old people to the meeting and turn them to the Gospel.

"One night at the close of the sermon our missionary made a call to men to leave their heathen ways and give their hearts to God. Then as he looked down the aisle, he saw this girl, with her father on one side and her mother on the other, leading them down to the front. The father came and laid his old pipe down at the feet of the brother, and the mother laid down her snuff box, and they knelt there before the altar and gave their hearts to Jesus. They were all baptized

later, the three of them going down into the water together."—From "Wonders of Christ's Return," p. 28.

CHILDREN AND TITHE

Ofttimes the church record shows only the father of the family as a tithe payer, and in such cases the wives' and children's names never appear on the treasurer's tithe record books. The wife, in her helpmeet occupation, surely produces her share of the income, and is doubtless recorded in the books above as faithful in tithe. Why should not her name appear on the church treasurer's book below?

The children, on the other hand, may be but consumers, and yet having received of God's hand through the father and mother a portion of His bounties, also have some tithe to pay and in doing this will be receiving an education for the future. Would it not be a good plan, father, (head of the family), in paying your tithe to let Johnny and Mary and Willie place in a separate envelope a portion of the family tithe and receive their receipts from the church treasurer as regular tithe payers? The following came to the writer's hand recently and was written by one of our pioneer workers. It illustrates the point under consideration.

"Many of our denominational leaders have been successful because their parents (the pioneers of our message) took pains to teach their children in their youth to be faithful in tithe and offerings. To teach them in their youth to respect ownership will invariably lead them to be true and pay an honest tithe always. The promise of Malachi is true to such. Many examples might be advanced in proof of this, but here is just one concrete example which came to our personal observation years ago while visiting the old church in Bedford, N. H., where the first home missionary society was organized by Elder Haskell and others.

"In looking over the old record book of 'Systematic Benevolence' of the church, we saw such names as Joseph Mace, and several others (just boys and girls) neatly and plainly written, and opposite their names, 'Tithe 2c, Missions 3c,' and so on regularly and systematically on every page for several years until the amounts began to grow larger and larger by reason of increase in their income from week to week. Elder Joseph Mace is now, and has been for many years, the manager of the Book Department for the *Review and Herald Publishing Association*, Washington, D. C." G. A. ROBERTS.

OBITUARY

Clementine Gordon, of Spanish Town, who died at the ripe age of 88, accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor H. Fletcher in 1923. A zealous and untiring worker, she was prostrated with sickness and for three years was confined to her home. The last three months she became bedridden, yet maintained her courage and confidence in God until March 8, when she fell asleep in Jesus. It was always helpful to any who visited her to receive her cheerful words. The funeral was conducted by Pastor H. J. Edmed assisted by the writer. We extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved.

C. W. GIBSON.