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HEAVENLY COURTESIES.

“Christianity will make a man a gentleman. Christ was courteous, even to His persecutors; and His true followers will manifest the same spirit. Look at Paul when brought before rulers. His speech before Agrippa is an illustration of true courtesy as well as persuasive eloquence. The gospel does not encourage the formal politeness current with the world, but the courtesy that springs from real kindness of heart.

“We are never alone. Whether we choose Him or not, we have a companion. Remember that wherever you are, whatever you do, God is there. Nothing that is said or done or thought can escape His attention. To your every word or deed you have a witness,—the holy, sin-hating God. Before you speak or act, always think of this. As a Christian, you are a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King. Say no word, do no act, that shall bring dishonour upon ‘that worthy name by which ye are called.’

“Study carefully the divine-human character, and constantly enquire, ‘What would Jesus do were he in my place?’ This should be the measurement of our duty. Do not place yourselves needlessly in the society of those who by their arts would weaken your purpose to do right or bring a stain upon your conscience. Do nothing among strangers, in the street, on the cars, in the home, that would have the least appearance of evil. Do something every day to improve, beautify, and ennoble the life that Christ has purchased with His own blood.

“Always act from principle, never from impulse. Temper the natural impetuosity of your nature with meekness and gentleness. Indulge in no lightness or trifling. Let no low witticism escape from your lips. Even the thoughts are not to be allowed to run riot. They must be restrained, brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Let them be placed upon holy things. Then, through the grace of Christ, they will be pure and true.

“We need a constant sense of the ennobling power of pure thoughts. The only security for any soul is right thinking. As a man ‘thinketh in his heart, so is he.’ The power of self-restraint strengthens by exercise. That which at first seems difficult, by constant repetition grows easy, until right thoughts and actions become habitual. If we will, we may turn away from all that is cheap and inferior, and rise to a high standard; we may be respected by men, and beloved of God.”—*Ministry of Healing, pp. 489, 490. Mrs. E. G. White.*

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“An angel passed in his onward flight,
With a seed of love, and truth, and light;
And asked, ‘Oh, where must this seed be sown,
That it yield most fruit when fully grown?
The Saviour heard, and He said as He smiled,
Place it for Me in the heart of a child.”

Selected.

THE STUDY

KEEPING SWINE FOR THE MARKET.

Several enquiries have recently come to us regarding the above question, and this month we are presenting our views for the help of our readers.

As far as we know, Seventh-day Adventists have not taken such action as might cut off a member from our fellowship for keeping pigs. The chief reason being that when a man accepts the truth, it takes a little time to convince him that the less he has to do with this filthy animal, the better. We heard of a very pious preacher who once sat at the table of a friend where pork was to be served for dinner, and, being invited to ask a blessing on the food, prayed, "Lord, if under the new dispensation Thou canst bless that which under the old dispensation Thou didst curse, bless this pig." This matter, rather than being dealt with as "a law of the church," seems to be a question of individual conviction. Yet our body of believers does not recommend, advocate, or practise either eating or trading in swine. We are a health reforming people, believing that any flesh of the pig is unclean, difficult of digestion, and a prolific source of disease.

The Highest Authority, God Himself, declares that the pig is unclean to man. He says we may not eat or touch it. Lev. 11: 7, 8. We are also commanded to make a difference between clean and unclean, and adds, "Ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean." Lev. 20: 25. The prophet Ezekiel gives among the reasons for the visitation of Divine wrath upon God's people, that "they have put no difference between the clean and the unclean." Ezekiel 22: 26.

That this difference does not merely pertain to the Jewish ceremony is evident from the fact that the pig has not changed its nature as a scavenger since the Ceremonial Law was abolished at the cross. Isaiah also emphasizes this when he predicts that when Christ comes those who use this defiling flesh will be punished: "They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens one after another (marg.) eating swine's flesh, and the abomination . . . shall be consumed together, saith the Lord." Isa. 66: 15-17, and verses 2-4.

In 2 Cor. 6: 17 Paul exhorts us not even to touch the "unclean thing." If one should defile his body with it, "Him shall God destroy." 1 Cor. 3: 17. We do not think

that one can avoid handling a creature which he keeps for the market or for food.

"But," says one, "does not Paul say that 'there is nothing unclean of itself'?" We answer yes. We truly believe that what God created He created clean. He created us all clean. But if we wallow in the mire and filth which becomes the habitation of the swine, and swallow its germ-laden food all our days, would not that make us different to the creature which God created us? Should one of our pig traders fall into a pit filled with the scum and dirt of the pig, would they come out clean? The pig is not merely unclean ceremonially, but it is unclean in reality, and the death-dealing trichinae that permeates its flesh is a witness to its unfitness for food. The nature of the pig, like the "John Crow" is that of a scavenger, and the Creator has not suited it to any other purpose.

There is a statement given to us by the *Spirit of Prophecy* which will throw light on this question. It is found in *Great Controversy*, page 515:

"He allowed the evil spirits to destroy the herd of swine as a rebuke to those Jews who were raising these unclean beasts for the sake of gain. Had not Christ restrained the demons, they would have plunged into the sea, not only the swine, but also their keepers and owners. The preservation of both the keepers and the owners was due alone to His power, mercifully exercised for their deliverance." See also Mark 7: 26-30.

In dealing with our brethren who may not have seen the truth on this matter, however, we must be kind and considerate, following the counsel of Paul in Romans chapter 14 etc., and giving them time to arrange their affairs so as to carry on without unnecessary sacrifice. The Holy Spirit will aid everyone who seeks to get rid of this unholy, because abominable, and unclean trade. We advise that no one be elected to hold office in the church who trades in pigs until such plans have been adjusted. And we also recommend those who may still be carrying on this traffic to endeavour to make speedy riddance of that which the Lord condemns.

GREETINGS FROM A FORMER RESIDENT

During the past week it has been my privilege to visit beautiful Jamaica, after an absence of nearly twenty years. I have been glad to greet former friends and acquaintances, and it has been a source of joy to find them still faithful to the message and doing all they can to make it known to others. I have regretted to learn that some whom I have inquired

about have been claimed by death, but I have been made more sad to learn of others who have given up their faith and confidence in the message and are no longer with us. I hope that before it is too late these will realize that they have separated themselves from the only movement in this world that is going to triumph eventually.

I regret that I have not been able to meet all those whom I used to know in days gone by, but this has been impossible, and I take this means of greeting them and wishing them much of God's blessing. May it be our joy and privilege to meet in that land where there will be no more partings.

It has been an inspiration to me to see how the work of the advent message has grown in this Island during the years that have gone by since I was a worker here. The membership of our churches and companies has more than doubled, and each month it is steadily growing. For this I feel very thankful to God.

I have just returned from a visit to the West Indian Training College at Mandeville, and I have been both pleased and surprised at what I have seen. I am thankful that this field has such a well-equipped institution with a staff of competent teachers. I was much interested in the industrial work being carried on, and glad to know that several industries have more work than they can do and are paying their way, thus helping a number of students to learn trades and pay their way through school. It is a source of regret to me to find that more of our Jamaican young people are not in the school. While there is a fine body of students, numbering between eighty and ninety, yet I learned that about one-fourth of the number are from islands and countries outside of Jamaica. It speaks well for the school that its good work has been recognized in distant countries and people not of our faith are sending their children at great expense to our school. I hope that many more of our Jamaican young men and women may realize what a blessing it is to have such a school in their midst and may take advantage of its benefits.

As I sail for home today I shall carry with me pleasant memories of this brief visit to Jamaica. This visit has not only afforded me pleasure and inspiration but it has served to freshen memories of former experiences and associations as well. May God bless all our believers in this Conference and keep them firm and steadfast in the love of the truth until Jesus comes.

H. H. COBBAN.

Kingston,
February 1, 1933.

The Jamaica Conference has been singularly fortunate in having a visit from H.

H. Cobban, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, whose presence for a week that seemed much too short, brought us much happiness. Years ago Brother Cobban was connected with the old Union organization that controlled the work in these islands, and has since been connected with the General Conference. His interest in our work, our school, and our people, was visibly intensified by memories of old associations many of whom he had not forgotten. At North Street Church, and at the College, his appropriate messages were received with unusual fervour, and his tour to St. Ann's Bay, calling at Mount Providence and Bird's Hill churches for meetings, and viewing the new Ocho Rios church building, caused him to regard the work and beauty of this Island with new appreciation. Needless to say counsels were profitable, his sympathy deep, and his association exceedingly pleasant. He left by the S. S. "Pastores," carrying the good wishes of us all. Come again, Brother Cobban.

"THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S"

"Every one who connects himself with the church makes in that act a *solemn vow* to work for the interest of the church, and to hold that interest above every worldly consideration."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V. p. 460.

"The tithe . . . is the Lord's.' Here the same form of expression is employed as in the law of the Sabbath. 'The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.' God reserved to Himself a specified portion of man's time and of his means, and no man could, without guilt, appropriate either for his own interests."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 525.

"Had God's plan been followed, means would now be flowing into His treasury; and funds to enable ministers to enter new fields, and workers to unite with ministers in lifting up the standard of truth in the dark places of the earth, would be abundant."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI. p. 386.

GEMS FROM THE MINES OF ACTIVITY.

WATERMOUNT. Sabbath-day, Jan. 14 accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. B. A. Meeker, the Editor and Mrs. Edmed attended meetings at the wattle tabernacle that serves for a place of worship for this thriving little company. Pastor and Mrs. Meeker went on to Duxie's for the morning service, and a letter received from Bro. Nathan Thomas expresses great appreciation and thankfulness for the happy time which they spent that morning.

The reports given show that this Church is in line with all our plans for spiritual advance. With a membership of 45 the attendance was 100%. The collection goals were reached, and the prompt answers demonstrated the studious proclivities of the Sabbath School. The baptized membership is 37, and the Sabbath School enjoys an attendance of 45. We regretted to find the leader, Bro. H. G. Thomas laid aside by sickness.

Around the Tabernacle there are several heaps of stones. They are "stones of hope," promising an early erection of a suitable place for meeting. Similar preparations are being made by the Duxie's company which, with sixteen attendants, is holding its meeting in a room about eight feet by ten. An interest prevails in both sections, and it is believed that the membership will be greatly increased when suitable Houses of Worship are erected.

The same team spent the week-end, Sabbath and Sunday, Jan. 21 and 22 with the Coleyville company. The little wooden structure windowless and cold, was made warm by the vitality of the membership. Coleyville is about the coldest place we have visited in this Island, and on these occasions, the waves were truly northern.

The attendance was exceedingly good, and there was much enthusiasm manifested. All departments of the Church life received attention, and plans were made to prepare for the erection of a new Church building. At the meeting, on Sunday over £21 was pledged by the members, and other promises were made. One brother contributed his truck to carry stone which could be gathered from his land.

Brother Harriott, the leader, is strongly supported by his associate officers, and as the spirit of consecration came in, we believe that a new and brighter future awaits early development. A public preaching service was held Sunday evening, and the place was well filled with a very respectable class of people, and the attention given was very encouraging.

Visiting the College at Mandeville en route to some of our churches, we were specially pleased to meet a number of the same students who attended the school last year, besides several young men and women of Jamaica and adjacent fields whose names brighten the student-list for this year. Thus far the outlook for the College for 1933 is very promising from every standpoint. Even the financial outlook makes us cheerful, and as the new year opens we cannot but wish the institution a high standard of spiritual and material success which its objects demand.

The methods and ideals of our school are steadily winning their way into the hearts of the upper grades of Jamaica's society, and in a quiet way the Government is being urged to conduct schools on the same basis. There should be three hundred of our youth in our school to-day.

The evangelical spirit is taking hold of our Mandeville College this year in a very practical way which is surely a hopeful augury to good things. Bro. E. E. Parchment has shown much interest in certain churches around the school for some time, and under his zealous and progressive lead, several pleasing achievements have been realized. He is still to lead these churches, but will associate with him, Prof. L. L. Dunn and his wife and Bro. Uri Morgan, while Prof. and Mrs. Rathbun will continue their kindly offices at Plowden. Prof. Dunn and his wife have undertaken to care for the Grove Town Church, and expect to conduct a series of Sunday night meetings there. Bro. Uri Morgan will take over the Campbell's Castle Church, and we believe this will strengthen the interest in those centers very materially. Bro. Lee Fletcher, another College worker, has been chosen as leader at Newport, his wife holding the treasurership; and already fruits are being realized.

We rejoice in this spirit to co-operate on the part of our College friends, and pray earnestly that the Lord may bless them richly in their 1933 efforts.

Accompanied by Professor H. D. Isaac, Educational and M. V. Secretary of the Antillian Union, the President spent a few days visiting our Church schools. Pastor G. A. E. Smith led out as Master of ceremonies, and Prof. R. E. Shafer joined the party at Seaford Town for two days.

The object of the itinerary was to lay before the Churches which are carrying on Church School work definite plans and policies by which this department might be more successfully financed and established. It was suggested that owing to the present financial crisis, it would be impossible for the Conference to give as much aid as hitherto, and that by following the instruction of the Lord, the schools might be continued without incurring debt.

Briefly stated, the the plan was, that each school form a budget for the year, to include an estimate of all expense on the one side, and sources of sure revenue on the other. On the expense side was the wages of the teacher, estimated equipment, and cost of books. On the estimated income side, we placed income from (say) two programmes, possible Con-

ference contribution, and amount contributed by the church at per capita. Thus, in one school of 120 members, the following was worked out:

Teachers wages @ £5 per month,	£60.
Equipment (maps, etc.),	10.
Books and Supplies,	5.
Total	£75.
Income:	
Conference Contribution	£12.
Rent for teacher's Cottage	1.
120 members give each per month	
9½d.	57.
Proceeds from two programmes	5.
Total	£75.

It was impressed upon us that God's plan would thus be carried out:—"Let all share the expense." Naturally, where the membership is smaller, the per capita gifts would have to be increased in proportion. And the varying income of the members would have to count, some being able to give more to make up for those who might not be able to give as much.

Professor Isaac gave some convincing studies showing the responsibilities of the entire membership of a church for the salvation of its youth and children. The plan seemed to find acceptance with the churches in spite of the difficulty some would find in making a sure subscription every month. We feel assured that as our churches take hold of the Lord's plan and establish schools, many educational nurseries will be created, and a sure foundation of spiritual and moral stamina will be built in the hearts of the children.

The itinerants found cheerful and kind hospitality in the homes of Sisters Innes and Selby, Mr. and Mrs. Binns of Montego Bay, Bro. and Sister Haig, and Sister Jones of Contented Hall. Mrs. Brown, wife of the school teacher at Seaford Town, also very kindly provided sleeping and eating accommodation.

Brother and Sister W. S. Nation and their family have responded to the urge of the executive, and have taken up residence in Kingston. We are indeed glad to have our genial Field Secretary in the office, and his family as nearby neighbours.

At last the clouds of perplexity are drifting away from the work at Seaford Town. The Church School carried on by Sister Haig has grown, and one has only to step in when the kiddies are busy at study to realize that their Teacher has them in her grip. The church building was packed inside, and surrounded by an interested throng of hearers at the evening meetings, when Professor

Isaac gave a stirring study on behalf of the salvation of our youth and children. The after meeting which followed revealed a willing interest in the new plans, and we are convinced that there is an awakening there that augurs well for the future. We earnestly pray that the Lord may bless the little mission at Seaford Town.

WATERMOUNT CHALLENGES THE DEPRESSION by starting their church-building enterprise. Hitherto, their meeting place has been a wattle tabernacle. But this is soon to give place to a more permanent structure which is being started with courageous enthusiasm. On Sunday, Feb. 5, it was the privilege of the writer in company with his wife, Mrs. Edmed, Mrs. Hutchinson, and the Misses Hogg to attend the Harvest Festival. The attendance was good including visitors from our churches at Spanish Town, Blue Hole, Mt. Providence, etc., and the public manifested a keen interest in the proceedings.

The Spanish Town choir rendered several appropriate selections which were much appreciated. Mrs. Meeker sang a solo which told a beautiful story of how the gardener made use of a broken vessel to water his drooping lilies. The lesson was clear to all that God will use us in His service, no matter how broken, if we willing. All the selections were well chosen and edifying.

A pleasing little Plan was carried out in advance of this meeting, small blue and pink bags being distributed among friends and members. The pink were for the ladies, and the blue for the gentlemen; and when we arrived two trees greeted our eyes, blue and pink, with the little bags tied on. When we surrendered our bags they were tied on. The pink tree produced much more fruit than the blue, showing that our sisters are more active collectors than the men. An offering was also taken up, and all seemed pleased to help so worthy a cause. The offerings in cash amounted to nearly ten pounds sterling, and there was much produce still to be sold.

The willing spirit of the Watermount church was very pleasing, and we believe the Lord will reward their faithfulness.

BYRON A. MEEKER.

Bro. A. Haig reports the awakening of an interest in Huntly where we have had a Sabbath school for some time. "One of Jamaica's leading teachers is interested. I am working and praying with him. During a recent study he invited me to speak to his church (Baptist). The spirit of prejudice is falling before the advance

of the message. I am now studying with twenty souls."

Writing from Porus, K. E. Destoe expresses his thanks to God for his many blessings vouchsafed during 1932. "God has helped me during 1932 financially in spite of the depression, so that while I do not have much of this world's goods, I do not have to worry over life's problems so much. He has relieved me of much of my worry, He has blessed me physically so that I get stronger the longer I work. I have run and not wearied, and walked without fainting. To-day my health is good.

But greatest of all blessings have been the year's spiritual. I have been able to bear the truth to fifteen families in Manchester. Of these, two families comprising four persons have accepted the truth. The others are all interested. I sold a man in Trelawny the book "Return of Jesus" in 1930. I had the happiness to see him baptized in December last. My grandmother in Portland, who is over 80 years of age, has also accepted the message, and was baptized by Elder Stockhausen." That is an encouraging report from a colporteur, and we rejoice with Brother Destoe, praying that 1933 may be even a better year.

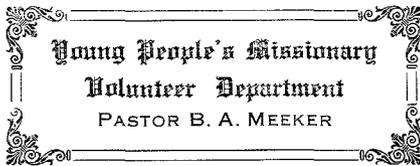
Brother Grounds has handed me the corrected list after making his reports for 1932, and shows that 645 persons were added to our ranks by baptism, and six by profession of faith, making a total of 651. In 1931, the total was 507, making for the two years, 1158. For this we bless our dear Lord. The goal for 1933 is 1000. Let all our members and workers press in to reach it.

Pastor L. Rashford has had a touch of the deep—the up and down motion which one feels when they ride on the ocean. From Monday morning until Friday following, at a speed of about six miles per hour, the little vessel that plies between this Island and Cayman, ploughed her weary way. Our colleague kept steady until Thursday, when sea-sickness developed new sensations These soon passed away, and Bro. Rashford was passed for a fairly good sailor.

The story of desolation he reserves until he can relate it, as writing must fail to unfold the story so touchingly told by Miss Ebanks in our last issue. The drought that followed the hurricane has created a scourge of dysentery, from which many have died. In some places the roads are piled six inches with sand, making it necessary every few yards to empty the shoes as one walks. In other

paths, stones and debris piled up make pedestrianism almost impossible. But the series of meetings enjoyed a good attendance in the East end of Grand Cayman, and a new series was about to commence at George Town. The presentation of the truth seems to refresh this suffering people. We feel thankful that Bro. Rashford could visit these dear neighbours and cheer them with his characteristic optimism. We are thankful also that our veteran workers Bro. and Sr. I. G. Knight have been preserved.

Do you have the Morning Watch Calendar this year? If not, why not? Get one now. There are a few left, and the morning texts are just fine this year—they always are. Send stamps and order to B. and B. House, 112 Tower St. Send it NOW. Maybe you could sell a few of them to your neighbours and friends. Try it.



Newport has a strong working missionary society. The M. V. Secretary is wide awake. Sister Viola Fletcher is their enthusiastic leader. Plans for a forward movement are being laid.

The young people all over the conference are well pleased with the plan for renewing membership in M. V. Society. Both senior and junior cards are being returned to the office for final signature of the M. V. Secretary of the conference. If your church has not attended to this matter, please do so at once.

Every effort should be made to save your children and youth, and if more cards are needed than have been ordered, we can supply them. Always specify how many of each are needed so there will be no waste.

"A little child shall lead them." A little girl at Orange, only four years of age, took off her bangles and laid them aside, saying, "I am Jesus' little girl." She urged her father, who is not a Christian, to attend Sabbath School. Let us save the children, for they in turn may save others.

Sligo Ville.

Although Brother J. A. Collins has been ill, and had to spend some days in the Spanish Town hospital, and faces the necessity of returning for an operation, he gives an interesting account of his field of missionary labours. He says, "Our interested ones are not very many, and are spread out wide over rough roads, hard to reach. The Lord has some here who

will come out and witness for Him. We are searching for them. I started last Sunday to hold wayside meetings with fairly good interest. One visitor came on Sabbath and promised to continue. Pray for the Master's blessing." Fishing and hunting for souls is the business of every believer. Jer. 16: 16.

Carron Hall.

The M. V. Secretary of this Society reports that "The members have visited a paralyzed man in company with one of the older church members. He is interested in the truth. Earnest prayers have been offered for his recovery, and he is now able to lift the afflicted arm. He has given up several bad habits, drinking, smoking, etc., and he says he finds great comfort in the Bible. Others are also interested."

**THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER
WEEK OF PRAYER**

Word has been sent out to the churches calling their attention to the M. V. Week of Prayer, March 11-18.

The General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a special programme to be carried out in all the churches during the week. Helpful studies have been provided with the thought in mind of helping our youth to decide definitely for Christ. These are found in the February Gazette.

We believe our churches will be glad to respond to this rallying call of our denominational leaders and to unite in this special week.

Last year we received letters from several churches telling of young people yielding themselves to Jesus. May the Lord grant that this year may be the best we have had, and bring in many converts. The week of prayer affords good opportunity to begin the soul-saving campaign in a strong way. "Christ our mighty Leader leads against the foe." Let our response be, "Lord, I gladly follow Thee."



Looking back over the year 1932, we feel we have cause for gratitude to God for what our Sabbath Schools have done. First of all we are glad to record an increase in membership. At the close of 1931 it was 4555, and we closed the year 1932 with 5134 or 134 above our goal. We have noted with interest the names of many of our new members who are reaching the Daily study and Perfect Attendance goals, and so the Honor cards issued for the past year show an increase

over the previous year. We are giving a list of our members who have a perfect record for five years and more. They are:—

Mr. W. E. Langley, Blue Hole	9 yrs.
Mrs. A. Plummer, Old Harbour	9 "
Miss L. Henriques, North St.	7 "
Miss P. Henriques, " "	6 "
Sister L. Allison, " "	6 "
Mr. W. Stevens, St. Ann's Bay	6 "
Sister P. Powell, North St.	5 "
Sister R. Rubey, " "	5 "
Miss A. Sangster, March Town	5 "
Mr. James White, " "	5 "
Miss L. Chisholm, Southfield	5 "
Mr. P. Kelly, Regent St.	5 "
Mrs. Adina Francis, Craig	5 "

A keen interest has been taken by many in the Investment plan for increasing their gifts to Missions, and as the result we have the best offering on record for any one year. This simple plan has helped some of our schools to retain their "Pennant," and we heartily congratulate BAGBIE on the attainment of it for the fourth quarter of 1932.

Through the faithfulness of our secretaries, which we greatly appreciate, we have been able to secure a perfect record for the past year with the Sabbath School Department of our Division, which means that each quarter of 1932 our summary has included every Sabbath School in Jamaica and has been "On Time." The year 1929 was the last that we had a similar record. We look to the secretaries of the present year to follow the good example of those for the years 1929, and 1932.

The letters that have come in expressing appreciation for the "Sabbath School Worker's Training Course" for 1932, and the benefits derived from it, have been very encouraging, and we give the names of those to whom certificates have been granted.

North St.	Mr. E. E. Walters, Mrs. Ada Hazlewood, Mrs. R. Ruby, Myrtle Roache.
Regent St.	Mrs. J. A. Reid.
Spanish Town,	Miss Lillian Price, Miss Daisy Price, Miss Emily Simmonds.
Southfield	Miss L. E. Chisholm.
Riversdale	Mrs. H. Fletcher, Mr. S. A. Hylton, Sister M. Dalhouse.
Old Harbour	Mrs. A. A. Plummer, Mr. A. A. Plumber, Eric Plummer, A. Robinson, Estella Gittoes, Mrs. L. Stoddart, E. A. Vassall, V. Thomas, Mr. George Gittoes, Hilda Walters, Mrs. V. Warner, Mr. Seymour Warner, Mrs. L. Bennett.

There are others who have taken the course and we hope to be able to publish their names in the next issue of this paper. Sixteen schools have sent in names for enrollment for the 1933 Course, giving us a total of 129, but we feel there are many more of our officers and teachers who should be availing themselves of the benefit of this splendid study. We do not understand why the book, "The Making of a Teacher" has not yet arrived. It should have reached us the first week in January. We advise our Sabbath schools to take all the assignments from the articles in the "Worker" as it comes month by month, and we hope soon to have the book.

Statistical Report for Quarter Ending December 31st.

Number of schools	108
Number Reporting	108
Membership	5134
Attendance	4404
Honour Cards issued	1002
Perfect record for one year	82
" " " two years	40
" " " three "	12
" " " four "	13
" " " five "	3
" " " six "	4
" " " seven "	1
" " " nine "	1
Number reaching the membership goal	25
Number of "Pennant" schools	12

S. S. Offering for the year 1932. By Quarters.

	12 Sabbaths.	13th Sab.
1st	\$ 821.03	£289.67
2nd	907.68	308.91
3rd	1073.31	374.12
4th	1213.70	465.45
Totals	\$4015.72	\$1438.15

	Birthday	Inv.	Tot.
1st	\$10.69	\$36.53	\$1157.92
2nd	12.94	91.13	1320.66
3rd	13.68	43.20	1504.31
4th	16.56	299.32	1995.03
Totals	\$53.87	\$470.18	\$5,977.92

Total for 1931, \$5191.59.

In comparing our offerings quarter by quarter, it will be seen that each one shows an increase, and the fourth is \$490.72 above the third. Of this amount \$299.32 was brought in through the investment gifts. What might we do if we were one hundred per cent investment during 1933. This would mean that every school and every member was having a part in this good plan. Let us try it!

In these days of financial crisis we are happy to see our offerings increasing for we know if we make first things first God's cause will be extended, and our needs will be supplied according to His promise.

With these figures before us, we take fresh courage for 1933.

Publishing Department

W. S. NATION

Here is the report of the first month of 1933. This is only from ten colporteurs. The other eight, namely: Brethren Dillon, Fletcher, Hurst, Spence, Miller, Nation, Wallace, and Young, seem to be taking a vacation, so as to recuperate after a hard year's work. They will be back in the field early, I am sure, to swell the coming months' reports with "Increasing Success."

Brother B. A. Ricketts, one of our noble colporteurs, has begun to see fruits of his labour. He writes: "I have just realized what it is to sell "Bible Readings" That book has brought great joy to many that I have sold them to. Just this morning I met a lady who told me how she appreciated the book. She said that her mother and father came to her home and wanted to eat up the book. Her brother says he would like to get one if he sees me. Another neighbour would like to get one too. She showed the book to her minister and he said it is a valuable book. Another lady who bought one from me said she would never like to part with hers. She also showed it to her friends. Another said it is a great treasure to her, and would never like to part with it. Isn't it wonderful? I want to sell some more of that book."

Just a word of commendation from Brother Everest, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. "It seems fitting to write you near the beginning of this year a word of appreciation and to congratulate you on the wonderful success in the book work which your field has enjoyed during the past few years and especially 1932. While we hoped that our sales to Jamaica would not drop as heavily as they have in some other portions of the fields, we hardly expected you to practically equal what you have been doing during the past few years. Surely it is because our colporteurs have been very faithful in their work this year and have been greatly blessed with success. Just a little comparison may not be out of place. We have sent you subscription books with a wholesale value of \$4,224.41 for the last year. No other local field nor even any other union within this Division has purchased subscription books to that value. And evidently, Brother Nation, you have sold most of the books because the new year had hardly begun before we received an order for another stock of books. Will you not please pass on to

your colporteurs a word of appreciation from us for this splendid record."

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NAME	HOURS	SALES	DELIVERIES
Campbell, R. B.	24		14.12. 0
Cousins, C. S.	148	9.13. 7	11.18. 6
Dawkins, A.	33		4.12. 0
Destoe, K.	15	10. 6. 0	3. 9
Farrell, Samuel	175	61. 9. 0	9.10. 0
Grant, H. W.	18	2.12. 0	6.12. 6
Haye, N. E.,	107	9. 3. 0	
Ricketts, B. A.	31		2.18 0
Ricketts, C.	62	2. 8. 0	9.17.10
Robinson A.			9.13. 6
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West Indian Training College

PROFESSOR R. E. SHAFER

A SPIRITUAL FEAST AT THE COLLEGE.

As this goes to press, one of the most encouraging, and profitable weeks of prayer in the history of the college, is just drawing to a close. It is one that will long be remembered by the students, faculty, and visiting workers.

The College was indeed very fortunate in having Pastor Meade MacGuire, one of the General Conference Field Secretaries, to lead out in the studies given to the students. Pastor MacGuire's many years of experience in working with young people, immediately placed him in personal contact with the students. This proved very profitable as he was able to study, pray, and counsel with them in their own individual problems. His counsel and good judgment was very much appreciated by all. He bore a special message for the young people of today. The call of the hour was one for deep consecration, and the putting away of sin, thus breaking the last thread that binds us to the things of this world.

As the message was presented in an exceptionally clear, and forceful, yet simple way, hearts were touched and melted by the conviction of sin, which was definitely pointed out by the Holy Spirit. Many decisions were made for eternity. Many, who have lived only theoretically in the atmosphere of heaven, saw clearly their true condition; and comprehending the real vital principles of Christianity, asked God to forgive them in their self-satisfied condition, placing all on the altar for service. As the message of the wonderful love of Christ was so beautifully unfolded, God spoke to the hearts of those who had never before taken their stand for Him. And as they yielded their lives to Him, many were heard, saying, "Lord I give thee all, and take all."

Besides the writer those who were present and took an active part in the services were Pastor A. R. Ogden, superintendent of the Antillian Union Mission, and Pastor Meeker, the M. V. Secretary of the conference. These workers, with the united co-operation of Professor Shafer and his faculty, assisted Pastor MacGuire in getting in touch with the students that asked for special help and counsel. The united efforts and co-operation of all greatly helped in making the meetings a success.

Our earnest prayer goes out to God that he will abundantly bless the faculty and students of this college in a way that He has never done before. May the consecration and definite decisions made by the students during this week of prayer enable God to make of this institution what He designs it to be.

H. D. ISAAC,
Ed. and M. V. Secretary
Antillian Union.

NUGGETS OF TRUTH From The Studies Given At The W. I. T. C.

BY PASTOR MEADE MACGUIRE

The sole purpose of our schools is to give a religious training.

We have been too ready to excuse our sins. Humanity and divinity combined cannot sin.

When you sin against your neighbour, it is because you love yourself more than him.

If you want to keep God's law you must love Him.

It is possible to love God so much that we *can't* sin because it hurts too much.

It is love that gives the faith and courage to obey Him. When we truly love Him, we cannot go on sinning against Him.

The "latter rain" will come to those who "follow on" to know Him.

Each one's experience must have an early and a latter rain. The early rain must bring us to a certain standard.

Repentance must grow deeper and deeper.

The latter rain can come only to those who have victory over every besetment.

The latter rain is to do two things: give power to the "loud voice," and prepare the faithful for the last plagues.

We are delaying the work of God by failing to have the early rain experience.

The great emphasis of our lives must be on love to God.

If we love God supremely, the precepts of the Decalogue will follow naturally.

Faith is love trusting. Repentance is love grieving. Hope is love expecting.

Courage is love daring. Patience is love waiting.

We are Christians just in proportion to our love.

Ask God to put love into your heart.

How dangerous it is to lose our "first love"!

We lack in personal Christian experience.

If we have the companionship of the Divine Presence, our thoughts will be controlled by that Presence.

Christianity is companionship with Christ.

When His presence is in the heart, it is softened and made tender. It transforms the life.

(To be continued.)

Notes by L. F. Rathbun.

Thursday, February 16, marked the arrival of Pastors Meade MacGuire and A. R. Ogden, who were met by several brethren who gave them a hearty welcome to Jamaica.

Pastor Ogden, having contracted a cold, was obliged to leave his colleague to conduct the studies, which began Friday night and continued through Sabbath and Sunday. The meetings from the first were well attended though the attendance at the daytime services were somewhat disappointing. From the first Pastor MacGuire arrested the thoughtful attention of his hearers. His application of many of the teachings of the Message which we are wont to use merely for those not of our faith, made it clear that God is speaking to His own dear children, and hence, many deep and precious, as well as convicting words, though very familiar, assumed a new dress, and aimed straight to the target of our hearts. This was specially true of the two studies on the 24th chapter of Matthew; and the movings of the Holy Spirit were specially manifest when he distinguished a true prophet from a false, as mentioned in the chapter, by the fact that he is a false follower who in these days fails to represent Christ as having come into his heart, and transformed the life.

The Sunday morning study on "The New Birth," brought new visions to many, and enquirers after this experience were many. Never have we heard this subject presented in so clear and forcible a manner. Yes, our hearts burned within us as we listened to the unfolding of this solemn yet sublime truth, "ye MUST be born AGAIN."

Pastors MacGuire, Ogden, and Isaac, left in the care of Pastor and Sister Meeker for Mandeville, Monday morning, where the students spent a week with them in seeking the Lord.

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

How de, Little Folks? We are still thinking of you, and praying for you. We met quite a number of little friends we have not seen for a long time this week, and they all seemed so happy. Are you happy?

We often think of the time when we were young like you. Then we remember many things we have seen in our travels through life. We did not see them all at once, because Jesus likes to teach us a little at a time, "here a little, and there a little." Can you tell where the text is that says so? He knows we cannot remember too much at a time, and if we crowd our minds with too much, we forget most of it. If we had all our joy in one day, all the other days would be filled with grief and pain. In the same way, if we had all our sorrows at once, they would kill us. We would die of grief. So the dear Lord grants us a little for each day. Cloudy and rainy days mixed in with sunshine days make the flowers grow beautiful.

One day, travelling up the mountains of Africa, we came across a great vine, growing entwined around a large tree. Its foliage almost hid the tree from sight, and among the lovely green leaves there hung bunches of bright red fruit, about the size of hens' eggs. We had been walking in the dry lands and the hot sun had made us thirsty until our mouths were dry and we longed for some juicy fruit to moisten our tongues. Truly this was a beautiful sight, and we forgot that the Lord tells about vines that bear poison-fruit, while others, like the grapes of Eshcol which Caleb and Joshua brought from the Promised Land, bear luscious and health-giving fruit. See Deut. 32: 32, 33. He also tells of the "Vine of Sodom," the fruit of which some people call apples of the Dead Sea. These grow near the Dead Sea, and also look very inviting and pretty. They are the shape of a plum, and deceive the people unless they know them. Travellers pick and eat them, only to find that the pretty skin hides a bitter sandy powder that draws up the mouth and makes them sputter and spit for hours.

So it was with these attractive fruits we saw. We picked out some ripe-looking fruits, and began to eat them. Ugh! You ought to have seen our faces. Our teeth seemed to dry up, and our tongues were drawn into our palates. Bitter, yes, too bitter to tell, we could not even spit, for our mouths just dried up, and our disappointment was in our taste for several days.

But we learned this lesson: All things that look nice are not good. Satan covers his temptations with attractive and pretty covers, just to get us to do wrong. Naughty words, secret sins that we try to hide, impure and rude habits, worldly pleasure, stealing, and telling lies—all look attractive to us, but when we do them, what a lot of bitter sorrow we have! So it is best for us to learn from God's word what is good, and what is not, and if we do only what is good, the bitter poison of Sodom will not come into our little hearts and lives, and the days will give us many happy things to remember. Which grapes will you have?

THE LESSON OF THE FIRE

We were on a long canvassing trip, for the purpose of which we bought a four wheel waggon and eight donkeys, which we trained to drive and trot like horses. Our journey led us through several hundred miles of mountainous country, and the farms we visited were on an average about ten miles apart. The sides of the waggon had long boxes on which we slept at night, and in which we carried our books to sell. We often found a deserted ant-heap, and setting it on fire and making a hole in the middle, were able to cook our food. When the Sabbath came, we sent the donkeys out to graze, while we held Sabbath School and study in the waggon, which was covered with a tent. Sometimes it was very wet and cold, and we could not sit in the waggon, and had to light a big fire to keep ourselves warm. It was making this fire that taught us a wonderful lesson. At first, we gathered quite thick sticks, built up what looked like a nice fire, and then set lighted matches around. But they just burnt out, and we could get no fire. We changed the wood, and tried again. But all the wood seemed alike in that it refused to burn.

In gathering sticks we managed to get a little fine bush, and we placed it underneath, and built up quite a big fire of thin twigs, with a few thicker ones on the top. To our great joy, when almost all our matches were used, the flame caught and spread, and as we placed more of the thicker branches that refused hitherto to burn, they began to yield to the heat, and soon we had a bonny fire.

While enjoying the heat, we meditated about things in life, and we were soon impressed that Satan works that way, when he wants to lead us into sin. He does not assail us rudely with some big wrong that we would resent. But he first lights the fires of passion or lust by some seemingly "harmless" little thing.

Perhaps it's a little lie, or a "harmless" impropriety or familiarity, or, "just a glass

for once," or, "it can't do MUCH harm." How many lives have been blighted by just one glass of drink! Just a dance with Brother, then, "Cousin George is almost like a brother. isn't he?" then, "there is Clifton—"an old friend of the family, he knows how to behave himself," and then—yes, the circle grows until the passion for dancing has fired the bosom with irresistible obsession, and soon the once pure, noble, unblemished child of God is fired with the passions of hell. The habit has become a crave, the crave a passion, the passion an obsession, and hope is lost in the sneers of the evil one. It is thus that Satan lures us from dishonesty to theft; from irritability to murder; from frivolity to adultery; from unfaithfulness to God and man, to the degraded prodigal. Let us remember that self-control spoils Satan's schemes. He came to Jesus, and found in Him the complete conquest of self (John 14: 30). There was nothing in Him that responded to the igniting elements of hell. Satan knows how to light the fires of a human heart. Watch him, for he *understands how* to light *your* fire.

THINKING CAP QUESTIONS.

Here's for the Young People over 15.

1. Why were the Gibeonites made hewers of wood and drawers of water?
2. Who was punished with death for trying to save the Ark of the Covenant from falling? Why?
3. How many are we told saw Jesus after His resurrection?
4. What does John say was his greatest wish, in his third epistle?
5. How many chapters are there in the New Testament?

For Little Folks, under 15.

1. Who wrote the ten commandments?
2. On what were these written?
3. Who wrote the Law of Moses?
4. Where were they written?
5. Where does the Lord say He will write His law now?

Young People Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Sybil Pink, Maisie Pink, Ozelpha Lushington, Nettie Lushington, Fredrica Lushington, Eric Plummer, Francella Webber, Endora Webber, Aston J. Mullings, Olga Seneth Boyd.

Little Folks Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Alvin Hardy, Hoesen Butler, Kenneth Robinson, Eric Plummer, Gertrude Webber, Endora Webber, Jonathan Mullings, Enid Boyd, Ivy Boyd, Veta Henriques, Ena Henriques, Vivia Henriques.

NOTE: Last month's answers were not all right. The sun in Rev. 12 represents the New Testament dispensation, and the moon, the Old Testament dispensation. We are glad so many tried to answer. Keep it up.

Someone from Crofts Hill Post Office sent answers but forgot to sign his name. Who was that?

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ASLEEP IN JESUS

Sister Carter, wife of Edward Carter of Ballimony, was united with him in marriage, October 1906, at which time they both became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She lived a consistent Christian life until December 15 last, when she was removed by death from the scenes of her Spiritual activity. Sister Carter leaves, besides her husband, twelve children and a large circle of friends, who will mourn the loss of the deceased who passed away at the early age of 45 years.

Emma Ann Plummer, died December 21, 1932, at the age of 62. She was a member of the North St. Church, Kingston, but had spent her last five months at Bryant Hill among her relatives, by whom she was laid to rest.

W. T. GRIFFITHS