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## RICH MEN VERIFY THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD'S PROMISES.

"John D. Rockefeller, whom people called 'The richest man in the world,' is reported to have said, in reply to someone who quoted Andrew Carnegie's motto, 'To die rich is to die disgraced,' 'God gave me my money.' Carnegie gave away most of his wealth. Rockefeller gave more, but remained rich."

He was always a deeply religious man, and a firm believer in the Bible as he understood it. As a poor young man he accepted the Bible plan for supporting God's work, believing in the principle of giving the Lord a tithe of his income. "When he got his first job, in 1885, he joined the Baptist Church, and one of the earliest entries in his private cash book is a ten cent gift for 'some missionary cause.' Soon after, there are notes of ten cents for the minister, five cents for the Sunday School and so on. As his wealth increased so did his gifts, and by 1928 he had given away well over one hundred million pounds."

We in Jamaica have benefited wonderfully by this man's immense wealth; yes, by the Lord's blessing on this man who faithfully gave the Lord His tithes. The Rockefeller Foundation has spent millions on Jamaica, helping to stamp out diseases, mosquitoes, and other pests, creating sanitary conditions, and transforming disease and plague spots into healthy habitations.

We have quoted the above facts from the *Christian Herald*, April, 1933, to encourage faith in the following statements from the Lord's servants:

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

"An all-wise God knew best what system of benevolence would be in accordance to His providence, and has given His people directions in regard to it. It has ever proved that nine-tenths are worth more to them than ten-tenths."—*Id., p. 546.*

"The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away. So it is with those who are faithful in distributing God's gifts. By imparting they increase their blessings. 'Give, and it shall be given unto you,' God has promised; 'good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.'"—*Acts of the Apostles, p. 345.*

"The special system of tithings was founded upon a principle which is as enduring as the law of God. This system of tithing was a blessing to the Jews, else God would not have given it them. So also will it be a blessing to those who carry it out to the end of time. Our Heavenly Father did not originate the plan of systematic benevolence to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man. He saw that this system of beneficence was just what man needed."—*Vol. 3, pp. 404, 405.*

ED.

### "The End of All Things Is at Hand"

On the 13th of November next, one hundred years will have past since the last sign in the heavens—the falling of the stars—was seen. On the 22nd day of October next, eighty-nine years will have passed since Christ entered the holy of holies to begin the work of judgment, and the message, "The hour of His judgment is come" began to be sounded in the earth. "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled."

The other day there came to my hand the March number of the *Missionary Review of the World*, and in one of the editorials I read the following: "The increase of suicides and murders, of banditry and racketeering, of intemperance, dishonesty and greed, of immorality and irreligion—especially in our cities—shows that the whole world is sick. There is need for a true physician. The technocrats [Advocates of technocracy, a new political system] acknowledge it; the prophets of depression declare it; statesmen, peace advocates, social reformers, temperance workers and others are all looking for some remedy for our international, interracial, business, domestic and personal ills and worries."

The appalling condition of the world's financial structure at this moment is a very definite sign of the approaching end. The political situation in Germany, in France and Poland, in Japan and China, the apparent failure of the League of Nations to handle the world situation, also the apparent failure of the "Reduction of Armaments Conference"—all speak loudly of the approaching end. As one writer of international repute has recently stated, "The clock of time is about to strike the most portentous hour in the history of the world." And another, "Upon this moment hangs all eternity."

We have now reached the time when every possible effort should be made to recruit our forces to the utmost limit. However much may have been accomplished during the past year in the winning of souls for the kingdom and in laying the foundation for the accomplishment of a greater work for the present year, we must set our goals still higher. "His servants are constantly to enlarge the circle of their efforts. Constantly they are to do more, never less." *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 50. The accomplishments of the past year will serve to inspire every worker, I am sure, to increased endeavour for greater things for the future. God would have his servants "show results far higher, holier and more definite than in our day have yet been revealed." Vol. 8, p. 86.

"The day is almost spent, the westering sun is about sinking forever from your

sight. Summon every energy of the soul, employ the few remaining hours in earnest labour for God and for your fellow-men." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 464.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action." Vol. 7, p. 14.

E. E. ANDROSS

**EDUCATION DAY.** A splendid programme has been issued by Prof. H. D. Isaac, of the Antillian Union Educational department, and is now probably in the hands of the churches. August 19, is the day chosen for this programme in all our churches, and we may be excused for reminding our readers that our aim is to receive an average of 3d. per member from each church, to aid the conference in developing and maintaining its educational work for our children. Thus far, the churches have been unable to respond as liberally as we had hoped, for the two collections taken already this year only amounted to £11. 1. 0 for the whole field. If, say, 4,000 of our members would donate 1d per month to this fund, we would have received £50, and would be looking for another £50 for the two collections yet before us for 1933.

We have been obliged to close down one school for want of funds—truly a calamity to the dear little children—and some of our church school teachers can scarcely get along with what is paid them. Forgive us, brethren and sisters, when we express our desire to see all our little children under our own denominational wing; and we know it can be done if plans are carried out in an organized way.

Here is a statement from the Roman Catholic press, showing how that church is adding to its power and prestige:

"Without such a school (Roman Catholic Church-school) vast numbers will inevitably fall away from the faith of their parents. They will become irreligious and a menace to the society in which they live." Cardinal Bourne in, *The Catholic Attitude on the Education Question*, p. 36.

Yes, one of the reasons why Rome increases in strength is traced to her steps taken toward holding her childhood. Children grow. Many who were little when I came to the Island, are now growing into manhood and womanhood. And we pause to ask upon what foundation will their future be built? What forms the background of their present, when they must meet the temptations and face the issues of their new day? Oh, that we might realize with alarmed emphasis how much depends upon childhood and its training. Well might Isaiah feature the heart-breaking separation when Jesus comes with the words, "The harvest shall be a heap

in the day of grief and desperate sorrow;" all "because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation . . ." and "planted thy pleasant plants, (thy children) with strange slips" (children of the world). Isa. 17: 10, 11. The church school plan aims to help parents hold their little ones to Jesus. Will you refuse? CAN you refuse to help so noble a cause?

Ed.

### GEMS FROM THE MINES OF ACTIVITY.

Earlier than usual, the mighty winds that obey their Creator have begun their attacks. Heaven sent her warning in the severe earthquake that came suddenly and left with like despatch. It did no damage. Unfortunately it did little good spiritually, as men returned to their accustomed life of carelessness and indifference to the solemn calls of God.

Then came the atmospheric depression that is always the forerunner of a storm of unusual strength. This appears to have been born in the region of our sister-Island of Trinidad, where the Southern half of the land suffered devastating visitations. Many lost their homes who, perhaps, are too poor to replace them; and their gardens—the work of years—were relentlessly torn up. In behalf of this Conference membership, we extend our deepest sympathies, assuring our dear brethren who may have suffered, that God's love is still the same, and His promises cannot fail.

For three days, we, in Jamaica, watched the spasmodic winds and rain under the warning that we must prepare for the worst. The hurricane was headed straight for this Island. Our barometer challenged the warning, as it registered only a superabundance of rain. This we got until many parts of Jamaica were under water. Rivers were swollen, roads washed of their surfaces, rocks hurled across the railways, and landslides on every hand. But little damage was done to crops. For all this we cannot restrain our thanks to God, for the roads must be repaired, and thousands of pounds must be allowed to circulate among our poor in the country before normal travelling can be resumed. How wonderfully God works! How we should thank God! Meanwhile the hurricane itself turned off and left us to pursue our way still trusting the Lord for a good half year for the last part of 1933.

Our College at Mandeville, where 14 inches of rain fell in one day, soon had its tanks all full and running over. Unfortunately, one of the tanks at the back of

the school office burst under the pressure, and the water was lost. But there was no further damage to the school property. Thus another visitation has come and gone—just to remind us that Jesus is soon coming. Are we ready?

Pastor and Mrs. B. A. Meeker have been spending a few days for rest with Prof. and Mrs. F. O. Rathbun, at Mandeville. Miss Ethel M. Edmed spent a week with her parents in Kingston, for a rest. Pastor Lin Rashford has been home resting with his family for a few days.

R. B. Campbell writes to inform us that Bonny Gate Church is keeping up its sales of Big Week books, and will not return any. That is good business. The lady who so kindly entertained the conference team, Mrs. Roch, has since joined the baptismal class. Her husband is a very influential gentleman, and we welcome her with the hope that Mr. Roch will soon follow.

Pastor H. Fletcher reports having reopened his Tabernacle meetings, and that in spite of the bad weather, he enjoyed a good attendance. Some influential persons are taking hold of the truth, and our dear Pastor has high hopes for a very successful effort. Let us join him in prayer for it, and praise for his recovery. Pastor Fletcher has a burden to present to the churches in his circuit a message of Righteousness by Faith. We notice that since the last Workers' Institute, when Pastor MacGuire stirred every heart with this precious light in the setting of our message, our ministers are passing on the good word to the brethren. If our dear people can be helped to grasp the fundamental basis of Righteousness by Faith as the power-house of Present Truth, a new experience will come among us, and we will see Pentecost revived and the third angel's message glorified. We will then sing Hymn 218 with a new meaning, and live it with a new joy.

DARLINGTON. "We are still moving onward. The Big Week campaign is successfully bringing the Message to our neighbours. Some are unable to buy the books although they feel the need of the Scriptural explanations they contain, and this opens up a field of Missionary work. We are trying to dispose of the books, and are enjoying many blessings in spite of the prevailing financial crisis.

The new church building we have been trying to erect the past two years is going up slowly, and we hope to raise it before the end of this year. Please pray for the work at Darliston."

CHESTER JONES.

On Friday, June 16, Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Stockhausen welcomed the arrival of "Betty June," the fourth daughter to bring joy and happiness to the home. We congratulate the family, and extend to Betty June the warmest greetings.

Sabbath day and Sunday, June 17, 18, were happy days at our little Bonny Gate Church. The occasion was a visit of our Conference Team, and the Sabbath day was wholly devoted to convention work. On Sunday, a Harvest Festival was held under very favourable auspices, notwithstanding the scarcity of food that could be sold. The choir rendered some very sweet musical selections, which showed much painstaking in preparation. The children recited their Harvest Exhibition with precision and clearness, carrying each their basket of viands very prettily arranged. The attendance was good at all the services, and the collection was liberal. Bro. R. B. Campbell and his church helpers certainly deserve appreciation. Pastor B. A. Meeker, Mrs. Edmed, and the Conf. President formed the Team, staying at Brother and Sister Walker's home at Guy's Hill en route, and being entertained happily by Mr. and Mrs. Roch, and the Glanville family. The Sabbath School offerings have doubled lately, and there has been a steady increase in tithes, etc. We left the members full of courage and consecrated devotion, and pray that the Lord may bless them abundantly.

June 21, as the sun was setting, a large gathering assembled in the North St. Church, to witness the marriage of Mr. Henry Geo. Hunter, and Miss Mabel Beatrice Plunkett, both members of the same church. Brother Hunter is a son of Bro. H. Hunter, treasurer of Bagbie Church. The decorations were very pretty, and the service arrangements attractive. A reception was held at the home of Dr. DaCosta, where a large number of well-wishers spent a pleasant time. We wish Brother and Sister Hunter all that is good in their new home-life.

He is a carpenter by trade, this man that we met a few evenings ago. Said he, "I had worked a long time with my firm, until one night as we were leaving, the boss said, 'I am sorry, boys, but my money has run out, and I cannot have you back to work any more, so I am paying you off and I will have to do all the work myself.' So we left work that night and had nothing to look to for the future. But next day a man asked me to do a job for him, and I finished it by 11:15 A. M. Then, next day I got another job, and so I have been kept at it. Of course my new wage was less, and different

work. But I stuck to it, worked harder, made myself indispensable, and so I have kept my job while others have lost out."

We asked this man what was the secret of his success. His reply was, "Faith in God, doing my very best, and seeing that my employer profited by my service."

This brought three texts to mind as pointers to success in these difficult times: "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

"But godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that NOW is, And of that which is to come."

"Sherwood Content was favoured by having Pastor H. P. Lawson from June 14-21. Many hearts were stirred by the Pastor's studies. In our new experience we find Heaven is but a step as we take Jesus as a personal Saviour. We wish to thank God for these studies, and our prayer is that He may keep us all so that when the work is ended we may sing the song of Moses and the Lamb."

Lee S. Hines.

And here's Brother Nation with his face all smiles. Just popped in to tell how Brethren Hurst and Miller took orders for *The Great Controversy* to the value of £47 last week. And when he told us, we all had to smile too. Well done, boys! Keep at it!

Mrs. Edmed reports having met several persons on her Big Week book-selling tour, who bought our books readily when they knew they were S. D. A. books. One lady, the wife of one of our large merchants, expressed great appreciation for our literature, commenting with very unfavourable pronouncements against other religious books that are trying to find buyers.

Sunday, June 25, Pastor Hutchinson and his wife arranged a very pretty wedding for a couple from Florence Hill Church. Leader Peter Nooks arrived with his flock packed in a bus, exactly on time, and several members of the North St. Choir helped to make the service charming. Sister Elise Hogg sang a solo with her usual pleasing style, the President of the Conference gave an address, and Pastor Hutchinson took charge of the marriage. It was in this way that Miss Martha C. Baker changed her name to Mrs. Reginald J. Batten. Leaving the Church amidst showers of rose petals, and, escorted by the little train bearers and the bridal party, the decorated bus returned with its freight of happy well-wishers.

The church at Morant Bay reports that nearly all the Big Week books have been sold, and they will sell the balance, so that none will be returned. In view of the ruin recently suffered through the November Hurricane, and the consequent scarcity of money in that district, we regard this as courageous and devoted loyalty to the Cause.

We have been pleased to find that there are church schools in embryo in Jamaica, which are carried on at present as private schools. One, at Newell, which Sister Gladys Brodie conducts, and one at Bonny Gate, which Miss Joyce Glanville has established. Another private school is being carried on at Spanish Town, and it is hoped that in some way these schools may eventually become a part of the Conference educational work. In the present financial situation this must wait. But we will always be glad to have interesting reports from those who are thus engaged in this most important branch of Church missionary work.

We are pleased to report that from the auditor's Statement, the finances of the Jamaica Conference for 1932 were eminently gratifying. The Budget was balanced, and all the inventory reserves were kept up to date. A small reserve surplus enabled us to provide Elder Fletcher with a tabernacle for which no provision was made in the budget. In spite of the heavy cuts in the budget we were able to operate without dismissing one worker, although, in order to do this, workers had to live on a greatly reduced wage. The workers from oversea were reduced in salary considerably more than the workers who are native to this country. Had our tithes and offerings been maintained even at the 1930 standard without reduction the report would have been more gratifying still. We praise the Lord for the willing co-operation of our workers in submitting to the difficulties which a reduced income in wages and expense involved, so pleasantly, and also for the faithfulness of our people in adhering to God's plan for the support of His great work.

We regret that the Economic Conference in London has appeared to fail of reaching a solution to the problem involved in the world financial crises. It is about as we expected, however, for, if we understand the Word aright, silver and gold will be worthless before Jesus comes, so that men will even cast it away. The reason for this failure is not far to seek, for every suggestion appears to be based on helping the rich manufac-

turer by raising prices, while no thought is given to the question of raising wages of the poor. This is how the Apostle James puts it. God has no policy that He can bless which enriches the rich by impoverishing the poor. The only solution is the coming of our Lord. Let us be patient.

It is well known that honey is more wholesome for food than the ordinary sugar, and also the fresh sugar pressed from the cane without treatment. The Bible recommends us to eat "a little honey" and warns against eating too much of it. Jamaica is such a honey-producing country that our poorest members can have it with a minimum of trouble. To-day, the people of Poland, otherwise on a starvation ration, are living mostly on honey which costs them nothing. Cultivators of honey can smile at the rising prices of sugar from the cane, and be much healthier. Baked slices of bread-fruit made up with honey as sandwiches make a very healthy and palatable lunch for Sabbath, or school days for the children.

Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith reports that he conducted a Baptismal service at Huntley, July 2, in spite of the storm that was raging. We hope to have a full report of this for the next issue. Maybe Brother Haig will favour us with one, as it must have been fruitage of his effort.

Pastor H. P. Lawson has returned to Coleyville, where he expects to remain about one month. He speaks of a very enthusiastic interest, and very promising meetings. We sincerely pray that this effort will form the beginning of a new and commendable witness being built that will recommend our work in that elevated and respectable centre.

#### A Visit To The West Indian Training College.

This excellent school, situated at "Coolsworthy," a short distance from Mandeville, is one that is claiming a lot of attention, and no wonder.

The situation is admirable. After being on the premises for a few hours, one is bound to ask, what is the great difference between this and other Colleges? The answer is simple. It is a Christian school. If parents want the best for their children here it is.

Another noteworthy feature is the excellent order that prevails in all the departments. Things seem to just happen. All seem to understand their duties without being told. This means a most capable faculty.

As a visitor, I have nothing but words of praise for this Seventh-day Adventist School where I stayed ten days while attending a most profitable Colporteurs' Institute. May the Lord continue to bless this institution.

G. L. CLAYPOLE.

Liguanea,

St. Andrew,

19 May, 1933.

#### SUGGESTIVE

Many young people and children appear to seldom if ever take part in the tithes and offerings collections of the churches. We think this a great pity, and contrary to the spirit of Jesus, Whom they profess to love and serve. Of course they may feel that they earn nothing. But why should they not earn some money as soon as they are old enough to do something?

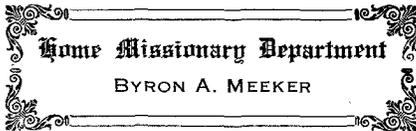
Bertie and Annie and Clara were very little children when their father gave them each a plot of land and showed them how to plant a little garden each, and every year he would go to town and buy something to give to the one whose garden was kept the best. It was real fun watching each other's garden to see whose seed began to grow first, and who could pick the first bud. Then they had rabbits, which they sold as they increased, and other pets. They could always find someone to buy pet animals, and it was quite interesting to study keeping them clean and healthy. By the time they were twelve or fourteen years of age, they were quite clever in the study of gardening and dumb animals. And it helped them grow to be kind and artistic. This also provided a little money which was really their very own, and they could give the Lord, not Papa's money, but *their own*. One little boy we know had a pair of goats, and as they increase, he is able to sell the little ones, and often he earns a few pence selling the milk.

Here was a boy twelve years of age, who sold tracts and *Signs of the Times* and other papers, and with the profits he was able to pay his own tithes, give the Lord offerings, and pay for his own education in the Church school. Now he is grown to manhood, and has kept busy in these interesting ways, and has become a doctor.

A man that has three or four children, if they are rightly trained, will find them a great source of help in meeting life's crises. It is a great mistake to bring children up idle and dependent for everything. During the great war, every family in England was given a square chain of land on which they had to grow their own vegetables and all the family helped in the work. Why not teach the children and youth to get out in the fresh air early,

before the heat comes on, and cultivate their own slice of the family holding? This would bring health as well as happiness, and if they can have a little money of their own out of what they can make to grow, it will go a long way to abolish this youthful dependence and poverty. Then when they come to Church, or calls are made to help God's great cause, they will have money of their own which they will cheerfully give, and rejoice that it is their very own gift. The Lord will also have joy in crediting them with their own cheerful spirit.

There are many other ways that this plan could be adopted. All may not be able to follow any of the above plans, but if one looks around, ways will soon be found so that every child over, say, five years of age, can begin. The youngest can often relieve mother of house work while she works in the garden etc., in which event, the child should receive some pay, just to help him to learn with profit. In view of what is coming on the earth, we look with deep concern and pity upon those who for some reason or other, neglect this very helpful side of childhood and youthful life.



### Home Missionary Department

BYRON A. MEEKER

### HARVEST INGATHERING INSTRUCTION.

"For years the perplexing question has been before us, How can we raise funds adequate for the support of the missions which the Lord has gone before us to open? We read the plain commands of the gospel; and the missions, in both home and foreign fields, present their necessities. The indications, yea, the positive revelations of Providence unite in urging us to do quickly the work that is waiting to be done."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 114.

"One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions. In many places during the past few years this has proved a success, bringing blessing to many, and increasing the flow of means into the mission treasury. As those not of our faith have been made acquainted with the progress of the third angel's message in heathen lands, their sympathies have been aroused and some have sought to learn more of the truth that has such power to transform hearts and lives. Men and women of all classes have been reached, and the name of God has been glorified."—*Consecrated Efforts to Reach Unbelievers*, June 5, 1914.

"You inquire with respect to the propriety of receiving gifts from Gentiles or the heathen. The question is not strange; but I would ask you, Who is it that owns our world? who are the real owners of houses and lands? Is it not God? He has an abundance in our world which He has placed in the hands of men, by which the hungry might be supplied with food, the naked with clothing, the homeless with homes. The Lord would move upon worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of the work, if we would approach them wisely, and give them an opportunity of doing those things which it is their privilege to do. What they would give we should be privileged to receive.

"We should become acquainted with men in high places, and by exercising the wisdom of the serpent, and harmlessness of the dove, we might obtain advantage from them, for God would move upon their minds to do many things in behalf of His people. If proper persons would set before those who have means and influence, the needs of the work of God in a proper light, these men might do much to advance the cause of God in our world. We have put away from us privileges and advantages that we might have had the benefit of, because we chose to stand independent of the world. But we need not sacrifice one principle of truth while taking advantage of every opportunity to advance the cause of God.

"The Lord would have His people in the world, but not of the world. They should seek to bring the truth before the men in high places, and give them a fair chance to receive and weigh evidence."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 197, 198.

"Just as long as we are in the world, and the Spirit of God is striving with the world, we are to receive as well as to impart favours. We are to give to the world the light of truth as presented in the sacred Scriptures, and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to do in behalf of His cause. The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people, and it becomes those who are so deeply interested in the religious liberty question not to cut off any favours, or withdraw themselves from the help that God moves upon them to give for the advancement of His cause."—*Id.* p. 202.

"The Lord God of Israel has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers, but they are to be used in favour of doing the work that must be done for a fallen world. . . . I have repeatedly been shown that we might receive far more favours than we do in many ways, if we would approach men in wisdom, acquaint them with our work, and give them an oppor-

tunity of doing those things which it is our privilege to induce them to do for the advancement of the work of God."—*Id.*, p. 203.

The Old Harbour Junior Missionary Volunteers are taking the lead again this year. They are very enthusiastic about the educational goals of the Society. Already ten have received Reading Course certificates for this year and eight are ready for examinations in the Junior Standard of Attainment. Why not follow their example?

The names of those receiving Reading Course certificates follow.

Eric Plummer, Louie Bennett, Edgar Bennett, Kenneth Robinson, Lenn Bennett, Byryl Bennett, Ralph Bennett, Daisy Walters, Hilda Walters, Mrs. A. A. Plummer.



### Sabbath School Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED

### OUR MISSING MEMBERS.

We are distressed each quarter as we complete our summary of the Sabbath Schools in Jamaica to find that there are so many of our church members who are not availing themselves of the privileges and blessings of this very important part of our church life. For the first quarter of 1933 our secretaries reported 343 missing members, and some overlooked this item in reporting so we are sure this number would be somewhat increased.

We are not alone in this, however, for in North America 22 per cent of the church members are missing in the Sabbath School, and so at the recent council of the General Conference it was recommended that a special Sabbath School number of the *Review and Herald* be provided and that a certain time be designated as "Sabbath School Recruiting Month" when Conference workers, church leaders, Sabbath School officers, teachers and members will search out these missing and urge them to join the Sabbath School and attend as regularly as possible. We feel sure we will all be glad to join in this special effort for our missing members in Jamaica. The *Review* dated June 29, has just come into our hands, and contains articles by our leading workers on the value of the Sabbath School. We wish all could have a copy of this excellent paper but as this may not be possible, we are quoting a portion of Mrs. L. F. Plummer's article on this subject. She says: "Properly carried on, this search for the missing becomes pastoral work of the

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highest order. Our churches and companies are organized into local and union conferences, which are in charge of officers and ministers whose duties are to promote the work in their territories. The important relationship existing between Sabbath School work and Conference work is evident to all. The prosperity of one means the prosperity of the other.

"In our conferences are various institutions containing workers and believers in charge of boards and faculties. These leaders have at heart the advancement of the message, and the Sabbath School is their chief asset. The welfare and growth of the Sabbath School is therefore dependent in no small degree on the cooperation and interest of all church officers, ministers, conference officials, and staffs in our institutions, and these should strive by personal influence and example to make the Sabbath School all that it should be. The most valuable asset a pastor has in his church is a prosperous Sabbath School. A strong spiritual Sabbath School means a strong spiritual church. Why should not pastors and elders take an active part in their Sabbath School? Strong spiritual churches mean a greater interest in all the local and foreign enterprises, more funds and more workers to answer the calls for help. We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that 'the Sabbath School work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavour to make it prosperous.' *Test. Vol. 5, p. 127.* Surely there can be none in our work more interested in the truth than those who bear official responsibility in promoting it, and those to whom the people must look for leadership in worship and service.

"Now the question, Are you a Sabbath school member? You are not unless your name is enrolled on a class card. The actual names on the cards constitute our membership. You may attend frequently but unless you are enrolled, you are the "Missing" for whom we are searching. Are you actively helping the Sabbath School by your personal presence and activity in its behalf, or are you hindering it by your personal indifference to it?

"Can any one either deliberately or carelessly turn from the Sabbath School, and thus cut himself off from its service and influence, and from the study of the Bible lessons which are engaging the attention of a large number of the people of God, and not suffer a loss that is material? Can one really estimate the possible loss?

"The value of careful, thorough study of the Sabbath School lesson, week by week, through a series of years, cannot easily be estimated. That which is heard or read but once is soon forgotten. But in the Sabbath School lesson we have a

portion of Scripture adapted in its form and arrangement for individual home study, for class recitation, and for review. If the week's study is thorough, and the Sabbath School hour properly used, the mind is indelibly impressed with the truths of that lesson. The value of this service over that of other forms of divine worship, lies in the personal thought and effort given to the study of the Bible. That to which we give personal consideration, and which stimulates the mind to active, original thinking, will remain with us longer than that which we absorb when we listen in a passive way to a sermon or lecture. The Sabbath School offers an opportunity for personal active participation in the study of God's word. The spiritual health of our members is more closely bound up with the regular systematic study of the Sabbath School lesson than we can at first thought imagine.

"The Sabbath School touches our nearest and dearest interests; it should reach every home, and every member of the home. Taking into account the age of the different members of the average family, we may say emphatically that of all the regular services held by Seventh-day Adventists, none is of greater importance than the Sabbath School. It is the heart of the church. It is a stabilizing influence which has kept the people of the advent movement marching forward together in harmonious, systematic, organized Bible study. It is not a desultory, hit-and-miss method, as one might use when reading a newspaper or an almanac, but a study with a system, a plan, and a definite objective. It is a builder of Christian character.

"Have you who do not attend the Sabbath School considered the effect of your example upon the children and youth? Shall we all be satisfied to see our children and youth grow up to be the same kind of church members that we are? Do we wish them to manifest more or less interest in the work of the Lord than we do? If they step in our footprints, following our example and forgetting our precepts, will they be ready for the coming of the Lord?

"For the sake of our young people, the flower of our flock, we ask you to consider the responsibility you bear, and the power of your influence and example upon them. Let each one ask himself, Is my example in attending Sabbath School a safe one for others to follow? Would you say to the youth and children, "Do as I am doing?" Whatever indifference you may have felt toward the Sabbath School has had its effect upon all who know you. Would you have every one else do as you do in the matter of studying the Sabbath School lesson? Are you a safe pattern in

that respect for those about you? Are you willing to take the responsibility of inviting others to follow your lead? You are doing this, whether or not it is according to your desire, for 'none of us liveth to himself.'

### Publishing Department.

W. S. NATION

We believe that all well-wishers are anxiously waiting to hear what our colporteurs are doing since the recent Institute. We know that your prayers in our behalf will not fail. The Lord and His holy angels have gone before and are preparing the hearts of those that shall be heirs of salvation. It is marvelous to know how the hearts of men are yearning for Truth, and the *Great Controversy* is meeting the needs of the hour.

In less than two weeks Brother Hurst took £60 orders for this wonderful book, from doctors, lawyers, bank managers, teachers, theatre managers, officers of the law, merchants and proprietors. Brother Dawkins is also doing excellent work with this same book; his partner, brother Claypole, who has recently joined the army of our colporteurs, has succeeded in taking an order for this book from one of Manchester's wealthiest men. Many are wondering how he succeeded. Surely "prayer changes things." As I have worked with these men it makes me feel happy to see how they are filled with the spirit of the book.

Brother Cousins is enjoying the work with *Our Day* according to his letter: "I can never express the joy that is in my heart since I am canvassing a religious book. My thoughts are heavy every moment of the day. Every hour I am pointing others to their Creator. I thank God for this work. The first week of my campaign the Lord began to manifest His power in me to save the lost. On Wednesday I took an order from a man for the best binding of *Our Day* with the magazine for a year. After going around to his neighbours I mentioned his name. They became very much alarmed, "Pray, oh pray for him," they said "that the book may do him good." They declare that no minister can ever go to him about Christ or religion. I was told that he is one of Jamaica's obeh men.

Words from brother B. A. Ricketts: "Be not troubled over me for I am back on the job in St. Elizabeth. The people are so glad to see me again. I am just realizing the nature of the work I am called to do. The work is too high for me. I cannot express my joy and gratitude to God for such an exalted work. The outlook here

# HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

## SEPTEMBER 9 -- NOVEMBER 9.

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### WHAT IT HAS DONE!

1. It has helped support several Church Schools in Jamaica.
2. It has helped to build several fine churches in Jamaica.
3. It has helped Mission Work across the sea.
4. It has acquainted the people with our work and message.
5. It has given our denomination a place in general esteem.
6. It has won many souls to Christ.
7. It has made those who took part "Labourers together with God."
8. It has created friendships among neighbours.



### A WEEK OF PRAYER TO PRECEDE THE CAMPAIGN SEPT. 2-8.

1. To seek the Lord for a deeper consecration.
2. To ask the Lord's help in the campaign.

Let families and isolated members take special time daily to plead with God for success in spite of difficult days.



### THINK OF THIS

The average annual income from this campaign for the past five years has been a little over £1,000. Shall we set our goal this year at 7/6 per member for each church, and £1,000 for the whole conference? Are YOU willing?



We request that the Church Boards get together and make very thorough plans for the campaign, so that every member and the children take some part. Assign territory, and arrange for weekly reports to be sent to Pastor B. A. Meeker.

"SO BUILT WE . . . FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK." Neh. 4: 6.

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is dark from a human point of view but it is extremely bright when I view it in heaven's light." Brother Ricketts has gone to the field where he had made the highest record for 1932. First he handled the Health book, now he is handling a religious book, we wish him abundant success.

Miss Florence Hutchinson, our only lady colporteur, is making success. She says, "I am quite lonely at times after walking for ten or twelve miles on these dreary roads, but glad to say God always walks and talks with me, so that sometimes I really forget that I am alone. I am determined as never before to let God use me." Miss Hutchinson is a student colporteur. In her behalf we solicit your prayers.

**Colporteur Report  
May & June, 1933.**

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Fletcher, H. H.	104	63. 0. 0	10.15. 0
Grant, H. W.	36	20. 3. 6	
Haye, N. E.	77	12.10. 0	
Hurst, B. E.	50	63. 0. 0	39. 6. 0
Hutchinson, Florence	102	19. 0. 0	1. 1. 0
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Miller H. G.	47	33. 4. 6	14. 0
Ricketts, C.	82	15. 7. 0	5. 6. 0
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Wallace, R.	75	15. 7. 0	6. 6. 0
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**LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER**

**FOR JESUS' SAKE.**

Well, Little Folks, how are you all today? Since my last story I have met with quite a number of Jamaica Little Folks in different parts of the Island. They all had smiling faces, and how they did sing! When Pastor Meeker taught them the hymn, "Jesus loves me," in the Chinese language, they sang it so heartily, and even the old Folks had to join in. How happy we will all be when we sing to Jesus in the language of heaven, around God's great throne!

I want you to think with me about people who lived in Scotland about three hundred years ago. There were very few bibles in those days, and when it was known that someone had a copy the rulers would be so angry that they would send soldiers to kill them. How different it is to-day when everybody can have their own copy and read it without fear of cruel soldiers!

One day, a young man who had a sweet little wife and one darling little baby living in a poor little home in one of the villages of Scotland, decided that he would make his home more comfortable, and in order to get the money he would take some of his sheep to the village market and sell them. He had never seen a bible, and he knew nothing about Jesus; so they never prayed, not even to ask Jesus to care for the dear little baby.

On arriving at the market, however, he found it full of people selling their goods, and soldiers going around to find out if anyone used a bible. When they found someone that confessed love for God's book, they told him to give it up or they would kill him. Some of the people refused, and they were killed. While Mr. Glendelling was there, he saw the soldiers kill a woman and her little child eight years old, and some others, and the bravery and loyalty shown by those people touched his heart. One young man before he was killed told the soldiers how the bible had shown Jesus to him, and how he had been saved from a life of sin and shame, and he appealed to his would-be murderers to read the book for themselves. But the soldiers became more cruel and angry, and Mr. Glen saw and heard it all, and was filled with a longing to know of the same Saviour, for he also wanted to be saved from sin.

Leaving the market place, he sought out a man who was selling bibles, and he bought one and, hiding it among other goods he bought, took it home to read to his wife.

It was not long before they found out much about Jesus, and for the first time in their lives, they knelt down together, he taking their baby in his arms, and there they told Jesus that if he would save them, they would give themselves and the baby to Him. Great peace and joy came into their hearts, and every spare moment they would take out the precious book and read it.

A wonderful change came into the home, which was now a very happy one. They invited their neighbours to hear them read, and soon there was quite a number who had decided to follow Jesus.

When they gathered, they always watched for the persecutors, and prayed that God would give them freedom to

serve Him. At times, their meetings would disperse and they would hide as they heard that the troops were coming to kill them. Often they would have to run into caves and difficult rocks and stay all night, to escape being taken. But God protected this family, until there was a change of king, and freedom was given them to be Christians without fear.

How happy we should be that we can read our bible and serve Jesus without fear of danger. Then if danger ever comes, as it may do any time, we will hold on, even though men should be cruel and kill us. We will be taken home to heaven when Jesus comes, and the new life will never end. Ed.

**THINKING CAP QUESTIONS.**

**Here's for the Young People over 15.**

1. What great warrior found honey on the ground in a wood?
2. What people won a victory without speaking a word for seven days?
3. In answer to whose prayer did an angel destroy 185,000 enemies of God's people?
4. Where was the first war fought?
5. Where will the last war be fought?

**For Little Folks, under 15.**

1. What book is called a lamp?
2. What candlestick had seven lamps?
3. Who does Jesus say is the light of the world?
4. What parable teaches that for a lamp to burn it must have oil?
5. What light did God make that rejoices?

**Young People Answering Thinking Cap Questions.**

Eudora Webber, Francella Webber.

**Little Folks Answering Thinking Cap Questions.**

Madeline Chin, Gertrude Webber, Luna Davis.

P. S. We would like to have more of our young people and Little Folks answering the questions. We thank you Eudora, Francella, Madeline, and Gertrude, for your sweet little letters. We pray for you daily that Jesus may help you to be really true Christian girls. Try and get some more of your young friends to send in answers. You can put a whole lot of them in one envelope for one penny postage.

"Of all music, that which reaches farthest into Heaven is the beating of a loving heart."