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### L. V. FINSTER SENDS THESE UPLIFTERS AND ENTHUSERS FOR US TO MEDITATE DURING THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN:

"Opposing circumstances should create a firm determination to overcome them. The breaking down of one barrier will give greater ability and courage to go forward. Press with determination in the right direction, and your circumstances will be your helpers, not your hindrances."—*Christ Object Lessons, p. 334.* 

"He, who in his work meets with trials and temptations, should profit by these experiences, learning to lean more decidedly upon God. He should feel his dependence every moment. No complaint should be cherished in his heart or be uttered by his lips . . . and let him remember that both in time of encouragement and in time of discouragement, *the heavenly messengers are always beside him*. He should acknowledge THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD, praising Him with cheerfulness. If we meet with hardships in our work, let us look toward Him who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Then *we shall not fail or become discouraged*. We shall endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ."—Colp. Manual p. 84.

"Workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak of failure in their work."— Gospel Workers, p. 19.

"Never allow yourself to talk in a hopeless, discouraging way. If you do, you will lose much. By looking at appearances and complaining when difficulties and pressure come, you give evidence of a sickly, enfeebled faith. Talk and act as if your faith was invincible. The Lord is rich in resources; He owns the world. Look heaven-ward in faith. Look to Him who has light and power and efficiency."—*Christ Object Lessons, p. 146.* 

"Be strong and talk hope. Press your way through obstacles . . . Approach your Saviour with full confidence of living faith, joining your hands with Him. . . . There are those who have little faith who may try to discourage others and thus prevent them from taking part in this good work. It needs only a discouraging word to arouse and strengthen selfishness in the soul. Do not listen to those who will thus tempt you."—*Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 455.* 

"When you are despondent, close the lips firmly to men. Do not shadow the path of others, but tell everything to Jesus."

"One man's cowardice or treachery may bring disaster upon the entire army."—Vol. 5. p. 394.

"I see that you are having a close battle financially. . . . Let us have faith in God. Let us put our trust in Him. He understands all about the situation in which we are placed, and He will work in our behalf. He is honoured when we trust in Him, bringing to Him all our perplexities."—Vol. 8, p. 177.

"Let us be hopeful and courageous. Dispondency in God's service is sinful and unreasonable. He knows our every necessity."—*Ministry of Healing, p. 481.* 

"Unless you cultivate a cheerful, happy, grateful frame of mind, Satan will eventually lead you captive to his will."—Vol. 1, p. 704.

#### AN EXPERIENCE.

It was in the infant days of my work as an ordained minister that I was permitted to enjoy a very blessed experience of God's faithfulness in His promise to "rebuke the devourer" for those who are true to Him in recognizing His ownership of all.

A young couple, whose first son had just been added to them, had been led by one of our churches among the white people of South Africa to see the truth, and I was sent to spend a little time with them with a view to establishing and baptizing them.

On reaching the district we were struck oy the desolation that had been wrought by a huge swarm of locusts that had eaten up every green thing in a radius of many miles. The fields and farm lands were bare and brown, the trees were destitute of leaves, and even the bark had gone from thousands of trees. Riding for about twenty miles this was the sight that greeted the eye. Stock languidly searched the fields in vain for food. Desolation marked its cruel stamp on the labour and industry of a whole community.

We have never forgotten the happy and hospitable enthusiasm that seasoned the welcome given by these dear friends as we entered their home. The earnest hunger for light and more light, as we studied together daily, added new joy to our inexperienced endeavour, and we consecrated our lives daily more earnestly to Him Whose call we had obeyed. At last, we reached the all absorbing sign of our partnership with God—the tithing question, and the privilege of such a Divine interest in our material welfare was received with as much readiness as the rest of the message.

We retired late that night—but the young couple did not sleep. They must have indulged in a few mathematical questions, which they settled by paying tithes on all they had made from the time of their marriage—their bank balance, their stock, their farming implements everything they had accumulated from nothing, they reckoned up and included in the "increase" to be recognized.

They owned a very large field of several acres of corn, almost ready to pick, and this was about the only field the locusts had not yet reached. So it stood in bold and inviting contrast with the desolation everywhere else. We slept till morning, when, very early the servants came to announce that the locusts had reached the drainage ditch around the corn, and were beginning to cross.

Then we knelt and asked the Lord to remember His promise while the kaffirs gathered sticks to fill the trench to set on tire; and in a few minutes, before the fire could be hit, the vast swarm retraced their trek and the now moving swarming ground became silent and undisturbed. The cornfield was the only one in the district that was not destroyed.

That young couple was soon baptized, other children were added to the family, and all of them are in some way connected with the work in South Africa today. And does this not bear out God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promise to those who bring all the tithes into the storehouse.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground ... saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3: 10, 11. ED

"As the giver of every blessing, God claims a certain portion of all we possess. This is His provision to sustain the preaching of the gospel. And by making this return to God, we are to show our appreciation of His gifts. But if we withhold from Him that which is His own, how can we claim His blessing? If we are unfaithful stewards of earthly things, how can we expect Him to entrust us with things of heaven? It may be that here is the secret of unanswered prayer." --C, O. L. p. 144.

## GEMS FROM THE MINES OF ACTIVITY.

It is wonderful how many phases of world experience can be brought into a discourse to prove the imminence of our Saviour's Coming. Perhaps at no other time in history has it been possible to collate so many evidences in proof of our faith. This thought is emphasized by the hundreds of statements made by prominent men in the social and political world who speak without any reference to the Bible. The outstanding feature of their message is the conclusion which current events force them to reach-that the world is on the verge of a masterful and overwhelming tragedy that will entirely revolutionize everything. Without the Bible they cannot know just how it must end; yet, wonderful to contemplate! they are using the very words chosen by the prophets thousands of years in the past. Does not this fact challenge us all with the trumpet call to arise and let our light shine?

The Pentecostal power was brought into Peter's sermon (Acts 2) by reading and expounding the prophecies of Joel and David. Thousands of hearts responded and were converted; and herein lies the power of our message. The Latter Rain comes down as we consecrate ourselves to show the world that what they are saying about current events is an echo of the word of God, and that while their conclusions leave them in hopeless confusion, God's word gives the sequel to all, in the soon coming of Jesus. Let us swell the message into a loud cry. It will take our united voices to produce the volume of power needed to warn the world.

Pastor A. C. Stockhausen reports that the Port Antonio Church has been active, and that in a very large and thriving district a few miles from the city, away up in the mountains, twenty persons have begun to obey the commandments of God, and are holding meetings. He believes this marks the beginning of a great work.

Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith, after spending a few days in Kingston, returned to his circuit, and is expecting to begin work in a new district.

A few weeks ago, we reported that the Moore Park Church had been compelled to undertake the rebuilding of their church owing to the danger of the old one collapsing. It was decided that the new edifice should be stronger and larger, and a small piece of land was added to the site by purchase, and materials were collected from the river and surrounding hill. A month ago the work began. Pastor Stockhausen, located at the home of Sister Sophia A. Burgess, who keeps "a room for Elijah" always ready, and the church members rallied to the work. Brethren and sisters, young and old, became enthusiastic. Leader Dunbar and his family gave a splendid example, and the assiduous activity of all soon completed the foundation. The frame and roof followed with a speed that astonished the watching neighbours. Then came the concrete walls and the filling for the floor. The funds were now exhausted and a halt was necessary.

Meanwhile, the Pastor turned stone mason and sculptor. Having invited several prominent persons to lay stones, the date was fixed for Aug. 1, and on that day perhaps the most aristocratic gathering took place that Moore Park has ever enjoyed. That day was chosen suitably as the eventful memorial of Emancipation from slavery, and it was a holiday.

Among the large assembly there were the Hon. Thomas C. Geddes, Custos, The Hon. K. V. Abendana, M. L. C., Geo. D. Henriques Esq., J. P., H. E. Allan Esq. J. P., M. P. B., Chas. L. Orrett Esq., M. P. B., the Custos and Legislative Member being on the platform. Ladies and gentlemen of high social circles showed great interest. Among them were Mrs. F. E. Graham and her daughter Dorothy.

Twelve stones were laid by the persons named, and the President of the Conference and Mrs. Edmed, for Miss L. Smith, Mrs. B. A Meeker, who also delighted the meeting with a solo, Little-Folk Vita Henriques who acted for her Grandma at Hart Hill, and Sister Sophia Burgess.

Pastor Stockhausen acted as Master of Ceremonies, Pastor H. Fletcher offered prayer. The Conference President gave a short address, giving some items of interest concerning the celebrations of the day, and also showing the spirit and work of S. D. Adventists.

He also congratulated the Hon. Mr. Geddes on the recent honour which had been bestowed upon him by H. E. the Governor, in behalf of our Jamaica Conference. The Custos followed with an address, expressing appreciation of the work of our Body in Jamaica, and although he is not one of us, yet he recognized that our spirit is lofty and a genuine service to this island.

The Hon. Abendana added his testimony to the good work we are doing. He had known Pastor Stockhausen for many years, and had seen our work grow, and commended both Pastor and people of Portland in very high terms. We were certainly cheered as we listened to these two leading men in our government, eulogizing the feeble endeavours of our people to live up to the high profession of our calling.

The Port Antonio Church Choir and many members were present and sang with earnestness under the leadership of Brother Hall. Several other churches were also well represented. There was a very good collection which will help much.

Now for the finishing touches. More financial help is needed, but we believe that as the members pray and work in faith the Lord will honour their loyalty and prosper their endeavour.

We must not pass this report on without referring to the splendid spirit of Sister Burgess—already well known for her large hearted hospitaliy. As the crowd gathered from several parts, our dear sister had something prepared for all to enjoy, and the table was spread for many hours. Travellers found places in her home to wash and dress. Asked how she could afford to do so much for all, she simply replied, "The more I give, the more God gives me." This thoughtfulness on the part of a sister who is without the help of a husband magnifies our appreciation. It is all written in heaven, also.

A new way of using the term "Harvest Ingathering," has come to hand. When the depression began we suggested that we change the word to "We-press-on." Applying the same rule to The Harvest Ingathering, we ask our members to think and talk of it in these terms: "The Harvest I gather in." The change is not very great in the term, but in effective realization it may mean much.

The Lord surely believes in reporting everything that is done. Study the Sabbath School lesson for August 5, and notice how every word, thought, and act are reported in the heavenly records. Nothing is allowed to pass unrecorded. Hugh Miller beautifully writes,-"The rolling rock leaves its scratches on the mountain, the river, its channels in the soil, the animal its bones in the stratum. the fern and leaf their modest epitaph in the coal. The fallen drop carves its sculpture in the sand or stone; not a footstep in the snow, or along the ground, but prints its character, more or less lasting, a map of its march." From all these marks of nature we know what has been. The lion leaves its footprint, reporting to the hunter and the fearful, his recent travels. The light that, travelling from the great luminous body in the heavens called Arcturus, by which the great exhibition of Chicago was opened last month, reported to all the universe that God was present and on time. What about your report?

We sent on a report of the North Street Home Nursing graduation exercises to the I. A. Messenger, so must not repeat it here, except to say that as the first attempt of the kind in our churches in Jamaica, it was a great success, and all who availed themselves of the class feel that they have been benefited very materially by the studies. We wish all our churches could form such a class. North Street was fortunate in having the help of Dr. Johnston, and Nurses Smith and Coote-professionals, well trained in their respective calling. For years the Lord has been calling upon His people to become more intelligent in the use of water-treatment and such homely remedies. If we only knew how to use the simple and inexpensive elements that lie at our doors. we could save much sickness and many who die might be held in life. May we suggest that out of the seventeen who successfully graduated some will pass on the instruction to others and thus enlarge the army of the followers of Florence Nightingale who will go out with a simple lantern into the dark field of life's hard battle, and relieve the victims wounded by sin and ignorance.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE BOARD brought us in touch once more with some of our leading men. Pastor E. E. Andross, Prof. W. L. Adams, Pastor A. R. Ogden, F. I. Mohr, and Prof. H. D. Isaac, arrived on July 11, and proceeded to Mandeville where a business-like counsel dealt with many questions that needed solution, and elected the College Faculty for the next year. The spirit of the meetings was characteristically harmonious, and some good work was done in making plans for the future.

The report of the Treasurer revealed that the school is working creditably and the various industries have more than paid their way. It was shown that if those who are indebted to the school would do the right thing and pay what they owe, the balance would be on the side of gain. Unfortunately, it was made clear that defaulters are making it hard for the school to maintain its credit. It is hoped that the coming year this phase of the balance sheet may be changed.

Many improvements have been made at the school. The buildings have been painted, and the roofs also. This gives the school buildings a very attractive appearance. Yet many more improvements are needed. The boys' dormitory is sadly in need of furniture to relieve the young men of the inconvenience they now suffer from lack of a place to keep their clothes. If those who are indebted to the enterprise, would pay their accounts, relief could be provided. The printing department is cramped and its work is carried on under great difficulty. The wood-working department is also under similar disadvantage. The laundry has been improved and affords much more comfort in carrying its strenuous labours. The Board felt that a strong effort should now be made to collect all outstanding accounts, and also to strengthen the work by a solid cash basis.

The curse of the credit system is everywhere the world over. It is largely the cause of the present depression. When carried to such extremes as it has been in recent years, the credit system tempts men and women to live above their income. It engenders pride by making folks appear what they are not, socially. It robs merchants of their due, creates a system of veneered robbery, and lands all who are involved in bankruptcy. Well might the servant of the Lord protest that, "We should shun debt as we would shun the leprosy." Every S. D. Adventist at least should follow Paul's instruction to "Owe no man anything."

The following week-end and continuing until Thursday, 20th, various meetings were held in the North Street Church, in which Pastors Andross and Ogden were the speakers. Rains interfered somewhat, but Sabbath day was a day long to be remembered, as also was Sunday night. The studies given to crowded audiences were reflections of the time when the apostles gave their witness with great power. The long months of travel added to the serious accident that Pastor Andross met with some time ago, have not lessened his preaching power, and it was indeed helpful as well as inspiring to hear this veteran leader call upon us all to prepare for the coming of our Lord.

The steamer that carried Pastor Andross and Prof. W. L. Adams away to Balboa, took Sister L. L. Hutchinson also, as she has been granted a six months rest, ordered by the Doctors as imperative. Naturally the steamer's accommodation for visitors was severely taxed, and many affectionate demonstrations showed how much all three voyagers are esteemed by our local members. Many tokens of special appreciation were handed to Mrs. Hutchinson, and a bundle of very many letters to "read on the voyage" doubtless reminded her each sailing day, that her labours for the welfare of our people have won for her a very warm corner in each heart. How often it is that we never fully realize the true value of a friend until they leave us. We trust and pray that Sister Hutchinson may find at her home the needed rest, and will return loaded with compensations of blessing, and prepared to continue the helpful and effective work she has begun.

"The Lord is blessing my effort," says Pastor H. P. Lawson, writing from Coleyville, where he has been holding special meetings very successfully. "Eight persons are in the baptismal class, and we are expecting that others will join. The anger of the dragon is stirred. Two young ladies are being persecuted—locked out of their homes. One was badly beaten; but they are holding on to the truth." These experiences cause us to praise, sympathize, and pray.

Belfield effort still lives, and contributes a gratifying report. Pastor Fletcher has recovered from his recent illness, and is reported to be looking well. A prominent lady for whom Pastor Fletcher has laboured for some time has taken her stand and joined the baptismal class. Thus, her daughter, who took the lead a few weeks ago, will have "mother's company." Twenty others have also joined with her decision to obey. Others hang in the balance.

North Street Church font was opened again on Sabbath eve, to admit twenty more candidates into its watery grave and give resurrection joy as they rose to live a new life. How wonderful is this great message of ours. No fuss is made, no demonstrations are set. But quietly the Message wins its way, and the Roll Call of the register up yonder grows and grows. It was the last Sabbath of July, and Pastor Hutchinson with his great congregation was full of praise.

Say, just step into the Jointwood Church building, and it will surprise you. So clean, so choice a colour, so orderly, and SO FULL OF MEMBERS! The youth find a drawing power there, and while everything is orderly and refined, there seems to be a refreshing dew hovering over that betokens the blessing of the Lord. The business of the membership proceeds with reverent enthusiasm. Bro. Edward Kissendal, the leader, and his loyal staff of helpers take as deep an interest in keeping the building in repair and attractive, as in the spiritual welfare of the members. Thus we find the cause of progress.

Huntley Castle was the scene of an unusual meeting, July 9, as the present generation had not witnessed a Baptismal service since the year 1890-43 years ago. Over 400 persons gathered to witness Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith baptize ten candidates who have recently accepted God's message for today under the labours of Bro. A. Haig. Members from Amity, Seaford Town, and Springfield attended also. Fourteen members of the Amity church were united with the new members in the organization of a new church, to be designated, "The Huntley Castle Church." The service was a very solemn one, many being in tears, and the impression made will be felt throughout the district, where а great impression has been made. Brother Haig reports that another eighteen have joined the baptismal class and the interest still grows. The Sabbath school now numbers 56, and Bro, Levi Stevens has been elected leader. We welcome this new sister into our family, and pray that its members may grow in spiritual stature and become a powerful

light to lead many many more into the Kingdom.

Colporteur Destoe has located in Porus, from whence he is to work throughout Clarendon, in the Literature ministery of the Word. In spite of hard times, he has taken £55 worth of orders for *Our Day*, and the Lord is richly blessing him.

Sligoville. Bro. J. A. Collins sends us an interesting report of new developments at this place, about eight miles from Spanish Town. He says, "Your readers will be glad to know, as we are to tell it. that during the past month eight have been added to our number, and we have the promise of still others. A shop that has been closed has been lent to us free of charge in which to hold meetings, and July 30, the Spanish Town M. V. Society came over and assisted us with a meeting, Police-Sergt, Major Clark kindly conveved them with his car, and also gave his experience of the life he lived before and since he accepted the truth. Brother Gibson gave a Bible study on the judgment, the Y. P. S. M. V. members singing for us. So we were fairly started, and now need a minister. Please pray for us."

Pastor Lin Rashford writes, "During the month of July three persons were baptized at Santa Cruz, seven at Jointwood, and a Sabbath school was organized at Coker, a village about seven miles from Jointwood. The membership is 31, fourteen of whom have joined the baptismal class.

A witness to the remarkable endeavours of our members during the period July 1928-1933, shows that in Jamaica, in addition to the regular reported activities, 27 church buildings have been erected and dedicated at a cash value (approximately) of  $\pounds 4,541$ , and a seating capacity of over 4,000. In addition to this, the Conference donated £150 to the College, an organ that cost £100 to North St. Church. and erected 8 tabernacles of £420. Fifteen church buildings have been commenced which are well on toward completion, most of them requiring from £20 to £40 to complete. Of course the estimate does not include the value of free labour which has been so freely contributed by our laity. Only £100 of this money was contributed ontside of the island-that which was recently given by the Antillian Union toward Ocho Rios and March Town. Most of the money was provided through the agency of the Harvest Ingathering, programmes, and festivals of Harvest.

Many members and friends outside our ranks are now urging us to plan for the erection of an Auditorium in Kingston that would rightly represent our growing work. Civil authorities have expressed their wish also that we would exchange the dear old building at North St. for a representative edifice more in keeping with the advanced beauty of the chief city. In these days of depression, however, we must be patient. Church buildings are very necessary in Jamaica where there are no halls or rooms large enough as in other countries, but they must give first place to out great Missionary advancement in the regions beyond. Not until the Lord provides for the safe financial support of that work can we turn much attention to material buildings. Yet we do praise God for the cheerful co-operation and faithful labour represented by the figures we have given.

REGENT ST. CHURCH, Kingston, has bravely taken hold of the slack time for adding the finishing touches to their fine church building, and it now becomes quite an imposing structure. Under Pastor J. A. Reid's magic lead, a transformation of colour, completion of the platform, and the finished front combine to attract, and the effect was seen on Sunday, August 6, when seven candidates were led by the Pastor into the waters of baptism. The seating capacity of the building was taxed to the full, and all around the windows interested witnesses gave respectful attention to all the proceedings. The sermon was preached by the Conference President, stress being laid on the Saviour's prediction that our days would be characterized by a marked religious declension through which many would lose their love for Him. To meet this, the Lord announced that a people would proclaim His truth to the ends of the earth, and all who united with this movement are to be recognized as His agents and ministers to the world. Their means, their time, their occupation, their prayers, their Bible study, their life, must all add their witness to the fundamental principles of the Kingdom of God. The response of the heathen to this work has been marvelous in every continent, and in the Islands of the sea. Into this solemn responsibility, rather than an abstract connection with some formal organization, our converts must be baptized. It is the LIFE that counts and not simply the voted membership, or the registered name.

The choir rendered several inspiring musical selections, and Miss Winnie Mc-Catty added the charms of her voice to the service.

The President led Pastor Reid and Brother Hines in extending the right hand of fellowship, and thus seven new Christian workers were added to the Regent St. Church membership.

Nestled among the hills of lower St. Andrew is the Cooper's Hill Church, where we find a number of dear brethren and sisters who are zealous in the service of God. At their invitation, Brethren E. L. Hinds and R. Harriott of the Conference Office attended their programme of sacred songs, dialogues, and recitations on Sunday afternoon the 30th of July. To get to the church, one has to leave the main road and walk through a narrow winding path for about one mile. There were a number of bright, happy faces present. The brethren turned out in full numbers, and friends and neighbours from far and near joined their company. A few of the brethren from Everton Park including Brother D. Smith, the Leader, were also present to give what help they could.

Brother Hinds proved a good Chairman, and the remarks that were made by the Conference workers sought to impress the visitors in particular, in regard to the great work Seventh-day Adventists were doing throughout the world and how that present day conditions portend the soon return of Jesus. Brother E. S Hudson, Home Missionary Leader of the North St. Church, touchingly prayed for the success of the work at Cooper's Hill, and the blessing of God on the evening's programme. Great credit must be given to those who took part, and Brother Mc-Donald the Leader. Each item was received with great pleasure and interest.

The programme was fittingly brought to a close and as the homeward journey was taken the evening shadows fell upon us. The multi-coloured lights were twinkling in far-off Kingston, and a feeling of great joy stole over us, and deep gratitute that the light of the Message was shining even from obscure and isolated portions of the earth Brother McDonald and the other members of Cooper's Hill need our constant prayers.

#### EXPERTS ON THE WEATHER

We are learning much these days about the animal world. Men study the habits of other creatures very closely, and find that God has made some wonders for the every day life of the smallest of them.

There is a caterpillar that hates to get his feet wet, and God has provided him with a number of small balloons on his back, with a very sensitive skin, so that the least change in the weight of the air is felt. These balloons are kept folded inside slits in the skin, and when Mr. Caterpillar wants to know how the weather is, he opens up one or two of these, and expands the balloons. If one or two do not tell him, he opens more, and he is perfectly sure whether if he goes on a long walk, the rain will overtake him. These balloons are absolutely reliable and never make a mistake.

This particular caterpillar goes out for his food during the dark part of the night, and eats heavily before returning. His little legs cannot walk or climb around in the wet, and if he finds that rain is near, he will not go out. He would rather starve than get caught in the rain.

It is possible that there are similar caterpillars in Jamaica. Maybe you could catch one and keep it in a box with a glass top and watch it. Be sure to make little air holes in the box so it can breathe, and also feed it well with leaves of the plant you find it on.

Then notice when rain is coming how it acts, and you will soon learn more about the little creature.



#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CON-VENTION TOUR

In these last days the Lord is calling His people to a "Revival of Primitive Godliness." This is the only experience that will prepare them to receive the Latter Rain and carry them through to the end. Some are responding to this call and are preparing for translation.

The Lord has not overlooked the youth in His programme for the finishing of the Work. He has revealed to us through His Servant that the youth, who have been taught the fear of the Lord and have made a careful and prayerful study of His Word, will be endued with the Holy Spirit and will go out and do a work in witnessing for the King of kings, that will astonish the world.

Realizing the need of a revival among the young people to prepare them for their appointed work, the writer accompanied Pastor Edmed, the Conference President, and the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Pastor Meeker, on a twenty-four day tour of some of our churches. In all, fifteen churches were visited and special attention was given to the youth and their problems.

On Friday evening, July 21, we arrived at Jointwood our first stop, where we were to spend Sabbath and Sunday. Our brethren there gave us a very hearty welcome, a foretaste of the welcome we were to experience in every church. Under the very able leadership of Brother Kissendal the church is making good progress. We held meetings throughout the day for our own people and meetings at night for the public. Convention work was carried on and special instruction and counsel was given to the youth. This line of programme was pretty well adhered to in most of the churches visited.

We are very happy to see so many children and youth in our churches. One of their main problems is the association with the world. We are sorry that many of our youth have been deceived by the enemy and enticed to yoke themselves up for life with unbelievers. The enemy has already claimed too many of our youth and we must arouse and work as for life to save the rest from being drawn into his snare.

One of the interesting features of our convention work in many of the churches was the question box. Time was given to answer questions particularly touching the problems of the young people. We were greatly indebted to Pastor Edmed, with his long years of experience and association with young people and their problems, to lead out in the discussion of these questions. His wise and timely counsel was very much appreciated by all.

We are indeed sorry that space will not permit a detailed account of the happenings and the pleasant experiences enjoyed at each church, but these precious, heavenly sittings together will long be remembered, for we feel that they have resulted in the salvation of many souls. Some renewed their consecration and set their faces like a flint toward the "Prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus." Others who had been carried out into the world returned and determined, by the grace of God, to demonstrate to the world that they were going to live a victorious life. Still others took their stand for the first time, pledging to God a complete surrender of everything connected with this world. As a fulfilment of Malachi's prophecy, the hearts of many parents were turned to their children and the hearts of the children to their parents.

At many of the churches definite calls and appeals were made for special seasons of prayer. A hearty response was made by many who were seeking Divine Power to overcome their besetting sins. At Petersfield the whole congregation remained for special prayer when the invitation was given. There was a deep desire manifested by all to experience that "Revival of Primitive Godliness." Many of the church leaders revealed the fact that they have been longing and praying for just such an experience.

Our journey took us from Jointwood to Seaford Town where we were cordially greeted by Brother and Sister Haig. Through Brother Haig's energetic efforts many are being interested in the Truth there. A request had come from Huntley Castle to stop off and hold a meeting with the brethren at that place. Even though that was not in our itinerary, we were very happy to comply and were met by Brother Stevens, their leader. Two enjoyable hours were spent with the brethren at that place.

As we arrived at the church in Springfield, Pastors Edmed and Meeker were especially glad to see the progress made on the church building since their last visit. Brother Hewett, who lives close to New Market, is the leader of this church. As we resumed our journey we went by the way of Ipswich to leave Pastor Edmed, who was taking the train for Kingston. We regretted very much parting company with him, but duties brought him to the Office.

At New Market we found the leader of the church, Brother Holness, with a few others working hard on the new church building. We spent just one evening with them and the congregation was small, owing to threatening clouds, but the few who came were greatly blessed.

The Darliston church is labouring under difficulties trying to get the framework of their new church up between storms. There is a nice group of young people at Darliston and they all pledged themselves to be used of God in living out the Truth to others. Brother Leslie, the leader, is to be commended for the activity which is found in the church.

Petersfield, with Brother Myrie as leader, has a very enthusiastic group of believers. The whole church unitedly reconsecrated their lives to God and are determined to shake themselves from the shackles by which so many are bound to this world.

Our visit to the Dias church was very inspiring. Brother Spence's efforts in behalf of the church are bearing fruit, and we were glad to see a group of loyal workers. Groups of young people from Mount Peace greatly added to the spirit of the meeting. People are glad to come from far and near to drink in the Truth for this time.

The people of Axe and Adze are of very good courage in their neat little church building. Brother Heron's leadership is greatly appreciated and a very good spirit was felt from the first. We had the privilege of spending Friday and Sabbath and many came in from distant points to enjoy the good feast with us.

Montego Bay was the next stop according to the schedule, but by arrangements made on short notice, we were pleased to find a small group of the Mount Carey church assembled when we arrived. Brother Bernard, the leader, made things very pleasant for us the little time we were there. On arriving at Montego Bay we found the church pretty well filled up with our brethren who were waiting for us. Brother Lewis' smiling face immediately told us that they were glad to see us and our short stay was profitable. Brother Lewis needs the prayers of his brethren as he leads out in the activities of the church.

Car trouble delayed us in meeting our first appointment with the Sherwood Content church. We were very sorry for this but we arranged to stay half a day longer thus making up for the time lost. We were happy to have Pastor Edmed join us once more and he remained with us throughtout the remainder of the meetings. Also at Sherwood Content we had the joy of meeting Pastor and Mrs. Lawson, who had come to join hands with the leader, Brother Hudson, throwing their energy and influence into the Convention to help make the meetings a success.

The last stage of the journey brought us by way of Brittonville and Ballimonay to our last church on the list, Mile End. We were welcomed very cordially by the leaders of the first two places mentioned, Brethren Rose and Carter, respectively. Two meetings were held in each place.

We spent the Sabbath and Sunday at Mile End where Brother Evering has a nice church under his care. A very promising group of children and young people attended the meetings throughout and God came very near and accepted the consecration made by the young people, especially. The young people in all our churches greatly need our help and prayers. Let us remember them at the Throne of Grace.

We wish to express our gratitude to all our dear brethren and sisters in each place who so kindly entertained us and ministered to our needs and did everything possible to make our stay a happy and enjoyable one. Wherever we go we find the same Christian fellowship enjoyed by God's children. Our prayers go up daily that we may all so live that we may have the privilege of enjoying the entertainment offered to Christ's children in the New Jerusalem. May God abundantly bless the young people of the Jamaica Conference, and prepare them H. D. ISAAC. for eternity.

The tour of the churches. In asking Pastor H. D. Isaac to write up the report of our itinerary among the youth of our ranks, we realize that he is naturally unable to express anything as regards his own part in the meetings. We would like to add, however, our deep appreciation of the valuable help rendered by him, and of the stirring messages that so often led our youth to the Throne under conviction and to consecration. Our members freely expressed their abounding joy and satisfaction, and many regarded the meetings as being better even than a conference session. We pray that the many who made a new start in the way of holiness may maintain a strong, healthy, prayerful, and studious faithfulness to God. and by unselfish service, win many stars for their crown. H. J. E.

## Bahhath School Department Mrs. H. J. Edmed Mrs. M. S. Edmed

Our report for the second quarter of 1933 does not equal the one for the same period of 1932, but we believe earnest efforts have been made by many to keep up our offerings, and we are glad to have had a little part in helping to send the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth.

Only seven of our Sabbath Schools have retained their "Pennant." These are Mandeville, Hart Hill, Riversdale, Old Harbour, Clermont, Spring Garden, and Porus, but we are looking forward to others who have been working hard, to get the required average and thus help us to make up some of the deficiency in gifts for the past two quarters.

Some interesting figures appear in a report from Sister L. F. Plummer of the General Conference Sabbath School Department in the August number of the Worker. Many do not have the privilege of subscribing for this excellent paper so we will pass on a few of the encouraging items. During 1932, 555 new Sabbath schools were added throughout the world with an addition of 20,448 members, and the offerings amounted to almost one million and a half doilars. Our twenty-sixth million dollars was given in eight months and one week. We are glad that our Sabbath Schools can do so much to send labourers into the fields white unto the harvest. May our prayers follow our offerings that many may be won for the truth as the result.

The Investment fund has helped considerably in reaching the above figures. Since it was started, eight years ago, the average received from the world field has been \$1000 a week. How much more might there have been if every member had done his part! It was our good Investment offering that helped to bring us up to 70 per cent of the Conference financial goal for the Sabbath Schools at the close of 1932. During the recent visit of Professor Adams, he told us that the Sabbath Schools in Inter-America, had given half of all the Mission offerings collected in this Division during 1932. We trust this good record can be maintained during 1933. Let us do our part to keep it.

#### Report for Qnarter Ending 30th June, 1933.

Number of Schools	107		
Number reporting	107		
Membership 5	707		
Number receiving Honour cards 1	016		
" receiving Bookmarks	83		
" taking Teachers' Training			
Course	100		
" of Home Division members	64		
Offerings by Conference and Home			
Division members \$ 25	5.54		
Offerings for twelve Sabbaths 745	5.06		
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering 243	1.02		
Investment Fund 5:	1.08		
Birthday offerings 13	3.09		

We report one school less for the past quarter. The reason is that two have united.

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#### HIS BEANS INCREASED HIS SALES

I was reading recently about C. H. Stubbs who is a salesman with imagination. Lunching recently with a friend, he took a handful of beans out of his pocket and counted them.

"I have eleven more calls to make today, so I will have to hustle along," he said to his friend.

"I have carried those twenty beans for several years," replied Stubbs. "Every morning I put them in my left-hand coat pocket. Every time I make a call I automatically reach into my left pocket and transfer one of the beans into my right pocket. At any time of the day I find a large number remaining in my left pocket, I know that I have to keep plugging to get the day's work finished. This simple check-up system has been responsible for making more calls each day and I believe is more responsible for my increased sales this year than anything else in my selling plan."—Specialty Salesman.

The shillings may seem very dear and the pounds may seem so reasonable. The difference is in the value you have created. Before stating the price be sure that you have created more value than the price or you will be told that the book is too expensive. This is done first by turning the pages as if they were valuable and not just pages in any book. Secondly, you must make the contents of the book appealing. Thirdly, you must show the quality and workmanship of your book. Then lastly you can state certain books which are about the same size and cost (giving amount) twice as much. Then when you state the price of your book it is a real relief to them that the price is not higher. It is a satisfying sensation to feel that the book is cheaper than they had expected. *Secy. Vixie, South Africa.* 

#### "Exalt the Value of the Books"

"God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not to be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept, showing them that they will receive much more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly." *Testimonies, Vol. 4, pp. 389–392.—Digest.* 

The colporteurs are still busy, undaunted and courageous, in spite of the difficult times. We met Brethren Hurst and Miller pushing their "bikes" up a steep hill, wet with perspiration, but smiling. Their reports were full of cheer and success. Brother Destoe rejoices that he has been able to take several pounds worth of orders for his book, and he finds many openings for spiritual endeavour. Brother Ricketts could not resist the temptation to attend the Convention meetings at Brittonville, and he left us with renewed determination to succeed. The deliveries reported this month are small, and we should specially pray for the success of this phase of our colporteur's labours. Brother Nation we found busy helping Brother Fletcher to deliver. Brethren Hurst and Dillion top the list this month.

#### Colporteur Report July, 1933.

Name	HOURS	SALES	DELIVERIES
Cousins, C. S.	128	26.15.2	
Claypole, G. L.	153	33.14.0	
Dawkins, A.	92	42.14.0	
Destoe, K.	108	36.18.0	6.18, 0
Dillon L.	169	70.5.0	
Farrell, Samuel	60		10. 5. 0
Haye, N. E.	161	23.18.0	
Hurst, B. E.	62	51.16. 0	12.18. 0
Hutchinson, Flor	ence 107	10. 6. 0	6.0
Lalor, M. A.	24		7.0.0
Miller, H. G.	12	8.14.0	
Ricketts, B. A.	63	13. 8. 0	6, 0
Ricketts, C.	85	14.15. 0	
Robinson, A.	47	8.17. 0	3.12. 0
Wallace, R.	94	12.17. 0	6.0
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#### THE BROKEN BOUGH

Some years ago, a gentleman gave his son a small garden all his own, and a lovely young grafted tree to plant in the middle. The lad was proud of his tree, watered it carefully, and kept the weeds from growing around it, and was always on the watch to see that no one left the gate open so that the horses and cattle or sheep could get in to spoil it. As it grew steadily, he longed for the day when he would see the pretty pink blossoms and then the luscious fruit.

But one day when in a thoughtless mood, he left the gate open. A young colt got in before he knew it, and in his frolic kicked off the graft. His grief was indescribable. But his father, who was expert in the garden managed to fix it again, so that it grew and flourished as the days went by.

The lad then left for a course in the University, preparatory to entering the ministry, and after several years he was appointed pastor of a large church where he became very popular. It was when he was in the midst of his labours that he became desirous of seeing the old home once more, and when opportunity arose, he was overjoyed to see his little garden still nicely kept, and the tree full of fruit, of which he ate very freely.

While in bed at night, a storm arose, the wind howled, thunder and lightning with terrible force pealed and flashed. Thought the Pastor, "I wonder how my tree will stand this tempest!" But the sky was black, as if every star had been blotted out, and the pelting rain and shrieking wind threatened revenge upon any who should dare to venture out. So he laid and listened until suddenly there was a loud snap, a heavy thud—the tree had broken and was forever ruined beyond repair.

In the morning the storm had abated, and the pious preacher went to see his ruined tree. Yes, it had snapped right where it was mended years ago. How strange, he thought, that my neglect of years ago should receive its punishment after so long a time !

The next Sabbath day, he gave an address to young people, and with deeper fervour than usual, and touching earnestness, he told the story of the tree; and, drawing the lesson, he added : "And now, dear young people and children, you must ever remember that in your young days you may be ever so careful, but in moments of carelessness, you may open the gateway to your hearts and let the colt of some vice or other wrong into your hearts to break the graft of the love-tree that Jesus has given you to make you fruitful. You may patch it up for the present and go along through life for a time and all may seem well; but when some storm of temptation assails and tests you, you are almost sure to break at the very place where you have gone wrong in your youth or childhood. That is why Solomon urges you to 'Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come ... ' Jesus has planted you in His garden of eternal life. He is longing for you to bear precious fruit for His pleasure, but if you yield to sin now, if you give way to vice now, if vou do wrong today, vou are almost sure to disappoint Him in your older years. Many a man or woman has fallen into sin after they grew up, only to realize that the wrongs of their youth weakened them to meet life's later tests. Let all of us learn the sad lesson of the broken tree."

"Why do they paint the areoplanes yellow now?" asked Teddie, as he saw those American flyers land in Kingston, a few days ago, and his friend replied:

"Because it has been found that these planes carry large numbers of flies and other insects from one country to another; and as flies, mosquitoes, and such pests do not like yellow colour, they are not so liable to fasten themselves to the plane."

Maybe this suggests why the inside of our homes should always be light colours instead of dark. The insect pests would not be so liable to visit us.

#### THINKING CAP QUESTIONS.

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

1. Name the slave who was converted under Paul's teaching.

2. What four sisters had the Gift of Prophecy?

3. What text says Peter had neither silver nor gold? Was he as poor as you? 4. What sea is always receiving and

never giving?

5. What gift was bestowed upon Solomon? and Why?

#### For Little Folks, under 15.

1. What two things was Daniel doing when Gabriel appeared to him?

2. What was Jesus doing when an angel strengthened Him?

3. On what day did the Lord give John the Revelation?

4. What is the meaning of the word, "Revelation?"

5. Name the first and the last Persons mentioned in the Bible.

#### Young People and Little Folks Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Eudora Webber, Francella Webber, Edith Webber, Adassa White, Gertrude Webber, Masford Buckley, Madlin Chin, Sylvia Ewers, Bertram Davis, Violet Davis, Beryl Bennett, Lauretta Taylor, Kenneth Robison, Eric Plummer, Cyril Wright, Edgar Bennett, Dorothy White, Fredrick White, Evelyn Fletcher, Enid Billett, Halston Webber.

\_ Greeting to you all! This is a much better list than the last. Sherwood Forest has the biggest list. We are glad to have March Town and Gayle join in. We cannot know too much about the Bible.

# AN APPRECIATION FROM A STUDENT.

There are great opportunities for the youth of to-day. They are the coming men and women, who will have much to do to transform this sin-ruined earth into its original use and purity.

Our educational institutions are lights scattered everywhere, and from this West Indian Training School beams of light can be seen from one end of this beautiful Island to the other.

Let us imagine that we are standing on the barbique just beyond the first dormitory, where we are in front of the Woodwork department. A great noise attracts our attention, and we see a student passing a large piece of rough timber through the planer machine. This he repeats until his plank is the desired smoothness, and then he passes to another machine called the rip-saw. The ripping done, he throws the belt, and the wood is sawn to its desired size, and in two days' time, it has been changed into a beautiful piece of furniture. This is that student's opportunity, for in doing this work he is learning woodwork, and at the same time earning his way through school.

We are taught to use our hands, our head and our heart. Without an education it is scarcely possible to do acceptable work for God. This institution and its policies are known and appreciated throughout the length and breadth of the Island, and yet, we regret to say, there are many of the Jamaica youth who do not realize the advantages this College offers. Why not know to-day?

LEE A. GOULDBOURNE.