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"I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine, and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surrounded God's people, they began to press together, and to cast aside their little difficulties. Selfdignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took its place. Suffering, perplexity, and privation caused reason to resume its throne, and the passionate and unreasonable man became sane, and acted with discretion and wisdom.

"My attention was then called from the scene. There seemed to be a little time of peace. Once more the inhabitants of the earth were presented before me; and again everything was in the utmost confusion. Strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, raged everywhere. Other nations were engaged in this war and confusion. War caused famine. Want and bloodshed caused pestilence. And then mens' hearts failed them for fear, 'and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.'"

Testimonies, Volume 1, page 268.

# MARRIAGE

Marriage—this subject is such an extremely delicate one, especially in these modernized days, that many are afraid to approach the subject by way of setting forth to our youth its high ideals, and guiding their footsteps in the safe path.

Those who would do so are invariably met with the retort, "These are modern days." It is a sad picture as we take a look into divorce courts and see the long lists of divorces waiting to be dealt with, although in one court they are being granted at the astounding rate of one every four minutes throughout the year.

Think of the special laws and courts that are set up to facilitate this sad condition. Think of the trivialities that form the basis for obtaining a divorce. Think of the ruined lives and wrecked homes not to mention the thousands of cases that are never taken to the divorce courts—the separations, broken hearts and broken homes. A sad picture indeed!

Marriage, says the apostle Paul, is honourable. It is the foundation of the home. It is the first blessing or gift that God gave to man. Out of it is to grow the fond relations between wife and husband, father and son, mother and daughter, brother and sister. The mother's paradise, the father's retreat, the children's fold who would choose to live under conditions less than these?

# The Goal of Affection

Marriage is the goal of true affection. It is one of the most important issues of life. Should we rush to the goal with undue haste? Should we not consider the step long and deeply? "Keep the heart with all diligence."

Love is God-like. Lust is abuse (ad-use, i.e. wrong use) of God's good gift. Love leads to marriage, but lust severs the marriage tie, robbing it of its refined and ennobling qualities.

### **Proper Association**

How highly important then it is for gentlemen and ladies to know how to properly relate themselves to one another. It would be wrong to tell young people they should not delight in one another's society. The proper associations will prove a blessing to both. "It is not good that man should be alone," the Creator declared. The social instinct was planted by God in the human heart. Men receive from such association a refining subduing influence. Women receive strength and integrity of character. But improper association produces evil results. Young people in their association with each other should maintain a proper reserve. As friends, act in a frank, manly and womanly manner. A womanly reserve and modesty constitute a bulwark of purity and safety.

Be happy and cheerful together, but avoid being sentimental and silly. Do not trifle with the affections. Don't feel that you must be "going with" some one all the time, and like the humming bird flitting from flower to flower. Such a course dissipates the affections until you are unable to bestow true affection. Aim to attain to the ideal as nearly as possible. A writer truthfully states, "Most of the divorce cases are the result of matches contracted before a girl is old enough to be governed by her intellect rather than her impulses."

# Marriage Morsels

Marriage is no child's play.

Acquire a reasonably good education first.

Select wisely your life companion.

Await the development of the physical powers to discharge the grave responsibilities of married life.

Consider the proper marriageable age. A man should be twenty-five.

A woman should at least be twenty-one. Select your life work first and fairly well establish it.

Have something to start with. Never marry out of the Faith.

HUBERT FLETCHER.

# A GOLDEN CHAIN

"So the 'good old *Review'* has been a golden chain running through these eighty years and more, linking the advent people and their work together in one united world movement. We need this paper in all our homes. It is a means of grace that cannot safely be neglected in a time when we are seeking to stand ready for every call to service and ready in Christ Jesus for that searching moment of the judgment hour that must soon come to each one of us."

W. A. SPICER

# NEWS NOTES

Pastor J. A. Reid writing from Morant Bay tells of the progress of the work there. He says:

"Sabbath, the 4th, was the 'Big-week' day for the distribution of the books, and I must confess that for a long time I have not witnessed a more co-operative spirit. The brethren all were rather over anxious to have their books, and even many of the children took theirs, and on Sunday evening two of them called at my home just before the evening meeting and told how they had finished theirs except one magazine, and their faces were so lighted up with joy because they had a share in the good work. Another young lady called in also just as the two girls left, and told how she had sold off all hers and was helping another sister.

"This was all good; but yesterday, after the Lord had drawn so closely to us in all the exercises of the day, we closed the Sabbath with joyful hearts, and the most interesting feature of it all was to see all the folks lining up with their cash to pay for the books, and as I looked on, I saw where the words are fulfilled, 'Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.' We had a good day."

Brother J. W. Grounds reports that the church clerks of our various churches in Jamaica reported a total of 435 individuals enrolled in the various baptismal classes at the end of the first quarter of this year. We trust that the baptismal classes are being conducted regularly each week so that these individuals may soon be prepared to follow their Lord in baptism. With the united co-operation of all our members we anticipate that as all these candidates are baptized other individuals will be found to join new baptismal classes. If with the combined efforts of all our members new additions to our baptismal classes could maintain and gradually increase the total number in classes to 500 with a baptism each quarter of the year, think of what a wonderful harvest of souls there would be. Dear reader, will you not pray that God will impress your heart with the name of some individual whom you might succeed in adding to one of these baptismal classes?

In a recent letter from Brother Kissendal of Jointwood the report was received of the completion and painting of a small home for visiting workers near the church building. The members of the Jointwood church are certainly to be congratulated for their endeavours in this matter, and we are confident that the workers who have the privilege of enjoying the accommodation thus provided will greatly appreciate the same.

Brother Parchment of the West Indian Training College and district leader of our churches in southern Manchester. was in the office this morning and related an interesting experience reported by Brother Roole, assistant leader of the Campbell's Castle church. It seems that Brother Roole was holding an open-air meeting one evening recently when certain individuals, opposing our work, started a revival meeting with the beating of a drum near where Brother Roole had begun his meeting. All but one individual left Brother Roole and went over to listen to the beating of the drum. Brother Roole began a Bible study for the benefit of the one man who remained. As the study continued others joined until soon the six who had come with the beating of the drum were left to themselves and abandoned the undertaking. May Brother Roole and all others who are making known this message be given courage to continue their efforts in spite of all attempted oppositions and difficulties.

Brother Cecil Williamson, clerk of the Brittonville church, reports very helpful services conducted by Pastor Smith at the Brittonville church on Sabbath, April 20, and the successful rendering of a cantata at the church the following day.

Brother A. J. Pottinger, leader of the Mile End church, reports the baptism by Elder Smith of five candidates on May 5. The candidates included a mother and her two daughters and two other young people. After the right hand of fellowship had been extended to the newly baptized members, the church enjoyed a rich season of blessing in partaking of the ordinances of the Lord's house.

On March 14 Pastor Lawson officiated at a baptism at Coleyville when seven candidates followed their Lord in baptism.

Pastor Lawson reports the baptism of fifteen candidates at Spring Garden on April 28. This baptism followed a series of meetings held the first part of the year. Other candidates are reported as preparing for baptism at a later date.

At the time of writing Pastor Lawson is visiting among the churches in St. Elizabeth and reports some very encouraging meetings held at Newell where five candidates were baptized, May 12, and a number of other individuals took their stand for the truth. From Newell Pastor Lawson went on to Southfield and plans to go from there to Santa Cruz.

Three new members were received into fellowship of the Regent Street church on March 31 following their baptism by Pastor J. A. Reid.

Brother T. T. Allman, leader of our Everton Park church, recently met with a severe accident. He was kicked in the face by a colt and had to spend some time at the Kingston Hospital. We are glad to report that he has recovered sufficiently to return to his home, though it seems that our brother has lost the use of one of his eyes. We are thankful that Brother Allman's life is spared.

Under the auspices of the West Indian Training College, a very successful programme was rendered Sunday afternoon, May 12, at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Grove Town.

A choir of twenty-four voices swelled the choruses, as conducted by Professor H. D. Isaac. The building was packed to its seating and standing capacity, and many were outside unable to gain entrance. A request was made for a repetition of the programme.

# E. E. PARCHMENT

The interest continues in the series of evangelistic meetings being conducted by Pastor G. A. E. Smith in the Guy's Hill church. May 11-13 the writer was privileged to enjoy a very pleasant visit to this church. In spite of rain the church was well filled Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night, and there was a good attendance also for the mid-day service on Sabbath. We were especially pleased to see a number of new faces in the Sabbath congregation and we trust that ere the meetings close there will be still more rejoicing faces seen among those who render worship to the Creator on His holy day.

We are having fine weather here and started our meetings May 5. One thousand hand bills were distributed and went to every village around Port Antonio. We are not having as large an attendance as we hoped, but we are of good courage. Nearly the same people come every night, a very good omen, and we are praying that God will give us a rich harvest. Our brethren are helping all they can, coming from as far as five miles away, doing it cheerfully too, to make the effort a success. It is too early to prophesy as to our achievements, but judging from the interest there is a bright hope of fruitage. Some have begun to quit tobacco with

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the hope of falling in line soon. Many find themselves bound by the entanglements of the former life, making it harder for them to step out, but we are trusting God for the promise that His word will not return to Him void. Help us with your prayers that God be glorified and our hearts be cheered by seeing a goodly number stand up for the truth.

# L. RASHFORD

Following the meetings which Brother Campbell has held at Bellas Gate he reports nine in the baptismal class and anticipates that the number will further increase. The meetings will terminate with a temperance rally on May 26. Brother Campbell hopes to begin a series of meetings at Rosewell in a small tabernacle on June 9. (Rosewell is between Old Harbour and May Pen.)

Most encouraging reports continue to come from Montego Bay where 135 have signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God. Of these, 75 have already attended Sabbath services and those who have actually joined the baptismal class number 59. Many others are expected to take their stard for the Truth. There is a large gathering at the meetings each evening and the series is expected to continue for a number of weeks yet. Bro. A. W. Holgate of Hector's River has been called to assist Elder Stockhausen in the visiting among the interested people who are attending these meetings. Let us earnestly pray that the power of the Holy Spirit and a rich measure of the latter rain may be manifest in this and each of the efforts that are being conducted and that large numbers may be led to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Pastor Randle reports that he is now holding a series of Sunday night meetings in the Goshen church. Let us remember this effort also in our prayers.



# **Home Missionary Conventions**

A series of home missionary conventions was held in Brother A. R. Haig's district April 12-30. The week-end conventions lasted from Friday evening to Sunday evening and the mid-week conventions began in the evening lasting through the next day. The first meeting was held at New Market. This is where the writer met Brother Haig and we united our efforts in the series of meetings that followed. Brother Haig had al-

ready held some special meetings in the church at New Market and a new interest has been aroused there among the members. Some who were undecided have taken their stand to obey the truth. A baptism is contemplated very soon. We especially noted the steadfastness of one young man who accepted the truth in that place. Though he was turned away from his home because of his decision to obey God's truth, he still holds on faithfully. We are very thankful that a number are taking their stand in spite of the oppositions they are meeting. Brother Haig and I also had the privilege of visiting a number of the isolated members in the district and we conducted the communion service with such as were unable to attend the church. We are glad that a number of young people are taking an active part in the work and we feel that there is a good future before the New Market church.

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# SOULS WILL BE WON TO CHRIST

The means used to bless others will bring returns. Riches rightly employed will accomplish great good. Souls will be won to Christ. He who follows Christ's plan of life, will see in the courts of God those for whom he has labored and sacrificed on earth. Gratefully will the ransomed ones remember those who have been instrumental in their salvation. Precious will heaven be to those who have been faithful in the work of saving souls.—Christ's Object Lessons, page 373.

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From New Market we went to Seaford Town where Brother and Sister Haig have been labouring for the past two years. At this place we were glad to see progress. The community is largely made up of German Catholics. It has been very difficult to get a good firm footing there with the message, but through the faithful efforts of Brother Haig and his wife the barriers are being broken down. On Tuesday morning, April 16, three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. These were all from Catholicism. They have stepped out to obey this truth under severe test, but we are thankful that God is giving them grace to stand the trials, and we trust that they will be strong in their allegiance to the commands of their Lord. There are others also at Seaford Town who are ready for baptism, but owing to the fact that they were engaged in their regular work it was impossible for some of them to attend. Brother Haig

seems greatly encouraged with the prospect of the work in Seaford Town. It seems that there are many others who with faithful efforts may be brought to a knowledge of this truth.

Leaving Seaford Town we went to Amity, one of the older churches in the Conference. Our brethren there rallied to the convention and the attendance was good considering the fact that it was during the week. On the evening of the last day with them after the writer had preached a sermon and Brother Haig had followed with another short sermon, we were thinking that we had been together as long as the brethren would desire. As we were about to dismiss the meetings the request came that we should answer the questions from the question box. In spite of the lateness of the time we decided that we would do this and so were together for nearly another hour. It is surely encouraging to see the interest that is taken on the part of our lay members in the questions that pertain to the missionary activities of the church.

We returned from Amity to Seaford Town and there picked up Sister Haig and Iraline and took them with us on the remainder of our trip to the churches. We surely appreciated their company with us. Sister Haig often assisted us in the singing and made the trip more cheerful because of her presence.

We had the privilege of spending the next week-end at Springfield. Owing to the fact that it rained on Friday, we were unable to have a public service but a few of the brethren gathered at Brother Brumley's home and we had a very interesting Bible study, there being present a young man who is somewhat interested in the truth. We feel that God had some purpose in our having this experience. On Sabbath and Sunday we had splendid meetings with the Springfield church. A young lady who had not attended Sabbath services before came forward to consecrate her life to the Master. We are hoping that some day she may be in the school at Mandeville and prepare for greater usefulness in the Lord's work,

Some of our brethren from Huntley Castle came to the meeting at Springfield and on Monday we went to their church to pay them a visit. We find that they have a little church building on leased property. Soon they will have to vacate. They have been looking for a site on which they may build a church and fortunately a Chinese gentleman has given them a small spot in a good location which will be suitable, at least for the present. We were very glad to see the interest and enthusiasm on the part of the members and to encourage them in missionary work. We are sure that the church will continue to grow if harmony and love prevail among the brethren.

Leaving the mountainous district we went down to White House on the sea coast. Our brethren at this place are nearly all fishermen and it was a sacrifice for them to drop their work on the Wednesday in order that they might attend the meetings. They expressed themselves, however, as being very glad that they could have the privilege of attending these home missionary meetings in which we talked over plans for the advancement of the work in that territory. All our brethren seem to be very much in harmony with the plan of dividing the church into bands for more aggressive missionary work. In all the churches that we visited we organized Bible Reading classes. These classes are especially designed to prepare our brethren to give Bible Readings to their neighbours and friends, and we would like to see these classes organized in every church in the Conference. We had some touching experiences in White House. Some who were careless reconsecrated their lives to the Master in a decided manner.

We have a little church at Cave which has a very small membership but we were not willing to pass by any of the churches or companies under Brother Haig's supervision, so we went to visit with this company and held some very profitable meetings. The time was short, however, for we were scheduled to be at Contented Hall on the Friday evening so we just had one night meeting and another meeting the next forenoon at Cave. The testimonies of our brethren there were very encouraging. They are determined to hold on to the arm of the Lord and they are praying that God will revive the work in that place.

At Contented Hall we met with the brethren in the little cottage that had been constructed for the church school teacher. During the hurricane the church was completely destroyed. It is fortunate for our brethren that they had this little building that could be used for a meetingplace. They are greatly in need of a large place of worship and are looking forward to building a church soon. The readers of the VISITOR will remember that Contented Hall is the place, where Elder Jones spent most of his later years. We were very glad for the good response that the brethren gave to the plans that were brought forth for home missionary advancement. They were free in discussing the ways and means for improving the activities of the church.

The last of the churches visited was Beeston Spring. Here the little company of believers also suffered a great loss, the hurricane having blown down their place of meeting. Now they are compelled to meet in the home of Sister Morgan. The meetings were of great interest to them. The second evening the building could not accommodate all the neighbours and friends who came in. In this place also two sermons were preached in the evening and still the people were loathe to leave the place. The neighbours expressed their desire that Brother Haig would not be long in coming again to give them more of the message.

We could not help but be impressed with the words of the Master when he said, "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few." Brother Haig has charge of nine churches and companies and it is almost impossible for him to answer the calls that are very urgent for work in these districts. We trust that these missionary conventions will be the means in God's providence of helping our brethren to take hold of the work more earnestly than ever before, for we must know that in every church the Lord has talents which if consecrated to Him will help to forward His work. We are surely glad to see the enthusiasm with which Brother Haig and his wife are entering upon their strenuous duties. We know that it will require a great deal of earnest labour but already God is blessing their efforts and they are seeing fruits which cause their hearts to rejoice that they can be counted worthy to have a place in God's great work. I am sure that all our brethren will pray that God will strengthen these young workers for the conflict and make their ministry very powerful for the advancement of the truth. The conventions being over, we took Sister Haig and the baby back to Seaford Town.

Brother Haig decided that he would like to go with me to Montego Bay to visit the tabernacle effort that is being held by Pastor Stockhausen in that place. It was very interesting to attend the meeting and to see the large congregation of perhaps eight or nine hundred people. Pastor Stockhausen is using lantern pictures to explain his subject and the Lord has given a good interest from the very beginning. Truly God is giving the people of Montego Bay a great opportunity to hear the message for this time. We met people not of our faith in the country who had attended the meetings in Montego Bay and they gave stirring reports of the interest that was manifest. From Montego Bay I returned to Kingston to carry on the duties that are assigned to me at this place, and Brother Haig returned to his field of labour.

I trust that God will bless every worker in the field as he presents this wonderful message to the end that the work may soon be finished. Very soon, if faithful, we may all go home to be with the Lord, and to unite in ascribing praise to Him Who has saved us from every nation and kindred and tongue and people.

# WHAT CAN YOU SAY FOR BIG WEEK?

Big Week should be past when this VISITOR comes to your hand. What did you do to make it BIG? How many hours did you devote in house to house labour? We hope that you may answer humbly, "I did my part." If for any reason you have not taken a part, let me ask you another question, "Will you give to the Extension Fund a day's wages or an offering to show your interest in the financial phase of the project?" If you are willing to make the offering, place the amount in the regular envelope and mark the amount for Big Week.

All conference workers and institutional workers have been invited to give a day's salary in addition to giving the profit on all books sold in the campaign.

At this writing we do not know how the churches have succeeded. We feel sure, however, that faithful service has brought rewards. During the week of the campaign the writer was in Montego Bay and heard the good news that little Patricia Stockhausen took twelve books to sell and by the middle of the week she had sold eleven of them.

The writer spent portions of two afternoons just around his home and sold fifteen books for cash and took orders for eleven to deliver later. There is a good living for wide-awake consecrated workers who will sell our small books and magazines from door to door. You may not know it, but we are glad for our people to do such work and aside from Big Week campaign, your sales would bring you a profit which you could use for your own and your families' support. In many countries young people are gaining scholarships by engaging in the business of selling our publications. The plan is not followed in Jamaica as much as it should be. Every community affords opportunity to do something in the literature ministry. Of course all business is conducted on a cash basis.

If because of delay in receiving your books for Big Week the time was postponed, please be sure to improve the first opportunity to conduct your Big. Week. Then turn in any unsold books and all cash promptly. Thank you!

B. A. M.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them."



Our one hundred and nineteen Sabbath Schools all reported the first quarter of this year, and we found many interesting items in the reports. We have reached a membership of 6,876 as compared with 5,954 a year ago. Fourteen of our schools reached the goals that gave them the Sabbath School Pennant-Darliston. Craighead, Kencot, Cooper's Hill, Everton Park, Amity, Bryant Hill, Devon, Hart Hill, Riversdale, Porus, Mandeville, Coleyville and Port Maria. One thousand three hundred and ninety honour cards were issued, sixty-three one-year book marks, thirty two-year book marks, eleven threeyear book marks, and twenty book marks exceeding three years. Some of our people are very faithful in maintaining perfect records in the Sabbath School.

"We are living in the closing days of earth's history. God has committed to His people a sacred responsibility as the custodian of His truth for today. As from quarter to quarter the 'mine of truth' is opened for our search, and we are permitted to take therefrom the gold and silver and precious gems stored within, it is hoped the Sabbath School lessons will point the way to the wealth that is eternal, and that a people will be made ready for service today, and for the future life everlasting."

# **Comparative Statistical Report**

	Mar., 1934	Mar., 1935
No. of Schools	110	119
Membership	5954	6876
Attendance	5439	6314
Honour Cards	1110	1390

# **Financial Report**

	Mar., 1934	<u>Mar., 1935</u>
12 Sabbaths	177. 5. 6	206. 8. $3\frac{3}{4}$
13th Sabbath	63. 11. $0\frac{1}{4}$	67.16. $3\frac{1}{4}$
Investment	8. 3. 5	7. 16. $4\frac{1}{4}$
Birthday	2. 6. 10	$2.11.7\frac{3}{4}$



During the three months of the first quarter of 1935, many Missionary Volunteer secretaries wrote to the office, expressing the desire that their societies might be able to retain the "A" grade on the pennants that had been sent to them since the beginning of the year. It was very interesting indeed to compile the reports from the eighty societies and nine bands of Missionary Volunteers. Each secretary had sent in his reports so it made it possible to have a complete report with which to grade the work.

Ten retained the "A" grade—Ballimony, Bamboo, Broadgate, Coker, Dalvey, Fruitful Vale, Hector's River, Huntley Castle, Kingston (N. St.) and Sheffield. These young people are to be congratulated for their active work and faithful reporting. Twenty-four received the "B" grade, thirty-six the "C" grade and eight the "D" grade.

It was especially interesting to note the increased activity in reporting revealed by the summary of the reports. For instance 4085 Bible Readings were reported as compared to 2378 of the previous quarter; 10,040 Missionary visits as compared to 7,637. In fact, each item of missionary work showed a similar gain.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10: 24.

# REFORM CALENDAR BATTLE RAGING

The reform calendar issue has stirred up a religious controversy since the Federal Council of Churches of Christ approved the adoption of a twelve-month, equal-quarter, blank-day calendar, and the Protestant Episcopal denomination endorsed the same.

Bishop Manning, of the Episcopal diocese of New York, sent a letter to the Cabinet members, Senators, and Congressmen, asking them to use their influence to pass a resolution authorising the President of the United States to call an international congress for the consideration of the immediate adoption of this calendar scheme.

In the letter addressed to the national law-makers, Bishop Manning asserted that the Federal Council of Churches, all the principal Protestant churches, and the Catholic Church, will give their support to the proposed calendar scheme. The only opposition, says the bishop, will come from a few minority sects of the Sabbatarian faiths.

### A Counter Campaign

Since their campaign has been launched favouring the adoption of the twelvemonth, equal-quarter, blank-day calendar scheme, some of the denominational leaders of the churches which are a part of the Federal Council of Churches, have inaugurated a counter campaign.

The editor of the *Presbyterian*, the official organ of the Southern Presbyterians, in its issue of December 27, 1934, has the following to say on "Changing the Calendar":

"Among the matters described by the Federal Council as minor, was one which endorsed a new style of calendar. Agitation for a change in the calendar was associated with the name of the late George Eastman. As we recall it, he had in mind a calendar year of thirteen months, with twenty-eight days to the month. It was a technocratic dream. It did not awaken any great favour. But out of the discussion there came from some source unknown to us, the idea of a twelve month calendar with the four quarters all alike. Last summer there came over from Fano the word that an inter-faith conference had thought well of it. As we recall it, the Episcopalians gave the idea their blessing. Bishop Manning lent his commanding name to the scheme. Now the Federal Council has passed the idea along with the added weight of its united agreement.

"Descriptions of the new calendar recite the fact that it will stabilise Easter. That is interesting, but seems to us of relatively small moment, except perhaps to those who deal in goods and services which profit by Easter....

"Then other days of worship and rememberance will be fixed. Christmas will always come on the same day of the week. New Year's Day will always be a Sunday. The calendar looks to us very repellent in its rigid and undeviating simplicity. But these matters are not the points which stir us most deeply. This new calendar is not really a calendar at all. That is to say, it does not contain all the days of the year. You will find by counting up that the four quarters of the year which are precisely alike in the sequence of their days. do not come out to the full length of the year. And in leap years they fall short by double the error.

"This new calendar calls for a lost day. The last week of the year, under this proposed regime, will end on a Saturday. That Saturday ought by all the experience of centuries to issue in a Sunday, which would be a New Year's Day. But, under the schedule, that week issues in a blank day. The first day of the week is not a Lord's day or a Sunday, but a day of nothingness, which the proponents of this new calendar say they hope will be a national holiday all over the world.

"But life goes on even on a holiday. All Christians will look upon this day as a Lord's day, and be prompted to worship. But the next day thereafter will be a Sunday, and the usual day for worship. That hiatus will occur each and every year, and the whole weekly system of work and worship will be completely destroyed.

"This seems like a terrific enterprise on which a nominally Christian organization like the Federal Council has embarked.

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In leap years there will be two such days, the other coming at the end of June. It is against this disruption of the weekly system that we protest....

"Millions of Christians have been accustomed to keep the Lord's day at weekly intervals. This new scheme will destroy that system, completely break it down, and leave behind a rambling amorphous system of timekeeping which hardly does justice to this age, which boasts its accuracy and its scientific precision. For calendar makers to so loudly proclaim their complete inability to make a calendar that even holds the days of the year, seems like a sorry confession when they come to the world asking for a change. To many this is a minor matter. As people think it over, we believe a rising tide of disapproval will shelve the project indefinitely.

# God's Original Plan Unchanged

The weekly cycle of seven days, and the seventh day of the week as a holy day, are recognized in practically all the ancient calendars of all nations, so far as history discloses the facts. It is evident that the weekly cycle of seven days has been handed down from one generation to another from time immemorial.

Every God-fearing person recognises the fact that God ordained the weekly cycle, and set apart the Sabbath day as holy time, and that no human government has a right to alter the weekly cycle which has been preserved through all the ages to the present time at great cost and under untold hardships. No human government set apart this weekly cycle nor gave it to man in the beginning and no set of men or combination of human governments, without deep injustice and unwonted presumption, can alter it or take it away.

### A Conspiracy Against God

The Sabbath day does not belong to man. It belongs wholly to God. It was given to man in the beginning of time, to keep, and it is not man's today to do with it as he pleases. When the Jews anciently did secular business on the Sabbath, God accused them of making no distinction between the holy and the common, between the sacred and the secular. He called it "rebellion" and "a conspiracy" against Him. That is what it was when the French atheistic government altered the weekly cycle to ten days.

The proposed calendar change now contemplated by the reform calendar advocates, altering the weekly cycle for the entire year, as well as the sacred days, cannot be considered in any other light than an utter disregard for divine authority; or at least an utter indifference to it. '+ is refreshing to know that God still has faithful witnesses who have not bowed their knees to Baal. "Other sheep I have," said Christ, "which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd."

C. S. LONGACRE.

In the Review, Feb. 14, 1935.

# REPORT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS For Month of April 1935.

Churches and Companies	Tithe	S. School Offerings	Mission
Amity	01743	0 12 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
Auchtembeddie	19113	0 12 04 0 13 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
Axe & Adze	$1511_{2}$ 152	0 5 8	
Ballimonay	0 14 11	022	
Beverley	017 9	060	
Bird's Hill	$31411\frac{1}{4}$	163	003
†Bryant Hill	6 12 93	252	$0 0 11\frac{1}{4}$
Blue Hole	$0 19 0 \frac{1}{2}$	$0 4 4\frac{1}{4}$	• • • • •
Beeston Spring	0 20 02	· · ·	
Bellas Gate	0 12 13	0 8 82	
Bagbie	376	0179	
Brittonville	0 16 113	0 6 31	
Bamboo			
Bonny Gate	0 10 5 <del>1</del>	0 10 <b>0</b>	
Broadgate	$1 \ 1 \ 6\frac{3}{4}$	0 14 41	
Cave	•		
Clermont	5 9 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 13 93	$0\ 2\ 6\frac{1}{2}$
Carron Hall	0 1 6	-	-
Campbell's Castle	0 4 101	$0 4 7\frac{1}{2}$	003
Cornwall Barracks	1603	0 6 10	
Contented Hall	$0 7 6\frac{1}{2}$	0 6 43	
Coleyville	8 10 44	205	$0 \ 0 \ 2\frac{3}{4}$
Robin's Hall		0 2 10 <del>2</del>	
Cooper's Hill	0 14 91	055	
Cornwall Mt.	0 11 8	0 4 73	
Craig	1 10 43	0 11 0½	
Croft's Hill	0 5 1 1		
Conference &			
Isolated	37 16 3	020	040
Comfort Valley	022	0773	
Wigton			
Blackwoods	020	033	
Green Castle			
Milk River			
Asia	$0\ 19\ 7\frac{1}{2}$	0973	$0 \ 0 \ 11\frac{3}{4}$
Cumberland	363	1 12 0	020
Prospect	050	096	
Brown's Town	013 53	020	
Cross			
Sandy Bay	025	$0 \ 1 \ 6\frac{1}{2}$	
Devon	0 6 9	0 5 03	
Darliston	5013	0 19 101	
Dalvey	066	026	006
†Dallas Castle	081	$053\frac{3}{4}$	,
*Dias Essector Dark	0176½ 119½	$0 4 10\frac{1}{2}$	
Everton Park Flower Hill	119½ 096	0 11 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ 0 12 0	
*Florence Hill			
Glengoffe	$0 14 4\frac{1}{4}$ 2 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 11 9 <del>1</del> 0 15 11 <del>1</del>	0 0 0
Goshen	058	0 5 03	008
Grove Town	$104\frac{1}{2}$	0 13 11	0 0 6 <del>1</del>
Gayle	$4 11 4\frac{3}{2}$	1 8 8	$0 0 \frac{1}{64}$ 0 1 0
Guy's Hill	$2 14 7\frac{3}{4}$	$0.16 2\frac{3}{4}$	
Hart Hill	$3 9 11\frac{1}{4}$	01024 $0184\frac{1}{2}$	$0 \ 0 \ 6\frac{1}{2}$
Hector's River	122	$0 \ 10 \ \frac{4}{12}$	
Huntley	1 4 11	$0 2 7\frac{1}{2}$	
Jointwood	5 16 21	2 13 53	$0 \ 3 \ 6\frac{1}{2}$
Coker	4	2.0 04	J J U2
	61 17 9 <del>1</del>	917	0613
Kencot	$127\frac{1}{2}$	1 14 13	v v 14
Linstead	- •4	<b>-4</b>	
Long Bay	0 8 103	0 3 6‡	0 0 8
Little London	0 10 11	$0 3 3\frac{1}{2}$	
Manchioneal	2 9 73	0 19 21	$0 \ 0 \ 2\frac{3}{4}$
		- 4	-4

Moore Park	$2 4 5\frac{1}{4}$	01L 01	
Mandeville	45 16 43	7 10 10월	052
March Town	676	1 2 2½	013
Mile End	1 11 77	0 12 73	
Montego Bay	6 11 10	$2 \ 3 \ 3\frac{1}{4}$	$0 \ 0 \ 1$
†Morant Bay	$10 \ 9 \ 3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\ 11\ 10^{1}_{2}$	
Mt. Carey	3 8 113	0731	$0\ 1\ 2\frac{3}{4}$
Mt. Peace	$1 17 8\frac{1}{4}$	0 10 67	0 1 33
Mt. Providence	2 18 4 <del>1</del>	0 5 10%	0 0 4½
Newell	3733	011 9 <del>2</del>	$0 \ 0 \ 2\frac{1}{2}$
*Newport	$1\ 13\ 2\frac{1}{2}$	0723	$0 \ 0 \ 13$
New Market	096	097	
Old Harbour	1 4 101	0 14 1	
Orange	1 10 6	0 10 03	
Ocho Rios	155	098	
Petersfield	2 10 77	0106	
Port Antonio	5233	104	0001
Olive Mt.	053	075	
Porus	$1  16  2\frac{1}{4}$	0683	
Richmond Park	113		
Port Maria	$0\ 15\ 6^1_2$	0 16 13	
Riversdale	1 0 10	$1 5 8\frac{1}{2}$	
Williamsfield			
Regent Street	6 12 91	1 12 0	
Rollington Pen	6 15 9	1 14 71	088
Maryland			
Race Course			
Santa Cruz	01511	089 <u>3</u>	
Sav-la-mar	2 17 2 <del>1</del>	067	
Sheffield	$1 \ 2 \ 6\frac{1}{4}$	0 5 1 1	008
St. Ann's Bay	2 0 51	1342	003
Sherwood Forest	$1 \ 2 \ 7\frac{1}{2}$	0 10 10월	$0\ 2\ 8\frac{1}{4}$
Southfield	1 14 3½	014 03	0043
Spanish Town	5143	$2 8 10^{1}_{2}$	$0\ 2\ 1\frac{3}{4}$
Sligoville			
Reeves Mt.		·	
Swift River	111 9 <del>3</del>	0 7 63	
Fruitful Vale			
Trinityville			
Spring Garden	1 18 23	0157 <del>1</del>	016
Seaford Town			
Springfield	$1 \ 0 \ 7\frac{1}{2}$	0 4 23	
Troy	011 43	0 5 43	
Vaughansfield	3 12 11	$1 \ 1 \ 7$	
Waterloo			
White House	0133	0563	
Watermount			
Duxes			
White Hill	0 2 6	0 3 91	
Totals	325 6 0월	78 2 9	$2\ 11\ 1\frac{3}{2}$
†Includes report fo	r March		
*March remittance			
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*Waterloo appeared the second time, it should			

\*Waterloo appeared the second time, it should have been "Watermount."

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NAME	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
Armstrong, A.	76	14.6.6	0. 2. 0
Bent, V. S.	106	9.18. 0	4.2.1
Claypole, G. L.	67	21. 6. 0	
Dawkins, A. E.	56	9.18, 0	8.2.0
Destoe, K. E.	175	19. 0. 0	16.9.3
Downer, J. A.	88	8.9.0	1.10.6
Grant, H. W.	20	2.12.0	
Haye, N. E.	79	2.4.6	3.4.6
Kelly, P. B.	62	2.17. 0	5. 3. 0
King, J. S.	76	32.12.6	0.12. 0
Lalor, M A.	100	31.11. 0	2.3.0
Lindo, Thelma	79	12.8.0	6. 3. 0
Plummer, H. L.	198	31.13.6	2. 9. 6
Wallace, R. B.	67	7.12.6	4.6.6
White, M. S.	98	22.11, 6	
Williams, Ruth	9	12. 6. 0	13. 4. 0
Wright, E.	111	4.6.6	4.13.0
Wright, Joseph	160	20.15. 0	1. 1. 0
Part Time Colporte	eurs 86	14.14.0	
19	1713	£281, 1. 6	£73. 5. 4

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