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## THE LAYMAN

I dare not idle stand,  
While upon every hand  
The whitening fields proclaim the harvest near;  
A gleaner I would be,  
Gathering, dear Lord, for Thee,  
Lest I with empty hand at last appear.

I dare not idle stand,  
While on the shifting sand,  
The ocean casts bright treasures at my feet;  
Beneath some shell's rough side  
The tinted pearl may hide,  
And I with precious gift my Lord may meet.

I dare not idle stand,  
While over all the land  
Poor, wandering souls need humble help like mine;  
Brighter than the brightest gem  
In monarch's diadem,  
Each soul a star in Jesus' crown may shine.

I dare not idle stand,  
But at my Lord's command,  
Labour for Him throughout my life's short day;  
Evening will come at last,  
Day's labour all be passed,  
And rest eternal my brief toil repay.

—“The New Layman.”

## A LETTER FROM A FRIEND.

Mexico City, Mexico,  
December 16, 1927.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of  
the Jamaica Conference:—

We take this means of communicating to you our kindest wishes for a most prosperous and happy New Year. We have thought of you many times since leaving the land and people we love, but it has been impossible to write to each one individually. We are learning to love Mexico and the dear brethren and sisters here. There is something about the influence of this truth upon the hearts of believers that makes them feel that oneness wherever they go.

We have some loyal people here in Mexico too. I have just received a letter from one of the Mission Secretaries stating that the Lord has delivered one of our workers from jail. He was arrested and compelled to work on the streets with a ball and chain fastened to one foot. This is what came to him for preaching the message for this time. We thought it might take some time and expense to get him out, but the Lord took his case in hand and he is with his family to-day. He writes that he had the privilege of preaching the truth to all the prisoners and the guards of the prison, and they finally turned him loose because they said that they did not want his religion to invade the jail.

We feel ashamed that we have suffered so little for the Lord while others have gone through such experiences. Pray that we may be faithful and do the work which the Lord has brought us here to do. Our prayers are with you that the Lord may lead you each to complete victory, and that there may be that oneness in feeling and purpose that will open the way for the Lord to work as never before among the workers and brethren for the finishing of the work in Jamaica.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,  
J. G. PETTEY AND FAMILY.

## A MIGHTY COUNSELLOR.

When in trouble, many think they must appeal to some earthly friend, telling him their perplexities, and begging for help. Under trying circumstances unbelief fills their hearts, and the way seems dark. And all the time there stands beside them the mighty Counsellor of the ages, inviting them to place their confidence in Him. Jesus, the great Burden-bearer, is saying, “Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.” Shall we turn from Him to uncertain human beings who are as dependent upon God as we ourselves are?

You may feel the deficiency of your character, and the smallness of your ability, in comparison with the greatness of the work. But if you had the greatest intellect ever given to man, it would not be sufficient for your work. “Without Me, ye can do nothing,” says our Lord and Saviour. The result of all we do rests in the hands of God. Whatever may betide, lay hold upon Him with steady, persevering confidence.

### *Power for the Faint-hearted*

In your business, in companionship for leisure hours, and in alliance for life, let all the associations you form be entered upon with earnest, humble prayer. You will thus show that you honour God, and God will honour you. Pray when you are faint-hearted. When you are desponding, close the lips firmly to men; do not shadow the path of others; but tell everything to Jesus. Reach up your hands for help. In your weakness, lay hold of infinite strength. Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, increase of faith, that you may see light in God's light, and rejoice in His love.

When we are humble and contrite, we stand where God can and will manifest Himself to us. He is well pleased when we urge past mercies and blessing as a reason why

He should bestow on us greater blessings. He will more than fulfil the expectations of those who trust fully in Him. The Lord Jesus knows just what His children need, how much divine power we will appropriate for the blessing of humanity; and He bestows upon us all that we will employ in blessing others and ennobling our own souls.

We must have less trust in what we ourselves can do, and more trust in what the Lord can do for and through us. You are not engaged in your own work; you are doing the work of God. Surrender your will and way to Him. Make not a single reserve, not a single compromise with self. Know what it is to be free in Christ.

The mere hearing of sermons Sabbath after Sabbath, the reading of the Bible through and through, or the explanation of it verse by verse, will not benefit us or those who hear us, unless we bring the truths of the Bible into our individual experience. The understanding, the will, the affection, must be yielded to the control of the Word of God. Then through the work of the Holy Spirit the precepts of the Word will become the principles of the life.

#### *How to Comprehend and Accomplish*

As you ask the Lord to help you, honour your Saviour by believing that you do receive His blessing. All power, all wisdom, are at our command. We have only to ask.

Walk continually in the light of God. Meditate day and night upon His character. Then you will see His beauty and rejoice in His goodness. Your heart will glow with a sense of His love. You will be uplifted, as if borne by everlasting arms. With the power and light that God imparts, you can comprehend more and accomplish more than you ever before deemed possible.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### "THE WORK"

A definite work has been delegated by God to His followers on earth under the direct ministry and guiding eye of the Holy Spirit, His representative. His work went on a revolving wheel immediately as the heads of the human race fell under the dominion and power of the prince of darkness in Eden. It gained greater momentum and power when His Son manifested Himself in flesh and spake to the world. An organized church with apostles, prophets, teachers, and other gifts came as a result, as a fortification against the legions of opposing forces and also to add power and efficiency to The Work. A definite part of The Work came to a finish during the earthly ministry of the Saviour, and on leaving, He placed a final finishing-Work in the hands of his

followers for execution; and all are seeing the progressive movement of the finishing, and many are actors in the Great Drama.

Under the marching orders of the Captain of our Salvation, Ministers, Teachers, Professors of Schools and Colleges, with Colporteurs, Physicians, and Nurses can be seen hastening "The Work" to a finish. Going from church to church under the inspiration which The Work imparts, one comes in contact with many whose faith and works mount high in the hope of seeing The Work come to a finish in power and splendour in their day and are therefore working with all earnestness to bring about the desired end. **Baptisms** not a few, consecration and re-consecration also add to the list, and quite a band of workers can be seen, devoted and true, going from place to place, whose watch word is "To The Work."

M. JONES.

### CRAIG

It was during the month of May, 1927, that the writer was asked to visit the church at Craig in Manchester. Three days were spent with the church on my first visit. After a week in Kingston I returned with my wife, to remain for three weeks. Meetings were held every night for the public. The mighty power of God bore witness to the preaching of the word, and a mighty interest was created in the districts around. At the end of three weeks, the interest was so intense that it was thought best for the meetings to be continued. At this stage Brethren F. Fletcher, and W. S. Nation came to assist. At the close of another three weeks, a baptismal class of forty-one candidates was formed.

The enemy did all in his power to prevent people from taking their stand for the truth. The minister of another church threatened to put the members out of his church if they visited the Adventists' church. Apostate seventh-day Adventists opened meetings near our church and did their best to poison people's minds against Sister White, but to no avail. The Lord laid bare His arm to save and no power could prevent Him from carrying out His plans. One man, who was a terror to the district and to his home (through drink), found deliverance from sin and is now a faithful seventh-day Adventist. A young woman who was a government teacher, and who was very prejudiced against us accepted the message, as the result of attending one meeting. People who have been living together for years in sin got a vision of the soon-coming Christ and of the preparation to meet Him. As a result of that vision many have got married and are baptized. Others are making preparation to be married at an early date.

As a result of the effort, twenty-three who were ready have been baptized and

admitted into church fellowship. Another baptismal class of twenty-five has been formed, and will soon be ready for baptism. Others are interested and we are hoping that ere long they will unite with us.

The Craig Church has taken on new life. Tithes and offerings have gone up, and great interest is being shown by the members in all departments of the work. Let the readers of the VISITOR remember the work at Craig in their prayers. To God be the Glory.

H. P. LAWSON.

### WEST-END CHURCHES

During the month of November it was my privilege to make an extended tour of the churches in the western end of the island, beginning on November 9, with a visit to St. Ann's Bay, and ending on December 2, with a visit to the Beverley church, near Balaclava. During the intervening time we visited 31 churches and companies, holding, in conjunction with other workers whom I shall mention, nearly fifty services and baptizing 58 souls. These dear ones who were baptized in these churches were, for the most part, the results of the labours of our faithful lay-members.

On Thursday, November 10, we visited Brown's Town and Calderwood, as well as the leader of the Devon church. Friday we drove on to Montego Bay, visiting the little company at Sherwood Content in Trelawny. We found this little company struggling on amid difficulty but had the privilege of a short visit with a few of the brethren, who were making plans to repair the little church building and keep the light burning in that outpost. We arrived in Montego Bay on Friday evening and met with the church there for a night meeting. On the Sabbath we also met with that church, holding the communion services and also speaking to them again in the evening. Our meeting together was also attended by the Holy Spirit, and I felt greatly blessed for having met with this church.

On Sunday morning we went out to the little district of Orange, a few miles from Montego Bay, where we were privileged to bury six dear souls in the watery grave, and then to organize the Orange company into a church with about twelve charter members. This is a working church and we expect to see them grow into a strong and flourishing church; in fact we are sure that this will be the case if they will hold fast to the spirit of unity which now characterizes their endeavours, for the devil is afraid of a united church.

On Sunday night we returned to Montego Bay for a night service at the church. We had a good attendance from friends not of our faith, and enjoyed meeting with these people in that charming little city.

On Monday it was my delight to meet

Brother Lawson at Mt. Carey, and from this place we continued together for the remainder of that week. The meeting with the brethren at Mt. Carey was a good one. We held a business meeting the following morning and elected officers for the ensuing year. On Monday night we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and were blessed again with the presence of the Lord.

Tuesday, we went to Vaughnsfield, which place is located in the mountains of eastern St. James and is quite difficult of access, but we were pleased to meet with these dear ones and to hold their business meeting with them. From there we went to Seaford Town and enjoyed the hospitality of Brother and Sister Lawson, and met with the church at that place for a night meeting. The next day we held a baptism, when one dear soul was buried with her Lord, and went forth to live a life of victory in Christ.

On Wednesday we visited the church at Axe and Adze, where we found the brethren or good courage and right in the midst of a building programme. These brethren are to be greatly commended for the lovely church building which they are erecting of cut stone. This will be a very commendable building when finished and should add strength to the work in that district. Here we held their business meeting and gave communion.

On Thursday night we met with the Amity church, where we found a goodly number awaiting our arrival, and spoke to an attentive congregation. We also held their election.

The next morning it was necessary for me to part with the congenial company of Brother Lawson, as he went to Craig and I conducted a night meeting at Seaford Town. Sabbath morning I went on to Darliston, where I found a lively church of some fifty members, who with their children made up a good Sabbath congregation, and we enjoyed a splendid time together, holding two services in succession. After enjoying the hospitality of a pleasant repast at the home of Brother Myre, I drove on to Contented Hall, where we had an appointment in the evening.

The experience of getting into Contented Hall is one which is never to be forgotten, for two reasons: first, because the road up the mountain makes an indelible impression on one's mind, because of the difficulty attending the ascent; and secondly, because from the top of this mountain is to be enjoyed one of the most glorious panoramic views to be witnessed in this lovely island of many wonderful panoramas. I might also say that another thing which always makes a good impression on me when going to that place is the smiling face of Elder Jones, who waits to greet me at the summit; and then the hospitality of good Sister Jones

is such that one only wishes he could remain a long time to enjoy it.

I should like to relate some of the experiences Elder Jones and I had riding mule back over the rough trails of that section, but will limit myself to the account of our visit with the churches near by. Sunday we visited the brethren at Canaan and New Roads, and while we were disappointed in getting the New Roads brethren together, and by bad weather for the day; yet we enjoyed meeting with a few at both places and trust the Lord blessed the messages borne and that the work may continue to advance in these places. On Monday we visited Fustic Grove and Beeston Springs. At both places we found the believers, though few in number, of good courage in the Lord and pressing the battle of the Kingdom on to certain victory.

Tuesday morning Elder Jones and I started for the West, visiting Bluefields and Sav-la-Mar on the way, and spending the night at Little London, where we held a business meeting. On Wednesday morning we passed on to Sheffield, where we held two services and conducted the elections. We found the brethren at this church, which is only three or four miles from Negril Point, the extreme western part of the island, of good courage and doing a good work.

We then passed on to March Town, where we met Brother Lawson, and the three of us conducted special meetings over the Sabbath and Sunday. Since a report appears in this paper from one of the members of that church, we shall not say much about that visit only that this is a wonderful church and God is doing a mighty work in that district. Sister Innis, the leader, and Sister Sangster, the teacher, are leading out in a strong way in missionary work and all the brethren and sisters are co-operating with these leaders.

After returning Elder Jones safely to his home, Brother Lawson and I passed on to St. Elizabeth, where we spent a couple of days. On Monday we visited the White Hills company, where we baptized seven dear ones, and conducted a little business meeting with them. The same evening we passed on to Jointwood, where we spent two days. This is one of our important churches, and we felt very keenly the importance of the members there putting aside every hindrance and consecrating themselves as never before to the unfinished task of warning that portion of the field. We truly enjoyed our visit at that place and pray that the brethren there may press on to victory.

Wednesday we visited Beverley and Craig, in Manchester. Since Brother Lawson has reported this visit, I will only say that we enjoyed a short visit with the Coleyville church while in that section and are glad to report that their new church building was nearing completion. We had every rea-

son to believe that the work is onward in that place.

On Friday morning we returned to Beverley, where we had the privilege of baptizing a nice class of candidates, and holding the ordinances with the church and also the election. From there we drove on into Kingston and felt that our trip had been very successful in every way. We have prayed often for the churches in the west end of the island and believe the Lord will bring great victory to our churches in that section if they continue to press on in unity and love.

R. J. SYPE.

### EAST-END CHURCHES

The Week of Prayer was indeed a season of great refreshing to the churches on the east end of the island. We were glad to be able to spend some of the time with the churches at Sherwood Forest, Long Bay, Manchioneal, and Hector's River, as well as at our home church in Port Antonio. The Lord came very near to us at each place, and we could not help but feel that He was calling us to look anew upon the fields that are ripe already to harvest, as we saw the large numbers of strangers coming into the meetings at each place. Our hearts were made glad as we saw five take their stand at Manchioneal and one at Hector's River.

Reports from the different leaders show that there is a great interest to hear the truth on this end of the island, and we believe that a wonderful ingathering will take place in the near future.

I will give just one word more on the Harvest Ingathering endeavour at Port Antonio. The readers of the VISITOR will no doubt be interested to learn that we went six Pounds above our church goal. The Lord surely works when His people lend themselves as His instruments. Of 104 members who took magazines and soliciting cards, 103 brought in something. Sickness prevented one sister from working, or we should have had every member a worker. Since coming to Conference, one church Leader has told us that his church reached and passed its goal by following our plan as outlined in the VISITOR. I feel certain that if every church would follow this plan, much more could be accomplished, and £1,000 could easily be gathered in this fair isle of ours. May the Lord richly bless us as we go forth anew for the saving of souls during 1928.

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

### FROM MANCHESTER

I visited the Grove Town church, on Sabbath the 7th of December, 1927. The truth was taken to this part of the island of Jamaica by Elder W. J. Tanner. I am glad to report that it is still working like leaven. Although the notice was short, the attend-

ance was good. The leader informed me that there are some who are now ready for baptism. There is seemingly a strong determination on the part of some to press on with the faithful.

At Porus they are again holding Sunday night meetings, in order to get the truth before those who know it not. The attendance at their first meeting was good. Their place of worship is badly in need of being repaired.

In December I also visited Windsor Forest. The members of this small company are of good courage. Here also, they are expecting to have some additions.

At Newport all are endeavouring to hold on. They have some lumber on their church lot, and are still talking about the building of a place of worship. They are still meeting in a private home, however, for the holding of their Sabbath Services. I do hope that a suitable place of worship may soon be provided for God's believing people in this part of the parish of Manchester. May greater blessings, and richer experiences be theirs and ours during the year upon which we have now entered, is the wish and prayer of the writer.

W. H. RANDLE.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES

During the Week of Prayer it was in my plan to visit four churches, but the inclement weather caused me to beat a retreat from Riversdale. Only Spanish Town received substantial help. Here we had good meetings on the 11th and 12th of December. On the 13th, I passed on to Riversdale, but arrived there in the rain. As no meeting could be held, I returned to Kingston on the 14th. The Week of Prayer brought us great refreshing, as showers on the thirsty land. Sixteen were baptized in Kingston on the 24th.

On the 17th I visited Port Antonio, and on that journey called in at Everton Park, and baptized four candidates in the morning at 8 o'clock and on reaching Snow Hill, five miles west of Port Antonio, effected a marriage between Aaron Powell and Susan Canns, at 12 p. m.

At 3 o'clock that Sunday afternoon, I was identified with the Port Antonio brethren in the capacity of chairman of a musical programme that they had prepared. It could be said of this that it was nothing less than a success. The church was packed to overflowing. Visiting brethren from Kingston and Montego Bay contributed a great deal to the success of the programme. Mr. Colin Pitter and Miss Ivy Wilson gave a good account of themselves in recitations and songs; but exceeding all items were the songs rendered by that "Song-bird", Mr. C. Standford. The local artistes deserve much commendation also for the way in which they acquitted themselves. After an hour

and a half of profitable spent time, the meeting concluded, all feeling well satisfied.

But only a very few stirred to leave their seats. Something more was about to happen. An expectant crowd waited to witness the solemnizing of a marriage between Brother Leonard Holness and Sister Lillian Phillips. In half an hour the tie was made, and the couple repaired from the altar with great joy of heart, their friends and well-wishers rejoicing with them. It was a neat little wedding, and everything connected therewith was conducted in good form from first to finish.

On the 21st, Bagbie was visited, where officers were re-elected for 1928. The same work was effected at Carron Hall the next day. On the 25th I was with the brethren at Old Harbour in a Temperance Programme. As far as their side was concerned they acquitted themselves suitably, but the attendance did not warrant the effort.

S. U. POWELL.

### MARCH TOWN

November 26 and 27 were days that will be long remembered, when we were privileged to have three of our ministers with us. The Sabbath services were most beautiful. Elder Sype preached at the mid-day service, and Elder Jones examined the baptismal candidates. The time of the Y. P. M. V. Society meeting was occupied by a discourse from Brother Lawson. With all the experiences gained for the day every heart was fully stirred to greater zeal.

On the morning of the 27th, all roads led to the river banks at Mount Pleasant, where we witnessed eighteen dear souls buried with their Lord in baptism, sixteen from March Town and two from Sheffield. The writer is very happy to say that ten were from the M. V. Society.

On returning we met for the reception into church fellowship of those who had been baptized and the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house. During the administering of the ordinances there came twenty-two of the brethren and sisters from Montego Bay, along with us of March Town making a crowd that a building of twice the size of our church could not hold.

Brethren, with the reflection of the Spirit of God in His people, I can say, it appeals to me as a foretaste of heaven.

"A day of sweet reflection Thou art, a day of love:

A day to raise affection from earth to things above.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,

We seek the rest remaining in mansions of the blest."

T. E. SHAW,  
Leader M. V. Society.

### GUY'S HILL

The Week-of-Prayer proved a blessed season to the Guy's Hill church. Although the weather was very bad; the heavy and continued rains making the road from the homes of our people very muddy and difficult to get through, that did not dampen the ardour of the brethren. It was good to see the faithful gathering each morning. The presence of the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested as sins were confessed, and re-consecration to God for service was made.

The last day of the old year was a day of rich blessing to us. As the first minutes of the new year were rolling in, two dear souls took their stand for God and His truth.

You will be pleased to hear that at this writing the church building is completed all to about twelve benches, and for these, lumber is being prepared.

It was only two and a half years ago, that the corner-stone was laid for the building, which is 24 by 36 with a porch and belfry. The brethren, including the young people, have sacrificed nobly in order to have it finished. It is marvelous to trace the hand of God leading and opening the way for the means to come in. Hasten on, glad day, when the toilers shall all be gathered home and hear the blessed "Well Done."

HUBERT FLETCHER.

### TRINITY VILLE

The Trinity Ville S. D. A. Church is on the move again. God, who loves dearly His children, would not suffer this church, which is one of the oldest in the island, to be altogether dead. Satan had entered in, causing misunderstanding among the brethren, especially among the leading ones. Sarcasm arose; confidence was lost, and interest was dead.

It was my privilege in canvassing around Trinity Ville to visit this Church. On seeing the spacious church building with only a few people out to Sabbath School (sometimes five or six), and realizing the inducement offered by a most fertile soil around for the precious seed of truth, my heart was moved with compassion. I petitioned the conference to send some worker to settle affairs, but this could not be granted, owing to deficiency of workers.

As I prayed to God that He would settle matters in the church, the Holy Spirit impressed me that I should call all the members of the church together, even those that were dropped, to a meeting for a spiritual reformation. I did so, going myself to some of the homes of the dear brethren and sisters, who were glad for the help, in that nearly every one came out to the meeting Sunday, December 4th.

We went down to the bottom of this spiritual dearth, and God helped us so that

such matters were put to right. Each renewed his allegiance to God and pledged to turn over a new leaf, getting in readiness for the week of prayer, which was to begin the following Sabbath.

My heart was filled with joy, when on Sabbath the 10th inst., we had twenty-six of the brethren out to begin the Week of Prayer. The Spirit of God moved upon us that Sabbath and continued with us for the week. You can just imagine how on the last day of this spiritual feast the Holy Spirit was manifested in our midst. Those who had been with-holding God's tithe, were impressed to state that they would make restitution. The matter of the Harvest Ingathering was urged. Testimonies from the depth of the heart were given; and with tears in their eyes some expressed their determination to have a closer walk with God.

In the last meeting for the day those who had burdens on their minds for their loved ones outside the truth requested that prayers be made for them; and on our knees we sent up to God some most fervent prayers. Never had I spent a better week of prayer. When the day came to a close, we were all sorry that we had to be separated.

It is true that with our Bibles we should never get cold despite the absence of a minister; nevertheless the minister exercises a certain influence over his flock, so that when he does not visit them they are apt to lose their zeal. "The Harvest truly is great," and "the labourers are few," but pray that a worker be sent into the Harvest field of St. Thomas.

ARTHUR W. HERON.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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#### CONFERENCE REPORT

The S. S. Department of the S. D. A. denomination is one of the greatest importance. It is important because it includes every believer in this Third Angel's Message, whether baptized members or those who are interested, whether old or young, sick or well, those far away and those near at hand, those in the home land and those in the far-away field.

It is important because it is where the the whole denomination is engaged in the study of the word of God.

It is important because it is where many first learn to take up responsibilities in the Lord's work.

It is where the young and old may learn, if they will, to be faithful in the accomplishment of assigned duties.

It is where all may use their personal influence positively for good, and it is where all may learn a spirit of self-denial.

Test. on S. S. Work, P. 109 says:—"The Sabbath school is an important branch of

the missionary work, not only because it gives to young and old a knowledge of God's work, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and a desire to study them for themselves; above all, it teaches them to regulate their lives by its holy teachings." "There should be a living growing interest in storing the mind with Bible truth," and where can this be better accomplished than in the Sabbath-school? Surely those who do not cast their interest in with the Sabbath-school are missing a very great blessing.

In our island of Jamaica the Sabbath-school has been and is a strong tower to God's people. It holds them together and brings in a spirit of unity and oneness.

Away back some 34 years ago the first Sabbath-school in Jamaica was held in Kingston, on Law Street, at the home of Sister Harrison, one of the pioneer workers in this field. From this small beginning the work has grown so that now we have 86 Sabbath-schools, and 65 Conference Home Department members.

The S. S. membership at the close of the third quarter of this year was 3,718, and the Sabbath-school offerings for the same quarter amounted to £238 18/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The work is growing and enlarging, and wherever there is a Sabbath keeper there should be a Sabbath-school of some kind, "for every member of the church should be a member of the Sabbath-school." Carelessness in enrolling gives us many missing members, as those who are not enrolled are not counted members.

The object of the Sabbath-school is the ingathering of souls, and this should be kept in mind by every officer and teacher. We all need to get a vision of the Sabbath-school as a real soul-winning agency.

In Jamaica about 460 teachers take their places before their classes in Sabbath-school every Sabbath. Oh! that every teacher could realize how he is being watched and look well to his daily life! God is calling young and old to give Him whole-hearted service in the Sabbath-school. Out of this body of teachers only 130 enrolled for the study of the Teacher's Training Course for 1927. As yet I am unable to give the number of those who will write on the questions. I am sorry to say only 29 schools out of the 86 enjoy the help of our good paper the *S. S. Worker*. This should be in the hands of every teacher and officer in our schools.

For the first three quarters of 1927, 106 persons have received book marks for perfect attendance and daily study of the S. S. lesson. This record might have been better had it not been for the heavy rains over the field.

As we take a backward glance, we can see where many improvements might have been made, but by God's help let us press forward.

I want to extend to all my hearty thanks for your co-operation. It is because of this

that I am able to bring in this report. My prayer is that you will give my successor the same hearty support you have ever given me.

I appeal to the young people to step forward and take their place in the Sabbath-school work. The prophet of God says, "What the cause most needs is consecrated young men and women who feel a personal responsibility for the advance of the work and who will co-operate with divine agencies to shed light into the moral darkness of the world." My earnest desire and prayer is that the Sabbath-schools of Jamaica "will come behind in no good thing."

H. A. HURDON  
Secretary.

### THE LAMBS FOLLOW THE SHEEP.

We oft hear the plea for trying to keep  
The lambs of the flock in the fold;  
And well we may but what of the sheep?  
Shall they be left out in the cold?

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,  
And as earnestly hope and pray?—  
Because there is danger, if they go wrong,  
They will lead the young lambs away.

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,  
In the parable Jesus told, —  
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray,  
From ninety and nine in the fold.

The lambs will follow the sheep you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray;  
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,  
For the sake of the lambs to-day,  
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost  
Some sheep may have to pay!

*Selected.*

### AN APPEAL

Glorious will be the reward of those who have faithfully carried the printed pages of truth over the mountains and valleys, hills and plains, to the homes of those that are groping in darkness. People have been coming into the truth in every country on earth through the printed page.

What is true of other lands is true also of Jamaica. At the beginning of the year that is past, we as colporteurs started out on the undiscovered regions of the future, but resting on the unfailing promises of our God, we have come out more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us.

I am sure that the readers of the VISITOR will be pleased to know that we have been able to place in the homes of Jamaica over fourteen hundred Pounds worth of our truth-filled literature. We have also visited over seven thousand homes, and in some way have told the people about the Message.

We are absolutely sure that in the kingdom of God many are going to rejoice as the result of this good work. Now, brethren and sisters, another year is before us, with all its privileges for doing good in this

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line of endeavour. Therefore, I am now appealing to you through this medium to do all you can in getting the truth in the printed form in the hands of the people. This may be the last year that we may have to do it.

O. P. REID.

## CORPORTEUR WORK IN THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE, FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1927.

Names.	Book	Hrs.	Value of	
			Orders.	Orders.
R. B. Campbell	O.D. D.R. H.P.	40	*43	19 0
A. W. Heron	R.J.	30	8	0 0
B. E. Hurst	B. F. O.D.	32	*26	9 3
H. D. Lawrence	C.O.S. O.D., H.W.	32	*16	18 0
B. A. Ricketts	H. W.	18	4	0 0
H. J. Townsend	Misc.	38	*10	8 6
A. A. Dixon	H.W. B. F.	46	*7	13 0
C. A. Pitter	H.W.	2	*1	14 0
R. E. Bowyer	H. W.	25	*16	2 9
J. D. Robinson	Misc.	122	*40	0 0
Miscellaneous			58	1 2
			74	0 3½
		385	20	90 12 2
* Value of Deliveries			*264	5 9½

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

During the last week of the old year Elder Hurdon was absent from the office visiting churches in the northern and eastern part of the island, where the election of officers was held in several places.

Elder C. E. Wood, former president of this conference and now Home Missionary Secretary of the Inter-American Division, arrived in Kingston January 7th, to remain until after the conference session. We are glad to welcome him and hear his voice again in proclaiming the message for this time.

Brother G. W. Grounds, our new Secretary-Treasurer, and his wife arrived in Jamaica from

Porto Rico on the 22nd of December. After some few days they were able to find a house and get partially settled. Brother Grounds took up his work the first of the new year. The office at the first of each month is a veritable beehive for activity, but you can readily understand that we have been much busier than usual during January, considering that the Conference is at hand and the closing work of the year always brings many added burdens. We are very thankful to have Brother and Sister Grounds with us.

Elder and Mrs. E. E. Andross arrived Sabbath, January 14th, from the headquarters of the Inter-American Division. We greatly appreciate the help they are giving us in this session. Sister Andross carries a great burden for the young people and is doing a good work for them.

Brother N. L. Taylor, Secretary and Auditor of the Antillian Union, arrived on Friday, the 13th from Cuba, together with Brother Raff, Union Field Missionary Secretary.

Elder Bidwell, Superintendent of the Bahama Mission, came in to attend the Antillian Union Committee Meeting, which takes place the last week of January. Elder Borrowdale, of Porto Rico, arrived on the 16th for the same purpose.

Elder A. R. Ogden, the new President of the Antillian Union, arrived on the morning of the 16th also, and will remain throughout the conference session and the Union Committee Meeting.

The attendance at the first Sabbath-school session of the conference, January 14th, was 1,216. 310 children met in the tabernacle in the church yard, under the able instruction of Sister L. S. Crawford, one of the teachers of the school in Mandeville.

### JAMAICA CONFERENCE OFFICE.

"He who beholds the Saviour's matchless love will be elevated in thought, purified in heart, transformed in character."

"The crisis is before us. God is now restraining the forces of evil that the warning may be given. Now is the time to work. There should be one hundred workers where now there is only one."

### SEED THOUGHTS FROM THE CONFERENCE

One who is habitually late to Sabbath-school will probably be late at all meetings. Finally he will be too late to take part in the first resurrection.

Let us study our lessons every day and have a set time for it.

Every teacher should do personal work for every pupil till all have been won to Christ.

Catch a vision of what the Investment Fund can do and make your investment.

There are 311,000 members of S. D. A. Sabbath-schools around the world.

Our interest in the Sabbath-school work depends upon what we put into it.

It is faithfulness in little things that enables us to make a success of any work.

Christ holds the key to every grave—He has wrested it from the enemy—and He will soon unlock the portals of the tomb and set the captives free.

When we bury our dead, there is no hope like this: "Jesus is coming again." When He comes, He will bring forth in beauty and health all who have fallen asleep in Him.

A great family reunion is about to take place, when the angels will gather the sons and daughters of God from the four corners of the earth to go home with Him.

To Nehemiah at the beginning of the 2,300 days was committed a great work, and from him may be learned many lessons by the young people who live now at the close of the 2,300 days.