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WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is the one connecting cord
That keeps us ever near the Lord,
A link of love, a vital spark
That lights the world 'mid conflicts dark.
A solace 'neath affliction's rod
That draws us daily nearer God.

When faithless ones our spirits vex,
And galling cares and doubts perplex,
When passions' varying powers annoy,
How dear the hour of hallowed joy
That brings us in communion sweet,
To rest in peace at Jesus' feet!

In all our troubles helpless, weak,
We, turning to the Father, seek,
Through childlike, simple faith combined,
The strength we never fail to find;
It brings us treasures from above,
Sweet pledges of His wondrous love.

Though worldlings scoff, what need we fear?
The soul is safe while He is near.
When saddened, worn, and sore oppressed,
Through trustful prayer He gives us rest.

L. H. GRISWOLD.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (2 Tim. 1: 12.)

It is not always smooth sailing on life's voyage. At times neither sun nor stars in many days appear, and no small tempests assail us. Amidst the impenetrable darkness we hear a voice, "Fear not." Can we exercise implicit confidence in the One Who speaks, that He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him? Can we say, "I believe God?"

He will not fail us. Our own may fail. Friends may. The brethren may. But "there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." He says, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." We may not see the hand that is guiding us, like the little girl who stood at the mouth of the cellar. Her father was below. It was so dark she could not see him. She could only hear his voice, "Come". But, how could she? No ladder was in place; no steps led down. How could she get to her father below? "Just throw yourself into Father's arms, my little girl." But she could not see those strong extended arms. Again that familiar voice is heard, "Jump." Full of confidence in that loving father who had never failed her, she jumped and was safely enfolded in those loving, powerful arms.

Yes, I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, for He is the Almighty God; the Lord

God Omnipotent. And as He sends me forth, I hear Him say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." What does this mean to me? How much power does He possess? Can I by searching find Him out? Nay, it is beyond all human comprehension.

Alpha Centauri, the nearest sun outside of our solar system, is four and one third light years away. Let us do a little figuring. Light travels 186,173 miles per second, or 5,871,151,728,000 miles in one year. Hence astronomers compute the distances of the heavenly bodies by the term "light years." Four and one third light years away would be 25,441,657,488,000 miles away. This would be the distance of the nearest "fixed star," or sun, away from the earth. Again the North or Pole Star is approximately fourteen times as far away from us. "Lo! these are the outskirts of His ways; and how small a whisper do we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?" (Job 26:14 R. V.)

Yes, "I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him."

HUBERT FLETCHER.

WHY I BELIEVE IN REPORTING.

Why do I believe in reporting? I believe in it because it is such a tremendous aid in advancing the work. When one does work for the Master and reports it, it encourages others to engage in the work; and when these new recruits report their work, still others are incited to go out and labour. And those who can't go are encouraged by a good report to give of their means that others may go. Reporting begets enthusiasm, and enthusiasm provokes labour; therefore it is next to impossible to have a real live church that is accomplishing things unless we report. Reporting is evidence of service, and service produces enthusiasm that is born of a real appreciation of the object of our organization, which is to carry the "Advent message to all the world in this generation." We have a real task to perform, and a real job to do; and we must use every good thing that will help us to do our work in a way that will be pleasing to our Master.

Another reason why I believe in reporting is because it enables us to study what methods we use that permit us to accomplish the greatest amount of good. When we get reports of what was done and the

way in which it was done, it helps us to correct mistakes and to choose the best methods. In this way we are enabled to concentrate our forces upon a given place at a given time, and needless duplication is avoided.

Another reason why I believe in reporting is because of the encouragement that it brings to our souls as we learn of the progress of the work in the various places of the world. A good report is a source of great joy to all our hearts, and we are encouraged to press on. As we hear of the progress of the work in some other field, and read of the victories that our Master has gained in the hearts of the people, we are encouraged to renewed efforts to finish the work in our own territory, so that it can be finished at the same time in all parts of the world; because Jesus can't come until the entire world is warned.

Another reason why I believe in reporting is because the Bible teaches it. Revelation teaches reporting as well as common reason and experience. Our Sabbath school lessons recently have been a series of reporting. In Acts 14:27 we read, "When they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed (reported) all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles," and in Acts 15:3 it is declared that this caused "great joy unto all the brethren." And when we hear of the opening doors and the success of our workers to-day, it causes us great joy as it did to those people back there. All through the Bible there are records of reporting.

Another reason why I believe in reporting is because it is such a tremendous success in business life. A commercial establishment secures a big bargain in a needed commodity, and they put a big ad. in the daily papers at great expense, reporting what they have done and intend to do, and thus attract great crowds to their place of business. The very life of a newspaper depends on reports, and they have many men going all over the vicinity to get news. There are businesses that do nothing else but gather reports and render them, and we have come to realize that it is a necessary part of our life. If reporting that a pair of shoes, a suit, or a dress can be purchased cheaply stirs up enthusiasm; if a campaign can be put across successfully by the enthusiasm that is stirred up by newspaper reports; why can't we, who are engaged in the biggest, the grandest, the noblest and the most important business in the world, learn a few lessons from those about us and put it to practical experience? Reporting is not an experiment; it is a demonstrated success; and the more reports, the more success. The children of light can learn a few things from the children of this world.

Another reason why I believe in reporting is because Satan believes in it. I heard someone say, or else I read it, that imitation is the most sincere flattery. Satan knows the value of a good report, and he has adopted the reporting system to advance his own mean work. He knows that we would have no church quarrels and no neighbourhood gossip if there was no reporting; and he just takes a little thing and reports it, and in a little while a great big muss is stirred up. We are all naturally wicked, and there are many things that come out of our hearts and mouths sometimes; and every time it does Satan report it just as soon as it is done. Even though we did not mean it and would be ever so glad to take it back or correct it, still he just grabs it and enlarges upon it and circulates it everywhere; and he keeps people so busy reporting bad things that they don't have time or inclination to report good things, or even to do them.

He knows that if he can get some bad news about some one, and can get it circulated or reported, that it nearly always results in getting something else to report. I don't just understand why people will report for Satan and work for him when he has never done anything for them or for anybody else that has brought real happiness. I wish that all our people would report all that the Lord has done for them and all that they have done for the Lord, and not report a single thing for Satan.

CORA RUSSELL.

"Who blesses others in his daily deeds
Will find the healing that his spirit needs
For every flower in others' pathway thrown,
Confers its fragrant beauty on our own."

—WORDSWORTH.

"HOLD FAST"

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised). Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." (Heb. 10: 23, 24, 35.)

If the above words were applicable in Paul's day, they are more so now to us who are living down in the last days of earth's closing history. After one takes but a cursory glance at the Advent people, he sees the truth of these words of Paul. While many are coming into the truth, many are going out by the back door. There seems to be a universal drifting away of our church members, not only in this conference but nearly everywhere. Many are taking a sure march back to Egypt. In most of our churches in this island we see members who once

stood faithfully for their Master through the thick and the thin of the fight, suffering much persecution and reproaches, giving up their cherished faith to affiliate with the world once more, thus crucifying their Saviour again. Why so—what's the reason for this falling away? Is there any? As the bee-keeper seeks to exterminate the moth which works ruin in destroying hive after hive of his bees, so we are to seek to find the spiritual moth which is eating away the vitality of our Christian experience.

Years ago Sister White saw the company of God's remnant people after they were shaken. She says, "The number of this company lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks. Evil angels still pressed around them but could have no power over them." (E.W. 271).

The evil one, with six thousand years of accumulated knowledge, is now more vigilant than ever before against God's people. "Satan is now seeking to hold God's people in a state of inactivity to keep them from acting their part in spreading the truth, that they may at last be weighed in the balance and found wanting." (Test. Vol. 1. 260.)

From this statement it seems that the chief sin which is causing the falling away is that of inactivity. Satan is holding us in this state so that we may soon grow careless and give up this blessed truth. When one fails to call into active service the talents which God has given him, he soon begins to decay, as does an instrument when not used. Strict account is being kept of all that we do with our entrusted talents. "All heaven is looking with intense interest upon the church, to see what her individual members are doing to enlighten those who are in darkness. . . . There is danger for those who do little or nothing for Christ. The grace of God will not long abide in the soul of him who, having great privileges and opportunities, remains silent." (C.S. 89.)

We shall not be able to be numbered with the redeemed unless we get down to work for others. The fire of our experience must be kept burning by unselfishly working for others in bringing before the world the truth for this generation. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith steadfast to the end, for soon and very soon the eastern sky will flush with the golden rays of our Redeemer. Already the elements of strife and commotion are bursting upon the world. On all sides we see the signs that portend the end. How are we relating ourselves to them? In "Questions on the Sealing Message" (P. 33)

we read, "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message but have not been sanctified by it, abandon their position, and take refuge under the banner of the powers of darkness. . . . Men of talent and pleasing address who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to destroy and mislead souls."

How sad it is to think that many whom we appreciate as friends will, in the near future, take their stand against us. Let us not therefore look at the failures of frail man but follow out Paul's injunction in keeping our eyes upon the Author of our faith. As long as we do this, we can never fail to receive the crown of life. Many will lose all because they lack perseverance to overcome the little temptations that confront us from time to time. Once there was a certain man who was discouraged over his inability to master mathematics. One day curiosity led him to pull apart the waste leaves of his text book that were fastened together in order to strengthen the cover, and he came across these words, "Go on, go on." That acted like a tonic in stirring his soul to success. Instead of giving up as he had contemplated he went on with his studies until he is known in history as one of the world's greatest mathematicians. We need always to heed these words and so go on and make a success of our Christian experience. There is an infinite source of power waiting to be used if asked for. Brethren and sisters, now is not the time to retreat but to advance. Jesus is our captain; victory is sure. All we need to do is just to yield ourselves constantly to Him and He will do the rest. If Jesus is leading, we will be able to hold on even to the end.

R. B. CAMPBELL.

COLEYVILLE.

Believing that the readers of the VISITOR will be interested to know of the present situation in the work here, we shall report a few items for their encouragement.

Last October we started our church building. With steady purpose and united effort on the part of only a few, to-day the building lacks only doors, windows, and lesser items to be finished, though not entirely without debt. A few days ago we placed the matter before the Conference Committee, and were promised help. We were also advised to have a Harvest Festival and baptism to increase the funds.

The date for the Festival was fixed for the first Sunday in April, and we were much pleased when Professor Rathbun promised to stand by us with a programme furnished by teachers and students of the W. I. T. C. About 8 a.m., the hour set for the baptism, Professor and Mrs. Rathbun

and Elder and Mrs. Meeker arrived, and as soon as all arrangements could be completed a large crowd assembled at the pool, a mile from the church. Elder Meeker performed the ordinance of baptism for five precious souls. It was satisfying to see the quiet way in which everything passed off, and the behaviour of those not of our faith was also good.

The hour for the Festival was set for two o'clock, and an hour beforehand another car arrived from Mandeville containing further help for the programme. One could imagine how we were made glad for such provision. Soon our new building was seated to capacity. Professor Rathbun was chairman and also a member of the male quartette, Messrs. Hamilton, J. E. Brodie, and A. Brodie being the other members. Sister Meeker sang two beautiful solos and Mrs. Rathbun played the organ. The rendering of the music as a whole was like apples of gold in a casket of silver. Mr. U. Morgan furnished valuable help by a declamation on the importance of integrity of character. Both Elder Meeker and Professor Rathbun gave short addresses on different phases of seed-sowing and harvest. A liberal offering was received, and we then adjourned to the sale of the articles contributed. They were quickly disposed of, and as the result of our efforts we have ten pounds in hand to be sent to the treasurer of the conference.

All our efforts should be to one great end, the harvesting of souls for the kingdom of God. Our little company is being organized for hard work for the Master, and to make all men see the righteousness of Jesus in them that believe, being witnessed by the law and the prophets. When the life of Jesus is reproduced by a church, then our words will be few, but great will be the result. Let all church members put away their laziness in the vineyard and separate themselves from every sin, and the promised blessing may be theirs. We shall then see the work triumph, and we shall share in the harvest benediction, "Come ye blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom."

GILBERT HALL.

CARRON HALL.

One day in the month of March, 1928, in relating the Third Angel's Message to an individual three miles from home, we promised to have meeting with him a week after, and so we did. This kind man erected a booth furnished with seats and a desk, and also brought some friends with him.

Three visits in succession were given to our subject, for the two first evenings were about the political and spiritual crisis that

confronts us. On our third visit the subject was the seven last plagues.

After the meeting they were invited to our Sabbath-school for our thirteenth Sabbath exercises. Four came. Brother A. A. Butler was also invited to take our service on that day. His talk was a very fitting one for new believers. On Sabbath after service they heard us speaking about the Guy's Hill church dedication the following day. They decided to go. On Sunday morning by the time we reached Guy's Hill, they were present to hear the sermon from Elder R. J. Sype. Two of these men especially are like the Bereans of old. They received us with readiness of mind and are searching the Scriptures to know whether these things are so. They promise to be out on Sabbath this week and for good.

We beg that the readers of our JAMAICA VISITOR pray for these men, while we pray too that God may bless them and help them to hold fast the profession of their faith.

CHARLES LIVINGSTON.

BRITTONVILLE.

[By the courtesy of the reporter we have received a copy of the *Jamaica Mail* of April 12, containing a well-written account of the Cornerstone Laying at Brittonville on Sunday, April 8. Omitting the extended heading, the report follows--Ed.]

Claremont, Monday.—Yesterday was a Red Letter day for the Adventists of Brittonville, near Claremont. It was the occasion of their stone laying ceremony, being an earnest of the commencement of their endeavours for the erection of a place of worship on lands generously given by Mrs. Rebecca Williamson, of that village.

A temporary building was erected on the premises, with materials presented by one of the large-hearted land proprietors of the district. In this improvised structure a large gathering assembled, consisting of many members, adherents, and well-wishers not only from the immediate district but from Ballimonay, Golden Spring, and St. Ann's Bay.

A special deputation consisting of Prof. and Mrs. F. O. Rathbun, Elder and Mrs. B. A. Meeker, Miss Randall and Miss May Haughton from the West Indian Training College at Mandeville attended and took charge of the ceremony, which went through without a hitch.

In the unavoidable absence of President R. J. Sype, the chair was taken by Prof. Rathbun, who, in a neat speech, welcomed the audience and commenced the meeting with the singing of the hymn:

"We are building in sorrow or joy
A Temple the world may not see."

A delightful programme made up of songs, solos, recitations, and dialogues was carried through creditably.

Most of the items were staged by the visiting Adventists of Ballimoney under the able guidance of Mr. Louis Francis.

A special feature of the musical selections was the rendering in Spanish followed by the English setting of two beautiful choruses by a group of children from Ballimoney.

Special mention must also be made of Mrs. Meeke's touchingly exquisite rendering of those lovely songs of praise: "No Burdens Yonder" and "The Half Has Never Been Told."

Mrs. Rathbun officiated at the organ.

The ceremonial address was delivered by Elder B. A. Meeke, late of China, where he had been a missionary. He said in part: "This really is a glad occasion for all of us who are here. Our meeting to-day is an evidence that the Lord is working on the hearts of the people of this world and there is a growing love in man's heart for the truth—and truth undoubtedly is more precious than anything else. You have found out that you need an edifice in which to worship God, and I am glad to see you have not despised the day of small things. And I hope you will be encouraged by the remembrance of the fact that it is the Father's good will to give us the Kingdom."

You are gathered to-day for the stone-laying ceremony in connection with a new building and I trust that your efforts will meet with abundant success. Stone is about the most durable material we know of in this world and yet stone does not last forever. However, it is about the best material you could select to last for a long, long time. It is also an indication of the permanency of the message that is being promulgated by this little band of people. Don't forget that our lives always speak louder than our words; thus we must pay heed how we build, for we build not on for the time but for eternity. Christ is the one and only sure and certain foundation, and upon him we should all lay our hope and trust and confidence; and He has taught such principles that those who build on them cannot fall.

I am glad to say that the people in this island seem to be religious but yet we want to know truth in all its fulness. God has beams of light to shine upon our pathway yet, and may He hasten the day when the good tidings will completely fill our lives and hearts.

After the singing of a hymn, the corner stones were laid first, followed by the laying of other stones.

The first corner stone was laid by Mrs W. Jobson who donated £1; the second by Miss Constance Jobson for Mr. C. A. Wal-

ters who donated £2. Miss Jobson in laying the stone tendered an excuse for Mr. Walter's absence and conveyed his best wishes for success to the Society. The third stone was laid by Mrs. Chas. Jefferson in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Mrs. Jefferson donated half-a-guinea. The fourth stone was laid by Mr. Stephens of St. Ann's Bay. He donated £1. Other stones were laid as follows: Mrs. F. Rathbun £1; Mr. David S. Atkinson £1 1/2; Miss Vera Williams £1; Mr. A. Comrie £1; Mrs. Eliza Atkinson 10/6; Mrs. E. Haden 10/; Miss Lois Flynn 10/; Mr. Luke Thousand 10/; Mr. Flynn 10/; Mr. David Rose 10/; Mrs. J. N. Rose 10/. Miss C. Smith, Mr. S. Burrell, Miss Rose, Mrs. E. Rose, Mrs. A. Rose, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. E. Clarke, Mr. Chas. Rose, Mrs. Jane Rose, Mr. C. Grant. Mrs. R. Barnes and Miss Lewis gave smaller sums which amounted to £1 14/6. The total amount raised including the offering was nearly £20.

The foundation measures 27 feet by 17 feet.

KINGSTON.

Our goal for souls stands at one hundred for 1928. Plans for missionary endeavour have been laid and are being worked towards that end. Many are falling in line and getting busy. In some sections of the field there is a stir. Candidates in the baptismal class number forty. A three-months intensive campaign to secure a pipe organ is also on foot.

S. U. POWELL.

HOW MUCH DO WE SAVE?

The story is told of a poor blind woman in Paris who once put 27 francs into the plate at the missionary meeting, "You can not afford so much," said one. "Yes, sir, I can," she answered. On being pressed to explain, she said, "I am blind and I said to my fellow straw workers, 'How much money do you spend a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work at night?' They replied, 'About twenty-seven francs.' "So," said the poor woman, "I found that I could save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to those in the dark heathen lands." Did you ever stop to think how much living up to the truth saves for Seventh-day Adventists, when such things are discarded as tea, coffee, pepper, tobacco, jewelery, shows, and many other expensive as well as injurious articles which are used quite generally by others? Do you not think we can well afford to give to the cause of God at least what we save in this way? Try to figure it up sometime and see what it amounts to.

—Selected.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

GREETINGS.

We wish to tell the readers of the VISITOR that we are glad to unite with them in carrying forward the greatest work ever committed to men, the giving of the gospel to men and women.

We have located at Mandeville, Mrs. Meeker assisting in the school, and my work is in connection with the circulation of our literature throughout the conference.

Already our hearts have been cheered as we have met with our brethren. The earnest spirit manifested has been an encouragement.

Now as we unite together in scattering the printed page, we may be assured that angels of God will be with us as we go.

A number of workers have been called to a colporteurs institute, 10—17th May, at the West Indian Training College.

The regular colporteurs and a few new recruits are included in this call. The great need is for more efficient workers. Quality not quantity is a matter to which we must give more attention.

There may be consecrated, able men and women who would like to take up the sale of literature, and have not been asked to do so. While we must limit the number of colporteurs who work with regular subscription books, there is an opening, however, for those having salesmanship ability to enter the service. Such could engage in the sale of magazines and Home Workers' books. In every community someone should represent our great publishing work, and help to win souls through the literature ministry.

It will be our pleasure to write to you with reference to this line of endeavour if you are interested.

BYRON A. MEEKER, F.M.S.

THE WORD IS POWERFUL.

In Hebrews 4:12 we are informed by the Apostle Paul that the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. What the servant of God has said of the Word is inspired truth, and those who have experienced it in their lives or have seen manifestations of its fulfilment will also testify that it is absolutely true.

We are certainly living in a most wonderful age; and even though the hearts of men are getting harder every day, through the evil workings of the arch rebel, there are some whose hearts are being touched and softened by the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord ever bless the souls that always listen to the sweet and

tender voice of such a Comforter, Friend, and Counsellor.

The word of God is as powerful to-day as when He spoke in the beginning, "Let there be light." His words were so powerful that even inanimate things obeyed Him. When He was tempted of the devil, Christ finally rebuked him with words of Scripture, and he was found before Him no more. The very earth seemed to give way to the feet of the enemy, and he vanished from the presence of the Lord.

When we want to get a large rock out of our way, the first step that is necessary is to drill a hole in it. The next is to put dynamite therein, which when lighted causes a sudden explosion, breaking the rock in pieces. After that we shall be able to remove the obstacle.

The Word of God works upon the hearts of men as the dynamite works on the rock, especially in those who allow the fruits of unrighteousness to stand as a barrier before them. The Word, when received in the heart, will remove mountains.

The work of the Christian colporteur is to help in the removing of obstacles and barriers. His work is like that of the workman who places the dynamite and lights the fuse. He goes around with the printed page and presents the Word of God in a concise way, and as the result of the powerful working of the Holy Spirit many decide to obey, while others ignore His blessed truth.

A few days ago, while out canvassing, I came to a home where I saw three men standing at the gate. I stopped, took out my prospectus, and began to canvass two (for one had moved off almost immediately; the others, a father and son, remained.) Before I was half through, the master of the home became interested but said he was very sorry he could not give an order.

Just then his wife, a stern-looking woman, came up. I was invited in, and made a prompt canvass, but she said, "All that you are showing is what the Bible teaches." After a brief reply I went on canvassing.

She again interrupted with, "Are you an Adventist?" I answered, "Yes." "Oh, I thought as much," said she; "we have nothing to do with you people." I asked why. "You don't believe the Bible, and you don't keep the Sabbath (meaning Sunday)." Then I took her own Bible and explained the Sabbath day and its observances, and how the change came about. But she was not willing to listen to the words of truth and finally ran away, leaving her Bible in my hands. Her husband got in a rage and said, "I do not want to hear anything more." He was certainly cut to the heart, for the Word is "sharp."

HAROLD D. LAWRENCE.

COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1928.

Names	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value of Orders
R. B. Campbell	O.D.	97	69	46 2 0
B. A. Ricketts	O.D.	178	37	*27 11 3
B. E. Hurst	O.D.	62	19	16 6 6
Andrew Robinson	P.P. R.J.	76	27	22 10 6
Miscellaneous				*2 2 0
				51 17 10½
				*32 13 8
		413	152	165 4 6½

* Value of Deliveries *\$1 18 11

O. P. REID, F.M.S.

"HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE" THE BOOKMAN

A colporteur came to my door one day,
And delivered a book I had bought;
But when I had seen it, I hid it away,
For I hated the things that it taught.
So it lay in a drawer, neglected, unread,
A casket of jewels, concealed;
While I was too busy to bother my head
With riches it would have revealed.

But a day came at last, when chastened and sore,
My proud heart was wounded, and bled;
And I turned to the book, neglected before,
And opened the volume and read.
I found the message of comfort I sought,
In the book I so long had abused,
And wonderingly said as I sat there in thought,
"God's blessings are often refused."

He who in wisdom can see to the end,
Forseeing my proud heart would bleed,
Sent me the book, by the hand of a friend,
To help in the hour of my need.
Its message of love touched an answering chord
In my hungering heart, that day;
And its beautiful truth drew me to the Lord;
His glory now brightens the way.

I oftentimes think of the bookman who came
To bring me a treasure so rare;
In this vale of tears, I may never know his name,
But I'm hoping to meet him up there.
How good it will be on some glorious day
(And it may be a part of the plan)
To have an angel approach me and say,
"Come here and meet the book man."

I'll clasp the hand of the one who left home,
And husband, or children, or wife,
Endured the hardships, consented to roam,
To bring me the message of life.
Arm in arm we'll walk by the river so clear,
Side by side at the throne we'll bend;
And there, in his ear so no one can hear,
I'll whisper, "It was kind of you, friend."

W. R. ELLIOTT.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1928.

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings
Axe and Adze	1 5 2½	1 11 4½
Blue Hole	2 14 4½	0 14 1½
Bellas Gate	2 18 7½	0 9 6½
Ballimoney	0 2 9½	0 10 2½
Beverley	0 6 5	0 8 7
Bird's Hill *	7 10 8½	2 2 5
Bagbie	2 7 9½	1 7 2½
Belfield	2 13 9	3 1 2½
Bonny Gate	0 19 3	0 8 0

Churches and Cos.	Tithes	Offerings
Bluefields	0 0 0	0 0 0
Bryant Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0
Brown's Town	0 0 0	0 0 0
Beeston Spring	0 9 11	0 5 10
Brittonville	0 2 3½	0 12 4
Carron Hall	0 18 9½	0 19 2½
Canaan	0 0 0	0 0 0
Contented Hall	1 19 8	2 0 10
Craig	4 10 8½	3 2 11½
Campbell's Castle	0 0 0	0 0 0
Coleyville	0 0 0	0 0 0
Duxes*	1 8 5½	0 14 3½
Darliston	3 16 1½	3 15 4½
Devon	0 4 9	0 4 3
Dalvey	0 0 0	0 0 0
Everton Park *	4 1 3	1 10 1
East End	0 0 0	0 0 0
Florence Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0
Flower Hill	0 0 0	0 0 0
Fustic Grove	0 4 3	0 14 8½
Goshen	3 3 6	0 11 4½
Glengoffe *	5 12 9½	2 10 2
Guy's Hill	3 4 3	2 7 8½
Grove Town	2 3 10	2 12 0
George Town	0 0 0	0 0 0
Grantsville	2 18 2	1 8 8½
Hart Hill	7 15 7½	5 17 7½
Hill Top	0 0 0	0 0 0
Hector's River	0 19 10	0 7 7
Jack's River	0 0 0	0 0 0
Jointwood	2 1 1½	4 9 4½
Kingston	60 1 5½	20 12 5
Kencot	5 12 8	5 4 6½
Lamb's River	2 9 4	2 3 11
Linstead	1 18 3½	0 17 1
Long Bay	1 6 5	1 5 2
Little London	0 14 3	0 13 3
Montego Bay	4 16 1½	2 14 5½
Mt. Providence	5 1 0	2 5 4½
Mt. Peace	0 0 0	0 0 0
Mt. Carey	4 15 0½	2 1 7½
Mill End	0 1 0	0 6 6½
Manchioneal	0 4 3½	1 1 0½
March Town	7 17 5½	5 16 4½
Mandeville	19 10 7½	9 2 1½
Moor Park	0 16 3½	1 11 4½
Mahogany Grove	0 0 0	0 0 0
Newport	3 2 8	0 15 3
Newell	3 16 8	1 15 11
Norway	0 0 0	0 0 0
New Roads	1 11 6	0 15 6
Old Harbour *	2 19 7½	0 14 1½
Orange	1 5 6	1 11 11
Prospect	0 0 0	0 4 8½
Port Antonio	18 19 5½	6 4 9½
Porus	0 0 0	0 0 0
Port Maria *	2 7 5	2 14 6
Riversdale	3 14 2	2 2 0½
Race Course	0 0 0	0 0 0
Regent Street	10 3 3½	4 6 3½
Spring Garden	1 8 3½	1 1 10½
Sheffield *	1 15 11½	0 18 0
Spanish Town	7 17 11½	5 19 2½
St. Ann's Bay	5 6 0	2 13 1
Southfield	2 15 3	1 11 8
Santa Cruz	2 14 1½	0 18 6½
Seaford Town	2 9 4	2 7 11
Sav-la-Mar	0 10 0	0 5 0
Swift River	0 16 0	0 11 1
Springfield	2 5 0	0 4 3
Sherwood Content	0 9 8	0 6 2½
Sherwood Forest	1 13 4½	2 15 7½
Trinityville	0 0 0	0 10 6
Troy	0 18 2	0 4 2½
Tuscany	0 0 0	0 0 0
Upper Regent St.	0 0 0	0 0 0
Vaughansfield	1 13 2½	0 14 1½
Waterloo	0 11 3	0 18 9
Windsor Forest	0 0 0	0 0 0
White Hill	1 8 3½	0 7 11
Isol.	45 15 0½	6 6 0½
Totals	311 7 5½	150 13 2½

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

West Indian Training College,
Mandeville, April 16, 1928.

Dear Friend:

I am writing to-day to tell you about our purpose, as students in the West Indian Training College, in coming here. This is a Christian institution to fit folks for service in the Lord's vineyard.

We are here to build characters, to form high ideals, to be industrious, to be persons that will refuse to do wrong because it is wrong; but more than this to have our lives transformed because of love for the Redeemer. Our aim is to be of help to our brothers in other lands, if need be, to those less fortunate than we.

Seeing that the Lord needs workers in his wide harvest-field, also that the Third Angel's message must be preached in all the world before the end comes, we deem it a privilege to be prepared for soul-saving work. It is true that we shall not succeed in getting all to accept salvation, but we will stick to our Guide, who taught that the gospel must be preached for a witness, and not that all will be converted.

We are fitted here to do the same lines of work that Christ engaged in—preaching, healing, and teaching.

It behooves you as a Christian boy to think over these aims and plans seriously. As you think of them, first ask the Lord's guidance.

Hoping that your contemplations will change your course and cause you to enroll in this institution in the near future, I remain,

Your loving friend,
D. L. BARNES.

W. L. T. C. NOTES

During the past month two more new students have been enrolled: Mr. Eduardo Perez, of Cuba, and Miss Gwendolyn Thomas of St. Elizabeth. This brings our enrolment to 87 for the year.

Mr. F. A. Kissendal, class of '24 has recently returned from British Honduras, where he has been teaching a church school at Belize during the past three years. We hope he will soon call on his alma mater.

On the night of March 31, Mr. W. Cradwick, the Jamaica representative at the Toronto exhibition, gave a lantern lecture in our auditorium on the exhibition of last year and the scenery of western Canada. Thirty or more English residents of the neighbourhood attended and enjoyed the beautiful pictures with us. Mrs. Meeker gave a prelude of vocal and piano music.

New officers of the M. V. Society for the second quarter are Miss Edna W. Parchment, Mr. David B. Reid, Miss Daley, and Miss Carter.

The only change in the Sabbath-School officers is in the substitution of Mrs. Mullings for Mr. Hamilton as assistant superintendent, the latter taking a class of Junior boys.

On a recent evening the members of the Domestic Science class prepared and served the supper for all who take their meals in the dining hall. There were also several guests, and all enjoyed the meal.

After a week's delay in getting their goods brought up from Kingston, Elder and Mrs. Meeker were soon comfortably settled in the large new room just built as an addition to the cottage occupied by Prof. and Mrs. Rathbun. Elder Meeker left for Kingston on April 9, to assist some of the colporteurs in city work.

The tenth grade rhetoric class, while studying argument, led out in an informal debate on Saturday night on the proposition, the officers of our Sabbath-school and of our Missionary Volunteer Society should be elected three times a year, namely, at the beginning of each semester and at the beginning of the summer vacation, instead of quarterly as at present. It was discovered that our present plan is not in harmony with the General Conference recommendations, and we trust there will be a change.

At the beginning of April spelling examinations were held for re-classification of the three classes into which the entire school is divided, and a number of promotions followed, though some had to go down to a lower class. Only those who passed one hundred per cent. in the first general examination have been excused from this drill. They were Henry Simpson, Vivian Ebanks, and Edna C. Parchment.

The class of 1928 has been organized, with Rephaiah Bowyer as president and Eva Williams as secretary. The other members of the class are Ivy Andrade, Vida Sutherland, S. Davis, and J. E. Brodie. They have their programme for class night well under way. Mrs. Rathbun is the Faculty Counsellor.

On the night of April 14, the English Department presented a programme in the college auditorium, consisting of a debate by four members of the College rhetoric class and four literary readings by the literature class, interspersed with appropriate music by Mrs. Meeker and a mixed quartet. The debaters were Misses Andrade and Sutherland and Messrs. R. Bowyer and W. McCalla.

At the close of chapel one day the following interesting Proclamation with appropriate preamble was read by Mr. U. Morgan, president of the Excelsior Club:

"BE IT ENACTED, that if any lady or ladies shall, within this institution, be found studying any books or washing dishes, or shall travel upon the evening of the day commonly called Monday, the 23rd of April, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight, at or after the hour of 7.00 Post Meridian in any place except to the College Chapel, thereby ruthlessly disregarding this enactment, she or they shall, upon conviction thereof before the President of the aforesaid august body, forfeit and pay for every such offense the detached head of a pin.

"By order of THE EXCELSIOR CLUB."

"Go and toil in any vineyard;
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field of labour,
You can find it anywhere."

"The angels of God are seeking to attract us from ourselves and from earthly things."

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability. —"Acts of the Apostles," p. 111.