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THE NEW YEAR.

Nineteen Twenty-nine is here at last, new and fresh from the hand of the great Giver of all, Whose mercies are new every morning. With this new year come a new inspiration, new aspirations, new resolves, new visions, new hores, a new awakening of our inner selves. And if all these have the desired effect on our lives, we shall see new victories won, new difficulties surmounted, new strides made to-ward the acme of our hopes for both this life and the next, new talents developed, new attainments acheived, new light break in upon our souls. And the result of it all will be a new sense of happiness born of a new satisfaction because we shall have solved the new problems and improved the new opportunities which the new year has brought to us.

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It seems to me that there is a charm in new things. The motor engineers put out new models every year, the fashion designers create new styles for every season, newspapers and magazines introduce new features every now and then, and they succeed in pulling the crowd their way. And God has been fore-most in giving us new things. Every morning the King of Day rides in upon a chariot of new design and beauty, every evening new tapestries are woyen by Nature to grace the couch in which he retires for the night. Each flower is a new beauty, each leaf a new pattern, each shell a new piece of architecture, each individual a new study in psychology. Each day brings new experiences, new opportunities, new evidences of divine favour. Indeed God has given us many things to relieve the monotony of life and to make it really enjoy-

monotony of life and to make it really enjoy-able, if we would but open or eyes to see them. Success in the Christian life is wrapped up in the idea of newness. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." When we are baptized, we rise "to walk in newness of life." We are "transformed by the renewing of " our "minds." And this new creature, this new life, this new mind must be *kept new*. Paul says, "I die daily." "Consecrate your-self to God in the morning: make this your self to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day."— this is the counsel given us in "Steps to Christ." The trouble with us is that we allow our new resolutions to become stale, our new fervour to freeze. They soon become covered with the rubbish of forgetfulness. As the new year advances, we find ourselves losing ground, be-cause we fail to keep new that which was given us new.

This suggests a motto we all may well adopt: "KEEP IT NEW,"—a good motto for the New Year it seems. Yes, *keep it new*—that good resolution, that new vision of your possibili-ties, that new love you find in your heart for Christ, that new desire to serve Him, that determination to be a useful man or woman and to be a power for good in your community-KEEP IT NEW.

P. J. BAILEY.

H. I. VICTORY.

Brother Grounds came into my office this week and with a smiling face announced that we had passed our goal in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign by £148. The total to that date was £948 3 10. (\$4,600.) And there were still a number of reports to come in. Bravo Jamaica! and Praise the Lord! and let all the people say, "Amen." It has meant hard work, and unsurpassed stick-to-it-ive-ness, for Jamaica has had a hard financial year, drought, destructive tempest, and pestilences. But, somehow, these things do not trouble the Lord, and when He makes promises such as we depended upon in this Campaign, nothing can stop us till success is reached. H. J. EDMED.

"IF you are definite in your aim and determined in your purpose, you will surely win."

THE WORLD'S BIBLE.

Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today.

- He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way.
- He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died.
- He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.
- We are the only Bible the careless world will read.
- We are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed.
- We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word,
- What if the type is crooked, what if the print is blurred?

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Church Buildings.

The splendid work being done by several of our lay members is producing quite a crop of new companies. In the mails we are constantly receiving information showing how the Lord is blessing the evangelical efforts of certain sections of churches, that seem to keep themselves warm in the love of God by going into the highways and byways and proclaiming the truth. We are sure that this is pleasing to the Lord, and it is to us, and we praise His name for the results that are revealed in the increase of our membership. We pray that this spirit may grow more and more. We see no reason why small companies of singers and speakers should not go to selected spots and systematically present the truth of God—the Message for these days. Such bands conducted in a decorous and orderly way will always have our appreciation, and our ordained ministers stand ready to a man to give help as it may be needed. But in the enthusiasm of success, we need to keep well balanced, and to avoid any step

But in the enthusiasm of success, we need to keep well balanced, and to avoid any step that might counteract our good work. The raising of a new company naturally creates the demand for a church building, and here we would sound a note of warning against trying to move faster than the providence of God indicates. Our Lord once suggested a building policy worthy of our thought. He said, "Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether ye have sufficient to finish it. Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying This man began to build, and was not able to finish it."— Luke 14:28-30. This shows that well matured plans should be prepared, and provision made for finishing the work before it is begun. I am convinced after many years of observation that it is far easier to enlist active interest in a contemplated building *before* it is built than afterwards. Therefore one of the first things to do is to formulate plans for raising the money the building will cost.

The site should be spacious enough to allow for future enlargement of the church building, and situated in a populated part, so there will be opportunities for missionary work for the members, and the public may have an opportunity to attend the services. Why hide our buildings? Bring them where they can be seen as witnesses to the Truth. Size of building:—This must be decided by the number of members and the surrounding population. If the company is small and poor, build a small room at the back of the ground for present necessities—later, when the membership grows, this can be used as an annex at the back. It could be, say 22'x14'the 22' forming the width of the larger building later on:

The building should be neat, well ventilated, rat and ant proof; and all plans should be previously submitted to the Conferenc ? The Sanitary Accommodation should be an example of Christian cleanliness and propriety. In this matter, Seventh-day Adventists should be an example to the community.

Until the large building is constructed, the spare ground can be utilized by growing produce and selling to help raise the needed funds, each member becoming responsible for the cultivation of a portion.

Buy nothing on credit, and do not expect the Conference to give money to help you out of a crisis created by an ill-planned enterprise.

Herbert J. Edmed.

News Items Worth Noting.

W.I.T.C.

Elder R. J. Sype has written the following report of the Week of Prayer: "We have just closed our Week of Prayer, and the Lord has come very near by His Holy Spirit. We feel that we have had a very blessed season Elder Meeker has been a great help to us. I am very happy with my work and trust that the Lord will ever bless the efforts that are being put forth for our young people in this institution."

Six of the students enrolled in the Jamaica History and Geography class made Grade I in their semester examination. They are as follows:

Miss Lillith Newman, Miss Iris Blair, Miss Violet Jackson, Miss Sybil Brooks, Mr. Arthur Brumley, Mr. Linyal Russell.

Professor and Mrs. Rathbun, Pastor and Mrs. Meeker, Mis Harrison, Pastor and Mrs. Sype and others gave an appreciated musical and literary programme at the Grove Town church in November. A silver collection was taken at the door for the benefit of repairs on their church.

Our students, teachers, and friends had the special privilege of a health lecture by Doctor Escoffery of the Jamaica Health Bureau on Saturday night, in December. By lantern slides he showed very impressively how germs pass from one person to another.

Mount Peace.—We have been working in the district of Mount Catherine from November, visiting the homes of the people and conducting, open air meetings. On Sunday, December 2, about fifty persons assembled to hear Bro. Gilliam, who spoke on the subject of the Seven Last Plagues. We are glad of this interest, and are determined to stand by our leader, whose health is not good, as he sows beside all waters.

Irene A. Scarlett.

Pastor A. R. Ogden Pres. of the Antillian Union Mission, has taken up his residence permanently in Havana, Cuba.

Montego Bay.

While touring this end of Jamaica, Pastors Edmed and Méeker spent a week end, Nov. 9-11, with the above church. It was the President's first visit, and the meetings were well attended. During their stay stirring addresses were given, calling upon all to make the Sabbath observance a sign of a truly sanctified life, and showing the value of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign as a soulwinning agency by bringing converted members into touch with the people. Sabbath the 10th, was a day long to be remembered for the touching response that was given to an appeal for the full consecration of all. The whole Church responded.

Sunday evening we tock the Pastors to visit a new company at Salt Spring which has become interested through meetings conducted by the writer and other bretheren. The attendance was good, and the people greatly enjoyed Pastor Meeker as he taught the children to sing "Jesus loves me" in the Chinese language. Paster Edmed also told about Africa, and preached on the Sabbath question. At seven p.m., Pastor Edmed speke to the largest congregation we have had for a long time, on The Second Coming of Christ, and his touching presentation caused two persons to decide for Christ.

In spite of very had weather, we held another meeting at Salt Spring the next week, and four more stepped out. We praise the Lord for these precious experiences, and ask an interest in your prayers.

A. M. Lawrence.

A Tour Through Cornwall.

On Monday, October, 29, I left Kingston by morotcycle, my objective being the churches in Cornwall, and my purpose to help forward the Harvest Ingathering and Missionary Volunteer activities of our faithful believers in this part of the island. This meant an itinerary of over 500 miles occupying five weeks. Across smiling plains, up winding river valleys, over rugged mountains, through gorgeous ravines the path led. Yet through it all I could recognise the protecting hand of God, averting many an accident that might have ended seriously. But however varied the scenery might have been, however different the various experiences by the way, there was one thing that I found the same wherever I went, and that was the great desire on the part of God's people to see His work go forward both at home and abroad.

It was my privilege to visit the following churches in the order I shall name then:

Southfield, Newell, Santa Cruz, Jointwood, White Hill, Canaan, Fustick Grove, Contented Hall, Beeston Spring, Darliston, Lamb's River, Seaford Town, Vaughnsfield, Little London, Sheffield, March Town, Mount Peace, Mount Carey, Axe and Adze, Montego Bay, Orange, St. Ann's Bay, Brittenville, Mandeville, Grove Tewn. I spent the Sabbaths at Jeintwood, Darliston, March Town, Montego Bay and Mandeville.

Every church was working at Harvest Ingathering. Though in some places the result was poor on account of prolonged drought during the first half of the year, no one was discouraged; every church leader was determined to do his best toward reaching the goal. In other places the result was much better. On November 3, Jointwood had nearly reached half its goal of £18; on the 5th the little church at Canaan had £3 out of £5; March Town, on the 17th had £14 out of £20; Montego Bay, on the 24th, had over £18 out of £20, and the small company at Orange had raised threefourths of their goal of £6. We are sure that these and many others will have reached their goals before the end of the year. I should not forget to mention that Seaford Town on the 12th had over £5 out of a goal of £7, nor that the young people have been doing their share of, the lifting.

The young people are also going forward in the work of their department. At Newell, March Town, Mount Carey, Montego Bay and St. Ann's Bay I found them proceeding with Standard of Attainment work, while Jointwood, White, Hill, Vaughnsfield, Axe and Adze and Orange decided to start classes. Some societies that do not yet have the "Gazette" will be securing it soon, and, too, several are planning to secure the "Memoranda of Attendance and Work." In fact, Contented Hall raised the money for the "Memoranda," and Beeston Spring for the "Gazette" while I was with them.

Readers of the "Visitor" already know that our small family of church schools has been increased by one—Contented Hall. In connection with the school a Junior M. V. Society is to function, and the church has raised the money needed to supply the teacher with the Junior M. V. Manual. This is as it should be in every church school.

I wish some of our young people who are careless in reporting had been with me at Darliston and March Town, and seen little children who could barely write filling out their report blanks in M. V. meeting. It would surely inspire them to greater faithfulness in this respect. If everyone would be faithful in reporting, our reports would be twice as big as they are at present.

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Church Officers Please Notice.

The General Conference have passed on the two following resolutions:

1. We recommend, That the Sabbath School time be limited to one hour and a quarter and that we discourage the using of the Sabbath School time or organization for the gathering of Missionary reports, for the planning and conducting of Harvest Ingathering or other campaigns and for the promotion of any other

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HOME MISSIONARY DEP'T. Home Missionary Notes.

It was a great pleasure to me to visit several of the churches during the Week of Prayer. In spite of the rains, I found our brethren meeting together to seek God for -spiritual strength.

In every meeting I attended there were those present who are not members of the S. D. A. Church. On various occasions opportunity was given for such to take their stand, and nearly all responded stating their determination to cast in their lot with the commandment-keeping people of God.

While visiting the churches, I explained to the members the plan of our book selling campaign. They all heartily responded. Over three hundred of the small books were left in the hands of our lay workers. The proceeds of these books to go to a Conference Church Building fund. Let us pray that God will bless our efforts to improve and build our churches. As we pray, let us each be willing to co-orerate in service which God has promised to reward. He says His word shall not return unto Him void. Our literature contains the words of life, and should be scattered everywhere.

We see that some of the churches are late in remitting their Harvest Ingathering money. This should be sent in so as to be included in the 1928 reports. Our Conference is already singing the Jubilee Song, for we are more that £50 over the goal. Really, we expect that when all funds are in, our Conference will receive fully £900. Our goal as you remember, is £800.

Missionary activity is of vital importance to the health and prosperity of the church. In order that more interest might be aroused, time must be given to this phase of the work. It is the plan of our Home Missionary Department that each week a fifteen minute service be held immediately following the close of the Sabbath School. This service should be devoted to the securing of reports of missionary work, announcing plans for church missionary work, announcing plans for church missionary activities, and for the promotion of the various campaigns, such as "Big Week", Harvest Ingathering, etc. The "Church Officers" Gazette" would help our church officers in fulfilling their duty, for it gives valuable instruction for the missionary programs. The subscription price is 3/9 per year. There should be at least one copy in every church.

What will the New Year yield in souls won for the Master? We invite you to join heart and soul in earnest endeavour to spread the truth, and assure you that God will add His blessing.

Byron A. Meeker, H.M.S

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project not directly related to Sabbath School work, this recommendation being in harmony with the counsel and action of the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

Conference Home Missionary Department. 2. We recommend, (a) The endorsement of the "Church Missionary Service" plan now being used in many of our churches. (b) That this "Church Missionary Service" be held each Sabbath in all our churches, beginning immediately after the close of the Sabbath School and continuing not to exceed fifteen minutes.

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PUBLISHING DEP'T.

Notes Of Progress.

Progress can be seen in our publishing department which represents another faith-testing activity. In 1906 our world sales of literature amounted to \$824,027, and we esteemed that to be a record at the time. But in 1927 our denominational literature realized \$4,638,127. But everybody does not seem to enjoy our prosperity in this line, judging by the statements a priest made to the Russian Catholics recently: "The Seventh-day Adventists carry on a

"The Seventh-day Adventists carry on a very clever propaganda to win converts to their faith. The most powerful lever in winning people is the kind of literature they produce. It is written up in a very subtle way, creating on the part of the people a strong desire to read more of such literature, until they are fully persuaded of said doctrines. The Seventh day Adventists are our greatest enemy for they are undermining the belief of our church members. We don't mind their preachers so much, but it is their literature that gives us trouble. We find it everywhere. Those people have sold \$6,000 worth of their literature in this district, and the worst part of it is our members of this (Greek Catholic) Church have purchased this literature, whereas you have hardly purchased a dollar's worth of Catholic Literature."

So we place our benediction upon our Colporteurs who so nobly scout the hills and dales and scatter the truth everywhere.

Activity in our local churches has produced an enormous circulation of our tracts. It is reported in the "Digest" that in the first six months of 1927, 1,670,137 tracts were distributed by our people. The writer adds, "A TRACT A DAY is our slogan, and if every Seventh-day Adventist would do this, our report would show over one hundred million tracts a year." And why not?

Those world crisis series of books that we have been handling for several years with such good results have surpassed all expectations in the magnitude of their sales. Up to February 1, 1928, almost twelve and a quarter millions of copies have been sold. Says *The Digest*, "Laying each page side by side, there would be a band 110,453 miles long, or a belt four times around the earth."

Surely this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous!

HERBERT J EDMED.

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Isolated Members Take Courage.

We have many faithful volunteers all over this land who must live weeks and months at a time away from those of like faith. Often they long for such comradeship as rightfully belongs to us all, but for the present this is being denied them because of circumstances over which they have no control. Everv young peoples' worker receives touching letters from such individuals revealing the fact that God is with these lonely ones and is blessing them.

Yet it is a significantly strange fact that from just such lonely spots some of the brightest stars have arisen and moved out on the dark horizon to lead many a waiting soul to the Master. The writer has met such young people, who could have complained and lamented because of conditions around them, but who stood faithfully by the truth and by their baptismal vow until the day came when God moved them out to a larger circle of friends and believers, none the worse, yea, rather strengthened because of the quiet life they had lived. They stand in favoured places today both in the schools and in the field at large.

With our wonderful M. V. organization, and with the many means offered to help us, none need be cut off from the life and activity of this movement. Practically every phase of Missionary Volunteer activities can be carried out by the isolated. Many of them are doing it and are finding great channels thrown open to them to receive help personally and to be a blessing to others. It might be an encouragement to some to find such isolated ones in Bible times who used to be a blessing to those around them. A brief list of them is given here, but this list might be continued indefinitely.

The little maid.—Gave treatments, invited Naaman to a meeting with Elijah. Won one soul for Christ, and spent hours in Chrisitan help work.

Joseph.—Provided many meals, visited prisoners, sent missionary letters on the signs of the times to all the officers of the kingdom.

Isaac.—Helped his father carry wood and fire.

Daniel.—Signed the temperance pledge, observed the morning watch, gave Bible readings to the king, and won at least one soul (th king) to God.

Esther.-Risked her life to make a missionary

visit and saved many souls. Nehemiah.—Took the reading course, got subscription from the king to rebuild the city and wrote many letters to the members.

Jacob.—Paid his tithe, and took part in the investment plan (invested in Laban's herds).

Christ.-Gave all he had for missions. While isolated from His Father and the rest of the family, He lived the life of a real M. V. in deed and in truth. He was our example.

All the above mentioned believed in reporting or else we had never heard of the many interesting experiences.

Will you join this ever-widening circle of friends and become a part of God's great army? Then write a letter to the Missionary Volunteer secretary of you conference and have him forward a membership certificate for 1929. Do it now.

D.E. Reiner in "Western Canadian Tidings." -:0:-

Find The Answer.

Beginning with the present issue we propose to publish questions like those below for our young people to answer. Qestions will be set on Scripture and our Denominational work. We invite our young people from 14 up to answer these questions and mail the answers to us not later than the 12th of the month of issue. The names of those who give correct answers to all the questions will be published in the following issue. Here are some easy questions for a start:

1. Name the Major Prophets.

2. Who said the following, and when: "The Lord seeth not as man seeth"?

3. Give the name of-

(a) President of the General Conference.

(b) President of the Inter-American Division.

4. Who is the General Conference Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department?

5. At whose table did Christ eat in the Old Testament?

Address all your answers to:-

The Jamaica Visitor.

Young People's Page, 112 Tower Street., Kingston. P. J. BAILEY.

Work For It.

There are many young people who would like to have an education, but due to timidity or fear of some obstacle they never obtain their desire. With a large number they are afraid they will not be able to meet the financial obligation. Some will ask, "Is it possible to earn my way?" If they are told that it is impossible to insure them work, immediately they are discouraged, and their interest wanes.

There was a time when I was afraid to go unless I could be assured of work. In fact, I was told that work was hard to get because there were so many students desiring to work a portion of their way, but I have found the opposite to be true. It seems that there is no place in this land of ours where there is not plenty of work for the one who wants to worknot the one who wants to choose his work. Be always willing to do the thing your are asked to do, and work with all your might. It will not be long until you will be in demand.

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New Year's Message to Our Little

Folks-- from The President.

Dear Little Folks,

We are beginning a New Year, and we desire to show you that we have an interest in you as well as in the grown up members. Jesus loves you too, and has asked us older ones to help you to come to Him, because He has a p'ace n His lovely Kingdom for you. How nice! Then too, He is watching you—when you help mother and father and sister and brother when you are learning to read at school— for He knows it will help you to read His Word. He has given angels charge of you to help you in your home, your school and your play. Always they are with you; and their work is to try and guide you so that you will grow like Jesus, gentle, loving, kind, and be always trying to make others happy. In next month's *Visitor* which you must be sure to ask your parents to get, we are going to tell you how scme children helped Jesus to save many people It will be so interesting. So be sure and get the paper next mon'f. Each month we will become greater friends: In the meantime, I wish you-all a VERY HAPPY AND USEFUL NEW YFAR:

Your interested Brother, HERBERT J. EDMED.

Questions For Our Little Folks.

1. What Bible man was left-handed?

2. Who was the first Deacon to be stoned?

3. In what animal's carcass did Sampson find honey?

4. Who is the only woman the Bible tells us to remember?

5. What happened to a young man who sat in a window during service?

NOTE: - Children fourteen years and under maysend in answers. Write your full name and address very plainly under the answers. Have the answers in our hands by the 12th of each month, and if you have them correct we will publish your name in the next issue.

Address to "Little Folks Corner" 112 Tower Street, Kingston.

Praying For Rain.

Away in Africa there are many people who have hever heard of God. They were never taught to say, "Our Father which art in heado not pray to God. Once when there had been no rain for nearly three years, and they could get no water to drink or to make food grow, they sent for some very ugly men who painted and dressed themselves up in a way to make the people think they were very great men, and they promised to bring rain if the epople would pay them handsomely in cattle, goats, corn, and ivory. So the Chief and his people brought large presents to these rain-doctors, as they called themselves, who gathered leaves from certain trees of the forest, and boiled them in pots around which the people had to dance and sing. Day and night the clapping and singing would be kept up. Some would get very tired and return to their huts, and as they did so the rain-doctors whould warn them not to speak or look back, otherwise they would keep the rain away. But no rain came, and the coctors blamed the people saying that some one spoke, or looked back. Then they would have to give more presents, and so the doctors got rich while the poor people were cheated.

But God did not leave them in their ignorance long, for a Christian native got among them, and told them if they would love and serve Jesus, His Father would send them rain without any presents, simply by asking and believing. So one morning we saw streams of hundreds of these famished natives climbing the mountain. We could hear the hymns they sang, led by a band of christian natives that gathered with them. At last they were on top of the mountain, and there was silence, while one earnest man exhorted them to forsake their sins, and their wicked heathen ways and and then they prayed, and while they asked the Lord to send them rain, a bank of dark clouds rose over the mountain, and soon they came running down soaked by the abundan showers the Lord had sent in answer to their prayers. What rejoicing there was! They had really found a prayer-answering God. Have you learned to pray to that same God when you are in need?

HERBERT J. EDMED,

Wedding Bells.

Rennalls—Freeman. On September 11, there came off a pretty little wedding at the Regent Street church, when Brother Rennalls of Ocho Rios was united in holy wedlock to Sister Frances Freeman of the above-mentioned church. The bride was supported by Brother J. Campbell of Regent Street, and the ceremony was performed by Pastor S. U. Powell. Previous to her marriage, Sister Rennals was the faithful Sabbath School Secretary of her church, where her whole-hearted services were very highly appreciated by all. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of Brother Campbell, where the reception was carried

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Question Corner.

Please tell us what to do about our "Present and on time." when the Superintendent comes late.

Ans.—Naturally the next officer of the school should open when the time comes; or, the Leader should appoint someone to open for the occasion. However, if the Superintendent makes a habit of attending late, change this officer.

Also tell us what to do if the Sabbath School officers are on time, but the members habitually come late.

Ans.—Do the same thing that a train does start on time. People know that a train does not wait, so they are always in plenty of time to buy tickets etc. Why not let them know our meetings, which are appointments with God as well as with them, never wait. Remember that the ones who lost the Kingdom in the parable of the Ten Virgins were those who came late. Perhaps it naturally followed that they had no oil for their lamps.

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Reaching St. Ann's Bay on Monday, November 26, I was startled with the news of the death of Brother Newton McKenzie, the faithful M. V. Secretary. This young man's life was a consistent one, and he was considered one of the brightest of the young people there. His death cast quite a gloom over the church but he was laid to rest in the blessed hope of the first resurrection. May we who yet have opportunities faithfully improve them.

That the work of God is making marvelousprogress in Jamaica and in all the earth there is no question. This should cause our hearts to rejoice, for we know that its speedy finishing means the ushering in of "the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ." Let us do what we can to hasten that glad day by finishing the work in our own hearts and in our neighbourhoods.

P. J. BAILEY.

Report of Tithes and Offerings for Month of November, 1928.

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With a view to enlisting the interest of all our people in the monthly visits of the "Visitor,' our local iConference paper, we are plan-nig to improve its general character, hoping thereby to obtain better financial support and to bring items of importance to the attention of all our members. A page will be devoted to the children, who will be called "Our Little Folks." A page will be of special interest to the Young People of our homes. The Colporteurs will have space for their brief reports, and the Ministers and Church Officers will be invited to send in contributions of news items referring to the progress of the work in their Church depart-ments. We will also include a few brief reports of special manifestations of the Holy Spirit working in the Mission Fields, and other items of interest suitable for all our people to read. We want every family of our people to have a copy each month, and the price will be as in the past, one shilling per annum. Will you not send in your name in time to have the full year's numbers?.

H. J. Edmed.

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I often think of a statement I once heard: "Any student may obtain an education who wants one bad enough long enough."

You will never get an education by just desiring it; action is necessary. Talk it; work for it; plant on it; prepare to start it this this fall at M. E. A. Satan's desire is to ensnare you either by inactivity or by evil associates of the world. This is defeated by the true object of education which is, "To bring man back into harmony with God so as to elevate and ennoble his moral nature that he may again reflect the image of his Creator.

"Infinite wisdom sets before us the great lessons of life,—lessons of duty and happiness. These are often hard to learn, but without them we can make no real progress. They cost us effort and tears, and even agony, but we must not falter or grow weary. We shall at last hear the Master say, "Child, come up higher."—Charles Behrens in "North Pacific Union Gleaner."

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through, and the couple immediately after left for their new home.

We trust that these two young people will so let their light shine that many through their influence shall be found within the New Jeru-salem when she shall come forth "as a bride adorned for her husband."

P. J. BAILEY.

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On the evening of November 26, we were summoned to the graveside of our departed Brother N. McKenzie, the Missionary Volun-teer Secretary of the St. Ann's Bay Society. Brother McKenzie was born on October 18, 1906. He embraced this Third Angel's Mes-sage and was baptised in 1922. The funeral service was conducted by Brother P. J. Bailey who spoke words of comfort from Job 19:25-27. This brother's life has given us hope to meet him when the righteous dead shall come forth to live forever.

W. A. STEVENS.

All the members of the office staff take advantage of this space to wish all our members a very happy, prosperous, and blessed New Year in both spiritual and temporal experiences.

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To the Ministers, Church Officers, and Lay-mombers, Seventh Day Adventist Churches, Jamaica.

This, the first number of "The Visitor" for 1929, is sent to you hoping to enlist your active co-operation in securing a subscription from each family of our people.

Owing to the rush of the festive season, the prenters have been unable to produce an exact sample, but you will be able to get an idea of what our paper will be like this year. We may mention some of the salient features:

1. The paper will be made A FAMILY PAPER.

- 2. A page will be set aside for the children, in which their knowledge of the Bible will be tested by some questions, and their correct answers sent to us by the 10th of each month will be acknowledged by their names being published in the following number.
- 3. Our YOUNG PEOPLE will have a page all to themselves, and suitable items of interest to them with questions will be dealt with the same way as with the children's.
- 4. A BIBLE STUDY will be given.
- 5. All our ministers, church officers, and working lay-members will send reports of work and interest.
- 6. Each Department of the office will contribute their reports, and items of interest.
- 7. Our college at Mandeville will use some space.
- 8. Items from the World-Mission-Field will be included,
- 9. There will be a message from the President.

10. It will be a paper for our people and by our people.

Will you not send in to-day one shilling, and your name and address clearly written, if you have not done so yet, and endeavour to get the shillings and names of many others in your church, and send them on at once? Ask the children and young people, and let them read the story of the natives praying for rain. I am sure they will want the paper. We desire to make this year a record for the Visitor, it its circulation, and in its value to you.

> Yours for better service, H. J. Edmed,

President.