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Saving Those Who Are Saved

"Everyone who connects himself with the church makes in that act a solemn vow to work for the interest of the church, and to hold that interest above every worldly consideration. It is his work to preserve a living connection with God, to engage with heart and soul in the great scheme of redemption, and to show in his life and character, the excellency of God's commandments in contrast with the customs and precepts of the world. Every soul that has made a profession of Christ has pledged himself to be all that it is possible for him to be as a spiritual worker; to be active, zealous, and efficient in his Master's service. Christ expects every man to do his duty. Let this be the watchword throughout the ranks of His followers." *Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 460.*

"Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Everyone should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare." *T. vol. 7, p. 30.*

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work." *T. vol. 9, p. 116.*

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." *T. vol. 9, p. 221.*

"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." *Review and Herald, Aug. 22, 1899.*

"The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled upon the church book, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering faithful workers. Personal interest, and vigilant, individual effort will accomplish more for the cause of Christ than can be wrought by sermons or creeds." *R. & H., Sept. 6, 1881.*

E. G. WHITE

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

20th Session of the Jamaica Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists
November 20-30, 1930

Our visiting brethren of the General Conference, the Inter-American Division, and the Antillian Union; fellow workers, delegates, and friends of the Jamaica Conference:

It is with feelings of humble gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we welcome you most heartily to this, the 20th Session of the Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Our gratitude to God is born of the many and varied mercies He has lavished upon us as we have daily yielded our loving service to His cause.

Marred though it has been by our many weaknesses and failures and an ever conscious lack of capacity to grapple wisely with the problems of His work, we feel that our limitations make the sheen of His Majesty stand out with greater splendour. His unfailing help and sustaining grace, as well as His preserving power, have been with us amidst life's perils, and we find no words to express our unbounded sense of His kindness. We must reserve our ebenezer of thanksgiving until it can find full expression when our voices blend with the paeons of heavenly music in the great diapason of the hereafter.

For the present we will humbly use the Psalmist's words when he penned those prophetic lines:

"Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which Thou has done, and Thy thoughts to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee. If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Psalm 40: 5.

We welcome you today, as partners in God's greatest movement for the salvation and unifying of the world, and for the gathering out of all races and nations one vast family which He designates "The Remnant," and which is to be prepared to meet Jesus at His glorious advent. Your interests in this work are bound up closely with ours. With us you have spent your strength, your means, your talents, and your hours in service and prayer. From the great struggle, we now bid you in the name of Jesus, "Come ye yourselves also apart and rest awhile."

Our Conference comprises one of earth's most beautiful Islands. Its 4,207 square miles, described, it is said, by Columbus, to Isabella, Queen of Spain, by crumpling up a large sheet of paper, and spreading it out on the table, has a population of over 900,000. Its constituency is

of a naturally religious turn of mind, and for over thirty years the Lord has been mindful of His people to include this Island among those who would wait for His law.

The pioneers of our work traversed faithfully over the high mountain passes, as well as the verdure-laden valleys, and planted many a standard among the villages and towns of the responsive people. Some of them lie sleeping, silently waiting to arise and accompany the trophies of grace given them to meet the Lord.

They laid the solid foundations upon which we build, and today we pause to honour the men who left home and friends as well as material and spiritual advantages to establish witnesses to the great message of truth in this Island.

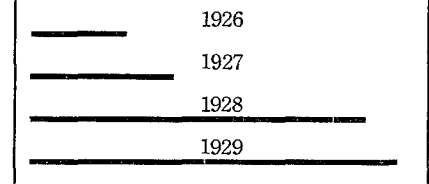
Churches, companies and Sabbath-schools are dotted over the entire land. Our Sabbath-school Department records 95 of these witnesses notwithstanding that three schools were separated when the Cayman Islands were made a mission field, and besides whom, seventy-three are found in the Conference Home Department. Of these, 74 are also organized churches, and 15 are uniting together as companies, looking forward to the day when full responsibility as churches will be laid upon all of them.

A casual glance at the map of Jamaica, as it is seen in our office, dotted with these marks that show the location of these believers, impresses one with the nearness of each church to the other. But a more careful study added to an acquaintance with the character of the territory, will convince one that while Jamaica is one of our largest Conferences in the world, it is also more difficult to travel than any other of like proportions. To reach one church from another demands more energy, toil, and often hardship. The railway builders did not have the courage of our pioneers, and tramways or bus facilities are absent. The advance of the automobile has dismissed the mule without replacing it. Hence our workers are dependent upon the choice between expensive auto milage, or the shanks' pony. Trinityville and Cornwall Barracks appear to be but three inches apart on the map, but to reach one from another, one must climb weary mountain passes, cross dangerous rivers that often flood, and compass a wearying pathway of eighty-three miles.

The discs showing two other churches overlap each other on the map, but the pathway between them is a dangerous vehicular feat of twenty-three miles. We could multiply the story, but these must suffice to show our visiting brethren that our faithful and loyal workers are making sacrifice of no ordinary proportions in

touring the churches in their respective districts, and to appeal for some relief for them who, after many years of faithful service begin to find their strength giving way under the task.

Graph showing Baptisms, 1926-'29



We have prepared a graph showing the steady growth of our membership during the past four years. For 1926 the number reported baptized was 113; for 1927, 171; 1928 brought in 411 new members, and 1929 added 454. For these figures we are indebted to the evangelical spirit of many of our members among the laity. Our church members seem to love nothing better than to work for their neighbours. The young people as well as the older members share in the joys of this labour. They love to form bands and go out to villages around their church and give the message. Had we a few more ministers to follow up the interests that are ever arising, and to bring these efforts to fruition, we could soon double our membership. But we are sadly handicapped for want of workers. There are several young men who have been trained at our Mandeville college whom we could send if our budget could be increased a little.

Poor though many of our members are, their liberality invites our appreciation. The tithes and offerings for the last four years were as follows:—1926, \$23,278.93; 1927, \$24,156.59; 1928, \$26,280.44; 1929, \$32,269.42. Thus we have for 1929 an increase of \$5,988.98 over that of 1928. The increase in the four years rises in 1929 to \$8,990.49 over 1926.

From the standpoint of our relations with the public outside of our actual membership, we view with grateful appreciation the two campaigns in which the community at large is invited to aid the enterprises connected with our world work. These are the Harvest Ingathering and the Big Week Campaigns. For the former we organized our forces in a new way in 1929. Our ministers were given an assistant each, whom we designated, adjutants. These were chosen mostly from among the young men who have graduated at our college, but who received no call into the conference work, and they acted as leaders of smaller districts, for which we paid them a small temporary wage. To this plan our churches responded loyally and enthusiastically. We formed a conference team, consisting of Pastor

B. A. Meeker, Prof. Tucker, Mrs. Edmed and myself. Pastor Meeker and I visited the most of the celestial merchants in the Island, and brought home about \$2,000. Pastor Meeker's acquaintance with the Chinese language contributed chiefly to our success, Mrs. Edmed obtained from the merchants \$350 more, and the united team received much more than others. Thus the goal of 1,250 Pounds sterling English money was passed by \$120, or a total of \$6,209.64—an increase over the previous year of \$1,409.20, the increase over the previous biennial term being \$5,063.00.

Likewise the Big Week introduced several features that were new to many of our local members. We refused to allow one book to be sold on credit. Our ministers cheerfully became responsible for the campaign in their districts, besides which our colporteurs shared with us in the responsibility. Books to the value of \$1,537.88 were sold for cash, adding \$768.94 to the Extension Fund, as compared with \$166.13 in 1928; and not one debt was incurred. The biennial period ending December 31, 1929, exceeded that which ended at the same time in 1927 by \$805.00.

We may not pass the "Better Half" of our church life, the Sabbath-school, without notice. A steady advance marks the interest of our Sabbath-school members. This is emphasized by their gifts to our denominational missions enterprises. These have been as follows:—

1926	1927	1928	1929
\$4,470.62	\$4,504.99	\$5,125.42	\$5,871.32

The largest increase was in 1929, \$745.90. In the four years beginning 1926, the membership has increased from 1,926 to 3,985. The honour cards issued in 1928 were 1601, as compared with 1953 in 1929, an increase of 352, which if not large, at least shows the upward trend toward higher goals. The Sabbath-school lessons are highly appreciated, and we feel safe in recording our belief that in Jamaica the Sabbath-school Department is the most popular side of our church life. Our work advances so rapidly that the membership now stands at 4,240.

Our educational work has been greatly strengthened during 1929. The advent of Professor Tucker, relieving other teachers of undue strain, gave a new impetus to our college at Mandeville, which has enjoyed an enrollment of 105 students. New buildings have relieved the congestion of the dormitories and provided better housing for our teachers. The industries have been arranged so that the future of these departments appears full of promise. The year's working demonstrated that in spite of a shortage of teachers and many disadvantages, the finances have been con-

ducted on a safe basis, and have balanced on the right side.

We have 6 church schools operating in the Island to-day, with many pupils attending. There are several churches also asking for the establishment of such schools. In 1928 we contributed \$544.00 to these schools, and in 1929, \$933.00. But the cost is increasing, so that in 1930 \$1,478.51 was contributed by the Conference to this work.

Turning to our Book and Bible House, and our publishing work, we regard 1929 as in some respects a record year. Thanks to a loyal band of colporteurs, we have been able to cancel all our old accounts with the publishing houses, and this year saw us free from debt. The two per cent which the publishers grant us extra on cash accounts is a valuable gain, which enables us to place that amount to the credit of a colporteurs' relief account, creating a fund with which to help our men when facing a crisis. The value of this policy is seen in the steady rise of our sales which have been as follows:—

1926	1927	1928	1929
\$5,768.33	\$7,728.67	\$9,571.64	\$11,508.30

From this you will see that our literature sales have almost doubled in the last four years, those of 1929 being \$5,739.97 more than in 1926, AND we are OUT OF DEBT.

Our colporteurs have also adopted cheerfully the cash basis and not one is now getting into debt with our Book and Bible House.

Our churches also remit cash with order, and we feel that in this the Lord has abundantly blessed us.

While speaking of this branch of our work we must add a word of praise for the achievements of our splendid band of colporteurs, whose indomitable courage and persevering zeal have brought such gratifying results.

We have given some of our best workers to other Islands. We parted with Pastor and Mrs. R. J. Sype with great reluctance for the work in the Bahamas. Pastor O. P. Reid soon followed and robbed us of a member to become his partner—there was no option but for us to hold out the forgiving hand. Brother and Sister Haig soon followed, so we feel that in the Bahamas we have a close relationship.

We may point out that 1929 was made sad and difficult by a prolonged drought in one part of the Island, in which many people suffered. The Government and the public contributed to help the sufferers. The Conference Executive took up a collection throughout our churches, and provided some relief work by commencing to build a church, thus employing our people who suffered. Thus we were able to tide

over the crisis without making an outside appeal for help.

In all the activities above mentioned our Missionary Volunteers have taken a giant share. Their records show an appreciative and active interest in all the movements of their departments.

If it is in the minds of any that because we have worked as a denomination in Jamaica for so many years, therefore we should now slacken our efforts to benefit other regions, let me urge that such a decision seems to us to be a mistake. The foundations have been well and truly laid, and now, if we press in with well organized strength, there is still much to win. Much territory remains unworked, and as yet the people in the upper circles have no special appeal. We need a new and inviting church building in the residential parts of St. Andrew. We have dedicated four new buildings the past year. We have been enabled to help thirteen more to finish buildings that have long been held up for want of funds. Over thirty church buildings must be erected or completed in the near future, and we are already helping to the extent of \$2,500. In certain strong centers we should erect some larger and more stable buildings in place of some that are decaying.

During this biennial period we have been singularly favoured by special appropriations from the Inter-American Division, and the Antillian Union, amounting in the aggregate to over 8,000 Pounds sterling or \$40,000. These were not included in our regular budgets and were made as a sacrifice to themselves. The Antillian Union generously forfeited its share of the 1929 Harvest Ingathering Funds. The Extension Fund has also provided our college with a new engine, new buildings, and a printing plant which is now being installed. Our church building programme benefited very materially by the gift from the Antillian Union Mission.

While speaking of this we would be ungrateful to omit an expression of our appreciation of the help given us by Pastor A. R. Ogden, Brother W. A. Bergherm, and Professor Adams; and our memories of the visit of Pastor J. C. Thompson of the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference still find a place among the sweets of our administration work.

We thank you, fellow-workers, ministers, and ambassadors for God with us, for your cheerful and helpful association, which has always been a source of pleasure and gratitude.

We thank you church leaders and officers for the fine spirit of devotion and co-operation. We thank our dear Lord and Master for his guidance, His protection, His sustaining grace.

SPECIAL MENTION

It would be ungrateful on my part to omit emphasizing my very affectionate appreciation of the unswerving loyalty and co-operation accorded me by my colleagues in the ministry and my fellow labourers.

I am also deeply indebted personally and in behalf of the cause of God in Jamaica to our faithful Secretary-Treasurer, whose prompt attention to our business, and whose close application to his duties, as well as his quiet and genial disposition, have always been a source of pleasure and satisfaction.

Our workers, too, have each added to the pleasantness and profit of association in the solemn work of God. I wish to thank these especially for their kindness, and to assure them of my affection and unqualified confidence.

Permit me also to mention gratefully the splendid work done by those committees who have so beautifully and efficiently prepared the building and grounds for the meetings. We sincerely trust that their endeavours will be highly appreciated by our delegates and friends for whose benefit such successful pains have been taken.

Our hope is in the Lord. We look to the future, brightened with God's many precious promises, and we take courage. We feel that in the great consummation this Island gem of the Caribbean will yield its treasure-store of precious souls to adorn the Kingdom of our Lord. May He keep us all faithful.

HERBERT J. EDMED

NOTE: We are publishing the departmental reports that were presented at the recent Conference, in response to several requests.

ZION AWAKE!

A Message from Pastor H. Fletcher
Read Isaiah 52: 1-10

What has undoubtedly been our best conference session is now in the past. Some, like Peter, have said, "It is good for us to be here." Gladly would they have remained in the heavenly atmosphere, and continued to enjoy the bountiful spiritual feast that was spread daily before them. But no, we may not keep to ourselves the blessings we have received.

We have not returned to our homes to settle back into a state of indifference and inactivity. The Lord has called us to awake, and to keep awake to this time of our responsibility. We must shake off those things that have shorn us of spiritual power—the power we must have for witnessing—such as criticizing, fault-finding,

backbiting, envy, jealousy, discord, and strife. As a united band of workers with one mind and one voice we must present a united front in our conquest of souls. The Lord is already at work; shall we step into His opening providences?

Brethren, are we awake to the present situation? Let me quote a statement from the servant of the Lord. "A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of the ages is just before us." Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 711. Note the two crises: one awaits the world, one awaits God's people. We read in Ezekiel 9: 1, "He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with a destroying weapon in his hand." The Lord has suffered and borne long with a wicked and impenitent world. The time is almost here, yea, is fully ripe when He shall mete out His punishment. It cannot be averted. They have rejected His only begotten Son; soon will they be filled with anguish and terror. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the hearts of the sons of men are fully set in them to do evil." The limits of God's forbearance and grace will soon be reached. The unseen boundary will soon be crossed. And now, "God calls upon us to awake, for the end is near. Every passing hour is one of activity in the heavenly courts, to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. The passing moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests." T. Vol. 5, p. 716.

Again I quote, "The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night." T. vol. 9, p. 135. Stealthily, imperceptibly the end creeps on. Did we realize this during the years of better times? When things were prosperous and finances were easy, and the world was living in luxury? But what a change has come over the world! What world-wide economic distress! Unemployment is on the increase; this engenders discontent and unrest, and results in revolution and bloodshed.

A GREAT CRISIS AWAITS THE CHURCH! but this need not be. We are still God's children, and our Father is rich in houses and lands. Does He not hold the wealth of the world in His hands? Shall hard times cause us to retreat or weaken our hands? Turn not thy back for no armour is there." God's command is, "Go forward." He says, "Thy people shall be willing." The Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists in every locality to consecrate themselves to Him and to do their very best, according to their circumstan-

ces, to assist in His work. By their liberality in making gifts and offerings He desires them to reveal their gratitude for His blessings and their appreciation of His mercy. . . Let not the work of establishing memorials for God in many places be made difficult and burdensome because the necessary means is withheld. . . Let all our people arise and see what they can do. Let them show that there is unity and strength among Seventh-day Adventists." T. vol. 9, pp. 132, 133.

"Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

THE BIBLE STUDY

THOUGHTS

ON THE HOUSE OF GOD

- Ps. 84:2. A true Christian loves God's house so much that he longs for it.
Verse 10. One day in Church brings more joy than a thousand days elsewhere.
Verse 4. Genuine worship floods the soul with praise.
Ps. 95:2. Such worship produces a well of thanksgiving.
Verses 6. The heart cherishes a deep sense of humble reverence.
Verses 7-11 The worshipper yields to spiritual instruction and heeds God's word.
Verse 6. On bended knee the suppliant worships the Maker.
Verse 1. The worshipper sings to God—not to pass the time.
Isa. 56:7. God designs His House to be a House of prayer.
Matt. 18:20. Christ meets with His people.
Josh. 5:15. Christ's presence makes the place holy.
Eccl. 5:1. We should walk quietly in such a place.
Jer. 7:30. No common or unclean thing should be in God's house.
Heb. 10:22. We should possess a clean conscience as well as a clean body.
Ps. 5:7. We should worship God with fear, hoping only in His mercy.
Mal. 1:6, 7. We show that we despise God's name when we allow polluted and unclean conditions to prevail.
Ps. 50:14. If we have vowed to give Him our hearts and life, our tithes and specific offerings—no matter how great a sacrifice may be involved, we should pay our vows.
Ps. 27:4. True worship includes study of God's pure character—"The beauty of the Lord."
Matt. 5:6. It is the soul that hungers and thirsts, that will be filled.
John 4:24. God accepts only true worship.
Ps. 65:4 A wonderful promise is given to the true worshipper.

NOTE. Some persons seem to tire and grow weary of the services of the church. Some like special preachers, and regulate their attendance by their likes and dislikes. Some stay at home on the least pretext; and often for weeks at a time. Do not the above texts show that such need to get hold of the true object of worship? To all eternity, true worshippers will "Come rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them," into the worship of Zion.



Sabbath-school Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED

REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE JA- MAICA CONFERENCE

Read at General Meeting Held
November 20-30, 1930

The Lord has said through His servant that "the influence of the Sabbath-school cannot be estimated." The place which this department occupies in the hearts of our people is broader and deeper than any other. It cherishes our babies, moulds our children, guides our youth, and instructs maturer minds. It holds us to a methodical and systematic study of the Eternal Word. It enlarges our views of truth. It teaches us to be prompt and regular in our attendance at God's House. It creates a pathway to church fellowship, both for our children and for our neighbours. It educates teachers; it promotes efficiency in leadership and secretarial activities, and it provides an opportunity as well as an incentive to give a liberal offering to the soul-saving work of missions in every land. Thus it helps to break down the trend of selfishness that is in us, and to form a weekly link that binds our own souls with those of benighted heathens in lands afar. Surely the influence of such a department that offers so many avenues and agencies of blessing cannot be estimated.

That all our churches, especially, may share in these blessings is one of the aims of this department as our motto reads, "All the church in the Sabbath-school." At the close of the past quarter twenty-nine of our schools reported every church member an enrolled member of the Sabbath-school; but this is only thirty per cent. of our large family of Sabbath-schools. Shall we not put forth greater effort in the coming year to bring others into this circle of blessing.

At the close of 1927 we had eighty-six schools. During the last biennial period thirteen were added which would have given us ninety-nine; but the Cayman Is-

lands, being set off as a separate Mission field, took three from us. Five others have either amalgamated with other schools, or through removal of members to other parts of the Island been disbanded. This left us with a net increase of five schools, or ninety-one at the end of 1929. During the present year four more have been added so that our number now stands at ninety-five, with seventy-three Home Department members scattered throughout the Island. The membership of our schools at the close of 1929 was 3985, as compared with 3681 at the end of 1927. At the close of the past quarter there were 4240. The number of honour cards issued during 1928-1929 were 3554. 233 received book-marks in recognition of having completed a year in daily study and attendance. This is less than the previous period, due no doubt to the heavy rains that have caused many to lose their record. Three have made the fine achievement of completing a six years' record, one five years' and two four years' record. There are quite a number who will soon complete their third year. Those for the six years period are:— Sister A. A. Plummer, Old Harbour, Brother H. A. Mullings, Santa Cruz, and Brother W. E. Langley, Blue Hole, and the one for the five years' period is Mrs. H. E. Carter, Mount Carey.

Twelve of our schools have during the last two years reached the required percentage in honour cards and offerings to give them the pennant. These are:—Axe and Adze, Beeston Spring, Contented Hall, Darliston, Hart Hill, Hector's River, Kencot, Old Harbour, Porus, Spring Garden, Seaford Town, and White House. Darliston, Hart Hill, and Seaford Town lost their prize during the two year period, but they have put forth strenuous efforts and are happy to have a "Come back." Ten of the twelve are in possession of it now, and Contented Hall and Kencot are hoping to regain it at the end of this quarter. Others though not having yet attained are pressing on, and are looking for several more to be added to our list in the near future.

It has been a great pleasure to your secretary to visit fifty-eight of our Sabbath-schools in company with the president and home missionary secretary during the past two years. As we have talked of the interests of our Sabbath-school work, and set before them the goals we are endeavouring to reach, we found a ready response on the part of all to strive more diligently to attain to these. During the present year we had the privilege of a visit from Pastor J. C. Thompson, an associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school department. Six conventions were held at this time in differ-

ent centers, and were well attended, and were a source of inspiration to the schools that shared this privilege. Pastor Thompson outlined a very definite programme for our Sabbath-schools and impressed upon all the importance of following it as to time and order given, as it was the best and most natural arrangement. The importance of a more thorough preparation for our work on the part of officers and teachers was strongly emphasized, and it has been our endeavour to get all our officers and teachers to avail themselves of the instruction provided in the Teachers' Training Course. The excellent book, "The Soul Winning Sabbath-school," by Mrs. L. L. Plummer, and "Seven Laws of Teaching," and "Christian Story Telling," were studied during the past biennial period, but only twenty-six completed these courses and received certificates. In that valuable little book, "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," we read, "Teachers should feel their responsibility and make use of every opportunity to improve, that they may render the best kind of service in a manner that will result in the salvation of souls." We are happy to say that during the present year 100 have enrolled for the course, and as we are not required to write the answers to the review questions, we are looking forward to issuing a larger number of certificates.

A few more of our Sabbath-schools are using the Sabbath-school Worker. Thirty-one instead of twenty-four for the previous period. This excellent paper is very helpful in preparing the children's lesson as well as the seniors' and should be regarded as indispensable.

We should do more for our children to make the lessons attractive to them and cause them to love the Sabbath-school. Our Picture Rolls are increasing a little. Twenty-four schools are using them in place of fourteen at the end of 1927. One little fellow who attends our church school in North St., Kingston, is also a member of our Sabbath-school and has learned to love it. He weeps bitterly if his mother does not have his clothes ready for the Sabbath. He is quite a little missionary too for he teaches his mother the Sabbath-school lesson on his return home, and she became sufficiently interested to attend our Sunday evening meetings. Surely there is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath-school. If each member, both old and young, would endeavour during the coming year to bring one to Sabbath-school how quickly our membership might be doubled!

OUR OFFERINGS

The Investment Fund plan is entered into heartily by our Sabbath-schools in Jamaica, our members feeling it a real privilege to dedicate something to the

cause of missions. It has been quite inspiring to read the letters that have come in telling of banana plants, cassava roots, hills of potatoes, hens, milk, etc., etc., that have been cheerfully dedicated by our members. The total for the past two years is \$511.34, or approximately 100 Pounds sterling.

Our total offerings show a steady increase for the past biennial period. At the close of 1927 they were 1,052 Pounds 9 shillings; close of 1929, 1,205 Pounds 12 shillings. Our faithful Home Department members contributed \$297.12 of this amount during the last two years. The last quarter of 1929 we had reached as a Conference 53 per cent. of our goal in honour cards and offerings. Another 12 per cent. would have given us the pennant. I feel sure that our Jamaica schools will put forth a special effort to secure this prize during 1931. But let us look away from these figures for a moment, and think of the transformation wrought in lives in mission fields as the result of our gifts to God's cause. The principle of "give and it shall be given to you" was fully realized the last quarter of 1928 when the overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering came to Inter-America. Our Jamaica schools put forth a special effort and gave ninety-five Pounds on that day, and when our share of the overflow came it amounted to 138 Pounds. This has greatly assisted us in giving help to the building of thirteen churches in the Island, for which we are deeply grateful.

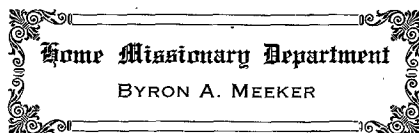
Our Sabbath-school secretaries must be commended for their faithfulness in reporting. Sixty-nine were "on time" for the entire year 1929, and received the Union Jack seal, while thirty-six were not only prompt but had answered every question and secured the Union Jack and Gold Crown seals at the end of the year. Every school reported every quarter of 1929, and through the promptness of our secretaries, I was able to get our summary to the Division office at the appointed time for the entire year. In recognition of this Sister Andross sent us a beautiful picture of our Saviour praying in Gethsemane which may be seen at the office.

We appreciate too the hearty co-operation we have received from our good superintendents in carrying out the plans for strengthening this department of our work.

Right at this point, I would like to publicly express my appreciation of the faithful work done by Mrs. J. W. Grounds, who carried the departmental work, while suffering physically, for almost three quarters of 1928. Brethren and sisters, I have enjoyed my labours with you; and now we see so many omens in the world

pointing to the great day of Christ's coming to reap the harvest of the earth, shall we not consecrate ourselves anew to God's service that our Sabbath-schools may be what He has designed them to be—one of the greatest instrumentalities in the saving of souls, who may finally shine as stars in our crown of rejoicing in the great Sabbath-school of the hereafter.

M. R. EDMED



BIENNIAL HOME MISSIONARY REPORT

Presented at the Conference

When we say that 1,751 lay members reported missionary work during the last two years, our next thought is, and what were they doing? Well, 617 engaged in Bible and gospel meeting work, giving in all 28,265 Bible readings. Then there were 405 doing Christian help work. They visited the sick giving 14,001 treatments. They spent 98,680 hours in helping the poor and needy. Our people gave food to the value of \$3,339.31, and supplied 5,921 articles of clothing.

The lovely flowers were gathered and made into 2,434 beautiful bouquets, and distributed among shut-ins, and others whose hearts were made brighter.

Only 861 reported having done literature work. This is no doubt far short of the actual count. They reported having distributed 34,282 papers, and 49,056 tracts. They sold 10,606 books. More than 1,700 scripture cards have been given.

According to reports 256 have regular prayer lists. Over 7,000 missionary letters have been written and more than 4,000 replies have been received.

There were added to the church 328 members as a result of the laymen's missionary work.

Let us look at the picture of missionary activities in this conference for a minute. What do we see? We see men and women moving to and fro like the shuttles of a great loom. There goes a band of workers. They are visiting the sick. Treatments are given, and the home is tidied, a bouquet of fresh flowers is left to gladden the heart of the suffering. Before the visit is concluded a song is sung and prayer is offered.

But who are these who seem to hurry on their way? Look! they are distributing literature. They are sowing the seeds of truth with our books, our papers, and our tracts. They will pass on for they have not long to stay, but as they go they pray that God will bless the seed, that it may bring forth to his honour and glory.

Then again we see earnest Christians inviting and leading others to the Sabbath-school and other church services. We hear them talk to their companions in earnest tone of things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and their salvation. Here and there little cottage meetings are being held.

We lift up our eyes again and see procession after procession going down to the water's edge. Where are they going? Let us wait and see. Yes some of them go down into the water and are baptized. They arise with new determination to walk in newness of life.

What a wonderful picture it is. It is a living picture. Who would not desire to be included somewhere in the picture? There is room for you. God's invitation is extended to you today, and may He grant you courage to take your stand in his company of missionary workers to work till Jesus comes. Let us read Isaiah 52:7.

B. A. MEEKER

Harvest Ingathering

THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN for 1930 is now over. Our books closed January 10, and the total reached was short of our goal. (Amount on last page.) Nevertheless we are not discouraged, for we know too well the adverse conditions under which our people have laboured. The battle was a hard one, well fought, and we greatly appreciate the work of faith urged on by the spirit of co-operation that has brought in so much. We are grateful to our friends who have contributed to our work, for in many instances more was given this year than last. Our Kingston friends were more liberal to us this year, and the campaign carried many features that are encouraging. Then too, we lost about three weeks of our effort while attending the Conference. Had it not been for this we do not doubt that we should have climbed over the top. However, there will be another campaign soon, and we will begin to pray and plan so that 1931 will make up for our loss. Organization, push and strong faith in God, will command success. The work is God's—AND OURS. He has some pleasant surprises awaiting us this year.

Next month we hope to publish the names of the churches that passed their goal. Watch for the list.

NEWS ITEMS

An enthusiastic gathering, representative of several of our churches, gathered in Brother W. N. Brumley's beautiful pen on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to witness and assist in the stone-laying ceremony of the new

church building. The foundation has been very substantially built in faced stone, pointed with cement, and is situated close to the main road, with ground to spare for future enlargements when needed. The building is to be 20 x 36 constructed with wood. Pastor Jones acted as Master of ceremonies. Pastor Meeker offered prayer. Mrs. Meeker and Miss McCatty of Kingston delighted the large audience with music, and the President spoke to an interested audience and laid the first of 12 stones. The function was a decided success, and we trust that the devoted company at Springfield will soon have the entire building ready for the worship of God.

December 28, the church at Newell was the scene of much life and activity. A very large assembly filled the new church building, which is about half completed, to enjoy a temperance programme which had been prepared by the choir and friends under the splendid direction of Doctor Johnston. Mrs. B. A. Meeker, and Brother Stanford of Montego Bay, added their strength to the fine performance of the local choir, the renderings being all of a very high order.

The same programme was repeated the next evening at Southfield, under the very pleasing chairmanship of Mr. Speid, the Head Master of the local school, the spacious schoolroom being lent for the occasion. The chairman's remarks made an excellent impression particularly when he expressed his appreciation of the S. D. Adventists using that building, which he took as a token of the mutual friendship of the two denominations.

Doctor Johnston gave a very instructive lecture on the evils of alcohol, tobacco, cosmetics, and other harmful indulgences. Mrs. B. Peake, the art teacher at our College at Mandeville, drew with chalk several pictures of a once beautiful young man, showing his downward career through drink, as Miss Dell Brodie read his experience in verse. The last drawing of the series showed the sad mother, weeping; and underneath were the words, "Rum robbed me of my boy." Between each verse, Mrs. Meeker sweetly sang, "Where is my wandering boy tonight?" This clever selection drew words of special appreciation from the chairman, which found a warm response in the audience. Miss McCatty was present from Kingston, and charmed her hearers with her sweet voice. It would be difficult to specify single selections. Every item was good, and chorus, recitations, and solos, fully deserved the appreciative reception accorded them. We congratulate (as did the chairman) Doctor Johnston and Bro-

ther Brodie on the success of their effort in the cause of temperance.

Our company at Maryland is moving forward and upward. Our hearts were made glad on Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 6., by a visit of Pastors Ogden and Hutchinson and Mrs. Hutchinson, when we had a glorious time together. Candidates we had been preparing for baptism were examined by both pastors, and service was appointed for the 21st. A Bible study was given, at the close of which Pastor Ogden added words of cheer. We wished the Sabbath could have been a little longer that day.

At the dawn of day on the 21st, people began to gather, and at eight o'clock Pastor Hutchinson buried six precious souls in the watery grave. The quiet spirit of the service greatly impressed the spectators, and they are all saying that it was the best baptism they had witnessed. We are now conducting meetings at a place called Cooper's Ridge, and expect to have another baptismal service in the near future.

E. S. PERRIN

Much sympathy has been expressed for Pastor H. P. Lawson in the long illness of his wife, who, though still weak, has much improved. Another sorrow visited our dear Pastor through his daughter contracting typhoid fever, from which we are glad to announce she is steadily recovering. These are experiences we may not understand, but if they draw us closer to God, it will be enough to understand when Jesus comes. In the mean time let us uphold our afflicted families by our prayers.

Bubbling over with joy, and his face all smiles, Brother H. S. Goldbourne greeted us on the road, and stopped us just long enough to unload from his heart and share his joy with us. He told how he returned from the recent conference with his heart overflowing, and a burden for souls. How the Lord came into the last Sabbath service by His Spirit, and moved upon hearts; and when he made a call for those who would yield themselves to Him and be baptized, five stood up.

This reminded us of the last Sabbath-school service of the Week of Prayer at Newell; after reading that touching and helpful treatise on "The Holy Spirit," by Pastor I. H. Evans, every heart was touched and the spirit of consecration was manifested. Eleven new converts stood to join the remnant people of God in prepar-

ing for the coming of our Lord. Following this, the whole church made a new surrender. We have heard splendid reports from all over the Island and praise the Lord for the outlook. If the work continues at the present rate we should report one thousand souls added to our membership in 1931. Let us all work and pray for it. But see that every candidate is truly converted as far as you are able. Now is our time to work for souls. Keep at it, brethren!

The Sheffield Church has started into a new life. An acre of land has been secured next to the site of the present church, and plans are being laid to erect a worthy building shortly.

Miss A. W. Sangster and Brother Kissendall have now changed places, and the former is back again to her old charge at March Town. We trust that this arrangement will be not only congenial to both of these teachers, but also a source of strength to the work in each place.

In the recent adjustment of the territory, the Executive Committee considered the many openings for evangelical work in the Trelawny district, and voted to ask Pastor H. P. Lawson to make that Parish his charge. That the decision was a wise one has already begun to be demonstrated in the awakening of new and the revival of old interests there. We shall pray that the Lord may give Pastor Lawson much success in his evangelical efforts in Trelawny.

A visit to the Hospital in Kingston brought us to the bedside of Brother C. W. Gibson, of Spanish Town, looking cheerful and happy to greet his friends. An X ray examination disclosed that a fractured bone had been left out of place, and the shoulder had to be re-set. Brother Gibson now waits to see whether an operation may be necessary in order to deal with the fracture. Let us pray that this may not be necessary and that Brother Gibson may soon enjoy the desire of his heart and be back at his church.

Sister Adrian Williams writes of a party from Mount Peace who went out Harvest Ingathering at Sandy Bay. At the close of day they held a meeting, and spoke about God's willingness to forgive sins. There was a good interest, and a man in the crowd called for a study on the Sabbath Question. "We want to know," he said, "For the ministers do not teach us about that." So they are preparing to go back to

that place and tell them about the Sabbath. Yes, there are hundreds that will keep God's Sabbath in Jamaica as soon as the message can be taken to them. Keep at it, brethren.

Pastor B. A. Meeker and H. J. Edmed completed the Harvest Ingathering work among the Chinese friends, December 9-24. During this trip they covered the Western end of the Island, setting their goal for each day at 10 Pounds. With the exception of two nail punctures the car acted with inspiration and took us many miles. In several places the shop-keepers that gave liberally last year had closed down—victims of the trade depression characteristic of the present time. Many of those still carrying on their business told of, "Hard times." Pimento has no market, coffee is 2½d per lb., and bananas are almost unsaleable—such information formed the background of sad and sober refusals many times. Yet many gave even cheerfully, and expressed regret when they felt forced to reduce their gift. Some days were most disappointing, and after long hours they were short of the goal. However, by working Saturday night after Sabbath, and Sundays, they managed to make up their deficiency, and to reach the 10 Pounds average for each working day. It was very hard work, and Pastor Meeker's Chinese language waxed eloquent at times in his endeavour to persuade men to turn defeat into victory. Christmas eve, 14 Pounds 16 shillings as their last day's takings, they joined their families at our Mandeville College, where they spent a happy Christmas rejoicing over the realization of their goal and the 2 Pounds over—the total being 122 Pounds, or approximately, \$600.00. Their last words in the campaign were, "chip van doginee." Can you guess what that means?

Leader T. T. Allman writes a very interesting account of the Week of Prayer at Everton Park. He says, "It was very encouraging to see members and friends assembling at four o'clock each morning in large numbers. The prayers of members and visitors coupled with their testimonies thrilled us. In one meeting the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a marked manner. Sister Colporteur Morrison happened providentially to be present and took the meeting. The subject was, "The Challenge of the Hour to our Youth." Sister Ruth being herself young made a touching appeal. The last Sabbath she conducted the meeting through the day—a day ever to be remembered. Her touching plea reached many hearts, and

all the unconverted came forward to give themselves to the Master. May the Lord bless Sister Morrison, and prosper her as she presses on with her good work."

On Sunday evening, January 4, Pastor and Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson delighted a full-church audience with a stereopticon lecture on the Hawaiian Islands. The habits and customs of the people were set out in a very instructive and interesting manner, and the wonderful scenery, beautifully coloured, charmed every eye. The remarkable sunsets, the burning lava, the vast canyon and the garden cities were all very attractive. We understand that the lecture will be repeated at some future date, and it is well worth seeing and hearing. The progress of our work in that Island field was also gratifying, especially as Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson have laboured there for several years.

One week later, found the Tabernacle, used for the Y. P. M. V. S. meetings and the dining tent during the conference sessions, fitted up for a course of meetings in the yard of the North St. Church. The large baptismal class of over sixty that resulted from the great meetings showed that a strong interest existed in Kingston, and our local Pastor was not disappointed, for on the night of January 11, the yard was packed, and he talked to a very enthusiastic audience. This did not affect the attendance in the other local churches, which enjoyed rather better congregations than usual.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1930

NAME	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
S. Bent	R. J.	30		10 10 0
C. S. Cousins	C. K.	87	24 15 0	9 9 2
A. Dawkins	B. R.	81	21 13 0	3 2 3
K. E. Destoe	R. J.	33		3 1 0
K. Dillon	H. P.			66 14 0
H. Fletcher	G. C.	39	40 2 0	1 6 0
L. E. Flynn	B. R.	32		8 18 0
S. Harris	H. P.	51	1 19 0	14 0 0
B. E. Hurst	G. C.	30		23 8 0
M. A. Lalor	B. R.	156	16 16 0	17 10 0
B. A. Meeker	Big Week			15 8 6
W. S. Nation	" "			5 14 0
H. G. Miller	G. C.	7	2 12 0	
Ruth Morrison	G. C.	58	1 7 0	1 17 6
Russell Morgan	G. C.	51	14 18 0	8 2 0
Uri Morgan	G. C.	30		20 5 0
C. J. Ogilvie	G. C.	33		7 18 0
E. C. H. Reid	H. P.			12 0 0
B. A. Ricketts	H. P.	136	85 0 5	15 6 0
C. Ricketts	C. K.	36	6 2 10	19 0 0
A. Spence	B. R.	28	5 17 0	
R. Wallace	R. J.	18	1 6 0	7 2 6
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A letter from Pastor A. R. Ogdan, who has been staying in the Bahamas for a few days, tells of special meetings every night alternating in the two new churches which were built in the place of one building after the hurricane. All the meetings were crowded.

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INCREASING SUCCESS

"But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3 : 13, 14.

I believe the desire of every colporteur for the New Year is to make increasing success. This passage of scripture shows how that desire can be realized. First we must have a mark (goal). No man ever became truly great who did not have a fixed purpose in life. Of Daniel, who rose from a poor captive to a position of power and influence second only to that of the king, we read, "he *purposed* in his heart." Paul, the great veteran missionary, whose life is worthy of emulation, reached his mark because he was determined. Moses, the greatest leader recorded in the canon of Scripture, became thus because he *chose*.

Having a goal, be it ever so great, is not sufficient, however, to insure success. Our goal must be reached. This cannot

be accomplished by half-hearted work, or with folded arms.

We can drift away from a high goal, but never toward it. If we mean to accomplish great things for God this year, we must like Paul "press toward the mark." Read the biographies of the great men whom the world delights to honour. They gained their fame through diligent, pains-taking effort. Moses laboured for forty years in the school of hard knocks before he became famous.

But it is possible to have a goal, persistently press

toward it, and even reach it and not be truly successful. If our goal be a wrong one disappointment and failure will be the result. We may acquire wealth and still be a failure. An example of this is given in the parable from the Saviour of the man who had so much possessions that he had to build larger barns. Yet Heaven's estimate of him is expressed in the words, "Thou fool." He was a failure.

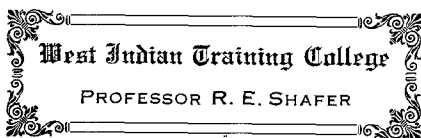
Fellow colportuers, what should be our greatest goal for 1931? SOULS! How are we going to acquire such a goal? By placing all the religious books we can in the homes of the people; by living the Christ-like life daily. Brother R. Morgan has already caught the vision. He writes: "I have been studying with Mrs. P. Last night at the beginning of the New Year she gave her heart to God. I am setting a soul goal and a delivery goal this year."

Brother Dawkins has set two goals which I hope all would adopt. He writes: "I firmly hold that a good year is before us. One of my main goals is more time, and another, regular reports."

If we will be truly successful we must make Heaven our goal. Let us "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus."

Soon we with Christ and angels will be ushered in through the pearly gates into the Holy City. There we will achieve the greatest and most glorious success.

Colporteur Scholarship makes a scholar. We must congratulate Brother Septimus Harris for his success, having earned a full scholarship in six months by steady, careful thrift. Such an achievement deserves special mention not only for the merit of the work done, but as an evidence to others of what can be done. Young men who should be in school today may be encouraged to follow brother Harris' example. Try it!



OPENING EXERCISES

January 6, 1931, marked the beginning of another school term at W. I. T. C. Tuesday and Wednesday were spent in registration and lining up of the daily program. Thursday some of the classes met and received assignments so as to be ready for real work the next day.

Thursday night at 7:30 the faculty and students gathered in the chapel for a short formal program composed of musical numbers and a few short talks. We were pleased to have Pastors Edmed and

Meeker and Mrs. Meeker with us on this occasion to help add a little spice and variety to the program.

From the opening day of school there has been manifested on the part of the student body a spirit of earnest effort and a determination to make the best of the prevailing opportunities. We greatly appreciate this earnestness and truly believe that much of it will carry through to the close of the term, and as a result many victories will be won. We only regret that more of our earnest young people cannot avail themselves of these opportunities which "prepare the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." We have room to accommodate several more young people and it is not too late to enter even for this term, as there are new ones still coming. Consider it seriously and then correspond with us about it. Just address the West Indian Training College, Box 22, Mandeville P.O.

R. E. SHAFER

NEWS NOTES

Our enrolment up to January 27 totals 79 students. Four more plan definitely to be with us next week. Two of these are new students and two are Cuban boys returning from vacation.

On his return to the hill, we noticed that Brother Septimus Harris looked exceptionally happy, and soon the secret was revealed. He had returned to school with a full scholarship earned in the canvassing field. We heartily congratulate Brother Harris on his achievement! We understand that it is some years since last a student colporteur attained this measure of success.

Students of former days are always welcome visitors, and we were happy to have Brother Oscar Harriott from Costa Rica with us for a few days. He was supposed to be on holiday, but he had no holiday while here. However, he seemed to enjoy filling the many calls that were made upon him, and his talks in chapel, in the Sabbath service, and in worship, were a source of inspiration to both teachers and students.

The evening after Sabbath a little formal program was held in his honour. The purpose of the evening was to set forth, as expressed in the words of the opening song, the days of "Auld Lang Syne." The features of the first portion of the program were recitations, "The Cattle Thief" and "Mark Anthony's Oration," ably given by Mr. C. Pitter and Mr. Harriott respectively. The second portion was given over to speeches which called to mind the days when Brother Harriott was a student here. Professor Crawford

spoke from the standpoint of the dormitory. Mr. Parchment had many amusing incidents to relate in connection with the farm work, and Professor Rathbun, the chairman, pointed out that in the pioneer days of any school the students must contend with experiences and hardships which are unknown to those who come later but which, if successfully met, produce strong characters. Mrs. Nation spoke on behalf of the graduating class of 1925 of which Brother Harriott was a member.

In responding, Brother Harriott told us much of interest regarding Costa Rica where he now labours as the head master of a school with an enrolment of 200 pupils, and as he returns to his field our prayers and good wishes go with him.

On Sunday, January 18, the school was favoured with a professional visit from Dr. H. Johnston. One of the requirements for entrance to the College is a physical examination. However, a number of our students have been with us for a year or more and it was thought well to have a check-up on their present condition. We are glad that Dr. Johnston was able to give a satisfactory report in all but a very few cases.

Work on the new cottage is progressing steadily. The basement is up and the frame of the upper portion is now ready for the roof. This affords several boys the opportunity to gain experience in building. E. M. EDMED

The members of the college rhetoric class have successfully passed their entrance examination in grammar and composition. This examination is required in our denominational colleges of all candidates for advanced courses, and failure to reach 75 per cent. in it necessitates further drill without credit. The grades of this year's class, 13th grade, ranged from 82-93 per cent.

Miss Violet Peake has been busy during January, working out in the field with our church schools. An announcement in the Gleaner that she would give an address, the 10th instant, drew a very large attendance to the North Street Church. The statement of our Educational Secretary that our system enables our pupils and students to easily pass the University tests was much appreciated, and it is evident that our members are now viewing the importance of this department of our Christian life with a very responsive vision.

There are fifteen hundred children in our Sabbath-schools in Jamaica, and another fifteen hundred young people—What an army! Three thousand whose feet can easily be turned into the path that leads to Zion. What will become of them? If we prepare them for the world, the world will get them. If we prepare them for heaven, they may be saved.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

GOD AND YOU

Dear young people, as we begin the New Year, we are weighted with a genuine heart-burden for you. Not as a *collection* of youthful members of our society merely, but for *each one* of you. We feel sure that you have commenced the year 1931 with many good resolutions, and your soul is filled with a deep longing after a real Christian life, and we pray sincerely that the Lord will help you to realize your desires to the full. We know too that your success depends upon only *God and you*.

In this desire you are much like the great reformer, Martin Luther, who, when fourteen years old, was sent to a school far from home with scarcely enough money to provide him with food. Often he had to beg for something to eat, and at times he would sing in front of houses of the rich until they would either send him away or open their hearts to give him food.

At fifteen years of age his longing for an education became so intense, and his great poverty so deep that all the avenues to success appeared to be closed against him; and he was so afraid of God that life appeared to threaten nothing but disappointment and helpless, hopeless failure. His sense of purity and right principle was so strong that he hated the books of the philosophers which formed the basis of learning at that time. Like you, he desired only to live a righteous life. Yet in Luther's youth in such conditions, he won laurels of admiration and respect among his associates, and his retentive memory and fertile imagination made him popular.

When eighteen years of age, "He had that serious thought, that uplifted heart, which God bestows on those whom He destines to be His most faithful servants. Luther felt that he was dependent upon God—a simple, yet powerful, conviction—the source at once of profound humility and great achievements. He fervently invoked the Divine blessing on His labours. Each morning he began the day with prayer, then he went to church, and on his return set to study, losing not a moment during the course of the day. 'To pray well,' he was wont to say, 'is more than half my study.'"

The historian D'Aubigne tells us that "Every moment which the young student could spare from his academical labours was spent in the library. . . ." It was here that he found a complete Bible and

learned for the first time that much of God's Word was hidden from the people. It was a Latin Bible, and his heart was stirred as he read new pages of light. Says D'Aubigne, "The first page on which he fixes his attention tells him the story of Hannah and young Samuel. He reads, and his soul is filled with joy to overflowing. The child whom his parents lend to Jehovah for all the days of his life; the song of Hannah, in which she declares that the Lord lifts up the poor from the dust, and the needy from the dunghill, that He may set him with princes: young Samuel, growing up in the presence of the Lord; the whole of this history the whole of the volume which he discovered, make him feel in a way he has never done before."

Many changes came to Luther until he was twenty-one years of age, during which period he had many both sweet and bitter experiences, in all of which we can trace the kind hand of his unseen Father—and your Father, too—preparing him for the wonderful life that gave to the world the true Christian standards, and laid the foundations of the gospel anew. That year Luther took the definite step that turned his career and settled his lifework.

God was shaping the life of this young man for a great work, and Luther was using every moment and seizing every opportunity to fit himself for his as yet unknown destiny. Truly God and Luther were working together.

We have placed these experiences before you, dear young friends, that you may see that as the Lord has called you to take part in His present day reformation work, He is also looking to you to follow Luther's example and to use your time—every moment—so as to gain the preparation and experiences needed to ensure success. The same diligent consecration of your time, your mind, and your strength must lead you to the same heights of blessedness. As he did, so you must be early and constant in prayer. His morning attention to devotional exercises, you must emulate—the Morning Watch, the Bible Year, the daily study, and all the goals of the Y. P. M. V. S. will help you. As the story of consecrated men and women stimulated Luther's faith and hope, so let it awaken new spiritual light and joy in your heart. If you would make 1931 a real success, ever remember that it must be worked out by GOD AND YOU.

HERBERT J. EDMED

THE QUESTIONS: Instead of asking you questions, we have decided to let you ask us questions; and we will answer them either privately or through our columns as seems best. We do this because we know that you already have much to study with your goals, and also because it has been suggested that young folks like to ask questions of things they do not understand. So send them on, and remember that we are not infallible.

Little Missionary Volunteers in Burma

Were there time, I could tell you of the little Missionary Volunteer boy in Burma who visited the villages in his own district, and gathered for us two congregations of over 200 people, so that we held two meetings the same night. I could tell you of the boy who got up at three o'clock every morning and worked till nine o'clock in order to get his day's work done before school commenced. Another boy who swam over twenty rivers to bring his Missionary Volunteer report in on time at the end of the quarter. I could tell of a boy who, under great tribulation and persecution, stepped out and accepted Christ, and by his faithful life won his father and mother and brother and sister.

An older teacher in a certain heathen village died, and they sent to the mission station, twelve miles away, for some one to go and conduct the funeral service. At the time the Karen pastor was away on a preaching trip. They could not wait till he came back; somebody must go that day and conduct the funeral service, or they would have to give the teacher a heathen burial. So they said, "Is there not some one who can come with us?" But there was no one. Finally three little boys, one twelve, one ten, and one nine, said, "If there is nobody else to go, we will go." and those three little fellows walked twelve miles to the heathen village. They went into that bamboo house, and sitting around the crude coffin they said, "I wonder what we ought to do?" One said, "I think we ought to read, anyhow." And so he opened up the Word of God and he read. Another little fellow suggested, "We ought to sing." And so they sang all the songs they had been taught in school the year before. The other little fellow said, "Let us pray." And round that house every heathen in that village stood by in wonder and surprise at the loving work

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LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

We are glad to greet the Little Folks again. The greedy editor took up all our space last month with the conference report. It was naughty of him, wasn't it? But we'll forgive him, wont we?

Have you ever heard of a Secretary Bird? You know that Brother Grounds is our Conference Secretary, and you have a Sabbath-school Secretary, and one for the Y. P. M. V. Society, too, and some others. But there is a bird called by that name, and I am going to tell you about it, for I used to enjoy watching some of them strutting over the land with a look of importance and an air of great dignity. Maybe you will wonder why they should call a bird a Secretary Bird. But there is a reason. It is a very pretty creature, with a feathered body about a yard long, It has thin legs about twelve to fifteen inches long, and a neck about the same length, Its feathers are white, and its rounded long-feathered tail hangs very gracefully. Its head is crested with fan-like feathers, and its sharp rounded beak beneath two large eyes gives it a rather determined look, as if to say, "If I peck you, you'll know it." But it never attacks human beings, and is rather timid when any one is in sight, and will walk away.

But, why call it a Secretary? Now I will tell you. Looking at this bird sideways, you will see a little bunch of small feathers around its ears, and nature so arranges them that they look as if the bird has a quill pen in its ears, and its posture when walking makes it seem to be saying, "I am the wisest bird."

However, this secretary does

not write reports. Yet it is a very valuable creature, and people are punished if they steal its eggs or kill any of the birds. The Government protects them because they spend their days snake hunting in the dry lands where those reptiles abound. When they find a snake, large or small, they jump on its back, and as the snake lifts its head to bite the bird, it pecks off its head and kills it. If the snake is too large for this, they will catch it up in their beak, and fly up high with it, and drop the snake from several hundred feet in the air, and this breaks the snake's back, and Mr. Secretary immediately flies down and finishes its victim.

This reminds me of two texts in the Bible, which speak of Satan, who is called "The Serpent," and of whom the Lord said, "Jesus would bruise his head;" and Paul said, "The God of peace shall shortly bruise Satan under our feet." Gen. 3: 15, and Rom. 15: 20

The Secretary Bird is valuable in destroying horrible snakes and also in illustrating a great Bible truth, so we can understand it easily.

H. J. E.

Thinking Cap Questions

1. Who was Samuel's mother?
2. Who sentenced Jesus to be crucified?
3. What was the last prayer Jesus offered on the cross?
4. What wicked boy became king when he was twelve years old?
5. What position did Nehemiah hold in the king's court?

We promise to print the names of all the Little Folks who send us answers to

these questions before the 27th of this month,

Isn't this nice? The fishermen at a place called Brittany when they are taking out their boats to sea, always pray, "Keep me, my God, my boat is small, and the ocean is deep and wide." We ask the Lord to bless our food when we eat, why not ask His help and blessing when we work?

I once heard this story,—A little girl said to her father, "Papa, I want you to say something to God for me—something I want to tell him very much. I have such a little voice, that I don't think he will hear me, but you have a strong voice and he will hear you."

Then the father told his girl that if need be God would tell all the heavenly angels to stop their sweet music, and say "Stop singing, for a little while: there's a little girl down on the earth who wants to whisper something to me."

Why should us boys be so polite to others who treat us rudely?" asked a bright little fellow who felt offended at something. This answer was quietly given—"You are not asked to be polite because he is not a gentleman, but because you are one." Is that right, boys?

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Eccl. 12: 1.

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CONGRATULATORY

Many eulogies have been passed to us with regard to the get up of our last number of the VISITOR. We greatly appreciate this, and take this opportunity to record our great pleasure over the January number, as well as our surprise at its accomplishment.

Professor Rathbun had but three weeks in which to assemble the whole new printing outfit, which he found in cases on his arrival. This involved the erection of the machinery, making and erection of the type cases, buying of paper, instruction of entirely new hands, and printing, with delivery at the office in time to issue the list for delivery January 1.

In appearance, and generally "get up," the paper excelled any number we have been able to produce, and we felt real proud of the first job undertaken by our College Press.

Some of the type-setting was done by Cuban students who could not speak a word of English when they entered the College, and their success is also a demonstration of the splendid instruction given by the faculty.

We trust that this new venture will become as powerful in Jamaica as our other presses have been in disseminating the precious truth of God, and that many of our young people will find a way through school by its help.

Congratulations to Prof. Rathbun and his workers.
H. J. E.

Pastor Ogden, in a letter from Nassau, Bahamas, dated January 4th, writes as follows concerning the first number of the VISITOR of this year. "I am writing this line especially, Brother Rathbun, to tell you that last evening after Sabbath I saw your first number of the VISITOR from the College Press, and I want to compliment you on the splendid make-up of the paper, and think that you did exceptionally well to get out an issue the first without any typographical errors. Splendid.

"Young men, be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with you to find it."—W. E. Gladstone

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those little boys were doing. They then led the procession to the grave side, and did it all over again, and thus committed the poor old man to his last resting place.

Oh, young people, this gospel message is no respecter of persons, and the love of Christ gets into the hearts of the jungle folk just as it gets into your heart and into mine. Let us strive with all the strength that we have that our foreign missions may grow and prosper. Let us uphold our missions and our missionaries, and remember that includes the young people of Burma.—E. B. Hare, in *Australasian Record*.

JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Comparative Statement of Tithes and Trust Funds for Years 1929, 1930

	1929	1930
Tithe	\$18,681.36	\$16,790.76
Annual Offering	136.97	149.84
Mid-summer Offering	9.21	20.36
Harvest Ingathering	6,209.64	5,618.99
Missions	217.56	189.96
S. S. Offering	3,894.98	3,768.97
13th Sab. Offering	1,609.40	1,462.20
Birthday Offering	45.76	38.84
S. S. Investment	321.18	233.67
Big Week	768.94	543.23
Week of Sacrifice	348.36	345.53
	\$32,243.36	\$29,161.81

J. W. GROUNDS, Treas.

BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE NOTES

Why not get a Home Missionary Calendar to decorate your wall? It is a beautiful work of art containing pictures in colours from the masters. The special dates of interest to our people are noted. A Scripture verse is given for each day. Price while they last 1/ postpaid.

Missionary Volunteers Attention

The Morning Watch Calendar may be had for only 3d. It will guide you in your morning devotions. Every Missionary Volunteer should have a copy of this beautiful calendar to place in his Bible. Send the 3d. today, or better work up a club, and order for all the church.

The books for the Senior Reading Course are, Great Controversy, chapters 19 to the close of the book. Price 9/ Keeping Well 1/3 Alone With God 1/3 The books for the Junior Reading Course are,

Sweetest Stories Ever Told 1/3 A Journey Through Happy Health Land 1/3

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1/3

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Denominational History (Senior) /9
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Order from the Book and Bible House, 112 Tower St., Kingston.

As far as possible let all the churches observe Missionary Volunteer Week Mar. 14-21. Church leaders and Missionary Volunteer leaders should arrange for revival meetings during the week. This would be a good time to begin reading "Alone With God," one of the Reading Course books for this year. The week should be spent in study and prayer for the salvation of our youth.

Seek God even now for the success of this effort.

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labour in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God." *Counsels to Teachers, p. 105.*

OBITUARIES

After an illness of fourteen years, Sister Angeline Davis was taken to rest on the 26th inst. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, and we all look forward to meeting our sister in the resurrection to life.

P. M. DUMONT, Williamsfield.

Sister Catherine Dasherine Fleetwood was born at St. Thomas, Sept. 26, 1879, and accepted the Advent message in 1906. After a protracted illness, which she bore with fortitude and Christian grace, she died Oct. 26, 1930. The Long Bay Church and her husband and children unite in the hope of seeing her soon in heaven.

A. A. FLEETWOOD

The Bonny Gate church announces the sad loss of "Mother" Nancy A. Gordon, whose death, after a long sickness, leaves a blank in many hearts. During her illness she remained loyal to her Master's will. Sister Gordon leaves a husband, eight sons, one daughter, and many grandchildren to mourn her loss.

E. M. GORDON