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GOD'S PLAN

The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty; but, on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity. On condition of their obedience, God made them the promise: "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field. . . And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

A striking illustration of the results of selfishly withholding even free-will offerings from the cause of God was given in the days of the prophet Haggai. After their return from the captivity in Babylon, the Jews undertook to rebuild the temple of the Lord; but meeting determined opposition from their enemies, they discontinued the work; and a severe drought, by which they were reduced to actual want, convinced them that it was impossible for them to complete the building of the temple. "The time is not come," they said, "the time that the Lord's house should be built." But a message was sent them by the Lord's prophet: "Is it a time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes." And then the reason is given: "Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands." "When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the press-fat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty. I smote you with blasting, and with mildew, and with hail in all the labours of your hands."

Roused by these warnings, the people set themselves to build the house of God. Then the word of the Lord came to them: "Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, . . . from this day will I bless you."

Says the wise man, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." And the same lesson is taught in the New Testameet by the apostle Paul: "He that soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*.

THE BIBLE STUDY

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

- Q. 1.** When does the Battle of Armageddon take place?
Ans. Rev. 16: 12-16. Under the sixth of the seven last plagues.
- Q. 2.** Just prior to what event will this battle begin?
Ans. Rev. 16: 15. The second coming of Jesus.
- Q. 3.** What national disturbance heralds the battle?
Ans. Rev. 16: 12. The waters of the river Euphrates dries up.
- Q. 4.** What is meant by the term, "Water thereof?"
Ans. Rev. 17: 15. "Peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."
- NOTE.** The drying up of the Euphrates must therefore represent the complete dismemberment of that Empire which has occupied the course of that river. That is, Turkey. Isa. 8: 6-8
- Q. 5.** Where else is this event referred to, and how?
Ans. Daniel 11: 45. "He shall come to his end and none shall help him."
- Q. 6.** How does this effect the nations east of the Euphrates?
Ans. Rev. 16: 12, last part. It opens the way for them to take part in Armageddon.
- Q. 7.** How many nations will take part in this battle?
Ans. Rev. 16: 14. "The kings of the earth and of the whole world."
- Q. 8.** Who are the real leaders in this conflict?
Ans. Rev. 16: 13, 14. Unclean spirit—spirits of devils.
- Q. 9.** Through whom does Satan gather the whole world against God?
Ans. Rev. 16: 13. The dragon (heathens), the beast (Roman Catholicism), and the false prophet (apostate protestantism).
- Q. 10.** What other name does Armageddon have?
Ans. Rev. 16: 14, last clause. "The battle of the great day of God Almighty."
- Q. 11.** In the midst of the battle, who will appear and how?
Ans. Rev. 19: 11-16. Christ, with the armies of heaven.
- Q. 12.** What will happen at His coming?
Ans. Jer. 25: 30-33. The destruction of the wicked. Rev. 16: 17-21.
- Q. 13.** What Psalm prediction will then be fulfilled?
Ans. Psalm 2: 1-9. The Kingship of Christ will be asserted.
- Q. 14.** What are we advised to do in view of this battle?
Ans. Psalm 2: 10-12. Make our peace with Jesus NOW.

DOES A CHURCH SCHOOL HELP THE CHURCH?

A church school pays. It is profitable beyond computation. First, it supplements in a very strong way the Home endeavours to save our dear little children, and to habituate their young minds to concentrate upon spiritual things. Second, it creates the same interest in the neighbourhood as an evangelistic effort would create. Third, its influence never ceases, because its work continues. An effort by an evangelist closes down sooner or later and the converts are left to carry on if and how they best can. But the church school creates an atmosphere whose exhilarating breeze never ceases to blow, inspiring the members as well as the children to hold on.

Close observation, covering many years, has led us to a conviction that the children claim one half of the care and attention of the home while they are there; and what they do and say has a remarkable influence upon the older ones. When they attend church school, their home prattle and actions become a commanding influence for good. They give a spiritual tone to the home. How many times we have read of men being turned from wicked purposes by the conduct of their child. Here is one. He was planning to avenge his wrongs by murdering his antagonist. But as he sat and thought, he heard his little daughter pray, "Keep papa from sin, and make him kind." Like an arrow the words shot into his heart. He started definitely to achieve his wicked purpose, but that prayer arrested him. Here is another. He was besotted with drink, his selfishness had robbed his wife and family of food and raiment. Every comfort and convenience had been sold to liquidate the debts that still kept piling up, until mother and children in sheer desperation knelt and called upon God to help him. At the school the teacher had been telling the children how Jesus would answer their prayers. The child reminded the Lord of what the teacher had said. The man in the next room heard, and was found himself pleading with the Lord for forgiveness and help. The child's prayer had brought him a new vision, and that home became a happy Christian home. Both those fathers thanked the Lord for the school they had often cursed and refused to help.

Then too, there is a reaction that makes a church school a church builder. Before me lies a report that illustrates this, so we give it. "The Blank Church had not enough young people to support a Missionary Volunteer Society, but in three years after starting the church school its membership increased two hun-

dred percent, so that now there are thirty-five members in the M. V. Society. The Sabbath school increased its membership in like proportion, and almost every member of the church is a member of the Sabbath school. The church school itself has grown beyond all expectation."

Says the Lord, "When properly conducted church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnessing for Christ. Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare the children for this great work."

Testimonies, Vol. 6. pp. 202, 203.

SECRET MARRIAGES

Marriage is in accord with God's plan. He instituted it. He performed the first marriage ceremony, and it was witnessed by all heaven. He selected the marriage partners also, and set the standard of the resultant offspring—in the image and likeness of Himself. He gave special directions concerning this ordinance, clothing it with sanctity and beauty. The rights and happiness of this relation are to be carefully guarded, even at a great sacrifice. As we read the Scriptures on this subject we are impressed with that which is written for our learning upon whom the end of the world has come, and whose experiences are wrapped up with a time of human history when the most degenerate practices have led men and women to place this holy ordinance in the catalogue with all that is sensuous, flippant, and degrading.

We are told that if we pray twice a day before entering upon the marriage relations, we need to pray four times a day at such a time. In the old days, men were assisted by many safeguards in the selection of a partner. Those who acted independently of these safeguards of counsel, and long previous acquaintance, and the assurance that the Lord approved of the step, invariably came to grief. There were no rushed alliances, no secret unions. In respectable circles, these old Bible principles are still recognized, even though the families may not be Christians. Worldly governments, civilized or otherwise, recognize these principles to such an extent that any violation of nuptial decorum immediately becomes a scandal, and secret marriages usually meet with an unsavory and suspicious condemnation. We do not say, and would not suggest that such suspicions are always merited, but we cannot get away from the fact, whether it be just or unjust. It has the appearance of evil.

The voice of the Lord has said, "The underhand way in which courtships and

marriages are carried on is the cause of a great amount of misery, the full extent of which is known only to God. On this rock thousands have made shipwreck of their souls. Professed Christians, whose lives are marked with integrity, and who seem sensible upon every other subject, make fearful mistakes here. They manifest a set determined will that reason cannot change. They become so fascinated with human feelings and impulses that they have no desire to search the Bible and come into close relationship with God."

—*Messages to Young People*, pp. 447, 448.

At a meeting of the Conference Committee of the Jamaica Conference, held in Kingston on the 16th June, this matter was considered very thoroughly as it related to our workers and others throughout the field, and the following resolution was passed:—"Inasmuch as secret marriages are contrary to the spirit of the Gospel and the sacredness of the Holy bond of Matrimony, be it

RESOLVED That we as a Conference Committee express our disapproval of any and all such movements on the part of any of our workers or church members."

The members present were, H. J. Edmed, J. W. Grounds, L. L. Hutchinson, Linn Rashford, and Geo. Smith, with Pastor B. A. Meeker, by invitation.

Pastor A. R. Ogden was also present, and has promised to write an article upon this subject for our next number of the VISITOR, and we hope our Churches will see that a copy is placed in every family, for the subject is an important one, and our young people should be informed of the right side of this solemn and important question. Ed.

"Sought Out Many Inventions"

Men are still discovering, still inventing. A large firm of newspaper publishers in London have prepared a roof upon which a new kind of aeroplane may descend and also from which it may ascend in a space fifty feet square. It has gyroscopic wings, and rises without running along the ground or water.

A recent collision of two aeroplanes took place over Aldershot five thousand feet in the air. It was watched by a crowd of many thousands, who witnessed the impact, and saw the two machines dash to the earth, catch fire, and become total wrecks. When the collision took place, however, the pilots jumped out with an umbrella-like machine attached to them, called a parachute, and each descended slowly and reached the earth without any harm.

In Paris, a wonderful speaking clock is being erected that will answer you if you phone up and ask it the time.

Spain and Italy, hitherto the staunch

supporters of the Roman Catholic Church, have both fallen out with her. The Pope's picture was trampled under foot, thousands of churches, monasteries, and other religious buildings have been burnt to the ground, and thousands of nuns, priests and men of other religious orders have had to flee for their lives. Is the Lord opening the way for the truth to reach these hard fields?

A new gas has been invented from an admixture of certain chemicals, which may supplant gasoline in many machines. Turbine engines, noiseless and without vibration, will doubtless be run with this gas, thus revolutionizing machinery.

Anxious to unite certain popular churches, such as the Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Baptist, etc., with the Anglican church, the Archbishop of Canterbury has called another meeting at Lambeth to consider how unity can be reached. It is contended that such unity is difficult of attainment. Seventh-day Adventists can show them how—throw away their creeds and false sciences, and get back to the dear old Bible. That is the only way, and we find it very easy. It is God's way.

Kingston Work. An Appeal

Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson have been busy demonstrating that the old time plan of soul-winning by conducting series of meetings every night for several weeks is, after all, the best our ministers can adopt. A series at North Street Church added 83 baptized members, and another first batch of fifteen will be added as a result of another series of meetings in the Regent Street Church before this number of the VISITOR is printed, and later, still more. This will bring the total up to over one hundred souls won in two efforts they have conducted since the conference meetings.

During this time, the pastor and his wife have carried other pastoral activities, such as visiting the sick, performing marriages, burying the dead, and reviving the wayward with unremitting devotion. No one has been neglected, no department of the church life has been left to go to weeds, and the efforts have brought courage and harmony to the churches.

No help has been given to Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson by way of workers to assist, as the budget does not permit, and they have had to use their resources, or the free assistance of such as could give their services. This we have greatly appreciated in view of the financial crisis that we are facing.

We are glad that several of our ministers are planning to conduct one or two such series before the year ends, and we sincerely hope that each minister may have the same co-operation and help from

the churches where the meetings will be held. Lay members can assist by keeping the church buildings clean, receiving and seating visitors, taking up collections, choir singing and special selections, visiting interested families, circulating the handbills, and other needed ways. As far as possible, churches can carry on their own local work during these efforts without asking the help of the superintending minister, thus leaving him free to concentrate on his soul-winning effort.

Those among the laity who are able can still carry on their evangelical activities for the soul-winning plan, for there is work of some kind for every one, and we ought to see one thousand new members added to our church this year. God has not saved us before he has saved others because we are better than they, but, like Queen Esther, we are called for such a time as this, and if we neglect not the gift that is in us, He can accomplish great things through us as long as we are humble and dutiful. The call is now more than urgent. It is imperative. Our own salvation as well as that of others demands that we press into the field with dynamic determination and zeal to gather in the sheaves before Jesus comes. To neglect this now is to imperil our own salvation. Dear Brethren, we dare not neglect this work and we must not shirk it.

Please read Ephesians 4:11-16, and when you reach the 12th verse leave out the first comma (for that is the correct rendering) and read that the Lord gave the leaders in Israel their gifts, or places in the church, "For the perfecting of the saints for the work of ministering," etc. In other words, those whom the Lord has chosen as pastors and teachers have received their gift, that they may yoke up every joint or member in the great missionary enterprise. Read the whole passage over and over until you see this, for it is surely and clearly there. Dear brethren and sisters, I earnestly urge you to make the last half of 1931 the greatest soul-winning period of the church in Jamaica. Do this for Christ's sake, and for your own, and the Lord be with you.

One of Life's Shadows.

How suddenly at times, the cruel hand of death snatches from us the little human buds whose fragrant lives and sweetness have so often brightened the hours of the home and taught us lessons of childlike faith in God and unsullied innocency!

Oh, those little ice-cold fingers, how they point our memories back to the loving words and actions strewn along the short-lived track! How those little hands remind us, as in quiet grace they lie, of the childish smiles and poses, whose memories never die!

THE JAMAICA VISITOR

Only a few weeks ago, Kenneth Fletcher pressed his little arms around us, and brightened our stay at Riversdale by his childish love and play. And we looked forward to his taking his place in the footprints of his father, and — And, today our hopes are blighted! A telegram has stricken our saddened hearts. It said that Kenneth had met his death "by drowning." That is all we know now. Later, we will tell more, but we pause now to tell the Fletcher family how deeply we fellowship with them in sorrow, praying that the God of all comfort will comfort them.

But he is safe! He will sleep a little longer than a night. Time passes rapidly, and we know that our little friend and brother, baptized in the waters of death, will surely ascend to meet his Lord in the air, and some good angel will place him again in his dear mother's arms. How it makes us live and long for that day when Jesus will come! In the meantime, little Kenneth, sweet be thy rest.

NEWS NOTES

Riding from Santiago to Bartle, about 200 miles and back, was a special thrill. The Cuban government is to be congratulated for the splendid road they have built through the Island, which is about 700 miles long. With the busses, speed seems to be the only thing that counts. Fortunately two punctures forced an opportunity for the tires to cool off a bit; though waiting for repairs involved each time a long and serious fight with mosquitoes.

On returning with Prof. W. L. Adams, and Brother McWilliam, we had reached about two miles from our destination, when, at the speed of 45 miles an hour, we bounced over a break in the road which had caved in about fourteen inches, leaving a jagged edge which cut a front and a back tyre. The bang sounded as if we had been bombed by revolutionaries, but it was only a burst; and the driver lost control of his head and the bus which turned across and ran into a fence which had been placed there to protect vehicles from falling down a precipice. Fortunately the fence, though torn up, turned our wheels and saved us from certain death. We praise Him for His goodness.

One of the main causes of the success that has attended our world-wide work has been the perfection of our organization. Not one man among us is infallible. Not one is independent of the body. No man liveth unto himself. If he does he is out of God's plan. Years ago the wisest man that ever lived next to our Lord, was inspired to write, "In the multitude of

counsellors there is safety." Prov. 11:14. In later years the Lord emphasized this instruction by such messages as this: "Never allow anyone's ideas to unsettle your faith in regard to order and harmony which should exist in the church." — *Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 274.*

In times like the present, when the prevailing depression coming with simultaneous advances of our work into new fields, and when the Lord is opening up new fields for our entering, with a reduced income, we feel the need of counsel and judgment of others who share with us the responsibility of leadership.

There can be no doubt that the Lord's plan of organization which was first established under Moses, remoulded under Apostolic direction, and more fully perfected in the Great Second Advent Movement, was to provide sympathetic counsel by which the progress of our movement might be enhanced. To strengthen our stakes while lengthening our cords can never be achieved by reckless or unconsidered methods. Everywhere our movement is creating new outposts, and we must follow the providential openings of the Lord while not weakening the centers already created; and to this glorious work, we must move unitedly, like the increasing light of the morning—an army, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible with banners. Song of Sol. 6:10.

To fulfil this scriptural policy the Antillian Union Committee was called to meet at Cuba, May 18–28. Pastor E. E. Andross, Treasurer F. L. Harrison, and Prof. W. L. Adams attended to represent the Inter-American Division. Pastor A. R. Ogden, and the Presidents of our sister fields in the Union, as well as Treasurer Mohr, and H. M. and F. S. McWilliam, of the Antillian Union office were present. Educational workers of the Cuban field were also in attendance, the meetings being held in the College at Bartle.

It is not our place to give an official report, but we may tell how we enjoyed the morning studies of Pastor E. E. Andross, the splendid and encouraging reports from our sister fields, and the association of the Christian spirited leaders who share with us in the development of the work in this Union. In every field the plans laid called for the spirit of sacrifice as well as unqualified consecration. All of us wanted our budgets doubled, but submitted cheerfully when cuts had to be made. Faith and courage marked every discussion, and it was sad to have to part.

We had opportunity to associate with the faculty and students of the College, and enjoyed the warmth of their hospitality and fellowship. We could not speak

their language, but we all understood each other, and the truth-created bonds that make us one made us all feel that we are bound to each other in Christ Jesus. We extended Jamaica's greetings to our brethren, and they were very heartily reciprocated.

Our dear brethren and sisters of the Regent Street, Kingston, church are rejoicing over the results of the effort that is being conducted by Pastor and Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson in their building, the climax of which was reached on Sunday night, June 14, when nineteen persons were led into the waters of baptism. A crowd of over one thousand persons pressed in and around the edifice to witness the solemn ceremony, which was carried on with dignity and solemnity. Others are in the baptismal class who expect to follow shortly, and we praise the Lord for this response to the voice of Present Truth.

Our printing press at the College is establishing a reputation for good work among the citizens nearby. A neighbouring school gave an order for some forms to be printed, on receipt of which they expressed their admiration of the work in terms of praise. We are fortunate to have the service of Professor Rathbun in that department, and to reap the benefit of his education and efficiency. Some work has just been completed for the conference also, which ranks high in its merit.

In the violent storm, which, at Newport, recently killed six persons and made it necessary for twenty-one others to be taken to the hospital, nearly four inches of rain fell on the college campus, and filled all the tanks. It was one of the worst storms ever known, but we are thankful that our school was undamaged.

A strenuous series of College Board meetings was closed on Monday, June 15. Besides a full attendance of local members, Professor W. L. Adams and Pastor A. R. Ogden, as representing the I. A. Division, and the Antillian Union respectively, were present. The meetings were conducted with characteristic harmony and resulted in finding solutions to many perplexing issues that were pending. At the conclusion, the board expressed its appreciation of the keen, level-headed, and helpful counsel of Professor Adams and Pastor Ogden. Professor Adams sailed for Balboa the same afternoon.

The Colporteurs' Institute was conducted by Pastor J. R. McWilliam and Brother W. S. Nation, who will doubtless report. It was pleasing to meet so many of our trail-breakers, looking none the worse for

their battle with life's breezes in that line of work, and seemingly full of courage and faith to continue. We were glad also to see some of our youth from the church schools studying how to earn a scholarship so that they might reach up to higher and greater attainments. The President and others regretted that the attendance at the College Board meetings made it impossible to be present and assist in the Institute. Yet we all felt sure that the Lord would enable Brethren McWilliam and Nation to maintain their good reputation in this line.

Brother Peter R. Evering writes, "I am glad to let you know that a grand improvement has been made since the Conference Team Convention was held here at Mile End. The Sabbath school offerings have greatly improved, and I have arranged a class goal for each class, and the members are striving to reach it every Sabbath. Other plans have been laid which are working successfully."

Here's something worth reading from the pen of Miss Gladys Brodie: "The study of our denominational history is very interesting. It has been so expressed by many of our class. They did not realize this until they began taking the studies. I think it a wonderful privilege for our young people all over the world. Others do not know what they are missing when not taking the course. To me it has been a real blessing and I am determined to complete the studies this time. I am glad to be able to tell you that we had a baptism of seven candidates last week, four of whom were young people of our local society."

Brother W. Wilson, of Bagbie Church writes: "It is evident that the Lord by His Spirit and through the efforts of His people has been kindling a desire for the truth in the hearts of the people in the Pear Tree Grove district. One who has decided to walk in the new found faith is a prominent Baptist, and he found another family and induced the members to attend the studies. They have expressed a desire to live apart from their cherished sins."

Now that the Big Week Campaign is over, we will turn our attention to the preparations needed for the Harvest Ingathering service. Doubtless this year many will point to the hard times, the financial depression, or some other situation. But let us begin right now to educate ourselves to believe that our God is not in the least affected by any local contingency or conditions. Peter sank through looking at the waves, and we will fail

every time we take our eyes off the possibilities in Christ. We may need to make a more thorough and earnest effort, true. But what of it! Like Paul we will say, "Ye have not striven unto blood." Let the need of the hour urge us into the strongest effort we have ever planned. The command of God to "Go forward," has never yet been withdrawn, and its strong thunder tones seem to come with greater urge now the need is greater.

By action of the Conference Committee Sister Emily Fletcher, Prof. and Mrs. Shafer, Bro. W. Rhoden, and Sr. Caroline Milne, were accepted as members of the Jamaica Conference Church. Miss Winnie Thomas was transferred to the Ephesus Church, New York.

Writing of the progress and growth of the work among our coloured brethren in New York, we are informed that two years ago the Ephesus Church membership was about two hundred. Pastor Peters, the General Conference Secretary of the Negro Department, held a series of special meetings since, and the congregation has more than doubled. We praise the Lord for this token of His love, and we welcome our coloured brethren into our fellowship.

At a meeting of the Conference Executive Committee, it was decided to invite Prof. R. Shafer to act as Conference Educational Secretary, until the Antillian Union Mission's plans for this department are completed. Prof. Shafer has kindly accepted this work, and will take it over right away.

Out of respect for the advancing years of dear Pastor M. Jones, a recent action of the Executive Committee has relieved him of the exacting care of the following churches: Darliston, New Market, Beeston Spring, White House, and Contented Hall, which have been added to the District supervised by Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith, and Springfield, which is placed under Pastor L. Rashford. This to take effect from September 1.

In doing this, the Committee hope to relieve our veteran warrior from the strain which he has carried so long and successfully, to enjoy the respite which his long years of earnest service have merited.

Our next campaign is to be the Harvest Ingathering. It begins with September. It should be planned well beforehand. Every S. D. A. should take part, and every person on the Island should be solicited. Church officers, get quickly into touch with Pastor Meeker about your plans. Thorough organization coupled with consecrated effort will win the day and reach the goal.



Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow for the Inter-American Division

During this quarter our Sabbath schools throughout the world will have their attention drawn in a very special way to the needs of the fields in the Inter-American division through the "Missions Quarterly" and otherwise for the Overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering which will be given on September 26th will come to our Division. It will meet some of the calls that are coming from various sections.

We remember with gratitude that Inter-America received the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow the last quarter of 1928, and our Conference had its share which was approximately £130. Our gift on that day was £94 so we received a good deal more than we gave. We trust all our schools will put forth a very special effort to make the coming Thirteenth Sabbath offering a more liberal one from Jamaica for the work in our own field.

A Visit to our Mandeville Sabbath School

It was a real pleasure to attend the Sabbath school at our West Indian Training College on June 6. About five minutes before time for the opening of the session, the officers and those taking part in the opening exercises met in the lobby while the school sang a prayerful song, during the last verse of which the officers and those accompanying them, took their places and bowed their heads in prayer.

Promptly at 9:30 Professor Dunn, the Superintendent, announced the opening song, and we were happy to see almost every seat filled. When Miss M. Bignall, the secretary, read her report we found that there was a membership of 151, and 144 were present the previous Sabbath, ninety of whom had made a daily study of the lesson. There were very many interesting items in this report. In a class of thirteen members twelve had a perfect record; five of this class are preparing for baptism and expect to become members of the church as the result of attending Sabbath school. In another class there is a prospective member. Surely our Sabbath schools are soul winning agencies! Last but not least, Professor Shafer's class had a 100 per cent record as every member had reached the Daily Study, Perfect Attendance, and Offering goal for the previous Sabbath. Well done!

After listening to this good report, Professor Adams and the writer spoke to the

school; the former gave an inspiring talk on the many openings there are for workers among the Indians in certain parts of our Division, and urged all to make the Thirteenth Sabbath offering for Inter-America a good one. The writer expressed her appreciation of the good work done in the school in soul winning, and in obtaining the "Pennant" with an 118 per cent average. A few words on Rally Day brought us to the time of the review which was well conducted by Brother Hamilton. The lesson study period was an interesting one and we were glad to see the secretary visiting the classes and gaining items of interest for her report. When 10:45 was reached this profitable Sabbath school session was brought to a close by repeating Psalm 19:14.

Rally Day which we have looked forward to for many weeks is now in the past, but we trust the inspiration received on that day to reach Sabbath School Ideals has remained with us, and we are hoping that our Sabbath schools will make such progress in reaching the goals that before 1931 closes the Sabbath School Department of the Jamaica Conference will have merited a "Pennant." We must have 65 per cent of our Church membership receiving Honour cards, and this standard in offerings. I feel sure every school will want to do their part towards attaining this Goal.

Then we must not forget our Soul-winning Goal in the Sabbath school. How many have won one for the message through its agency? We have now reached the half way mark of 1931. May the last two quarters be our best!

Welcome to our newly arrived Cradle Roll member, Roy Everett Bennett, nephew of Sister A. A. Plummer, Old Harbour. Born May 28, and joined the Roll June 6.

**Young People's Missionary
Volunteer Department**
PASTOR B. A. MEEKER

The VISITOR bears our greetings to the Missionary Volunteers in all Jamaica. We hope that our young people will read this paper, for we hope to use it more and more as a means of communication.

Of course the thing that is of greatest importance is your connection with the Lord. If the salvation of souls is the great object of all missionary activity then the salvation of your own souls must not be overlooked.

The word of God admonishes us to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Yes, there is something to do if you are to be saved. The whole world lieth in wickedness. It is our duty to let our light shine.

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning. You receive strength for service by partaking of spiritual food. We have called your attention in times past to the educational goals of our M. V. Society, and will mention them again that you may check up and see where you stand:

- The Morning Watch.
- The Bible Year.
- The Reading Course Senior.
- The Reading Course Junior.
- The Standard of Attainment.

Every Seventh-day Adventist, and their juniors should be taking one of these courses, reaching steadily forward toward the year's goals. The Morning Watch is for every believer.

Our Conference goal for those taking the Bible Year, reading the good old book through in 1931, is 300. The goal for the Reading Course certificates is 100: and for Standard of Attainment certificates, 50.

It takes continuance in well doing to reach goals. Our greatest concern is about the goal for the Standard of Attainment. It is not large—50 out of about 4,000. But to secure this certificate calls for special effort. It really consists of two short courses, doctrinal, and Denominational History. At the close of each of these, an examination is taken, and a grade of 75 per cent is required for a certificate. In eight churches alone 210 signed cards to take this course, and we have started well. But just think what Jamaica would produce in members of Attainment if all our churches would enter and carry through the plan.

Many have started late and will not be prepared for an examination at this time. There are some who may be ready to take the test, and we appeal to you to send in your request for the questions at once, through your secretary, who should also let us know how many they need of Senior or Junior, and note the course the examination is to cover.

In order that the goal of fifty be reached this year, some can plan to take an examination in both Bible Doctrines, and Denominational History at the next examination in December, or early next year. Our certificate year closes March 31, 1932.

Do not get weary, but stick to it until the prize is gained. Be a member of Attainment.

BYRON A. MEEKER,

"There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul, as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable,"

Home Missionary Department

BYRON A. MEEKER

We are admonished in the Word of God to be "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Now that the Big Week for 1931 is passed, the next question that faces us is a complete settlement of the business. We are not through with Big Week until every penny belonging to the Big Week funds has been sent to the Conference office, and every book unsold returned to the Book and Bible House in good condition.

If there should be any in your church who are holding up this matter of complete settlement, let the accounts be settled. The church officers should see that the plan is carried out. Do not delay in this duty, for with procrastination comes defeat. Those who have taken books must be held responsible for the cash or the books returned. It was with this understanding that they were given books to use in the campaign.

Brethren, we can finish the Big Week enterprise with positive success. Let each of us be prompt in meeting our obligations, and glorious results will crown our faithfulness.

BYRON A. MEEKER.

Doubtless many among the churches have met interesting experiences as they have approached the people with the books. We would be glad to have you write about these, and we are sure the brethren that read them will intelligently follow your work of love with their prayers. Naturally, we in the office are longing to know how this year's campaign has succeeded, so send in reports early, please.

H. J. E.

Publishing Department

W. S. NATION

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

This Heaven-ordained plan was fully grasped by our corps of Colporteurs. As we all met together at the West Indian Training College on the evening of June 9, we had a foretaste of the grand reunion on the Other Side. We all gathered in the Auditorium for our first meeting, which was nicely decorated with mottoes and charts. Also the words, "WELCOME COLPORTEURS, 1931."

Our president who was the speaker for the first meeting, presented a very touch-

ing and inspiring subject on the high and noble calling of the Colporteur work. Elder McWilliam, our Union Field Missionary Secretary, the man of the hour, carried through his daily instructions in a marked manner. His chief objective was, "LIFT THE STANDARD, HIGHER AND HIGHER." During our Devotional hours each morning, we studied the last chapters of *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*. The presence of the Lord was very near as we meditated on those wonderful thoughts from the pen of Inspiration. Magazines and Newspapers tell of present-day happenings, *The Great Controversy* explains the meaning.

We were greatly favoured with the presence of Elder Ogden, the Antillian Union President. He spoke very highly of the Colporteur work. He became a Colporteur at the age of thirteen. Therefore he claimed himself to be the youngest among us, although the oldest in age. We all listened with rapt attention as he expounded the great work that is being accomplished by our consecrated Colporteurs.

The experience of Colporteurs are always appreciated, therefore the time for the Young People's meeting was given over for that purpose. Several had the opportunity to tell what the Lord is doing for them in the field. Brother Russel Morgan told a very thrilling experience, showing how he was instrumental in helping to save the lives of a doctor and his wife. Also of a family who accepted the Truth by reading *The Great Controversy* which he sold to the husband. Others gave similar experiences. Truly this noble army of faithful workers is doing a wonderful work in our Island field.

The first five months of this year have shown a gain in sales and delivery over that of the previous year. It is no less a miracle with the sale of our books during this financial crisis than was the turning of water into wine.

The secret of success is "Just trying once more." Our colporteurs have caught a vision and have set their goals for the next six months accordingly. They are looking forward for increasing success by their willingness to follow the Saviour's plan, in going out, as did the Disciples, two by two. The scripture tells that one will chase a thousand, and two will put ten thousand to flight.

We owe our appreciation to the Matron and Faculty of the College for the splendid entertainment we enjoyed, and which contributed much to the success of the Institute. We go forth again with renewed courage and faith. W. S. NATION.

The rejection of light brings a fall.

"Kept by the Power of God."
 "God is Love."
WELCOME COLPORTEURS
 1931
 "Pray Always."

With the above words in large letters in the chapel at the College everybody knew that a Colporteurs' Institute had started, and the colporteurs were made to feel at home as they arrived from the various parishes of the Island.

Pastor Edmed delivered the opening address on Tuesday evening, June 9, and everyone was thrilled. "I'm so glad I came!" many were heard to remark, and all through the meeting the Spirit testified, "How good it was to be here!"

Almost twenty colporteurs, with their lamps dim, having toiled all the year from town to town and house to house, came for a new supply of oil; and the Lord did not disappoint them. The devotional hour in the mornings was a feast for the sons of the King; then the chapel time was given to us each day, and with students, faculty, and colporteurs present we received instruction from Prof. Adams, our Division Educational Secretary, and others, and each evening we had a preaching service, when our attention was called to the times in which we live and the preparation necessary to meet the soon coming Lord.

The timely instruction given was appreciated by all, and hour after hour we learned how to be more efficient in this high calling. How to meet the people, what to say to them, how to plead with them for their own salvation, how to leave them sweet for the next colporteur, etc., was fully demonstrated and practiced by all present.

The College gave us the parlor of the boy's dormitory for a bed room, and the girls willingly gave us their parlor for a class room during the day. Many appropriate mottoes and paintings were furnished by Sister Bertha Peake, calling our attention to the Work and Sacrifice here and the Reward over there. These were hung about our classroom, and the experiences given proved that they were true to life.

The College Press furnished us with printed programs for the Institute, and the young ladies showed their skill in domestic science as we came up three times a day to the dining room. We do appreciate the many kindnesses received from the College, and we pray God's blessing upon it.

The first five months of the present year show a gain over the same period of last year of more than £400 in sales, but we have set our goals even higher for the

balance of the year. And now with our lamps trimmed and burning brighter, we are returning to our fields of labour to show our appreciation by our reports. Remember the colporteurs in your prayers.

J. R. McWilliam,
Antillian Union, F. M. S.

Colporteur Monthly Report
May, 1931.

NAME	HOURS	SALES	DELIVERIES
Hurst, B. E.	123	£75. 0. 0	£53.12. 0
Dillon, L.	167	55. 5. 0	25. 0. 0
Fletcher, H. H.	52		36.18. 0
Morgan, Uri	164	41.17. 0	29. 0. 3
Ricketts, B. A.	97	27.14. 0	7. 5. 0
Lalor, M.	96	17.15. 0	8.10. 0
Cousins, C. S.	112	17.13. 1	8. 0. 2
Morgan, R.	53	13.17. 0	
Miller, H. G.	107	12.19. 0	16.14. 9
Spence, Alex.	66	11. 5. 0	5.16. 0
Haig, A. R.	20	10.10. 0	1. 1. 0
Ricketts, C.	63	7.19. 6	1.13. 0
Wallace, R.	25		12. 2. 0
Destoe, K.	114	3. 8. 6	17. 1. 0
Dawkins, A.	34	1. 6. 0	10.10. 0
15	1293	£296. 9. 1	£233. 3. 2

W. S. NATION, F. M. S.

How They Recruit Colporteurs in Italy

Brother V. Speranza, who accepted the truth in Iowa, attended school at Broadview and returned to Italy several years ago to act as Field Secretary, sends the following:

"The 'Acts of the Apostles' is being repeated in our day. Two years ago a young man accepted the truth in Palermo through the printed page. He entered the colporteur work and after a few months found and interested another young man. This second young man was baptized and entered the colporteur work. This third one found a fourth, and the fourth found a fifth, and the fifth a sixth. Today all six are actively engaged in the colporteur work in Southern Italian Mission Field. The same story is often repeated in the Northern Italian Mission. Sister Kobal, an old sister colporteur of Trieste, has already won four persons to the truth. One of them, an officer, is at Collonges, preparing for the ministry. In this field we experience the truthfulness of the statement that the colporteur work is one of the most successful agencies for soul winning.

"Perfection of character can not possibly be attained without self-sacrifice."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

In answering the question as to what constitutes the sin against the Holy Spirit last month, the Editor gave evidence that he is not a skilled typist; and we wish to correct the second paragraph of the answer given, which should read fourth line, "We do not understand that the Lord is more arbitrary or exacting in dealing with this sin than He is with others." Please correct this.

Question. "Why do S. D. Adventists advise against attending the pictures in the Movies? Are not pictures good to look at?"

Surely good pictures are good to look at. Pictures that edify, enlighten, and direct our minds to heavenly and educational themes cannot be condemned, and if the "Movies" would confine themselves to such there would be no harm in attending them in moderation. But it should be emphasized that Satan reaches our hearts by way of our senses. The sense of sight is a blessing when rightly used — "Blessed are they that see!" Judging from the posters and the advertisements, the movies appear to cater to the baser passions of man, and to create "eyes full of adultery" which find condemnation in the Word of God. Through suggestion by sight, unholy emotions are awakened, and impure passions are strengthened. David prayed, "Turn mine eyes from beholding vanity," Psalm 119:37. The word "Vanity" here means that which is unprofitable. Isaiah wrote us a message from the Lord which says that he who will escape from the fires of perdition is he who "shuteth up his eyes from seeing evil." Do not forget, either, that "By beholding we become changed." Not long ago a little boy shot his brother while in a temper. The judge who tried him asked him what made him think of doing such a dastardly thing, and he answered, "I saw in the pictures two men fought and one shot the other, and I thought I would do the same to Cyril." Isaiah 2: 16 mentions "the pictures of desire" (or lust) among the things that will suffer the vengeance of God in the day of final reckoning. Educational and spiritual pictures cannot, however, be condemned. Phil. 4: 8.

EVERY COLOURED MAN IN JAMAICA PRAYED

What a wonderful experience that must have been! Seldom has it been true of any large population; but we are told that

it did happen once in Jamaica, under thrilling circumstances.

And when did this happen? Was it during an earthquake, or hurricane? No! And we are not thinking of the adventures of the storm-beaten ships of Columbus when they were driven ashore to St. Ann's Bay: nor of the days of the old Buccaneers and their depredations and freebooters who built up the wealthy city of Port Royal, under Morgan. It was not even when the timid Spanish fleet created the name "Runaway Bay" or in connection with the illicit rum-running enterprises that have darkened the history of this Island gem.

But, from the Treaty of Madrid in 1670, the Indians who had possessed the mountain fastnesses of this Caribbean garden, were superseded by Africans who were brought over by Spaniards for the purposes of slavery. During the eighteenth century over half a million were landed here to become victims of cruel and relentless oppression at the hands of inhuman taskmasters. They were reduced to poverty, wretchedness, and degradation, and their history was written in blood until the liberty-loving Englishmen of Great Britain, on learning of the facts, demanded their liberty.

The midnight between July 31 and Aug. 1, 1838, marked the divide-line. The first date was the last of slavery, and the second date was the first of freedom; and in the brief transition hours fourteen thousand adults and five thousand children realized as never before that heaven and earth are not far separated. Led by William Knibb and James Philippo, this great audience on bended knee lifted a united heart to God in prayer, erstwhile waiting for the bell to strike the emancipation hour. Fuller, himself a child of slavery, says, "Every coloured man on the Island was on his knees."

This remarkable dual effect of the Gospel, first in creating the love of justice among the lawmakers of England, and second, in turning these slaves to God, when they might otherwise have been planning to avenge their grievances upon their enemies, is impressive. But a yet more wonderful ceremony is recorded. The slaves had decided to bury their hatred and forget their wrongs. A beautiful coffin of polished mahogany was made, and this was packed with all the instruments of torture and cruelty under which they had suffered. The whips,

branding irons, fragments of the treadmill, handcuffs—all were placed within, and as the midnight hour struck, the casket was gently lowered into a grave and buried so that their cruel servitude should be forgotten. The service closed with the singing of the good old doxology.

That the Lord has signally blessed Jamaica for this sweet and forgiving spirit is evident everywhere. Only ten years after the passing of the Emancipation Act through the British Parliament, in 1834, the Judgment Hour proclamation began. In a few more years, the Lord sent His last message to us.

And today Jamaican S. D. Adventists are found scattered all over the Island, in over one hundred churches and companies and Sabbath schools. One hundred young men and women are at the college preparing for the best walks in life, hundreds of dear children are in our church schools. In the past three years over twenty church buildings have been finished, started, or repaired. But there are more of the Jamaican people to come in. All they need is to be instructed in the truth, and they love the Lord so much that it takes little persuasion to enlist them as members. Let us reach out more and more after this people. It is now, or never, for soon probation's opportunity will close forever.

THE WIN-ONE PLAN

The Christian church was founded by this win-one plan. One gets a thrill of enthusiasm when reading of the early days of the gospel story, for the narrative seems so simple and the work so easy. Andrew, of whom we hear so little, had witnessed the baptism of Jesus, got acquainted with him, visited His home, sat at meal-table with Him, and, in fact, spent a day with Him. Rising from table, he searched out his brother, Simon Peter, and won him.

The next day Jesus Himself followed the plan, found Philip and won him. Then Philip hunted among the trees where he found Nathaniel praying for light, and won him.

In each case, the victory was won through relating a personal experience. In each case they brought their trophies to Jesus.

In gaining Peter, Andrew little thought of the wonderful results of his endeavour.

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LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

Hello Little Folks! I've just come back from Cuba, where I met such a lot of little folks like you, full of fun and as happy as the day. I met a number of them in the Sabbath school at Santiago, and they all wanted me to tell them about you, so I gave them your kindest greetings, and told them you love Jesus just like they do, and read the same Bible, only their Bible is in the Spanish language, and yours in English. But we'll all speak the same language when we reach heaven; and that made them very happy. They sent their love to all of you in Spanish.

I am going to tell you about a little thing that hops and flies, and is very destructive. I suppose you have all seen the little grasshoppers that we find in the grass, and you have observed their little bodies, long and thin, with a funny little head with two little black eyes sticking out like two little beads? They are very common everywhere. But there is a larger one, of a reddish brown colour with a body about two and a half inches long, about as fat as your thumb. Its hind legs, with knees bent backward are very long, and have a rough edge like the teeth of a saw, so that if they fly into your face, they hurt. It is called the locust. Sometimes they fly in great numbers, and at other times they hop along in the grass. They are always hungry, and it is wonderful how much they can eat.

Some years ago when travelling in Zululand by train, the land suddenly became very dark. The sun was shining brightly, but a swarm of these creatures was flying between our train and the sun, and as many of them fell on the railway lines, the train ran over them until the wheels refused to grip the rails, and just slipped round at lightening speed, making a great noise. But the train could not move. We had to shut the windows, because they filled our compartment, flying against us, and hurting many of the people, and frightening the little folks. This swarm was seven miles long and two miles wide, and very thick, and it took a long time for our train to get past them.

On another occasion a swarm came into one of the large cities and ate calico, dress stuff, groceries, and everything they could devour. And they seemed able to devour so many things. The stores had to close up, and it took many hours to destroy them with the fire hose which they used to play water upon them. They are

so small, yet because they were so many, and all seemed so hungry, they did much damage, destroying thousands of pounds worth of goods in a few hours.

At another time they visited a farming district, and in a few days devoured every blade of grass, all the bark from the trees, and all the farmers' crops except one. As I drove through the once beautiful country, there was not a green thing to be seen anywhere. The lovely trees were quite bare like dead trees, and the fields were brown with the moving hopping masses that we could see as far as our eyes could reach.

At one farm we passed an old gentleman who had grown a large field of tomatoes—about ten acres. They were a fine fruit, large, and tempting to look at. But the locusts had devoured at the plants and eaten the leaves and stems, and a large part of the fruit. The old gentleman had hoped to pay off his farm with the crop, but there he sat and cried like you do sometimes. We tried to comfort him, but he just cried the more. We felt so sorry for him.

But there was one large field of corn belonging to a young man and his wife, who had a little baby boy not long born. It was with them that I went to stay, to prepare them for baptism. Theirs was the only crop left, and everybody expected that to be devoured next.

We had a study about paying the Lord the tithe, that night, and we went to bed late. But soon the father came and said he could not rest until he paid what he owed the Lord. He said he possessed nothing when he first got married, and now he had his farm, his stock, his ploughs and farming machinery, and some cash put away in the bank. He paid me three checks that night, and we slept until five o'clock in the morning, when the farm servants came to tell him that the swarm of locusts were now crossing the ditch to his field of corn. So we all knelt and prayed, reminding the Lord that He had promised that if we paid a faithful tithe, He would rebuke the devourer; and we asked Him for the sake of the people who would hear of His kindness and would serve Him, to preserve the field. We then went out to the field, and began to gather sticks to throw into the ditch and burn. But we had not gone far when we noticed that the locusts were turning away from the field, and in a little while a wind came up and they rose

from the ground with their wings and the wind blew them right away, and Brother S.....'s crop of corn was saved!

We all returned to the house to thank the Lord, and it soon became known that He had honoured the faith and obedience of this brother.

You remember, do you not, that the Lord punished Pharaoh with a plague of locusts? You can read about it in Exod. 10:4-15; where you will see that they acted the same way in those days. But I like the prophecy of Joel, (2:25) who likens our many sins to the locusts, because they eat away our spiritual life and make us unlike Jesus. They take away our love for Jesus, for prayer, for Bible study, for missionary work, for the Sabbath school and the church school, and for one another. But He promises that in these days as we turn to Him, He will make up to us all that we have lost by our waywardness in the past, and will fill our hearts with all that is good. So we will try to remember that our sins are like the locusts, and God has promised to take them away. And if a plague should come to destroy our gardens, if we are faithful in giving Him what is His, (Mal. 3:10, 11) He will rebuke the plague and take care of us.

That little baby is now a grown man, and a missionary, and he has two little sons that want to be missionaries too.

H. J. E.

Names of those Answering Thinking Cap Questions for May.

Eudora Webber, Haskell Webber, Sylvia Morgan, Lilian T. H. Mullings, Cyril Tennant, Martha Wallace. Eric Plummer, Louie Bennett, Edgar Bennett, Luna Davis, Ellis Anderson, Aston Davis, Evelyn Fletcher, Lena Bennett, Iris Grant, Winifred Stern, Lena Grant, Paul Rennalls, Hermon Rennalls.

Thinking Cap Questions for July

1. His father was a king, and when he died this lad became king on his father's throne, and prayed that the Lord would give him wisdom that he might rule well. Who was he?

2. He was taken to prison and put to sleep between two soldiers. But an angel came in the night and set him free. Who was he?

3. A little girl friend of Peter's knew his voice once when he came into the meeting, and was so excited and happy that she ran in and forgot to open the door for him. What was her name?

4. What two sisters held church service in their home?

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EDITOR, - - - - - PASTOR H. J. EDMED

The printers beg the privilege of making apology for running Pastor Rashford's report, entitled "The Right Aim," together with Pastor Meeker's Y. P. M. V. report in the last column of page three in the June VISITOR. The latter's contribution began with "In company with—" near the bottom of the page.

THE BIGGEST CAMPAIGN

In view of the fact that the Harvest Ingathering Campaign will be our next big move, and that the time for this effort will soon be here, it will be well for us to consider this call to the Master's service.

Let us approach the Harvest in a prayerful spirit. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest," Matt. 9: 37, 38,

In the Testimonies we are instructed that "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation in the churches." And, "If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward." Vol. 6, p. 433.

It has been demonstrated over and over that the Harvest Ingathering is a work in which we all can unite with assurance of God's blessing. So we appeal again to every one who longs to know the joys of heaven to labour with the Master now, in the fields which are white already to harvest. Pray much for strength to labour and plan faithfully until the work is done.

BYRON A. MEEKER.

Young People's Page

Concluded.

But in winning Peter, he was the indirect winner of thousands who embraced Christianity at Pentecost. Indeed he raised up a witness for Christ before many languages, and before rulers, for the man he won became a mighty agent in the hands of God and the angels when he was converted.

Let us not forget that from that simple endeavour, Andrew gave to the world a man whose influence, second only to Paul's, was felt by the angry mob that crucified Jesus, by the Gentiles of many countries,

by soldiers, by the church, by the hateful priests and rulers both civil and ecclesiastical, by the sick, by the just and the unjust. Eternity alone can give the full measure of the value of that missionary effort, and there must be many surprises when the saved of all ages are permitted to meet one another in those heavenly mansions Jesus is even now preparing for those who are faithfully carrying on the soul winning work He left for us to do.

Little Folks' Corner

Concluded.

5. How many helped Paul to write the first epistle to the Corinthians?

CHOOSE RIGHT HABITS

The habits we form in school will very largely determine what our habits will be away from school. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," said Joshua of old. Our habits are formed according to our choice of action. Alexander and Napoleon are examples of men who served the god of ambition. Napoleon said, "I propose and I dispose," but at the battle of Waterloo he met his fate. Man proposes but God disposes.

We must form the habit of following the way of rejection of our personal ambition. John the Baptist followed such a course and was killed, but Christ said of him, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist."

Paul had personal ambitions but after he beheld the great light of God he never lost sight of it nor did he see as other men see again.

You and I have before us each day the opportunity of choosing which path we shall follow. We need to place ourselves under the influences which will tend to direct us into the right path. I wonder, young people, if there is a better place on the island of Jamaica to find those influences and ideals than at the West Indian Training College?

The greatest idealism in the world comes thorough obedience and usefulness. "As the ideals of the master were made perfect through sufferings, so those ideals must be realized in us through suffering. The challenge and command to this fearless youth is to do God's will and carry His message to the world."

Another school year will be here before long. Are you planning definitely on being with us at that time, dear young people? Let us hear from you. Address: West Indian Training College, Box 22, Mandeville.

R. E. SHAFER.

OBITUARY

Kenneth Arlington Fletcher, born at Riversdale, October 14, 1926, fell into the family cistern and was drowned, June 19. He was the last of the Fletcher family; a strong, robust and intelligent lad. In his childish way he had begun to show an interest in spiritual things, and his baby voice in prayer will be sadly missed at the family altar.

He was already making himself useful in domestic and home duties, his tiny hands and feet engaging in many little deeds of love and kindness. He cherished high hopes of taking part in the Sabbath School Rally Day. But death is no respecter of persons, nor does he consider our hopes. So the end of our fond little brother came suddenly, and in a way we least expected.

"There is a reaper whose name is death,
And with his sickle keen

He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

When the Master awakens and gathers His jewels we feel sure that little Kenneth will be classed with the precious among them.

The funeral, which was attended by a large circle of friends and sympathizers, was conducted by Pastor A. R. Ogden, assisted by Pastors B. A. Meeker and W. H. Randle, and Professor F. O. Rathbun. The text chosen for the address was from Isaiah 11:6, "And a little child shall lead them." Mrs. B. A. Meeker sang special music, and the service was closed by a brief address from Pastor Fletcher expressing the appreciation of the family to all who had assisted in the service.

A. R. OGDEN.

At the Vespers service at the College on Friday evening, June 19, the President made reference to the sad bereavment that had grief-stricken the Fletcher family, and the Faculty and students present voted to extend their united sympathy with Pastor Fletcher and family. The President spoke of his personal affection for the dear little boy. In and around this sorrow there came the illumined message that our turn may soon come, and we should ever be ready to meet it.

Brother John Ramsay, of Amity, was laid to rest May 14, at the age of 26, after an illness of four weeks with typhoid fever. He accepted the truth in 1925, being baptized that year and continued a faithful member to the end. He maintained a spirit of courage during his illness, ever speaking of the truth to his relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother F. Kisseneal.