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PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

"You have within your reach more than finite possibilities. A man, as God applies the term, is a son of God. 'Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.' It is your privilege to turn away from that which is cheap and inferior, and rise to a high standard,—to be respected by men and beloved by God.

"The religious work which the Lord gives to young men, and to men of all ages, shows His respect for them as His children. He gives them the work of self-government. He calls them to be sharers with Him in the great work of redemption and uplifting. As a father takes his son into partnership in his business, so the Lord takes His children into partnership with Himself. We are made labourers together with God. Jesus says, 'As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.' Would you not rather choose to be a child of God than a servant of Satan and sin, having your name registered as an enemy of Christ?

"Young men and women need more of the grace of Christ, that they may bring the principles of Christianity into the daily life. The preparation for Christ's coming is a preparation made through Christ for the exercise of our highest qualities. It is the privilege of every youth to make of his character a beautiful structure. But there is a positive need of keeping close to Jesus. He is our strength and efficiency and power. We cannot depend on self for one moment.

Reaching Higher and Higher

"However large, however small, your talents, remember that what you have is yours only in trust. Thus God is testing you, giving you opportunity to prove yourself true. To Him you are indebted for all your capabilities. To Him belong your powers of body, mind, and soul, and for Him these powers are to be used. Your time, your influence, your capabilities, your skill,—all must be accounted for to Him who gives all. He uses his gifts best who seeks by earnest endeavour to carry out the Lord's plan for the uplifting of humanity.

"Persevere in the work that you have begun, until you gain victory after victory. Educate yourself for a purpose. Keep in view the highest standard, that you may accomplish greater and still greater good, thus reflecting the glory of God."

God's Ideal for Us

"God's ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach. 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.' This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin."
—*Ellen. G. White, in Messages to Young People, and Desire of Ages.*

THE BIBLE STUDY

THE MORNING WATCH.

1. Q. What time did the Psalmist set apart for prayer?
A. Psalm 5: 3. The early morning.
2. Q. Did Jesus follow this practise?
A. Mark 1: 35. He rose before daylight for prayer.
3. Q. How earnestly did the Psalmist pray?
A. Psalm 88: 13, 14. So that he commanded the attention of heaven.
4. Q. What earnestness characterized the Saviour's prayers?
A. Heb. 5: 7. He prayed, supplicated, and wept for power to save sinners.
5. Q. How did the Psalmist conduct his morning watch?
A. Psalm 119: 147, 148. By combining prayer with Bible study.
6. Q. In what was Jesus like us when on earth?
A. Compare John 15: 5, last clause, with John 5: 30. As we can do nothing without Him, so He could do nothing without His Father. Herein is need for prayer.
7. Q. Who wakens us each morning, and why?
A. Isa. 50: 4. The Lord wakens us to teach us precious things.
8. Q. When does the Lord renew His mercy?
A. Lam. 3: 23. Every Morning Watch.
9. Q. How will His mercies be bestowed?
A. Hosea 6: 3. He will bring them to us each morning when we are waiting upon Him to receive them.
10. Q. When does the Lord give us light on His truth?
A. Zeph. 3: 5. Every Morning Watch.
11. Q. When do angels begin their daily ministry for God's children?
A. Job 38: 7. At the rising of the Morning Star.
12. Q. What promise connects the overcomer with this blessing?
A. Rev. 2: 28. The early companionship of Christ.
13. Q. If we would enjoy this promise, what should we do at the Morning Watch?
A. Prov. 1: 28. We must seek Him early.
14. Q. Who is the Chief Morning Star?
A. Rev. 22: 16. It is Jesus, precious Jesus!

NOTE. The morning star is known to astronomers as the star that rises just ahead of the sun each day. It is a very bright star, known as Venus. The world is still and quiet as it rises, and its brilliant glory gradually fades before the greater light of the sun and the heat of

the day. So Jesus wants to come into our hearts before they are filled with the struggles and heat of the world's perplexities, when our minds are not distracted by the daily round and the common task. His quiet soothing and gentle bracing, equip one for life's task, and polish our armour e'er the battle begins. How appropriate is the Morning Watch!

15. Q. What is gained by the Morning Watch?
A. Psalm 57: 7-11.
 - (a) A fixed purpose.
 - (b) True happiness and praise.
 - (c) An earnest missionary spirit.
 - (d) Exalted views of God and truth.
16. Q. At what time was Israel's Red Sea victory?
A. Exod. 14: 24. At the time of the Morning Watch.
17. Q. What is the true object of the Morning Watch?
A. Hab. 2: 1. To get wisdom and light from God.
18. Q. Do You observe the Morning Watch?
If not, WILL YOU?

RETURNING HOME

On Sunday, May 1, a letter was received from Pastor S. U. Powell, announcing his intention to withdraw from the movement lately inaugurated by Mr. Humphrey in this Island, and asking to be received into the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Body.

This letter was read to the members of the Executive Committee, on Tuesday, May 3, and a resolution was passed warmly expressing the joy of the Committee in receiving this message from our old colleague.

Pastor Powell attended the meeting and made a statement of his regret for the action he took in separating from this Body. He also declared his acceptance of all the phases of the truth as Seventh-day Adventists believe and practice them, and his determination by the Lord's help to undo the influence he may have exerted against this movement. He also affirmed that there were others who would desire to return with him.

In the meantime, Pastor L. L. Hutchinson had been acquainted with this move, and had called a meeting of the North Street Church Committee, and it had been decided by that Body to receive Brother Powell and his wife and friends back to the fold "on profession of faith."

The Conference Committee therefore passed a resolution approving of the action of the North Street Church Committee, and acquiesced in the plans that

had been made for a public welcome to be given on Sabbath, May 7.

A REUNION.

The inauguration of Big Week on Sabbath, May 7, at the North Street Church, was a big affair in more ways than one. One thousand books were taken by members either before or at the meeting, and the programme arranged was very effectively rendered.

At the afternoon meeting the Church Board met together and considered the names of those who desired to return to the fold with Pastor Powell. Each person appeared before the committee and publicly repudiated the separated movement and affirmed their faith in and allegiance to the Message and Body of Seventh-day Adventists. The members of the Conference Committee were all present but one.

From this meeting we adjourned to the church building which was packed with an expectant audience, in which were representatives from all the Kingston Churches. Pastor L. L. Hutchinson took charge, and was supported on the platform by the President of the Conference, Pastors Lin. Rashford, J. A. Reid, Geo. A. E. Smith and Doctor H. M. Johnston. Pastor S. U. Powell was also invited to the platform.

After the opening exercises, Pastor Hutchinson invited Bro. Powell to address the meeting, and in touching eloquence and earnest manner, he expressed his sincere regret for the step he took nearly two years ago in separating from this body; and now, having realized his mistake he desired to "come home" again. He realized the power that attended the Seventh-day Adventist movement and was astonished at the marvellous growth of our work during the twenty-two months of his separation from us. He felt the power of God in this church. He has not lost his love for the truth as we proclaim it and has now very definitely retraced his steps, determined to stand by it until the end. He expressed his appreciation of the warm welcome that had been extended to him by our people and promised to endeavour to undo any evil effects of the mistakes he had made.

This touching address was punctuated by many very hearty amens.

The Conference President spoke of the joy it afforded him to extend to Pastor and Sister Powell a most hearty welcome, as well as to the others who were returning with them. For sometime he has felt a great burden to see unity restored in Jamaica, and had joined in prayer with others that this might be realized. He longed for the fulfilment of our Saviour's promise that, "There shall be one fold and one Shepherd." John 10: 16.

He has confidence in Pastor Powell and gladly accepted, with the Conference Executive, the very definite pronouncement he had just made of his determined loyalty to the truth. He felt that those who were returning were affirming to us what Ruth did to Naomi—"Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1: 16. He then recounted some of the rich experiences the Jamaica Conference has enjoyed since these brethren separated from our fellowship and concluded by warmly extending the right hand of fellowship to Brother Powell.

Pastor L. L. Hutchinson added his testimony of happiness in having Pastor Powell and his wife and friends return "Home," and expressed his confidence in and most hearty welcome to those who return to the fold. He said, that our arms are open wide to welcome all our children home again. He then read the names of those whom the Church Board recommended to be received back to our membership, and as their names were called, they lined up in front of the platform, the vote being very warmly given. Then, led by the President, the Conference Committee members and the Church officers of the Kingston Churches, passed along and extended the right hand of fellowship to each one. We are sure that every one must have been impressed by the affection displayed in this demonstrative part of the programme.

A remarkable meeting was now brought to a close by many stirring testimonies from old colleagues and members of the churches. May we add to this one text: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." Psalm 133.

NEWS NOTES

A visit to Riversdale afforded a week-end, pleasant and full of interest. Fine weather prevailed and the cool atmosphere was a real contrast with what we had experienced the few days just passed. Sister H. Fletcher very kindly made her home our headquarters, the family uniting with her in grateful provisions for our comfort. The Sabbath school was very interesting, the outstanding item being the recitation by seven children of the Secretary's report, under the tuition of Sister Olive Fletcher. Brother Grounds

gave a very profitable study to the M. V. Society in the evening. Sunday, April 24, was excitement day, and Brother Billett was up a coconut tree early, gathering bunches of the large grapes that clustered among the hanging branches that were used to make arches and festoons in the building. Other hands were bringing in the sheaves of flowers and decorating growths, and soon the neat building was a great attraction. Even the children came under the spell of joy, and the display was worthy of a much larger patronage than attended. Still the day was profitable, and we all learned that it is difficult to make Springtide a Harvest Time. The program was well rendered.

We regretted to find Sister Billett suffering, and trust the Lord to restore her to her place of usefulness in the church life.

Friday, April 22, the S. S. "Carrillo" bore away Sister J. W. Grounds, who is visiting her friends in the United States for a few months. Many well-wishers joined Brother Grounds, our esteemed Secretary-Treasurer, in waving prayerful wishes for a safe journey and a speedy return, until the vessel of pure white and stately impressiveness was lost to sight.

We wrote to the donors of the organs, thanking them for their kind gift of the instruments and informing them as to where they had been located. This has been greatly appreciated as is evidenced by several kind and sympathetic replies we have received. Each writer expresses his joy that our brethren in Jamaica have been made happy by these gifts. We would like to publish their replies, but space forbids.

Jamaica still fords ahead with the book work. The latest report shows that whereas in the first quarter of 1931, we ordered books to the value of \$2,250.30, in the same period of this year, 1932, we have ordered to the value of \$3,768.65. This is an increase of \$1,518.35. Jamaica tops the list in the Inter-American Division. Well done, Jamaica! Brother Ricketts says this is the time of "wepresson." Brother Nation smiles.

Brother E. M. Hamilton of Clermont Church, writes that the Macedonian cry is coming from every quarter. He was privileged in the early part of the year to labour in a near-by-district, but a call from another direction caused him to turn his attention to another cry. But his work was not lost, for the first company has called him back quickly for they cannot wait for the message. They are planning a large gathering. Thus the Lord is mov-

ing upon the hearts of the people. "May He move us all to respond."

From Darliston, Brother Arthur Bethune writes: "Wonderful are the manifestations of the working of the Holy Spirit in this district. This has resulted in the baptism of nine souls on Sunday, April 16, by Pastor Smith. A mammoth crowd attended and we could truly feel the presence of the Lord. This interest causes us to look forward to the next ingathering. Brethren, pray ye the Lord of the Harvest, that an abundant harvest be reaped."

The Spanish Town Church held its Harvest Festival April 17, amidst auspicious conditions and splendid weather. The programme was a characteristic one, for the young people always attract an appreciative audience and give them value for money. Every item pleased, and the collection revealed the responsive feelings of the audience. The outstanding item was a "Basket Presentation" by the children, whose accurate rendering and well trained curtseys produced an ornamental crop of viands that found ready sale. Eggs were abundant, local fruits were tempting, and the decorations were attractive.

We have our Leper group at Spanish Town, and in visiting them one could not but be impressed that everything is done by the Government, and the Superintendent, for the happiness of our unfortunate brethren. They sing our hymns lustily, they joyfully acclaim Jesus as Saviour and Friend, and stir one's heart with the warmth of their "Amens." What a day is soon coming when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and in the bloom of immortal glory these dear Brethren will not say, "I am sick!" Their present isolation will magnify the joy of social reunions among the redeemed that will crowd around Jesus when He comes. The Superintendent seemed to take special pains to make our visit a happy one, and as he produced his visiting book, he showed us names of our predecessors whose visits have helped to cheer our unfortunate, yet brave and courageous sufferers. May the Lord bless and comfort the Lepers,—all of them.

That message of Rev. 14: 8, Babylon is Fallen, dug into my heart one day when looking through a list of church members. It was the sight of the word "disfellowshipped," that wrought the impression and gripped my soul. Intuitively, as we asked "How?" the words "How art thou fallen from heaven?" of Isaiah 14: 12, caused a painful sensation for the answer came in several cases, "They have fallen." How sad! Many a bright promising name of

once pure and beautiful youth, standing on the platform of purity and hope—have fallen! Parents what are you doing to keep the flowers in the garden of your home from fading? How are you holding the hand of the foot that is slipping? There is that once beautiful boy whose youthful earnestness added grace and buoyancy to your Sabbath school. There is that charming girl, whose consecrated voice and devoted activities once filled the services on Sabbath with sunshine and joy. Jesus comes to save them, to glorify them—but they are FALLEN! And the fires of vengeance whose flames lick up the wasted embers of human lives that have fallen consume their bodies, while the soul that might be saved is blotted out—lost in eternal oblivion. They have fallen! Oh what a tragedy! Will you not lift them up before it is too late. There is a mission field among the fallen. What will you do about it!

Sunday, May 1st, provided the capital city with another demonstration of the progress of the work. Twelve persons were led into the waters of baptism by Pastor L. L. Hutchinson, and three more were added to our number by profession of faith. Among the candidates was one whose limbs were badly paralyzed but the attending deacons cleverly placed him in the water at the back of the curtain, and the Pastor succeeded in carrying out the sacred burial without any special demonstration, the Lord giving our brother strength to yield to the rite.

Inside, the church was again packed, though the discomfort hitherto experienced through the crush of onlookers was very wisely obviated by an overflow meeting in the yard Tabernacle in which Sister Hutchinson, assisted by Brother C. A. McEwan gave an illustrated Lantern address on the Life Christ.

Sister C. I. Duhany, of Hector's River, has been spending a few weeks in Kingston, but was determined that her church should not suffer in the Big Week Campaign through her absence. Securing her quota of books from the Book and Bible House, she visited outside the boundaries assigned to others, and disposed of them before the campaign began. Well done, Sister, we admire your loyalty to your church as well as to God's precious Cause.

Colporteur A. Dawkins recently paid us a visit, and while recounting his canvassing experiences informed us that he has decided that the books the people need to-day are those of Sister White, and although they are not so easily sold, he is determined to use them in preference to the more easily sold medical books. That

the Lord is blessing his resolve is seen in the delivery of one hundred per centum, for the first, and a loss of only two per centum on each of the next two deliveries.

Accompanied by the Sabbath School Secretary, the President spent a happy Sabbath with the new Morant Bay company, April 30. Threatening clouds which frequently poured their contents upon us did not deter the members from attending the meetings. Pastor Stockhausen had sixty adults in the baptismal class, and a registered Sabbath school attendance of 110 when all were present. We felt as if we were talking to an old and well established company, for the routine of Sabbath School, Home Missionary, and other regular services, seemed quite natural to them. An offering was taken up for the Picture Roll for one year; they have kept above their Sabbath school offering goal—hoping to get the pennant; they are also subscribing to board the weather side of the Tabernacle without Conference help. The testimonies of the social service had the Advent ring, and when the day was passed, we felt as if we had been visiting one of our old churches. It is the miracle of our message that in so short a time a new company can so fully harmonize with our world movement.

MOUNT PROVIDENCE. "To the VISITOR reading family, we send greeting. We believe you will be glad to know that on April 24 a very nice programme was rendered by the M. V. Society, entitled, M. V. Rally. First we marched through the district for about half a mile, with banners and flags. This created a large crowd and the church was filled to its utmost capacity. Brother James Edwards occupied the chair and gave a pleasing address on the M. V. work. We received donations amounting to £1. 1. 0½, for which we praise the Lord."

ROBERT Z. BRYANT, *Clerk.*

Owing to domestic matters, Sister C. Abrahams, who has been our office stenographer has found it necessary to leave our work. By her quiet and dutiful manner, Sister Abrahams has gained the appreciation of the staff, and it is with regret that we part. Before leaving, during the chapel exercises at the office, the President took the opportunity to express the regrets of the staff at her leaving, and to present her in their behalf with a token of their esteem and appreciation.

Miss L. Viola Hamilton, who has spent a long time at our Mandeville College, and who has done successful and efficient work in the office there, has accepted a call to our office, and we extend to her a very cordial welcome.

Word has come to us that Pastor A. R. Ogden having recovered from his operation, arrived at Havana about the middle of May and resumed his duties as President of the Antillian Union. Pastor Ogden seems to think that a minor operation is a pretty bad thing. Naturally active, the hardest endurance of his illness was the "lie still" command. But we congratulate him on his success in obeying the orders, and on his recovery.

The various series of meetings carried on for the past three months by our ministers were well timed, for no sooner had the time come to bind off the results than the rains became a distinctive feature in all the Island experience. We have reports from every part of the Island of the torrential rains, but we are thankful to escape the earthquake shocks that are daily visiting our neighbouring states and Islands, and also the devastating high winds.

Bananas will be in demand this year in Jamaica, for the supply is smaller than the trade calls for. This means a spell of prosperity for our country members, though we fear the towns-people may suffer more this year than last from the financial crisis of the world. Now is the time for our members to get into the country and work the land; and we believe we are safe in predicting that as time closes up, the move into the country will be more and more imperative. Leave the cities alone.

For every day of last year in the United States an average of 28 members was added to our ranks. Think of it! A church of 28 members brought into existence every day of the year. Surely the blessing of God has attended the humble efforts of both ministry and laity. In Inter-America an average of 8½ members were added to the message.

L. V. FINSTER.

Jamaica behind!!! We are doing better, but we are BEHIND! We must press on for better things. Certificates were given in 1931:

BIBLE YEAR,

Cuba, 104,
South Caribbean, 251
Jamaica, 173.

READING COURSES,

Cuba, 45,
South Caribbean, 393
Jamaica, 106.

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT

South Caribbean, 93,
Jamaica, 8.

The South Caribbean membership is 2,225, with a total of 737 certificates. Jamaica, with a membership of 3,641, only

287 certificates. Here is something for our Church Leaders and Home Missionary officers to think about. Can we not induce many more to push their way clear through these reading and educational courses? This is real uplift work, and is worthy of our strongest effort.

Some may think that a certificate is not worth much. Well, it is not—as a scrap of paper. But, you know, brethren, a cheque for £1,000 is not worth much as a scrap of paper. But what is on the paper represents something of immense value. It is what you get for it that makes its worth. If a man should offer any one of us a cheque for £1,000 we would value that paper at exactly £1,000. But pounds sterling belong only to this life. In eternity you will trample the gold under foot but what these certificates represent you will value with eternal enthusiasm, for what we read and study we work into our character—the only thing we will take from this life into the next. Come, Jamaica, get down to business and let us change this report for 1932.

Taking up the Tithes and offerings is becoming a very formal ceremony in some of our churches. It is usually like this: "The tithes and offerings will now be taken up while we sing hymn——" Then the same old hymn is gone through while the deacons solemnly pass the plates or bags and the people almost automatically drop the envelopes in. Then a formal prayer ends the ceremony, and we begin the service.

Now we wonder why the taking up of the Lord's money should be such a separate ceremony. Why not let it be a part of the service. "Enter His courts and bring an offering unto the Lord." Is not the payment of the Lord's money a prelude to the outpouring of a rich blessing? Mal. 3: 10. And would it not be pleasant to introduce the offering with some short, pithy, and cheering promise of God, either from the Bible or the Testimonies, or a five line paragraph taken from the Leader's heart? Try it.

Very cheering results have been developed by the series of meetings conducted by Pastor J. A. Reid at Regent Street, and the culminating service was conducted there on May 8. A very crowded and most orderly congregation assembled, and the choir rendered some excellent musical selections. Water has recently been laid into the font, and twenty converts had registered their names for Baptism. Fifteen of these were baptized by Pastor Reid on this occasion, the others having to postpone their part owing to sickness. The sermon was preached by the Conference

President, Brother J. W. Grounds assisting in the service. The spirit of the meeting was very reverent, and the recent revival which the Pastorate of Pastor and Mrs. Reid has created has brought great joy to the members.

A request from the Glengoffe Church for a minister to conduct a series of meetings in their church has been responded to, and about the first week in June, Pastor Reid will conduct the meetings. We are glad to know that there has recently awakened a new interest in the Glengoffe district, due to the activities of the members in Missionary lines.

In spite of the hard times the energetic members of the Mount Providence Church have succeeded in getting all their windows, and the church building now takes on quite a good appearance. They are hoping to have the building dedicated at the end of the year.

JAMES BAILEY.

Miss L. E. Chisholm of Southfield has been taking a rest on Medical advice. Her stay in Kingston was a very pleasant one, and she returns to her home much benefited by the change. Though she is teaching in a denominational school which is managed by a clergyman, her Sabbath-keeping views do not hinder her employment, nor do they minimize the kindness of her principals. It always rejoices us when a member's consistent life commends itself to those who are not of our faith. We have not forgotten the splendid chairmanship of her Head Master at one of our programmes recently.

Washed out by the heavy rains, Pastor Randle was obliged to close down his effort, but not without fruit. We hear that over twenty persons have taken their stand for the truth. Truly it is wonderful how the people are coming into our ranks!

At the close of the eight weeks evangelistic services at Montego Bay, Pastor Smith buried fourteen persons in the waters of baptism.

Before ministering the right, he spoke to a large audience at the White Sands on, The Birth, not only by Water, but by the Spirit." There are others to go forward later. To God be the glory.

Contributed.

The closing part of the Message Series of meetings which are being conducted by Pastors Fletcher and Randle have been forced to an abrupt and untimely conclusion by the heavy rains. They are holding on, however, and good results are promising. We hope that the rain in its

visitations may prove a symbol of Showers of Blessings yet to be realized.

AUCTEMBEDDIE. Owing to the incessant rains for the past two months we have actually had to cancel all appointments for meetings, as the rains usually fall in the afternoons just about the time for the meeting. We have fixed Sunday, May 15, for the Baptism, and expect to baptize most of the class of sixteen.

There has been quite a change in the sentiments of the people of the district, as they felt that we had built our church back in the forest where we were hidden away. Hence we were seldom visited by outsiders. Now, some are coming even on Sabbaths, and we hope they will soon throw in their lot with us.

At Jointwood there is a large baptismal class preparing, and these we hope to baptize in the near future. While the enemy does all he can to oppose us and to set up embarrassments, the Lord works in spite of him and brings many to the acceptance of the truth. Let us keep active and full of courage.

LJN RASHFORD.

The following incidents illustrate how the leading of the Master is in His cause. Two Sisters who were baptized at Darliston a few weeks ago, during the period of their preparation, had their neighbour's little girl come in and study with them. As a result little Miss Ruby Nation, age 13, has been saturated through and through with love for Jesus and His last Message of mercy. She requested her grandmother (her guardian) to give her permission to visit the Church, but was refused on two occasions. After some more instructions in the home of Sister Mair, however, she was able to marshal overwhelming evidence from the Bible why she should attend the Adventist Church. Grandma has consented for her to visit the Church on Sabbaths when there is fair weather as she lives five miles distant.

The other case is that of little—— age 12, of Montego Bay who on her way home from school discusses with her companion some of the things she hears at the meetings. Some people who are behind, hearing what is talked about, overtake these little ones and ask to be told more. The children do so to the extent of their ability, and furthermore make an appointment with these people that one of the officers is now filling in conducting Bible Studies. Truly, "A little child shall lead them."

GEO. A. E. SMITH.

"The most zealous saint that ever lived said, "This ONE thing I do."

LIFE'S TESTS.

Things worthwhile always cost something in the getting. Blot out the famine from the story of Joseph, his pathway of persecution and wicked treatment, and his life loses its glory; the thrilling family re-union would serve no attraction. Rob the terrors of the Red Sea of their part in Israel's deliverance and the back-ground setting of the slave time in Egypt, and and the song of Moses would sound tame and empty. Even the tragedy of calvary was needed to flash the portals of eternal life with its vital spark and quicken hearts into the melodies of the song of Moses and the Lamb. There could be no strong oaks if the tempests were removed, and little lilies grow white and pure from the sordid marsh. If Gideon had been born a prince of the realm, brought up amid the lavish splendour of some mighty throne, like Moses was, his stirring victory would pale into insignificance. In all earth's greatest triumphs and achievements there has been a dark and often miserable setting which only serves to magnify the triumph that has cost so much.

It is said that at one time Constantius, the father of Constantine, desired to test the sincerity of his Christian courtiers. So he issued a decree that all among them who would not renounce the worship of God and serve the gods of Rome, should be banished and their goods confiscated. Consternation took hold of those who served God for loaves and fishes, and for days many hearts of the untrue quaked with apprehension and fear. But the sincere Christians met the issue with loyalty to God. They feared too, but their fears did not weaken their faith, and when the final test was put, hundreds were banished, while many were retained, for the Emperor said, "I will keep those who have been true to their profession, for if a man is faithful to his God, he will be faithful to me." How beautifully did the holy consecration of those faithful servants shine forth in that dark hour!

So, when life's trying times come around, let them serve to demonstrate our loyalty to God. Then out of the darkest gloom the Lord will create new joys that it will take eternity to express. If the path of duty involves a sacrifice, let us make it. The cost will pale into nothingness when we compare it with those happy days that have not been seen by human eyes, nor heard by the happiest ears, for they will surpass all that all our human hearts collectively could imagine. ED.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Home Missionary Department
BYRON A. MEEKER

Now that the Big Week Campaign is over, we give a backward glance and I trust that all who read these lines may rejoice in whatever success has been achieved, having had some part in it.

The churches have responded well and we believe that when the returns are all in we shall see that God has blessed our labours together abundantly.

It has been the privilege of the writer to visit a number of the churches in the interests of the Big Week. Everywhere our brethren manifest an interest in the spread of the message. Only eternity will reveal the results in souls saved for the Kingdom of God.

But missionary work is never finished until we are called to lay down the cross.

There may be many who have been impressed by the good books they have received or the visit of the worker. They should be visited again and again. More literature should be placed in their hands. Bible readings and cottage meetings should be held for their benefit. The follow-up-work is what counts most in the winning of souls.

We should plan for a steady distribution of literature in our districts. It is suggested that we use the "Family Bible Teacher." Already some are entering into the plan heartily. The set consists of twenty-six readings. These are to be given in order, No. 1 the first week, No. 2 the second week and so on. One set may be used in this way to supply several families, if you will notify the readers to return the tract you have left with them. The tract may be taken up and a new one left, and the one taken back passed to another.

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

Young people, arise. The way is opened for you to take a course in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History with very little expense. The two books required beside the Bible costs but 1/9. In many places the class idea seems to be a failure. Are you going to fail because others do? Of course do all you can to encourage others and unite with them if possible in study. Do not allow the years to pass without taking advantage of the opportunity to take the Standard of Attainment. Use your spare time to improve

your God-given talents. Be all that you can be for Jesus who is more than all the world to you.

The Missionary Volunteers are doing a splendid work in some of the churches.

The Spanish Town young people are holding meetings in the leper home, for some of our afflicted brethren and interest is manifest by others in the singing and studies.

In Mandeville there is a mailing and correspondence band doing excellent work.

The young people at Riverside the new church in Hanover are busy in house to house distribution of literature and many churches are taking their place in this work.

Please let the Conference Secretary know of your special activities and we will plan to pass on the good ideas to other churches in the next issue of the VISITOR.

Sabbath School Department
MRS. H. J. EDMED

The summary for the first quarter of 1932 has a few encouraging items which we would like to mention before giving the actual figures. Our membership has increased from 4555 to 4948 which is just 52 short of the goal we set for the year. Then every school is included for every secretary was faithful in reporting. Of the 105 schools 99 were on time and six were tardy. We want our schools to be one hundred per cent prompt as well as one hundred per cent in reporting. Try it, secretaries, at the close of this quarter.

Our honor cards exceed in number any previous record for we sent out 1001, and our offerings are ahead of those for the first quarter of last year. We do feel thankful for this progress but as a Conference we are a long way from the required average of 65 per cent in honor cards and offerings to obtain the "Pennant." We are hoping, however, that it will be ours before 1932 closes. It will only be possible if each school will continue to improve in these goals for we are now only half way up the ladder.

The following resolution, among others, was sent out by the General Conference Sabbath School Department a few days ago, and reads thus,—Resolved, "That we ask all our people everywhere to arise to the present need by giving weekly such increase of offerings as they are able." If we can respond, we will be adding to our Mission offerings and at the same time making progress toward the "Pennant." We trust everyone will do his best in this time of financial crisis in our work.

The investment plan is an easy way of raising our gifts to Missions and we would urge our Sabbath School officers to be faithful in keeping this plan before the members through the programmes sent out and by reminders in the Sabbath School throughout the year.

The Old Harbour Sabbath School is one of our smallest, yet the following report shows that they are alive to progressive movements: "Our investment programme came off yesterday (Sunday) with good success. Our members responded readily to the calls, and, invitations having been extended to others, we had quite a nice gathering. Two Sisters had made buns, a Brother and his wife planted peas and pumpkins and gave part of their profits to the fund. Another Sister donated eggs, a Brother gave a chicken as did one of the younger boys. Two Sisters made dresses. Bro. Plummer and I planted two roots of cane which bore as nothing else we planted. The money he received for the canes bought a hen, and the eggs of this hen were among the largest we ever have seen. They made us feel that the dear Lord has a hand in this work. The money and the eggs provided a cake. Everything was easily disposed of to the visitors who seemed disappointed when they found everything was sold. A young man sent word that he wanted to buy the two little dresses, and so we sold them to him although I had one for my little girl. The children played an important part in the exercises, and we received in cash 13/- (thirteen shillings), and we haven't tongues enough to praise the Lord for His goodness." A. A. PLUMMER.

We have just received a Circular showing how well this plan is succeeding through the world for during 1931 \$59,826.66 was brought into the General Conference treasury for Missions through this means. Jamaica had a part in this for our Investment offering for 1931 exceeded any previous year on record.

Jamaica Summary for quarter ending March 31, 1932.

Number of schools	105
Number reporting	105
Membership	4948
Attendance	4471
Honor cards issued	1001
Bookmarks for one year's record	73
" two "	10
" three "	8
" four "	5
" five "	1
" eight "	1
Number taking the Teacher's Training course	155
Certificates obtained	23
Offerings	
Twelve Sabbaths	£205. 5. 2½

Thirteenth Sabbath	72. 8. 4½
Investment Fund	9. 2. 8½
Birthday offerings	2.12. 8¾
Total	£289. 9. 0

Of this amount the Home Division members gave £7. 10. 9½.

The Sabbath School at Craig Head succeeded in winning the "Pennant" for last quarter. We congratulate them. Who will be the next to have it?

Publishing Department
W. S. NATION

The progress of the Printed Page in this Island is truly miraculous. The fruit of these silent messengers brings joy not only to us but also to our Heavenly Parent. Brother Uri Morgan sends a very encouraging letter toward this end. "About August last year" he says, "I sold the *Return of Jesus* to a certain man. He had a friend who visited him, read the book and became interested in its message. A short time after, I came in contact with the interested man, talked with him on some of the doctrinal points of this Denomination and then lent him two little books entitled, "The Bible made plain," and "The Christian Sabbath." He studied the "Christian Sabbath" for himself, and then studied it with another man and his wife. A few days ago he wrote me a letter in which he stated that his family of three, and that man and his wife are all keeping the Sabbath, and are listed in the S. D. A. company that is nearest to them. The man and his wife have also promised to give a piece of land on which to build a church."

We have this promise of God through His servant: "The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown and now will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them." Great Controversy p. 612.

The writer also had the opportunity while travelling on the train to speak to a young man about the Truth for the time in which we live. Later on I sent him some tracts and wrote him a missionary letter. In less than four weeks I received a letter from him stating that he read the tracts and is convinced of the

Sabbath and has started to observe it. Prayer changes things. Let us remember to sow beside all waters.

While visiting the various homes with our colporteurs, my first opportunity is to take an inventory of the books, if they are in sight. In some homes we find up to six of our religious books. Even among some of our enemies can be found several books on the message. Shall we not look forward in the near future for a rich harvest of souls according to the statement found in Colporteur Evangelist, page 6: "It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlour table, and seldom look at them. Still God has care of His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in the books Gods sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest. His love is revealed to them, and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins. Thus the Lord co-operates with His self-denying workers."

Colporteur Report

April, 1932.

NAME	HOURS	SALES	DELIVERIES
Cousins C.	14	£1. 6. 0	£1. 8. 6
Dawkins, A.	57	14.19. 6	12. 9. 0
Destoe, K.	35	17. 2. 0	31. 4. 9
Dillon, L.	54	15. 0. 0	20. 0. 0
Edwards J.	6	2.13. 6	
Fletcher, H. H.	52	25. 8. 0	9.12. 0
Grant, H. W.	58	11. 2. 0	4. 0. 0
Miller, H. G.	48	3.19. 6	49.10. 6
Ricketts, B. A.	52	6. 5. 3	57.19. 3
Ricketts, C.	43	8. 2. 0	1. 0. 0
Wallace, R.	51	15. 7. 0	7. 4. 0
11	470	121. 4. 9	194. 8. 0

PRESIDENT WATSON SPEAKING

Financially, the literature work is self-supporting. Effectively, it is abundantly fruitful. Evangelically, it is wonderfully direct and effectual. . . It surely must be an important part of the task and responsibility of each conference president to see that his field is being widely and efficiently served by this important soul-winning agency.—W. H. Watson.

ONE COLPORTEUR KEEPS TWO PREACHERS BUSY

You will be interested in the fact that one of our colporteurs has stirred up an interest so great that it takes two preachers to instruct these people, and as high as 180 would come out to the meetings, twenty-five of which have asked for baptism. Another minister has continued the meetings, and he writes me that the interest is in no sense abating. On the contrary, many people are coming constantly. Without doubt we will baptize

thirty or forty people due to this colporteur's activities.—*Henry Brown, Field Missionary Secretary, Austral Union, South America.*

"You will be interested to know I am now a full-time colporteur. 'Bible Readings' is my line. I am having splendid success too. I started out at the beginning of the new year, and to date I am leading all the colporteurs of the British Isles in total business. . . . I mention this because

a year or so ago I took your course in 'Christian Salesmanship,' and this is really the first opportunity for carrying the instructions into practice. I want you to know how very helpful it has been. It has literally repaid me a hundredfold. I hope to have three scholarships before the summer is done. This will then carry me right through school to graduation."

—*Leonard G. White, in The Publisher's Digest.*

Young People's Page

NEZAHUALCOYOTL

Nezahualcoyotl was an Indian chief who reigned over the Tezcucans, one of the most enlightened peoples of Mexico, from 1427 to 1470. When only fifteen years of age, he witnessed the brutal murder of his father nearby a tree in whose branches he was in hiding, at the instigation of a jealous aspirant. He had been captured by the Tepanecs who had invaded his country.

The lad then fled, fearing that he might share the same fate as his father, but he was captured and cast into a dungeon, from whence, aided by a faithful old servant of the family, he made his escape. But as a fugitive his life was filled with danger; and he would often have forfeited his life had it not been for the loyalty of his peasant subjects who risked and sometimes lost their lives in their endeavours to shield him. Thus for eight years the lad was hunted, until the king's bitterness died down, and he was permitted to take up his abode in one of the castles until the death of his enemy.

Then came a new monarch—Maxtla by name, who also refused homage from the young prince. Maxtla swore that he would seize the young man and offer his steaming heart to the gods; but Nezahualcoyotl by the aid of his dexterity or the conniving of his loyal friends made a successful escape, dwelling in seclusion and gaining the affection of his people, until he succeeded in uniting Maxtla's subjects with his own—a feat made easy of achievement by the despotic cruelty of Maxtla's rule. His subjects resented the cruelty, and he himself suffered the fate he had planned for Nezahualcoyotl.

From this time, the fugitive was acclaimed king, and began a happy reign that was eventful only for the prosperity and harmony of its days. But a dark blot, like that of David's, stained the purity of his regime. The King, now fully established fell madly in love with a young

wife of one of his subjects. He determined at all costs to make her his own, and having ordered the murder of the man by placing him in the thick of a fight, and the plot being fully accomplished, he sent for the widow and married her. He was a good husband to her and loaded her path with such compensations as his heathen mind could invent, but the memory of his wrong never left his mind, and in his happiest devotion to the woman the cherished shadow pressed over his heart and mind.

As a monarch, beloved of his people, he grew in wealth and power. His laws were just and free from all oppression. He mingled freely with his subjects, listened to their conversation, and questioned them about his rule. If he found a flaw that robbed his subjects of liberty and happiness, he had the law changed. He provided for his poor, who always found an open heart and a willing ear in the person of their king.

He built some wonderful palaces of lavish splendour. His pyramid temples were more wonderful than the pyramids of Egypt. He encouraged art, music, science, and culture. He surrounded his palaces with landscapes of unrivalled beauty, and his gardens were prolific of fountains and aviaries into which he gathered the most beautiful and musical birds. Indeed his culture was refined beyond his time and in advance of his people.

But this monarch, ruling amidst sublime splendour, and surrounded by all that human heart could wish and wealth could provide, knew not God. He worshipped many gods whose demands were so sickening and murderous, and so full of oppression and greed, that his religion became repellant to him. As he witnessed his priests tearing living hearts from bodies of harmless victims stolen from happy homes, innocent of any crime, he became indignant with the gods. And then in his own home he proved the gods to be deceptive. After eight years of mar-

riage no little heir had graced the family, and he did not want to die without a successor of his own kin to follow him. The priests laid the blame upon him, saying that if he would be more attentive to the gods, and give them more human hearts, they would grant his desire. So he reluctantly agreed to their proposition; but all in vain. At last, discouraged, he built a huge temple of his own, in which he refused to allow any gods. His ceilings were nine, filled with stars and he supposed there must be a true God beyond. For forty days and forty nights, he fasted and prayed to his unknown God. Said he, "These idols of the temples can neither see nor hear, nor can they feel; much less could they make the heavens above my head, or the earth beneath, and make man lord of it all. These must be the work of an all-powerful though unknown God, on whom I must rely for consolation and support." In his worship of the Unknown he offered only simple words with sweet incense of aromatic herbs, gums, and capol. Then to his delight, his prayer was answered.

The Holy Spirit had been moving upon his mind, and now his faith led him closer to the Unknown. But there was no man with a message of light. Reason alone, coupled itself with an answered prayer, and opened up vistas of future hope and joy, and illumined this heathen chief until he believed he would someday pass the nine heavens into the presence of One higher than himself.

It was 1470. The old and mystic form revealed the feebleness of earthly power and fading strength. Around the bed of pure gold gathered like the patriarch Jacob's family in his last moments, were the family of the heavy-hearted courtiers of king Nezahualcoyotl to hear his dying benediction. Among them stood the little eight year old successor to that mighty throne—the boy—gift of the unknown God. Drawing him tenderly to his bosom, the dying chief embraced his child, threw over him his regal robes of state, and urged his subjects to give him the homage, devotion, and service which they had given to him. Then, exhorting the child not to neglect the worship of the Unknown God, he told him how he regretted his unworthiness to know Him personally, and he intimated that the time would come when He would be known and worshipped throughout the land.

Thus weeping his last farewell, the frail body gave its last struggle and sank slowly into the slumber of death. Mexico's greatest chief was laid to rest amidst the sorrow and honor of his people, but the greatest ornament of his

life was the hope of seeing God, which he never realized.

More than four centuries have rolled away since that sad day, and the varying storms and tempests have buried much of the old story from human sight only to be reopened by the archaeologists of our day, and the question of the unknown God is being repeated by thousands of Mexican Indians who are searching for the truth. How shall they hear without a preacher? How can they get a preacher to reveal this unknown Deity—WITH A CUT BUDGET!

Surely we should do all we can to swell the Mission funds and be faithful in giving the Lord His portion.

A MISSION SCHOOL BOY PREACHING

One evening about a year ago a native boy fourteen years of age came to Emmanuel Mission, dirty and poorly clad. He requested work. We decided to try him. A few days later the boys saw him smoking. They told him such a habit defiles the body. He immediately crushed his pipe upon a rock, saying, "I will smoke no more." One year later he was baptized.

When school closed for the holidays he asked that clothes be purchased with the money he had earned and not drawn, as he wanted to visit his parents. He took his Bible and a Sabbath school picture roll.

On arriving home his people did not recognize him, such was the change in his life. His mother wept for joy. She thought he had been killed. He told them where he had been and what he had learned from the Book of God. His mother was deeply interested. That night the family and the village were called together. He hung up his chart explaining the pictures and quoting the texts.

When Sabbath arrived, his father asked him to work. This he refused to do. His father said he would punish him. He went to a neighbour's hut. This neighbour wanted to know what the trouble was. He explained, and when the father came the neighbour said, "Do not punish the boy, but let us sit down here and ask why he is keeping to-day as the Sabbath." The boy explained his reason from the Bible. Then the news spread throughout the village and another meeting was held. After this he held many meetings with the people, with the result that hundreds have been interested, and a call has been made for a missionary to be stationed in this section. This boy has no doubt lighted the way for the gospel to enter another dark heathen section of old Basuto-land.

V. E. SCHAFFNER.

Bloemfontein, South Africa, in Present Truth.

QUESTION BOX

QUESTIONS: Please state whether a person who is a S. D. A. should sell cigarettes in his shop?

Answer: There is a command in Deut. 29: 14-20 which God regards as a covenant with His people—not only those who were there that day, but also with those who were not there—that there should not be any "root that beareth gall and wormwood," or "a poisonous herb," margin reference, the penalty being plainly stated, that all the curses mentioned in that book would come upon them, and their names should be blotted out from under heaven. Tobacco is admitted by its friends as well as its foes to be a poisonous herb. A few drops of its pure juice extract—nicotine—is enough to kill a man. Its worst results are found in the soothing disregards for what is right (verse 19) that it creates. What would happen to a S. D. Adventist who deliberately sells or gives to a man a poison that will prevent him from understanding the truth or realizing its importance? Is there not a parallel with this in Heb. 2: 15? Both liquor and tobacco create the same effect. If there were no other texts, these should suffice to condemn the selling of either strong drink or tobacco by a S. D. Adventist.

QUESTION: Should a man who works for the Public Works Department receive his pay on the Sabbath day? We would want to know the circumstances of the cases referred to before answering. Under normal conditions, emphatically no! We think the Public Works Pay master would consider a man's scruples about the Sabbath if he was properly and respectfully approached, and would either hold the money for the next week, or make some other plan. This usually depends upon the person employed. If, like Joseph and Daniel, he makes himself loved and respected, he will have no trouble in making special arrangements. Should that fail, we would advise looking for another job. But let no man use this answer as a weapon to discourage a man who is doing his best. Do not misunderstand the answer, however, normally, no one should negotiate or take part in business affairs after an hour before sunset Friday, and before an hour after sunset Saturday.

ED.

Am I to thank God for everything? Am I to thank Him for bereavement, for pain, for poverty, for toil? . . . Be still, my soul, thou hast misused the message. It is not to give thanks for everything, but to give thanks in everything.

G. Matheson

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

Africa, that vast continent with its teeming millions of men, women, and children, who know nothing about Jesus and His power to save them from sin, is a land of mighty rivers. The greatest of them is the River Nile, which is nearly four thousand miles long. It was in this river that Jochebed, hoping to save her little baby boy from the cruel death the king had decreed, hid him in a basket made from the bulrushes and slime from the river bed, so that it would appear like the rushes that were growing and not be easily seen. But, you know babies cry sometimes, and as Moses was like all the babies his little cry when found made the Princess sorry for him, and as he was a very beautiful child, she decided to adopt him. Miriam, his sister, who was watching him, offered to get a nurse for him, and the good lady permitted Moses' mother to take care of him for her. This all took place in the River Nile—"the great river of Egypt."

The Egyptians think so much of this river, that they worship it as if it were a god. No doubt this is because they depend largely upon the yearly overflow of its banks for much of their food. It is really like two great rivers, one rising among the lakes of Nyanza, which is called, "The White Nile," because the waters come largely from the white snows that cap the great mountains which are always melting, yet never absent; and the other is called, "The Blue Nile," which rises in Abyssinia and after flowing for about 2,000 miles, joins the white Nile, and the two flow together, watering the country for many miles.

All that grows in Egypt is dependent upon the Nile, which at certain times of the year, overflows its banks, and percolates, through the soil for many miles, watering and at the same time fertilizing it so that good crops are always sure.

There is a little Island where two branches of the Nile meet, and it is said that this was the spot where Moses was hidden. In the midst of this Island a measure has been built so that when the Nile gets deep it can easily be seen how deep it is. This is very important, for when it reaches a certain depth, the people are able to lead its water off in large channels to irrigate their rice and corn. This Measure is a beautiful room, in the midst of which is a high stone pillar or column, so marked as to show how many feet the water is deep. So regular is this happy rising of the water, that the people of the

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country prepare the land, and on July 3, there is a remarkable ceremony performed by the Governor and the elite of the country. They gather near the Measuring room, read certain papers, make speeches, and keep up a very lively holiday. Everybody is happy and joyful; and the criers go around crying down the streets as loudly as they can, "Allah has been kind," which means, "God has been kind," and the people know then that the water is ready for their use, and the whole country spends the day in games and happy pastimes.

The rich men often pay these criers quite large sums of money for their information. They also put in front of their houses a notice which reads, "Wefd. en-Nil," which means, abundance in the Nile. The Arabs say that Jacob's son, Joseph, was the first to build the measuring place. But we are not sure whether it really was so. Yet, it may have been.

But if the Nile waters could speak, they could tell us some very sad stories, for along its banks slave buyers that rob boys and girls from their homes to sell them on the market for slaves who often have had to walk many hundreds of miles chained each to another's foot; and if they show any sign of refusing, their cruel masters throw them into the waters where the crocodiles eat them. This makes the others frightened, and so they just do what they are told. Some of these boys and girls are very small, and their homes are like nests in the trees, where they have a better chance to defend themselves from the invaders.

These little people are very wild, and only now are getting to hear about God that loves them and gave Jesus to die for them. They fight with bows and arrows and spears, using poison to inflame and destroy their enemies. But now the Sabbath School offerings and other gifts are helping to bring to them the story of Jesus, and from among them He will gather some very precious jewels when He comes again. It is He who sendeth the rivers to cause the earth to bring forth food and beauty for people. Let us always rejoice in our God, for He is good.

H. J. E.

We were so sorry that Daphne and Roy Crosbie sent in their answers too late for

last month. But they were correct and so nicely written.

Thinking Cap Questions.

The questions for this month are about Bible stars:

1. Quest. Where do we first read of stars in the Bible?
2. Quest. Who is called "The Morning Star?"
3. Quest. What guided the wise men to the place where Jesus was born?
4. Quest. Where does it tell us that stars differ from each other?
5. Quest. Who will shine like the stars forever and ever?

I wonder whether any of you can tell me how many stars there are. Tell me what you think in your answers.

Can you tell me the name of the morning star? I mean the star that rises just before sunrise.

Little Folks Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Chester Jones, Melvin Reynolds, Edgar Bennett, Kenneth Robinson, Eric Plummer, Lenn Bennett, Louie Bennett, Edna Mae Watt, Lucille Jones,

A lovely letter that came from Chester Jones, of Darliston, describes the baptismal service related in the News items, and add, "My father was one of the candidates, and we hope to have another ready soon. We are full of courage and are pressing on to the Great Day that is coming." It is pleasant to see our kindred walking in the light, and we rejoice with Chester and Lucille, and the rest of the family in this sweet union.



AMONG THE LION-HUNTERS

BY G. A. ELLINGWORTH

You can hear them across the stream over the hill; is it a party going to a dance or are they returning from a feast at some village? Now they are coming up the path from the stream towards the mission, singing a slow low-toned chant; ah! now you can catch a long drawn-out

crescendo in their chant and you know it is a party of lion hunters. As they come near, you can see their splendid physique. They are naked, and the long strings of beads round their necks set off the splendid chocolate brown of their bodies. They carry spears.

They come up into the mission compound and you can see in the midst of the crowd five men with crane feathers in their curly hair; one man has four feathers which indicates that he has killed four lions. As they stop for me to examine the skin, that of a big, full-maned lion, a huge man with a big voice rushes into the group with his spear aloft, and he goes through the hunt in mimicry. So realistic is his acting that you can see them searching for a lion. Now they have spotted a big male in a clump of bush. One is chosen to open the combat—he advances, the lion gets up and glares at this impudent creature, but the man continues to advance slowly, spear poised; now a rush, the spear wounds the king of beasts. All the others enter the fight; the lion's temper is roused, but somehow as he springs at the man who struck him, he fails to catch him. Instead, another spear thrust comes from the other side until either from a heart thrust or from loss of blood, he yields his majesty to a man with a spear. Often men are killed or terribly torn in these hunts, but the young bucks of the Ikizu tribe risk it all for the glory it will bring them if they can bring back the skin and skull of a lion.

As I listened to this telling description of their fight with lion my heart burned and a prayer rose within me, "O Lord, give us men of calibre, courage, to carry the story of the cross to this people."

Our training school for West Tanganyika is among this tribe. A people who can face a lion in his native wilds and kill him with nothing but a spear should make fearless Christians under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Did not David relate how he had killed a lion and a bear to prove to King Saul that he had the courage to face Goliath?

The work in East Africa needs men of courage and conviction, for not only is this the greatest lion country in the world, but the "adversary, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He is much in evidence in the village life and condition of the people and a fearful toll of men, women, and children is taken annually by his allies, Ignorance, Evil, and Sickness.

We who are here are doing what we can with the means at our disposal. We want you to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers. When this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness—then shall the end come, and that glad day of righteousness be ushered in.—*In the Advent Survey.*