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CHARACTER IS POWER.

"Character is power. The silent witness of a true, unselfish, godly life carries an almost irresistible influence. By revealing in our own life the character of Christ we co-operate with Him in the work of saving souls. It is only by revealing in our life His character that we can co-operate with Him. And the wider the sphere of our influence, the more good we may do. When those who profess to serve God follow Christ's example, practising the principles of the law in their daily life; when every act bears witness that they love God supremely and their neighbour as themselves, then will the church have power to move the world."—*C. O. L. p. 340.*

"A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under the instruction of Christ in this world will take every divine attainment with them to the heavenly mansions. And in heaven we are to continually improve. How important, then, is the development in this life.

"The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character which will reach out to perfection in action. To every one engaged in this work Christ says, I am at your service to help you.

"As the will of man co-operates with the will of God it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command, may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings."—*C. O. L. p. 332.*

"Wrongs can not be right, nor can reformations in conduct be made by a few feeble intermittent efforts. Character building is the work not of a day, nor of a year, but of a lifetime. The struggle for conquest over self, for holiness and heaven, is a lifelong struggle. Without continual effort and constant activity, there can be no advancement in the divine life, no attainment of the victor's crown.

"The strongest evidence of man's fall from a higher state is the fact that it costs so much to return. The way of return can be gained only by hard fighting, inch by inch, hour by hour. In one moment by a hasty, unguarded act we may place ourselves in the power of evil; but it requires more than a moment to break the fetters and attain to a holier life. The purpose may be formed, the work begun; but its accomplishment will require toil, time, perseverance, patience, and sacrifice.

"We cannot allow ourselves to act from impulse. We cannot be off our guard for a moment. Beset with temptations without number, we must resist firmly or be conquered. Should we come to the close of life with our work undone, it would be an eternal loss."—*Min. of Healing, p. 452.*

"The precious graces of the Holy Spirit are not developed in a moment. Courage, fortitude, meekness, faith, unwavering trust in God's power to save, are acquired by the experience of years. By a life of holy endeavour and firm adherence to the right, the children of God are to seal their destiny."—*Min. of Healing, p. 454.*

THE BIBLE STUDY

TRUE CHRISTIANITY AND THE HUMAN BODY.

1. Q. Of what is our body made up?
A. I Cor. 12: 12; Rom. 12: 4. Of many members.
2. Q. How does the misuse of one, affect the other members?
A. I Cor. 12: 26. One suffering member causes all other members to suffer.
3. Q. Does a sinful use of a member of our bodies hurt our relation to Christ?
A. I Cor. 6: 15; 12: 25. Yes, it separates us from Him.
4. Q. What does Paul say we should not use our bodies for?
A. I Cor. 6: 13, middle clause. They should not be used for immorality or vice.
5. Q. If a person is known to transgress this rule, what relationship should we sustain toward them?
A. I Cor. 5: 9. We should shun them.
6. Q. For what purpose should we refuse to yield our bodies?
A. Rom. 6: 13. For any unrighteous purpose.
7. Q. From what does the Lord require us to guard our eyes?
A. Isa. 33: 15; Matt. 5: 28. From seeing evil, and lust.
8. Q. From what should we keep our hands?
A. Isa. 56: 2. From doing any evil.
Matt. 5: 30; Isa. 33: 15. From accepting bribes.
9. Q. From what should we restrain our ears?
A. Isa. 33: 15. From hearing scandal, backbiting, slander. I Tim. 5: 19. From unverified accusations against ministers.
10. Q. How should we use our feet?
A. Isa. 33: 15; 52: 7. To walk uprightly, to convey the gospel to the unsaved, and to minister to the needy.
11. Q. For what use is the tongue?
A. Isa. 52: 7. For publishing peace.
12. Q. From what must the tongue be guarded?
A. Ps. 34: 13. From speaking evil and guile. Eph. 4: 2; 95: 3-12; James 4: 10-18. From every corrupt speech or suggestion.
13. Q. What reason is given for this instruction?
A. Matt. 12: 36, 37. Because the Judgment will measure our characters by our words.
14. Q. How should we treat modern sex ideas?
A. Eph. 5: 15. "See that ye walk circumspectly."

15. Q. What is the safest rule of life in all things?

A. I Cor. 10: 31. "Do all to the glory of God."

16. Q. In order to do this, what must we learn to do?

A. I Cor. 9: 25-27. We must learn to master our bodies, to live by right principle, and to yield our members only as instruments of righteousness.

PASTOR A. R. OGDEN.

The many friends of Pastor A. R. Ogden will be sorry to learn that on his arrival from Haiti, he was found to be suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, and was placed under medical advice, being confined to his bed for two weeks.

We are thankful to say that his body responded to treatment and a steady improvement reached its climax, so that September 12, he was able to leave his bed and take a short ride without injury.

Greatly weakened by the attack, Pastor Ogden will exercise caution for a little time, and it is hoped that he will be well enough to fill appointments by the time this appears in print.

Needless is it to say that we have missed Brother Ogden's counsel and help during these days of special stress, but we are thankful to the Lord that He has answered our prayers, and when fully recuperated, we believe he will be able to enter into his responsibilities with his wonted strength and grace.

FROM THE BATTLE-FIELD.

The first week of the Harvest Ingathering campaign is always "breaking in" week. The heart throbs with prayer as the imagination endeavours to focus itself on success or failure. Then the start—and on it goes.

Bro. J. W. Grounds and Elder L. L. Hutchinson formed a town team and carried forward a strong drive among the business places of the city of Kingston. The merchants gave liberally in spite of complaints of "hard times", showing that their interest in our work had not abated.

Mrs. Edmed got ahead of us and drew £7. 2. 0 on her first hook, and was then joined by Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, gathering their sheaves from the medical and legal men.

Pastor B. A. Meeker and the President yoked up as usual, and after having reconnoitred among the Chinese started for the territory of Morant Bay and its environs.

One of the brethren designated these teams, "The Big Six," because they call upon the big people of the land; but they did not feel very big as they appealed for the assistance of the people. The clients

appeared to be willing to help, and many expressed more than ordinary interest in the work we are doing. We lost some donors through death, and a few had become too poor. The Chinese shopkeepers though giving smaller donations than in the past, seemed much more favourable to us than on the last trip, and often showed their interest by bringing out the magazine we gave them last year.

Then the College Board meeting stopped us all for a few days, having brought in about £125.

After the Board meetings were over, the teams started again with the usual success, Prof. W. L. Adams taking the President's place with Pastor B. A. Meeker, and including a visit to the church schools at the western end of the island in the itinerary. We were very glad to have this assistance, and greatly appreciate the Division action releasing Professor Adams to give us this valued assistance.

One of our exchanges, *The Advent Survey*, published in England, and the organ of the Northern European Division, shows that our We-Press-On motto has become theirs. Their Harvest Ingathering goal this year is \$105,000 (£21,000) with which they expect to open a strong work among the Egyptians. That the time for this work is opportune is shown by the following quotation from the pen of an Anglo-Egyptian correspondent:

"Thousands of Christians in Egypt, quiet, hardworking fellaheen, as well as prosperous well educated supporters of the present Egyptian government, are hoping and praying that their church may be saved. They are Copts, the descendants of the early native Christians of Egypt, the purest representatives of ancient Egyptians, the patriarchs of whose church are the successors of St. Mark."

Thus the Harvest Ingathering is helping the Message to follow in the trail of the Apostles. May the Lord give them a good harvest.

On the front page of the same exchange, there appears a set of photographs of the New Model Hospital, valued at \$100,000 Am. gold, which the Emperor of Abyssinia has handed over to the General Conference. This he has promised to equip and complete, and to enlarge if required; and also to make an annual contribution towards the work. In making this definitely known to our officials, the Prime Minister said, "We want to assure you that the reason why we are doing this is because we have confidence in you and your denomination." Thus the Lord fulfils to us the promise of Isaiah 60: 10,

"The sons of strangers shall build up thy walls."

He was a busy man, and one who had made a success in gigantic business enterprises, and whose opinion is worth something. We told him of our work, and of the College at Mandeville. He knew about all we could tell him, as he was one of the many visitors who had taken the trouble to see the institution for himself. Our interview was not prolonged by questions and answers. He took his cheque book, told us that the College was exactly suited to the needs of this country, and handed us two guineas.

Professor Shafer's smile is always backed by enthusiasm, and as he related his ingathering experiences at Mandeville, among the people who live near enough to KNOW to what they are giving, a few additional wrinkles seemed to assemble over his features that spelled "victory;" and he added, "Several donors doubled their donations this year, in spite of the depression." That is, in the place of last year's £1, they gave £2. It was this that enabled the Mandeville Church to reach its goal before many other churches had begun.

Then at North Street Church, there is that gigantic goal chart with its thirteen thermometers in horizontal succession, and each one challenging its neighbour as the blood-like red of mercury stretches out toward the end. Pastor Hutchinson stands at the head with his paternal smile waving the procession with its envelopes containing the week's gathering, everyone singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Even Kencot has caught the enthusiasm, and we watched Brother Carter with his glue pot and brush, trying to reach the top of the big chart where he added his converts from all nations going to meet Jesus, until one would really think that Kencot had gained the world. "Every three shillings," he said, "adds another soul to the path that leads to Jesus." Then everybody wanted to get more of these three shilling goals. Really this ingathering spirit is contagious as well as thrilling. Some leaders are inspiring too, and they win.

Sister Katie Bennett tackled the milkman, and out came 1/6. Guess how Katie smiled. As I entered church on Sabbath, I felt a little hand push into mine, and a little face looked up with bright eye and smiling, "I've got 5/1, and I'm going to get more." Surely that little heart beat loving-

ly for Jesus. In the sky above there are little stars as we see them. But when we reach the realms where stars assume their real proportions their magnitude and glory who can measure! And this little child will some day shine as the firmament forever and ever.

A local merchant has given us £2. 2. 0 each year for several years. But a destructive fire burned out one large branch of his enterprise, and he felt that he could not give the same amount from that. He thought a moment and decided to give half for the old business and half from another branch, so as not to reduce it. We call that generous.

Then came the ladder from Spanish Town Church. This church never sleeps, like Jacob, at the bottom of the ladder. They got a vision of angels going up, and they, wide awake, decided to go up too, and they have reached £8. 14. 0. But then that is just like Spanish Town. Before the campaign closes the choir will oblige us with the anthem entitled, "Success comes to the Worker."

Pastor Meeker watches the report cards with eagle vision. He is counting on each one of us doing our best. He does not worry as he knows the co-operative spirit of our members may be relied upon to follow the good work ahead.

Thornton.

"This company is nine miles from the Jointwood church. Every Sabbath there is quite a large attendance, and there are sixteen in the baptismal class. At present the Sabbath School membership numbers 56."

FRED KISSENDAL

Jointwood.

Our new baptistry was dedicated June 5, and a well arranged programme prepared by Bro. H. A. Smith and wife was rendered. Friends from adjacent districts were present, and we had a good time. On the completion of the programme, the choir led a procession to the new baptistry, which was unveiled by Bro. Isaac Biens. The crowd then passed round to see the beautiful structure which had been constructed by our able builder, Bro. Joseph J. Holness. The Chairman gave a short address on the importance of baptism and the service closed.

On Sunday, the 11th inst., it was the privilege of Pastor L. Rashford to baptize thirteen candidates. God is blessing His work here as in other parts of the field.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory. . . ."

EDWARD KISSENDAL.

Malton.

Here is quite a new name for our list. Brother S. G. Harriott, leader of the Coleyville Church writes that as a result of services he has been conducting there, twenty persons and more are keeping the Sabbath. Several more are expected to follow before long, and our dear brother is full of joy. A new interest has been awakened at Moravia where Brother Harriott has also held meetings, and he also reports that several persons are prepared for baptism at Coleyville. Truly this is a fine record, and we trust the good work may continue to thrive.

Here is a splendid suggestion from Pastor James E. Shultz in *The Ministry*: "MEET DEPRESSION BY AGGRESSION." Try it!

We enjoyed a thrill August 25, when we went to the Bournemouth landing stage to meet our brethren from Haiti. The company consisted of Pastor and Mrs. B. A. Meeker, Pastor and Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, Brethren Grounds and Harriott, Miss F. Burke and the editor.

The prompt arrival of the plane from Barranquilla broke the monotony of the wait, and as we watched its precision and ease of manipulation, we could not resist feelings of wonder. Gliding down to the water's level, and lifting its front skywards, the machine settled into the ocean waves, buzzing and splashing the surging surf as it slowed its engine and finally came to a halt at the platform. Just then a sea-gull flew over, lifting its graceful wings noiselessly and gliding without seeming effort—a wonderful contrast to the man-made machine that sputtered and splashed like the sound of a thousand gatling guns.

Then came the plane we were looking for, and, following precisely in the same course as its predecessor, it too, soon landed at the platform and we could watch our brethren popping up like so many jacks-in-the-box and landing. Pastor A. R. Ogden led the way. Brethren Adams, Isaac, and Mohr followed—the latter using two extra legs to ease the ones he had damaged in a recent fall. They had enjoyed a breakfast in Haiti at 10 o'clock, lunch in Santiago at noon, and now, at 4.30 p. m., they were ready for the third meal in Jamaica. So fast is travel these days, and so safe. The courtesy of the Pan American Co. had made it possible to travel by this means at a smaller cost than by steamer, so that they saved time and money.

Thus the bearers of the three angels' messages are literally flying in the midst of Heaven. They report that the view of Jamaica from 6,000 feet in the air, crossing over Port Antonio to Kingston, is indescribably lovely. Our roads looked like golden ribbons among the mountains, and the rivers adorned the deep green valleys with silver lines. The people looked like flies, and the automobiles, like beetles crawling around.

These brethren came to attend the annual board meeting of the West Indian Training College. Pastor Ogden, though suffering with bronchitis, spoke to a large audience at North St. Church on Sabbath and Brother Mohr, with his one knee resting on a chair, addressed the Kencot assembly. Professors Adams and Isaac spent the week-end at the College.

Sabbath afternoon, after Bro. Mohr had given a helpful address to the M.V. Society, a baptismal service was conducted by Pastor L. L. Hutchinson. Ten new converts were led into the baptismal font. The service was very impressive, and our hearts rejoiced to see these additions to our ranks. They were voted into the North St. and Rollington Pen Churches, and received the right hand of fellowship with cordial greetings and well wishes.

The youngest of these candidates just commencing her teens, had already caught the inspirations of campaign work, and had collected 4/10, for the Harvest Ingathering before her baptism.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Indian Training College was held at the College August 30 to September 1. It was deeply regretted that owing to illness, Pastor A. R. Ogden was unable to be present. Pastor E. E. Andross had intended to attend, but was prevented by unforeseen exigencies that arose in Central America. The Inter American Division was represented by W. L. Adams; F. I. Mohr and H. D. Isaac represented the Antillian Union; R. E. Shafer, F. O. Rathbun, and E. E. Parchment, the College; H. J. Edmed, J. W. Grounds, and, by invitation, H. Fletcher and A. C. Stockhausen, the Conference, and local Board.

The agenda was not large, but contained some very important items and it was only by a persistent and unrelaxing grind that the work was completed in so short a time.

The report rendered by the College was a very satisfactory disclosure of progress and industry. Many prominent citizens have recently visited the institu-

tion and expressed their unqualified admiration of the work done, and the policy adopted. The industrial departments form a group of separate businesses which have been carried on with profit as well as credit. The books showed that every detail in each department had developed with wise and efficient acumen.

The Board was impressed with the orderly condition of the gentlemen's dormitory, which, under the direction of Dean Hamilton, adds commendation to a department that is usually "boy-like."

Among other decisions was one that promises to add much needed repair and paint to what now assumes the appearance of a rather dilapidated series of buildings.

At the conclusion of the meetings, Professor Adams left for Kingston from whence he joined Pastor Meeker in a Church School and Harvest Ingathering tour. Professor Isaac left for Cuba, and the local members departed for their respective homes.

Miss Sangster is trying to keep up with the general plan of our church schools, and has planted a garden. In a recent letter she describes the pretty flowers she has grown as "beauties," and adds, "They draw quite a lot of admiration." As a rule children love no pastime better than helping to grow flowers and vegetables.

"Our church building was filled to its capacity, Sunday, August 28, to enjoy a good programme. Brother N. Jones, of Contented Hall presided, and at the close a visiting leader of a neighbouring church, expressed his pleasure at the work our denomination is doing.

The choir under the guidance of Bro. L. Leslie rendered some anthems in excellent style. The other items were, "The Drowning Sinner," by Miss Edna Watt, "Alone," by Egbert Reid, "Amen," by Miss Ivy Philip, Satan's Soliloquy, by Sister N. Gardener. Miss Lucille Jones' recitation, "About Heaven," and, "A House on the Road," by Master Claud Jones, held the audience spell bound.

The function was a great success, and the proceeds will be devoted to the church building at Darliston."

ARTHUR BETHUNE

Southfield

At the conclusion of meetings in our Southfield church six were baptized. We are certainly pleased to have this number, although few, but their preparation ought to make them stable and faithful, as they have been deciding for many months and are actually the result of three short efforts during last year. The seeds were long in producing fruit, but God finished a harvest and how good it is to wait on

Him. Five more were baptized at Aucumbodie on the 21st of August. These are from the effort early this year when 16 took their stand, but because of untoward conditions the rest are still halting. It did seem as if the effort would have been abortive, but we thank God for the result as one may plant and another water, but God in His own time gives the increase. There are many interested ones in both places, some even keeping the Sabbath, but the over-used word "depression" comes to their aid, holding them off from the comfort provided by God's last Message. What a throng of people will be found waiting for more convenience to do the right thing until their opportunity is passed. The good Lord help them to decide for Him ere it be too late.

LIN RASHFORD

A New Company.

A large number of converts brought into the truth in Jamaica each year receive the Message from our lay members. They are the result of faithful and persevering effort. It was the soul-winning fire burning in the hearts of the brethren at Mile End Church that led them to Petersfield, about three miles distance from their homes, and enabled them to awaken a good interest night by night, and to lead four persons to permanently accept the truth.

I was sent over June 1 to prepare a place in which to hold further meetings. The only help the Conference could give was to provide zinc for the roof and boards to make the seats, the platform, and a lamp. A faithful response of the members brought two truck loads of materials, and the spirit of co-operation enabled us to start meetings July 17.

Mention should be made that the Lord provided a spot for the meetings in a wonderful way. A strategic position was located at a place called Lanquidock which was accessible from four districts. We took the matter to the Lord. As a result the owner gave the land to the Conference at a pepper corn rental of 6d. per year for 99 years. This was given in the face of strong opposition, but we started the meetings with 300 present inside and a crowd standing outside. The wrath of the dragon was stirred. Some even threatened to burn down the building. But nothing can hinder the work of the Lord.

We held the last meeting of the series last Sunday night taking for our subject, "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist." Eight persons have taken their stand in addition to those who were brought in by the Mile End church. Several others are at the deciding point, and we expect soon to have a strong company.

R. B. CAMPBELL

The residents of Old Harbour have shown quite an interest in the little S. D. A. Church that is in course of construction. A recent visiting collection brought in over £4 toward the windows needed. The erection of that little church is a wonder to those of us who know how empty the treasury was, and how few were the believers.

Glenhoffe

I greatly enjoyed my visit to the Glenhoffe Church September 2-5, and am glad to report that the members are moving unitedly and with a good missionary spirit. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is steadily gaining momentum, all the members are taking part. Brother Mc Lean is a strong leader, and is working for victory.

We had a very pleasant experience at 3:30 on the 4th inst. when an excellent programme was rendered, and the seating capacity of the building was taxed so that members had to vacate their seats in favour of the visitors.

Many of the visitors also remained to the night service when we presented the subject of The Sealing Work. We believe that some who have been halting long will now definitely take their stand with the Remnant Church. We thank the Lord for this evidence of his love.

J. A. REID

On Tuesday evening, September 13, a very creditable programme was given in the Tabernacle at North St. The rough structure was decorated very charmingly under the skillful hands of Sister Messiahs. The fine band of Mr. Nielson rendered splendid assistance, Miss Cuthbert and Mr. Robertson adorning the programme with delightful music. We need not take space to speak of Mrs. Meeker, Miss Winnie McCatty, Miss Verna Hogg, and Mr. Anderson, whose parts created very hearty appreciation. About three hundred persons were present, and the very interesting and beautiful colour-pictures thrown on the screen and described by Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson added a wonderful interest in the Hawaiian Islands. The proceeds amounted to about £15 and were divided between the church repairs, and the Benevolent funds. Bro. P. Lynch and Brother Brooks are to be congratulated on their success in all the plans, and the Benevolent Society's choir, for their helpful services.

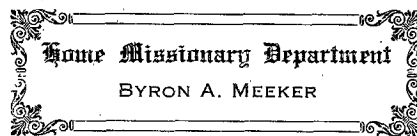
The Scholarship Plan.

This is a plan which enables young people to attend our college and pay their way in advance. It is certainly a boon to

those who take advantage of it. Thousands of our youth in all parts of the world who could not afford normally to gain this privilege at the Colleges, have succeeded in securing two or even three scholarships in one year. Some have aimed to gain two, so as to pay for their younger brother or sister to enjoy the opportunity. As one scholarship carries one through one year, three would pay for three years, and on completing our college course, one could continue paying one's way through higher courses, until one gained the highest possible recognition.

We admit that it takes physical health, consecration, determination, and stick-to-it-iveness. But it can be and has been done by many. Some of our most successful doctors, teachers, and ministers have taken themselves through to the highest round of the educational ladder by this means. Is it too much to say that what others have done you may do?

The plan creates the spirit of self-reliance and enthusiasm that makes one a true man. It makes one resourceful, courageous, manly, and efficient. We do not know of one who has succeeded with his scholarship plan who has failed in the battle for existence. Brother Nation knows how to do it, for he did it. He will soon be starting a new class for the vacation period, and we advise those who desire to do so, to write to him (Box 22, Mandeville) and join the class. But first get particulars from Prof. R. E. Shafer (same address) and a recommendation from the minister in charge of your church.



Thanks to the good Secretaries, the report cards are streaming into the office. The churches are becoming active in the great campaign. In a short time we believe quite a number of churches will have reached their goal. Which church will be the next, like Mandeville, to reach its goal? Let us provoke one another to good works.

If every church in the island could be organized like the North St. Church campaign, surely great things would be accomplished this year. The church is divided into thirteen bands, and every Wednesday night the offerings are brought in by the members while they sing. It is an inspiring sight to witness this enthusiastic procession. This faithful and combined activity is bound to bring victory.

The Chinese are not giving large sums this year, owing to the depression; therefore it is thought advisable for those who do business with them to ask them for an offering. Our members might in this way get many shillings which the Conference team might fail to get.

The goal of souls should ever be kept before us as we work and pray in this campaign. Pray as you work. What a precious thought it is that thousands of souls are being won to the truth by these efforts. What a blessed service it becomes!

The conference workers are of splendid courage with over £125 for their first drive. And now, Professor W. L. Adams will add his strength and join us in the endeavour. Let us give him a vote of thanks and pray that his assistance in this field may be a great blessing. He left with me September 5 on a tour that will include an inspection of some of our church schools, and about three weeks helping the H. I. Campaign. B. A. M.

“SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THAT THEY GO FORWARD.” Ex. 14 : 15

“In one of the laboratories of Washington they have a great sun-glass that measures three feet across. It is like the burning glass we used to treasure when we were boys, only much larger. This great glass gathers the rays of the sun that strike its flat surface, and focuses them on a single point in a space a few feet below. That single spot is hotter than a blowtorch. It will melt through steel plate as easily as a red-hot needle burns through paper.

“This terrible heat—it cannot be measured, for it melts all instruments—is just three feet of ordinary sunshine, concentrated on a single point. Scattered, these rays are hardly felt, perhaps just pleasantly warm; concentrated, they melt adamant.

“The same principle applies to human endeavour. Scattered, a man's energies do not amount to much; once they are all focused on the task in hand, seemingly tremendous difficulties are overcome, like snow on a hot stove.

“Get the habit of concentrating when you start to do a thing; throw on all steam you have, and focus everything on the task in hand. Remember that three feet of ordinary sunshine, concentrated, will burn through anything.”—*Making Paper.*

Jesus has told us that we are to be lights, shining lights, burning shining lights in this dark world. Think of

every loyal believer in this great message as a ray of sunshine to be united with other rays of light that the darkness of the world may be dispelled by the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us focus *everything* on the task at hand and burn our way through to victory, fixed by holy zeal. The seeming difficulties will melt away under the concentrated efforts of the people of God as they go forth filled with "resolute, persevering faith, unwearied patience, and a deep love for souls." W. H. HOWARD.

HARVEST INGATHERING IN THE JUNGLE

Pastor E. B. Hare, of the Burma Mission, tells of the Ingathering work carried on last year throughout the Jungle villages of Burma, in which "34 per cent of the church members took part, as compared with 9 per cent in previous years;" and "in spite of the depression," states Pastor Hare, "We received more than ever before in one campaign." The story is an interesting one, and gives a vivid description of the Harvest Ingathering work in mission lands. May the enthusiasm and the joy experienced by the Burmese believers prove an inspiration to all in the homeland.

"Lacking a Burmese *Uplift Magazine*, and hardly knowing what to do or expect, we practiced up our band, polished up two brass bowls, collected a large bundle of out-of-date English magazines, printed a big banner, carefully concealed two gunny bags for rice (in case we should be given any) and set out for the nearest village. Welcomed by the frantic barking of frightened dogs, and nearly smothered by the dust sent flying by the little feet of children as they flocked around us, our band played valiantly on, moving further down the road after each tune, while our collectors visited each home,

"The people were thrilled by the music, and came out from their homes to stand near and gaze at the musicians. 'Isn't it grand!' whispered one old lady to another standing near me. 'Isn't it sweet!' exclaimed another. 'They want donations for the sick people,' I heard them explain to each other. And one said, 'If I were sick, this music would cure me.' 'Are you going to give them anything?' asked another, and the reply was, 'Sure, I'll give them a whole pice!' And suiting the action to the word, a copper coin jingled down into the brass bowl.

"From every house a donation of some kind was bestowed,—sometimes a coin, sometimes a cup of rice, sometimes both. 'Why,' said one native solicitor to another, 'not one house turned us down! Who

would have thought that! Who could have expected that!'

"Then we took a big piece of paper and drew a thermometer on it, marked it off into sections and parts up to Rs. 500, which is our goal, as set by the union, and we named it 'Ingathering Goal Chart,' filling in with red the figures representing the donations received from this, the first village to be worked.

"All right boys! Away we go! And out of the big gate we filed, turning south into the hot dusty cart track leading to the next village. We took the village by surprise, and slowly worked our way down past the Buddhist priest's school, and came back in the evening with Rs. 11-2, four tins of rice, making a total of Rs. 15-2 to be marked on the Goal Chart.

"From village to village we went, day after day, gathering in the rupees and the 'uplift rice.' Brother Mayat Po took five of the band boys, with instruments, a stereopticon, and phonograph, and visited fifteen villages between here and Siam, preaching, playing, and Ingathering as they went. They had to come home on elephant back, not because their donations were so heavy, but because they were nearly exhausted by walking over the hills.

"Then Chit Maung, Peter and I went to a village where, nearly every year, the managers and engineers of the rice and timber mills give us from Rs. 200 to Rs. 250. But this year, on account of the depression, all we could get was Rs. 70. On and on we went, gathering a little here and a little there. I would not like to say accurately how many miles we traveled, but the furthest village north was 54 miles away, south 110 miles, east about 60 miles, and west about 40. And although we did not quite reach our goal, we received more than we had ever received before, and we were all happy.

"Now I know why they have thermometers for goal charts,' said one of the boys. 'And I know why they paint the what-you-get in red on the thermometer.'"

It is to be hoped that this year the Burmese believers will catch the practical meaning and enter into the inspiration of "Holding the Ropes" device for the Ingathering campaign, and join with us in making firm and secure the mission ropes anchored in the Southern Asia Division.—*General Conference Home Missionary Department.*

"Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement."—*"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 214.*



Sabbath School Department

MRS. H. J. EDMED

From the *Central Union Reaper* we glean the following interesting item. Brother J. B. Liblin, of Omaha, has just completed a ten years perfect record, which means that he has been present and on time at Sabbath School for 520 consecutive Sabbaths and has studied his lesson 3,650 consecutive days. Miss C. Showalter, of Nebraska, has a 14 years record. Two other sisters have been successful for thirteen years. We congratulate these on their achievement, and thank them for their example of faithfulness in reaching Sabbath school goals.

Here in Jamaica we have two members with a book-mark for the eighth year, and others that are adding to their record year by year.

That the lessons studied so faithfully are proving a blessing to those who do so, we quote from a letter written by one of our conference home division members. She was invited to attend the meetings of one not of our faith, and she replied thus: "Every Sabbath school lesson that I study throws fresh light across my pathway, and I am persuaded that nothing of this life would turn me from God's word. I will hold fast to the end which is not far off."

Sister V. Walker, our faithful Sabbath school secretary at Guy's Hill, writes of their financial goal. She says, "We have set a goal of six shillings and have been successful in reaching it. Last Sabbath we fell short but the members made it up. We have also put up an attractive goal chart as a means of encouraging the members to give a little more."

Goal devices are very helpful when properly used, and goals are a stimulus to liberal giving. Try them.

Brother R. B. Campbell writes that the Mile End Sabbath school has been successful in raising its offerings one hundred per cent. Congratulations, Mile End members!

Sister A. A. Plummer of Old Harbour, full of her characteristic enthusiasm, came into the office and reported that their Sabbath school membership has increased to 39, and the offerings have been doubled the past quarter.

Sister I. Holness, Superintendent of Jointwood, is working hard to get the pennant before the year closes. She has

the co-operation of all the members in this noble endeavour.

Our Autumn Investment programme will be in the hands of our Superintendents soon. It is a very interesting one and we are looking forward to a successful time. We are sure every member will want to have some special gift on that day. In 1931, our total Investment offerings were about £65. Thus far we have received a little less than half that amount for the seven months. So with the gathering at the end of the season, we may expect to reach far beyond last year if we all do our best. The investment has proved of inestimable value as an adjunct to our offerings, and it increases our gifts without unduly drawing upon our pocket-books. We hope every member will do something in the Investment plan to help keep the missionaries in the field.

Secretaries, PLEASE TAKE NOTE that all Sabbath school supplies for the fourth quarter were sent out by September 13. If you have not received them, they must be in your post office. Please enquire.

Publishing Department
W. S. NATION

There is always a tendency to be discouraged when prosperity delays and adversity keeps smiling at one. Joshua seems to have been in the same condition when a message was sent him from the Courts of Glory: "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the laws which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest." Nevertheless Joshua was still discouraged until the second message came. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Colporteurs, these promises still hold good for us. I have proven it while helping to deliver a *Bible Readings* a short time ago. The one who ordered the book would not pay for it without the consent of his wife. I tried to show her what a valuable book her husband had ordered but she refused taking it saying that they had to pay down a large sum of money the following week for their daughter to return to school. He said we should return in four weeks and he would pay for the book. I asked him to give us a post-date cheque to save us the

journey, and this he consented to, so he received the book and gave it to his son saying, "Go and read it, it is a good book." Just as he was about to write the cheque his wife came again and took away the cheque book. He said, "Gentlemen, I cannot displease my wife, I am sorry," and went away. I was not yet discouraged knowing they were well able to pay for the book, so I began to commend the wife for being such a help meet to her husband, but at the same time showing her the importance of setting the right example for her children by allowing her husband to keep his promise. The Spirit of the Lord intervened, she called her daughter to write the cheque and sent it out to her husband to sign. Surely God is good.

Jamaica is still in the lime light in the literature world. I quote from the *Promoter* issued by the Inter-American Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. "Just two fields in the whole Inter-American Division show gains in the sales for the first eight months of 1932. Jamaica alone shows a gain of nearly \$4,000 for that period."

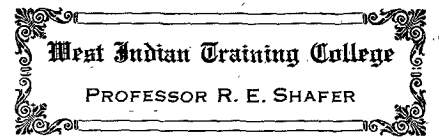
Brother J. A. P. Green, Associate Secretary of the Publishing Department of the general Conference, recently wrote a very encouraging letter. In part he said: "If there is any field in this whole world that I am interested in it is that dear Island of Jamaica. I can remember my first visit to your field in 1916. They said books could not be sold then but notwithstanding the Lord helped us to prove that was absolutely false. We certainly appreciate the work you are doing and pray that God will still be with you."

Though many may be feeling it hard in delivering, remember that quitting too soon has ruined many an inventor and will also ruin you, colporteurs. The darkest hour of the night is the one before the dawning, therefore, be of good courage.

Colporteur Report
August, 1932.

| NAME | HOURS | SALES | DELIVERIES |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Cousins, C. S. | 133 | 34.10. 6 | 8. 0 |
| Dawkins, A. | 134 | 38. 3. 0 | 6. 3 |
| Destoe, K. | 76 | 53.16. 0 | 12.13. 0 |
| Dillon, L. 2 Mos. | 198 | 90.14. 0 | 22. 0. 0 |
| Grant, H. W. | 124 | 27.17. 0 | 4. 0. 0 |
| Haig, Albert | | 75. 0. 0 | |
| Haye, N. E. | 110 | 26. 5. 3 | 1. 3 |
| Nation, S. A. | 59 | 19.19. 0 | 1. 3 |
| Ricketts, B. A. | 121 | 79.16. 0 | 11. 0 |
| Ricketts, C. | 71 | 16.15. 6 | |
| Robinson, A. | 100 | 68. 0. 0 | |
| Spence, Alex. | 53 | 16. 1. 6 | |
| Wallace, R. | 158 | 84. 6. 9 | 12.10. 3 |
| Young, U. | 53 | 19.17. 6 | |
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"Nothing is too high for a man to reach, but he must climb with care and confidence."



NEWS NOTES.

Since the last issue of the Visitor it has been our privilege to have the members of the College Board of Directors with us. The following members were present at the opening meeting on August 30 at 2 p. m., and remained through the entire session which closed September 1:—

Prof. W. L. Adams, Educational and Sabbath School Secretary of the Inter-American Division, Prof. H. D. Isaac, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the Antillian Union Mission, Bro. F. I. Mohr, Secretary-Treasurer for the Antillian Union Mission, Pastor H. J. Edmed, who acted as Chairman, Pastor H. Fletcher, Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, Bro. J. W. Grounds, and the local members, Professors Shafer and Rathbun, and Bro. E. E. Parchment.

We were much disappointed that our regular Chairman, Pastor A. R. Ogden, could not meet with us due to illness. We are glad however that at this writing he has recovered and we expect to have him here with us before this reaches our readers. We greatly appreciated having these men with us to help solve the various problems relative to the working of the institution.

Bro. F. I. Mohr, the Union Auditor, has remained with us since the Board Meeting to audit our office books. We are glad for his presence though he has not been very active having to get about on crutches due to a fall he had before coming here. He hopes to lay aside the crutches before leaving the island however. He has given us some very helpful and encouraging talks during his stay.

Just this week we purchased a small Morris Cowley Van for delivering bread, an action authorised at our recent Board Meeting.

I am sure our patrons will be interested to know that definite plans have been laid to repair and paint our buildings. This has been sadly neglected for the past few years due to the heavy financial strain under which the school has been labouring. This will greatly improve the appearance of the place so that we will not need to feel ashamed when visitors call on us.

During the past few weeks we have been pleased to receive visits from a number of people of influence in the island. A few of these are the Hon. W. M.

Fraser, Island Treasurer, and Mrs. Fraser; Major and Mrs. W. H. Plant; Hon. G. Seymour Seymour, O. B. E., Mayor of Kingston and Mrs. Seymour Seymour; Mr. A. J. Newman, Principal of the Mico Training College; each being accompanied by a party, all of whom expressed great interest and pleasure in the work being carried on.

Our rainy season is beginning again and already our tanks are nearly all filled, a thing which we are always glad to see.

Our various departments are all going well. We are certainly thankful for the way the work has come in, regardless of

the "hard times" cry. If it were not for these departments many of our students would have to drop out.

Another school year is about to draw to a close. We are already receiving many requests for information relative to the coming school year which begins in January. We hope to have many new students. Now is the time, young people, to begin to plan to be here. We should have twice as many here as we have at the present time. If you are interested, please write for a Calendar as our new ones will be off the press very soon.

R. E. SHAFER.

Young People's Page

A WONDERFUL PRESENT.

The British Museum is one of the world's wonders. One can spend weeks in that great building feasting the mind upon unlimited accumulations of souvenirs from every country under heaven.

You may pace the tiled courts of the pharaohs, or meander among the confined mummies of her people. You may enter the palace gates of Babylon, or the triumphal arches of Rome. Or, if you are more literarily inclined, you may read the books from libraries of ancient kingdoms. You may revel in the amouries of mighty men, or lavish your soul with the art and costliness, or the horror of primitive costumes. If you are given to philosophy or history, you may study the same books as the ancient Greeks and dip into the mysteries of the old astrologers. Yes, everything in the world seems to be there, too numerous and too bewildering in their plentitude to enumerate here.

But among the curiosities of the Pacific Islands, one finds, "Fiji," and there, the eye is attracted by a huge club—actually a present sent to Queen Victoria by King Thokombau. It is just a plain ugly club such as he used in war, and when in later years the gospel had won his heart, he surrendered his country and people to the great mother of the English. This was in 1874.

Hitherto this club had been the only "law" of his realm. And the victims of his displeasure might be counted by hundreds. He was born a cannibal, and grew up to be one of the most bloodthirsty and murderous despots of those days. To him murder was sport, and cruelty honourable.

Soon after the Christian missionary appeared in his domain, Thokombau lost

his father, and, fearing that he might lose his opportunity to murder his father's wives through the influence of the missionary, he hastened with his own hands to strangle them. Thus five were brutally deprived of the right to live.

But, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown," and the king was soon involved in many conflicts, until a severe illness threatened to remove him from his domain. In the midst of his sufferings, he showed no interest in those vices that had stained his dark life, and here was the missionary's opportunity, which he readily seized.

At first the overtures of grace fell cold upon the hardened sinner's heart. But as the sword of the Spirit penetrated deeper and deeper, a softening disposition to listen was observed. With prayerful joy the missionary pressed his message from God, until the heart of the chief yielded, and amidst great rejoicing, the king accepted Jesus as his Saviour and Chief.

Now the war drums that called warriors to the battle, brought the people to worship God. Taking life gave place to giving life, and instead of feasting upon human flesh, the people of Bau supped with Jesus, eating that word which became the joy and rejoicing of their hearts. It was a wonderful transformation, and a miracle such as the word of God alone can work.

Now, just step aside and watch under that spreading tree. There sits the newborn chief listening to a seven year old son, who is reading to him from God's word, the story of Divine love. Mark the light that seems to brighten the old man's face, and listen to his sobbing, "Amen."

Then follow me down to the fertile sands by the bright seashore. As you watch the blue waters break their deli-

cate spray in silvered white foams upon the beach the crowds gather around. They sing Zion's songs to the music of the sea. And now with stately dignity and calm intelligence, there steps forth the king and the missionary. They step into the waters, and there the deeds for which that club stands symbol are buried, and the chorus rings out,

"I will cast all thy sins into the depths of the sea."

Now, with a new heart, there stands a new-made king. Listen! He is exhorting his people to love and serve the great King of heaven. He confesses with tears his long life of sin, and as he weeps, his people weep with him, until a new joy wells up in his heart and he tells how he is now a child of a higher King.

He changed his name to Ebenezer, his wife's to Lydia, and for seventeen years the Island of Bau witnessed the transforming power of the Gospel. The work of God grew, and when in 1883 the royal convert died, men had forgotten his licentiousness and cruelty, for it had all been lost in the pure piety and noble character of this heathen man whom God had changed.

DO YOU LOVE CHRIST LIKE THIS MAN?

Several years ago, a man in Foochow, about forty years of age, found his way into the little suburban chapel at Ato, and riveted his eyes and ears upon the missionary who was talking of the power of Jesus to save sinners.

At the close of the service he conversed with the speaker: "This Jesus I never heard of until now, and I don't know who He is; but did you not say he can save me from all my sins?"

"Yes," replied the missionary, "I said exactly that."

"But then you did not know me when you said that. I have been for many years a liar, a gambler, a sorcerer, an adulterer, and for twenty years an opium smoker, and no man that has used opium so long was ever known to be cured. Now, if you had known me you would not have said what you did, do you see?"

But the Missionary still persisted in his claim that Jesus *is able*, and the opium smoker left the hall in dismay. To him such a salvation seemed impossible.

Next day, and for many days, he returned to hear more about this wonderful Saviour. The promise of full and free salvation bore down upon his heart; until one day, with radiant face that expressed a complete emancipation from his slavery, he hurried to the teacher with the greeting:

"I know it now! Jesus can save me from all my sins, for he has done it."

It was not easy for this Chinaman to return and live among his life-long friends with a changed life; and his persecutions multiplied as the days went by. But fearlessly he witnessed for his Saviour. He could not be quiet. With himself as a pattern, he entreated the worst of his old companions to come to Jesus. But they pelted him with clods, they stoned him, they beat and bruised him, and drove him from place to place; and, finding they could not silence his witness, they hailed him before a wicked judge with the vilest of charges; and as the judge had a hatred for the foreign sect, he sentenced him to be beaten with two thousand stripes upon his bare back. The execution of this sentence was administered with cruel vengeance. The bamboo rod raised his flesh in strips, while the blood flowed so freely that he was taken to the Mission hospital to die.

For a long time he lingered between life and death. No one expected that he would recover, but a turn came, and the healing work began. "If I get up again," he said to the doctor, "You will let me go back to Hok-chiang, won't you?"

The doctor did not hope for recovery, but tried to comfort his patient; until one day, when but half healed, he was found in the very place of his persecutions preaching to those who wronged him.

For fourteen years, Ling-Ching-Ting continued this work. He was afterwards ordained, won hundreds of converts, and trained a score of preachers to continue his work. It was in 1876 that his health failed, and as he sank into the deep shadows of death's valley, he sang of the joy of an unclouded hope.

(This is abbreviated from a story told by A. T. Pierson, D. D.)

This beautiful life stands out as a challenge to our youth and manhood. How much are we willing to endure for Jesus? That is the test of our love. It is the test of YOUR love. This man had an experience that nothing could kill. Do you have it too?

QUESTION. Please tell us who should pay for money lost by a person who promises to deliver it to the conference office, and who loses it?

ANSWER. The man who fails to take care of it. He should have made provision for the safe delivery of the money or goods. As to whether the brethren should come to his aid where special misfortune occurs, is a matter for the charitable to consider. But even that does not remove his responsibility.

"A good many sins walk under the name of circumstances."

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

ZOO THRILLS.

Now some more about that day at the Zoo. It was fun from first to last. Charlie and Oswald each took a bag of nuts with which to feed the monkeys. Kathleen and Mildred thought more of the bears, and lions and elephants; so they took biscuits and buns. Gwen, who always wants to have things her own way and be different from the rest, would not take anything. She wanted to be cross, but we would not notice it; and so, with Uncle at the head, we all climbed up the narrow stairway, to the top of a tall double-decked bus, and watched things all along the streets. The hour that it took to reach Regents Park soon rolled away, and before the bus really stopped we were all crowding at the top of the stairway trying to be first down. When the bus did stop, it jerked a bit, and we nearly all fell headlong down the steps, only our thoughtful Uncle had taken care to be in front, so we just fell against him. But he didn't mind it a bit.

How we did walk through the park! and the little time Uncle spent buying our tickets seemed like hours. But soon we found ourselves in a street with parrots on either side. Some were very pretty. But didn't they make a noise! They readily took our nuts, and then Gwen wished she had some, so we gave her some, and she joined with us in the pleasure. There were so many things to see that we could not stop long at any of them, and soon we heard such a funny noise, it was a sea lion that sat on a rock in a pond and called to its mate. We watched it dive and swim, and then the boys said they wanted to visit the big animals. As we were crossing over, we saw a great big elephant, and a camel, and children were riding on their backs. Uncle thought we would like a ride. I guess he knew our thoughts, for that was just what we were waiting for. So we lined up, bought our tickets, and in a few minutes our turn came. We felt a bit timid about climbing up the ladder to get on the elephant's back, but the keeper was a nice man and so kind, and he helped us. There was a lovely crimson and gold cloth on its back, and a kind of box with seats into which we climbed. Poor Gwen was hungry and took out a bun to eat, and just as she was going to put it into her mouth, the elephant put round its long trunk, took the bun, and put it into its mouth. We did laugh, but Gwen was angry, and instead of enjoying the fun

like we did, she got very sulky. We tried to comfort her, but no, she would not smile. And when the elephant put its trunk round to get another bun, she hit it, for which the keeper said he would have to put her down. But we finished the ride, and felt as if we were in India among the rich princes we read about.

When we got off the elephant, there was a camel taking children for a ride. It had two humps on its back, and it knelt down for us to get on. Then we thought we were riding through the African deserts. Gwen would not go that time.

Then we went to see the other animals. The giraffes with their long legs and longer necks were too funny. We threw food down at their feet, and they could not reach the ground with their mouths, so they gave a jump up to spread out their front legs, and then they could reach the ground. These were very tame. But soon the lions roared, and the tigers, and we went in to see the keepers feed them. They had a cart with great chunks of meat. This they threw inside a little door, and the savage animals pounced upon their pieces and we watched them devour them. They broke up the big bones with their teeth, and showed us just how they eat their prey in the wilds.

We saw many things, until we were very tired and decided we had better get a bus before the crowd left the Zoo. The day had been perfect, except for little Gwen, whose unkind disposition made us all sad. What a pity it is that we let our tempers control us. Why not let us all enjoy everything and thus help others to be happy. Uncle told us too, how that when Jesus comes, the angry lions and tigers will not be savage, and we will pet them like we do our pussy cat. Wont it be nice to live in a land where there are no savage beasts, and no bad tempers?

Those last Thinking cap questions appear to have puzzled some, so we give the answer to those that were incorrectly answered:

"Who first expressed a desire to build Solomon's Temple?"

Ans. David. 2 Sam. 7: 2.

"How long was spent by Herod the Great in improving the temple?"

Ans. 46 Years. John 2: 20.

THINKING CAP QUESTIONS.

Here's for the Young People over 15.

1. What small word expresses the biggest iniquity? and what is it?
2. Where was the first sin found before Eve sinned?
3. Explain how a "secret sin" is never a secret.

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EDITOR, PASTOR H. J. EDMED

4. What kind of death is the "wages of sin?"

5. If we sin to-day, how does it affect Jesus?

For Little Folks, under 15.

1. Whose house was built of cedar carved like flowers inside?

2. What Psalm says we are like a flower of the field?

3. Whose beauty is said to be like a fading flower?

4. What difference does Peter say there is between a flower and the word of God?

5. What two favorite flowers are mentioned in the Bible?

Young People Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Mrs. M. S. White, Olive Fletcher, Wilton Billett, A. Boyd, W. Boyd, Myrtle Symister, Amy S. Morgan.

Little Folks Answering Thinking Cap Questions.

Melvin Reynolds, Endora Webber, Curdell Duhaney, Eric Plummer, Louie Bennett, Kenneth Robinson, Lenn Bennett, Edgar Bennett, Evelyn Fletcher, Lincoln Rashford, Bransa Rashford, Enid Billett, Ethel Morgan, Arthur Morgan, Luther Morgan, Charles Morgan, Wilkie Morgan, Roy Crosbie, Daphne Crosbie, Lillith Legister, Evelyn Lawrence, Kathleen Gaynor, P. Boyd, Wellesly Boyd.

On the evening of August 17, a marriage ceremony was performed by the writer at Old Harbour. The contracting parties were Bro. Seymour Warner, and Sister Vera Simpson. Both of these are residents of Old Harbour, and scholars of the Old Harbour Sabbath school. Nearly all the members of our small company here were in attendance. A quiet but pleasant and enjoyable time was spent in the home of Brother and Sister Plummer. Brother and Sister Warner hope to be baptized and received into fellowship before the end of the present year.

May the good Lord continue to bless and prosper, both temporally and spiritually, Brother and Sister Warner.

W. H. RANDLE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Messenger Day.

The leading paper published by the INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION, is the *Messenger*. Our members are all familiar with its monthly visits, as it is sent out with the VISITOR, and we are sure that our people everywhere enjoy the splendid articles and reports it contains, which cover a wider area than does our own local paper.

A date was fixed last August, on which to take up a collection in all our churches to help meet the expense of getting out the *Messenger*, but as other things were already planned for at that time, the matter was not taken up by our churches in Jamaica. We regret this very much, as we like to move in harmony with the plans of the Division Committee.

In considering what we could do to retrieve our neglect, the Conference Committee at its meeting this month decided to ask all our churches to take up this matter, on Sabbath October 29. The programmes which you have in hand can be planned for on that date, and a collection taken up for this purpose. We trust our churches will have a specially good time with this programme, and that good results will encourage our Division publishers of the *Messenger*.

STOP PRESS NOTE.

At this writing, just before going to press, we are glad to announce that Pastor A. R. Odgen is now convalescent, and gives promise of soon entering into his usual activities. This is great cause for thankfulness.

OBITUARY

Please note that we cannot afford much space to these notices, and except in the cases of workers and church officers or members of special pre-eminence as to faithfulness or length of service, they should be very briefly stated. It should be remembered that our VISITOR goes over the Island, and while we all sympathize with the bereaved, yet many times their loved ones are known only to a limited circle. It is common in our denominational papers that obituary notices should be measured largely by the extent of the acquaintance and the prominence of the position of the deceased. To limit the notice does not show any disrespect or lack of fellowship in sorrow.

George Gaynor was a member of the North Street Church, Kingston, and peacefully passed away to his rest on the night of June 30, in his 29th year. He succumbed to injuries sustained as a result of

a fall from a building about two months previously. He was in the prime of his manhood, of fine physique, and noble bearing. His amiable manner and Christ-like deportment were matters of comment by those who knew him best. He made the highest record in the Big Week sales; and four days before his demise gave a touching exhortation to the Young People at their Missionary Volunteer meeting. Pastor L. L. Hutchinson conducted the funeral, and we laid our silent comrade to rest until the Life Giver shall call His child hence.

R. HARRIOTT.

Elma Matilda Thomas: born in 1880, married to Ernest Eccles, 1901, and accepted the truth under the labours of Eld. F. I. Richardson. Five sons and two daughters were born to her, and she maintained a strong and hearty relationship with the church until the end. Failing health necessitated an operation for the purpose of which she entered the Kingston hospital November, 1931. But her health did not improve, and in August 1932 she was admitted into the Linstead Hospital, where in a few days she passed away. A large concourse of friends joined the bereaved family at the funeral service, which was conducted by the leader of the Williamsfield church, assisted by others.

Life's race well run;
Life's work well done.

G. A. ECCLES

Brother Felix Barrette died at the age of 29, July 20, 1932, having been bedridden since the month of June. His mother led him into the truth and he united with the Jointwood Church and became an active member, being also a faithful leader of the M. V. Society until his death. He leaves a wife and two children and many friends to mourn his loss. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

FRED KISSENDAL.

Alvina Allman was born in 1870 and died September 1, 1932, aged 62 years. She resided all her life at Everton Park, and was greatly loved by all who knew her. From early childhood she confessed her Lord. In 1900 she embraced the faith of the Message and lived a consistent life. She was the eldest daughter of the family and leaves two brothers and two sisters with whom the whole neighbourhood joins in mourning her loss.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

B. A. MEEKER.

We ought not to look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear-bought experience.—*Washington*.