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With the approach of Christmas the Signal of Peace love and Goodwill let us forget the things that worry us. Let us substitute thoughts of the many things for which we have to be thankful. Let us forgive those against whom we have aught and incline ourselves more heavily upon the Pillar of Friendship and Goodwill so as to become a centre of happiness and spread good cheer to all.

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### Poor housing conditions breed Crimes

Dr. Mc Shine of Trinidad in making observations on crime conditions in Jamaica, gives an information that, while in the Jamaica Prison he found 80 female prisoners of which 90 per cent were young girls between 15 to 17 years compares the fact that on the 5th of November there was not a single woman prisoner in the Demarara prisons and in Trinidad only 12; although both these colonies are only about one third the population each of Jamaica yet the percentage is most favourable to them.

He attributes this inclination to crime to the bad housing conditions of the labouring classes, as well as to the tendency of our judges to inflict heavy fines and long sentences, instead of applying the first offenders law, and term payments of fines, or putting them on a bond to come up for sentence when called upon in case of later misconduct, these latter he claims would have a more salutary effect and tend to give the wayward girl a chance of bettering her ways and become a decent citizen instead of a jail bird, with all the gibes and taunts which an uncontrollable temper can hardly withstand and so the next stage is a second term, then a third and thereafter a hardened criminal.

He appeals therefore to the clergy, the social workers, the Legislators and Councillors to co-operate with the Lord lords and adopt more congenial means of housing the poor people so as to secure a great measure of self respect. He suggests that by Governmental aid 1000 small one-family detached homes, properly fenced off could be constructed in congested areas such as Smith's Village etc. at a cost of about £150,000 at a rental of about ten Shillings per month would be a great start.

He deplores the fact of these young first offenders being thrown on the Streets when released, with no chances of a respectable marriage, hence their bastard offsprings become psycho-

logically affected so soon as they learn of the prior stage in their mother's life. A vicious circle is thus set up in the vicinity so much to be deplored, and which vitally concerns every intelligent person in the Community who has any interest in the welfare of their Surroundings.

This is just the ugly blotch which affects us in Limon, although not brought on by Prison conditions, that as called our attention in Dr. Mc Shine's series of articles on this kind of profligacy in our midst, and to which our correspondent Mr. Dolores Joseph has been calling attention to, constantly and especially recently in his series of articles entitled «where are your children» as also *Philomela's talks with her Young Companions* for which the Community ought to be very grateful. It is hoped that parents of Limon would be more vigilant over the parading inclinations of their children, and instead, insist upon and assist them to enlist into the different Clubs, guilds and Organizations which have as their aims and objects the moral and intellectual training and existence of the youths of the Town.

### Satisfaction handed out

In the official Gazette of the 5th inst we note that the sanitary Inspector of Siquirres M. Ildefonso Martos has had to resign his position, and the Department of Public Health has decided to suppress the office.

This has been due to pressure brought to bear by Mr. Carr for the illegal arrest and incarceration perpetrated on him at Madre de Dios a couple of weeks ago by this officer of health, of which we mentioned in our last issue under the heading of «Very Arbitrary Act».

It is also understood that our Agent of Police at that place will be exchanged with that of Bonifacio for his injudicious participation in such detention.

This only goes to show what unfair treatment our poor people ignorant of the Laws and language have to be subjected to at times so unjustly. Mr. Carr being a gentleman of some influence & responsibility in the country, took the matter up at once with the Governor of the Province and the Minister of Public Health, this latter gentleman apparently a bit reticent to act in the matter, the party aggrieved went to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who of course seeing immediately that

the atrocity committed (might lead his department into a claim for (illegal arrest and detention) «for this gentleman had his Railroad Ticket in his pocket to proceed to Cartago on his business, sought to act immediately with the result aforesaid. There are sometimes such instances among our poor illiterate people who not knowing how to go about it or to conduct themselves in the occasion lose that essence of Justice which exists in Costa Rican law.

It is so repugnant to one to feel that he is arrested merely because he acts in a manly way, that he feels to commit himself. Imaginee, you are called just at the moment your train is arriving, (be it by the highest authority of the land) I can't come now, what is it, come to me if you need me my train is approaching is the reply; for this, which is termed impertinence to the law, you are arrested and detained from your journey; and at that a well known responsible man in the community. It is so absurdly ignorant that one feels murderous at the moment. We rejoice for the cool-headedness of Mr. Carr and his satisfaction given by those in authority.

### An Appreciation

Dear Mr. Editor:

On the eve of the anniversary of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lord, I desire, on behalf of the officers and members of the Waldeck Literary and Athletic Club, to express to you and through you to the staff of the SEARCHLIGHT, my unstinted admiration and profound gratitude to you for the ardent and strenuous efforts which you have exerted and are still exerting by your brilliant periodical to the cause of the English speaking community.

The SEARCHLIGHT

has performed and is still performing a noteworthy service in that it has stimulated thought and discussion among the Negro people in this country. It has also attracted the attention of some of our best local literary talents as expressed in its weekly columns.

I sincerely hope that there may lie before it many more years of useful service.

Believe me to be, Sir, yours very truly,

O. F. A. Harrison

President Waldeck Literary & Athletic Club

### Conduct

by O. F. A. Harrison

It has been said that, «Conduct and character are the same thing, facing both ways».

Character, however, is an inward quality, and conduct but the outward expression of it. For example, it is impossible for a man to give full evidence of his character unless his conduct bears witness to it. We may estimate a man's character from outward appearance, but his conduct must inform us whether our estimate is a correct one.

Then there is the verb

«conduct» meaning guidance, as when we say we conduct Mr. So and So to such a place. Conduct also employs behaviour. Any man may conduct another but our own conduct must be self directed. Our disposition to act in a certain way may be influenced by training and education, but the final decision as to the course we take must lie with ourselves and result from exercise of our own will.

In order, therefore, to regulate our conduct we must possess strength of character, for at some period or another in our life we may find ourselves in an isolated position where it rests upon us alone to decide between good and evil.

In so far as our conduct can be described as «good» or «bad» so is our character and reputation determined. There is, however, an essential difference between «Character» and «Reputation». Character is what we are supposed to be. Reputation, therefore, must inevitably be founded on character rather than on character. As reputation is the estimation in which we are held in our community, it is obvious that the standard of credit, good name, and personal worth can only be maintained by conduct that is beyond reproach.

There are so many

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### Carvey's Welcome meeting

Mr. Marcus Garvey has returned as is well known from his visit to Europe and to the League of Nations, where he went to endeavour to create a stimulus toward sympathy among the delegates to that august Assembly with regard to the sufferings of the Negro Race.

There were over 2000 of his adherents who went to welcome him back; the crowd was so great that it is said that Mr. Keiffer the agent of the boat sent a message to the captain advising him to ask Mr. Garvey to disembark as quickly as he could to relieve the congestion of Traffic on the Pier caused by the many thousands of people who visited the Dock that morning.

His first appearance in public was on the 18th when an immense welcome meeting was staged at Edelweiss Park for him. In expressing something of his visit he said: My visit to Geneva was fruitful, and I feel sure

we have made friends there who are not going to rest until the reasonable things we aim at are accomplished.

We aim at self-determination, the right of self-expression, autonomy, and right thinking but in the land of our fathers, a nation of our own; and from the shuffling of the cards, and from the forecast of the stars, things are working in a way that hundreds of millions of my race need not feel any trouble much longer, because everything seem to be turning our way.

We have to go back to the League and in the appointed time we shall go there in great strength—Moral strength. It will take time to summon that strength, but our next visit will find us there with the Moral strength of the hundreds of millions of our people, and we shall be there and we shall be heard; I feel sure that the hearing too will be good.

He spoke at length on the troubles existing at this moment in England and the

necessity for great leadership but he is optimistic that in MacDonald's hands backed by the national government she will pull through.

Some of the points presented to the League are: The sufferings generally of the Negro Race. The needs of the facilities for opportunity for Negroes to establish their own government. Relief from the terrible state of economic poverty that exists in the West Indies, in parts of Central and South America as well as in Southern sections of the U.S.A. where most of the Negroes are kept in the lowest state of Pauperism.

Relief from the discriminating Laws passed in Panama against Negro immigration into that Republic, even though he was the dominant factor in the construction of that country at a time when white labour could not withstand the climatic influence.

Relief from the unfair methods adopted by the

governments in Africa, where restrictive legislations and barriers are set up to prevent intelligent Negroes from America and the West Indies entering Africa their homeland, for the purpose of peacefully settling and to help in the development of their country altho' this privilege is granted to European settlers.

Praying for the moral and legal rights to the rehabilitation of the Motherland Africa, and as a means thereto, the granting to the Race, for the purposes of racial development; the mandated territory now given to the Union of South Africa namely, German East Africa, and German South West Africa; feeling sure that if conceded the opportunity, within twenty years Negroes would prove to the League their ability to a government that would be ever ready to assist the League of Nations in enforcing its civilized programme for the good of the entire human family.



# Where are your children

But parent, we are compelled to ask you, «What of your boys? How are you teaching them to advance towards the front lines of the battle field of life, a conquer yonder obstacles? Are you expecting them to become generals in the army of progress, or deserters, cowards, yellow streaked artists? But it seems to us as if you are contented to see us mere mediocres, by the spirit of dejection that you have all times displayed. Have you ever stopped to ponder what will become of us, your progenies? Have you ever had a serious talk with us, and determined our mental and moral value? If you have, and you are satisfied, then we can truly say, that your mental faculties are bereft of all their thinking abilities, making their judgment very poor ones.

Thus parents, remember these little ones around you, do not leave them up to their follies. Begin to infuse in their minds a consciousness of doing the right things always, so that this consciousness may become a second nature with them.

We, your children, are aiming for social progress, do not shake a doubtful care shoulder at us, because our success will be a star in your crown. Help us. And how can you help us? By strengthening our ranks with your children, children that are equipped with that wonderful home training that you, and only you, are able to give them. Criticize us not, because every criticism is a kick downward on the ladder of disgrace. Put your shoulder under us, and help push us up, up, up, until we are able to climb higher ourselves, or until we have reached the top of our aspiration. Do not adopt the philosophy of the superiority of your children, to your neighbour's children, because that nobility of birth, that nobility of culture really does not exist in this little town of ours. There is always a mark of shame on our family, and we should not, by our ignorance, uncover that shame; but with prudence, try to efface that stain, and demonstrate to your surroundings, that we are able to surmount that obstacle, thus becoming superior by our attitude.

Reverend Gentlemen, Professors, Social leaders, we are beseeching you to go to your different communities, with a heart touched with our spirit of aspiration, with a heart touched with the spirit of our social sentiments, & preach to your audiences our new sentiments, so that even a few may accept, and strive to attain that social life that we really ought to have. Do not teach them nationalism, because you are aware that the downfall of Sodom and Gomorrah was not due to the height of

their culture, but to the immorality that existed. You know that the fall of all the great countries of the world was not due to their civilization, but to the corruption of that civilization. Teach your people to build little fortified homes, where that society may find its birth. Do not stray from the children, but help them to become the men and women of tomorrow. Tell them that their evil deeds will affect even their third and fourth generations, so they should be thoughtful of the harm that can be done to generations, yet unborn. Let them take an interest in all the social affairs of their children, and enquire what they are all about; see that they are nothing to corrupt the minds of other children but something for their social physical and intellectual gain, such as Alpha aims at.

DOLORES JOSEPH

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## Sir Fiennes Barrett-Lennard

According to the Gleaner, We find that the Chief Justice of Jamaica, Sir Fiennes Barrett Lennard will not be returning to Jamaica to his post of duty, he has got extension of leave again which will expire on 23rd of December but the information reads. The Chief Justice will not be returning to Jamaica, if at all, not before February next.

The severe Hemorrhages of last December, for which the London doctors have failed to assign natural cause, have greatly weakened him. The Chief Justice, until a very short time ago, fully expected a clean

health Certificate, but the strain put upon him will, perhaps, render residence in a temperate and sub-tropical country for a time, essential.

## West Indian weds Titled Bride

Mr. George Anthony Reginald Williams, a native of Castries St. Lucia was married to Lady Mary Heath noted British Aviatrix at Lexington, Kentucky, by Dr. T. C. Ecton, a Baptist minister, the Governor Mr. F. D. Sampson gave the bride in marriage. Mr. Williams is also an aviator.

# The Baptist Dispute

Happily the long existing dispute among the Baptists is ended; Dr. Price of the Calabar Training College and the members of the Jamaica Baptist Union are once more reconciled.

The withdrawal of Principal Price from the Calabar College had been asked for of the Baptist Missionary Society in England by the Ministers of the Baptist Union in Jamaica on account of this dispute. A deputation was sent out from England to investigate the matter, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke M. A.; D. D. and Mr. Thomas S. Penny arrived

and went at length into the controversy, and got both parties to see where their errors were and admitting them got into closer relations.

Dr. Rushbrooke said he regretted the unpleasant atmosphere that had been created, not only for the individual members of the controversy in the Community, but for the utility of the harmonious operation of the Baptist following and its adherents, but he was leaving satisfied that both sides were sorry for the incident, and were now convinced of the harm that the continuance of such a stringency much occasion to the Baptist Union in the Island and would now resolve to labour more harmoniously than ever before.

After being in Jamaica for a month they left a fortnight ago on their return voyage home carrying the pleasantest of reminiscences of the Isle of Springs, possibly a bit gratified that the knot had arisen, so as to give them a month's vacation among their friends in this little out post of the great Empire.

We are glad of this, because the Revd. Dr. Price is undoubtedly one of the greatest educators it has been the lot of Jamaica to possess.

## Disorders near Mo-Bay

Police under Inspector Knollys had to be called in, from Montego Bay to quell a riot among the labourers at Amity Hall property in S. James. The old hands resented new labour being called in to work and created a disturbance many arrests have been made.

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with Miss D. Rodriguez as Chairman, Miss E. Coverley as Hon. Secretary Misses A. McDougal and C. Black as 1st. and 2nd. Asst.

He has the cooperation of the best people of the land, and is raising funds to carry out his great project by entertainments all over the Island by the leading talent of the Community. He deserves great commendation for his far visioned scheme.

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## Conduct...

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things that go to make up perfection of conduct, that when we begin to enumerate them we are at a loss where to stop. In one respect, however, there seems to be a sort of universal agreement; that good and wise conduct consists in the faithful performance of duty, in thinking not of ourselves but of others, in doing to others as we would be done by, and in acting not as the individual, but as a member of the

community.

Conduct is to a large extent a matter of duty. True conduct is marked by goodness which is always consistent with itself, that course being always the most fit and reasonable which tends towards it. These rules of conduct are beautifully summed up by Thackeray when he wrote: "Be honest, be gentle, be generous, be wise, and possessing these qualities, exercise them in the most graceful outward manner".

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# Popular Superstition

By CYRILLO

The term "superstition" is often very loosely applied, and so what is sometimes called superstition is never superstition at all. Of course, this is the common fate of words that have gained popular favour. It is only technical terms, it seems, which do not readily lend themselves to "foreign" usage, that immune from misapplication; for the technical mind alone finds any interest in them; outside that, it is only the skilful writer of his language that will venture to borrow from the vocabulary of a technical subject.

Now, the trend of modern thought is towards changing, altering, modifying, and even rejecting that which was once for that which may seem better able to fit into the present scheme of things; for the present being the only open door to the future, nothing can be more necessary or desirable than that there should be an evolution of ideas and principles—in fact, all human creations—such as is in strict conformity with the evolutionary scheme of Nature itself. So, we look to see superstition as a human "institution" meaning at no distant date something quite different from what it means or ought to mean now. Before that change shall have taken place, let us see what the superstition of today really is.

It must be observed at the outset that the imagination plays a very active part in superstition, but it must be observed, too, that the imagination is not in any way responsible for the fallacies and absurdities of superstition. This, the imagination, is purely and simply a mental faculty that operates as a medium between mind and matter—matter as it affects the senses. For instance, the

eye sees for the first time a horrible murder; the imagination at once presents to the mind all the details of the tragedy; then the mind without fail combines all these details and forms that mental picture of the scene that we call a *concept*. The work of the imagination stops just here; whatever happens beyond this point must be attributed to some other faculty of the mind. If there is any pleasure in a concept, the mind will find it and feast upon it by the use of all its faculties; if there is none, then it will either banish the concept altogether or tax itself with the duty of selecting parts of it and combining these parts into new wholes—some of which may be just mere myth; but the imagination will have had nothing to do with all this process. So, it is clear that popular superstition is not an outcome of the imagination. In what, then, does popular superstition consist.

Superstition has one meaning, and that one meaning is a *belief on bias*—a belief on evidence that cannot give universal satisfaction; but as it may be founded upon different hypotheses, it extends to many things, doubtless. I take as my first hypothesis this: *Conjectured causes govern experience*; and I illustrate this by telling a story about myself. When I was a little boy, I used to hear and to talk a great deal about ghosts. So, one moonlight night as I was rambling through a small clump or bush in a game of hide-and-seek, I beheld a little way from me what was certainly (to me) a ghost! I there upon started back, but on returning (and not very willingly too) with two or three companions to the scene of my discovery, I found to my shameful surprise that my "ghost" was only a small

palm (the "silver thatch" of Jamaica), the leaves of which had assumed an appearance of whiteness through contact with the silvery light of the moon! My experience was as real as any thing familiar to my senses could be, for I had seen something—a plant; but that experience was misinterpreted by dint of an hypothesis that rested upon no demonstrated fact of knowledge. In that lay my superstition.

Here is another bit of superstition, which rests upon the same hypothesis but which does not bring in the "duppy" question: A man having suspected three of his servants of theft, locked them up for a night in three separate cells. He had given each of them a green rod; upon leaving them, he gave them to understand that the rod of the thief would show up a bud by morning. Now, so powerful is suggestion, that next morning the thief not only *did* see a "bud" on his rod, but made an open confession of his guilt. His experience was real: there was his green rod, and the node on it, but his ill-founded hypothesis of a bud existing from the time the suggestion was made to him, would transform even an "eyeless" node into a green shoot and so it did. Some there are who will call such specie of conduct a work of conscience, but I am not writing as a moralist so that I should have any thing to do with the ethical side of the matter. The man's conduct was one thing, his vision, another; and the whole sum of his behaviour was nothing short of rank superstition.

(Concluded next issue).

Headache?...

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## Philomela's Serious Talk With Girls

Aha! Just as the Jewish murderers spoke to Christ, "Come down from that cross and save yourself, if thou be the son of God" the same you want me to disclose my self, and lead you by my example. As if there are no good examples around this town, for you to immitate. If

now you resent my interference, how much more you would not resent it, and hate me, if you knew who I was. Anyway, my theme for this week is THE EVANGELIST.

Why can't some of you, members of our STANDARD CLUBS become real evangelists, and preach the gospel of your standard? Why not be open hearted, be big and evangelize others, drawing them into your ranks, swelling them for good? What sort of a Christianity do you practice, when you only pretend that you are broad-minded, when because a few girls, not of your educational rank not as presumably modest as yourself, but who aim for upliftment, gain admittance into your clubs, you drew out, leaving your leadership, your intellectual supports, your advices to others to try and handle? Why, do you think yourself better than these new members, who are admitted to your club? And if you think so, why not let them feel the power of your superiority, so they can become superior themselves. You would have a swell club, if you were not so narrow minded, if you would not discrim-

inate, if you would be true Christians.

You young ladies, who have drawn out of your clubs, because of the admission of some girl poor intellectually, ought to be ashamed of yourselves surely you are no better than they are, looking at your present living conditions. Go back to your clubs, and become real evangelists. I mean everything I say, fus as you like.

Yes, you are indignant, but have you a right to be? You are not consistent in your purpose. Look at your basketball teams, the METROPO-LIS etc. Your baskets are rotting in the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH YARD. You are so loudmouthed, instead of going rowing, or joy riding, why not get some of your boy friends, on a pleasant moonlight night to help you put up your posts again, so that you can practice? See the interest they have in you, not one to lend you a hand.

I have harder facts to bring home to you, facts that are true, so read, and cut out your criticism, but better your situation for a better Limon. Till next week.

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The children of the day school will hold their annual entertainment on December 15th, at their school room.

Parents and friends are cordially invited.  
Admission - Adults \$ 0.50 Children \$ 0.25

### A distinguished Worker dead

The districts of Toro, Cuba Creek, Zent and Estrada were thrown in consternation on Tuesday November 24 when the news went around that Mr. John Johnson was dead.

Mr. Johnson took in ill just fourteen days ago, and on Tuesday he was dead.

He was a very useful man in the community. In church work he had played his part excellently. In the Zent division of the U. N. I. A. he was a father. He served in the first term as first vice president for a few months and as president acting up to the time of the elec-

tion of new officers on the 4th of November. He was then elected chaplain, and was to be installed in said office on Sunday December 6. He was also a faithful member of the Mosaic Order in Estrada.

On Wednesday evening he was buried. There was never seen such a funeral procession in any of the above mentioned districts.

He is survived by a wife and a daughter to whom we tender our condolence.

LABAN ROOMS

Zent. Costa Rica.

## School examination

Squirres, Monday 7th. The St. Joseph's Catholic School of this town began its annual examinations this morning. The written part of the examinations will last through the four school days of this week, while the oral, which will be conducted by the Rev. Father Alberto Wolgaten, will be taken on Monday and Tuesday next. The subjects of

examination are: Reading and Recitations, Writing and English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Elementary Science & Hygiene, Religious Knowledge, Drawing, Manual Occupations, Geography, General Knowledge, Vocal Music.

The school closes for the Christmas holidays on the 15th inst.

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## Happenings at Zent

The installation of officers of the zent division of the U.N.I.A. took place on Sunday December 6, with Mr. I. A. Murray (secretary of the Matina division) as installing officer. The officers are as follows. Messrs J. N. Malcolm president, T. Williams 1st vice-president, S. A. Williams 2nd vice-president, S. Martin 3rd vice president, Mrs. E. Thompson lady president, Miss E. Jones 1st lady vice president, Miss M. Foster 2nd lady vice president, Miss H. Flemmings 3rd lady vice-president, W. Haughton treasurer, I. A. Bryan executive secretary, L. A. Rooms re-

cording secretary, a Jones assistant secretary, D. S. Anglin assistant treasurer, E. A. Allen chaplain. C. Morris and Mrs. M. Kates field-workers.

There was no decoration of flowers but the hall was decorated in black showing the signal of mourning for our dear co-worker Mr. John Johnson who departed this life on Tuesday November 24th. We have to thank Mr. Murray for the excellent way in which he conducted the service and Miss Inez Franklin for presiding at the organ.

LABAN ROOMS

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## Variety Concert & Elocution Contest

To all organized Clubs, Associations and Societies  
Communities and Towns.

At a regular meeting of the under mentioned Club, it was decided to stage a MAMMOTH ELOCUTION CONTEST, under its auspices, inviting all organized clubs, associations, societies, communities and towns of the Province of the Atlantic Zone. The contest will be an open one and, therefore, all persons desiring, are eligible to entry. The club will endeavour to raise, as may be convenient, the necessary funds, to provide the prize, which may be trophies; which will be allotted according to the number secured, endeavouring to assign first, second and third prizes, and other prizes subject to conditions.

No entry fee nor quota will be levied on the entrants or contestants; but applications must be filed with the Secretary of the Club, not later than, fifteen days prior to the date scheduled for the function. All entries are binding to make good their appearance, after having applied and received confirmation of their entry. No title will be at risk, nor will any be assigned winners of this contest. The function will be a combination Variety Concert and Elocution Contest. It will take place at the Arrasty Theatre on December 21st. proximo.

A very good programme will be provided, offering some of the best of our local artists, known, and debutantes. Very moderate prices will be charged for admission. This may, therefore, be accepted as an open invitation, by which intending contestants are here by appraised. Enquiries welcome. J. R. Scott, Secretary UNIVERSITY CLUB, LIMON. EGBERT POLSON, President.

J. R. SCOTT,  
Secretary.



# Solving the problem

In conjecturing as the whole country is doing at this moment the means of solving the financial difficulty which confronts the government, we have come across a Formula in "La Tribuna" of the 10th inst, which so tickles us that we reproduce the translation for the hilarity of our readers.

The Caricaturist brings Don Cleto and Don Fabio Baudrit his Minister of Finance seated in consultation over the Crisis, and he says, here is the formula.

There many things in this life we cannot get to understand; among others, he says why are three gentlemen disputing the Presidency of Costa Rica which at this moment is not a very desirable Bone to pick at? Which thing came first, the egg or the hen that layed the egg? Who put the water in the Coconut, and by what means did he get it in there? and why should the seed come on the outside of the Cashew? but the strangest thing of all is, why should Don Cleto and Don Fabio be going crazy how to get the money to pay the public servants? This is really what we cannot understand, because to tell the truth, the public employees never work! and we are going to demonstrate it in a conclusive manner. Here is the prescription which we give to Don Fabio without charging him one cent for it, so long as he promises to put it in practice with all his intelligence.

Here it is: The year has 365 days, good; The government employee sleeps 8 hours ea. h day, which makes 122 days in the year which he remains in bed leaving then to be paid for 243 days.

Then his employee takes another 8 hours of rest daily, which makes another 122 days of the 243 which he passes resting having 121 days to be paid for.

Then we have 52 Sundays in the year, in which no one works, hence discounting these we leave 69 days for actual work.

On the Almanac however we find that there are 14 days feriados (Holidays) at the disposition of the Official, thus deducting these he has 55 days to be accounted for,

## An old Churchworker

The many friends of the Revd. Canon Henry Thornton who was for many years connected with the Honduras Diocese in San Jose and Bocas del Toro will be pleased to know that after his vacation in England he is so much rejuvenated that the has been sent on to Belize Honduras, to take up work there in the rebuilding of the Churches which have been destroyed or damaged by the recent Catastrophe in that Colony.

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Then he says on Saturdays the offices are closed for half day so we have another 26 days to be deducted from the 55 leaving only 29 days of pay.

But he does not stop there because, each employee takes at least an hour and half for breakfast daily hence 1 1/2 hours of 365 days give you 22 days to be deducted from the 29 surviving days would leave him 7 days to be paid for, that is if old Pithagoras does not intervene, then as every official has got his Saint Day or his Birthday to drop in in which he is given indulgences, or possibly he may not feel well and so take a purge, yielding another day to be discounted, hence for the life of us, one cannot see why Don Fabio is sweating drops of blood to find money to pay these great vagabonds who never at best do any thing as we have demonstrated by logical reasonings borne out by the mute and extraordinary eloquence of figures, and anyone who can refute this has the right to do so.

## Races! Races! Races!

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## A REQUEST

Several of our readers have been complaining of the "printers devil" that has been so meddlesome at times in our impressions, but we will ask them to be a bit considerate, from the fact that we operate in an office in which none of our workmen know a word of English, we therefore have to make

three, four corrections at times, and at times when the last proof is corrected, it is not properly attended and miss our eyes at the last moment, we therefore apologize for these omissions and pray your indulgences until we can secure our own office with your assistance.

## To our subscribers

From the different letters of appreciation with which we have been favoured from time to time, we realize that our efforts during the past two years have been appreciated; but mere appreciations without monetary assistance will not assist us to continue the issue of

our Newspaper; we therefore beg of our Subscribers and Agents along the lines to forward their contributions regularly monthly to enable us to carry on.

Estrada, 28 Miles, Limon and Old Harbour are very much backward, we therefore beg of our subscribers in these places to pay up to our Agents, so they can do their duty by us.

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## Financial Conference

London 9. — McDonald proposes in the house of Commons that the government considers a project to convene an international conference to study the causes of the economic stringency of the world, he suggests that the financial experts of the Bank of Basle Switzerland be asked to send an opinion in the matter.

## Foot Ball in England

London 9. — Fifty five thousand persons witnessed the Foot Ball match at the Arsenal grounds between England and Spain, and there were 20000 who could not gain admittance for want of space; The Englishmen beat the Spaniards by seven goals to one.

IMPRENTA  
Falcó Hermanos

## Finances of Columbia

Bogota 9. — A decree has been issued which prescribes the admission in the Bank of the Republic of all arrears relative to foreign debts, this measure is considered a veritable suspension of all payment to foreign creditors if the Executive considers it necessary.

It is also considering the means of augmenting the circulation for the purpose of strengthening the bank of the agricultural Credits, and opening up Public Works.

## Sandinos men advance

Mexico, 9. — The representative of Sandino, says he has received a message from the rebel Chief in which he states that his forces control the rural districts of 8 departments and will take the cities when it is considered convenient they are approaching Leon and Managua. The President, General Moncada narrowly escaped being captured by the insurgents.

## Panamanian Drastic emergency Law

On that 2nd inst the Panamanian government put a new law in force which is that none but persons travelling by first class passage can enter Panamanian territory, besides, every passenger who wants to remain for thirty days or more must have on him or her at least five hundred Balboa, and two hundred and fifty for each dependent of his.

Circus, Theatrical Cos, professional men, patients going to Hospitals, the wives and children of people of independent means already domiciled there, students and Tourists are exempted.

## Troubles of Uncle Sam

Washington, 8. — President Hoover asks the country in his Annual message to Congress to accept for two years an increased rate of taxation to provide for the deficit caused by the falling off of the revenue. The deficit so far is \$2,123,000.00 and as a consequence of which the public debt has been increased by the sum of \$ 1,700,000,000. He also asks Congress to formulate an important financial corporation to reconstruct national finances.

## A NOTIFICATION

The many Shareholders of the Agricultural & Building Corporation of 28 miles will be pleased to know that the Corporation is now Registered and the Document is in our hands. A general Shareholders meeting will be called at an early date to hand out the Shareholders' scripts which are being printed now, to redeem all receipts which were given for moneys paid into the hands

Limon, December 5th, 1931

Mistah Hedita,  
«The Sarchlite».

Cartago, C. R.

Dear Mistah Hedita:

I never does write in a newspaper befo a my life, but I ha fi do ie now, because tings gwine bad.

Las week We'nsdy 'bout 3 a'clock, I lei me house fe go dong tong. When Ah got a de baseball grong', Ah see a crowd o people up a de top o' de trete. Me ax wan woman a wha happen. She tell me say, is de Revival Sheppard a go marrid. Well, Ah wait an' de crowd start fe come dong de trete; but Ah notice dat dem top at all de cross trete, an' de Sheppard prafesigh disaster an venjanje pon de lan. When dem come clos, Ah see de Sheppard dress up in a red night gown an a red cap, vud a little tick in him han, rap vid red and black tape. De lady him gwine marrid to, she dress de

same way, an about 2 dozen o de sheep an ram d' dress in white, wid red an grean sash. Two o dem old a banner over de Sheppard head, an two more carry piece o tick, bout 4 foot long, vvid 3 candle pon dem.

Well, Sah, dem go right dong a de Gobna Office. Ater dem finish dey, dem procesh up de 3rd trete and go back up to Miss Arnal hill side, vvhay dem, dem tabanacy. Dem hab one big fiesta up, deh, de v'hole nite, an plenty people go look pon it.

Fe me fe tell you, one ting; but if you did see vvhut I see, you v'vud a laugh till you ribs bus. Ah v'vish de Sheppard could a hab a v'vidding every v'vweek; it v'vud help v'vfe fe figet de hand time.

Do, Mistah Hedita, put dis in de Sarchlight; because Ah knovv plenty people vvhv no ben see dis sight, v'vud a like fe hear bout it.

Tenk you, Sah  
(BACKRA TAMAS)

## Do your and a little more it's the little more that counts

To do his duty and a little more should be the end in view of every v'vell thinking person vvhv accepts a position as an employee, vvhether the employment be from a Government or a private concern.

When one performs the duty for vvhich he has been contracted or employed he is entitled to the emolument agreed upon for the service rendered and nothing more. And the fact of having done the duty v'vell is no argument for expecting any further recognition; for no one v'vould think of employing another to do the task as he (the employed) might best choose. It is always, —without so expressing, —tacitly understood the work is to be done well, unless in cases where one is taken on for trial, to be retained if the service rendered warrants retention.

But if an employee does his duty well and then does a little more than he was contracted for, while he may have done the little more without a thought of further recognition, his superior or employer would, indeed, have to be devoid entirely of the sense of justice and right if he failed to take note of that done by his employee over and above his duty. It is always the little more that counts.

The servant or hired man who is always taking a look at the clock in or

der to know just how many minutes more he has to be at the desk, or at his work, whatever it might be, so as to be ready to dash through he door as the hour hand points to the knocking off hour, is almost always the one to come latest to work. Such an employee has no time to do a little more, he can scarcely even do that for which he is paid. Employees of this sort 'scarcely ever climb to higher posts. On the other hand, the servant who, after the hour strikes for knocking off hangs around, brush his desk and probably somebody else's desk, finds this or that little thing to give a last touch to, is sure to be noticed by his superiors and in due time he will receive the just reward.

When a servant starts in a bank to work as a duster or a floor sweeper and a few years later climbs to the post of cashier of that institution it certainly was not because he dusted well or was a clean sweeper; he most likely did «a little more» every day.

And so, the carpenter, the mechanic, the engineer who will leave his tools wherever he is found when the clock strikes eleven is not the kind of carpenters mechanics or engineers one ought to look for.

And so it ought to be in every walk of life; there ought always to be that spirit in our works and engagements that stimulates us to do, not only that for which we receive pay, but JUST A LITTLE MORE if we hope for success in our endeavors.

Shareholder will be necessary to pay for printing of these scripts and other expenses incurred since May last.

S. C. NATION  
President