

## Our Mission.

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to Europe. He spent a few weeks in Ireland, witnessing and enjoying the wondrous display of Divine grace on that Island. While in Scotland, God's kind providence opened up his way for resuming and prosecuting his theological studies in the Free Church College in Edinburgh. Whilst at college he was requested to take preaching services at the destitute town of Musselburg, six miles from Edinburgh. It was at that point Mr. Hammond experienced the turning point of his career. A remarkable revival followed his labors, and from that time he felt convinced that God would have him labour as an Evangelist; and, undaunted by difficulties or opposition, he has since pursued his own special methods of work, and has been marvellously owned of God. England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States, and Canada have been visited and blessed, and in this Dominion there are hundreds of men and women, who are prominent Christian workers, who attribute their conversion to his labours as owned of God. Those labours have been incessant, the only interval being a tour taken (after his marriage) to Palestine, which tour has of itself been helpful to him in his presentation of truth.

Mr. Hammond is at present labouring in London, England, and his meetings have been seasons of marvellous power and blessing. His visit to that city in 1867 resulted in the founding of "the Children's Special Service Mission," which has since been the channel of untold good in the salvation and sanctification of the young. Its influence has extended far beyond the limits of Great Britain; within recent years, indeed, by means of its illustrated Gospel leaflets, in different languages, it may be said to have encircled the globe, and planted a witness for Jesus Christ among the rising generation of every people, kindred, and tongue.

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### Life in Jamaica.

By WILLIAM A. BRIGGS.

(Extracts from Letters).

**F**OOD.—The general food used in Jamaica is Yams, Plantains, Coconos, Pears, Rice, &c., &c. The Yams are very much like your potatoes, only much larger. There are many kinds. yellow Yams, Negro Yams, Yampies, white Yams, &c. The latter are the best. They are much superior to your

Early Rose Potatoes. Plantains are something like the Banana, only they are much larger. When green, are used instead of bread. The Coconos are a root vegetable, and much like the Yam in appearance, and largely made use of by the black people. They are dry to the taste, and not so desirable as the Yams. Pears are about the most delicious vegetable grown in Jamaica. These we only have for about six months of the year, almost done now.

**OCCUPATION.**—Most all of the natives are "planters," or, as you would say, small farmers. They have each their little "groun" or farm (a plot of from 2 to 10, 20 and 50 acres). They procure the land for from one pound (or \$4) an acre and upwards. Men and women alike, all work as planters.

**EDUCATION.**—Nearly every Chapel or Church has its Day School and Sabbath School. The Day School teachers are what you would consider men who had passed good public or common school education. The Sabbath schools are generally held in the morning before Church service. The children as a whole, are remarkably well up in Bible knowledge, and I think would compare favourably with the S. S. scholars in Canada. At a children's meeting in Brownstown, I was thoroughly surprised, for I believe the children would have taken their stand with many of our Toronto schools, both in Bible knowledge as well as recitations, &c.

The Lord is graciously with us, giving blessing and much encouragement. I see now more clearly than ever, His hand in my being here. I can never thank the dear Lord enough for His lovingkindness in sending me out to Jamaica. It has already proven a wonderful blessing to me in many ways.

I had a blessed time the other day on the word "Go." I send you the outline, which is as follows:—

#### "GO."

WHO GIVES THE COMMAND? Isa. 6: 8; John 15: 16 f.c.; Matt. 28: 18, 19.

WHO ARE COMMISSIONED TO GO? Numb. 32: 6; Mark 16: 15; Matt. 21: 28; Acts 5: 19, 20.

WHEN TO GO. Matt. 21: 28; Luke 10: 2, 3, with John 4: 35; 2 Cor. 5: 20; 6: 1, 2.

WHERE TO GO. Ps. 32: 8; Jer. 1: 7; Mark 5: 19; Acts 8: 26, &c.; Luke 14: 21-23.

HOW TO GO. 2 Chron. 14: 11; Numb. 32: 17 f.c.; Ps. 71: 16.

WHAT TO GO WITH. Ex. 3: 21; 33: 14; 4: 12; Mark 16: 15; Acts 5: 20.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO GO. Deut. 20: 4; Matt. 28: 18, 19, 20; Psalm 126: 6.

Ask all the many dear friends in Canada to remember us in their prayers, that it may please the Lord to give us to see "showers of blessing" all over the Island.

Devon P. O., Mt. Gracious.