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### Our Paper.

**W**E are now endeavouring to carry out a plan whereby OUR MISSION UNION may become even more attractive and useful. Several new contributors have been secured, and we are also making arrangements with a view to the embellishment of our pages by the insertion of choice illustrations. Already, the co-operation of friends of the work has been ensured, and if our readers will but lend a helping hand towards increasing the subscription list, we feel convinced that the heart's desire of the publisher, and of the editor, will be fulfilled. The enterprise was not entered upon with a view to "make money," but to "do good," and we thank God that already we have had evidence that our labours have not been in vain.

One gentleman residing out of the city, has ordered 100 copies for distribution among the older scholars, and the teachers of his Sunday school, while another has ordered 100, which he sends regularly to friends in country places. We believe that in Sunday schools, but especially among the older scholars and Bible classes, this paper would prove of much value.

We promise our readers that if they do their part toward increasing the circulation of the paper, we will do our part toward making it worthy their patronage. You can do your share toward ensuring success, by filling up enclosed subscription form for one or more copies.

## Evangelistic Mission, JAMAICA.

**O**N a visit to this Mission, last winter, I found that a blessed work of grace had been going on there for several years. Rev. James Johnston, a young man from Grattan Guinness' College, London, England, went to the Island, more in quest of health than to found a mission, about nine years ago. His body got invigorated in a few months, under the genial rays of a tropical sun, and he was enabled to enter upon pastoral work in connection with the Baptist denomination. Difficulties having arisen between him and his ministerial brethren, a little more than a year after his settlement, Mr. Johnston resigned his connection with the Baptist body. A large number of his people, many of whom had been converted to God through his labors, urged him not to leave the Island, but to continue to preach the Gospel, and they would sustain him. Acting on their advice, and with their co-operation, Mr. Johnston, with his beloved wife—a true help-meet,—threw himself with his whole soul into evangelistic work. God blessed his labours amid much opposition, both from saint and sinner. The new movement became widespread. Booths sprung up here and there. Foundations for new churches were laid, and material for building was brought, little by little, as the poor blacks were able to furnish it. So that, after eight years' earnest labour, when I visited the field, I found a membership of about 3,500, and two large stone churches about eight miles apart, with congregations of from 1,000 to 1,200 people. There were out stations in different directions, embracing a territory about sixty miles in length. A staff of native preachers had also been raised up to aid in the work. I heard some of them speak with much warmth and zeal, exhibiting at the same time such a clear grip of the Gospel plan of salvation, that I was fairly delighted, and led to praise God for such a manifestation of His grace and power. Schools have also been established in connection with most of the churches, and a wholesome mode of church order and discipline obtains among them. I had the testimony of an aged Jew who lives in the centre of the mission, as to the moral aspect of the work done. He, having resided among the people for many years, never saw such a change, very marked in its character, as that which has been produced, of a beneficial nature, through the influence of the Gospel of Christ on the blacks.

What has been done there may also be done in our own spheres of labour, by earnest, persevering work, and prayer for the Master's divine approval.

J. SALMON.