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JAMAICA AND ITS PROBLEMS

foster progress in all matters connected with the Sunday School. Such a Union might also help in securing more even and higher standards for the religious instruction and training given in the day schools.

While problems weigh heavily on Christian leaders, the general religious situation in the island gives reason for hopefulness. The Churches still exert a considerable influence on public thought and life. There is, however, a yearning, here as elsewhere, for a true revival of religion, a movement of the Spirit that would stir to the depths. Emotional reactions are not difficult to obtain in Jamaica, but there is great need of a new inspiration to recall men to the enthusiastic following of Christ, witnessed a century ago. Their fathers were willing to bear cruel persecution for the sake of the Gospel ; the same nature is theirs to-day if but a great Breath of God might sweep over the island and bring back the spirit of the Early Church.

Strange Cults in the West Indies

Obeah is practised in many of the West Indian Islands. The writer had close contact with it in Trinidad. *Obeah* works mainly by suggestion. By his hypnotic gaze, by 'medicine' he supplies to be mixed with food, by placing the head and crossed claws of a rooster before a victim's hut, and by other curious ways, the *Obeah-Man* strikes terror, ('puts *Obeah*'), which means prostration in sickness and sometimes death.

Voodoo is more repellent than either *Pocomania* or *Obeah*. It is especially prevalent in Haiti. Magical practises and secret rites prepare the devotees for the worship of the serpent. Some of the rites are reported to be obscene and involve the use of human blood.

The original home of these cults is West Africa, whence they were brought by the Negro slaves imported into the West Indian Islands in the seventeenth century for work on the plantations.

The Churches and Missions in the West Indies are dealing faithfully with this persistent evil in their midst. It probably will yield finally to more efficient and general primary education and to a spiritual revival of the Churches, taking the form, not of impassioned preaching, but rather of methodical Bible teaching.