

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Not the responsibility of the Editor)

Dear Editor;

After listening to the lecture of the Hon. teacher Mr. Arrindell of Marigot - on his theme of Education, at the Men's Club at Marigot - And his answers to the various questions and to Mr. Baley, teacher of Cole Bay and many others on the subject of Education, School, Teachers, Guardians and children.

The entire subject provided food for thought - and has given wings to my mind and flight to my imagination. Consequently I have seen the imperative necessity for a general meeting of all teachers, parents, guardians and children for a better understanding on the whole.

Therefore I made immediate contact with the Principals of the schools for a general public meeting, which was gladly accepted. I also spoke to Rev. Khan on the subject, who immediately agreed and offered one hundred chairs, for wherever the meeting will be kept. But, asked please not to keep it in his absent, as he would like to voice his opinion. The Honorable Principal, Mr. Lindeboom will give a lecture on the subject, all parents, guardians and children are politely invited to be present at this particular meeting. It will be one of the most constructive and important meetings of its kind. Public sentiment will be a potent factor. The Lady Principala of the St. Joseph College will also voice her sentiment on this important issue. Mr. Baley, teacher of Cole Bay has been long waiting for an opportunity to express his views - and many more including Miss Bells. This issue was brought about because of parents going to teachers with reference to the behavior of children.

Too many mothers love for her child is like the instinct of an animal - only ready to but and bite.

Fourteen or fifteen years ago, due to some action on the part of one of the teachers who lost control, and illtreated a child - The Hon. Legislative Council, past a law, that teachers may not whip or strike a child with their hands.

The children of today, are taking a direct advantage of this situation, no fear, no respect, one way or another; which is causing a terrible reaction in community life, State and Government. It is time that the general sentiment of the Public be moved in this particular direction - It should be understood, that the teacher is the child's other mother. In a pure state of

nature the child would need no other teacher than its mother, but the economic demands upon the poor and the social demands upon the rich; make a third party indispensable. In the average home, there is a woeful lack of love everybody is so busy. So the child is sent to school, and the other mother gives her mother's love, her patience and her tact to bring about a pleasurable animation, a condition the average parent cannot evolve; and without which, mental and spiritual growth are impossible. Therefore teachers need the moral support and co-operation of parents - and not their ignorant displeasure. So a meeting has been planned for early February. The general public will be informed of the date and place in a later issue of this newspaper.

So we all thank the Men's Club of Marigot for the pleasant evening of Men's Fellowship, there was about 65 to 70 men present.

We thank the guest-speaker of the evening for his theme on education and the many persons who asked questions, on the subject of parent and children and the regulation of law governing the situation.

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Dear Mr. Editor;

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of New York City have been house guests of Mrs. Ziliah Richardson, of Philipsburg, a pioneer of St. Maarten, for the last week. The Williams' wish to express their sincere appreciation of the Island's hospitality, especially to the numerous friends and acquaintances whose effort helped to make their stay one to be remembered for many seasons,

The cuisine of the Little Bay Hotel ... The atmosphere of friendliness of the Sea-View Hotel ... The bartering of the market place, ... The salubrious climate is a thought and experience well worth the stay, we definitely look forward to a return trip.

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To the Editor of the Windward Islands' Opinion:

Through this medium we the Gunbs' Family