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An Interesting Letter.

It is with hearts filled with gratitude that we publish the following letter which has just been received from the beloved Editor of the RECORD who left our shores a few weeks ago for a surgical operation in the United States of America, and who requests that it be read to all the Churches and Companies by the several Church Elders and Leaders :

New England Sanitarium,
October 8th, 1906.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS.—
Greeting in the Lord—My heart is filled with gratitude and thankfulness to God as I write you this letter. Truly I can say "Who is like unto Thee oh Lord, among the gods? Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises doing wonders?"

I reached New York safely on the evening of the 26th September, after a very tempestuous voyage. I joined with the brethren of the Greater New York Conference in the last four days of their Annual Conference Session. On the 3rd of October I left for the Sanitarium which is over 200 miles away. I reached at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It is a beautiful place. There are about 60 nurses and 100 patients here at present. I was examined by the Doctor on Thursday morning and the next morning fixed for the operation. I cannot write and tell you of the details, but God led in every turn. My bowels was cut open and two doctors worked on

me for nearly two hours. It is now the fourth day since the operation and I hardly realize what happened. No pains at all. Dear Brethren the Lord has heard your prayers and He has answered accordingly. The operation has been a decided success. Praise God. The doctors and nurses wonder at my case. They don't know the reason; but I know brethren—don't you? It is your fervent effectual prayers. I am recovering just as fast as possible. I feel sure if no preventing providence, to be with you either the first or second week in November. May our Father continually bless you, is the prayer of your, brother in the glorious message.

N. JOHNSON.

The West Indian Training School.

The 3,000 Dollar Mark Passed.

I am sure that the readers of the *Record* are anxious to know something of the progress of the campaign in the States in the interest of the West Indian Training School. I am glad to report that the good hand of the Lord has been with us all along the line. At the Trinidad Conference it was decided finally that the entire West Indian Field would co-operate for the establishment of this school and that it would be a Union Conference Institution. But when we

came face to face with the large cost of such an institution we found that our own West Indian people could not furnish means sufficient. Such a school will cost at least \$10,000.

Accordingly after pledging our people to do all they could we petitioned the General Conference to donate to us two thousand copies of "Christ Object Lessons" we pledging to sell them before July 1, 1907. But this was still not enough, so it was further petitioned that the writer be allowed to return to the States, and that arrangements be made so that our need could be laid before some of our brethren and sisters in the States. The General Conference brethren very generously granted us all we asked.

The writer landed in New York, August 1, on this mission. It had been arranged for me to accompany Elder Evans in visiting the camp meetings of the Lake Union Conference; I reached the Southern Illinois camp meeting Aug., 3, from there I went to Indiana, West Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The Lord drew very near at all these meetings. Showers of blessing fell on God's people, and the camp of Israel moved forward. There was a special work of grace done for the young people. O how good it seemed to see such an army of splendid young men and women preparing themselves for the work.

Although there were many calls pressing in, and a great need of means for home and foreign fields, yet the brethren very kindly allowed me to present the needs of our field. At the close of the Wisconsin Camp Meeting we had raised \$1,500 in cash and pledges.

As every other way seemed to close up and there were still three weeks before the committee meeting, I slipped across the continent to my old home on the Pacific. At this writing

Sept. 28, I am returning to Washington, D.C., to attend the General Conference Committee Meeting and am glad to report that the fund I am raising has now passed the \$3,000 mark.

Now, brethren and sisters I was just thinking how sad it would be if people in other lands would be more interested in our West Indian School than our West Indian brethren and sisters. If any have been careless or indifferent hitherto, wake up and get to work at once. That school is now assured. It only remains for you to do your part.

You must give what cash you can. Then send for a "Christ's Object Lessons." Every Seventh Day Adventist family ought to have this book in their own home. Each member ought to sell at least one book to a neighbour. Get to work brethren and sisters and see how good a report we can bring up to our meeting in January.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

Subsequent to the receipt of the above Elder Enoch has informed us that he has received an appropriation of \$4,000 from the General Conference, making \$7,500 in all. \$5,000 for the School and \$2,500 for the Watchman Press Fund.

BLUEFIELDS.

MORE GOOD NEWS.—Since our last report three more have been added to our number. Our hearts are beating lightly and all faces are beaming with the heavenly light. The Lord is refreshing us and giving us fresh vigour to labour. We are humbling ourselves the more, that we may be more equipped for the work.

Although things looked so black a few months ago, and we saw that we could never get on with our building unless we had help either financially

or numerically, and the first having been found unavailable, the Lord favoured us with the second. Truly he hears the prayers of the needy.

Oh we see the gleams of the golden morning. Be glad and rejoice ye children of Zion, for the Lord has made bare his arm to help you. Lift up your heads ye that are discouraged. Ye faint "Behold your God." Lo! he comes! Mighty to save.

A. R. MCGREGOR.

In addition to the above a report came to hand for the September number but was unfortunately late, in which was reported the beginning of two to walk in obedience to the Lord; and that two preachers: a Holiness and a Salvationist were preaching the Sabbath in secret.

Field Work.

CLARENDON.

Since our last report the "Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

On Sunday, 19th August, we gave our last talk in the tent at Port Road when three signified their determination to obey the Lord, and since then our number has increased to thirty-six in the Sabbath School. September 21, Elder Beckner baptized nine of these, and the Sabbath following we had the Ordinances of the Lord's house with these new converts for the first time. All enjoyed the Elder's timely instruction and we had a glorious time.

August 22, the tent was pitched at Mount Providence, about four miles in the hills. The Lord has been blessing our feeble efforts there also. The second Sabbath after we were there, five kept the day to the Lord, among whom is an ex-teacher; and that before the Sabbath question was

preached. After we did so to their urgent request, three more united, thus making eight, besides many more hanging on the fence, among whom is a church leader. We hope to unite both companies and have a church organized soon.

The rainy season is on again, making out-door work difficult, being in mud and water.

Hard is our lot midst the insults and struggles here; but we try to lose sight of and forget these, and praise God for these victories thus far.

Brethren be of good cheer, soon Jesus will come. Let's be about our "Father's business" now. We solicit your continual prayers.

A. N. DURRANT.
L. G. MULLINGS.

Field Notes.

Our beloved Conference Secretary Brother Norman Johnson arrived in New York safe and was given a cordial welcome by the American brethren.

He spent about two weeks visiting the churches in New York and then went on to Boston to enter Melrose Sanitarium.

Elder Hubert Fletcher has been elected to the Vice-Presidency of the West Caribbean Conference and called to labour in that field. He left Jamaica on the 19th inst., for Colon and the Canal Zone where he will be located for some time to come. The prayers and well wishes of the whole Jamaica Conference follow him.

Elder Methuselah Jones has accepted a call from the Texas Conference in the United States. He and his family will take their departure from Jamaica on the 29th instant. We bid him God speed and wish him abundant success in the larger field to which he is going.

The last quarterly meeting in Kingston will long be remembered by all who were present, on account of the sweet solemnity and soul stirring spirituality that prevailed throughout the entire day. Eight candidates were baptized and one hundred and eighty-seven persons partook of the Lord's supper.

Brethren Durant and Mullings are encountering a wave of bitter opposition in Clarendon. An Anglican Minister is holding meetings against their work, and preaching to the people that Adventists teach that "men have no souls,—that there is na hell, etc." But the number of Sabbath-keepers there grows faster and larger as the opposition and misrepresentation continues.

Elder J. A. Strickland recently received a letter from a man in Sekondi, Gold Coast of Africa, asking for Adventist literature. A copy of the *Jamaica Times* had fallen into his hands in that far away place, and in it he had read Rev. Martin's reply to the open letter from Adventist Ministers. The effect of reading the article was just the opposite of what Mr. Martin desired, it produced proof to him that the Seventh Day was the Sabbath, and should be so observed by all Christians. A parcel of pamphlets containing the open letter was sent to him for distribution in Africa.

Brother Thomas Atkinson writes from Bird's Hill that Mr. Duggan has paid their district a visit and in addition to his favourite theme of 'no law and no Sabbath,' he is telling the people that sin is not a transgression of the law. And that the Sabbath was not given from the creation. That God rested on the Seventh day : and Adam way back in the dawn of time

rested on the first, and so there was always a controversy between God and Adam. The idea cannot be looked upon as a theological theme or considered in connection with Scripture. But it shows at least originality on the part of its author. The work at Bird's Hill is onward. God is blessing his little band of Sabbath-keepers.

Elder H. Fletcher who has accepted an invitation to labour in the West-Caribbean Conference begs to inform the brethren and sisters of the various churches and companies in his Conference District, that owing to the short-notice at which he had to leave for his new field it is impossible for him to meet with them as he would like ; and therefore asks that they bear with what may seem to them to be indifference ; and to inform them that he will write to them as early as possible. He will sail (God willing) on Friday the 19th inst., on the R. M. S. "Orinoco" and asks the prayers of his brethren and sisters of the whole Jamaica Conference that his voyage be safe and his mission thither a successful one

Notices.

Church Elders and Leaders in Elder Fletcher's district will send their reports to Elder J. B. Beckner, Bog Walk, P.O., until further notice.

The coming Conference Session which will be held in Kingston Jan., 11th to 27th will be the biggest and most important Conference of Seventh Day Adventists ever held outside the United States. Let every one of our people plan to be present. It will be an opportunity the like of which will not likely ever to occur again. Every Conference and Mission Field in the West Indian Union Conference will be represented