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Closing Our Accounts For 1947

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ONLY A FEW more days remain of 1947. Soon another year will have slipped into eternity. We stand today one year nearer the close of probation and the coming of Jesus than ever before. It is time to close our accounts and take an inventory before we commence the New Year that will soon be upon us.

For many of us 1947 began bright with promise. We made good resolutions. We were determined that it should be the best year of our lives. This year we would be a little kinder to those with whom we came in contact. We would be a little blinder to the faults and short comings of those about us. We would be a little more helpful to those in need. We would live a little closer to the Lord than we had before. We would study our Bibles more faithfully. We would be found more often in prayer. We would be more diligent in pointing others to the Christ we ourselves had found. We would be more faithful in our tithes and offerings. These were good resolutions. Have we kept them? As we close our accounts for 1947, just where do we stand?

First, are we closing the old year with malice in our hearts toward anyone about us? Have we quarrels that need settling—are there mean, unkind words that need forgiving? If so, let us close our 1947 accounts with a credit balance as far as our relationships with family, friends, and neighbours are concerned. "Confess your faults one to another," is the inspired injunction. (James 5:16). Your new year will be richer and brighter if you commence it free from all ranklings and evil surmisings. Even if you feel in your heart no ill feeling toward anyone, and you know someone has "ought against you" remember Jesus says: "Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy

brother, and then come and offer thy gift." *Matt. 5:24.*

As we close accounts for 1947 let's let by-gones be by-gones, bury the past and in the love of Jesus start 1948 with a fresh sheet.

Then, of course, of prime importance is our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Is our account with God balanced? Is there any secret sin lurking in your heart this year-end that is a debit against your account in heaven? If so, now is the time for a full "reconciliation of accounts."

Says the Lord, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." *1 John 1:9.*

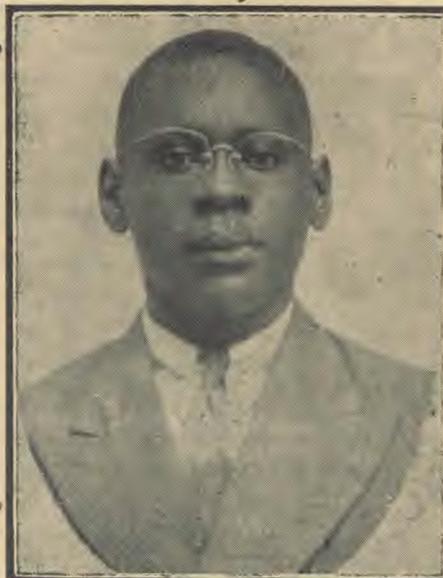
There is no question but what God is anxious to write "Pardon—Paid in Full" by your every sin if you will but ask Him.

Then how about your financial account with God? Is it settled? Are there unpaid pledges? Have you returned to the Lord a faithful tithe on all of your increase both in cash and kind? If not you had better do it now before the old year slips into eternity leaving a debit balance against your account to commence 1948. Square your account with Him now. Pay anything that has been left unpaid. Do it now before 1947 takes flight.

How about those souls you promised to win for the Master during 1947? Did you put forth an honest effort—yes a truly honest effort to guide souls to the light of present truth or did the imp of indolence or indifference get the best of you and defeat your purpose?

Yes, friend of mine, this is the time of the year for us to close our accounts—Are you proud of your record?

Meet Our Workers



Our worker for December is none other than the energetic Publishing Department Secretary of the East Jamaica Mission, Elder W. U. Campbell. Pastor Campbell has given strong leadership to the colporteur forces of the East Jamaica Mission for the past four years.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. R. HAIG, Secretary.

Your Students and Your Cup

Dear Believers of Jamaica, we write to you today to say "thanks and God bless you". For nearly three months you welcomed, entertained and often succoured many of the SIXTY STUDENTS who visited with you at your firesides, ate at your tables, and worshipped by your sides in the churches. Because you realise that the call to parents to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Prov. 22:6*, is not a sacred duty of the parent only, but also of every member of the household of God, you did your part. Often someone slept on a hard spot so that the student of today who might be the energetic worker of tomorrow should rest comfortably as a worthy warrior of the Cross and God made note of your love and of your sacrifice. You invited Johnny to accept one less cake of meal and a few less spoonfuls of rice in order that the tired and hungry maiden carrying the book often beneath sultry tropic skies and with tears might enjoy a morsel. In short, you modern widows of Zarephath gave also your room, your loaf and your cup of cold water. Many times the student was not as thoughtful but you bore and you forgave. Again the Lord made note. You "cast your bread" and it shall return a hundredfold in this life and a millionfold in the life that is soon to be.

Results: Within a few months or a few years at the most, some of the students shall return. They shall return not with bombs and blasting, but with the Bread of Life and the message of assurance and peace.

Your hearts will thrill to the Christ of their message and hundreds of souls we longed to see rejoicing in the message will take their stand — that will be more than a hundred fold to you. Even as I write souls are deciding. Many caught their first glimpse of the Love-light of the message only when they saw the books and magazines and heard the students speak.

Soon through the vestibule of the canvassing work your sons and daughters now at home will enter Mandeville or Kingsway High School, and who can predict the end? None. This we know, heaven will be richer and fuller and you and your children shall be blessed in this life and in the life to come because your students witnessed the hard but joyous way and you helped them to sow the seeds

of truth.

Regret not what thou hast done in love, ye friends of mine: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

— A. R. HAIG.

Colporteurs and Tithing

Many years ago, shortly after entering the canvassing work, I was having some measure of success. I adopted the custom of paying my tithe at the end of each month, after checking up on my deliveries. It appeared to me that this way was a real business way of meeting the Lord's demand. After I had been paying my tithe in this way faithfully for a few months, at the end of one month, after settling my account with the Book and Bible House, I was left with only figures on the paper, but no money to pay the tithe. I decided that I would try to do better at the end of the following month, but this time, I found that I was worse off financially. I hadn't even enough to pay my account at the Book and Bible House. I was distressed. A few days later, I received a letter from the Conference treasurer, reminding me that for two months, he had not received my tithe remittance. I sought the Lord that He would show me a better way of meeting His demand, so that I would not fall again into the snares of the evil one.

From that day forward, every delivery I made, at the end of the day, I separated the money, using two envelopes, one marked "tithe," and the other "Book & Bible House." In this way whatever I found in my pocket, was my own money. I was able to pay up the two months back tithes, and never got in arrears again with my obligations to the Lord. God has fulfilled His promise to me: "I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." I not only made a success in my deliveries of books, but He enabled me to find men and women everywhere. I went, who were ready to take their stand with the people of God.

Colporteurs, "You occupy a position equal to that of the gospel minister." *Colporteur Evangelist, page 15.* Now, what would you think of a gospel minister who did not pay a faithful tithe?

J. N. WILLIAMS.

JA. BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE

B. R. HAMILTON, Manager

176 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica

A Message From The Bible House Manager

Dear Colporteurs & Church Leaders:

I am writing this letter to you as a personal introduction to you in my new work. Many of you knew me as a member of the Faculty of West Indian Training College in Mandeville for many years. Then others of you have had to do with me as Sabbath School Secretary and Educational Secretary for the West Mission. Now, all of you will know me as Manager of the Book & Bible House in Kingston. I look forward to very pleasant and cordial business relationship with you all. I believe we have come to the time in this world's history when if we are called to do God's work in distributing the truth-filled pages of literature then we must roll up our sleeves for the home drive. There are thousands of pounds of books on our shelves that should be in the homes of the people. Let us work together in promoting this good work.

I am going to send a list of all the books that each church member should have as part of his library. If we are to be strong Seventh-day Adventists then we must read and understand what we believe from the Spirit of Prophecy and other books. The most informed person is the one who reads extensively.

We would like to see every church in Jamaica with at least one set of the Testimonies. Failing that, you should have the Selections of the Testimonies in three cloth volumes for 30/-. I am also glad to inform you that we have a large stock of Bibles and another large shipment is on the way so get them into the field in a hurry. Write for prices of our stock.

Bibles: From 10/- to £3. 0. 0; cheaper ones expected soon.

Then my last but not the least point in this letter is, there are no more *Christ In Songs* to be had anywhere. All our churches abroad and many here in Jamaica are using the Hymnal for all services, so let's treat ourselves to the song book that we are supposed to use.

Prices are as follows:

Leather	£3 0 0
Cloth with Music	10 0
Cloth without Music	5 0
Paper cover without Music	2 6

Let us do all we can to furnish ourselves

with the needs of the church.

Each Pastor should announce the songs in both the Christ in Song and Hymnal so that whatever hymnals are available they may be used until the *Christ In Songs* are all gone.

Get your *Morning Watch* Calendars, *Home Calendars*, also a limited amount of *Quarterlies* for the fourth quarter. The Bible House is here to serve you. Try us for good prompt service.

Yours in the Master's work,
B. R. HAMILTON.

**YOUNG PEOPLES'
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER
DEPARTMENT**

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary

Grand Turk Y. P. M. V. Society

In Grand Turk we have a very lively Young People's Society of about 24 members. We are at present stressing the work of the Literature Band, the Sunshine Band, and the Progressive Classes. You would really be surprised at the enthusiasm which the young people show when it comes to these activities! Once each month the Sunshine Band goes to the hospital to sing for the patients and give out literature at the same time. Then every Sabbath afternoon the young people are given literature to give out and after Young Peoples' Meeting you can find them all over the island giving out the papers. Some like to take the papers home and read them first, so give out the papers they received the previous week. Besides our regular meeting each week we arrange for at least one other meeting during the week to work on Progressive Class work, or to work on some Vocational Honour. At present we are taking up First Aid and have a class each Tuesday afternoon. On Monday nights we have Star Study and, my! how interested they are in that! In addition to that we have a swimming class every other week and on the alternate weeks we have a campfire on the bay where we play games, build our camfire, eat our supper, and sing songs. We have two who are studying to be Sunbeams, three Builders, nineteen Friends, and eight Companions. We are hoping soon to be able to have an Investiture Service here.

— G. M. PRENIER.

Investiture Services

The members of the Missionary Volunteer classes have looked forward with eager anticipation to the month of November when, according to the arrangement, Investiture services should be held in the various churches where candidates are ready.

Woodford was the first when on Sabbath, November 1, seven Friends were invested. The Investiture service was a new experience to the Woodford church. Many who witnessed the ceremony decided to join the classes to prepare themselves to become more efficient leaders of youth.

On November 6, Hope Bay witnessed its second Investiture service. The enthusiasm there ran high. Four Friends and six Companions were invested. The sponsor of this group unfortunately was incapacitated by a severe cut on his foot, but so anxious was he to be present that he was borne by comrades from his home about half-mile away to the place of meeting. We congratulate Brother Daughma for the splendid work he has done in sponsoring the Missionary Volunteer class work.

Enfield and Highgate celebrated their first Investiture services on the 7th and 8th instant where six Friends were invested in the case of the former and two Friends and two Companions in the case of the latter. There are yet seven societies in which Investiture services are to be conducted during the course of this month. The interest in the Missionary Volunteer class work is growing. June and November are devoted especially to Investiture services. We believe that during the next six months the number participating in these services will double.

— D. V. POND.

Notice

Your January Visitor may be a little late in reaching you. We are planning some real changes involving art work to be done in America. This work may be delayed a little and we ask your kind indulgence if the January issue is a little late.

The Editor

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary.

Evangelism in Inter-America

The work of the Advent Movement was founded upon the preaching of Bible truth. The progress of this movement has been greatly blessed of Heaven, not because of the plans and aspirations of men, but because the time had come, in the eternal programme of God, for the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to the entire world. Let me repeat: The success attending this movement has come, not of men, but of God; and the degree of that success is measured not in facilities, and equipment, and expansion, *except* as those features can be transposed into a means of reaching men and women with God's truth for this closing hour of earth's history.

As we look about the world field, our hearts are thrilled with the evidences we see of the prospering hand of God upon the consecrated efforts of His people. Again and again we are constrained to declare that it is "not by might, nor by power," but by the Spirit of the living God that souls are being won, as they *are* being won, to a belief in gospel truth.

The figures that have thus far come to us from the various parts of the Inter-American Division, for the work in evangelism during 1947, are most encouraging; but we are still far from half-way toward the accomplishing of our goals for this present year. In some of our unions good gains have been made for the first six months of 1947. In other places the results are not so encouraging; and we shall need to put forth heroic efforts in order to meet the goals that were set in the various unions at the time of the last union sessions. This is a matter that rests heavily upon the hearts of our leaders; and we pray daily that God will give wisdom and guidance to those in the field, that our work in the Division may once more show a good increase in baptisms by the close of the year.

Outstanding reports are coming from some fields within our Division. I wish it were possible to give in just a few words, a survey of the efforts that are being held. That is obviously impossible, but we are confident that what is taking place in our most progressive fields could be duplicated in other unions if the same degree of effort could be expanded on all of our mission activities. God's hand is not shortened, nor His ear heavy, that

He cannot save; and I believe with all my heart that He would be pleased to give us our goal of 10,000 souls in Inter-America during 1947. Let us work, and pray to that end, doing all in our power to bring about this good increase in our constituency.

Word has recently come to our office that the African Division have set a goal of 20,500 baptisms for 1947, and current reports indicate that good progress is being made toward the attainment of that most excellent goal. In former years the Inter-American Division has had the largest number of baptisms of any Division outside the United States; but it now appears that Africa has determined to exceed the results of former years by unprecedented efforts in the winning of souls. Should not this attitude of our sister division prove a mighty challenge to us here in Inter-America to put forth our best and greatest efforts during the remainder of 1947, in the attainment of our own goal,—which, by the way, is only about half that of the Southern African Division?

In the Antillian Union our work is moving forward on all fronts. Word has just reached the Division office that our union president in that field is working with the local leaders all through the field, encouraging them to press forward the evangelistic work to the utmost of their ability.

In the British West Indies Union scores of efforts are in progress, many of them under the direction of laymen who are doing the ground work in preparing hundreds of new believers for baptism.

In the Caribbean Union, and all through the countries of Central America it is the same. Our schools, our bookmen, and our administrators are joining hands in earnest efforts for the finishing of the work. In Colombia-Venezuela and in Mexico, where the work sometimes goes more slowly, God is blessing those who have moved out by faith, and is giving them souls for their hire.

But in spite of all that has been accomplished, if we reach the goals that we ourselves have set for 1947, we shall have to quicken the pace all through the Division territory, and keep on working with might and main during the remaining weeks of this present year.

Please remember, brethren, that your associates at Division headquarters are with you heart and soul in your efforts to spread the good news of salvation to the very ends of our territory. Morning by morning, week in, week out, as we

gather in the little chapel at the Division office to rededicate ourselves to God's work, not a day passes by that we do not remember at the throne of grace, our faithful men and women who are holding aloft the torch of truth, and moving forward by faith out on the firing lines.

May God continue to bless your efforts, and honour your consecrated leadership with many precious sheaves for the heavenly garner.

—GLENN CALKINS.

It's Good to Be Home

Recently it was my privilege to return to my homeland, after an absence of twenty-four years. It was wonderful to see my loved ones after such a long time, and we had a grand re-union. Of course, I was interested in the changes that had taken place in them, as they were interested in the changes that had taken place in me. There was that same dear old mother, and my brothers and sisters, and it just did not seem that they had changed very much. A little older looking, perhaps, but not much different from the way they looked when I bade them good-bye so long ago.

As we were with them more, however, we noticed that there had been changes that were not obvious at first. And there were changes in all of the people with whom we came in contact. Their eyes were tired, and there were lines of care and worry on faces that should otherwise have been young and happy. Travelling through Britain it was not hard to realize why these people were tired and worried. From 1939 to 1945 they had gone through some of the most terrible times that Britain had ever seen. The air-raids of the war had taken their toll. Entire blocks of buildings, where I had visited relatives so often as a lad, had been completely wiped out in the raids. Some of my own loved ones had been victims of these raids. And during the war everything had been rationed and food was not too easy to get. Britain had to "tighten her belt."

Naturally one would think that now the war was over the conditions would be changed, and there would be plenty to eat and nothing to worry about. But war does not solve problems. It only makes them greater. The housing shortage in Britain is a nightmare. Families are living in single rooms that were condemned as unfit to live in a long time ago. Because of the terrible destruction during the war, however, people have

had to continue to live in these houses, with no assurance that they would get another house to live in *for a period of from five to twenty years.*

Since the close of the war, Britain's economic condition has changed. No longer is lend-lease going into the country, and in order to reduce her war debt she is concentrating on the foreign market. Goods for export are the most essential source of income. Rationing still exists, and conditions are much worse than they were during the war. The people are allowed 10 ounces of meat a week. One egg is the weekly ration, if the grocer has any. Milk is only for invalids and children. Two ounces of butter a week is all that each person is allowed, but this is supplemented with a small ration of margarine. Vegetables are scarce and very high priced. Potatoes are now rationed. In fact, it is possible for one to put the week's rations on one plate and eat it at one meal. When we left Britain there was no hope of the picture brightening for some time to come. While conditions are bad in Britain, *they are much worse in Europe.* It has been reliably reported that more than half the people in the world are hungry, and more than two hundred million people are starving.

It was our privilege to return from Britain on an American ship. The passengers were mostly immigrants from the countries in Europe and Britain. It was heart-breaking to watch them when they saw the first meal served on board. The people could hardly believe that there could be so much food in one place, and they acted like there might not be another opportunity to get so much again.

As I think of the conditions that exist in Britain and Europe I am deeply impressed with the thought that I have just witnessed another evidence that we are living in the last days. One of the signs is that there will be famines, and when it is reliably reported that two hundred million people are starving we must conclude that the famine is upon us. Surely as we recognize this sign we must realise that it is a challenge to us to press forward with renewed effort to finish the work of God on earth, because soon the last sign will be fulfilled and Jesus will come, and then it will be too late to do anything for Him.

When we landed in Jamaica again, Mrs. Barclay and I said to each other, "It is good to be home." Yes, it is good to be home, but it is going to better to be with Jesus in that eternal home He is preparing for His children. There will

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Gleanings from the Field

Brother W. G. Pinkney who was one of the pioneer believers of this truth, and who about nine years ago lost his faith in the cardinal points of the message, and turned out to be one of our greatest opponents, returned to the fold again as a penitent, confessed his waywardness before a large gathering on the 21st of September, then renewed his covenant with His Lord by baptism, with three other candidates.

On September 28 four precious souls were buried with their Lord by baptism in the Corozal church.

Brother Newman is now in the tenth week of his effort at Orange Walk. The enemy of truth has been putting up a very strong fight, but in the face of persecution he has stood his ground, and has organized a Sabbath school with about eleven members. There are others that are interested. Let us pray that this Sabbath school will be a leaven that shall leaven the whole town with the message of truth. Pray for the work in this Catholic centre.

Brother Woodburn has held a few weeks' revival meetings at Stann Creek Valley, and has organized a baptismal class of seven. New life has come to this struggling church and the brethren are real happy.

Sister Alexie Metzgen has been very busy canvassing for new students for the Bible Correspondence School, and helping those who are already taking the course. Hundreds of students have started the course and have become discouraged. If we had a dozen like Miss Metzgen all these sleeping students would have been awakened to continue the course. Laymen, this is a field that you can do a world of good for. Seek out these neglectful students and encourage them to begin the lessons, and then offer them all the help they need to answer the questions.
 —J. N. WILLIAMS.

be no starvation there. No hunger; no sickness; no malnutrition; no heartaches. but just love and kindness and peace and plenty. Are you getting ready for that home?
 —W. L. BARCLAY.

News from the Bahamas

September 22, the Bahamas Junior Academy opened its doors for the first time to the students and pupils who had eagerly awaited the opportunity of enrolling in the Mission School in its new and enlarged quarters. One hundred and thirty-four young people took advantage of the privilege extended them and showed every evidence of happiness at the prospect of pursuing their various courses of study in the commodious surroundings.

The building is a modest, yet rather imposing structure, built on the "rambling" order. This provides an unusual amount of outside wall space making possible lighter and better ventilated classrooms. In the large vestibule, drinking fountains provide for the comfort of the students and teachers. The grounds are large and when fully developed with playgrounds and landscaping, will contribute much toward a pleasant atmosphere where our students can learn to live and serve their fellow man.

The teaching personnel consists of four adult instructors and several student helpers. Those in charge are: Owen P. Jones, B.A., Miss U. Lawrence, Mrs. Alice Jones, and Miss Naomi White. The teaching loads and other responsibilities are divided in part as follows: Brother Jones, Headmaster, Grades 7-10 and "Youth's Problems" in the 11th grade, Miss Lawrence, grades 4-6, Algebra, and Spanish One and Two; Alice Jones, Typing, Shorthand, and English III and Miss Naomi White grades 1-3.

Even though our force of teachers is small, they are doing good work and parents and guardians and friends of the School speak highly of the programme they are carrying on. Their efficiency is being increased by the interest and co-operation of the patrons and also by the School Board which meets regularly. The Board consists of the Mission Committee, the Headmaster and two other educational-minded individuals from each of the two Nassau churches: Nurse Wood, B. A. Ricketts, Mrs. D. A. McMillan and J. B. Dean.

We bespeak for this institution a successful career as it continues its important mission in training the young people of these islands for service here and for "the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." —H. D. COLBURN.

News from Blue Hills

In company with Elder Franz and Brother Premier it was my privilege to spend a very pleasant week-end recently in Blue Hills, Caicos Islands, with Brother C. C. Nebblett who has been hard at work in this interesting place.

It was a joy to enter into the fruits of Brother Nebblett's labours at this time when we had a stone laying service, a baptism, and a number of good meetings with the believers and friends of the community.

Elder Franz baptized one sister on Sunday morning, November 2, and in the afternoon a capacity crowd of believers and friends gathered to hear him preach the stone laying sermon. There were a large number of stones laid and plans were made to finish the building and dedicate it before the year closes.

In the evenings evangelistic services were held in the new church and the attendance was large and the interest good. The Spirit of God brooded over these services and the last night more than twenty-five stayed for the after service indicating their desire and determination to follow Jesus all the way in keeping all of His commandments.

Both the Premiers and the Nebbletts are working hard to establish the work in these new islands.

—R. H. P.

Progress at Grand Turk

Sunday, November 9, was a red-letter day for our believers on the Island of Grand Turk. This day witnessed the first Seventh-day Adventist baptism ever to be held on the shores of this little island gem located on the edge of the Atlantic ocean. Five precious souls, the first fruits of our work in this part of the Salt Cays Mission, went forward with their Lord in baptism and came forth to walk with Him in newness of life. The Third Angel's Message came to these believers several months ago when Elder Robert Pierson, President of the British West Indies Union and Brother Gordon Premier, director of the Salt Cays Mission, pitched a tent in Grand Turk and held evangelistic services nightly for several weeks.

The joy of our members was increased in the afternoon of the same day when
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EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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Lay Preacher

H. N. Moore Blazes New Trail

One of our most aggressive Lay Preachers is Brother H. N. Moore. Under the blessing of God he has literally done exploits this year in soul-winning endeavour. He first began with an effort at Heywood Hall which was very productive. Answering the call to the neighbouring district of Baccus Woods he began work there which resulted in many taking their stand for truth. Finally, working in council with his district pastor, the company at Baccus Woods was united with the company at Heywood Hall, resulting in the organization of a church of twenty-two members at Heywood Hall two months ago.

It would have been easy for Brother Moore to feel satisfied that there was enough to keep him busy fostering the needs of the new born church, but no! His watchword is "advance"!

A few weeks ago he started a new effort in the vicinity of Albany in a district called Martins. It did not take him long to get a neat, attractive bamboo booth erected, equipped with a rostrum, pulpit, and bamboo benches. The interest was good from the start. On Sabbath, November 8, the booth was filled at the Sabbath School hour with fifty people present including children. Twenty of those present were new believers who had taken their stand as a result of the effort.

A few of the brethren from the Highgate church in company with Brother Moore co-operate very closely with the new believers in making the services function smoothly and impressively as though the new company had been a long established church. The order and system demonstrated may well be emulated by some of our older churches.

The company was organized into a Sabbath School on Sabbath, November 1. There is every indication that the group at Martins will develop into a strong church. Brother Moore's enthusiastic leadership is an inspiration to the new believers to enter immediately into aggressive soul winning endeavours.

—W. A. Holgate

The Result Of Faithful Toil

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burden, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" *Isa. 58:6.*

For approximately ten years a number of the members of the Port Antonio church, realizing the importance of this text, wended their way each Sabbath afternoon to the Government Alms House, preaching Christ and His love to these unfortunate folk. Many times some have wondered if this was all wasted energy and time in the hot summer days climbing those precipitous hills. There could be found the maimed, halt, and the blind, but Christ died for them all.

God saw the toil; He heard the prayers that ascended to the throne of grace for these unfortunate ones. In His own appointed time the good seed began to bear fruit. It was the pleasure of the writer to have six of these candidates presented to him for baptism by these missionary workers in the month of January. At that baptismal service we had the largest crowd that has ever gathered to witness a Seventh-day Adventist baptism in Portland. It is estimated that there were nearly one thousand persons present. Each one of these candidates had to have the approval of the attendants and officers of the institution as to their conduct. Although they had to be lifted because of physical infirmities, they had the joy and peace that come as a result of obedience.

The last Sabbath of the past quarter was a Sabbath long to be remembered. As the sun was sinking in the western hills two more of these candidates were buried with their Lord in baptism. And a vesper service under the canopy of heaven brought this Sabbath to a close. As a result of the transformation seen in the lives of the inmates who have embraced this message, the officers of the institution are giving us every facility and encouragement in this good work. The message has made these inmates sober, kind and loving, and we are looking forward to many more accepting this message. — M. G. NEMBARD.

"Every Worker should make soul-winning the supreme purpose of all his efforts."

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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Items Of Interest

From West Jamaica

On the first Sunday of November the first-fruit of the effort at Bull Savannah was reaped when 14 new members were added to that church. The second baptism is scheduled to come off on December 7 when we hope to see another fine group of believers go forward with their Lord in baptism. Through this effort a Church of God leader of the vicinity and his mother both have accepted the full light of the third angel's message. This brother is now meeting with strong opposition from his former brethren, but he goes forward rejoicing in the greater light that has broken into his soul.

November 9 was an high day for Pastor Lindo's district, when two stone-laying services were celebrated, one at Chapelton and the other at Croft's Hill. Pastor Bull of the West Indian Training College very ably presented the sermon at Croft's Hill to a large and representative gathering. Brother and Sister B. R. Hamilton and Pastor Lindo were with him to hold up his hands. At Chapelton we were privileged to have Pastor O. P. Reid of British Guiana to give the sermon in which he briefly portrayed the rise and progress of the Advent Movement in fulfilment of prophecy, and stressed the shortness of time before the coming of the Lord. The brethren of both these churches are greatly encouraged to go forward in the building of their edifices to the glory of God.

In northern St. Elizabeth, Pastor Vaz's district, November 16 was a day of great things. On that day the little company of Coker was duly organised into a church of 31 members. We were indeed fortunate to have Pastor R. H. Pierson with us, and he gave a very impressive sermon for the occasion. In response to an appeal several in the congregation manifested their desire to unite with the commandment-keeping people of God.

Following the organization at Coker, Pastor Barclay and the writer proceeded to Siloah for their stone-laying service. Here Pastor Barclay gave a beautiful sermon on stones, winding up with the thought that each of the redeemed will be given a stone with his new name written therein, which no man can read save him that receiveth it.

While the brethren at Siloah were enjoying their stonelaying service, a few miles farther on the White Hill brethren were rejoicing in their dedicatory service marking the end of a long hard struggle.

Pastors Pierson, E. E. Parchment and K. G. Vaz officiated there.

Welcome to our latest addition to the Mission family—Kenneth Glanville Vaz, Junior. We are sure that Pastor and Mrs. Vaz are proud of their son, and that little Arlene Ramona rejoices for her baby brother.

At the beginning of the year 1947, on account of Pastor Hurst's poor health Pastor E. C. H. Reid was borrowed from his pastoral work for the publishing work. We are indeed grateful for the splendid work that he has done in this department for the year; the prospects are that the goal will be more than reached when the year closes. But now that Pastor Hurst is much improved in health, we welcome him back to his post, as Publishing Secretary for the West Jamaica Mission. We also thank Pastor Hurst for the work that he has done in the district of St. Ann this year. We trust that both these men will go back to their former duties with new courage to do a greater work for the Lord in 1948 than ever before.

— W. S. Nation.

White Hill Dedication

On Sunday, November 16, a large number of members and friends gathered at the White Hill church in St. Elizabeth to take part in the dedication of the building to the glory of God. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Pastor R. H. Pierson, President of the B. W. I. Union, followed by prayer by Pastor E. E. Parchment, Union Field Secretary. Brother Clayton is to be commended for the good music provided for the occasion. You should have heard those choristers sing "O How Lovely," and "Jehovah Jireh"!

The main door was opened by Mrs. E. E. Parchment on behalf of Mr. N. Cleveland Lewis, Honourable Representative for Northern St. Elizabeth. Another door was opened by Elder E. E. Parchment for Mrs. A. C. Chambers. It was through this lady's generosity that we procured the spot on which the building stands. Still another door was opened by Mr. S. L. Dixon in behalf of Rev. F. A. Robinson, Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal See.

Among our visitors who took part in the service were Rev. F. A. Robinson and Mr. S. A. Robert, a Baptist Lay-preacher, who gave stirring addresses.

From the West Jamaica Mission we had Pastor W. S. Nation, President, and the writer acted as chairman of the meeting.

—KENNETH VAZ.

CHURCH BUILDING PROGRESS

Church Commencement Honour Roll

(Stone Layings During Year 1947)

Blue Hills, *Salt Cays Mission*
Grand Turk, *Salt Cays Mission*
Lances Bay, *West Jamaica Mission*
Dignum Mountain, *East Jamaica Mis.*
Spaldings, *West Jamaica Mission*
Annotto Bay, *East Jamaica Missions*
Johnson, *West Jamaica Mission*
Hampstead, *East Jamaica Mission*
Olive Mount, *East Jamaica Mission*
Williamsfield, *East Jamaica Mission*
Old Harbour, *East Jamaica Mission*
Port Morant, *East Jamaica Mission*
Siloah, *West Jamaica Mission*
Buff Bay, *East Jamaica Mission*
Retreat, *East Jamaica Mission*
Somerton, *West Jamaica Mission*
Water Works, *West Jamaica Mission*
Mile End, *West Jamaica Mission*
Hope Bay, *East Jamaica Mission*
Bourbon, *East Jamaica Mission*
Bath, *East Jamaica Mission*
Croft's Hill, *West Jamaica Mission*
Chapelton, *West Jamaica Mission.*

Church Completion Honour Roll

(Dedicated During 1947)

Moss Town, *Bahamas Mission*
The Bluff, *Bahamas Mission*
San Pedro, *British Honduras Mission*

Boston, *British Honduras Mission*
Georgetown, *Cayman Islands Mission*
The Brac, *Cayman Islands Mission*
Berrydale, *East Jamaica Mission*
Cornwall Barracks, *East Jamaica Mis.*
Linstead, *East Jamaica Mission*
Fruitful Vale, *East Jamaica Mission*
Trinityville, *East Jamaica Mission*
Harrywatch, *West Jamaica Mission*
Craighead, *West Jamaica Mission*
Vaughansfield, *West Jamaica Mission*
Jericho, *West Jamaica Mission*
White Hill, *West Jamaica Mission*
Grand Turk, *Salt Cays Mission.*

Scheduled for Dedication Before Year's End

Blue Hills, *Salt Cays Mission*
Palm, *East Jamaica Mission*
Dignum Mountain, *East Jamaica Mis.*
Kitzon Town, *East Jamaica Mission*
Sherwood Content, *West Jamaica Mis.*
Spring Garden, *West Jamaica Mission*
Broadgate, *East Jamaica Mission*
Chamber's Pen, *West Jamaica Mission*
Sandy Bay, *West Jamaica Mission*
Richmond Park, *West Jamaica Mission*
Mulgrave, *West Jamaica Mission*
Retreat, *East Jamaica Mission.*

Scheduled For Stone Laying Service Before Year's End

Woodford, *East Jamaica Mission*
Bellas Gate, *East Jamaica Mission*
Yallahs, *East Jamaica Mission*
Dellas Castle, *East Jamaica Mission*
East End, *Cayman Islands Mission*



May Pen Church

Here is the beautiful new May Pen church completed and dedicated in December, 1946. Isn't it an attractive and neat monument to the cause of God in Clarendon? Why not finish up your church soon?

WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE

B. G. BUTHERUS, President
L. A. MORRISON, Treasurer.
Mandeville, Jamaica.

News from West Indian Training College

The West Indian Training College had its fall Week-of-Prayer from November 1 to November 8, under the direction of Doctor Glenn Millard, the pastor of North Street church in Kingston. It was indeed a week of meditation and prayer for the student body and the teachers. Twice a day we were ushered into the presence of God to be taught of Him, and during this season of refreshing the servant of God spoke to many young men and young women to give themselves to God. At the close of these meetings twenty-two students came forward signifying their desire to unite with their Lord in baptism. These persons will now enter the Bible Study Class, and after a period of preparation they will be baptized.

Certainly, fathers and mothers, does Christian Education pay? Yes, a thousand times! I am sure there is great rejoicing in the heavenly courts over those who accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

During the past year we have carried on a programme of renovation in the girls' dormitory as well as in the industries. The girls' dormitory has been completely re-painted on the inside and is now a very ideal home for the young ladies of West Indian Training College.

But now as we look ahead we appeal to you, fathers and mothers, on behalf of your flock that God has given to you.

Christ called upon the Church to perform a great task, namely the winning of mankind to Himself.

The Church is the witness of this new life that Jesus gave to her, and she in turn must reflect that light to those who will receive it. The Church, therefore, must not only tell others, but must train them in the principles of heaven until they find joy in it.

A great educator said, "No system of education can give life. The gardner does not give life to the plant in his garden. He accepts the fact that a particular type of life has been given, and he works to provide the best conditions to its fullest fruitage. In the same way, the Christian life, as the gift of God and the task of the Church, is to provide the best facilities for its growth."

So Christian Education is a similar work not only of giving information, but

also it is the work of providing all the help that people need in living that life more fully. Some needs are intellectual, but individuals need to know Christian truths; they need to know something of the Best Book of Christian doctrine and Christian history. These are only the partial needs. They need help in approaching God in prayer, praise, and worship. They need help in dealing with others and in working for Christ. The Christian life shows growth in all these avenues of work, worship, study, and fellowship. This does not come by accident, but by constant careful planning and supervision.

May we endeavour by God's help to do this for our youth that God's great programme in the earth may be finished soon. — B. G. BUTHERUS.

KINGSWAY HIGH SCHOOL

J. I. CRAWFORD, Headmaster
12 Osborne Road,
Half Way Tree, Jamaica.

Kingsway News Notes

Recent increase in enrolment at our school has made it necessary for us to remodel one of the old buildings on the campus; this building now provides a commodious classroom for Form IV.

A visit of inspection by Dr. Helwig of the Department of Education led to an action for Certification of our school. It was specified, however, that adjustments must be made to relieve the congestion of our classrooms.

A friendly call was recently made by Mr. Powell, Headmaster of "Excelsior High School." The visit was returned when Mr. Crawford spoke at the "Excelsior" chapel period on October 15.

When Miss Gladys Miller visited Kingsway High School she left tangible evidence of her interest in this place when she presented a generous gift of £12 to be used where most needed in advancing the work.

The inspiring address of Elder B. M. Heald will long be remembered by students and teachers; Elder Heald will be able in later years to refresh his memory of Kingsway by means of the moving pictures he took of the student group.

A very successful and happy year at Kingsway High School is fast drawing to a close; prayers are solicited for God's continued care over us and for the success of the students who will in the near future be faced with the Senior Cambridge examination; may our noble students catch the torch from those who have gone before, and do and dare for the cause we love. — J. I. CRAWFORD.

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Progress at Grand Turk

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the new church building in Grand Turk was dedicated to the glory of God and to His worship. This substantial building is located on the main street of the town, facing the sea. It was originally a store building but under the skillful hands of Brother Prenier and the other members and friends it has been altered into a most pleasing and beautiful little church edifice. A large number of friends came from the community to share with the church membership in the joy of the dedicatory service. They listened attentively to the dedicatory sermon by Elder Pierson, the other interesting parts of the programme, and joined enthusiastically in the act of dedication.

May God grant that these forward steps in our work in Grand Turk may be but omens of good things to come. Remember to pray for Brother and Sister Prenier, Brother and Sister Nebblett, and the new members at Grant Turk.

— C. O. FRANZ.

"To win souls to the kingdom of God must be our first consideration."

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Until the Day Dawns

Sister Mary Hines, of the Amity church fell asleep on the 8th of September. Funeral service was conducted by M. E. Ireland, R. S. Brown, and S. A. Reid.

— FRANCIS REID —