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"The People Had a Mind to Work"

"SO BUILT we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work!" Neh. 4:6.

This was Nehemiah's explanation of how the great work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem was quickly accomplished. The Book of Nehemiah is the story of this outstanding achievement. The enemies of God had rejoiced over the ruins of the beloved city caused by the invasion of idolatrous Nebuchadnezzar. They jested over the fact that the city had remained in this condition for nearly three decades. This sad fact also served to confirm them in their belief that the God of Israel could not help His people!

It is true that Ezra had been attempting to rebuild the great walls for some years, but with little success. Upon learning of the sad situation prevailing in Jerusalem, Nehemiah could not hide his anxiety. It was well that he couldn't for this was a factor in bringing the matter more forcefully to the attention of the king. Nehemiah's concern and earnestness created genuine interest on the part of Artaxerxes and he too became enthusiastic over the matter.

As Nehemiah made him acquainted with the needs at Jerusalem, the king willingly responded to his cup-bearer's appeals for help and the result was one of the greatest Ingathering donations on record. Through the generosity of the king, the necessary materials were provided and the work was soon underway. God had moved upon the heart of this worldly man of wealth through the appeal made by His servant Nehemiah. The zeal and earnestness of this slave was abundantly rewarded in the generous contribution.

As Nehemiah entered upon the work of restoration at Jerusalem, his courageous leadership won for him the hearty cooperation of his brethren and the inspired record

By H. D. Colburn

reveals that the tremendous programme moved forward with heartening speed. They had caught Nehemiah's zeal and it seemed that "all had a mind to work!"

It was a great campaign! There was not an unfaithful man in the entire city. Everyone accepted his work and did his part. This insured a victorious effort and not only did they reach their individual goals in the building of each section of the

wall, but they were happy in the performance of their respective tasks and rejoiced in their accomplishments for God. This same historical record reveals that "they perceived that this work was wrought of our God!" Neh. 6:16.

There have been many successful campaigns through the ages since their day and the success of each one has been due to the fact that "the people had a mind to work" and thus the various projects enjoyed the signal blessing of God. He always helps those who are willing to do their part faithfully and well. Never does He call one to service for Him without assuring him of success so long as the worker does his duty. The servant of the Lord has said, "All His biddings are enablings." When God gives the command to His people to ask for gifts for His work, he provides for the success of His workers by prompting men to be generous when the appeal is made. In Exodus 12:36 we find these encouraging words: "And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians."

Today He is still working miracles as He did in days of old. "God will work for us when we are ready to do what we can and should do on our part." C.S. p. 170. And again: "True success in any line of work is the outworking of God's providences; the reward of faith and discretion; of virtue and perseverance." P.K. p. 486.

We have been greatly cheered and encouraged as we have worked with our people in the '49 Ingathering Campaign for the past few weeks. There has been an abundance of evidence that many of them realize the importance of sharing in this greatest of all Home Missionary projects. Their efforts have been rewarded

GO FORWARD

*O Church of God, go forward,
Trust in your Leader's name;
Let young and old united,
Join in this great campaign.
Work while probation lingers,
And souls in darkness call;
The Saviour longs to win them,
His blood was shed for all.*

*O Church of God, go forward,
And gather while you can
The riches of the nations;
'Tis God's appointed plan.
His work is high and glorious,
His aim is truly grand!
He owns the gold and silver,
And these His cause demands.*

*O Church of God, go forward,
Let courage fill each soul;
Angelic hosts are with us;
Press on and reach the goal.
Then, Oh, what glory yonder
When time's brief race is run,
And every faithful worker
Receives the glad 'Well done'!*

— J. HARKER.

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H. S. WALTERS, M. V. Dept. Secy.

Youth Flashes!!!

Today, from headquarters I send greetings to our 5000 young people around the Union. If it were possible, it would give me a thrill to receive a warm hand-shake from each one. Let me assure you that you are a part of the greatest and finest movement of all times. Our Cause is certain and our victory is sure. With this in mind, under God, let us re-arm our spirit and march to triumph as the mightiest band of youth this world has ever seen.

Three months have already passed into eternity, and I hope that we all have captured the inspiration of the past quarter and crystallized it into a forward endeavour for Prince Emmanuel. Let us be sure that every youth in our churches has been enlisted in our Youth Movement. There are still over 2000 young people in our Union who should be enlisted.

CONVENTIONS

Everywhere throughout Jamaica our young people are still speaking of those conventions. East and West Jamaica Conferences did a fine job of training and inspiring our youth during the first quarter of the year.

READING COURSE

We are hoping to have 3000 young people completing the Reading Course for this year. We must make sure that each society obtains the necessary books. No society can afford to be without them.

PROGRESSIVE CLASSES

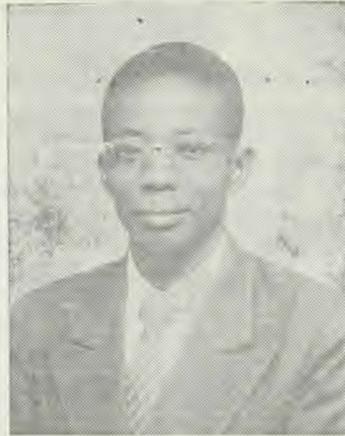
The good news has reached headquarters that Elder Schneider and his associates are doing wonders over in the Cayman Islands. A large Investiture service was conducted there a few weeks ago. Well done, to Youth Leader Schneider and all those who helped. Let us have greater enthusiasm in this line of endeavour. In every society there should be progressive classes. It is the front-line defence of our youth movement.

"SHARE YOUR FAITH" HONOUR ROLL

The "Share Your Faith" campaign is the greatest endeavour ever started within the youth movement. The object behind this plan is to have every youth share his faith in '49. On the wall of each society there should be a "Share Your Faith" Honour Roll and names of all those who have shared their faith should be inscribed on it.

In closing our flashes, may we invite our young people around the Union to join hands and hearts in this mighty movement for God. The time is here when as youth we must take our rightful place within the Advent movement. God calls us to rally to His cause today. Let us answer, "By Thy grace we will." — HIRAM S. WALTERS.

Meet Our Workers



The colporteurs of the East Jamaica Conference, together with their compatriots from the other fields of the Union, are marching on to victory! At their head you will find Brother I. B. Benson, Publishing Department Secretary of the conference. Brother Benson, who took up his duties with the East Jamaica Conference at the beginning of 1949, has inspired his large force of faithful workers to achieve even greater success in the ministry of the printed page.

R. W. Numbers Appointed to Presidency of B. W. I. Union

Several months ago, Elder R. H. Pierson, who has served The British West Indies Union so faithfully and efficiently during the past five years, received a call to assume the leadership of the Caribbean Union. Elder and Mrs. Pierson, and their son, Robert, left Jamaica in March for their new field of labour. The prayers and best wishes of the entire Union go with Elder and Mrs. Pierson as they leave us.

The General Conference has appointed Pastor R. W. Numbers to the presidency of the British West Indies Union. Elder Numbers has served for many years in the United States and Canada as a pastor, evangelist, and Conference President. He comes to us from New Brunswick, Canada, where he has served for several years as president of the Maritime Conference.

Elder and Mrs. Numbers and their two children will be taking up residence at our Union Headquarters in Manoeville, Jamaica, about the first of July. We assure them a hearty welcome to the British West Indies Union. — C. O. FRANZ.

God's Answers to Man's Excuses

EXCUSE: I work hard for what I earn and I'm willing to pay tithe provided I can be assured that the men at the head of the work make proper use of it. I fear it is not always used as it should be. Believing it is not spent wisely I am not going to pay tithe so men can waste it in unwise ventures, even if they do claim it is for the Lord's work. I will hold back this tithe until such time as I can feel sure it is used as God would have it.

ANSWER: In the first place, every one should have confidence in the brethren at the head of the work, believing that they are men selected by God to handle the tithe in the way the Lord can approve. No man pays his tithe to men, but to God. It is God's money and He tells us to pay it into the treasury or storehouse. (Mal. 3:10). We should be willing to follow the Lord's instruction that far at least. God commands us to bring it as far as the treasury and leave it there. I have no right to refuse to bring it to the treasury because I have an idea it may not be properly used after it gets there. That is not my concern for God will take care of it after it reaches the storehouse. My duty is to pay the tithe and see that it reaches His treasury. If it is not wisely expended by the brethren after I have turned it in God will hold them accountable. The tithe that comes into the Conference treasury is carefully voted for the work—not by a president and treasurer—but by a whole conference committee in counsel with a union conference representative. It doesn't seem likely that such a group of Christian men of experience would knowingly be careless about the expenditure of the tithe. We know by long association with the brethren that such committees can be trusted to handle the Lord's money in a way that will be for the best interests of the cause. For any one to refuse to pay tithe because he thinks the brethren may not rightly use it surely sets such an individual's opinion of how things ought to be done above that of a group of responsible brethren selected by a whole conference to lead out in the work.

Here is God's answer to any man who holds back this tithe because he does not like the way the work is conducted:

"Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, 'I will no longer pay my tithe: for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work.' But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit to the proper ones, but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right." Vol. IX, p. 249.

Let us have confidence in our brethren selected to lead out in the work, for indeed we have every reason to rest assured that

BAHAMAS MISSION

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Out-Island Experiences

God has precious souls in the thickly populated places and sometimes we may feel that it is our duty to concentrate our efforts on our large centers, but He also has many souls awaiting the message in the small out-of-the-way communities as well. Although they are much less accessible we know they must receive this gospel. I am speaking of the thousands of people living on what are known as our "Out-Islands of the Bahamas." Our little churches are as beacon lights sparsely scattered over the entire 800 miles of our field. Each island has its own problems peculiar to itself. I have just returned from a trip to Andros Island where I had a most thrilling experience.

On this two week trip I visited all five of our churches on the southern end of the island and held baptisms in four. Our first service was held at Black Point, where we baptized twelve, and accepted one into the church on profession of faith. These candidates were the combined fruits from our Deep Creek and Black Point churches. Our next baptism was held in Pleasant Bay, where five young people had taken their stand for Christ as the result of a strong lay programme being carried on within the church, under the leadership of Brother and Sister U. B. Toote. From Pleasant Bay, Brother Toote loaded my baggage into his little sail boat and we sailed back down the east coast of Andros to Kemps Bay, where our only out-Island church school is being held. Here we found three candidates ready for baptism and one from the Baptist faith to be taken into church fellowship on profession of faith. Thus twenty-two consecrated souls were added to our membership, and all are looking for the soon return of our blessed Saviour.

Revival meetings were held in all five churches with overflowing attendance. From 60 to 125 persons not of our faith, were present at nearly every meeting. At our meetings in Little Creek, where we have only three families of believers our meetings were attended by over sixty Catholics, including the local catechist. All were deeply interested, and I received many invitations from three outside local church leaders to speak in their churches at my next visit. On every hand we see evidences of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this field.

About two months ago I paid my first visit to the Bluff, Eleuthera. That little faithful band of eleven had five brands

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News Notes

The evening of April 25 was indeed a happy one for the members of the Bahamas Mission in Nassau. We have all looked forward with eagerness to the time when we would be able to have our school programmes and youths' socials in our Bahamas Junior Academy auditorium. A splendid programme was arranged for this pre-opening occasion by Miss U. Lawrence, principal of the school. Sister C. E. Waldo rendered several of her readings in her inimitable way which needless to say were the highlight of the evening's entertainment. While the auditorium is not fully completed, the floor has been laid and the room has been wired so that it is able to fill a part of the great need we have of a general assembly hall for the school and for our churches also. We are truly thankful that this is one more step toward the final completion of our academy.

Our veteran Lay Preacher, Brother J. B. Dean of Nassau, has for a number of years conducted a branch Sabbath School in the district of Englestone. The membership has increased steadily until today it stands at approximately 75. Besides having an unusually large enrolment of children, Brother Dean has several baptized members to assist him. Recently it was the happy privilege of our Sabbath School Secretary, Pastor W. H. Waller, to organize this fine branch Sabbath School into a full fledged Sabbath School. We pray God's continued blessings for Brother Dean and for the continued growth of our Englestone Sabbath School.

Brother and Sister D. P. Waldo left our little island field on the 16th of May for the cooler climes of Northern Vermont. We appreciate the fine assistance Brother and Sister Waldo gave not only to our colporteur work, but also to our local church work. Brother and Sister Waldo have spent the past three winters with us here and countless pages of truth-filled literature have been placed in the hands of persons of wealth and position. We wish to extend our heartiest appreciation to these two excellent soldiers of the King.

In the Eastern District of Fox Hill, N.P., a spearhead effort is being conducted by Pastor W. H. Waller. He reports that his meetings are being well attended and he is hopeful that a small company may be started in this section of the island. In connection with his effort, he has started a branch Sabbath School with the assistance of several members from the Shirley Street Church. We earnestly pray that the Lord will bless all that is being done to spread His Word in this little suburb of Nassau.

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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Santana Ablaze for God

The long expected day had come! On Sunday night, May 1, the roaring of guns could be heard in Santana as the Battle of the Lord commenced in real earnest.

Elder Williams, who is in personal command of the evangelistic effort that is being held in this locality, is being used mightily by our Commander-in-Chief in breaking down the fortress of the enemy, and the battle which has entered its fourth week is gaining momentum.

"Never have we seen it so in Santana," commented some of the district's residents, as they marvel over the religious stir caused by these meetings. Of a truth, God is working mightily upon the consciences of men.

Like the patriarchs of old who lived and worshipped in tents, two tents were pitched in a central spot in the district, one as our place of worship, and the other occupied by Elder Williams and myself.

The interest being displayed in the meetings is of great encouragement to us. Our congregation includes a high percentage of the district's inhabitants practically every night.

The third week of meetings saw a stepping up of activities as for the first time pictures were thrown on the screen by the machine which is now in good order. The farmers here are now extremely busy planting their seeds before the rainy season sets in, and yet they attentively listen to two sermons per night—one from the screen, and the other from the pulpit.

Sabbath, May 21, we launched our first Sabbath School here, and our hearts were made glad as we saw fourteen precious souls entering the tent of worship on God's holy day. Surely God is gathering a people unto Himself. We believe with all our hearts that the message so dear to us is about to experience a new day in British Honduras.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

May we fully comprehend the significance of these words, thus filling our part nobly in the finishing of God's work here on earth.

—CALEB CLAYTON.

Echoes from British Honduras

We are happy to inform the readers of the VISITOR that the work in this field is moving slowly, but surely. In the early part of December last year, we dismantled the meeting house at Stann Creek which was purchased from the Universal Negro

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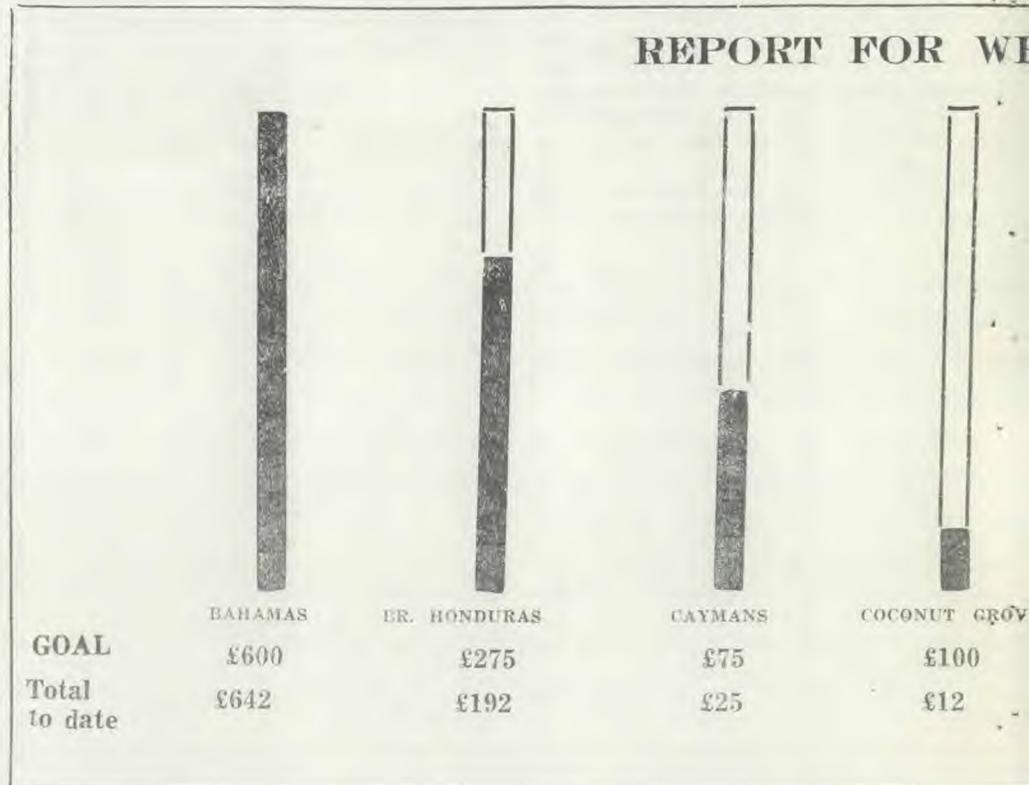
CAMPAIGN CLOSES

JUNE 25

**JUST TWO MORE
WEEKS TO GO!**

**LET'S HAVE
A LARGE OVERFLOW!**

REPORT FOR WORK



Harvest Ingathering in British Honduras

The first day of April was a happy one for the British Honduras Mission. It was our privilege to welcome Elder H. D. Colburn, Departmental Secretary of the B.W.I. Union. The following day he launched the Ingathering Campaign in the Belize church. In working the business section we found the business men very responsive in spite of economic depression caused by the removal of two of the large lumber companies to Nicaragua. The gifts were not as large as they are in some other countries, but they were very pleased to contribute as they had done in the previous years. They spoke with very high appreciation of the work we are doing the world around. Even Roman Catholics told us that they were not interested in our religion, but they could not close their eyes to the humanitarian work we were engaged in. The days were extremely hot, but we were much inspired by the willing spirit manifested by our donors.

The Singing Band has done a fine work

this year. Besides giving the message in songs around the city, they have collected over \$46.00. The Band was invited to the Governor's House, where they sang for the governor and family. The choir also gave a few special selections, which thrilled the family. At the close the governor handed to Sister Amy Campbell, our Home Missionary leader, an envelope with a card of appreciation and a cheque.

The Campaign is not altogether through, but because of the protracted drought hundreds of people left the city in search of water. The singing band found many empty homes as the people have migrated to the country near rivers and wells. In our church just a small fraction of the members are left in town to attend our Sabbath services. We hope to reach the goal in spite of the many set backs.

— J. N. WILLIAMS.

So long as we surrender the will to God, and trust in His strength and wisdom, we shall be guided in safe paths, to fulfill our appointed part in His great plan.

D.A., p. 209.

This Is God's Work!

As we enter into the Ingathering Campaign this year, we are again reminded of the fact that this is God's work. Only as the hand of God blesses our efforts can we accomplish that which needs to be done now. A few days ago we went into a certain firm in the city of Kingston where we had been accustomed to receive a nominal offering every year. We found this year, however, that a new man was in charge, a total stranger to us and to our work. Breathing a silent prayer, we proceeded to tell him of what our work is accomplishing in all the earth to bless and help humanity. Before we left that office, we had in our hands a donation several times larger than ever received before from this firm—a marvelous evidence of the fact that God is watching over His work. Let us bravely do our best, in order that God may demonstrate His mighty power to us. We need the blessings that we can receive from this work right now.

— K. S. CROFOOT.

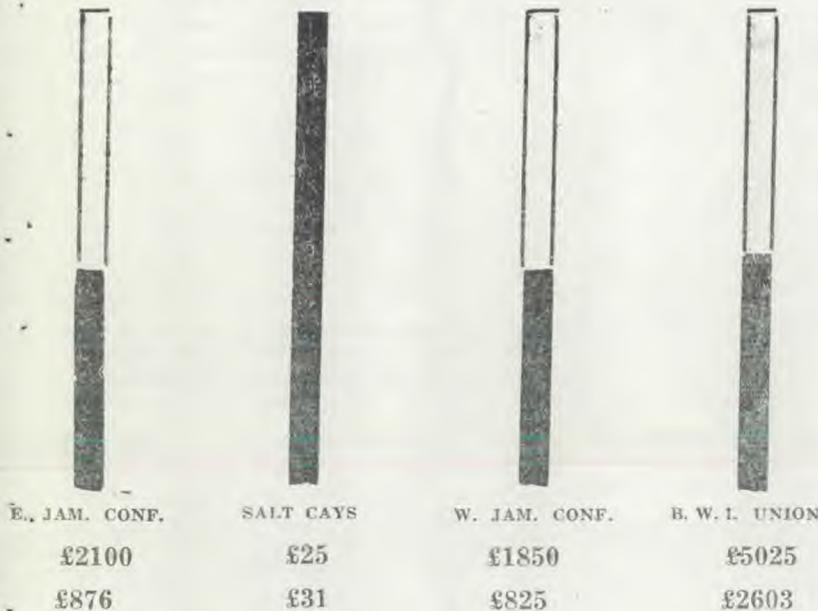
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ENDING MAY 28



PERCENTAGES OF GOAL RAISED
MAY 28, 1949

Bahamas	107%
British Honduras	70%
Caymans	33%
Coconut Grove	12%
East Jamaica	42%
Salt Cays	124%
West Jamaica	45%
B. W. I. Union	52%

Forward to Victory!

"My people shall be willing in the day of My power." We are happy to see the fulfilment of this scripture as we note the willingness on the part of the members to take part in the Ingathering campaign this year, and also the willingness of the people to give of their means for the cause of God.

The Race Course church, which has been raised up in the past few months by Pastor Lindo, has been the first to reach the position of doubling her goal in two weeks. At the end of the first week they telegraphed the news of having gone over their £10 goal; the second week another telegraph message came saying, "We have doubled our goal." If these dear members who are so ardent in their first love will continue in this way to the end of the six weeks of the campaign they will have gone over their goal six times! We take off our hats to Pastor Lindo for the good training he has given these new believers.

An example of the fervency of the old churches as well as the new can be seen

at Southfield, one of the oldest in the conference. They telegraphed at the end of their first week's effort of having gone over their goal of £17. 0. 0. It is interesting to hear of the small children under ten years of age, the Sunshine Band as they are called, who, under the leadership of Mrs. C. H. Reid brought in over two pounds in the first two weeks. The zeal of these little tots as they went from door to door has been an inspiration to the older members. Truly "a little child shall lead them."

This is only the end of the second week of our campaign, but space forbids our telling of all the good reports that are coming in. A quotation from Brother S. Z. Dixon's letter from White Hill indicates the spirit being manifested: "I can say this with certainty that I have never found people as willing to give as they are this year. There is a certain man who gave 2/- last year, and he was glad to give me 10/- this year. As I presented the need, the nearness of the end, and the seriousness of the times, another who had given two gave ten shillings also. A little boy

who saw his mother give me 2/6 gave me 8/-. This is surely the fulfilment of the Scriptures."

Brethren, who knows whether or not this may be our last Ingathering Campaign for the Master? How important then that we should improve this opportunity of contacting every individual within our reach, giving them an opportunity of returning to God a part of that which He has committed to them. Then let us be diligent in following up every interest found. We look forward to some good soul-winning reports from the churches this year as a result of Ingathering contacts.

— W. S. NATION.

The Saviour longs to manifest His grace and stamp His character on the world. It is His purchased possession, and He desires to make men free, and pure, and holy. Though Satan works to hinder this purpose, yet through the blood shed for the world there are triumphs to be achieved that will bring glory to God and the Lamb. *D.A.*, p. 827.

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EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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Ingathering Progress

The 1949 Ingathering Campaign is making good progress in East Jamaica. The reports for the second week are most gratifying and show that about 42% of the goal has already been reached. We have found a good response on the part of the business men of Kingston, many of whom have increased their gifts over former years.

Conventions are being held in Kingston and the country districts in order to boost the Campaign and we greatly appreciate the help that Pastor Colburn and Pastor Walters, the Union Home Missionary and M. V. Secretaries, are giving in these conventions. More than eight hundred of our brethren attended the Convention at Highgate in St. Mary on May 8, and although the Campaign had not yet been officially launched, we were thrilled to hear that three churches had already raised their goal with three others not far behind. There was also a good attendance at the conventions at North Street, Morant Bay, Regent Street, and Port Antonio, and at each place we found a wonderful spirit of cooperation. We look forward to a good harvest in East Jamaica this year.

— A. C. STOCKHAUSEN.

East Jamaica Marches On!

On February 6 another church was organized in East Jamaica—Long Road in St. Mary. On a beautiful spot of land on a high ridge a group of believers, formerly from the Enfield church, have erected a very fine booth. Meetings were conducted some time ago and the work in Long Road has been continuously progressing; so on February 6 this church was organized. Although there is rather bitter persecution of some of the new believers yet they are all of good courage and bright prospects are in view for the future of the Long Road church.

On April 10 a Stone Laying service was held on the site of the Burnside Valley church. The foundation and the baptistry of this church have been built for many months, but owing to a little difficulty concerning the land, further work was delayed until satisfactory arrangements had been completed. On April 10 a fine group of neighbours and friends including some well known officials and leaders of the community gathered to lay the stones for this new church building. The brethren of the church had made careful preparations and all was in readiness at the appointed time. All present were greatly encouraged by the prospects for the future of the Burnside Valley church.

On April 17, a church was organized at Jeffery Town. This new church is located between Guy's Hill and Gayle, two

of our well established churches in St. Mary, but the work in Jeffery Town is almost all new. Last year Brother David McCalla conducted an effort in a booth with outstanding success. There have been evidences of remarkable courage manifested by several of the new believers especially two of the young girls who were recently baptized in spite of very serious threats on the part of their parents. On the day of the organization there was a good attendance and it is hoped that this new group may very shortly obtain some land and go forward with their church building. Let us pray that these new believers may be blessed and strengthened as they go forward in faith building upon the foundation that has been laid.

— K. S. CROFOOT.

"Share Your Faith" in East Jamaica

"In this age of strife and hatred it is encouraging to see the good interest that the youth of East Jamaica are taking in the various activities of the Missionary Volunteer Department. During the first quarter of this year, a number of conventions were held in different sections of the Conference. The "Share Your Faith" campaign was the keynote of these conventions and several young men responded to the call to go out and preach this wonderful message.

— H. E. NEMSHARD.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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News Notes from The West Jamaica Conference

Up to May 28, the total Ingathering as reported from the churches is £325. 2. 6. The churches are doing their best and it is believed that with the zeal they are manifesting the campaign will move forward to victory.

Pastor B. E. Hurst, our enthusiastic Publishing Secretary, is right back on the job again after having a successful operation for appendicitis. We thank God for his speedy recovery. Pastor Hurst is planning to have mid-year rallies for his colporteurs at the following centres: Cambridge, May 28 and 29; May Pen, June 4 and 5; Santa Cruz, June 11 and 12; W. I. T. College, June 16 to 19; March Town, June 25 and 26; Jackson Town, June 27.

Pastor Earl Parchment has just completed a very successful evangelistic effort at Mount Horeb in St. James. He was assisted by Brother Adrian Westney and Brother C. Mitchell. A large baptismal class is preparing for baptism at a very early date.

Brother Adrian Westney, our latest ministerial interne addition to the West

Conference, is doing fine work for the Master and at the present time is waging total war against the evil one at Lottery, where he reports a fine interest at his meetings.

Pastor Owen Holness is blazing the trail in Westmoreland. He is now conducting an evangelistic effort at Amity which is so largely attended that the church cannot hold the crowds which come night after night. A very large booth has been constructed in front of the church to accommodate the congregation. Pray for the work in this section of Westmoreland.

Pastor Lindo is also actively engaged in evangelism. His effort at Portland, Clarendon, is proving to be quite successful. It is of interest to note that Pastor Lindo got permission to hold his meetings in a Baptist church.

A very neat little tabernacle has replaced the old worn tent at Race Course, and the brethren are happy in their cozy little building. They hope to put up a fine church as soon as a spot is available.

Construction work for the Hayes church is progressing according to plans. It was most heartening to watch the members at work a few days ago as they donated their labour to see their dreams of a church building realized.

Pastor F. H. Fletcher is evangelizing northern Manchester. The newly dedicated church at Harrywatch cannot accommodate the crowds that keep coming as the interest grows. We are confident that by the help of the Lord there will be an abundant harvest of souls.

Green Castle is on the map. Pastor E. C. H. Reid finds time out from his busy programme to be holding an evangelistic campaign at Sturge Town, and the members from Green Castle are right behind him in this revival project.

The spirit of evangelism is taking hold of our brethren everywhere, for which we thank God. The brethren of the Newell church report five lay efforts in progress at the present time. Truly, "the work of God on earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the cause and unite their efforts with that of ministers and church officers."

The old Bird's Hill church building had fallen into disrepair but the congregation had also outgrown the building. After some planning and counselling, the brethren decided to tear down the old structure completely and set up a much larger one. April 24 was a day of rejoicing when they held their stonelaying service, and the friends of the adjoining districts and sister churches joined in making the occasion a very successful one. The roof was all up before the stonelaying, and now they are planning to put in their walls right away. We are sure that with the zeal of the brethren of this church, there will soon be another dedicatory service in West Jamaica.

— MRS. DAVID RODRIQUES.



Publishing Dept.

A. R. Hair
Secretary

Use the Dynamite in Our Smaller Literature

Our literature is destined to play a most, if not the most, important part in finishing the work of the third angel's message. This is already apparent in the whole world field. Hundreds of our youth are answering the challenging call of the hour, giving themselves to be used daily in the cities, towns, villages, and along every lonesome path and dusty highway of life where souls are to be found who need the truth.

For years we have stressed the importance of circulating our large books and crisis books. The results have been wonderful, and much more along this line is yet to be done. But have we ever deeply considered the divine instruction given us concerning the smaller pieces of literature? Note the following statement: "Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction... Sell what you can, and lend and give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow. I have been shown that we were not doing our duty in the gratuitous circulation of small publications." *Christian Service*, p. 151.

It is true that we should not sell every small piece of literature we publish, but it is also true that we cannot give all of them away freely. "Sell what you can," we are told. And it is a well known fact that people appreciate and pay more attention to that which they have bought than to that which is freely received. Papers of eight, sixteen, and twenty-four pages ought to be sold by the millions. When this is done, the words written in *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 72, will be fulfilled. "Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of Autumn."

The results of this kind of work are clearly set forth by the Messenger of God. "I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidence so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that have been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the fourth commandment. As they searched the scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shone upon their understanding, for angels were hovering over them, and impressing their minds

with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading.

"I saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts, and they saw the harmonious chain of truth, the Bible was to them a new book; they hugged it to their hearts with grateful joy, while their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy." *Ibid*, p. 150.

Is it not true that we as a people have come to the time, or hour, to strike out and have this statement fulfilled? Even the children will be used to proclaim the message and swell the work into the "Loud Cry." "Children will be impelled by the Holy Spirit to go forth to declare the message of heaven." *Test.*, Vol VII, p. 27.

Brethren, let us train the children and youth now. Organize in your church groups to sell our magazines and papers weekly. The newspaper is sold every day, and why not a paper with the Advent message? We possess the greatest commodity anyone has to sell in this world. It is the last warning message to perishing humanity. Let not the children of the world be wiser than the children of light. Use the children in our midst. Teach them the art of salesmanship in the home and school. Encourage them to sell magazines at least once a week. Mothers and fathers, organize a "Brigade" (call it by any other name if your care to) in your home. Church schools may do the same. As the children are taught a short canvass, coupled with politeness and Christian courtesy, marvels will be wrought in the field, and they will build an excellent character for eternity. Closed doors will be opened, for our literature breaks down prejudice. There will be an awakening unknown in the experience of our work. The power and might of the Angel of Revelation 18 will be felt. Remember the following words written many years ago. "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other Angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." *Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 140.

Thousands will be fleeing out of Babylon, hasting for the eternal city, of refuge. At the same time the laity in full swing will enter the open doors and millions of Bible studies will be given to dying souls. "In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God... Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors

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COLPORTEUR REPORT SUMMARY FOR APRIL, 1949

Field	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas	544	£ 573 11 6	£ 164 19 0
British Honduras	250	54 1 0	54 1 0
Caymans			NO REPORT
Salt Cays			NO REPORT
East Jamaica	8415	1475 10 9	1164 11 11
West Jamaica	6468	1264 16 5	774 5 2
TOTALS	15677	£2357 19 8	£2157 17 1

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Bahamas Mission:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Burke, B. E.	187	£148 0 6	£ 21 8 0
Scars, Ismael	150	0 0 0	10 5 0
Wald, D. P. & C. E.	142	284 0 0	133 5 0
Other Canvassers	56	46 10 0	

British Honduras:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Vaschonic, S.	120	41 9 2	41 9 2
Colporteur Brigade	130	12 11 9	12 11 9

East Jamaica:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Anderson, A. A.	139	26 15 6	10 7 0
Blake, W. E.	166	47 2 0	34 6 6
Cousins, C. S.	166	53 9 0	54 4 0
Davidson, L. H.	146	14 2 0	24 0 9
Duncombe, Peter	139	32 13 6	17 8 0
Anderson, Doris	134	15 4 0	1 15 0
Anderson, Malcolm	172	21 2 0	7 15 6
Bignall, Mrs. K.	132	13 10 6	8 15 0
Gerrison, A. R.	207	80 12 0	22 4 0
Hill, Victor	130	23 5 6	7 18 0
Gordon, Carlton	128	9 4 6	
Hewitt, G. F.	128	8 12 6	2 14 0
James, Miss M.	104	29 12 6	11 12 9
King, J. M.	153	13 9 0	35 15 3
Marah, Luther	133	17 7 9	18 17 6
Moore, Gwen	161	17 1 0	2 15 0
Moore, H. N.	158	44 3 9	11 11 0
Parkinson, Mrs. R.	113	19 5 0	6 8 0
Purville, Edna	112	3 16 0	1 17 0
Randall, Walter	194	23 4 0	19 7 0
Scott, Mr. E.	117	26 9 0	18 1 0
Stimmonds, W. F.	174	23 16 6	29 10 6
Stirling, D. A.	160	11 7 0	11 7 0
Other Canvassers	2830	612 16 0	455 0 11
Magazine Workers	426	41 12 10	32 8 0
Students	1123	517 16 2	91 10 0
Brigade	345		99 10 9

West Jamaica:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bizby, D. A.	153	5 15 0	14 6 0
Brown, E. L.	136	39 4 8	29 11 0
Brown, V. A.	149	4 5 6	10 1 0
Brown, V. E.	141	4 18 9	16 12 0
Campbell, M. E.	234	36 12 9	19 1 9
Coley, C. G.	129	13 14 0	5 17 0
Dillon, Leslie	136	114 10 0	191 2 0
Dockery, E. E.	161	29 7 0	6 1 0
Gooden, Epsie	130	18 12 4	12 9 0
Guthrie, Ira	212	26 10 0	23 6 9
Hart, Mrs. H.	191	11 1 0	26 5 6
Hephurn, C. H.	202	27 19 9	20 8 3
Kent, Rudolph	136	17 13 0	7 1 0
Lawrence, V. A.	190	11 7 3	6 2 3
Lawson, Joseph	156	11 3 6	11 13 6
Maxwell, D. E.	148	20 4 0	3 14 0
Morgan, C. H.	141	12 0 0	11 8 0
McDonald, J.	129	23 14 6	11 12 1
McLeod, W. E.	132	0 0 0	3 15 6
Smith, M. V.	176	33 17 0	
Spence, R. W.	123	33 14 0	7 8 0
Stewart, Harripha	150	18 0 0	4 1 0
Tharpe, C. H.	174	23 15 0	14 7 0
Tharpe, Noel	141	12 1 0	18 15 0
Topper, Beryl	144	64 11 0	8 6 0
Topper, Louise	132	35 6 6	2 8 0
Williams, M. M.	185	25 6 6	14 6 6
Other Canvassers	2067	359 4 0	197 18 6
Students	291	137 2 0	63 3 4
Brigades	36		10 4 9
Magazine Drive			94 18 0

In order to be a regular colporteur men must put in at least 120 hours per month, and women must put in at least 100 hours monthly.

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were thrown open to the proclamation of truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God." *Test.* Vol. IX, p. 126.

Material advantages are so many through this type of work. Some can and will make their livelihood through it; others will use the returns to help in special church enterprises. Children can earn their school fees, and the youth, as some have already done, can earn a scholarship and enter one of our training schools. Be sure that God will finish the work in ways which we will choose to call orthodox. Nevertheless, it will be done and the golden morning will soon appear. Much of our machinery may yet have to be rebuilt or scrapped. May we face the facts today and remember that we are living in a magazine age and millions are longing to buy such literature every day. Arise now, O church of God! Do your committed task today, or never. Tomorrow may be too late.

— W. W. WEITHERS.

Echoes

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Improvement Association. This building, on one of the swampy back streets, was to be rebuilt as a church building on the main street in the town. By the 15th of January the building was almost completed, when suddenly we were stalled. No lumber could be had from any of the lumber deposits, due to the great demand for lumber from America, Canada, Jamaica and other countries, which pay higher prices than the lumber is sold for locally. During the Ingathering Campaign, Brother Woodburn contacted one of the "lumber kings," who gave him five dollars offering. In conversation with him, he told of our predicament in getting lumber to finish our church building. The Lord moved upon the heart of this good gentleman who manifested the most liberal spirit and promised to supply all the lumber to finish the building free of cost.

The property on which the church is erected was leased from government. Good friends instructed Brother Woodburn how to get the lease cancelled for a gift. The chief executive of the town opposed the application, but from a majority vote by the members of the Town Board, the application went through to the Legislative Council, who approved the application and the document for the property is now in our possession making us full-fledged owners. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

During the months of March and April, Pastor Newman reported eleven persons

baptised. He started a series of meetings at Tower Hill. During the moon light nights he had a good attendance. The people are afraid of the poisonous snakes that frolic around in the tracts and on the road. He had to discontinue his effort, but was able to baptize two candidates as a beginning of the work at Tower Hill.

Three efforts are being conducted in the Colony at the present time. One at Sittee River by Brother Woodburn in the Southern end, one at Santana by Brother Caleb Clayton and the writer, and another at Corozal in the Northern end by Pastor Newman. From the reports received, all these efforts give signs of a fruitful harvest of souls.

We solicit an interest in your prayers in behalf of the work in this field.

— J. N. WILLIAMS.

Out-Island Experiences

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plucked from the burning ready for baptism. Each of these had stepped out for Christ against strong persecution. One young eighteen year old wife and mother of two children was driven from her home by a cruel, drinking husband. Another had been beaten for her faith. One young man was cut off from his father's will because he went forward in baptism. But in spite of this persecution over 500 came down to the beautiful seaside and listened attentively as we gave a strong sermon on baptism. As an aftermath of this visit, the father of one of the candidates has just accepted the Advent message, and for the past three Sabbaths has worshipped with our little church. He has been local elder in a prominent church on the Bluff for the past 35 years. He had bitterly opposed our work but today is rejoicing in the new found "blessed hope."

In late June we have a baptism planned at which time this father and his sixteen year old son will be baptized with four others who have recently taken their stand. To God be the glory for His wonder-working power. We are reaping the fruits of seed already sown and we trust that we are only witnessing the beginning of many more such experiences.

— R. E. GIBSON.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

The Yallahs (East Jamaica) Church is desirous of locating the following members:

- Mrs. Eva Campbell
- Mrs. Loretta Harvey
- Mr. Leopole Minott
- Miss Ivy Williams

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these members is asked to communicate with:

Maggie Warren
Yallahs P. O.

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The People Had A Mind to Work

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and church after church has already reached its assigned goal. Surely all who have done their part have received a rich blessing from heaven! To all such, we say a heartfelt "Thank you!"

The Union goal of £5025. 0. 0 presents to us all a challenge as great as the rebuilding of the broken and battered walls of ancient Jerusalem did to the people in Nehemiah's day. I have confidence in the Israel of today! The modern wall will be built! The goal will be reached! And it can soon be said of the Seventh-day Adventists throughout the territory of the British West Indies Union Mission: "So built we the wall... for the people had a mind to work!"

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

REID—Brother James Reid, a very faithful member of the Asia church, West Jamaica Conference, departed this life on the 2nd of April, at the age of ninety. He leaves to mourn, but not without hope, his wife, children, and grand children. Funeral services were conducted by J. Fletcher and E. A. Palmer.

CAMPBELL—Brother Joseph Campbell, a faithful leader of the Beeston Spring church, West Jamaica Conference, for many years passed away on the 12th of April. He awaits the call of the Life-Giver. Funeral services were conducted by Alfred Saunders.

REID—Brother Frank Reid of the March Town, West Jamaica, church passed away on April 30, at the age of thirty-nine. He leaves his wife and nine children to mourn their loss.

— I. C. PLUMMER.

JENNETT—Brother John Jennett, born of Richard and Margaret Jennett, October 1, 1875, fell asleep quietly at his home in Georgetown, Grand Cayman, on May 3, 1949; his heart giving up its work after 73 years, 7 months, and 2 days of constant labour. He leaves to mourn his companion, Sister Daisy Jennett; one daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Anderson of New York City; and many dear friends.

Brother Jennett has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Georgetown since August of 1946. His place in the Georgetown choir is now vacant, for he was the only bass singer in the choir.

It is believed that a small operation on his leg put a little more strain on his weak heart, and caused the hastening of his death. He passed away without pain and died in the hope of being resurrected in that first glorious resurrection when the sleeping saints shall hear the voice of their Master calling them to inherit the place He has gone to prepare in Heaven.

O. V. SCHNEIDER.