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The Strength of Israel

By R. W. Numbers

THE strength of armies is measured by their numbers, their equipment, training, discipline, fitness and their willingness to fight. There must also be a good reserve of men ready to fill in the breaches made by the enemy. Perhaps some officers have fallen in battle and must be replaced without delay. Reserves must ever be ready to be rushed to the front to fill in the need.

Is your church strong or weak? What has been the record for the past year? Is there a need for a deeper spirituality? Are the youth being trained for greater responsibilities in the church, or are we afraid to give them a chance to develop and improve themselves for Christ?

Your church for 1951 will be very much like the leaders you have chosen through your nominating committee. Are they unselfish, humble, meek, God-fearing men and women, or are they stubborn, proud, selfish, desiring to teach when they should first be taught? Do they believe the Third Angel's Message, teach it, and above all else live it? The church leaders who have been ordained of God will be men and women and youth who believe in the four branches of the Seventh-day Adventist Church: preaching, teaching, healing, and publishing.

Preaching: The main business of the church on earth is to proclaim present truth to every nation, kingdom, tongue, and people. Evangelism is the Watch-word of the British West Indies Union. During 1951, we are calling for a revival of our lay preachers. With the Missionary Volunteers we will "Have a faith, know our faith, live our faith and share our faith."

Teaching: The leaders in our churches will be men and women who believe in Christian education. They will be in perfect harmony with the instruction given them by the servant of the Lord in *Councils to Teachers* p. 205;

"In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavour to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a scriptural foundation. Upon every Christian parent there rests the solemn obligation of giving to his children an education that will lead them to gain a knowledge of the Lord, and to become partakers of the divine nature through obedience to God's will and way."

Our church officers will support Christian education by word and example. They will send their sons and daughters to our own schools, if it is at all possible, and will give liberally of their increase for the growth and maintenance of these schools.

Healing: Our church officers will ever be conscious of the fact that they are the "sons of God" and will recognize that their bodies are the temple of the living God, and if they defile them "him shall God destroy". They will set an example before the church in healthful living. They will support the medical work as "the right arm of the message". Zealously will they guard the reputation of our medical institutions. By their prayers and co-operation, they will extend the influence of the divinely-appointed agencies for the advancement and the finishing of the work of God.

Publishing: Every church board will give serious prayerful consideration to ways and means of enlarging the circulation of our truth-filled literature. No stone will be left unturned to place the books and magazines containing the special truths for this time in every home. The regular, part-time and auxiliary colporteurs

as well as the home missionary leader will receive the full sympathy and co-operation of the church.

These four branches of the church will bear fruit if they are connected with the Vine, Christ Jesus. They have been placed in the church by Christ Himself not merely to give prestige and influence to the denomination, but that souls for whom He died might be saved. We who have been called to serve in one or more of these main branches of service, must remember that success will attend our efforts only as we have implicit faith in God. Here is a choice quotation from "Testimonies to Ministers", p. 312:

"Take no glory whatever to yourself. Do not work with a divided mind, trying to serve self and God at the same time. Keep self out of sight. Let your words lead the weary and heavy-laden to carry their burdens to Jesus. Work as seeing Him who is at your right hand, ready to give you His efficiency and omnipotent power in any emergency."

The strength and success of Israel depends not so much upon numbers, physical equipment and worldly wealth, as upon man's realization of his nothingness without special help from God. Every church conference and mission leader must realize that his position does not give him licence to lightly regard God's implicit instructions in reference to his conduct and need of a daily heart-searching after God. "A man's position does not make him one jot or tittle greater in the sight of God; it is character alone that God values." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 362.

We appeal to our newly-elected officers to lean heavily upon the God of Israel to preach the word, to uphold every branch of the remnant church, "to be strong and of a good courage...for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

On the Torch Bearer

*The God of high endeavour gave me a
torch to bear,
I lifted it high above me in the dark and
murky air,
And straightway with loud hosannas,
The crowd proclaimed its light,
And followed me as I carried my torch
Through the starless night.
Till drunk with people's praises
And mad with vanity
I forgot 'twas the torch that they followed
And fancied they followed me.
Then slowly my arm grew weary upholding
the shining load
And my tired feet went stumbling
Over the dusty road.
And I fell with the torch beneath me.
In a moment the light was out.
When lo! from the throng a stripling
Sprang forth with a mighty shout,
Caught up the torch as it smouldered,
And lifted it high again,
Till fanned by the winds of heaven
It fired the souls of men.
And as I lay in the darkness
The feet of the trampling crowd
Passed over and far beyond me,
Its paens proclaimed aloud,
And I learned in the deepening twilight
The glorious verity,
'Tis the torch that the people follow
Whoever the bearer may be.*

— Author Unknown

SALT CAYS MISSION

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A Trip to Blue Hills

Perhaps I could take time to recount the hazards by land and sea or of the inconveniences and hardships one encounters while itinerating for the Lord in these islands. Instead these precious words from Holy Writ, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us", seem to find a greater response and a deeper meaning. This makes the cross of Christ lighter and causes our spirits to swim upon the bright chapters of our experiences while witnessing for Him.

A few weeks ago it was the writer's privilege to pay Brother Clayton and the dear believers at Blue Hills a visit. We had some very precious hours together as we worshipped and planned for the development of a greater work. Incidentally, it is my pleasure to state that Brother Clayton has taken hold of the situation well and is becoming a favourite from within and without the fold. After completing our assignments with the church, we took a little time to visit the outside

of the community. Space will not permit me to tell of all the interesting experiences that we had, so I will narrate just three that appeal to me.

We had just entered the first home and were beginning to explain our mission when an old lady who had frequently visited our church fell to the ground just outside the door. Brother Clayton, in his characteristic way, rushed forward and offered a helping hand. He assisted in taking her to her room and helping her into bed. Then he paused long enough to enquire into the cause of her feeling. He was frankly told that she was suffering from lack of nourishment. She was offered such things as we had, and after a few brief remarks prayer was offered in the home, and we were on our way rejoicing and believing that God had sent us there on an errand of mercy.

The warm welcome that we received everywhere we went made it a pleasure to visit the humble homes and speak for God. Soon we found ourselves in the home from which comes the second experience. The lady of the home has already accepted the principles of Adventism and is only waiting for her husband to give consent for her to formally join the church. This he has consistently refused, with threats of separation should she ever do so. We had a very good talk with him reasoning not only on behalf of the wife but that he too should decide to give the Lord his heart and join with the remnant people of God. We could see the Spirit of God striving with this man and were more convinced when he made an acknowledgement as nearly like this as I can recall, "I believe that I can still do a greater work in my church where there are greater numbers." I responded, "But the Lord wants you to teach the Advent Message, and you cannot do that in your church." He replied, "I can, and I am doing it." I said, "You will not be able to do it for long." He said, "When they will not allow me to preach sound doctrines to them, then I will have to come out and join where I belong."

This gentleman then related to us three dreams that he had that unerringly constitutes God's call to him to come over the line. Although he is hesitating to respond to God's invitation, we know that he must soon accept the light and come out, or fully and finally make the decision to reject it. Dear reader, will you not join with us in praying for such souls who are still in the "Valley of Decision"?

As we approached the third home, I saw Brother Clayton look at me out of a queer eye. Well did I recognize what he meant, but could only whisper back, "Where iniquity abounds, grace doth much more," so up to the door we came. We knocked and received the usual welcome. We took a little time to witness for Jesus, had a few words of prayer and left, feeling happy to be off Satan's enchanted ground where many love to tarry by the

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BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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Gleanings From British Honduras

The 1950 Home Coming Day began Friday night, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m., when the Young People's Society gave a very impressive programme featuring "Home Coming". Sabbath morning a number of strange faces were seen in the Sabbath School. The programme was specially prepared to meet the occasion in creating a spiritual atmosphere for the worship hour.

The subject, of the morning, "Preparedness for the Coming of Jesus", was presented by the writer. When the call was made for those who were willing to renew their covenant and to get ready to meet Jesus, fifteen persons responded, nearly all of whom are keeping up to their promise.

Brother C. L. Clarke, who responded to a call as a self supporting missionary to this field, arrived in the Colony on the 18th of September. After taking him on a trip to the Northern end of the field for the organization of the Santa Clara Church, also visiting Corozal, we returned to Belize and in a few days we left for Stann Creek, where brother B. A. Woodburn is labouring. He spent a week with him. While in Stann Creek, brother Clarke with his overwhelming zeal, felt like the Apostle Paul at Athens. Luke said: "His spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry." Acts 17:16. Stann Creek is a Catholic centre, and a Gibraltar against the truth. Brother Clarke was able to unburden his heart by taking the message of a soon-coming Saviour, preaching to the people in the open air.

He is now stationed at Sittee River. He likes the place and the believers there are very happy to have him, and are doing everything to make him happy.

The only means of transportation, visiting the villages on the banks of the river is by canoes. He has already organized a house-to-house system of cottage meetings. We are all convinced that this system of evangelism will never fail. We are confident that by the help of God and under the leadership of Brother Clarke, a strong work will be built up at Sittee River.

Elder Haig is at the present time visiting the Colony, specially in the interest of the publishing work. From all appearances the Lord is richly blessing His work. We solicit an interest in your prayer on behalf of the work in this field.

—J. N. WILLIAMS

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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Mandeville, Jamaica.

Fishermen and Fishers of Men

The Saviour of Galilee is still calling as He did during His first Advent, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". It was Peter, John, James and Andrew that heard and responded to the call then; it is the fishermen of Hanover now that have heard and are responding to the same call.

From the many fishing villages of this Parish have come humble laymen, full of vision and conscious of the great responsibility of answering such a call and are now "fishermen" and "fishers of men".

From Lances Bay comes Fishermen Robertson and Campbell. For days they have forsaken the fishes to seek souls. Brother Robertson concentrates among the fishing folk of Davis Cove and I had the pleasure of baptizing four more souls for him. The Lances Bay church is certainly having a strange experience because of this. Every Sabbath some new face appears in Sabbath School and the church building which is soon to be dedicated is now too small for the congregation.

Lances River where Brother Campbell works was once a centre of gambling and vice, but now the ringleaders are "men of God" going about seeking others for the "Gospel Net".

In Lucea Fisherman Daley has started in his little village of Johnson Town. In spite of opposition he goes on with the aid of Brother Kelly and the church of Lucea.

From the village of Sandy Bay goes Brother Leonard Grant and Brother Clifford Grant (fishermen) over to another fishing village called Hopewell. In spite of this hard Capernaum-like place the brethren still fight on, and there are souls in the baptismal class ready to take up their nets and follow.

And so the story goes on—a never-ending history of the sacrifice of our laity in finishing the gospel in this generation. If we had more of these "fishers" how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour would reach to earth's remotest bounds.

—KENNETH G. VAZ

A Trip to Blue Hills

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stuff that is commonly termed "slop" in the dialect of the islands.

Soon we had done all the visiting that it was possible for us to do at that time and returned to our boarding place to have our meal. Scarcely had we been seated to our good spread when the hostess entered again and asked excitedly, "Have you heard what has happened?" We replied, "No." "Well", she said, "one of the brothers in the home that you visited where strong drink is sold has been fighting with the other one and has knocked out his eye. I tell them about this awful liquor."

We thought "how sad" but were later happy to hear that the incident was not quite as serious as had been believed at first, and we were made more glad to learn that the mother in that home had decided that no more rum should be sold there. God works in mysterious ways his glory to perform.

As we entered our little sailboats and departed from Blue Hills on our mission to Kew, one of the sailors on the boat who frequently is deceived with "slop" was heard expressing in his stammering voice the following words: "D—D—Do you men know that most of the people of Blue Hills look on you two as gods?" Yes, how happy we are by the grace of Christ to humbly perform the work of "Ambassadors for Him." We do pray that God will help us, and all the Advent people everywhere and at all times to live up to our high calling.

—W. H. WALLER.



Publishing Dept.

A. R. HAIG
Secretary

The Publishing Work—Its Importance and Result

In the early days of the great Advent Movement, Mrs. E. G. White through inspiration gave the instruction that a little paper should be prepared and circulated with the assurance that although small at the first would be greatly enlarged and become the most powerful agency in the advancement of the work of God in all the world. And surely it has! Its influence has created a desire in the minds of men and women in every land for a greater understanding of the truth it presents. Other papers, magazines, tracts and books, both large and small, have been going with speed from the presses, yet the thirst for more remains.

Sometime ago, I canvassed a gentleman with "Great Controversy." As I began he said, "I do not want any more books. I have enough already." I did not pay any attention to that but showed him something that met his mind. Just then he said to me, "Who wrote that book?"

Not knowing his reason for asking the question I answered, "One White", and continued my canvass.

He asked, "Is it Mrs. E. G. White?" I told him "Yes".

He said, "Well, I have a book written by that lady. It is the best book I have ever read."

I said to him, "Sir, you are getting over 800 pages from the same author; which of these bindings must I bring it in?"

He replied, "the best", and gave me a deposit of 20/-.

Other colporteurs have sold him books after this experience. He now sleeps, but those books are left under angels guardianship to carry on the work for which they were appointed. The book that he spoke of was "Steps to Christ."

Experiences of this kind can be repeated in every place, for many have been led to see their greatest need and sure protection from sin and death as the saving truth for this time reaches their hearts.

With renewed consecration on the part of all, a greater work will be accomplished as men face the climax of history. May we be faithful in doing our part by holding each other's hand in counsel and prayers till the work is done.

—A. E. DAWKINS
Veteran Colporteur.

Report of the Publishing Department of the B. W. I. Union, September, 1950.

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission:	166	£235 2 6	£235 17 11
Salt Cays Mission:	100	27 9 0	27 0 0
East Jamaica Conference:			
Blackman, H.	120	8 3 0	11 18 0
Blake, W. E.	149	40 6 0	3 12 0
Curling, M. G.	149	44 8 0	12 18 0
Hill, Victor	138	54 10 0	11 10 6
King, J. M.	177	44 5 0	36 11 6
Marcus, Mavis	191	38 8 0	13 6 0
Rose, Florence	102	13 18 3	5 8 3
Satchell, M. A.	120	4 10 0	63 8 0
Scott, Elkanah	120	12 8 0	10 1 0
Thompson, D. E.	126	15 3 0	6 14 0
Walton, L. H.	169		20 17 0
Wilson, Mrs. E.	131	9 12 0	1 16 0
Williams, Sydney	126	46 9 0	8 0 0
Wright, E. P.	154	15 15 0	13 2 0
Other Colporteurs	2,435	379 19 6	254 0 0
Magazines Sales			146 4 6
Students:			
Lewis, Kenneth	120	20 8 0	22 11 0
Swaby, Mavis	137	31 18 0	42 12 6
Other Students	1,118	130 1 0	195 6 7
Auxiliaries	360	18 5 11	18 5 11
Miscellaneous Deliveries			200 0 0
West Jamaica Conference:			
Dillon, Leslie	400		200 0 0
Dockery, E. E.	183	9 19 0	5 14 0
Hart, Mrs. H.	106	63 15 0	46 6 0
Hall, Z.	196	9 2 6	4 14 6
Hepburn, C. H.	195	9 2 6	4 14 6
Morgan, C. H.	198	77 13 0	18 19 0
McNab, F.	159	47 13 0	3 2 0
Plummer, H. L.	146	8 8 0	12 9 0
Smith, M. V.	345	18 0 0	110 15 0
Tharpe, C. H.	150	62 2 0	38 10 0
Tharpe, Noel	151	1 4 0	81 1 0
Topper, Louise	110	71 4 0	3 1 0
Other Colporteurs	1,239	243 7 6	265 5 6
Students:			
Carter, L. S.	174	44 3 0	53 6 0
Dayes, Lloyd	130	6 16 0	59 13 0
Grant, W. T.	149	90 10 6	53 16 6
Hill, H. W.	141	42 1 0	17 3 0
Nesbitt, R. R.	172	46 19 0	46 19 0
Other Students	847	124 0 0	362 2 0
Miscellaneous Deliveries			131 0 0

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

SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1950

Bahamas Mission	166	£235 2 6	£235 17 11
East Jamaica	6188	928 8 2	1090 11 0
Salt Cays	100	27 9 0	27 0 0
West Jamaica	5175	960 14 0	1533 7 6
UNION	11629	£2151 13 8	£2887 5 6

The Outlook on Accra

Accra, the capital and chief town of the Gold Coast, lies sparse and in real modern setting over that which is known as "The Accra Plains," 36 square miles. This includes the recently established University College town of Achimota and a few other suburbs. Here is situated the West African Union Headquarters snugly nestled among beautiful trees in an up-to-date aristocratic area. There is a fine church building but scanty membership for want of strong leadership and other contributing factors.

I am located in this town to be here for the remaining months of this year. There are real opportunities for real missionary endeavours; of course, not without counteracting forces of which there are at least four:

Firstly, the nationalistic spirit which now burns seven times as hot in the minds of the indigenous population intended "to stem the deadly onslaught of Imperialism" as they term British Colonial rule in Africa.

Secondly, there are the empty forms and phrases of ecclesiasticism and the so-called social Gospel which enables men to live as they please and yet gain the approbation of a righteous God.

Thirdly, one of Africa's outstanding evangelistic problems is the dual language system which will be solved only if one should remain as long enough in one station as to familiarize himself with native dialects of which there are so many.

Fourthly, and to the casual observer, the most outstanding opposite force is the lack of schools to educate our young people. This does more harm to retard the work of the Gospel than the former three forces combined. There are a few boys' schools but as yet no girls' schools. Hence, the great problem of the young evangelists and teachers. They must take companions from among either the illiterate class of girls or the educated class fitted to fill other grooves.

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY: In this land of spiritual opportunity it is not strange for the colporteur to work eight or ten hours per day and yet contact not more than twelve prospects. So eager are they to hear the words of truth that one has to be very careful not to be detained at least one hour on any one visit. So much the more is this ever-increasing spiritual thirst as the Eastern Question takes shape, as can be seen by Russia's avowed determination to press her demands to the gates of Democracy and assemble the Oriental groups to match the might and main of the West.

This being so, there is no need to marvel that our religious books, particularly "The Bible Speaks" and "Bible Certainties" by W. L. Emmerson, receive ready hearing and just as ready acceptance by the vast majority in their homes there to take a prominent place in their bookshelves.

Some folks must strain their purses and cheat their monthly budget in order to buy. Some of these, at first approach of prices, very often retort, "Your book is good but it is too costly." If and when they have been convinced to buy and, generally they are, they will optimistically declare sometime later, "Oh! Your book is so good. It is worth its price. Here is Mr. (So-and-So, get him a set." Of course, here in Africa, we indulge in the "Set System" or as we term it, the "Handful System." There was one gentleman who at the end of my presentation and declaration of the price exclaimed, "Your book is sold far too cheap for its worth." Thus one must work overtime and there is no breathing spell and less time even for a good meal.

Attention!! Young People.

Are you wondering how you are going to get your Christmas money? We have solved the problem for you. Just send 4/6 in to the Jamaica Book and Bible House, 112 Tower St. Kingston, and we will mail you your first set of attractive motto cards. Some young people are selling as many as 12 per day now. You can do the same.

Procedure for Requesting Used Clothing

- (a) All requests for clothing should be made by the individual requiring such clothing, to the Dorcas Society.
- (b) If there is no Dorcas Society in the local church, the request should be made to the Local Pastor or District Leader.
- (c) The Dorcas Society and/or the pastor or district leader shall send the request for clothing to the Conference or Mission Home Missionary Secretary.
- (d) The Home Missionary Secretary shall pass on the request to the Union Home Missionary Secretary, who will send the request on to the General Conference Home Missionary Department.
- (e) If the local Dorcas Society, Pastor or District Leader desires to make a request from a particular church outside of Jamaica, for clothing for the needy, the request should still be made in the manner stated above, and the request will be passed on directly to that church by the Union Home Missionary Secretary, or in his absence, by one of the Union Officers.

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There are many now in training, I am sure, who will come to this mission field or go to other mission fields sooner or later. A word to the wise suffices—thus let me warn you. Develop a real sound physical system, for none but the healthy-bodied can match the hazards of the mission field. Men are needed. Will you join us?

— E. L. BROWN,
Colporteur-Evangelist in
West Africa.

UNTIL HE COMES

HENRY—Brother Cyril Henry, a faithful member of the Port Morant S. D. A. church, departed this life on the 23rd of August 1950. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor C. F. Edwards assisted by the leader and other officers of the church.

— Sylvester Andrews, Church Clerk.

ERWIN—Brother Robert Erwin aged 101 (1848-1949) passed away June 18, 1949. He was a faithful deacon of the Savlamar church, and is survived by his wife, one of the present deaconesses and also by a son residing in the United States. The Message of the Blessed Hope was his theme and song to the end. Another Patriarch sleeps awaiting the Great Call!

HARVEY—Brother Duncan Harvey a member of the Petersfield Church fell asleep in Jesus on October 8, 1950. Brother Harvey was a faithful member and lived a godly life. Funeral rites were performed by Elder O. Holness. He has left to mourn their loss his wife and two sons.

— Lynette L. Gordon.

PALMER—Arthur Palmer, a devoted member of the Long Road Church passed away almost suddenly on Sabbath, October 7, 1950 at 5:30 p.m. at the age of 76. He is sadly missed by all in the district especially his wife. The funeral service was conducted by Brother A. B. Davis, Leader of the Long Road Church.

WILLIAMS—Sister Matilda Williams of the Enfield S. D. A. church, departed this life on August 19, 1950, at the age of 58, leaving her father, three sons and three grand-children to mourn their irretrievable loss. Funeral services were conducted by Brother R. Perry of the Enfield S. D. A. church.

Florence Nettie Maxted Mohr, wife of Elder Fred I. Mohr, was born November 21, 1884 and departed this life June 21, 1950 after an illness of five months. Sister Mohr, in company with her husband, has laboured for many years in the following places:

1909 Omaja, 1910 Oswego Kansas to 1916, Wichita, Kansas to 1921. The same year she sailed with her husband to Lima, Peru. 1930, she and her husband were called to Inter America. Elder Mohr was Secretary-Treasurer of the Antillian Union Mission, with headquarters in Havana, where they laboured until 1938, when they were called to the Central American Union and later became the director of the British Honduras Mission, where they laboured until 1944, and returned to the States.

Sister Mohr was highly esteemed as a noble christian by all whom she came in contact. She was calm and serene during the days of her sickness. She was comforted with the blessed hope, when the Life Giver will call her from her dusty bed.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, three sisters, a brother and many relatives and friends.