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"By My Spirit, Saith The Lord"

IT is with a deep sense of unworthiness and yet of profound gratitude to God for His condescension to use frail human instrumentalities to accomplish His work, that this report is being rendered.

With all that has been accomplished, we are led to say as did the Lord to Joshua, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." We are therefore gathered in this conference session not to count the victories won, but to get a larger vision of the task before us, which must be accomplished in so short a time. However, we have nothing to fear for the future, for God has assured us that not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit, will the work be done.

EVANGELISM

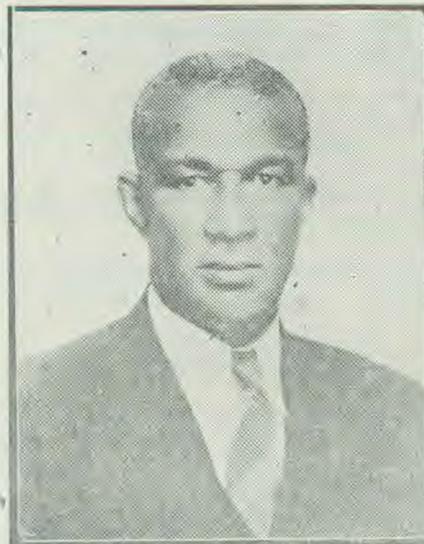
We are glad that every district pastor has demonstrated his burden for souls by his direct efforts to reach them by large and small evangelistic efforts, along with their regular heavy programme of pastoring several churches, supervising church buildings, etc. These men will tell their own story, but I should like to tell you of our largest single effort which was conducted in Montego Bay during 1949.

We were especially privileged to have Pastor H. S. Walters' help for this effort. He joined Pastor E. J. Parchment in an all-out campaign for God in that Town. The East Jamaica Conference kindly hired us their large tent for three months, and these brethren stirred the whole town, as well as the outlying districts, with the message of the hour. The wrath of the enemy was stirred, but the opposition only helped to convince the honest in heart, and 119 were baptized as the result.

With the coming of these new members into the Montego Bay church, a new interest in Christian education was awakened, resulting in the opening of a very progressive church school that promises

to develop into a secondary school ere long. The enrollment of this one-year-old school is now 115.

We are justly proud of our lay-avangelists. These men and women who make soul winning their life-work, and do such other jobs as tilling the soil and manufacturing garments to pay expenses. Over the last two-year period they have brought in well over two hundred souls to the fold of safety. Realizing that "the work of God on earth will 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", we hope to see this army of laymen increased an hundred fold.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

W. S. Nation
WEST JAMAICA
(Partial Report)

Our baptisms for 1949 were 814, as compared to 736 the two years previous, and now at the close of 1950 we have a total of 830.

ORGANIZATIONS

Six churches have been added during these two years, making a total of 120 organized churches in our conference: Fairfield Mountain in 1949, and Cootte Savannah, Duncans, Kellits, Lethe and Madras in 1950.

MEMBERSHIP

Our church membership has been increased from 4,259 at the beginning of 1944 to 7,242 at the close of 1950.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Our church building programme is still moving forward under the capable leadership of Pastor E. E. Parchment. Through the generosity of the Inter-American Division, the British West Indies Union, and the sacrificial efforts of our members five churches were completed and dedicated in 1949 and eight have been completed in 1950 and have either been dedicated or still await that ceremony, because of the pressure of time.

EDUCATIONAL

We are happy for the six church schools in operation, but what is that compared to 120 churches? We look forward to the time when by God's help there shall be a thriving church school in every church in West Jamaica. It can be done and MUST be done if we are going to take our children with us into the heavenly Canaan. But delegates assembled, each of us must carry home a burden to our churches and endeavour to lay that burden upon every individual member of the church, that we must through great personal sacrifice accomplish that task. Remember, free schools provide a free road to destruction, but the road to heaven is steep and rugged and must be attained through great sacrificial effort.

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EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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Prospects of Progress

Sunday morning, January 28, as the sun was nearing the eastern horizon preparing to put in its appearance again, in company with Mrs. Colburn I found myself going through the green valleys of St. Andrew en route to the parish of Portland. This was to be our first excursion among our churches, since coming to the East Jamaica Conference. Sunrise found us on the northern coast enjoying the unsurpassed beauties of nature and seeing so much to remind us of the fact that few places could be more blessed than Jamaica.

At nine o'clock we stopped for our first meeting and were happy to greet the district pastor of the parish of Portland, Pastor A. D. Laing, who had travelled over from the district headquarters in Port Antonio to attend an important meeting of the Buff Bay church.

We were also happy to shake hands with the church elder and other members who had gathered for the morning meeting. We were greatly impressed with the nearly completed church building there at Buff Bay and felt that those who had chosen the site, as well as those who had constructed the building, were to be highly commended. The grounds are spacious and the building is one of splendid design.

The purpose for the meeting was to plan for an early completion and dedication of the building. We were sorry that Elder E. E. Parchment, the Union builder, was not able to be with us, but it was evident that he had contributed to its present state of completion. The members of the church entered enthusiastically into the deliberations and voted that Sunday, August 5, be the date of dedication, and each pledged his support in making possible its completion by that date.

From Buff Bay our itinerary took us to Hope Bay, where we met with a goodly number of our believers at eleven o'clock. Here we were again surprised at what we saw. For a number of years the believers have been meeting in a tabernacle which had been erected for a series of evangelistic meetings. Our believers, however, had outgrown this simple structure, and about ten months ago had determined to better their place of worship. Accordingly, they gathered materials and we were happy to find that the walls of cut stone construction had been practically completed. We left them feeling that they were entitled to help, inasmuch as they had done so much without any assistance whatsoever. We felt that with the enthusiasm of this congregation it will not be long until Hope Bay too has a representative meeting place.

From this point Mrs. Colburn left me, driving on to Port Antonio to spend the remainder of the day with Mrs. Laing, while Pastor Laing and I drove eight or ten miles up in the mountains to a point where the road came to an end. Here we left the car and started out in the rain for the Olive Mount church a couple of miles or so beyond. We had gone not more than half a mile when a young man met us riding a mule. It was one of two which Pastor Laing had requested several days earlier. Pastor Laing insisted that I ride and so we continued our journey up the narrow trail to the new church which was to be dedicated later on in the day.

It was a heart-warming scene to watch the members inside and out putting the final touches to their fine little meeting place. We could see that a great deal of love and sacrifice had been put into the building and that it was dear to the hearts of our believers in that vicinity. I was greatly impressed by the site which had been chosen for this building. The panorama afforded from this point is breathtaking. — Far to the east can be seen the ocean and to the west the Back River. The mountain top at this point is so narrow that it barely provides space for the building itself. Here we met Brother Harold Fletcher who had been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. He had also been directing in the construction of the church building.

The next part of our journey was to take us a number of miles down to the Back River. We negotiated countless curves as we wended our way to the beautiful valley below. There were now three mules in the party and with us, three conference workers, were a large number who were travelling on foot. I soon came to see that this was the safest and surest way of negotiating the trip. The rain continued intermittently, and by the time we had reached the water's edge an hour later, it was pouring. However, the rain did not dampen the spirits of the large number of worshipers who had gathered for the service, and I shall never forget the solemnity that rested over the scene as Pastor Laing performed the baptismal rite for 17 candidates, who represented the fruits gathered in through faithful service on the part of Brother Fletcher and our faithful laymen in that vicinity. Retracing our steps we returned to the top of the mountain to the church where the right hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized believers who were subsequently voted into the Olive Mount and Brevydale churches.

For the dedicatory service I was assisted by Pastor Laing and Brother Fletcher and two choirs who rendered special music. It was my privilege to preach the sermon which was followed by the act of dedication, in which the large congregation enthusiastically took part. Following this the dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor Laing.

The service having ended as darkness was coming on, we said goodbye, feeling sure that we would soon be returning again

to enjoy more of the inspiration which had come to us in our visits with these good people. Many times before reaching our car my admiration and respect for the lowly mules increased as they made their way down the slippery trail over rocks and through mud that was difficult enough to negotiate in broad daylight. But their eyes seem to penetrate the dense darkness, and they brought us safely to the car. From this point we hurried to Port Antonio for the last meeting of the day where I again had the privilege of speaking to a large audience, which had assembled for the evening service. Never before had I appeared before a group of worshippers in quite the same condition, for, having spent hours in the rain and with a great deal of red mud on my clothing, I am sure that I did not appear to be too well groomed.

The Port Antonio church, when completed, will be one of our largest churches, and I was glad to see the fine progress that had been made toward its completion. After the service we studied together along with Miss DeLatibeaudiere, our Bible Worker in that vicinity, for the city-wide evangelistic campaign which was to have begun shortly, and we left feeling much encouraged over the prospects for the progress of the work in Port Antonio, as well as among the churches we had visited.

A couple hours later, as the lights of Kingston came into view far below, and the clock on our dash indicated that it was midnight; though tired, we were happy in the knowledge of a day well spent and in looking forward to many similar experiences in days to come.

—H. D. COLBURN.

SALT CAYS MISSION

W. H. WALLER, President
Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands

We deeply regret to report that owing to ill health Brother Felix Clayton has had to return to his homeland—Jamaica. We highly appreciate his ardent labours during the time that he has been with us and already his absence is being felt. Brother Clayton has found a very dear place in the hearts and lives of our brethren and friends throughout the field, and he will be greatly missed by all. His labours of love will long be remembered.

Our hearts have been greatly cheered by the reports of his improved state of health. We believe that God is answering the prayers of His people, and we will all continue to pray that God's rich blessing might continue to rest upon him until he is restored to normal health and strength once more.

Our field has been very fortunate to have been able to engage the services of Brother E. C. Henriques. We are sure that his wide experience in the mission field and his practical knowledge of Nursing



KENNETH VAZ

Leader In Tithe

To the Hanover district goes the distinction of having the largest increase in Tithes for the month of January. We thank the Lord for this increase and offer our congratulations to Elder Vaz (who was the district pastor) and the believers in that most progressive district. Under the leadership of Brother Harry Fletcher we are certain that Hanover will continue to maintain outstanding progress in tithe paying.

Each month the picture of the district pastor whose district led the Conference in the largest increase in tithes will appear in the VISITOR.

AMONG THE CHURCHES:

During the month of January Pastor H. S. Walters and Brother L. A. Morrison paid a visit to every district in the West Jamaica Conference. Twenty-five churches were visited and these contacts brought great inspiration to the believers throughout the field.

It is the plan of the Conference Executives to continue this visiting programme until they come in personal contact with every church in the Conference.

EFFORTS IN PROGRESS:

On the week ends of February 11 and 18 eleven major efforts were started throughout the West Jamaica Conference. They are being conducted in the following places:

- Wakefield Adrian Westney
- Aenon Town S. G. Lindo
- Ginger Hill John Palmer
- Orange E. C. H. Reid
- May Pen K. G. Vaz
- Cumberland I. Smith
- Big Bridge O. U. Holness
- Hopewell H. Fletcher
- March Town C. S. Greene & Joe Fletcher

News from the field reveals that the Lord's blessing has been attending these Evangelistic efforts. We solicit the prayers of our believers as our workers go all-out for God.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual District Convention of the Manchester district convened over week end of February 9-11 under the capable leadership of Elder F. H. Fletcher, pastor of the district. The programme was well organized and the delegates from the various churches were inspired to return to their field to do their part in the finishing of the work.

Valuable assistance was given to the Convention by Elders R. W. Numbers, A. R. Haig and A. C. Stockhausen of the Union; H. S. Walters, L. A. Morrison, C. S. Greene, B. E. Hurst, Joe Fletcher, Mrs. Bent, Misses Valerie Ryan, Sybil Moncrieffe and Cynthia Fletcher of the West Jamaica Conference.

One of the objectives arrived at at this Convention was to double the Conference membership in four years. To accomplish this, every church in the Manchester district has pledged to have a baptism each quarter with at least six persons at each baptism. From all indications the Manchester district will add their quota to this drive for the year 1951.

Pastor Frank Fletcher must be commended for the aggressive programme he has put forth in Manchester. May the Lord richly bless him as he leads the believers in this district to greener pastures of spiritual attainment.

LAY PREACHERS NOTES:

On Sunday, February 4, 1951, the 125 Lay Preachers of West Jamaica went into action against the host of the evil one. During the first few weeks of the year, they were gathering up ammunition in order to fight. February 2 was set apart for four hours of earnest prayer and the churches united in prayer on that night from eight o'clock until midnight, seeking for a special blessing. Sabbath, February 3, was a special day of fasting and prayer and all our churches joined with the lay preachers in seeking the Lord for the salvation of souls.

Reports from the lay preachers indicate that a great work is being done. The following excerpts from letters tell for themselves:

"The first night I preached to a large crowd in the open air it rained, but the Baptist people gave me their church to hold my meetings." — A. J. STEWART, Blackwoods.

"We are having good success." — S. MORGAN, Newport.

"I am conducting meetings two nights a week at Woodchurch in Hanover with



Leader In Baptism

To Elder Reid of the St. James district goes the distinction of leading the Conference in baptisms during January.

The St. Ann District under the leadership of Elder Lindo hopes to take first place in the month of February.

Each month the picture of the district pastor whose district led in baptisms will appear in the VISITOR.

good attendance." — Mrs. L. Nicholas, Dias.

"We had about 400 at the first meeting." — L. Hall, Coleyville.

"Already one has started to keep the Sabbath. — Willie Smith, James Hill.

The meetings conducted by lay preacher (Mrs.) Mary Campbell became so interesting that the meetings had to be taken over by the district pastor, O. U. Holness, — Big Bridge.

And so the work goes on and on. Other reports from the field tell that the lay preachers of West Jamaica are doing their part for the Lord. Please continue to pray for them and the work in this part of the field.

MACHINERY OF EDUCATION ROLLS FORWARD:

Elementary Education is in high gear in the West Jamaica Conference. There are now eight church schools with an attendance of over 500 pupils. Two of these schools were opened in January of this year. White Hill began with twenty-eight students four weeks ago; now there are forty-one enrolled. Springfield has been opened for the same period. We began there with thirty-eight pupils; now we have enrolled sixty-one. In Montego Bay, where we opened a year ago with seventy-six, we now have 136 pupils.

More than half a dozen churches are making plans, and many more are calling for immediate attention. Teachers, parents and children are enthusiastic and cooperat-

and Health principles are going to be a real asset in the building up of a strong work among the people of these islands. We are indeed grateful to God for men like Brother Henriques who are willing to render services to God both in the prime of life as well as in the declining years. We look forward to pleasant experiences together. The church membership of the islands join with us in extending a warm welcome.

— W. H. WALLER

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

H. S. WALTERS, President.
L. A. MORRISON, Secy.-Treas.
Mandeville, Jamaica.

Resume of Conference Session

As the cool balmy air wafted the lofty pine trees of West Indian Training College, the air of business and devotion to a cause could be seen on the face of the 180 delegates from the 120 churches comprising the West Jamaica Conference. These men and women, some bearing the marks of service, some grown gray with the years, yet smiling, were brought together to attend the first biennial conference session of the West Jamaica Conference at which were present workers from the local Conference, the British West Indies Union, the Inter-American Division, and the General Conference of S.D.A. This session began Thursday, December 28, 1950, and lasted till January 1, 1951.

The buzz of life gave evidence to the fact that the time for business was at hand and no sooner than the clock on the chapel wall gave the time signal of 7:30, hundreds of voices peeled forth heavenly music in a lively song service.

The workers from the various departments of our organization mentioned above seated themselves on the platform. After the welcome was given by Elder W. S. Nation, president, the evening's message was given by Elder G. E. Peters, Field Secretary of the General Conference. After his very stirring appeal, the delegates were officially seated. This being done, six new churches were welcomed into the fellowship of the sister churches, thus making a total of 120 churches of West Jamaica Conference. To finish off the business of the first session, a large committee, made up of one delegate from each of the 120 churches, was formed to appoint three working committees for the session.

The refreshing breezes of early Friday wafted the delegates as they wended their way to the college auditorium to enjoy the very thought provoking and inspiring message given by Elder W. E. Read, Field Secretary of the General Conference. This devotional period was followed by the report of the large committee that was selected the night before. The committee brought in three lists of

names of the individuals chosen to sit on the three working committees of the Conference Session.

After this matter was brought to the Session at large, there was a short recess during which time preparation was made for the president of the Conference, Elder W. S. Nation, to give his biennial report, and for the above-mentioned committees to have their first sitting. The report given by the president showed the progress of the work for the period ending December, 1950. Following this was a report given by Sister W. S. Nation, Sabbath School Secretary of the Conference. This report showed a remarkable gain during the last two years, and was followed by the report from the Secretary-Treasurer, giving the financial standing of the Conference.

Immediately following this, the Committee on Credentials and Licences brought back an account of the decisions of that body. When this was given the session adjourned for lunch.

At two o'clock the session resumed with the reading of an account of the progress made in the Home Missionary Department by Elder C. S. Greene. This report was followed by a partial report from the Nominating Committee. This report brought on much discussion before the house adjourned and all unfinished business was left until Sunday.

At 7:30 p.m. all delegates and visitors from the churches were comfortably seated in the college auditorium. After a jubilant song service, led by Mr. John Palmer, everyone sat and listened intently as Elder W. E. Read dipped into the fountain of overflowing truth and brought forth the water that quenched every thirsty soul.

On Sabbath morning "old sol" was early awake and, pulling aside the curtains of night, sent his rays of light and life over all the beautiful "Hill" top. Before long breakfast was over and on the wings of the morning could be heard soothing strains of recorded music, played by Elder Colburn, president of the East Jamaica Conference.

At 9:30 a.m. it was time for Sabbath School. This session was one of real inspiration. At the head was Mrs. W. S. Nation, Sabbath School Secretary of the Conference. Novelty and inspiration was added to the programme by the presence of overseas workers who gave experiences of the work in other lands. Sabbath session was followed by a short Home Missionary service in which the chief speaker was Elder V. E. Berry of the Inter-American Division. Then came the divine service, during which time Elder W. E. Read again fed the audience with the Bread of life.

At 2:00 p.m. there was a short meeting featuring Christian Education and plans for the promulgation of the said subject in the local field. This short session was followed by an interesting workers' symposium.

All hearts were thrilled as these generals of the armies of the cross related their successes in soul winning, etc. After a brief recess the time was given over to Elder W. E. Read, who deliberated on the change in constitution of the Church Manual. The hours of day had sped swiftly yet noiselessly and "old sol", becoming weary after a day's toil, had begun to draw the shutters of his huge windows, when Elder G. A. Smith conducted the vesper service. Thus another blessed Sabbath—yes the last Sabbath of the old year—slipped peacefully into eternity.

With the dawn of another day, life seemed to be astir beneath the pine trees. After a good breakfast the delegates gathered in the college auditorium for the morning devotion. This being concluded, the business of the session laid aside from the Friday before was resumed. The nominating committee again brought back its report with the result that Elder H. S. Walters and Mr. L. A. Morrison were elected as President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the West Jamaica Conference.

Following this there was a lengthy discussion on Christian Education. The expression of the clergy and laity alike revealed the burden on the heart of everyone for adequate provision for truly educating our young people for the kingdom above. The session at this point adjourned for lunch.

On resumption at two o'clock a further report was brought from the nominating committee that had its final sitting. This report carried the appointments of the Departmental Secretaries and the Executive Committee of the Conference.

Following this there was a report from the Plans Committee. After many of the resolutions submitted were acted upon, the session adjourned in order that preparations could be made for the mass meeting that was to be held in the park in the town of Mandeville. At this meeting there were many hundreds of people drawn from every corner of the Conference along with many from the local population who had come to hear Elder G. E. Peters deliver a soul-stirring message in adventist style.

Monday forenoon was the time set for the closing of the session. With all the delegates comfortably seated, the session began with the usual morning devotion followed by a resumption of the accounts of their resolutions by the Plans committee. After many of these were fully discussed, it was decided that the weightier matters be left for further study by the Conference Committee.

Thus was brought to a successful end the first biennial session of the West Jamaica Conference. On the face of all could be seen expressions of satisfaction and gratitude to God for His great leadership in His work in this Conference.

L. A. MORRISON.

ing nicely. 1951 promises to be a great year in education. As this great machinery rolls forward, we ask that all our members pray for our success.

PRAYER FOR AND WITH THE YOUTH:

The week of March 10-17 has been set aside for the young people's Week of Prayer and consecration. Never before has the need for earnest prayer by the youth and for the youth been so urgent. I call upon our churches every where to lead our young people into a greater sense of their responsibility in this crisis hour, and challenge them to action in the cause of truth. Pray with them and for them and they under God will do a mighty work for Him.

WELL DONE! WESTERN COLPORTEURS:

The report for the month of January has revealed that the noble Colporteurs of the West Jamaica Conference made records during this period. Over £600 was delivered and £3,800 taken in orders. This marks an increase of £300 in delivery and £1,000 in orders over the corresponding period of last year. We lift our hats in admiration to Elder B. E. Hurst, Brother Rueben Douglas and the noble band of ministers of the printed page.

WESTMORELAND:

"In a special sense, Seventh-day Adventists have been sent in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning of a perishing world; on them is shining a wonderful light from the word of God; they have been given a work of the most solemn importance in the proclamation of the First, Second and Third Angel's Messages. There is no other work of so great importance; they are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention."

I am happy to report through this medium that this challenging statement from the pen of inspiration has been accepted by the Advent people in Westmoreland. In spite of the contingencies of life, God's people in this particular field have been organizing themselves for one express purpose — that of preaching the gospel in this generation? The members of the New Market church, under the leadership of Brethren Holness and Smith, have been for the past month conducting religious meetings in different sections of that area. It was my happy privilege to conduct a baptism in this church a few weeks ago, and two of those baptized were won to the message as a direct result of their efforts, and a large number is still in the baptismal class.

From Big Bridge comes the news that lay preacher J. D. Robinson and others are of fire for God. As a result of an interest that was stirred up, Elder Holness, the district pastor, had to run to their rescue and assist them in a programme of soul-saving. News from Big Bridge reveal that many are taking their stand for the Message.

NEW WORKERS IN WEST JAMAICA:

At our Annual Committee Meeting which came at the close of our Conference Session, plans were made to increase the working force of the West Jamaica Conference. The following workers were invited to unite their efforts in this section of the vineyard:

Harold Fletcher — to Pastor the Hanover districts.

Rueben Douglas — as Assistant Publishing Secretary.

Silburn Reid — Evangelistic work in St. Elizabeth.

John Palmer — Evangelistic work in St. James.

Lloyd Binns — Pastor-teacher at Springfield

Renwick Fletcher — Teacher at St. Ann's Bay

Valerie Ryan — Secretary to the President Sybil Moncrieffe — Office Secretary, S.S. & H.M. Departments.

Cynthia Fletcher — Office Secretary, M.V. & Ed. Departments

There were Three changes in our field:

Elder K. G. Vaz — from the Hanover district to the Clarendon district.

Percival Clayton — from March Town to White Hill church school.

Rita Richards — from St. Ann's Bay to the March Town church school.

We extend a hearty welcome to these workers as they unite with us in the West Jamaica Conference. Shall we not invite them to partake with us of the fruits of Western hospitality as we go all-out for God?

— H. S. WALTERS.



Publishing
Dept.

A. R. Haig
Secretary

Pauline Deane and Marian Pasard owe a debt of gratitude to the personnel of the Bahamian Mission leadership which they can never fully repay. In their memory for ever the names of Gibson, Jones and their wives will be emblazoned.

Permit us to say a special word about our student colporteurs Deane and Pasard. You took them in and patiently guided them. You appealed to the Division for them. In many more ways than one you helped them to reach Oakwood College as honourable and distinguished holders of full scholarships. \$500.00 (U. S.) each!

The news has reached the colporteurs in Jamaica. (Colporteurs the Union around, share their experiences!) No wonder others are clamouring to go to Bahamas. Alas, you can take just so many from time to time! The parents and other believers of Jamaica owe a large debt to the mothers and fathers of Israel in the Bahamas, who took into their hearts and their homes our colporteurs. Special mention must be made of Nurse Florence Wood and Miss U. Lawrence, of Brother and Sister Someillian, the Jones' family, and Brother J. P. Simms. Loved ones, should you ever come to Jamaica, relatives, friends and scores of colporteurs will welcome you.

May the books sold in your fair and beautiful islands win hundreds of your relatives and friends to the Great Cause — the gateway to life eternal. Again, we say, "may God bless and reward you all to the fourth generation".

To all others in the other Missions who have done their bit by our struggling colporteurs, we say "thank you". Let us continue to measure our care of one another by the measuring rod found in the heart of Jesus.

— A. R. HAIG, Publishing Secretary,
B. W. I. Union,

Africa — A Contrast

As quoted from authoritative source, some of the reasons that Africa was called the "Dark Continent" are as follows:

1. Lack of coastal indentations to allow the white traders—Spanish, French, Dutch, Portuguese and British—to erect artificial harbours along the coast.

2. The unmanageability of her rivers which prevented entrance into interior places such as Timbuktu, Navcongo and Zuarunga.

3. The thick impenetrable forests — (the Odum, the Wawas, the Ebonies and the blessed Fontana Elastica) — the haunts of the pygmies, the goblins, the salamanders, the elves and the good natured weed nymphs, the intelligences and the so-called dwarfs.

4. The presence of venomous snakes, other reptiles, hippopotami and alligators in the sacred rivers of Offin and the Tans.

An Open Letter

It was Jesus who set the example for all to follow. He said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Matt. 25: 40. When there are such leaders the work moves forward, it does not meander in a circle.

To the galaxy of the colporteurs' friends in the Bahamas, we, the family of believers in the entire Union, say "thank you and God bless you". We refer to the paternal care extended to all the colporteurs from Jamaica who laboured among you. Brethren B. A. Ricketts, the Burke Brothers, J. S. King, C. J. Barnes,

5. The white friends were no match for the mighty Saharas.

6. The deadly mosquitoes and the tsetse fly which nicknamed portions of Africa the "whiteman's grave."

7. The "Blacks", the only inhabitants of the "Dark Continent" were inimical to the whites.

From the missionary's point of view it is either that this list could be lengthened or that his list would present opposite views; nevertheless, it is not for the purpose of agreeing or disagreeing with these views, that this article is intended; rather it is calculated to contrast the Africa of the past with that of today.

We are told in Psalms 68:31 that "Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." To the politician, this fact would naturally be interpreted in the philosophy of national and political evaluation, and there is no ground on which an argument could be founded in order to refute his opinion, for in this respect it is difficult to determine the ultimate result of the titanic struggle now in progress over the entire length and breadth of Africa (particularly in the Gold Coast and Nigeria) for liberation from British, French, and Dutch Imperialistic claims.

The intellectualist may also see the fulfillment of this prophecy from his own standpoint—that of a nation-wide acquisition of education in the modern philosophic terms, now that there are major plans under way for mass education on a national scale. He too, stands unchallenged as regards his ideas for one of the outstanding demands of present day Africa is, "education for our boys and girls", more scientific and industrial institutions where our rising generation can be trained to take their places in the 'New Africa' to be, and alongside the boys and girls of other nations."

Last, but in no wise least, the soul-seeker can no less be justified in his claims of the materialization of this prophecy for, the hideous practices of heathenism, are fast submitting their claims to that of the "Cross of Golgotha's Peak" and many of the ju-ju men are exchanging their satanic instruments for the "Sword of the Spirit."

At such a time as this when the watchword of even the subnormal and the illiterate African is "Self-Government", "we want the right to manage or mismanage our own affairs and blunder our way through to success as many a now famous nation did;" is the Colporteur Evangelist called upon in the midst of this high tempered and much heated political arena, to enter home and office, with his message of the hope of better things to come, and the silent messenger is now finding its way into scores of our African homes, there to witness silently and in no uncertain terms, to the saving power of the Third Angel's Message.

But the dire need of the hour is men, not only broad shouldered, but broad minded men; men who look beyond the

pound note, men with an open vision of the work yet to be done; men in whose vocabulary there exists no words like failure, defeat discouragement or covetousness: men to whom the idea of moral precept is still the most vitally controlling factor to one's actions and not an outmoded doctrine as to some it really is.

The cold, heartlessness with which the colporteur meets day by day, calls for the "Spirit of the Brave." Not a retreat, even as glorious and historical as that of Dunkirk, but a pressing forward in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds as he spearheads the gospel operation and fights his way through the ranks of both unseen and natural forces combined.

Today, like a mighty tornado, a youth movement unknown in the annals of the history of Africa, is sweeping over the length and breadth of this country in the reassertion of its claims of a lost inheritance. When we view the situation from all its angles we see but two alternatives presenting themselves—either we must step aside as defeated and let the movement move on, for move it will, or we must decide to move along with it in the reclaiming of the inheritance lost to Christ by reason of the "Accuser of Our Brethren."

We need your prayers as we endeavour to reclaim from inevitable destruction, some of the victims of heathen superstition, bound head over heels for the lake of fire.

—E. L. BROWN.

Colporteur Evangelist in Africa.

"If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust.

But if we work upon men's hearts, and imbue them with just principles, the fear of God and the love of their fellowmen, we engrave on these tablets that which will brighten all eternity."

—Daniel Webster.

"By My Spirit Saith The Lord"

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PUBLISHING

We are very, very grateful for the noble work being accomplished by our colporteurs. Pastor Hurst will thrill your hearts with his report of astounding progress, showing how our colporteurs have from year to year exceeded their goal in deliveries, as well as win souls. During 1950 they have surpassed their goal of £6,000 by over £600.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Since our last biennial session the number of Sabbath schools has increased from 128 to 140, and its membership from 7,114 to 8,550 up to the end of the third quarter.

INGATHERING

How thrilling it would be, if I could have brought you a report of progress in every line corresponding to that of our 1950 Ingathering campaign. Truly, this campaign is a demonstration of what God can

do through us when we work together as a unit. From £1,664 12 5 in 1949, our Ingathering increased to £2,048 10 0 in 1950. We thank God for this and take courage for the future.

Brethren, let us heed the admonition of the Lord through His messenger: "The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give this message quickly,....The Lord calls upon His people to labour — labour earnestly and wisely—while probation lingers." —Vol. 9, p. 126-127.

—W. S. NATION.

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UNTIL THE DAY BREAKS

Another veteran from the noble ranks of our laymen has quietly laid his marshall cloak down to rest in Jesus.

Brother A. F. Fleetwood first saw the light of day December 3, 1865, at Rural Hill in the parish of Portland. He moved to Long Bay of the same parish early in life and settled there until his death in January 10, 1951.

In the year 1907 he accepted this message and was married in 1908. His wife died and he afterwards married Miss Ruth Holmes of Williamsfield, St. Elizabeth, with whom he lived until his death. During his period of sojourn here, he spent 21 years as leader of his home church, 40 years as an active lay preacher, and the last 4 years of his life as treasurer of the church.

Of his 83 years of life, 44 were spent in the Advent Cause. As he passes on in the sleep of death, he leaves to mourn, a wife, a brother, a sister, one son and two daughters, 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, besides other relatives and a host of friends.

His usefulness and cheer shall be greatly missed; but as we interred his mortal remains we looked forward to that day in the near future when the seals of the tomb shall be broken and the prisoners of death shall come forth, clothed with immortal youth and vigour to meet the Life Giver. We hope to greet Brother Fleetwood again.

The funeral services were conducted on January 14, 1951, by the writer.

—C. F. Edwards.

Gone before, on February 6, at the age of 67 years, is Sister Irene Willis, a member of the Enfield S.D.A. Church. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, son, daughter, and several grandchildren.

She accepted the Message over thirty years ago, and was faithful to her calling. In the presence of a large gathering she was placed into Mother Earth as Elder A. D. Laing, Pastor in Charge, performed the rites. We hope to meet her at the first calling.

—R. A. Perry.