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Jamaica Seminary Extension School

On Saturday night, July 24, 1954, a simple but very impressive ceremony marked the end of an intensive four-week Seminary Extension School at the West Indian Training College, when the forty-five who had the privilege of attending received certificates of attainment. This school was the first in a series of two schools that are being conducted in the Inter-American Division this summer: the second being now in progress in Trinidad. Its student body was composed of workers from the Bahamas Mission, Cayman Islands Mission, East and West Jamaica Conferences, and teachers and seniors from the West Indian Training College.

A teaching team of three,—Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, director, Professor Melvin K. Eckenroth and Dr. L. E. Froom gave courses in Biblical Backgrounds, Evangelistic Methods, and Prophetic Interpretations respectively. In addition Elder Arthur L. White gave a week's series of chapel talks and illustrated evening lectures on the Spirit of prophecy, and Professor Vernon E. Berry, Educational Secretary of the Inter-American Division, represented the Division, handling the administrative detail.

A full, but balanced programme insured the greatest returns from the time allocated for the session. The rather rigorous schedule followed in the school was as follows:

- 5:30 —Rising bell
- 6:00- 6:15—Morning Worship
- 6:20 —Breakfast
- 7:00- 7:55—Study—Library
- 8:00- 9:00—Old Testament Backgrounds
- 9:10-10:10—Prophetic Interpretation
- 10:15-11:15—Chapel
- 11:20-12:20—Evangelistic Methods
- 1:00- 5:00—Study—Library
- 5:00- 6:00—Recreation
- 7:30- 9:00—Lecture
- 10:00 —Lights out

Dr. Murdoch opened the first chapel hour with the words, "In the Beginning God." He stated that our greatest desire

was to have God occupy the pre-eminent place in our search for knowledge, because we recognize that when we have God at the beginning, then everything that follows is "very good." He made an appeal to the students to prepare their hearts for the studies which lay before them because we believe that heart preparation should take precedence over all else.

The same spiritual emphasis carried through the entire four weeks, not only in the chapel periods and evening lectures, but throughout the classes as well.

Particular stress was laid upon such virtues as faith, hope, love, patience and courage. Calling attention to the fact that these traits of character must be more and more manifest among God's people as we near the close of time. The messages we give to the world may be unassailable; but if the messenger does not possess in his own life these Christian qualities, his message will be of little avail. Seventh-day Adventists living in these last days, should



TEACHERS, UNION OFFICERS, AND STUDENTS OF THE SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL.

be examples to the world of what genuine Christianity can do for us in refining our characters, ennobling our lives and sanctifying our service.

Let us drop in for a moment and listen to Dr. Murdoch as he opens a class period: "We have come to a new day in the study of the Old Testament. The interest of Biblical scholars everywhere has been aroused in the messages of the Hebrew prophets to a degree unparalleled in many years. The 'documentary hypothesis,' which has held such popular sway for so long, is now being very seriously questioned, and already many have discarded it. The popular practice known among theologians as 'conjectural emendation' no longer holds the dominant place that it did. Everywhere there is now greater reverence for the Masoretic text, and the general reliability of the Old Testament is now assumed. The discoveries of archeology have done much to substantiate the Biblical records and have thrown great light upon the life and times of the patriarchs and prophets.

"We have come to a day of marked revival in the study of the Hebrew language and literature. This is most encouraging and is long over due. As Seventh-day Adventists we have always been consistent exponents of the Old Testament, and we believe that revived interest in this section of the Bible is one of the signs of the last days."

Next we visit Dr. Froom's class and here we get a "widening of horizons, the lifting of the sights, and the broadening of the concept of the firm foundations of the Advent faith, and the fundamental soundness of the bulwarks of our Prophetic Interpretations and doctrinal positions. Consciousness of the oneness of our positions with the basic expositions of the Protestant Reformers, and before them of early sound church leaders, strengthens faith and deepens conviction. We are seen to be the inheritors of the truths of the centuries, and the raisers-up of the foundations of many generations.

"The inherent strength of our positions, and the consequent appeal to thoughtful minds who wish to have the full facts and to know the relationships of our movement to the church of the past, is beyond calculation. A grasp of these facts gives a tremendous advantage to our workers in forestalling opposition, detecting and parrying subtle falacies and affording the greatest appeal."

No less forceful is Professor Eckenroth's class. "The welfare of the Advent movement depends upon fidelity to its evangelistic mission." With this statement Professor Eckenroth began the study of finding a basic methodology for our evangelism established upon Scriptural and the Spirit of Prophecy principles. The course centered in the basic necessities of evangelism, the proper approach in prejudiced areas and situations, the broad principles of sound Christian Public Relations, and the distinctive message that we are commissioned to bear. The concluding portion was on fundamental principles governing the "drawing in" of the net, and obtaining larger numbers of thoroughly converted adherents to the faith.

The Gospel to the Blind

Doubtless more than any other single group, the visually handicapped need the message of hope, comfort, and security that comes with a knowledge of the Lord Jesus. As we follow the Master's footsteps in our home visitation programmes, let's remember these people.

For the blind, the following six monthly publications are available in Braille without cost: *The Christian Record*, *Life and Health*, *The Student* (Sabbath school lessons), *These Times*, *The Youth*, and *The Children's Friend*.

Then there is the Faith Bible Correspondence in Braille. Over four hundred were enrolled the past year. Of these, twelve have accepted Christ and united with the church.

Before sending in requests for literature, please find out whether the contact reads Braille. For those who do not, the

Association has recorded as "Talking Books" and placed in the regional libraries for the blind, *Steps to Christ*, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, *Alone with God*, and *Prophecy Speaks*. *Desire of Ages* is now being processed at an approximate cost of eight thousand dollars for one hundred fifty sets of records and should be out in the libraries around the first of July. The blind can borrow these by applying direct to their state libraries.

All services of the Association are made possible by public contributions and are supplied without cost to those denied the blessings of sight. Postal regulations require Braille and recorded material being sent direct to the blind to enjoy free postal service.

All correspondence regarding services for the blind should be directed to the CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, Lincoln 6, Nebraska. — C. W. Degering, Manager.



Centre:

DR. W. G. C. MURDOCH
(Director of Seminary
Extension School)

Left:

PROF. M. K. ECKENROTH

Right:

DR. L. E. FROOM.

The evening lectures which alternated with the pictured recital of Prophetic Interpretation, emphasized the Christ-centered preaching of the third angel's message. The centrality of Jesus Christ in all of our faith and practice is the rallying point around which both ministry and laity are to gather.

Many of our churches in East and West Jamaica shared in the blessings of the school when the teachers scattered out on Sabbaths to bring messages of hope and courage to from two to six gatherings each week.

As a final expression of appreciation on the part of the students, the teachers were serenaded after they had retired on the final Saturday night. The final number of "God be with you till we meet again," still lingers in the memory of those who so earnestly laboured to bring spiritual and scholastic help to this field.

The Jamaica Seminary Extension School is now history, but its influence will continue to increase.

—P.N.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. R. E. DELAFIELD
Secy.-Treas. MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

Progress in East Jamaica

Ingathering returns up and till the end of May were approximately £3,700, but we feel, with some other donations in materials and the funds coming in in June, that our total should come somewhat higher. £4,000 super goal is still possible in East Jamaica.

The second quarter's baptisms in East Jamaica, I believe will be one of the largest quarter's baptismal results in some time. Elder McCalla's baptism of 53 plus 4 on profession of faith on Sunday, June 29, at Morant Bay was a very outstanding occasion. All the churches in his district (St. Thomas) were represented, and each church had at least one candidate. That is the goal in East Jamaica: a baptism for Christ in each church each quarter.

As we near the end Satan's temptations against the remnant will be terrific if not overmastering, and God has told us "strength to resist evil is best gained by aggressive service." Remember, earnest prayer, Bible study, and thoughtful meditation are all important in helping the Christian to overcome, but "strength to resist evil is gained by aggressive service."

So the Lord tells us that every Seventh-day Adventist should be aggressively engaged in the service of God and man in bringing precious souls to the knowledge of the truth. May God bless every one of the 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists in East Jamaica with personal victory over sin, and with a more sincere burden for souls than we have ever had, that the five parishes in East Jamaica may be warned and thousands won for Christ before the end comes.

—R. E. DELAFIELD.

Cooper's Hill Church Organized

On Sabbath, May 15, 1954 Elder C. C. Neblett and the writer met with the dear brothers and sisters of the Cooper's Hill Church in Portland for its organization.

We learned from the brethren there that in 1949 a group of three Adventists, Sisters McPherson, Lingard and Brother King met at Sister McPherson's home far in the hills of East Portland in the Cooper's Hill area. One Brother Richards, not yet baptized, joined with the group to make four. Then in 1952 Brother Richards, who was then baptized, called for a lay preacher from the Bourbon church. Reginald Walker came and four more souls were baptized by Elder Laing from this lay preacher's work.

During the latter part of 1952 Brother Vernal Norris of Hope Bay was called to do lay preacher's work in this field, and Pastor Laing baptized four more, making twelve members.

Pastor Waller came in 1953 and held some meetings there and as a result eleven more were baptized making twenty-three. In 1954 Elder Neblett baptized two more and the church was organized on May 15 with the total membership of 25.

May God be with our beloved ones at Cooper's Hill as they work on to win another 25 souls for the Master.

—R. E. DELAFIELD

NOTICE

The Hope Bay S.D.A. Church desires to know the whereabouts of Miss Easter Graham. Kindly communicate with the Church Clerk, Mrs. V. Cohall, Hope Bay.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS
Sec.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

Highlights from West Jamaica

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

August 28, promises to be a great day of intercession in West Jamaica. A day of fasting and prayer has been called by the West Jamaica Conference Committee. On that day 10,000 believers in our Conference will be having two objectives in their minds. 1. They will pray for a greater consciousness of the return of Jesus. 2. They will pray for the Holy Spirit to take possession of our people in order to prepare them for His coming.

Friday, August 27, at sun down, our people are urged to meet in their various churches to greet the Sabbath. On the 28th, efforts should be put forth to invite all individuals who had once been Seventh-day Adventists and those who are growing cold along with their friends to attend. On August 29, our believers are urged to visit their friends in the community, pray with them and distribute tracts. We hope that as a result of this week-end, we will be drawn closer to the Lord and be prepared for His coming.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS

Brother Edwin Hyatt has just completed a very successful effort. By the close of the two baptisms which come off the latter part of August, over 40 will have been baptized as a result of this endeavour.

At a recent workers' meeting held at the West Jamaica Conference, it was revealed that Elder C. S. Greene leads the Conference with souls baptized. Brother Hyatt comes next and Brother McLean comes third. Congratulations to Elders Douglas, Morrison, Lindo and Brethren McLean and Boyd for leading the Conference in increase in tithe for the first six months of the year.

The following efforts will be in progress in West Jamaica by the end of August:

Names	Places
O. U. Holness	Johns Hall
E. Hyatt	Lapland
E. C. H. Reid & J. Allen	Wakefield
S. Reid	Devon
R. Douglas	Grove Town
H. S. Walters & H. Bennett	St. Ann's Bay
K. Boyd	Claremont
H. E. Richards	Friendship Mtn.
C. S. Greene & A. McLean	Cascade
H. Fletcher	Royal Flat
Joe Fletcher	Newport
K. G. Vaz	Lionel Town
N. Nosworthy & A. R. Haig	Darliston
B. Henry	Lacovia
J. Palmer	George's Valley

LEADERS' COUNCIL

During the last two weeks of July, H. S. Walters, assisted by Pastor Haig and district Pastors, conducted leaders' council in every parish. About 98% of the leaders were present at all these meetings. The report of the General Conference was given, also instructions on church organization and words of inspiration and soul-filled sermons were presented. Our leaders returned to their fields spiritually refreshed.

BIG NEWS!!!

West Jamaica is planning the first Camp Meeting to be conducted in January. Start preparing to be there. Every member is invited to spend 10 days free from care and worry. It will be a time of great spiritual fellowship. Place and time of meeting will be announced soon.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Our annual Week of Prayer convenes November 13—20. We are hoping and praying that this occasion will be one of great spiritual blessing to all our believers. It is now time for all our church leaders to gather the officers of the church together and start praying for this holy convocation. There are some plans being worked out at the present time, which, in the next issue of our *Visitor* I shall be sending to you. We ask you kindly to study these plans and work them, as far as possible, within your church.

HARRISON MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Harrison Memorial School under the blessing of God is making steady progress. The school is now closed for the summer recess. School re-opens on September 20. Parents of prospective students should interview the headmaster on or before that date.

—H. S. WALTERS.

NOTICE

The Dias Seventh-day Adventist church desires to contact Miss Mary Wilson. Any one knowing her whereabouts kindly communicate with Miss I. Forrest, Dias P.O., church clerk.

Family Worship

"What example do you give your children? What order do you have at home? Your children should be educated to be kind, thoughtful of others, gentle, easy to be entreated, and, above everything else, to respect religious things and feel the importance of the claims of God. They should be taught to respect the hour of prayer; they should be required to rise in the morning so as to be present at family worship."

—Testimonies for the Church,
Volume 6, page 424.

Vitamins — The Sparkle of Youth — III

Vitamin C. Deficiencies of this vitamin are seen rather frequently even in countries where citrus is readily available. It is important then that we know more about Vitamin C.

Functions:

- Prevent Scurvy;
- Essential for healthy gums and teeth;
- Promotes growth;
- Increases resistance to infection;
- Assists in the healing of wounds.

Sources:

- Raw fruits, especially citrus;
- Raw vegetables, especially tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, celery, carrots.

Vitamin C is destroyed by cooking or drying or storing of foods. Acid foods such as citrus and tomatoes preserve vitamin C and it is also preserved in frozen foods. If you eat only cooked or canned foods, you are likely to be deficient in Vitamin C. Eat at least one raw fruit or vegetable daily.

—M. R. HOEHN, M.D.

Impressions of the General Conference

The 47th session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is now history, but the vibrations started at that great convocation will keep sounding to the ends of the earth to the end of time.

The theme of the session was a very fitting one for such a time as this,—“The Second Coming of Christ.” Every sermon, every report, every resolution made was with reference to the imminence of that event.

A privilege it was indeed for one to be present in such an assembly of God's people gathered from the ends of the earth. Over and over again could be heard the expression, What a foretaste of heaven! Truly, no experience here on earth can better help us to visualise what it will be like in the kingdom of God than to meet old friends and make new ones on such a scale as at a General Conference.

The reports from every land show in a definite way that God is quickly finishing up His work on earth. He is going ahead and opening doors that have long been closed. By dreams, by radio, by the printed page He is going ahead of the living preacher and making ready a people to meet Him. No longer can we set bounds and say such and such an area has not yet

been touched with the Advent message, for in high places of the earth as well as in heathen lands individuals are stepping out in obedience to the call of God without contacting a Seventh-day Adventist.

The thought that should be uppermost in the mind of every Seventh-day Adventist today is, Am I covered with the righteousness of Jesus? Now is the time to make sure work of surrendering all to Him, for soon it will be forever too late. When we make this our first concern, Jesus will then take control and use us mightily to help finish His work. Then we can truly say with the Beloved Apostle, “Even so, come Lord Jesus.”

—PEARL NATION.

Union News Notes

On the 23rd June our British West Indies Union family was re-inforced by the arrival of Elder E. H. Schneider, his wife and daughter Carol Ann. Brother Schneider has taken over the Sabbath School and Home Missionary Departments left vacant by Elder Colburn's departure. We wish these dear ones a very pleasant and profitable stay in our midst.

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Our new Division officers, Elders Arthur H. Roth, president, and C. O. Franz, secretary, paid a visit to Jamaica July 15-19. We were very happy for this visit in so short a time after their appointment.

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Again our Visitor family has been called upon to say farewell to workers we have learned to love and appreciate. They were no other than our esteemed editor and his family, Elder S. E. White, Mrs. White and their children, Esther and Donald. Elder White has accepted a call to serve as secretary-treasurer in the North Dakota Conference, and his service being in urgent demand he was forced to leave the island with his family on July 19. Our prayers go with them as they take up their new appointment.

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Recent visitors to the Union office were Mrs. Earl Gardner and Gwen, wife and daughter of our Pilot Earl Gardner. After spending a couple of weeks vacation around Mandeville they returned to Southern Missionary College, where Mrs. Gardner is Registrar.

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Miss Patricia Mote, daughter of Elder and Mrs. R. M. Mote, is also vacationing with her parents and visits us once in a while.

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Elder G. A. E. Smith is our new Radio and Bible School Secretary, thus filling the vacancy created in that department by the departure of Mrs. White.

Until The Day-Break

CAMPBELL, Clifford—Another faithful warrior for God was laid to rest in the person of Brother Clifford Campbell, who served the Lances Bay church either as its leader or home missionary leader for several years. The last three and one-half years of his life were spent in the T.B. Hospital where he won eleven precious souls to the Master, some of whom preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn their loss, but not without hope, a son, seven brothers and a large number of other relatives and friends.

HOLNESS, T. O.—Our late Brother Holness was born on July 7, 1887 in Cruz, Westmoreland. He left for Panama at the age of 22. Here the Advent Message found him and he was baptized by Elder Goodrich in 1909. He was an ardent worker, and along with other missionary endeavours, he served in the Gatun S.D.A. church for three years as local elder.

In 1925 he married Louise Jackson, and together they returned to their homeland in 1944. While serving as local elder in the Montego Bay church he raised up the Bogue Hill church and later when he removed to Cambridge he raised up the church in that locality.

He was faithful till death. He sleeps, but we hope to meet him in the first resurrection. His wife, brothers, sisters, other relatives and friends are comforted with that hope.

McLEARY—The late Brother Samuel McLeary of the Mullet Hall Church accepted the Advent message at the age of thirteen. After a brief illness he fell asleep on June 16, three years after his baptism by Elder A. D. Laing. His life bears witness to the fact that he awaits the call of the Lifegiver in the first resurrection.

PHILLIPS, Reginald—A member of the St. Margaret's Bay Church for three years, fell asleep in Jesus on the 25th of May. He leaves his wife, one son, two sisters and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We hope to meet Brother Phillips on the resurrection morning.

“God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.” *“Desire of Ages”* — p. 225.

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