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Faithfulness in Stewardship

(Recommendations from Recent General Conference Session)

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that the promotion of systematic benevolence results in greater faithfulness in tithe paying, and more generous giving for the support of God's work, and in a deeper spiritual experience on the part of all tithe-paying members.

We recommend, 1. That our pastors and church elders be encouraged to present the call for tithes and offerings in our church services in such wording as to lead the worshippers to recognise that the bringing of their tithes and offerings to the Lord is itself an act of worship.

2. That a suitable compilation of inspired statements on stewardship and the blessings to be received as a result of faithfulness in the returning of our tithes and offerings to the Lord be made available for ministers and elders to read in our churches in connection with the receiving of the offering.

3. That a compilation of experiences of blessing as a result of faithfulness in tithe paying be prepared by the General Conference Treasury Department as source material to be made available through the conference to pastors and church elders.

4. That our ministers and church elders be encouraged to preach sermons or give Bible studies frequently in our churches on the importance of stewardship.

5. That a renewed emphasis be placed on the importance of new converts being instructed fully in the doctrine of tithing and the importance of faithfulness in the returning of the same to the Lord, in harmony with the Bible injunction to bring into the Lord's treasury "all the tithes."

6. That conference officers inform the churches frequently of the trends in conference receipts in tithes and offerings, indicating to the churches the progress of the work, and at the same time presenting the current needs of the local and union conferences and of the world field.

7. That the conference and church officers frequently acknowledge with gratitude the faithfulness of the church members in the return of their tithes and offerings to the Lord.

8. That ministers and laymen be encouraged to study the book *Counsels on Stewardship*, and that quotations from this book and articles from other sources on this topic be published frequently in THE REVIEW AND HERALD and division and union conference papers.

9. That we call the attention of our pastors and church elders to the wonderful opportunity afforded our church treasurers in connection with our regular church business meetings in presenting their financial report to emphasize the importance and blessing of faithfulness in stewardship.

10. That we urge all church nominating committees to follow strictly the instruction given in the *Church Manual* pertaining to the nomination of only those officers who are faithful in the payment of their tithe.

11. That our pastors and church elders lay upon the hearts of our members as they visit them in their homes the importance of faithfulness in bringing all that the coming of the Lord was a direct their tithes to the Lord, especially in the case of those who have been delinquent in that respect.



Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary Elder E. H. Schneider, his wife, and daughter Carol Ann.

Colporteur Achievements

One of our publishing secretaries in his imagination saw the students climbing into a ship on their trip to the field, and wisely called the boat Providence, the captain Faith, the mate Consecration, and the oars Prayer and Hardwork. These names are fitting indeed, and when used certainly provide the solution to the problems of the student colporteurs.

East and West Jamaica are both proud of the accomplishments of their army. Thirty-nine of the group have earned scholarship benefits. Never on this side of life will we correctly estimate the influence of the thousands of visits, prayers, and sermons given by these students. Their total deliveries up to the present amounts to £3,142. Congratulations to our faithful, hard-working students!

But what of our regular colporteurs? Their figures reveal a fair comparison with results of the last year. Deliveries to the end of July amount to £12,313. Grand Cayman is doing her part, and so also is the Bahamas, who but for a lack of colporteurs would have been on top. We hope soon to see Brother M. V. Smith established on the island of Andross, however, and with his help we are certain to compare favourably by the end of the year. East Jamaica having lagged a trifle behind her figures for the first half of the year, is prepared to double up on deliveries this second half. West Jamaica has already exceeded last year's figures by over £500.

Congratulations to students and regulars alike! Let us keep moving forward; the journey is almost ended.

—B. E. HURST.

Church Completion Programme

Already the East Jamaica Conference has set the dates of dedication for 9 churches, and more are to follow. These dedications will start on September 5, when Carron Hall, in Pastor Holgate's district, will be the first to be dedicated. Some of these churches have been years in building and the members are jubilant over their expected dedications.

The West Jamaica Conference has started out on their completion campaign and we hope to complete between nine and ten in this conference during the remaining portion of this year.

Surely the Lord has helped His people wonderfully in providing places of worship whereby all men can come together to meet with Him and to worship Him.

It is commendable, to say the least, the way the district pastors and the members of the churches are co-operating with the officers of the conferences and the Union. These combined with the greatly appreciated help from the Division and General Conference are making our completion programme a success.

For the uncompleted churches that are in progress, I would encourage everyone to keep up the good work. Who can tell whether 1955, if our lives are spared, your church will come into the completion list. The nearer you are to completion the easier it will be for all concerned.

May God help that we all will heed the admonition to "arise and build."

—E. E. PARCHMENT.

BAHAMAS MISSION

Pres. R. E. GIBSON

Secy.-Treas. MISS O. MCCARTNEY

Bahamas News Notes

Fifty youth and their leaders met God in His great out of doors, in the fourth Bahamas youth camp, August 12-18, on the beautiful Oakes Estate hard by the lakes of Kilarney. Precision and discipline without duress added dignity and gave the necessary training youth so badly need. The entire programme was beamed at the Saviour and day by day we sang praises to Him who is the Rose of Sharon, and the "Christ Above All."

Our youth left with the resolve to share their faith in out post evangelism and above all by their personal testimony.

A rousing MV Rally closed the week after camp with a blaze of glory. The youth and their parents from the three churches met at the academy, where uniformed youth added colour to the proceedings. Brother Arnold Dean at the hammond organ and Olive Nation at the piano brought forth heavenly music, and when Elder Colburn added the diapason of his trombone, angels must have cheered as they bent low to enjoy the melody. The youth who took part proved that soon they shall be the leaders of a glorious advance throughout the waiting isles.

Many important items were discussed as strong plans were laid for the work in general and for the Bahamas Academy in particular at the recent Committee and School Board meetings which convened upon the visit of Elders A. C. Stockhausen and E. H. Schneider.

The Visitor family rejoices with Elder and Mrs. Stockhausen in their joy of welcoming home their daughter Yvonne, who has just returned from England after completing her medical course. Dr. Stockhausen graduated with the following degrees: M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

As Seventh-day Adventists we can be justly proud of her because she has borne faithful witness for the truth during the six years spent at Birmingham University. God has blessed her witness with fruitage already, as she brought one of her classmates, a scholarship holder from another denomination, to firmly take her stand for God and His truth.

While pursuing her course, Yvonne was never too busy to participate in the work of the church, whether to sing in the choir, to do Ingathering, to lead out in the Missionary Volunteer Society, or even to speak at the hour of divine service.

As she joins the staff of the Public General Hospital in Kingston for a year's internship, she needs the support of our prayers that God may continue to use her there to win souls for Him.



DR. YVONNE STOCKHAUSEN

Colporteurs Dillon, Dally and Hepburn continue to sow the printed pages. Hundreds of *Great Controversy* are now challenging ignorance and sin.

—A. R. HAIG

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. R. E. DELAFIELD

Secy.-Treas. MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

East Jamaica Moves Forward

Soul Winning:

372 precious souls were baptised the second quarter in East Jamaica. We praise God for the hundreds who are coming into the advent family. Remember:

*In East Jamaica the goal of all goals,
Is to live for Christ and save precious souls.*

*Each member win one in four years:
A soul from sin set free.*

*We will work for twice as many;
Help us do it, dear Lord, for Thee.*

We pray that every member will take very seriously the goal to lead one precious soul to Christ on this 4-year plan.

Our ministers have returned from the Seminary Extension School filled with a fervent zeal for evangelism. Thousands in East Jamaica are waiting, not only for the ministers to preach, but for the 10,000 Adventists in this field to preach the message with power.

Church Buildings:

Sunday, September 5 will witness the first church dedication for East Jamaica this year, at Carron Hall, in Pastor W. A. Holgate's district. At least 11 other church dedications are planned between now and the end of the year. Elder E. E. Parchment, our Union builder, is giving invaluable and kindly assistance to our pastors and churches in this building programme.

Kingsway High School:

The great project ahead before Christmas in East Jamaica is the building and completion of the new Kingsway High School unit, 109 feet long, on the school grounds, 12 Osbourne Road Kencot. God has given us our school, and now according to Neh. 2:20, "Let us arise and build" and complete this unit to God's glory before Christmas, as our gift of love to Jesus, the world's greatest teacher.

Ingathering:

Our Ingathering total for 1954 is £3,779. 4. 4. not quite our super-goal, but to God's glory.

Sabbath School Child Evangelism:

August 21 was the first Sabbath of a series of weekend Sabbath School Child Evangelism rallies in key centres throughout East Jamaica. Elder W. U. Campbell has planned a vigorous programme to reach all Sabbath school leaders and inspire them in the precious labour of bringing all our children and youth to Christ. The Lord has told us that if we fail in this, the Sabbath school will be a failure.

God bless East Jamaica, leaders and people, as we march together with Christ our precious and mighty Captain.

—R. E. DELAFIELD.

their fears were stilled and they crossed to and fro in safety. Truly we can say, 'To God be the glory great things He hath done.'

—VINNETTE WALKER.

News Notes

Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Neblett, who until a few months ago were labouring in the Portland district, left the island for the Panama Conference. Our prayers go with them that the blessing of the Lord will attend their efforts in their new field of labour.

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A hearty welcome to our field for Brother A. W. Campbell to the staff of the Kingsway High School, and Brother George Wilson to the Publishing Department of the East Jamaica Conference.

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Congratulations to Brother and Sister A. A. Morgan and to Brother and Sister O. E. Gordon on the arrival of their little daughters.

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The following report of lay-evangelism sent in by Sister E. R. Hay, home missionary secretary of the Comfort Castle church, will inspire many to arise and finish the work:

"We are very pleased to report progress in God's work in this corner of the vineyard. Towards the end of June, Brother Harold Chisolm decided within himself that he would visit Bellview, so he and his 11 year old daughter walked six miles one Sabbath morning, crossed the Rio Grande by boat, (the only means of transportation) climbed the hills and arrived at Bellview. There they found an old couple, Brother and Sister William Francis, 81 and 80 years old respectively, and three others. They had never met them before, but after an introduction the surprise of this old couple was changed to joy, and they expressed their conviction that the coming of the visitors was a direct answer to prayer. For a number of years they had met every Sabbath studying their Sabbath school lesson and singing songs of praise and praying for help. They got supplies from the Stanton church, and in the hope of having a company raised up there, they had built a booth in which they could worship. They had no teacher, so their progress was limited in the Scriptures.

"Brother Chisolm reported the need for a worker in that field, and the following week others joined in the visit to Bellview. The result was a regular lay-effort with meetings three nights each week. Thanks to God we now have 13 candidates fully ready for baptism at an early date. Three couples are preparing for marriage and baptism at a future date.

"Last week three of our workers had to cross the swollen river on a small raft, but remembering our God was very near,

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS

Sec.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

West Jamaica News Notes

Child Evangelism Month:- The West Jamaica Conference has set aside the month of September as *Child Evangelism Month*. During this time the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Departments will work in a special way to help our children and youth to come to a decision for Christ. We are expecting that hundreds of our young people will respond to the call of God during this month of special endeavour.

Camp Meeting:- It is now time for our people throughout the conference to start making preparations for our camp meeting which comes in December. It will be the first time that we have the privilege of having such a meeting. An invitation has been extended to the president of the General Conference, Elder Figuhr, to be present with us. Other leading officers from the General Conference, Division and Union will also be with us at that time. The choir from the City Tabernacle Church, New York City, will be coming over by special chartered plane. It is going to be a time of great spiritual rejoicing. If you cannot be with us for the entire period of time, plan to spend a weekend or a day with us. The camp meeting will run between 7 to 10 days. Look out for further details! In the meantime let's be saving for this event.

Tithe:- For the month of July, 12 districts in the West Jamaica Conference reached their 25% increase in tithe. The leaders of these districts are:

Brother Harold Bennett	Brother Keith Boyd
Elder C. S. Greene	Brother Basil Henry
Brother Edwin Hyatt	Elder R. M. Mote
Brother N. Nosworthy	Office Staff
Elder J. C. Palmer	Elder E. C. H. Reid
Elder S. M. Reid	Elder H. E. Richards

Church Dedication:- Eleven churches are expected to be dedicated during the month of November. At the present time the pastors along with the Union Builder and the officers of the conference are busy preparing for this event.

Youth Camp:- Our young people have just returned from a very successful camp. This was a combined camp of the East and West Jamaica Conferences. On the Sabbath spent in camp, over 20 young people gave their hearts to the Lord and signified their desire to follow the Lord in baptism. Two of our young people were baptized one morning at the camp. It was a very impressive scene. The leaders of

our youth must be commended for the fine work done.

Baptisms:- The month of September promises to be a very outstanding month for baptisms in our conference. Our district men are expecting to baptize around 500 souls during this month. Brethren Hyatt and McLean are expecting to reach their year's goal by the end of September. To them we offer our hearty congratulations.

Efforts:- by the end of September there are supposed to be 12 efforts in progress throughout the conference. The officers of the conference and the departmental secretaries are joining hands with the forces in the field and will be assisting in efforts in Mandeville, New Port, and St. Ann's Bay.

Publishing Department:- The Publishing Department is moving forward by leaps and bounds. Books that have been on the shelves for years are now being sold out. This year is going to be a record year in the history of our publishing work. Congratulations to Brethren Grant and Wallace and our Book and Bible House personnel.

Stone-Laying:- On Sunday, August 14, there was a stone-laying ceremony at Mount Peace. The president of the conference preached at this service, assisted by Elder C. S. Greene, pastor of the district, and Elder Fletcher, Home Missionary Secretary of the conference. Many prominent leaders of the community were present.

Over 2,000 people are expected at the Lucea stone-laying to be held on the 17th of September.

—VALERIE RYAN.

West Indian Training College News Notes

We welcome Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Sorenson back to the college campus. They have spent three months in the United States attending the General Conference, visiting our schools and their relatives. They have returned greatly refreshed for another term of service at W.I.T.C.

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A number of the Union and College personnel met at the Motes' residence to welcome Dr. Y. Stockhausen who has just completed her studies in England, and now returns to practice medicine at the Public Hospital in Kingston.

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Miss Patricia Mote, daughter of Elder and Mrs. R. M. Mote, has been spending her holiday in Jamaica visiting her parents. She returned August 29 to La Sierra College in California, where she will begin her pre-nursing course.

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Miss Valda Morrison of Montego Bay has been visiting her parents and Sister Kathleen during the month of August.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Hoehn of Andrews Memorial Hospital were recent visitors to the college. Dr. Hoehn spoke at the college church service.

Mrs. E. Gardner and daughter Gwendolyn were welcome visitors of Brother Gardner and their many friends at W.I.T.C.

The College Dorcas Society is now organised for real service. New headquarters have been assigned them in the administration building, and new equipment and supplies have been received by the society. They plan to present a programme in the college auditorium during the month of October.

Mrs. I. Benson of Montego Bay spent two weeks at the college recuperating after recent surgery.

Pastor A. D. Laing of the North Street Church Kingston, was our guest speaker the weekend of August 21.

Misses Dell Brodie, Gladys Brodie, and Dorothy Campbell were college representatives to the Youth Camp at Kingston.

Jon Robertson's Concert—

A well packed auditorium welcomed Jon Robertson on his return to Jamaica and to W.I.T.C. Jon was happy to visit the college, his father's alma mater.

New Students—

The following are new students for the second semester: Fernando Broomfield, Vivian Brown, Beverly Harper, Eric Pryce, Evelyn Sanderson, June Wilson.

Welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Shankel—

By the time you read these news notes Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Shankel will have arrived at the college. Dr. Shankel's major field is history. He will teach college Bible and history classes this year. Dr. Shankel comes to W.I.T.C. with a wealth of teaching and administrative experience. He taught history in our Canadian Union College, Helderberg College, and Walla Walla College. He has been division secretary of education and president of Helderberg College, South Africa; and lately dean of Atlantic Union College in the United States. We welcome Dr. and Mrs. Shankel to beautiful Jamaica.

Our Colporteurs—

All honour to our twenty-five valiant student colporteurs who laboured in the East Conference. (Report from the West Conference not yet available).

To G. Gayle and E. R. Wright for faithfully working 620 hours each during the summer months.

To N. H. Thorpe who delivered £203. 2. 0 and to S. McDonald whose deliveries totalled £191. 14. 2.

Our hats go off in proud recognition of the following students who received full scholarships: K. Dennis, H. Holmes, Z. Mahabee, and E. R. Wright.

Three-fourths scholarship honours go to B. Newell, C. Salmon, V. Townsend and L. Williams.

One-half scholarship awards go to R. Daughma and P. Gayle.

—R. M. MOTE.

Family Worship

"As the priests morning and evening entered the holy place at the time of incense, the daily sacrifice was ready to be offered upon the altar in the court without. This was a time of intense interest to the worshippers who assembled at the tabernacle. Before entering into the presence of God through the ministrations of the priest, they were to engage in earnest searching of heart and confession of sin . . . The hours appointed for the morning and evening sacrifice were regarded as sacred, and they came to be observed as the set time for worship throughout the Jewish nation . . . In this custom, Christians have an example for morning and evening prayer. While God condemns a mere round of ceremonies, without the spirit of worship, He looks with great pleasure upon those who love Him, bowing morning and evening to seek pardon for sins committed, and to present their requests for needed blessings."

—Patriarchs and Prophets, pages 353, 354.

Extra Special !!

Here is an opportunity no Seventh-day Adventist can afford to miss. *The Great Controversy*, that wonderful book by Mrs. E. G. White, is now being offered for \$1 per copy until the end of 1954.

Mrs. White wrote concerning this book, "I am more anxious for a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in *Great Controversy* the last message of warning to the world is given more definitely than in any other of my books."

In her introduction to the book, she makes this statement, "To unfold the scenes of the great controversy between truth and error; to reveal the wiles of Satan, and the means by which he may be successfully resisted; to present a satisfactory solution of the great problem of evil, shedding such light on the origin and the final disposition of sin as to make fully manifest the justice of God in all of His dealings with His creatures; and to show the holy, unchanging nature of His law, is the object of this book. That through its influence souls may be delivered from the power of darkness, and become 'partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light,' to the praise of Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, is the earnest prayer of the writer."

Surely, no Seventh-day Adventist in the British West Indies Union can afford to let this opportunity slip by without obtaining a copy for himself, and an extra copy or two for those loved ones we long to see rejoicing with us in the truth we love so much. Make a covenant with God by sacrificing a few shillings during this last quarter of 1954 towards this special project, and reap eternal benefits. Remember, just about 8/- for a book that costs around £1 ordinarily!

Vitamins—the Sparkle of Youth—IV

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—M. R. HOEHN, M.D.

Until The Day-Break

McFARLANE: Sister Iris McFarlane, of the Fruitful Vale church, was born in the year 1911, baptized in 1933, and fell asleep in Jesus on the 12th of August. She served faithfully in various offices of the church. Her husband and six children, and a host of relatives and friends are comforted with the hope of meeting her on the morning of the first resurrection.

VASSEL: Mrs. Alberta Vassel was baptized in 1932 and remained a very faithful member of the Petersfield church until death claimed her on the 20th of July. We are assured that angels mark her resting place and that she shall come forth to meet her Saviour on the morning of the resurrection.

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