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## Why Seventh-Day Adventists Conduct Schools?

Seventh-day Adventists conduct their own system of schools as a means of nurturing in young people those values that are known as Christian, and for the purpose of directing them into a transforming relationship with God.

Schools owe their existence to the need for carefully arranged opportunities for learning experience, shared by teachers and students, and based upon a recognized philosophy of education and a set of accepted objectives. There are peculiar to Christianity certain basic principles and truths, attitudes, appreciations, and ideals. When these are accepted as a way of life, they bring fulfillment and that personal wholeness which in the Bible is called holiness and godliness.

Adventists very much want their children to have this wholeness. Therefore they maintain a system of education through which they seek for their children a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. Against this perspective the sciences, letters, and arts fall into place. They are not unimportant and they are not ignored; they are the conglomerate which must be cemented together if the educated man is to be strong. The bond in Christian education is its philosophy, the basic tenet of which is that education should seek to restore in man the image of his Creator. This is to make the educated man wise and good as well as strong.

A brief description of education as conceived by Seventh-day Adventists emphasizes the following characteristics, some of which are shared with other sound educational systems, and some of which are peculiar to Christian education.

### *Christian Education Seeks to Educate the Whole Man*

Education, if it is to satisfy the needs of people, must include religion. Systems of education, when worthy of the name, must seek to touch and mold the whole man. State systems of education are sometimes limited to common denominators which admirably serve the general welfare, but which neither offend nor serve minority groups. A church in a free land

—KELD J. REYNOLDS, Associate Secretary  
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Education.

has a responsibility to serve the general welfare through its system of education, but it can go far beyond this in educating men and women for Christian citizenship in this world and for the companionship of angels in the world to come. It takes religion to make a man whole, and it takes religion to give wholeness to a system of education and to a school curriculum.

### *Christian Education Reveals God's Hand in Human Affairs*

In the Word of God the history of mankind is seen as a conflict between the finite forces of evil and the eternal truth, with the human heart and the good earth as the battlefields. In Genesis man's story begins in majesty, and in the Revelation that majesty is restored in the city of God. Through all the complexities and frustrations and glories of history one mighty purpose runs like a thread of gold—the ultimate triumph of God and the redeemed. This concept of man's place in history and in his contemporary world provides the Christian with a sense of values, of security, and of personal worth; and it gives him a consciousness of the abiding care of the heavenly Father, which no other philosophy of life can equal. For adequate presentation through instruction it requires a special kind of teacher—one who believes, and whose belief is catching; in other words, a Christian teacher.

### *Christian Education Brings God and Man Together*

Moral and spiritual values are perceived and exemplified in the life in proportion to the closeness of man's personal relationship to God. These values cannot be caught in isolation, nor can they be separated from religion. An outward correctness of behaviour may be achieved through the exercise of the will, or through education or culture. But the godliness which the church desires in its children demands a change of heart, a renewal of the mind, a new life from above, the

power of the indwelling Spirit of God. In this sense Christian education and redemption have much in common.

### *Christian Education Builds Character*

True education has as one of its major objectives the development of character. Power results from the accumulation of knowledge and training in skills. Such power is safest in the hands of people of good moral character, and good moral character can be developed best and most consistently supported in Christian men and women. Good character in its citizens is the aim of every enlightened nation and therefore of its system of education. But good character is best achieved through a curriculum and a teaching environment in which the character and example of Jesus Christ are constantly upheld before growing and developing young people.

### *Christian Education Produces Free Men*

The freedom of the Christian man is a bright light in a gray world. We live in an age when values are losing their sharp definition. The distinctions between right and wrong are less clear than formerly. Men look to social custom or to the state for direction. To be well adjusted has come to be regarded as a great social virtue. It is the work of Christian education to stimulate and encourage young people to think for themselves in terms of the eternal principles of God's Word; to make their own decisions and not to be mere reflectors of the thinking or opinions of other men; to place honour before convenience, and righteousness above conformity. Freedom from false judgments, freedom from sin's chains, freedom from narrowing prejudices; breadth and depth of mind, clearness of thought and reason, and the courage to stand by convictions—these are the hallmarks of the cultivated Christian.

### *Christian Education Imparts a Sense of Mission*

The student in the Christian school is encouraged to believe that all his powers belong to God, that he is to live to bless

others, and that he will find the greatest satisfactions by going where God leads and engaging in the kind of work to which God calls him. He finds that all talents and all consecrated interests are useful in Christian service, most of them in some part of the organized work of the church. As the Christian teacher opens for the developing child one window after another, revealing the world and the people in it, he points out the many professions and occupations in which the growing young Christian can find his mission in life. The student learns to place the highest value on that calling in which he can give God and humanity his best service, while maintaining a pattern of living in his community which will command respect for the Master whose example he seeks to follow.

#### *The Schools of the Church Have Christian Teachers*

The greatest educational advantage the church has to offer is the Christian teacher. In moulding attitudes, in developing insights, in securing from the young a response of the heart and mind to those values which are from God and eternal, the teacher is more important than textbooks, equipment, and buildings. The church selects as teachers those who have experienced the regenerating power of God and who know Christ as a personal Saviour. It is understood that those upon whom God and the church have placed the responsibility for shaping the future of the church should be living embodiments of the truth, living channels through whom the Spirit of God can communicate with developing young persons. It is also understood that the ministry of teaching requires a high degree of professional competence, a gift for making learning and truth attractive, and a demonstration in habits of life and mind of the fruit of the Spirit and of Christian culture. It requires the Christian teacher to educate the whole man for the whole of life.

#### **Christian Education an Essential Church Programme**

Christian education is an essential enterprise of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. It is one of the church's principal evangelizing agencies; and it provides trained leadership for the ministry and other callings and occupations necessary to the work of a Christian denomination, as well as a consecrated and educated laity.

In order for the schools and colleges of the church to render adequate service, it is necessary that the teachers and administrators understand and practice with loyal consistency the principles and philosophy of Christian education. There must be communication between church leaders and professional educators, so the latter may know what services education should perform for the denomination, and so the church may understand what it would expect from the schools and what

manner of support it must give in order to get maximum benefit from its system of education. Church leaders and school administrators should frequently sit down together to examine and reappraise the work of the schools in order that the interest of our children, the needs of the church, and the eternal purposes of God may be served in these critical and changing times.

Church schools and church-connected colleges are effective only when religion permeates the entire programme and provides a setting for all subject matter and all learning. Christian education is not merely instruction about God and religion. In order to be true to its name, it must lead to a personal commitment of the learner to God and to Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Christian education must lead the student into a higher concept and practice of righteousness, supported by a Christian character. It is not Christian education unless it aims at the restoration in man of the image of God.

This kind of service requires a special kind of teacher training, and a special kind of teachers—men and women who themselves have a personal experience in Christ, who demonstrate Christian virtues in their lives, and who have made considerable progress toward mental and spiritual maturity. Teaching in a Seventh-day Adventist school or college is a holy calling, at once taxing and rewarding, and therefore challenging to the best type of consecrated Christian young people. The significance of the teacher should be recognized by church leaders in the care with which they select instructors for the children of the church, in the encouragement they give to promising young people to choose teaching for a profession, and in the support and recognition they give to those whom the Lord calls to the ministry of the classroom.

Evangelists and pastors should see to it that church members are adequately instructed concerning the educational programme of the church. Parents should be urged to send their children to church school and academy. And young people should be encouraged to attend a Seventh-day Adventist college for education and training for Christian living and service. When the pastor finds families who need financial help beyond their own resources and the ability of their children to earn, he should solicit help for them from their fellow church members.

A Christian education is the birthright of every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl. It is to the interest of the church to see that everyone has as much education as he has capacity to receive, and the kind of education which will make him a better Christian, a better church member, and a better worker. In the hundred years since the first Adventist church school was started, and the more than seventy-five years our schools have been in continuous operation, the church has made great progress educationally. But until every child of the church has been

## **This We Must do for Our Children**

ELLEN G. WHITE

As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans, in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talent may be strengthened and disciplined, and polished after the highest order, that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skillful labourers, who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity.

The church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter of educating the children and youth. "Why," one says, "what is the need of being so particular to educate our youth thoroughly? It seems to me if you take a few who have decided to follow a literary calling or some other calling that requires a certain discipline, and give due attention to them, that is all that is necessary. It is not required that the whole mass of our youth be so well trained. Will not this answer every essential requirement?"

I answer, No, most decidedly not. What selection should we be able to make out of the numbers of our youth? How could we tell who would be the most promising, who would render the best service to God? In our judgment we might look upon outward appearance, as Samuel did when he was sent to find the anointed of the Lord. When the noble sons of Jesse passed before him, and his eye rested upon the handsome countenance and fine stature of the eldest son, to Samuel it seemed that the anointed of the Lord was before him. But the Lord said to him, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Not one of these noble-looking sons of Jesse would the Lord accept. But when David, the youngest son, a mere youth, was called from the field, and passed before Samuel, the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." I Samuel 16:7, 12.

Who can determine which one of a family will prove to be efficient in the work of God? There should be general education of all its members, and all our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become labourers together with God. They all need an education, that they may be fitted for usefulness, qualified for places of responsibility in both private and public life.

*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, pp. 43, 44.

given his birthright, we are not through developing, building, and improving the worldwide educational programme of the denomination. —W. H. BRANSON.

## To Save Lives for Eternity

Sometimes the question is asked, Why do Seventh-day Adventists have to operate their own schools? Every reader will agree that this is a pertinent question. Is it because of a desire to rival our contemporaries in the degree of service to humanity? or is it because we want to fit young men and women for a position of trust in the service of Government? These are not the reasons why the Seventh-day Adventist organization fosters and operates schools; but far above these, we operate our own schools as a means of nurturing our young people to be Christians, and to direct them into a transforming relationship with God and their redeemer, Jesus Christ.

"Christian education," says Elder W. H. Branson, recently retired president of the General Conference, "is an essential enterprise of the Seventh-day Adventist church. It is one of the Church's principal evangelizing agencies." The truth of this statement can be verified when it is remembered that one of every six persons baptized in the world field in 1952 was a student enrolled in an Adventist school.

Could we, dear readers, catch a vision of the vast importance of this task, and how immeasurably great is that which is yet to be done, we would strain every nerve to establish more Christian schools where our young people could receive the benefits of a Christ-centered education.

The burden of parents should be that their children be made to realize the two most important factors in education,—the knowledge of God as the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. These, said Jesus in John 17:3, are the essentials of life eternal. Which parent in whose heart burns the fire of Truth will not desire life eternal for his or her children? Christian education, then is the answer to the problem of saving our young people.

We are very grateful for those parents and friends who have realized this and are willing to support a system of education that holds God first. A couple of days ago I spoke to a non-Adventist family whose two younger boys are now attending one of our church schools and who plan to send their two older boys to the West Indian Training College in January. What they said should be said by many of our own Seventh-day Adventist parents: "The schools around here are rotten, they can't be any worse, and we feel that your school will do for our children what we desire for them."

Many of our Adventist parents are doing their best, and at the present time there are close upon 1,000 pupils attending our 11 church schools. There are also over half a dozen churches that are contemplating opening church schools in the very near future. At one church twenty-eight pounds were collected in three weeks to help in the plans for a school. At another, which I recently visit-



A TYPICAL STUDENT GROUP OF W.I.T.C.

ed, fourteen pounds were pledged by a group of enthusiastic Seventh-day Adventists for a school.

Yes, Adventists operate schools to save lives for eternity. May God grant that we will each catch a vision and do our utmost while we have the opportunity to do so and save the precious lambs of the flock.

—JOE FLETCHER, *Educational Secretary,*  
*West Jamaica Conference.*

## A Glimpse at W.I.T.C.

In two more months the 1954 school year will draw to a close. A retrospect of the ten months that have slipped away so swiftly and silently fills us with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for what has been accomplished, and it inspires us with hope and courage for the future.

The 1954 enrolment has exceeded that of past years. Hitherto the school family has been spared the ravages of polio or any other serious illness that could so easily afflict us. For these and many other mercies we bow our heads in thanksgiving to our loving Heavenly Father.

The great event of the year was the Seminary Extension course during the summer vacation. Workers from the field and a number of senior students sat at the feet of modern Gamaliels. Elders Leroy Froom, Melvin Eckenroth, William Murdoch and Arthur White brought to the younger workers inspiration and instruction that will linger on for years to come. We believe through the result of the studies of these godly men that our workers will be led to a more thorough study of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy and to a deeper spiritual ministry.

The teaching staff of the second semester has been greatly strengthened by the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Shankel. Dr. Shankel comes as a veteran educator with years of successful work as a college dean and college president. Mrs. Shankel's skill along musical lines will add greatly to our extra curricular activities.

Our senior class this year numbers 30 stalwart, consecrated young men and women who will soon join the ranks of graduates of former years in carrying on the work throughout this part of the world.

In recent weeks boys and girls in their work clothes have been busy terracing and landscaping the campus. Soon a recreation centre between the administration building and the boys dormitory will be completed. This will be a definite improvement and provide much needed recreation facilities to the students.

The College industries have been busy during the year. We still are not able to provide work for all the students who have to earn a large part of their school expenses. Our dairy herd has improved in recent years. It is now registered with the Jamaica Hope Breeder Association. In the course of time we hope to have a first class thoroughbred herd. The poultry flock keeps the culinary department supplied with fresh eggs for the students. A flock of about 50 turkeys will be ready for marketing in the holiday season.

The new class rooms, library and chapel are a real blessing to students and teachers in carrying on our school programme. We long for the day when we shall start work on the new ladies' residence hall.

—M. J. SORENSON

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## BAHAMAS MISSION

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Pres. .... H. D. COLBURN

Secy.-Treas. .... CYRIL TENNENT

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### Greetings from the Bahamas



H. D. COLBURN

It was on June 22 that Mrs. Colburn, Shirley Marie, Jimmy and I landed here on New Providence. What busy days have followed! From the moment of my arrival it hardly seemed that I had been gone from this colony for six years, so natural it was to slip into the "driver's seat" and get the "feel" of things again! But it had been approximately six years, so rapidly time goes when one is busy in the Master's service.

These years have witnessed changes in the Bahamas Mission. A number of familiar faces were no longer to be seen. The "grim reaper" had taken his harvest and these faithful members we were no longer privileged to greet. Our veteran worker, Brother Paul Ward, is now on sustentation and no longer as actively engaged in the work as he was during our previous term of service here. There has been nearly a complete turnover of worker personnel, which simply reminds us that we live in a world of change!

39 persons have been baptized so far this year here in the Bahamas, and others are awaiting the visit of the one ordained minister in the Mission so that this service can be performed in their village or church. A number of lay evangelistic efforts are in progress. Others are following up interests developed from the Voice of Prophecy radio programme and school. Our two regular and three part-time colporteurs also report interests whenever they return to the mission office. Throughout the islands, it is apparent from the many reports, that a goodly harvest of souls could be gathered in if we were able to send workers out to reap the ripening fruit. May God speed the day when this will be possible!

Two new church buildings are in varying phases of construction which will provide for a number of our members places of worship soon. The mission office has been completely re-arranged and re-decorated. The major building project, however, has been the completion of two large and spacious washrooms at the Bahamas Junior Academy and the installation of eleven sanitary fixtures. This

improvement of the school has filled a long-felt need and all are happy about this addition. A new electric drinking fountain has also been installed in the school's lobby. This unit was procured largely through the hard work of the students themselves who raised money in various ways to make the fountain possible.

The enrolment of students throughout the mission now stands at 219 young people and children who are taking advantage of the opportunities being provided by our consecrated and capable corps of teachers and the ever improving facilities of these institutions.

Faithfully our colporteurs carry on in the face of almost over-whelming difficulties. God is blessing their efforts abundantly. Often they bring in reports of individuals having begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of their studies with them. Their deliveries at times seem almost unbelievably large.

Since our arrival, changes which are so common place within the ranks of Adventism, have continued to take place. Misses McCartney and Nation and Brother and Sister Vascianne and their five children, have returned to their island home, Jamaica. However, the mission family has grown inasmuch as a baby daughter arrived in the Liskes' home in June and on the first day of October a second son put in his appearance at the Barnes' residence. We understand that both have come to stay!

Mrs. W. W. Liske has returned to the class room at the Bahamas Junior Academy, thus filling the vacancy created when Miss Olive Nation returned home, and the vacancy caused by the return of Miss Olive McCartney is being filled soon by Brother Cyril Tennent of the West Indian Training College. Today we have the good word that Brother Lloyd Binns will be returning to the Bahamas, after an absence of several months, to resume his evangelistic work. And lastly, Brother and Sister M. V. Smith of Jamaica, are expected shortly to take up their work in the mission as colporteur-evangelists.

Your humble servant and his wife are endeavouring to fill the vacancies created when Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Gibson responded to a call to serve in another part of the Inter-American Division. The Gibsons made many friends during their stay in the Bahamas. The good financial position of the mission indicates the care which was exercised by the former administration, as well as the loyalty and faithfulness of our members in tithes and offerings.

We face a tremendous challenge in these islands. The prospects were never brighter for a large ingathering of souls, but it will take genuine consecration, whole-hearted devotion, careful planning and sacrificial labour on the part of each member of our meager worker personnel, along with the signal blessing of Heaven, to accomplish the task assigned us in gathering out of "... every hill and out

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## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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Pres. .... R. E. DELAFIELD

Secy.-Treas. .... MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

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### Tidings from East Jamaica

#### Praise God

As we write these lines hurricane Hazel threatens Jamaica, but thank God for Nahum 1:3, our God has "His way in the tempest and in the storm," and in answer to the prayer of faith of His dear people He will permit only that which is best for His work and His people. These are the days when the judgments of God are in the land. "Our God shall come and shall not keep silence." Ps.50:3.

#### Kingston

There is special activity in East Jamaica in every district. In Kingston the Kenecot church building programme moves forward in a strong way under Elder W. U. Campbell's leadership. Consistent, steady soul-winning evangelism goes on under the leadership of the Kingston Pastors and Bible Instructors, Sisters Waldrow, Richardson and Brother Reid, intern. Elder Laing is planning a youth's centre at North Street. Elder Edwards is busy on a church lot and building programme at Trench Town. Brother Gordon has a big programme on for church building funds for Gretna Green church and Brother Percy has started building the Shortwood church. Brother Kenneth Samuels is much improved from his accident and is doing his part in Kingston.

#### Colporteurs

Brethren Morgan and Wilson lead the colporteurs for God in our best year in deliveries.

#### Kingsway

The Kingsway High School is going up rapidly. Windows and door frames are going in. Brother Roberts, a Seventh-day Adventist contractor, has the responsibility of the building. On October 14 the official corner stone ceremony will be held when Government officials and particularly the Mayor with all our Conference workers will be present. On November 6 a special offering will be taken in all the churches of East Jamaica to assist in the funds needed to complete Kingsway front section, 20 x 107 feet, this year. On November 18, Brother Percy with the faculty and students of Kingsway are planning a big programme on the school grounds to also aid toward the building. "BUILDERS OF KINGSWAY 1954" are the words on our good sized mahogany plaque which will appear on the walls of the new building in loving appreciation of all members and churches who did something in a special, sacrificial way to build our High School.

### Country Parishes

In the country parishes Elder Woodburn is pressing ahead strongly toward the completion of the Woodford and Burnside Valley churches in December.

Elder Walton led out in the dedication of Old Harbour church Sunday, October 10, and is giving strong assistance to Brethren Carter and Shaw in their plan for the completion and dedication of the Duxes and Williamsfield churches on November 21 and 28. Brother Shaw is planning a large baptism for candidates from all his churches at Williamsfield in connection with the church dedication programme.

In Portland our dear believers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Brother H. E. Nembhard and his family. Elder Nembhard has just completed his college work at Atlantic Union College and will be returning immediately to Jamaica.

Brother Fred White is planning for the Ythanside church dedication on Sunday, November 14.

Elder Williams, in eastern Saint Mary, is planning for the dedication of Comfort Valley at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5, and has assisted with helpful counsel Brother Herbert Fletcher in the building and completion of the Annotto Bay church. Dedication there is planned for Sunday, November 7.

In western Saint Mary Elder Holgate has already dedicated the Carron Hall and Hunt's Town churches and is looking forward to a large baptismal service on Sunday morning, December 5, at Gayle, for all his churches.

Elder McCalla is planning for the Yallahs church dedication in December and will be baptizing 50 or 60 more precious souls in his district ere the year closes. And so the work goes on in East Jamaica to God's glory.

#### Conference Session

Conference session will be coming soon and announcements to all the churches will be forthcoming in the immediate future. Let us pray continually for God to lead His work and His people in East Jamaica.

—R. E. DELAFIELD

### Visiting Our Aged and Veteran Believers

It was a most blessed, personal, spiritual experience for me to visit in the homes of three of our veteran Adventist believers on Sabbath and Sunday, September 25 and 26. Pastor T. O. Shaw, our district leader in one section of Saint Catherine, and I went to pray for dear old Brother Shaw, a near relative of the pastor, at Williamsfield. He told us that he had been in the truth for fifty long years, and that for a number of years he had been the leader of the church. It was his first Sabbath to be in attendance at church for over five years, and how happy he seemed! After the special prayer we left him full of courage in the Lord as we went on our way for other preaching appointments.

On Sunday we visited the home of Brother and Sister John Collins. Brother Collins, who is 84 years old, was baptized by Elder Haysmer in 1898. Sister Collins, who is now suffering greatly in addition to her total blindness, was baptized by Elder Richardson in 1900. Brother Collins helped to raise up the Jackson, Stanberry Grove and Bog Walk churches, and the Harker's Hall company. While Brother Shaw and I were visiting with these faithful ones, another sister, Mrs. Johnson, came in to visit with us. She is aging also, and is suffering. How wonderful to have visited with these precious ones, and especially to read to them Isaiah 35 where God tells us the blind shall see and the lame shall walk in the earth made new. Eternal youth and peace and happiness will be the blissful pleasure of all the redeemed.

May God keep these and other aged believers in faith steadfast in the good old Advent Message. How we should praise and thank God for the early pioneers of the message in Jamaica, and for those who have laboured after them in laying such a strong foundation for the mighty reaping time which is now taking place as thousands who wait for the warning to escape for their lives are being gathered into the fold!

—R. E. DELAFIELD

### WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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

#### West Jamaica News

**Workers' Meeting:** The West Jamaica quarterly workers' meeting convened on October 5. All the workers with the exception of the teachers were present. Our teachers thought it best to remain by the schools, seeing they had just been reopened a few days before because of the polio epidemic.

Pastor Randle presented the message at the devotion, his topic being "Humility of Israel." At the close of his message the entire working force re-dedicated their lives for greater service.

Reports from the workers reveal that aggressive work is being done by consecrated men under the guidance of heaven. In spite of the rain, a number of souls are being garnered in through lay-evangelism and public evangelism, and over 800 souls have been baptized for the first three quarters of the year.

The workers returned with renewed vigour and courage to carry on the work and to finish up 1954 in a very strong way.

**Evangelistic Meetings:** From George's Valley (St. Elizabeth) comes the word of the crumbling of the strong walls of sin as men and women are being garnered from the grasp of the enemy. Elder Palmer is leading out in this evangelistic attack. An urgent call has come in for re-inforcement; a great harvest of souls is expected. Last year the Lord blessed the efforts of Elder and Mrs. Palmer and Sister Robinson with over 100 baptized from one effort. With the blessing of the Lord, if reinforcement can reach him on time, Brother Palmer expects to have a greater harvest in this new field.

Through mud and rain Brother Basil Henry is advancing in his efforts at Slipe. A large number have already started to keep the Sabbath even before the Sabbath truth has been presented.

**Youth Decision Day:** Throughout West Jamaica, October 2 will go down as a Red Letter Day in the experience of our Advent youth. That day marked the end of our month-long endeavour for the youth throughout our field. Reports reaching headquarters reveal that every day individuals are now enrolling in our baptismal classes as a result of this mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God and the united efforts of our believers throughout the field.

Our church leaders, Sabbath school superintendants, missionary volunteer leaders, officers in general and parents must be commended for the support that they gave in this endeavour. Only eternity will reveal the good that was achieved.

**Camp Meeting:** West Jamaica Conference session and camp meeting convenes December 21 — 26 at the West Indian Training College, Mandeville. We will have present with us Elders Olson and Mosely, of the General Conference; Elders Roth, Bohner and Franz, of the Division; Captain Bieliki, the famed pilot who turned down fortune and accepted truth, and Union representatives.

Detailed information is being sent to all the churches. It is our plan to make this a day of history to the church of God in West Jamaica.

**Church Building Programme:**...The church building programme is moving forward by leaps and bounds throughout the conference. At the present time 9 churches are preparing for dedication during the months of November and December:—Savanna-la-mar, White House, Maggoty, Coker, Goshen, Belvue, Flower Hill, Madras and Cumberland.

M. V. S. O. ANNOUNCEMENT  
WESTERN SAINT MARY INVITES YOU  
to the  
M. V. S. O. CENTRE, GAYLE  
Sunday, December 5, 1954  
GREAT SPIRITUAL FEAST-ALL-DAY  
FUNCTION  
SPECIAL FEATURES:—  
★ Baptism of 100 Candidates 8:00 a.m.  
★ 12 Churches Break Bread Together 11:00 a.m.  
★ Sacred Variety Concert 3:00 p.m.  
★ Investiture Service 5:00 p.m.  
★ Motion Pictures—All Sacred Films 7:00 p.m.  
A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL  
—W. A. HOLGATE

**Farewell:** West Jamaica said farewell on September 30 to Miss Valerie Ryan, who has accepted a call to the Union office. Miss Ryan has laboured in the West Jamaica Conference for over three years as secretary to the president. Her efficient service, her smiling face and winsome ways will be missed by the office staff and workers in general. We wish her abundant success in her new sphere of labour.

—SYBIL MONCRIEFFE.

### Announcement

West Jamaica Conference hereby officially announces its 5th biennial session, to be held at the West Indian Training College, in conjunction with its first Camp Meeting, December 21-26, 1954.

H. S. Walters, *President*  
L. A. Morrison, *Secretary*

## Christian Education Around the B. W. I. Union

The British West Indies Union believes in Christian training. Early in her history when our believers were few, the pioneers declared: "Educate the children the Bible way and the church will grow. Leave our children in the hands of secular teachers and the church will first grow formal and then die spiritually and numerically."

How true were and are these words! In those early days the believers sacrificed; they pooled and found godly teachers who knew more of God than of the sciences. Yet they trained youth that amazed the world for wisdom and for piety.

As I have studied the question of Christian education, I am convinced that where godly teachers come short the Holy Spirit makes up. Today, as in the days of our Lord, exploits for God compel the same questions concerning many of our Christian trained youth. "Is not this the carpenter's son?" (Matt. 13:55) "And the Jews marvelled saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" (John 17:55)

"Do you mean" they ask, "that you learn such things at the West Indian Training College?" "What is happening at Kingsway? Is it not an Adventist school? I never thought. . .!" "Your students of Harrison Memorial show clear signs of a higher culture and a sober purpose."

Why do the banks and business places prefer the youth trained in the Bahamas Academy?

In secular schools and colleges the teachers admit that the Advent youth are different. "We wish the others were like the Adventist boys and girls," one government school teacher expressed.

In every district and town where our teachers do their work well, our students

conduct in school, at home, in the church, and on the road provoke complimentary remarks. God bless our noble church school teachers; they are the evangels in the garden beds of God's "forget-me-nots"—the children.

West Jamaica leads the Union in the evangelical work of saving the youth through Christian education. There are now 11 church schools with a total enrolment of 1,000 students. Her government examination passes are gratifying. With his eyes fixed on the promotion work of Government Educational Department, Educational Secretary Joe Fletcher is leading his teachers into line. "Ladies and gentlemen," he cries, "we must keep abreast, informed and ahead of contemporary schools. Be sure to crown all your labours with the solemn resolve—Christ Above All." The insistent calls for more church schools in West Jamaica is heart warming and soul inspiring.

East Jamaica is laying a good foundation through her schools in the Corporate Area. Recently ground was broken to commence the building of a new Kingsway. Brother V. H. Percy, headmaster of Kingsway High School and Conference Educational Secretary, has his hands more than full.

The Bahamas Junior Academy is slowly and surely being built up. The more spiritual of the city of Nassau entrust their children to the Liskes and the rest of the faculty. Recently through generous help given by two business men, one a non-Adventist, the school added a vocational art department housed under its own roof. Mrs. Sylvia Barnes continues to build up the school at Kemps Bay, Andross.

Miss Gleeda Forbes continues to hold the lines in Georgetown, Grand Cayman. We share with the believers there in their loss when Miss M. Hurst returned to Jamaica. However, the future is bright for the youth of the Cayman Islands. Soon President Comm will arrive to give new impetus to the educational programme of the mission.

Pray for the continued success of our educational work.

—A. R. HAIG.

## Did You Know?

One out of every six persons baptized in the world field in 1952 was a student enrolled in an Adventist school.

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Each year more than 1,200 young people leave the schools of the denomination to enter the organized work of the church.

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Around the world during the past four years 468 new primary and intermediate schools were opened to care for expanding enrolments, or an average of 39 new schools each year, bringing the total of these schools to 4,519.

The number of children baptized during the past four years while attending the elementary church schools of North America would make 87 new churches of 100 members each.

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During the past four years the elementary school enrolment around the world increased by more than 20,000.

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In 1953 the services of 9,599 Seventh-day Adventist teachers were required to instruct the 229,165 children and young people in the church's 4,752 schools around the world.

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The missionary potential of the primary and intermediate schools in all the divisions outside of North America is indicated in the enrolments reported according to types of homes from which the children come: 45 per cent from Adventist homes; 42.6 per cent from non-Adventist Christian homes; and the remainder from non-Christian homes.

## Home Schools a Blessing and a Challenge

Truly, "the children of this world are . . . wiser than the children of light." Luke 16:8.

What is a Home School? A Home School is one conducted by a trained or semi-trained tutor without mission or conference help. Some contend that most of these schools do more harm than good. I disagree, and have the backing of the Spirit of Prophecy and of Government.

Who said, "Where there are six children there should be a church school"? What Christian would not prefer her child to be trained only in a humble home school and be saved at last, rather than be instructed by the echoes of Darwin and Marx and be lost?

What is local Government now saying and doing for the hundreds of heroes who on their own, like Sister Sherff of Morant Bay and Sister H. N. Moore of Grand Turk, are teaching youth to read and write; to fear God and honour the Queen? "Well done," says Government, "carry on and let us help."

Yes, some of our Advent sisters also have been offered, or are receiving help from Government to run basic schools.

*The Cry of the Innocent is the Appeal of God*

In one parish in East Jamaica there are over ten Home Schools, termed private infant schools. These schools are a challenge to the church. They represent the cry of innocent little children for help. "Rescue us," they cry, "leave us not to perish. Gold and silver shall canker and rust away, but our souls were made to live forever." Must they cry and wait in vain?

Parents, church leaders, conference workers, God is depending upon us to prepare these little ones for His kingdom.

shall we fail Him? No, a thousand times no, we must keep our garments free from the blood of His little children. May God grant us clearer vision and divine perception.

—A. R. HAIG

## The Prayer of a Child

Once a little girl prayed in Sabbath school: "Dear Jesus, I do not want to go to public school anymore because I want to go to heaven when Jesus comes. Amen." The father of the child, the district pastor, and the congregation were touched to the core. The elder spoke up: "Brethren, this prayer of a child is God's voice. Let us arise and obey the blueprint. We have been selling our children too long."

In a few months a church school was opened. That is not so long ago. Today that girl is a minister's wife on a foreign shore, and the record shows fourteen other workers blazing away for God.

Is that true of your church? Of your Conference? Remember, the prayer of a child may be the VOICE of God speaking to you.

## Christian Education Appeal

Realizing that if our children are to journey together with us to the New Jerusalem, we must train them as God entreats, and knowing also that if we fail to do this and our sons and daughters are lost to the Cause and to heaven God will require their blood at our hands.

We promise, under God, to fulfil the demands of our Conference whereby a church school can be maintained and supported.

Church Leader .....

Name of Church .....

Address .....

(Cut out and mail to Educational Secretary of your Conference)

## Church Completion Accomplishments

Sunday, October 3, was a day of rejoicing for the Hunts Town Seventh-day Adventist believers when their church was dedicated to the glory of God, a house of praise for all men. Pastor W. A. Holgate and his members are to be highly commended for this noble feat. This is the second church to be dedicated in Pastor Holgate's territory within the last month. Certainly these brethren have worked hard, but they are rejoicing today.

On October 10 the members of the Old Harbour church experienced the dedication of their temple which has been quite a few years in erection. It is a beautiful structure to be admired by all. Pastor Walton and his members have worked hard, and although there were times when the task seemed impossible, yet with the undaunted courage and leadership of our good Pastor Walton it has been accomplished. In our next issue of the *Visitor* Pastor Walton's name will appear again, as he has two other churches to be dedicated shortly.

And so the programme goes on. The other districts in the East are working hard and looking forward to their day, which is not very far in the future. The district pastors and their flocks of West Jamaica are also making desperate efforts and strides in their completion programme. Already a number of churches have set their dates for dedication which will appear in the next issue of the *Visitor*.

Let us pray that God will continue to bless the efforts of His humble servants in the erection of these places of worship whereby God's people can meet with Him and His name be glorified.

E. E. PARCHMENT.

## West Indian Training College Campus News

September 17-25.— Elder Schneider conducted our Fall Week of Prayer. It was a real spiritual refreshing. The lessons learned will long linger in our hearts.

September 17.— At the Vesper hour Dr. Yvonne Stockhausen, daughter of Elder A. C. Stockhausen, told us of the trying experiences she had while in Medical School. In spite of opposition she did not let down the principles of her faith but stood firm to the end and brought glory to the name of the Lord.

September 25.— Thirteenth Sabbath brought us stirring appeals from Africa given by the children of the Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior Divisions of the Sabbath school. We were thrilled as Dr. Shankel and his daughter told us about Africa and the developments that are being made. After their talks Dr. and Mrs. Shankel and their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Rittenhouse, brought us two beautiful messages in song in the African language and set to African music by

Mrs. Rittenhouse. Dr. Harvey Rittenhouse also visited the College.

October 5.— Where is everybody going? Well, graduation is just a few weeks away and Wally Allen was busy taking pictures for the Senior Special.

K. V. GREENE

## Take Time for Family Worship

"You have not zealously performed your duty to your children. You have not devoted sufficient time to family prayer, and you have not required the presence of the entire household. The meaning of 'husband' is *house band*. All members of the family center in the father. He is the lawmaker, illustrating in his own manly bearing the sterner virtues, energy, integrity, honesty, patience, courage, diligence, and practical usefulness. The father is in one sense the priest of the household, laying upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice. The wife and children should be encouraged to unite in this offering and also to engage in the song of praise. Morning and evening the father, as priest of the household, should confess to God the sins committed by himself and his children through the day. Those sins which have come to his knowledge, and also those which are secret, of which God's eye alone has taken cognizance, should be confessed. This rule of action, zealously carried out by the father when he is present, or by the mother when he is absent, will result in blessing to the family."

*Testimonies for the Church,*  
volume 2, p. 701.

## Welcome

On the 1st of October the Union office staff had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Valerie Ryan, formerly of the West Jamaica Conference office staff, to the treasury department.

Thirteen days later we had the still further pleasure of welcoming Elder and Mrs. R. S. Blackburn, who have come to us from Fort Worth Texas, to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Elder and Mrs. S. E. White.

We look forward to pleasant associations with these new workers as we endeavour to carry forward the work of the Lord.

## Thank You

A very hearty thank you to Elder E. H. Schneider, who has so ably carried on the work of the treasurer, along with his Home Missionary and Sabbath School work, during the interim between Elder White's leaving and Elder Blackburn's arrival.

## Greetings from the Bahamas

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of the holes of the rocks" (Jer. 16:16) these precious souls throughout these thousands of square miles of ocean, islands and cays! In order to measure up to this responsibility, we need the continual help of God. Please remember us when you pray!

—H. D. COLBURN

## The Basic Seven Food Groups

All kinds of food are good. It is the way you put them together into meals that makes the difference. Try to use at least one food from each group each day, not leaving out any single group. Better still, use two or three servings each day from Groups 3, 4, and 6.

Use the Basic 7 Food List when canning, planting your garden, or buying your groceries so that you provide the necessary elements to keep you healthy and strong.

### GROUP 1. Green & Yellow Vegetables: (Raw, Cooked, Frozen, Canned, or Dried)

Beans: String & Green  
Greens: Beet Pumpkin  
Peas: Green Lettuce  
Peppers, Green Sweet Potatoes  
Spinach & Callalu Yellow Yams

### The Following Fruits:

Apricots Pawpaw  
Yellow Peaches Avacado Pears  
Mango

### GROUP 2. Citrus, Tomatoes, Cabbage: (Fresh or Canned)

Grapefruit & Juice Pineapple Juice  
Lemons Tomatoes & Juice  
Oranges & Juice Strawberries  
Tangerines

### Raw or Slightly Cooked Cabbage

If Group 2 is hard to get, substitute more of the raw ones from Groups 1 & 3.

### GROUP 3. Potatoes, other Vegetables & Fruits:

(Raw, Cooked, Dried, Frozen, or Canned)  
Potatoes Sweet corn Onions  
Dates Turnips Prunes  
Bananas Beets Pineapples  
Squash Rice Chocho  
White Yam Grapes Radishes  
Raisins Cucumbers Apples

### Eggplant (Garden eggs)

Watermelon Coconut  
And all fruits and vegetables not listed elsewhere.

### GROUP 4. Milk & Milk Products:

Whole Milk Cheese  
Buttermilk Evaporated Milk  
Skim Milk Cottage Cheese

### GROUP 5. Meat, Eggs, Legumes:

Meats of all kinds are included in this group, but the following products take the place of meat and are preferred:

Eggs Peanut Butter

Soybean products—flour, roasts, etc.

Lentils

Nuts—all kinds

Dried peas and beans

### GROUP 6. Breads & Cereals:

Bread, Whole Wheat or Enriched  
Rolls made with Whole Wheat or Enriched Flour  
Flour, Enriched, Whole Wheat  
Cereals: Whole Wheat, Corn Meal (yellow) Rolled Oats, Brown Rice.

### GROUP 7. Butter, Margarine and Avacado Pears

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

A. *Energy Foods:* These are chiefly energy foods and do not take the place of those in the Basic 7 Groups:

Sugar  
Cornstarch  
Honey  
Salad Dressings  
Noodles & Macaroni  
Cakes, Cookies, Pastries  
Preserves, Jams, Jellies  
Syrup, Cane, Corn, Maple  
Molasses (contains Iron)  
White flour, crackers

Candy  
White Rice  
Un-enriched rolls  
White Bread

B. *Water*—Not a food, but essential to life and good health. Use it freely.

Make a list of your food for one day from time to time, and check it against this list. If you are not getting the Basic 7, then plan some changes.

## Wedding Bells!

Wednesday, October 6, marked the happy occasion when Brother Lloyd Binns of the Bahamas Mission took Miss Audrey Alveranga of Kingston Jamaica for his life companion. The ceremony was performed in the North Street Temple by Pastor C. E. Edwards assisted by Pastor A. R. Haig in the presence of a representative group of friends and well wishers. We wish the young couple God's richest blessings upon their home and labours in the Bahamas Mission.

## Last Minute News From The Cayman Islands

As this copy of the *Visitor* goes to the press, Elders A. C. Stockhausen and E. H. Schneider have just returned from the Cayman Islands Mission. They had the pleasure of spending a week in Grand Cayman with Elder Walter Comm and his good wife who have just arrived in that field.

They have brought a good report of the live interest that is extant over there, having had opportunity to observe during the week of meetings held every night in each of the five churches on the island.

The beautiful West Bay church was dedicated on Sunday, the 24th, and in spite of much rains the building was packed with believers and friends. Elder Comm plans to start an evangelistic effort here right away, which we feel sure the Lord will bless with a good harvest of souls.

We surely rejoice with the brethren of the Cayman Islands Mission as they welcome their new president.

## Announcement

The biennial session of the East Jamaica Conference convene Monday and Tuesday, December 13 & 14, at the North Street S.D.A. Church; starting at 8 a.m. Delegates are invited for the week-end of special meetings beginning at 7 p.m. December 10.

Believers from the country churches who can make it possible to attend, will be welcomed.

R. E. Delafield, *President*

E. W. Parchment, *Secretary*



Here is your last opportunity to obtain that wonderful book, *The Great Controversy*, at the greatly reduced price of 8/6. Remember, no Seventh-day Adventist can afford to do without a copy of this book which reveals the wiles of Satan, and the means by which he may be successfully resisted. You can also use it to great advantage in your missionary work, for in this book the last message of warning to the world is given very definitely. If you have not already obtained your copy then send in your order TODAY to your Book and Bible House, or you will never forgive yourself.

## NOTICE

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of MRS. JOYCE WHITTAKER, who now has membership at the St. Ann's Bay church, please communicate with Albert Hurst, church clerk, St. Ann's Bay P.O.

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