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Greetings



Dear Brethren:
and Fellow-believers of the British West Indies Union.

In this first issue of *The Visitor* for 1955, I am taking the opportunity of extending New

Year's greetings to you all.

First, let me express my sincere appreciation for your splendid co-operation in pushing forward the triumph of the third angel's message throughout the British West Indies Union in the year that has just closed. In almost every line of endeavour, under God, we were able to see our motto, "More Than Before in '54", fulfilled—more souls baptised, more In-gathering, more tithes and offerings—an indication that the Lord has greatly blessed our efforts.

Now, as 1955 stretches before us, we have chosen for our motto, "A GREATER DRIVE IN '55". All indications show that "the coming of our Lord draweth nigh" and what we do must be done quickly, if those who still sit in darkness are to be brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you ever thought of what it will mean to have to face the Lord in the judgment and to know that souls whom we could have won have been eternally lost through our neglect to bring them the light which might have meant their salvation? Let us arise and consecrate our time, strength, and talents to the finishing of the work.

Why cling to the pleasures and attractions of this world when just ahead of us is that better world that the Lord has prepared for us? It is time to put selfishness and sin out of our hearts that the Spirit of the Lord might come upon us, as individuals, and His church in general, for the great task of finishing the work and ushering in the day that we have so long worked and prayed for.

May the Lord richly bless you and may

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ELDER & MRS.
R. S. BLACKBURN

White Leaves

One of the blessings which comes daily to all is a clean white page in the book of life. It is impossible for the true Christian to keep these clean and spotless, but this can be done only as self is surrendered to the mind and will of God. I am one of those who believe in resolutions, not only for New Year's day, but for every day of the year. These resolutions should be made to be kept.

"You cannot exert an influence upon the world without decision. Your resolutions may be good and sincere, but they will prove a failure unless you make God your strength and move forward with a firm determination of purpose." —*Testimonies*, Volume 2, page 262.

We should thank God that the errors of the past can be forgiven and that the stains which disfigure the pages of the past can be washed whiter than snow. We are not to continue in sorrow over the mistakes and failures of the past. When confessed and forsaken, the record is forgiven and forgotten and hidden from view by the merits of Christ. White leaves are before.

We have already entered upon the year 1955, but most of it lies before us. Dear

reader, just what are your personal plans for this year? Have you resolved to be faithful in morning and evening worship? Your light may be small, but have you determined to let it shine for Jesus? The quiet, unassuming life of a true Christian exerts an influence which cannot be denied. Do you regularly attend the services of your church? Do you find real pleasure and happiness in doing what you can to help others? Are you willing to sacrifice of your time and means that the truth may be carried to others?

There is so much need everywhere. There are so many lonely hearts all around us. There is a need for the talents which you possess and which have been entrusted to you to be shared. Pass on that which you have received and you, in return, will receive blessings so great there will not be room enough to receive them. In this way you will find true and lasting happiness.

Thank God today for that white page which is before you. Determine to keep it spotless. Thank God also that the stains of the past have been blotted out. Thank God for the hope which is yours. Make the remainder of the year 1955 the very best of your life. This is your privilege.

—R. S. BLACKBURN.

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PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

Greetings

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the year 1955 be a year of rich experience for us all.

Yours for the speedy finishing of the work.

—ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

A Message From Our Bible School

We desire to express our appreciation to the representatives and members of our churches throughout the British West Indies Union Mission for their co-operation in making the Bible School the success it has been. It is marvellous to know just what can be accomplished when we co-operate with one another and with God in the work that He has entrusted to us.

The Radio Bible Correspondence School is doing a mighty work for God in bringing His last message of mercy to many that the evangelist can only partially reach. A fine group of sincere and intelligent people are giving themselves to God through this channel. Each church member would do well to enroll his best friend in this School; then pray and work for that one until he comes over the line. Two out of every three persons who take this course are willing to keep the Sabbath and be baptised in the Seventh-day Adventist church. All they need is a helping hand, the personal touch, which can be given only by our church members. May the Lord bless your every effort in this respect.

In our church at Newell, St. Elizabeth, eight out of every ten people in the area who have taken the Course have become church members. At Labyrinth, in St. Mary, a young man who passed his Third Year Jamaica Local Examination, took the Course, accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour and was baptised. He joined the church that he never before had entered, and had no interest in, although he lived in the adjoining premises.

Pastor Walters, before starting an evangelistic effort, saturates the area with Bible School lessons, and he tells us that his success is due largely to this method.

Sister Robinson, one of our Bible Instructors, employs the Bible School lessons in her work. Within a brief period she raised up a new church near Alexandria, in St. Ann. The converts have undergone and are undergoing oppositions and persecutions, but they are full of courage. Three bright young men from this group are now at the West Indian Training College. One of these has turned down a free three-year course at the Mico Training College, because it would interfere with his Sabbath-keeping convictions.

The Master has placed His approval upon, and invites our co-operation in this self-taught, Spirit-convicting, soul-saving enterprise.

—G. A. E. SMITH.

Arise and Build

Looking back on 1954, we are led to praise the Lord for what has been accomplished through his help in the completion of nineteen church buildings where men and women can meet together to worship Him. These buildings are a credit to the vicinities in which they are situated, as well as to the cause of God. They have been built through much sacrifice, coupled with the generosity of the higher organizations, the General Conference and Inter-American Division. However, those who have sacrificed have kept in mind the words of the great Master Builder, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

As we face 1955, our building problem takes on new proportions with nearly one hundred places of worship under construction. But we need not fear, except we forget the past and how God has led us thus far; so we press forward with courage.

Soon we shall come to the end of our journey. Soon we shall cease our building programme and enter the glorious city which our Saviour Himself is preparing for the faithful. Who knows but what this year, 1955, will be our last opportunity to build to His glory. How solemn the thought! Then let us arise and build as never before!

E. E. PARCHMENT

Reminiscences

1954 is gone. What pleasant memories remain!

In the field of education the British West Indies Union continued to move forward. In the intellectual skies the youth of West Indian Training College, Kingsway High School, Harrison Memorial High School, Bahamas Academy, as well as the sturdy church and home schools in Grand Cayman and Grand Turk, climbed upward. College, school and government examinations were courageously tackled and mastered. Local passes in college and schools were over 70%. For these and other blessings, we praise the Lord.

In Jamaica Local Examinations our North Street church school in Kingston, East Jamaica, and our church school in March Town, West Jamaica, averaged more than 89% passes. They also sent up the largest number of pupils. Headmaster C. J. Thomas of the North Street school and Miss Rita Richards of March Town are to be commended, as should also our other noble church school, high school and college teachers of our advancing union.

In the most important work, the work of salvation, we are most happy to report that, as the Blue Print of inspiration declared, our educational institutions from the smallest to the most advanced are

saving youthful souls. More impressive than our year-end graduation exercises, was a beautiful out-of-doors baptism conducted on the hill at West Indian Training College. This beautiful baptism was heightened through a most appealing week of prayer conducted by the friend of youth, Pastor Ed. Schneider, of the union.

MV Advance

More Bible Year, Book Club and MV Classes certificates were issued in 1954 than for a few years previous; more youth united with older laymen in outpost evangelism than in the past; while West Indian Training College led the union in the number of Master Guides invested in one place at one time—twenty-five.

The youth camps conducted in Jamaica and the Bahamas were a source of blessing to our junior and senior youth. Reconsecration, baptisms and a resolve to enter our schools for further training have been the soul-warming results.

Special youth crusades in varied approaches were put in operation by our youth leaders, Pastors O. E. Gordon and A. Holgate, of East Jamaica, Pastors Joe Fletcher and H. S. Walters of West Jamaica, and Brethren Liske and Roach of the Bahamas, as well as Pastor Colburn whose music and movie films assisted greatly in youth evangelism.

1955 Prospects

Under God, we face 1955 with confidence. We welcome brethren Liske and Holgate into the youth leadership of their fields and we know that more breastworks will be placed around our more than 10,000 youth, by God's help.

As Pastor Gordon, whom the Lord used mightily to build up the confidence of the youth in Him, takes up his work as district pastor, our love and our gratitude shall follow him as he continues to lead and inspire the youth and juniors of his very fruitful field.

To God be the glory, great things He has done and will continue to do. Youth of the church of God, let us advance together.

—A. R. HAIG

The Literature Ministry

Since the days of the reformation, the printing press has played a most important role in the promulgation of the truth.

Taking a retrospect of the early days of the Advent movement with its extreme hardships, watch Elder James White as he limped along, braving the dust and heat, with very few friends, yet burning with heavenly zeal as he launched out into the unknown laying the foundation for the glorious Advent message literature ministry which is our heritage today.

Earnest prayers and plenty of walking has always accompanied the work of the literature ministry; but as we see the

blessings that attend our feeble efforts, the feet of the movement, the Publishing Department is doing its work quietly and many times unnoticed.

During the month of December, 1954, we were blessed with the presence of leaders from the General Conference, the Inter-American Division, and the Publishing houses. Approximately 160 colporteurs met in East and West Jamaica and the Bahamas for institute. The promises of God were claimed, and by faith in His word we look forward to a new day in the publishing work in 1955.

Our people throughout the territory of the British West Indies Union are becoming more and more interested in reading. The opportunity for saving men through this medium is widening out. Every church member is invited to take part. "The time has come when a great work should be done by the canvasser. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awaken the sleepers to their danger."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 10.

As a result of the faithful colporteurs, West Jamaica Conference added 37 souls to the church and a larger number to the baptismal class during 1954. In the East Jamaica Conference approximately the same number have been baptised as a result of the efforts of the colporteurs. Thus the work of the colporteurs cannot be counted alone by the number of pounds shillings and pence, but by their sermons and prayers. Were it not for the work of these faithful pioneers of the message, thousands would never hear the Advent story.

The great ambition of Brother A. A. Morgan, publishing department secretary of the East Conference, and his associate and also of Brother Stanley Grant, publishing secretary of the West Conference, and his faithful associate, Brother R. B. Wallace, is to make a new record for 1955.

This is an opportune time to invite you to join with us in facing the challenge of the hour to evangelize Jamaica, and indeed the British West Indies, by the use of the product of the printing press. By so doing we may reach a vastly greater congregation than may be found within the walls of any church. With this in mind, we bid you, "Advance with literature."

B. E. HURST.

Year End Meetings

The month of December running through to the 7th of January has been filled with special meetings here in the British West Indies Union. On the very first day of December the book men of East Jamaica opened their eight-day annual institute, which was exceedingly inspiring with the personal help and counsel of Elder D. A. McAdam from the General Conference, Elder Iver Johnson from the

Pacific Press, and Elder J. C. Culpepper from the Inter-American Division assisting our Union and local publishing secretaries. The closing day of the East Conference institute marked also the beginning of a similar meeting in the West Jamaica Conference. As a result of these institutes about 160 literature evangelists have gone out with renewed inspiration to scatter "like the leaves of autumn" the books and magazines containing the good news of the Saviour's soon coming throughout the length and breadth of Jamaica.

East Jamaica Conference Session was the next event. Beginning on the 10th of December it closed on the 14th. Excellent reports of the blessings of God in the number of souls brought into the fold, as well as of progress along all lines of endeavour brought renewed courage to the delegates in attendance. The counsel and guidance of Elders A. V. Olson and W. E. Read from the General Conference; A. H. Roth and C. O. Franz from the Inter-American Division, as well as the Union officers and departmental leaders, all helped to make the occasion one of Spiritual benefit.

The Annual Union Committee meetings opened on the 15th and continued to the 21st, being synchronised over the week-end of the 17th to the 19th with the graduation exercises of the West Indian Training College.

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BAHAMAS MISSION

Pres. H. D. COLBURN

Secy.-Treas. CYRIL TENNENT

Good News from the Bahamas

The entire worker family in the Bahamas was made happy by the arrival of Brother Cyril Tennent in Nassau on Thursday morning, December 23rd. We had looked forward to his coming for months, and surely all were agreed that never was a worker in the cause of God more sorely needed than he was, due to serious illness of Mrs. H. D. Colburn, who had been acting secretary-treasurer for several months. Brother Tennent is already settled and has entered enthusiastically upon his work as secretary-treasurer of the Bahamas Mission. We bespeak for him a happy and prosperous period of service in this interesting island field.

On November 19, while working at her treasurer's desk in the mission office, Mrs. H. D. Colburn suddenly became ill and requested that she be taken home. That night her condition grew worse and the doctor was summoned several times. Her high fever, with alternating chills and continual nausea caused the doctor to diagnose her trouble as "Dengue fever". For thirteen days and nights he, with two other doctors treated her, but her condition continued to deteriorate until the

doctor at her bedside during the early hours of December 6, advised that she be rushed to Miami where there were better facilities for diagnosing her trouble as well as for treatment.

Immediately the suggestion was put in operation and by the time her plane arrived at the Miami airport Mrs. C. O. Franz and Mrs. J. C. Culpepper were there to meet her with an ambulance to convey her to the Hialeah Hospital. Here it was finally agreed by the five doctors who checked and re-checked her condition that she had been suffering from peritonitis caused by an abscess of the left kidney. With splendid treatment, which included several blood transfusions and glucose, many anti-biotic injections, many x-rays and general expert hospital care in our fine Seventh-day Adventist hospital with its splendid doctors and nurses, she was discharged after an illness that has lasted over a month.

It was the consensus of the doctors that God had performed a miracle in her behalf, otherwise she would never have survived the period of suffering she experienced before being flown to Miami from the Bahamas. She and her family will always be grateful for the many prayers offered in her behalf by our dear people throughout the British West Indies as well as in the homeland. Neither will they ever forget the great kindnesses shown by the members of the Inter-American Division family who stood by offering blood and every possible service, along with their prayers in her behalf each morning at the office.

We are glad to report that even though it will be months before she regains her usual strength, she is once more busy at her desk in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

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Miss Marian Merchant and Miss Virginia Melonshenkle, both teachers of our Indiana Academy, Cicero, Indiana, spent the Christmas holidays with Pastor and Mrs. Colburn. Miss Merchant is Pastor Colburn's niece. She gave several days help in the office doing secretarial work, which was greatly appreciated.

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The Bahamas Junior Academy has opened its doors for the 1955 school year with a splendid enrolment. Brother W. W. Liske, headmaster, has associated with him a fine group of teachers. The other two mission schools report record enrolments too. They are under the leadership of Brethren Barnes and Toote.

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Upon closing its books for the year 1954 the Bahamas Mission reports an all-time high in tithe income. Its membership stands at the eight hundred fifty mark and there is a growing conviction that the workers and laity are going to strive, with God's blessing, to bring the membership up to the one thousand mark by the end of the year.

—H. D. COLBURN.

WEST JAMAICA!

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Evangelize - It's Late



To the believers of the church of God in West Jamaica, greetings. Nineteen hundred and fifty five dawns upon us with great responsibilities to achieve for Christ. The call of the hour is for men and women who are willing to imperil, destroy, and crucify self in order that the banner of Prince Immanuel might be established throughout our borders. This is a great hour to which we have come. West Jamaica's teeming thousands await the loving ministry of the believers of our conference.

At this moment we wish to call upon every church leader to unite with us in organizing his church for more efficient service. Every member should be given a task. Every member should be a soul winner in '55.

At our recent Conference session we voted to set our goal for 3,000 souls in '55. With heaven's blessing we are hoping this will be accomplished not by our skill, or by our plans. With lives surrendered to the Divine will, under the leadership of

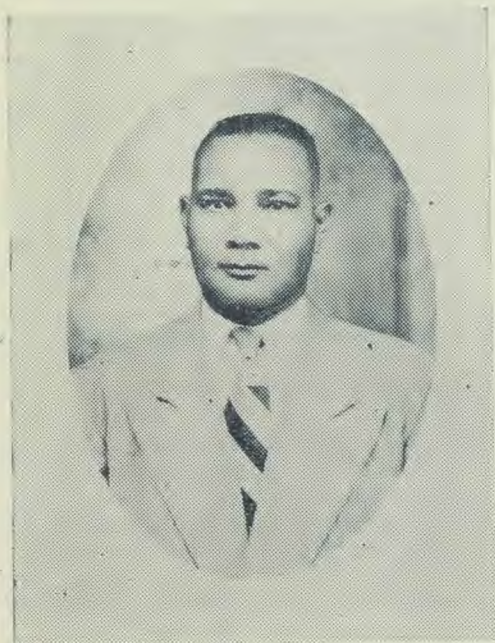
Prince Immanuel, let us move forward with a zeal to work, patience to wait, faith to pray. With these threefold objectives we shall see a mighty awakening among us that will surpass the showers of Pentecost.

Church leaders, we invite you to join hands with us in organizing every church for service. Let there be a training class in every church, to train men and women to hold public meetings and to go into the homes and give Bible studies. Let us find the unworked territories among us and proclaim the message of peace to those who are discouraged and in need of comfort. The hour is late, probation is closing; let us put our shoulders to the wheel and press the battle to the gates until we hear the well done from the lips of our God.

—H. S. WALTERS, *President*

Our Slogan:- LET

He is Coming Evangelize



"It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness." —Vol. 9, p. 287.

—L. A. MORRISON.

"Evangelism consists of one man for whom God has done something, telling others about it. Any man who can tell something Christ has done for him can be a personal worker."—ROYAL SMITH, editor, *Methodist Christian Advocate*.

The longest recorded sermon in the New Testament was given, not by any of the apostles, but by a layman—Steven. (Acts 7.)—E. STANLEY JONES.

Evangelize Through Our Literature

The Literature Ministry has been making its unbroken contribution to the soul-winning programme all through the years and it will undoubtedly increase as we approach nearer and nearer the end of time.

Outside of the Silent Preachers have been distributed far and near faithful bookmen have helped make a richer and fuller life. This way of life is found only in the service of the Master. To our faithful bookmen say, "hats off to the past, but coats to the future."

—S. A. GRAHAM



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EVANGELIZE IN '55!

Evangelize Through Our Youth



Evangelize Through the Sabbath School

Remembering that "the Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth."

—E. W. PARCHMENT.

No other group of youth today possesses a greater privilege than the youth of West Jamaica. But with this privilege comes a solemn responsibility, a responsibility that strikes at the very structure of our Youth Movement. If we are to justify this privilege, we must make our ranks greater and stronger, by saving more and guiding more for Christ. A young soldier was seen risking the hazards of 'no man's land' to reach a target. When questioned why he was jeopardizing his life he said, "There's a buddy over there, I must save him."

We realize that hundreds, yes thousands of our buddies are perishing in the 'no man's land' of sin and we are going to reach them in 1955 whatever the cost. We are dedicated to have at least one Youth Effort (MV Out post Evangelism) for each society in 1955. Our goal is 1,000 youth by the youth and for the youth in 1955!

To this end we dedicate our all as to the task we go!

—JOE E. FLETCHER.



US REVIVE IN '55

Evangelize Through the H. M. Dept.

Like as the laymen of the middle ages the laymen of West Jamaica are committed to the task of opening the Scripture in every village and hamlet at every fireside and to every creature. Unlike the Waldenses and Huguenots we labour under comparatively peaceful and encouraging circumstances. We must take every advantage of this blessing. Should we fail to accomplish the work in these days of calm, these days of spiritual stir, we shall have to, when the times of stress come upon us, and come they surely must—We shall therefore carry the word of God to the thousands around us, not between rolls of silk but thank God wide open in our hands.

We aim at 300 lay efforts by the middle of the year. The laymen and women of West Jamaica shall not fail under God to do even more valiantly than in the past. When measured against the accomplishments of the humble fisher folk of Galilee our goal of 3,00 souls for our conference is very small indeed—Like as the apostles we shall tarry on the 5th of

March for the power which was poured down upon them as they sought "For a fitness to meet men."

The power is made available to us today in this great layman's movement, in an even greater measure than it was to the early church. We are promised the early and latter "Rain".

We cannot allow the accusing finger of God to be pointed at us "... The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light ..." Luke 16:8. We shall take a leaf out of the book of the children of this world and put all our life, energy, and zeal into our cause. We shall enthuse even the children with the spirit of evangelism. The hills and valleys of West Jamaica shall echo with the shout "Jesus Saves". Our God shall give the increase.

—HAROLD H. FLETCHER.



EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. R. E. DELAFIELD
Secy.-Treas. W. A. OSBORNE

tidings from East Jamaica

Our third biennial conference session is now history. The following, as most of our people know, have been chosen as administrative and departmental leadership:

R. E. Delafield, President
W. A. Osborne, Secretary-Treasurer
W. U. Campbell, H.M. & S.S. Secy.
W. A. Holgate, MV & Educational Secretary.

A. A. Morgan, Publishing Dept. Secy.

East Jamaica has been blessed for a number of years with the esteemed and valued services of Miss Edna W. Parchment. May God bless and be with her in her new responsibilities as the Sabbath School Secretary, and Book & Bible House manager of the West Jamaica Conference.

Elder Osborne is finishing his training at Clark University in the United States and no doubt will not be with us for several months, probably in May. In the interim our Conference Committee has asked the Union to grant us the services of Elder E. H. Schneider as acting conference treasurer. Other changes also voted by our Conference Committee are the following:

Alphonso Reid as Assistant Publishing Secretary; Brother Roy Ashmeade, a new intern, to assist Elder Laing in East Kingston; Elder H. E. Nembhard to be in charge of four churches in the Kingston area: Regent Street, Kencot, Gretna Green, and Andrews Memorial Hospital church; Brother Kenneth Samuels to be in charge of Trench Town and Greenwich Town churches; Brother Cyril Newman has been called from the Cayman Islands to assist Brother Nembhard, as also Brother Noel Fraser, one of the recent graduates; Brother O. E. Gordon has been appointed to the Portland district; Elder C. F. Edwards to West St. Mary, with the exception of Hampstead and Port Maria churches, which are now in Elder Williams' district; Brother H. Fletcher will continue in East St. Mary No. 2 district with the exception of Devon Pen and Broadgate churches. All other workers continue in their same places and responsibilities.

Please pray for the worker family in East Jamaica and our objective to lead our lay members into a deeper consecration and in a mighty soul-winning year, having as our goal at least 2,000 souls for Christ in 1955.

—R. E. DELAFIELD



KENCOT CHURCH

We praise the Lord for the eleven churches that have been completed and dedicated in the East Jamaica Conference during 1954, and for two others to be dedicated in January and February of this year.

The Kencot church, like all the others, stands as a witness to the devotion of its

members who have laboured and sacrificed over a period of years. We deeply appreciate the work Elder W. U. Campbell has done in bringing this church to completion, as we do also the work of Elder Parchment and all the other district pastors in building these churches.

—R. E. DELAFIELD.

Turks & Caicos Islands

The Turks and Caicos Islands seem so far removed from us that we often forget those self-sacrificing workers who are endeavouring to bear witness for the truth under great odds over there.

Recent word from Brother H. N. Moore reminds us that there are only eight members on the island of Grand Turk, yet they meet regularly for all the church services of the week.

He tells of an open-air effort he is conducting from which he has already begun to see fruitage in that a Methodist lay-reader has stepped out to obey all of God's commandments and is preparing for baptism. His wife and daughter and eight others are very much interested, and so he hopes, with the blessing of God, to see several others take their stand shortly. A gentleman and his wife from Jamaica went over to Grand Turk to work for the Americans, and through the efforts of Brother Moore they accepted the Advent message. Upon their return to Jamaica they were baptized and now fellowship with the Gretna Green church.

Sister Moore conducts a little school in her home for eight children. This number could be greatly increased, but our sister must also keep house and care for the needs of her family with very little or no outside help.

At East Harbour Elder and Sister E. C. Henriques are holding forth the torch of truth. These dear workers labour under conditions altogether different from the homeland and are not encouraged by large fruitage as we so often see; but God's precious jewels are there just the same and are being sought out diligently. Let us not forget to pray for the work and workers in this little corner of the vineyard.

—P.N.

Power in Prayer

We have a nurse in Benton Harbour who is nursing in a hospital there. Recently a nine-year-old boy came to the hospital with a disability. She did not tell me what it was, but he was in a hopeless condition. The doctors started to operate on the boy, but sewed him up again and asked a nurse to take him down to the ward.

When our nurse arrived at the hospital the next morning she found out about this boy, and asked the doctor in charge, "Would you mind having this boy taken into one of the rooms all alone?"

He said he would be glad to have this done, and she went in and talked to the lad. He was conscious, and after she talked to him a little while she said, "Son, I want to pray for you." She got down by the side of the bed and prayed for that boy. The rest of the day she went about her work as usual.

The next morning the doctor met her at the door and asked, "What in the world has happened? The lad is so much better. We thought we would have to carry him out and take him over to the mortuary, but he is so much better this morning."

The boy got well and left the hospital nine days later. I want to tell you, dear friends, there is power in prayer. What a privilege we can have conducting this kind of work when we are connected with the throne of God.

—H. K. HALLADAY.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS

Sec.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

News Notes:

Training Class in Every Church:

At our recent Conference session it was voted that in February there should be a training class in every church. We wish to urge that every church leader make plans to have this class started immediately. The book, "*Training Light Bearers*", has been recommended as the textbook for the youth. We have a limited supply in the Book & Bible House. May I suggest that you send and get your copy immediately if there is not one in the church. Let every church become a training camp as we unite in this mighty drive.

Minutes to Midnight Weekend:

The weekend of March 4-6 has been set aside as the "Minutes to Midnight Weekend". Our meeting begins at sundown Friday evening, March 4. At this time we wish to urge that all our members assemble and start this weekend in prayer, asking for:—

1. Forgiveness of sin;
2. Outpouring of the Spirit;
3. Three thousand souls in '55.

Sabbath, March 5 will be planned as a day of fasting and prayer. On that day we will read in all the churches the sermon preacher by Elder Dixon at the recent General Conference session. (This is to be found in the G. C. bulletin. If you have not yet obtained your copy please make sure to get it at the Book & Bible House immediately).

Sunday, March 6, has been set aside as a day of visitation. We are inviting all our members to take part in this. Tracts are available at the Book & Bible House for us to distribute among our friends. These tracts are being sold at eight shillings per thousand. May we appeal to every Home Missionary Leader to get his tracts immediately so that this day will be an outstanding one in the history of the church of God. We are planning, praying, and hoping that thousands will take their stand for the truth during this weekend of special endeavour.

West Jamaica extends a cordial welcome to Miss E. W. Parchment as Sabbath School, Secretary and Book and Bible House Manager of our Conference. Miss Parchment has been for a number of years Secretary-Treasurer of the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She was born in Newell, St. Elizabeth, and West Jamaica extends to her a hearty welcome home.

Our believers throughout the field await her visit in the interest of the Sabbath School Department.

At a recent meeting of the West Jamaica Conference committee, Brother

Llewellyn Mullings was voted Conference cashier and assistant auditor. For a number of years Brother Mullings has been assistant manager of our Book & Bible House. Brother Mullings will be seen throughout the field assisting in the auditing of the church books. We wish Brother Mullings abundant success in his new sphere of labour.

West Jamaica welcomes to its working force the following individuals: Miss Pearlline Dawes, teacher at Jointwood; Mr. Robert Williams, teacher at Petersfield; and brethren Spence and Anderson, ministerial interns. Brother Anderson is assisting Elder E. C. H. Reid in the work in Trelawny, and Brother Spence is assisting Elder Richards in the work in Westmoreland. Brother Clayton has been called to assume the pastorate of the district of Northern Clarendon. He will be residing at Crofts Hill. Ere this *Visitor* reaches you he will be engaged in an evangelistic effort at the Crofts Hill church.

Brother Allen who has been labouring in Trelawny is now pastor of the Central Manchester district.

Brother J. Bennett who for the past year has been teaching at Petersfield, is now pastor of the western Westmoreland district.

—H. S. WALTERS.

*If all the Sleeping folk will wake up,
And all the Lukewarm folk will fire up
And all the Dishonest folk will confess
up
And all the Disgruntled folk will
sweeten up
And all the Discouraged folk will cheer
up
And all the Depressed folk will look up
And all the Estranged folk will make up
And all the Gossipers will shut up
And all the Dry Bones will shake up
And all the true soldiers will wake up
And all the Church members will pray
up—*

*Then you will have a revival.
—"Gospel Call."*

A Boom to Every Alert Adventist

That Volume IV of *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* has just been released by the publishers will be hailed as good news by a large number of our laymen, as well as by all workers. It is now available. The production of this four-volume set constitutes the most extensive research project in our denominational history. It required twenty years to complete it, and necessitated three extensive trips to Europe to compass the Old World archives and great book collections, as well as combing all the leading libraries of North America. Even Mexico and South America yielded their quota.

Many thousands of dollars were invested by the General Conference in se-

curing the seven or eight thousand "source" documents—originals, photostats, and microfilm copies—which constitute the matchless Advent Source Collection. These are the priceless documents upon which the *Prophetic Faith* set is based. And many additional thousands of dollars were added by the publishers, and the General Conference, in order to bring this great project to completion. But the results to date have already fully justified the investment.

These volumes correct popular misconceptions concerning Adventism. They lift our whole movement—and its fundamental teachings on the second advent, eschatology, the prophecies, the Sabbath and Sanctuary truths, and the Spirit of prophecy—to a new level, and establish their historic soundness and certainty as never before. They remove us from the category of the cults, and establish us as the continuators and champions of the soundest and most orthodox interpretations of the Early Church and Protestant Reformation expositors. They show that we are their spiritual descendants, and constitute the present-day heralds of the truths they once held.

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—EDITOR.

December 17. This marked the beginning of our annual graduation week-end. The Consecration service was conducted by Elder Delafield, president of the East Jamaica Conference. The Spirit of God was felt as the Seniors stood in response to Elder Delafield's call to reconsecrate their lives for service.

December 18. Surely, Heaven came near to earth as Elder O. V. Olsen preached the Baccalaureate sermon. Every person left the auditorium with a determination to walk closer with God.

December 19. What meaneth this great gathering? Why are they here? This is the final and most important day in the lives of the proud mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters and other relatives and friends of the 32 Seniors who are to receive their diplomas.

At 3:30 p.m. the Senior Class gave their Class programme in which was depicted their Motto: "Forward Ever, Backward Never," and their Aim: "To Reach God's Ideal."

It is 6:30 p.m. The orchestra is being played and soon the 32 Seniors file in all dressed in black graduation robes. Their procession is ended and soon the professors march on the platform. They are also robed, but more elaborately. They have climbed higher up the ladder and their robes tell that they have their doctors and masters degrees. Sweet music is wafted on the night air as Virginia Gene Rittenhouse thrills the audience with her violin.

Commencement address was given by Elder Arthur H. Roth, president of the Inter-American Division, and truly everyone had no other desire than that of "Reaching God's Ideal." After this soul-inspiring address, Dr. Harvey Rittenhouse praised God in song. And thus another Senior Class passed through the portals of Mother W. I. T. C.

January 2. Wedding bells rang for Miss Olive Edwards, dean of women, who exchanged vows with Elder E. C. H. Reid. Happiness and long life is our wish for them.

Jamaica Hall says welcome to their new mother, Mrs. Lee Fletcher, who is acting dean of women.

January 5. The hum of activity goes on again on the hill. You see, this is the re-opening of school and everyone is exchanging holiday stories and making new friends and getting settled.

We have the largest enrolment in the history of the school. The dormitories are overcrowded and we also have a large number of non-boarding students. One home in the community has as many as fourteen day students.

We look forward to a pleasant and profitable school year, and with your prayers and support we know this will be realized.

V. GREEN.

She Finished Her Course

Sister Laura Ashton Moulton went to sleep in her Saviour's arms on the 12th of January, 1955. Like the Apostle Paul, she could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

Sister Moulton was born on the first of January, 1870, at Hampstead, Jamaica. She accepted this precious truth in 1901, and two years later united in marriage with Carl Moulton. Soon after they left for Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, where he worked as editor and sales agent for the new periodical, "The Watchman of Truth", known today as "El Centinela." Sister Moulton helped in the setting up and printing of the paper.

In 1907 they moved to Santo Domingo, pioneering the work in this field. In 1909 they had the joy of founding the first Sabbath school in a place called Calera. Later they founded a school at Mora where they remained for a number of years and laid the foundation for the Jababa and Muca churches.

Brother and Sister Moulton continued their work until he passed away in 1927. Since that time Sister Moulton stayed by the work taking the truth she loved from house to house. As a result of the ardour and loyalty of Brother and Sister Moulton, many of us younger workers became inspired to follow their example. The torch of truth they brought to this field is now being held aloft and carried by a goodly number of their followers.

After 50 years of untiring labours, Sister Laura rests in the bosom of the ground and land to which she came to start the light of this glorious message, and where she spent these many years of her life and labours.

Juan Evangelista Rivera

Year End Meetings

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The evening of the 21st marked the opening meeting of the West Jamaica Conference biennial session and camp meeting, which proved to be a season of real spiritual refreshing. The reports of progress from the officers and departmental leaders all sank into insignificance as Elder W. E. Read climaxed the session with "things new and old" from the good old Book

during the three days of workers' meetings immediately following. The workers of West Jamaica dispersed on the 29th feeling that they had actually been on the mount with Jesus, as did Peter, James and John.

In addition to the workers already mentioned, Elders A. G. Knight of the General Conference Treasury Department, H. K. Christman of the Pacific Press, L. F. Bohner and H. J. Westphal of the Division also lent their influence to this meeting for a shorter or longer period of time.

Workers' and committee meetings in the East and committee meetings in the West closed this unusually busy year-end.

—P.N.

Until The Day-Break

BROWN: Our late Brother William Brown, of the Savanna-la-mar church, fell asleep on September 25 at the ripe age of 99 years. He leaves his wife who looks forward to meeting him in a little while, at the sound of the first trumpet.

BURNETT: Sister Adinah Burnett accepted the Advent message near the close of her life-span, having been baptized into the Lewisburg church in July, 1953, but when called to rest on the 26th of November, 1954, it was with the firm assurance of awakening to meet her Saviour in a very little while.

EDWARDS: Sister Beryl Edwards, fell asleep on the 19th of December, 1954, after a short illness of two days. A member of the Williamsfield church, she was assistant MV secretary at the time of her decease.

KERR: Young Brother Watson Kerr of the Chamber's Pen church was outstanding in his Christianity, as well as a brilliant scholar. Two weeks before his death he received the joyful news of his success in the Third Year Jamaica Local Examination, and of his acceptance as a student at the West Indian Training College. He fell asleep in death after a brief illness with the full confidence of awakening to meet his beloved Saviour.

MAXWELL: Sister Roslyn Maxwell, a beloved and dutiful member of the Lewisburg church, departed this life on the 10th of September, 1954. Her loved ones look forward longingly to the golden morning when they hope to see her in the first resurrection.

ROSE: The late Sister Enid Rose, a faithful and ardent member of the Chamber's Pen church, passed to her rest on October 5, 1954. She is survived by her husband and eight children. She awaits the call of the Life-Giver.

Word has been received that Brother W. C. Wright, of Jamaica, but who has for the past couple of years been labouring as a lay preacher in British Honduras, laid to rest his wife on the tenth of October last. Her death came after a short illness, in the General Hospital in Belize. She was born in Trinityville, Saint Thomas, on October 10, 1897.

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