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## Forward In Ingathering

IN OUR Ingathering campaign last year more than eight thousand individuals signed to take the Bible Correspondence Course. Little did the ingatherers realize as they went from door to door soliciting funds for our world-wide mission work that many individuals contacted would become candidates for the kingdom of God through the Bible Correspondence Course. Little did the ingatherers realize as the wealth of the gentiles flowed into the treasury of the Lord that the Holy Spirit of the Lord was there to impress the donors with the importance of the work before them, instilling in their hearts a desire to have a part in that work. Surely, brethren, this is one of the means that God is using for the finishing of His work. Yes, we need the wealth of the gentiles; we need all the funds we can gather in, but we also need to gather in all the honest in heart and finish the work of God in the world. God has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet, no tongues but our tongues to finish His work.

As you go forward in gathering funds during this campaign, remember that the funds are needed; but go forward with a prayer in your heart that you will garner in the souls that are waiting to be garnered in. And, just as Jesus came to do the work of the Father, so there is a work for us to do. In John 4:34 Jesus said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." Yes, it was an important work for Jesus to do, and He gladly went forth under the impelling power of the Holy Spirit to do that work that was appointed Him. He also said in the 9th chapter of John and the 14th verse: "I must work the work of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work." I do not believe that any of our brethren would be so shortsighted as to deny that the night cometh when no man can work. But, even though night is approaching, our appointed task is to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Ingathering is a part of this

command and we are to do this work while it is day, realizing the seriousness of the hour in which we live.

In this atomic age when scientific minds have developed first the atom bomb and then the hydrogen bomb, and now lastly the cobalt bomb—which is many, many times more powerful than the original atom bomb—could anyone deny that we are living in a serious hour? Have we not reached the zenith of instruments of destruction? Is it possible to make more deadly or more destructive instruments than we have in our hands at the present moment?

Some days must be the last days, and I cannot help but feel that these greatest of destructive weapons indicate that the very days in which we live are the last days. If that is true then one of these Ingathering campaigns is going to be the last. It is within the realm of possibility that this present campaign could be the last, or at least among the last campaigns.

With all these thoughts in mind I would like to urge each one of our brethren to put his heart and soul into this present Ingathering campaign. Let us go forward in gathering the needed funds for the finishing of the work. And, as we go forward let us do so with a prayer in our hearts that the Lord will direct us to the souls that are waiting to be garnered in, that they may become a part of God's remnant people and be ready to meet Him when he cometh to make up His jewels. May the Lord bless you with a large harvest of funds and souls.

—E. H. SCHNEIDER

## 1955 Ingathering

The 1955 Ingathering campaign is now being launched in all our churches. It would be quite impossible for me to over-emphasize the importance of this endeavour. Without the Ingathering funds which come back to us for re-distribution

to our local conferences and missions it would simply be impossible for many of our church schools, and church building projects to be financed. As I travel about and see the need for more adequate church buildings in many places, I wish we had the funds required to make it possible for every church and company of believers to have a suitable house of worship. However, the Ingathering makes it possible for your conference to give some help, in many cases amounting to hundreds of pounds.

Ingathering is a campaign in which *all* may have a part. If each and every member would do his part, how easy it would be to reach the goal! It should not require too much effort to raise at least two pounds. Many will raise ten pounds or more. You will not want to be overlooked when the rewards are passed out. We trust you will have a good report when the Ingathering totals are made up in your church. We are certain the goals will be reached. Can we count on you?

—R. S. BLACKBURN

## W.I.T.C. Campus News

Our spring week of prayer was conducted by Elder R. E. Delafield January 28 to February 5. This was a time of heart searching and spiritual refreshing that will not soon be forgotten. Many gave their hearts to God for the first time as Elder Delafield unfolded to us the theme of the week, "Seeking, Finding, and Following Jesus."

On Sabbath, February 12, Elder R. B. Caldwell attended services on the hill, and on the same evening Miss Trench's music students gave us a recital. We are confident these budding artists will blossom out into prominent musicians.

During the supper hour the young men entertained the young ladies in the dining room on February 14. You see it was St. Valentine's Day.

V. GREENE



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## BAHAMAS MISSION

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Pres. .... H. D. COLBURN  
Secy.-Treas. .... CYRIL TENNENT

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### Bahamas Ingathering Moves Ahead

Over and over, since launching our 1955 Ingathering programme here in the Bahamas Mission, as we have walked out of offices with sizable cheques in our pockets, we have been reminded of the Gospel Prophet's inspired prediction: "And the wealth (margin) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." (Isaiah 60:5)

It was particularly true in the case of one "Bay Street" merchant whose business had suffered from a disastrous fire several months ago. (This was perhaps Nassau's greatest fire when the whole city turned out one Sunday afternoon to fight it. Fortunately, that very day some of the ships of the American Navy were in port with modern fire fighting equipment and highly trained personnel, otherwise the disaster no doubt would have been far worse, according to the press reports the next day.) He listened with deep interest as we gave our report. It was a heart-warming experience indeed to hear this man, who had recently lost much of a fortune it had taken a lifetime to acquire, say: "Gentlemen, I believe in the work of Seventh-day Adventists and you can be assured I'm going to support it." Then he went on to say: "I know what you are thinking. You are doubtless assuming that because of the fire I'll be cutting down my usual gift, but that's where you are wrong! I'm giving the same this year as last year." (His last year's gift was twenty pounds). "And I want you to know that I give this cheerfully and gladly and because I want to give it."

At the end of the second week of the campaign our hard-working Home Missionary Secretary for the Mission, Brother Lloyd Binns, reported in his bulletin that we had reached the half-way mark in our campaign. He pointed out a number of outstanding accomplishments from various sections of the field. He stated that the Bluff, Eleuthera church had reached the largest per capita; that the Knowles, Cat Island church was the first to go over its goal and that the Grants Town church had turned in the largest amount. He also mentioned that several individuals had passed the £10 figure.

And so the Ingathering campaign moves ahead with God's people enthusiastically pressing for an early victory and a goodly overflow. Truly, the experiences coming to all our dear people are serving to strengthen the faith of each one as we see such positive evidences of God's over-ruling providence in going before us and preparing the hearts of men to whom He has given "power to get wealth," making them willing to contribute so much to the humanitarian pro-

gramme so dear to the heart of each Seventh-day Adventist.

We believe the solemn events transpiring throughout the world is having a sobering effect upon thinking men, and that God's Spirit is leading them to look with favour upon the work committed to our care. We believe too, that such favour will not last long, and that now is the time when every true believer should go "all out" for God. Our eyes are seeing what Isaiah said they should see in the inflowing of this "wealth" into God's treasuries. May we all measure up to the challenge of the hour.

—H. D. COLBURN

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### A Thrilling Experience

I have just returned from a trip to one of the most thriving islands of the Bahamas, Abaco. The most northerly of the group, it has an area of 776 square miles and a population of about 6,000.

Sad to say we have no interest on this island, but our publications are doing a great work; our urgent need is for someone to follow up this work.

During this trip I came in contact with a thrilling experience. I met a family which reminds me of the patriarch Abraham. This family consists of an old man, his wife, eight daughters and three sons. With sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grand and great-grand children, the total number of this family is 63, all in their own settlement, where they have no policemen, and sell no rum, but have their own church. The father and the eldest son do the work of the priest. At their request I was privileged to study two doctrinal subjects with them: tithe paying and the Sabbath. I had morning and evening worship with them and they seem quite willing, only waiting to have a more perfect knowledge of the truth.

I am convinced that Psalm 18:43, 44 is about to be fulfilled in the lives of these people: "A people whom I have not known shall serve me. As soon as they hear of me, they shall yield obedience (margin) unto me."

I solicit your prayers on behalf of this family and all the other settlements on this island.

CYRIL H. HEPBURN.

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## CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

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Pres. .... WALTER COMM  
Secy.-Treas. .... R. S. BLACKBURN

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### Cayman News

The young people of West Bay and Georgetown met jointly for a pleasant social time on the evening of February 7. The spot chosen for the occasion was a part of the beautiful sandy beach midway between Georgetown and West Bay. The evening was highlighted by several

invigorating games, a camp-fire, refreshments and climaxed with the showing of kodachrome slides portraying many scenic spots and points of interest in Canada and the United States. Light for the projector was made possible by a portable lighting plant recently purchased by the Mission.

Elder Hurst came as a most welcome visitor to Grand Cayman on February 8. Besides giving able assistance in the Ingathering, his spiritual messages in the churches were appreciated by all. Plans were laid for the Ingathering upon his arrival and the following Sabbath the campaign was launched in each of the churches on the island. It was encouraging to see the response of young and old in rallying to the task under their band leaders with a determination to finish the task quickly. There was rejoicing the next Sabbath as all the reports came in and it was discovered that the Mission goal was passed by a small margin. At the time of this writing, no report has come in from Cayman Brac, but it is believed that there will be a nice overflow when the final returns come in. At West Bay some of the enthusiastic young people, not yet members of the church, joined with our members under the leadership of Brother Mahabee to make West Bay the first to go over the top. Congratulations, West Bay!

On March 8 Elder R. S. Blackburn arrived in Georgetown by B.W.I.A. In addition to his responsibilities in the Union office, Elder Blackburn serves as secretary-treasurer of the Cayman Islands Mission. His counsel and guidance in our planning for the successful operation of the Mission on a sound financial basis is greatly appreciated.

—W. O. COMM

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## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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Pres. .... R. E. DELAFIELD  
Secy.-Treas. .... V. T. BOYCE

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### Ingathering Platform Strengthened

Faith has built the platform of service. Upon it we stand with the vision of hope looking not only on the goal, but on the Master's hand beckoning us on with heavenly assurance that the best is yet to be.

Achievement consummates our faith in a service that grows. It gives us the experience which serves to strengthen us in our resolution to go forward according to the Master's bidding. As success increases in our activities, it gives us the courage to step toward higher accomplishment.

"For years the perplexing question has been before us, How can we raise funds adequate for the support of the work that the Lord has gone before us to



open? One of the plans for reaching unbelievers is the Ingathering Campaign." One lay preacher of the Dalvey Church thrills us with his soul winning experience. He was out soliciting Ingathering one sunny day, and until evening he had not collected any money. He decided to make the last call. The lady gave him a small donation, and inquired into some of the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventists. This resulted in several Bible studies, and eventually the whole family of nine has embraced the holy advent truth.

"As those not of our faith have been made acquainted with the progress of the third angel's message, some have sought to learn more of the truth that has such power in transforming heart and life. God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no acquaintance with His word, but their gifts are not on this account to be refused."

"The Lord's work may receive far greater favours than it is now receiving, if we would approach men in wisdom, acquainting them with the work, and giving them the opportunity to do that which is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement." *C. Service*, pp. 169-170.

Standing on such promises we cannot fail. Believers, let us be conscious of our Commander's presence, and move forward in His unswerving might.

W. U. CAMPBELL,  
*Home Missionary Secretary,  
East Jamaica Conference.*

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—A. GREENE, Asst. Manager.

we become His faithful stewards and pass it on "that there may be meat in mine house."

"... and preach the gospel to every creature." It is not just collecting money: it is communicating truth to everyone we meet. We must reach S-O-U-L-S as well as G-O-A-L-S.

When we are fitted Ingathering looks different; listen to God's messenger: "What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord." *Review & Herald*, February 18, 1890.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit." (Zech. 4:6.) Then arise and get you to the task, ye men of God! I think I hear the shout of victory from every district in West Jamaica. "The Lord of Hosts is with us."

—HAROLD H. FLETCHER, *Home Missionary Secretary, West Jamaica Conference.*

## News Notes

Minutes to Midnight proved to be a very outstanding week-end in West Jamaica Conference. Our believers throughout the field united in this endeavour in an encouraging way. Around 100,000 tracts were distributed and hundreds of Bible studies given on March 6. Only eternity will reveal the good that was done during this weekend.

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Elder Hyatt opened his evangelistic campaign at Kensington on March 13. He and the faithful members of the Vaughansfield church are working and praying to see a church organized in that area within the near future.

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Plans are being made for the opening of an evangelistic effort at Cascade. Elder Greene and Brother McLean have pledged, under God, to see a church established in that area by the end of their evangelistic invasion.

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Two new churches will soon be raised up in the West Jamaica Conference as a result of efforts conducted by Elder Palmer, assisted by Brother Henry at Brae's River, and Brethren Boyd and Bennett at Alderton.

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The president of the conference, Elder Joe Fletcher and Brother Junior Mullings have visited these areas and assisted in meetings also.

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On Sunday, March 6, the Change of the Sabbath was presented at Alderton. Brother Junior Mullings was judge; Elder Joe Fletcher, clerk of courts, and Elder H. S. Walters, prosecuting attorney. At the close of this impressive jury trial a large number came forward and signified their desire to join up with the Advent people.

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

*Pres.* ..... H. S. WALTERS

*Secy.-Treas.* ..... L. A. MORRISON

## The Greatest Harvest Ingathering (Campaign Ever)

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." (Psalm 110:3). Never was there greater need for willingness than at this time when the people of God are faced with a great challenge; the challenge of a great task to be accomplished in a short time.

Yes, God's people shall be willing; willing to renew their consecration; willing to sacrifice time; willing to give of their strength in walking many weary miles; willing to co-operate with the church and the conference in every plan; willing to put over in the shortest time this greatest *Harvest Ingathering Campaign* ever; willing in God's strength to

face the odds that seem (only seem) to be against us as other campaigns and drives are launched; willing, because Ingathering is God's call to service and is an outstanding proof that Seventh-day Adventists are the people of God to whom "the wealth of the gentiles shall flow"; willing to go forth with courage and get it. And why should we not be willing when Jesus Christ has offered to be our yoke-fellow in labour?

As I travel throughout our conference I am convinced that this is the "day of His power." Never have I seen Seventh-day Adventists more anxious for Ingathering day to come. When April 2 arrives, we are going to hear things!

"It is more blessed to give" so we must give every home and business place an opportunity to get that blessing.

"If any man serve me, him will my Father honour", so every man, woman and child in the church must put themselves out to receive that honour.

"The silver and the gold is mine", so the moment a donation reaches our hands



News from every section of our conference reveal that the spirit of evangelism is spreading. There are 10 major efforts in progress at the present time.

Our lay preachers are driving toward the mark of 300 efforts by the end of the quarter. Lay-preacher Reid from Amity sent a Macedonian call for help. He and the believers at Amity have entered the district of Ashton. The interest has grown to such dimensions that it is now impossible for them to carry on. They have sent for help, and Brother Nosworthy, the district pastor, has now gone to their rescue.

INGATHERING. April 2 marks the beginning of our '55 Ingathering campaign. With a zeal to work, courage to labour, and faith for final triumph, our 11,000 believers of West Jamaica are all geared for one of our greatest campaigns ever entered upon by our people in this section of the field. Two thousand individuals in the conference have pledged to raise £2 each. This will mean that 2,000 of the 11,000 members will raise the Ingathering goal, and 9,000 will bring in a tremendous overflow.

It is time for every church leader and home missionary leader to make sure that his church is properly organized. We understand that a number of churches are hoping to be over the goal in the first week. To these churches we lift our hats in admiration and wish them heaven's blessing as they go forth to achieve for the Master. It is of vital importance that we all rally to the call of Ingathering this year.

The girl's dormitory of our beloved West Indian Training College will be started immediately after the campaign. Scores of our girls who have greatly longed to enter the portals of that college will be privileged to do so as soon as this dormitory is completed. Funds are needed to save our youth today.

There are 15 churches that are crying out for the establishment of church schools. We must go to their rescue. We must gather our children out from the worldly schools and place them under Adventist influences.

There are 68 churches under construction throughout the West Jamaica Conference. This means that there are over 5,000 of our believers without proper church accommodation. Funds are needed so that our people will be able to assemble and worship the Lord from week to week.

Apart from these three main needs, there is that wider field of inspiration we receive as a result of our contact with prominent people not of our faith. This is an opportunity for us to tell them of the story of a crucified and soon coming Saviour. As believers for Christ who sense the responsibility of carrying the truth, let us dedicate our lives anew, and with hands and heart go forward to achieve for Christ in this campaign.

—H. S. WALTERS

## British West Indies Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists

### Tithe and Mission Offering Comparison

For One Month Ending January 31, 1954 & 1955

TITHE RECEIPTS					MISSION OFFERINGS									
Organization	1954			1955		Gain	Gain %	1954		1955		Gain	Gain %	
Bahamas	495	7	2	559	7	3	67 0 1	13.7	32	0	4	66 19 6	34 19 2	110.2
Cayman Is.	145	2	5	88	4	7	76 17 10*	53.5*	16	6	2	21 2 1	4 15 11	29.5*
East Jamaica	1840	19	9	2161	5	8	320 5 11	17.6	442	9	3	268 3 3	174 6 0*	39.8*
West Jamaica	1658	11	8	1904	8	1	245 16 5	14.9	253	0	1	333 0 9	80 0 8	31.6
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### THE ANT'S EVANGELISM

*There's a story I've been hearing  
With a lesson that's most cheering,  
And I'm sure that you will want to hear it, too.*

*Well, a man was eating pastry—  
And it must have been quite tasty—  
When he thought of something he would like to do.*

*He was sitting at his table  
Eating all that he was able,  
When he spied a little ant upon the floor.  
Placing ant upon his pastry—  
Which he'd thought was very tasty—  
He was shocked to see the ant would eat no more.*

*But instead he left the table,  
Ran as fast as he was able  
Down the legs, and then he raced across the floor.*

*So the man gave close inspection  
And he followed the direction  
As he saw the ant rush through the open door.*

*On the street the ant found others—  
I don't know if friends or brothers—  
But what he said just seemed to thrill them all.*

*And not one made an indictment;  
Every ant with great excitement  
Turned to follow him in answer to his call.*

*He led them to that table  
Where they ate all they were able,  
While the man stood by inspired by what he'd seen.*

*As he thought of all his neighbours,  
And how circumscribed his labours,  
He was shamed to be so selfish and so mean.*

*We believe the gospel story,  
And we long for heaven's glory,  
Let the world behold our hope to us is real.*

*And the message will grow sweeter,  
And our feet become much fleetier,  
When we get the ant's evangelistic zeal.*

—ADLAI ALBERT ESTER.

### Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Miss Imogene Guthrie, please contact or write to Mrs. Daisy Shields, Springfield P.O.

### 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.

**CHAMBERLAIN:** Brother James Chamberlain, of Mullett Hall church, fell asleep on the 25th of November at the age of 73. Baptized by Elder J. N. Williams in 1914, he remained loyal until his death.

**COKE:** The late Sister Maud Coke, who became a member of the White Hill church in 1940, has passed away in death and was laid to rest on the 10th of September.

**GRAHAM** — Our late Brother Thomas Graham of the Sheffield church fell asleep on the 25th of August, 1954. His life bore testimony of his faithfulness to the end.

**HYLTON** — Our beloved Sister Ethel Hylton of the Sheffield church passed away on the 23rd of November, 1954.

**MYRIE** — With the passing of Sister Caroline Myrie one more link with the pioneer days of the Advent message has been broken. Having been baptized by Elder W. W. Eastman many years ago, our sister remained faithful to the last and lived to the age of 87. The last three years of her life were spent at Negril with one of her two adopted children, both of whom she was instrumental in bringing into the church.

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

### The British West Indies Union Visitor

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