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Ingathering Campaign - Our Greatest and Biggest

Congratulations!



The 1955 Ingathering campaign is over and, as we view the results, we are led to exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

This campaign far surpasses any that has ever been conducted in the British West Indies Union. The reports are not all in, but from those that are to hand we are not far short of £10,000, and we believe that by the time the outstanding promises have been collected, we will even go beyond this figure. To God be the glory.

The outstanding feature of this campaign has been the willing co-operation of all — workers and lay members. Never have we seen so many churches not only reaching their goals, but going well beyond it. The British West Indies Union extends a hearty congratulation to the Presidents, Home Missionary Secretaries, and District Pastors, and sincere appreciation for the strong leadership in this campaign; but to our thousands of faithful members who sacrificed their own time and interests to make this campaign the grand success it has been, we say our heartiest congratulations.

We feel sure that as homes have been visited, new interests have been discovered, and that many are in the "valley of decision." God's promise is not only that the wealth of the gentiles will flow unto us, but also that the gentiles shall come to thy light. He has blessed us in the gathering of the shekels; He promises to give abundant success in the gathering of souls. Let us go after them with as much zeal as we manifested in the money campaign.

—A. C. STOCKHAUSEN



ELDER C. S. GREENE

outstanding success in all the fields. Not only was the campaign a signal victory, in spite of the many public drives and projects, but it also shows what can be accomplished when human beings will allow God to work through them.

Today we rejoice with each Ingathering worker as from the depths of our hearts we say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." To the Presidents, Home Missionary Leaders, Pastors, Workers and Members of each field, we say, "Thank you." This has been a great campaign and we feel assured that he who does God's work will get God's pay.

West Jamaica Conference has broken all records, exceeding their goal of £4,000 and super-goal of £4,500. East Jamaica also in record time has passed their goal of £4,000 by £200. When all the returns are brought in, we are sure that the figure will be as good as West Jamaica. The Bahamas Mission has done exceedingly well in raising £1,034, and so has the Cayman Islands Mission is raising £190. We are confident of the fact that when the books are closed the British West Indies Union shall have raised £10,000 this year.

Now that the goals in the campaign have been reached, we can continue the interest

secured in our Ingathering contacts to help swell our soul goal. Many of the individuals that were contacted during the campaign will be ready to hear more of the message. By your faithful work, combined with the Spirit of God, many of them will become future Ingatherers.

In this hour of rejoicing; this hour of victory; let it also be an hour of rededication of every fiber of our being for greater service. Success came as we gathered in the funds. There will be greater success as we bring in the souls. "Remember that in working with Christ as your personal Saviour lies your strength and your victory." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 152.

—C. S. GREENE.

Our Literature Evangelists

The student colporteur army this year is the largest in the history of the work in Jamaica. Sixty-three from the West Indian Training College, twenty from Kingsway besides others from Harrison Memorial—nearly 100 all together, and still there is room for others.

I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is working upon the hearts of our customers, making it as easy to sell now as though there were a few colporteurs in the field. There is promise of a successful summer. Nearly every student is striving for a scholarship. We solicit your prayers for these young people, which includes ten students from the Bahamas Junior Academy also.

It is very gratifying to note that the spirit of love and sacrifice still lives among our Advent believers around Jamaica. Our deepest gratitude to the brethren and sisters who are taking care of our student colporteurs, as well as the regular colporteurs in their homes. May God also give you a share of the blessing for the souls won by the literature distributed.

To the number of colporteurs at work a new soldier is added every week. There is no turning back, no defeat with the great army of Literature Evangelists. If you desire to answer God's call to scatter the printed page, come without delay.

—B. E. HURST.

Latest Reports

West Jamaica	£4,507
East Jamaica	4,200
Bahamas	1,034
Cayman Islands	190
B.W.I. Union	£9,931

The 1955 Ingathering campaign was an

Church Buildings

Our church building campaign is moving on with great rapidity. In spite of the difficulties and hardships our members are sacrificing and co-operating on every hand. There are a number of churches that we hope to complete this year and a larger number in process of erection.

To the district pastors, I wish to say thanks for the noble efforts that they are putting forth. Warsop, Dias, Axe-and-Adze, Mike Town, Campbell's Castle, Burnside Valley, Port Maria and probably a few more in both East and West Jamaica Conferences are putting forth desperate efforts in the completion of these sanctuaries for God.

We are grateful to the higher organizations and the conferences for the help that they are giving in this great campaign. May I pass on a word of encouragement to those who have not yet started their buildings to look straight ahead and do their part. They can be sure that the good Lord will open a way whereby places of worship will be erected so that more men and women can come and worship Him according to the dictates of their consciences. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel for the remaining portion of the year asking the great Master Builder for His continued divine guidance.

—E. E. PARCHMENT

Expressions of Appreciation From our Bible School Students

From the scores of letters we receive we quote a few of the many expressions of appreciation for what the Voice of Prophecy Bible School has done for them:

One young woman wrote that as a result of these lessons conviction came into her heart. She confessed that her sinful life had separated her from God. She was easily angered, rough, cross, fault-finding and had a feeling of hatred for many people. Above all, she was living in adultery. She was so steeped in sin that she felt God would not accept her. She requested us to pray earnestly for her, which we did. We wrote to her, sent her literature, and asked our Bible School Representative to contact her. For a while we heard nothing, so we wrote to the representative making enquiries. How happy we were to hear the glad news that this prodigal daughter had returned home to the household of God and now rejoices in the truth, having been recently baptized. "Praise God for the Voice of Prophecy", she says.

A young girl, who has accepted the message through the Bible Correspondence Course, has a bed-ridden mother who shares her conviction. A recent letter states: "My father forbids me to go into an Adventist church. Two weeks ago he was absent from home on Sabbath and with mother's consent I attended church. On returning home he was informed by some one and he quarrelled and flogged me most cruelly. I mean to be true to God. Please pray for me."

From one of the eastern parishes, a young man writes: "I have listened to your radio broadcasts every Sunday morning for many months, and applied for the free Bible Course offered. Shortly after starting the course I realised that I had found the Truth. I accepted it and after some months was baptized. The storm of temptations and persecutions rage, but Christ is my Pilot, and by His help I shall be faithful to the end."

"Words cannot express the joy that is deep down within my heart for the knowledge I have gained from the study of these lessons," writes a lady. "I am now a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, seeking to lead others to the peace that I have received in Jesus Christ."

Little Miss Harris, expressing her thanks for the lessons and literature sent, says her father, mother and herself are now Seventh-day Adventists and will be baptized at an early date.

And so the work moves on. Let us pray for its continued success. Let us pray that as the students study the lessons, the Holy Spirit will work on their hearts, that they may surrender their lives and obey the commands of God. Let us not forget to pray for the dear Juniors who are prevented from obeying the truth by their parents and guardians, and let us pray for our dear Representatives in the churches who are doing a mighty work for God as they contact the students and follow up the interests.

—G. A. E. SMITH, *Secretary,*
Bible Correspondence School.

Welcome

Within recent weeks we have had some new workers join our union staff. Pastor C. S. Greene has taken Elder Schneider's place as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary; Elder W. A. Holgate has been called to give full time service to the Bible School in the capacity of following-up the interests in East and West Jamaica; Miss Verna Reynolds has joined the staff of the Bible School. We take this opportunity of extending a cordial welcome to these workers as they unite with us in carrying forward the work of the British West Indies Union.

—ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

Recent word from Elder W. O. Comm tells of being in the fourth week of an evangelistic campaign on Cayman Brac, with a growing interest and attendance. These meetings are scheduled to continue to the end of July, then early in August a layman's convention is planned for Grand Cayman, when Elders H. J. Westphal and C. S. Greene will be in attendance. Let us pray that God will give an abundant harvest in these islands.

BAHAMAS MISSION

The Bahamas Mission has been glad to welcome Brethren Thorpe and Scott from the island of Jamaica. These young men who are students of West Indian Training College have accepted our invitation to spend their summer vacation in the Bahamas working toward their scholarships from the sale of our Truth-filled Literature. From their first week it is obvious that their goal will be achieved for they report excellent success in their first contacts with the Bahamian people. These two fine young men also are bringing encouragement to our believers in the Churches not only in New Providence but in the island of Eleuthera where they have spent several days recently. Through their stay in the Bahamas we are sure that other young people will likewise receive new visions of what God can do with and through them as well.

We are happy to report that at this writing we have in progress, seven Evangelistic Programmes. Brother Lloyd Binns and Brother Victor Griffiths have teamed up and are conducting a strong crusade up at North Palmetto Point in Eleuthera. In connection with their Evangelistic Programme, they are also completing a Church building which was recently purchased by the Mission for our believers in that splendid settlement. While their meetings are not being conducted in a large hall yet they are looking forward to transferring shortly to the new Seventh-day Adventist Church building which is located on the Public Square in this thriving little community, and therefore will be more accessible to all who come.

The Mission was most fortunate indeed in procuring this property in this central location and when it is finished it will be one of our best out-island churches. Brother Binns with his experience in carpentry assisted by Brother Griffiths and the members and friends up there are sure to produce a building which will be a credit to our work as well as to the community itself.

Brother Binns has not over looked the young people of whom there are a great many at North Palmetto Point, for he has geared his programme especially for the youth. Part of his Evangelistic equipment included a volley ball and net which we understand he is using to good advantage in winning the hearts of the young people. These youth also we are told are an exceptionally talented group and are assisting in a very substantial way in the meetings.

We bespeak for Brother Binns and Brother Griffiths a rich harvest of souls from the Eleuthera campaign.

—H. D. COLBURN

Notice

Mrs. Gladys Patrickson, a member of the Carron Hall church, has been missing for the past two years. Anyone knowing her whereabouts kindly inform the church clerk, Mr. Cyril McKay, Pear Tree Grove P.O.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Convention Activities in the East

Following on the heels of Brother Fletcher's Convention in Robin's Bay, the lay preachers of East St. Mary No. 1, led by Pastor J. N. Williams, convened at the Clermont Church on Sunday, June 26th for a very profitable time together. Pastor Boyce's opening note of devotion was followed by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen's sermon on "The Unfinished Task." This brought great inspiration to our lay brethren and all dedicated their lives for the finishing of the work. Following Elder Stockhausen's sermon, twelve precious souls were buried in the watery grave by Pastor W. U. Campbell. At the conclusion of the baptism an altar call was made, and seventeen responded to this call which brought great courage to all who were present.

The greatest note of encouragement, however, was the reports given by the lay preachers of their soul-winning activities. Brother Rampkisson, one of our lay preachers, has a bamboo booth at Belfield in which he is conducting a lay preacher's effort. God is blessing mightily in this effort. Brother Rampkisson reported as many as 65 interested people in his Sunday School which is conducted there every Sunday. Brother Hall reported that through house to house work he has been able to bring together a branch Sabbath school which now has 21 baptized members. He also has four more souls ready for baptism. After their baptism he is appealing to the Conference to have the church at Dean Pen organized into the sisterhood of churches. There were many other interesting reports of the activities of our lay preachers and how souls are being reached in St. Mary. All in all the convention was a big success, and everyone went home filled spiritually and with a resolute determination to do his part in hastening the day when Jesus will come. Those of us in the office are now looking forward to next week when we will hold a Convention in Pastor McCalla's district in St. Thomas. The following week Elder Edwards' District will convene in West St. Mary. Surely the Lord is blessing in a mighty way.

CHURCH BUILDING

On Tuesday morning, June 21st, Elder W. U. Campbell and the writer drove up to Port Antonio to meet Elder Gordon. We arrived there at 8:00 a.m. and immediately proceeded up into the mountains of Portland on mule back. We rode up 2½ miles to Brookdale and there made definite plans for the rebuilding of that church. From there we went to Cooper's Hill, and again made plans which will result in a new church building for the people far up on the top of one of the mountain ranges in Portland. After descending we crossed the Rio Grande river and drove our car up to Cornwall Barracks. Here we parked our car, waded across the river and met with the people who had been assembled there awaiting our arrival. Again plans were made for the rebuilding of the Cornwall Barracks church.

Our hearts were thrilled as we came to Comfort Castle and saw the men and women

working together pouring the cement foundation for their new church. It was thrilling to see the ladies of our church descending four or five hundred feet to get water from the river to mix with the concrete. I am sure there must have been 25 or 30 of them altogether giving their free time to the Lord for the building of a new edifice in which they can worship God. Surely the Lord is blessing the church building programme in the East.

PUBLISHING

Great things are happening in our book sales in the East Conference. Brother Morgan and Brother Reid both have been swamped with work, so much so that we have had to give them additional help to instruct colporteurs and to make deliveries. Watch the future reports of the deliveries for the East Conference. We are expecting that records will be made.

TREASURY

We would like to express a word of appreciation to our faithful believers in the East. The Ingathering funds are rolling in. Our tithe shows strong indication of an increase over 1954. We appreciate the faithfulness of our constituency in giving of their means to the Sabbath school as well as our foreign missions programme. The outlook for East Jamaica is good. We expect that the final report for 1955 will be unprecedented thus far in the history of our conference.

We would also like to tell the readers of the *Visitor* that Mrs. Mary Henry is working with us in our Treasury Department.

EVANGELISTIC

On Sunday, May 22nd, Elder H. E. Nembhard launched a major effort in Regent Street church, which is continuing under the great blessing of God. Elder Nembhard is preaching to a full house. He has so many new names that the Conference has had to give him additional help in the person of Sister Euphema Grey as Bible instructor. The Lord has greatly blessed Elder Nembhard in his evangelistic work, and we are looking forward to many, many souls being added to the Regent Street church.

NEWS ITEMS

Miss L. Shakes, who has laboured faithfully in our Home Missionary & S.S. Departments as secretary to Elder W. U. Campbell, will be leaving us June 30th. She plans to further her education in the United Kingdom, taking the nurse's course, and will sail on July 4th. We in the East Jamaica Conference wish her God's speed, and that she will return with a greater zeal and knowledge to do the service of her Master.

Brother A. W. Campbell, who has been teaching at Kingsway High School, will join the evangelistic force July 15 to labour with Elder Edwards in West St. Mary District.

Brother K. Samuels is sojourning in the States for his vacation this year. We hope and pray that his visit will be refreshing and successful.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Sister L. Richardson, our Bible Instructor, who fell from her cycle recently and fractured

her arm. We understand that she is recuperating and will soon be back in the harness. We ask for the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor* in her behalf.

DORCAS EXHIBITION & SALE

Our Home Missionary Department is all agog with the prospects of an enthusiastic Dorcas Exhibition and Sale to be held by our federated societies on August 2nd on the Kingsway grounds. We have met with many of our churches around the Conference, and find them enthusiastic about the prospects of the best exhibition to be held so far in the East Conference. Elder Campbell has worked hard to make this exhibition a success. Mrs. Manley, the wife of the Chief Minister has been invited to attend, and every plan has been laid for a successful exposition and sale.

—E. H. SCHNEIDER.

Timely Admonitions

The promise of our Saviour's coming is our surest hope. We look for it not with fear, but with joyous expectation and the fulfilment of all that makes life worthwhile.

Let every member in the East Jamaica Conference resolve to make Christ first and last and best in everything. Let every member realize that the time has come when we must plough and sow and reap and build and labour and carry on for one and only one purpose, and that is the finishing of God's work in all the earth.

We rejoice for the outstanding success achieved in our Ingathering Campaign this year. £4,200. 0. 0 raised to help build up and accelerate the advancement of God's Cause. God bless every faithful member who helped to make this possible. We have not yet reached the summit of what God can do for us if we only let go of self and let God.

Now that the Campaign is over we are concentrating on church conventions throughout the field where our church officers and members can be instructed and inspired to foster the work more vigorously in their churches.

"All that the Apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much fervour to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance." Vol. 7, p. 33. How did the apostles succeed? Vol. 7, p. 32. . . . "By the grace of Christ the apostles were made what they were. It was sincere devotion and humble earnest prayer that brought them into close communion with Him. They sat together with Him in heavenly places."

All our activities here in the office and out in the field are geared for one purpose, the winning of souls for the eternal kingdom. How comforting and inspiring to know that when we consecrate ourselves fully to the task our Heavenly Father makes Himself responsible for the success of our work. God bless every member throughout this vast Conference as we launch out and march forward together for Christ.

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WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

News Flashes—West Jamaica Harvest Ingathering Victory Day

The West Jamaica Conference witnessed one of its best days on May 28, when Harvest Ingathering Victory was celebrated throughout approximately 133 churches. That day has gone down in the history of the Conference as a day of great triumph as the grand news was flashed around the field that the Conference had reached its goal of £4,000 and Super-goal of £4,500. On that day, students from the West Indian Training College were to be found in nearly every church that had reached its goal. There was great rejoicing as all joined in the grand refrain of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Surely, for this marvelous achievement we are constrained to say, "To God be the glory great things He hath done."

LAY PREACHERS' INSTITUTES

Lay Preachers' Institutes will be held in West Jamaica from July 19-31. This will be centralized at Mandeville for the first five days and in various parts of the field for the remaining days. We will be highly favoured to have with us at these Institutes Elder H. J. Westphal, Home Missionary Secretary for the Inter-American Division. Elder C. S. Greene, newly appointed Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary for the British West Indies Union, will be present and also the workers of the West Jamaica Conference.

BAPTISMS

Over the week-end of June 24, four baptisms were conducted by various ministers from the office in the Hanover District. Pastor Harry Fletcher, on June 25, baptized 15 souls as a result of his effort at Royal Flat. At Harmons, 19 were baptized on June 26 by Pastor Lindo as a result of the effort held in that church by Brother Allen. Many other baptisms were conducted in various parts of the field. These are evidences to prove that the field is ripe and ready to harvest.

MR. JUNIOR MULLINGS is recuperating nicely from his recent accident. West Jamaica regrets to lose him as one of their workers, but as he takes up his new appointment at the British West Indies Union, we wish him God's richest blessings.

YOUTH CAMP

West Jamaica wishes to announce that the annual Youth Camp will be held at Orange Hall, in Eastern St. Ann, from July 25 to August 2. Our visitors this year include Dr. Ray Underhill, a naturalist from the United States, and Elder D. H. Baasch, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Inter-American Division.

Camp fee remains at 40/- and transportation by rail will be provided at concessionary rates.

Nature in all her wondrous beauty and mystery will be explored through the studies of birds and insects. New and interesting crafts will be taught, old acquaintances will

be renewed and new friendships made.

A cordial invitation, therefore, is extended to all Missionary Volunteers between the ages of 15-30 to come and join in the inspiration and education.

—MRS. B. BENT

Andrews Memorial Hospital News

Nurse Linda Johnson left the island for New York on June 5. She plans to get her B.Sc. in nursing and take a postgraduate course in surgery. In spite of a heavy down-pour of rain, many of her friends were present at the airport to wish her well, as she left.

May 25 and June 1 were set aside as picnic days for the staff of the hospital, so that all could have the opportunity of a visit to Dunn's River for a swim. Transportation was provided by Pastors Schneider, Delafield, Holgate, and Brother Curtis Parchment, also Doctors Hoehn and Rittenhouse.

On May 21, Dr. and Mrs. Hoehn, accompanied by Matron Whitney and Nurses Hooker and Payton, visited Pastor Gordon's district to give health talks. Miss Whitney gave three talks, Dr. Hoehn two, and Mrs. Hoehn one, in the various churches visited, while the nurses made their contribution by singing.

Brother Curtis Parchment, our business manager, left on June 5 for two weeks' vacation.

Listed among our recent patients were: Mr. John Simpson of Linstead, Mr. Lawrence Graham of the B. W. I. Union, Mr. Amos Green of Dignum Mountain, Mrs. Alvina Smith of Santa Cruz and her new baby boy. Mr. Henry Dunbar of Portland is still convalescing here.

Prior to their departure on May 30, Pastor R. E. Delafield and his wife and three children were our residents for a few days.

—MRS. M. E. HOEHN.

W. I. T. College News

Mrs. M. J. Sorenson made a hurried visit to her homeland because of the illness of her mother, who has since passed away. Mrs. R. M. Mote also left after the close of school to visit her parents who were both very ill. Her father has now passed on. We extend to our sorrowing teachers our sincere sympathy in this hour of their bereavement, but rejoice with them in the Blessed Hope of the soon-coming of our Saviour and the prospects of that grand family re-union.

A very hearty welcome to Miss Shirley Sorenson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sorenson, and to Miss Patricia Mote, daughter of Elder R. M. Mote, who have come to visit their parents during their summer vacation.

The Shankels have been spending the summer in the United States, and as this *Visitor* goes to press, Elder Mote has found it necessary to take a trip also to the States. He hopes to spend the remaining six weeks of the summer vacation visiting his aged mother and other relatives.

—V. GREENE

Until The Day-Break

ALLEN.—Sister Lovena Allen united with the Advent people in 1950, and fellowshipped with the believers of the Spanish Town church until March 1955, when she passed away in the hope of meeting her Saviour in peace on the resurrection morning.

BINNS.—George Edison Binns, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Binns of Montego Bay, passed away on February 16, 1955, at the youthful age of twenty, a victim of poliomyelitis. As a member of the Montego Bay church, his life bore witness to the fact that he had fully dedicated his life to the Master. His sorrowing parents, brothers, sisters, and many other relatives and friends are comforted by the fact that he sleeps in Jesus and confidently look forward to meeting him on the resurrection morning.

BURROWS.—Our late Sister Doris Burrows, a member of paggie church, fell asleep in the Blessed Hope on February 6, 1955. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago, but she has left several children and grandchildren to mourn their loss.

CLARKE.—The late Brother Solomon Clarke accepted the advent message in 1950, and joined the Bagoie church. He passed away on the 28th of April, in the full confidence of meeting his Saviour on the resurrection morning.

ECCLES.—Our late Brother Ernest Eccles, of Williamsfield church, fell asleep on April 29, at the age of 76. He accepted the message over fifty years ago under the labours of Elders Eastman and Strickland, thus being among the first believers in the parish of St. Catherine. His large family of children and grandchildren, as well as fellow believers, mourn but not without hope, for they believe he sleeps in Jesus and will come to life at the first resurrection.

GIBSON.—Our late Sister Susan Gibson, for twenty-seven years a faithful member of the Spanish Town church, fell asleep on the 23rd of April at the ripe age of 92 years. A true mother in Israel she is greatly missed by the members of the church, as well as by her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but we look forward to meeting her on the sea of glass.

LEON.—Our late Brother Alphonso Leon accepted the Three Angels Message under the labours of Pastor E. C. Walton, who was then a layman, in 1943. Since then he has served the Paggie church in many different capacities, and was leader of the church at the time of his death. His wife and children, along with the members of the church, confidently look forward to the re-union day, which is soon to break.

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TIMELY ADMONITIONS *Continued*

MEDITATION

O God, give us deliverance from the anxieties that take joy and power out of our lives, and replace them with the fruits of the Spirit—joy and peace.

—V. T. BOYCE.