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A Sobering Message

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"Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord; And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

This was the admonition given to the children of Israel when they were coming out of Egypt, in preparation for their entrance into the promised land. The question is frequently asked today, Why do we as a people conduct schools, especially when the public schools are so well developed and have all the facilities for the training of young people? The answer to this question is simple. We do this in obedience to a principle and in answer to the voice of conscience. Over and over again in the Spirit of Prophecy we are counseled and admonished to be sure that our children are in our own schools.

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death. . .

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labour in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth." —*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 165.

God has a plan of education for our youth, and He intends that the church will follow that plan today just as definitely as we are admonished to keep the Sabbath, pay our tithe, and prepare for His coming. The doctrine of Christian education is a vital doctrine of this movement, and as parents, if we are to save our young people, we must make sure that under every circumstance they are in our own schools.

What can be more important than the saving of our youth for the kingdom of God? They are the pearl of great price that God has committed to our care. If through our failure to fully care for them and train them in God's schools we lose them, what answer can we give Him in that day when He comes and asks us for those whom He has committed to our trust? As parents we can have no other thoughts for our youth. *As church members, and as workers, we must see to it that every one of our children is in the school of God's choosing, and in the place where He can bless and help them as each prepares his or her life for God's service.*

We believe that in providing our own system of schools, we are but carrying out our divine mission, that is, that we must lead our youth through the world but must not lose them in the world. We know that this cannot be done adequately by restricting His teaching to a few hours on Sabbath, as though religion were a thing to be put on and off like one's Sabbath clothes. If it is to impress the heart so that blessings may abide forever and dominate the life and regulate the conduct, it must form an integral part in the youth's daily life and be brought into close relationship with every phase of his or her development.

Having recognized the importance of having Seventh-day Adventist schools for our children, and the need of every child's being in one of our own schools, the next great question that comes to us is, What kind of teachers shall teach our children? How it is answered will determine the very foundation of the entire church, for what our schools are today, the church will be tomorrow. The strength of the Advent Movement is no greater than the character of the teachers who train the ministers and other leaders in the church. No system of thought and life can continue unless it holds the youth. The teachers of our children are setting the standards and practices which will guide the denomination in the days before us. They determine the very life and vitality of the church.

Teachers must have a basic knowledge

and understanding of God's plan for this day in their own lives, and then insure its development in the lives of the boys and girls. *An intellectual knowledge of the truth is not enough. They must know its power upon their own hearts and in their own lives.*

"The teachers employed in our schools should be acquainted with God by an experimental knowledge. They should know Him because they obey all the commandments He has given." *Ibid.*, 248.

"Eternal interest should be the great theme of teachers and students. Conformity to the world should be strictly guarded against. The teachers need to be sanctified through the truth, and the all-important thing should be the conversion of their students, that they may have a new heart and life. The object of the Great Teacher is the restoration of the image of God in the soul, and every teacher in our schools should work in harmony with this purpose." —*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 436.

Here is the basic pattern for our teachers—a sound conversion, lives fully surrendered to God, and a clear understanding of our responsibility in the conversion of the children committed to our care.

The teacher must have not only intellectual training and ability, but thorough training along pedagogical lines so that he or she brings to the task the best possible equipment to accomplish certain definite things in the lives of the children. He must be able to lead them both into higher intellectual achievement and spiritual development. *Their spiritual education must at all times go hand in hand with general education.*

Teachers must be also practical-minded. They must be able to lead the youth in systematic, well-regulated labour. Many times in our schools we get the feeling that labour is degrading. We find plenty of young people who are anxious to become teachers, doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. but who do not want to take part in physical labour. Over and over the counsel of the Word of God and the pen of inspiration point out how wrong this is, and we are told:

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FACULTY OF WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE.

Christian Education

We have been told by the servant of the Lord that "Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need for a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

Christian education stands for the highest scholastic ideals. Since the days of the Hebrew youth in the university of Babylon, the Christian scholar has tried to excel in intellectual pursuits, not to gain wealth or fame, but to know God and to understand His wisdom and love.

In addition to intellectual attainments, the dignity of physical labour, the importance of developing a sound, healthy body by correct living and work habits are vital factors in a harmonious development. A sound mind in a sound body must ever be kept in mind, especially in these days of physical degeneracy. The fourth commandment enjoins six days of labour. The normal results of obeying this command are thrift and prosperity, as well as healthy, sound bodies. Wholesome work is a wonderful tonic to the body and a prime factor in a person's well being.

Man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth

of God. The ancient Greeks reached a high degree of intellectual and physical development, but neglected the spiritual. This has ever been the tendency in our sin-cursed world. Jesus places the world on one side of the scale and the soul on the other and declares the soul as the more important. God's Kingdom must occupy the paramount place in life and if it does not then life is a failure. There is no substitute for Bible study, prayer and a life consecrated to God and His service. The true aim of education should be to properly balance the man's intellectual, physical, and spiritual powers. To this high objective the West Indian Training College is dedicated.

—M. J. SORENSON.

Harrison Memorial

"The school that thrains for service" Yes that is the role of the Harrison Memorial High School, to train for service—service for the youth of our time, who face the greatest danger ever to be faced by any youth in the history of the world. With juvenile delinquency at its pinnacle, and base morals which are even taught by many public institutions of learning, God's schools must train the youth for service against these dreaded evils.

For the past three years this school, under the able leadership of Elder Ivan Benson assisted by his able staff of consecrated young teachers, has been filling a most urgent need in Jamaica's northern metropolis.

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"Gratias" from Kingsway

It is said of Saint Felix that when something was given to him for his monastery he always replied, "Deo Gratias", not thanking the giver, but the God who prompted him to give. He said it so often that the boys on the street began to call him "Brother Deo Gratias", and he has passed into history under that nickname.

Reverently and sincerely we repeat his words. We are indeed grateful to God for the progress the school has made during the past and particularly for the first section of the new building which was completed in December of last year. The new unit, now seven months in use, gives in its beauty and utility tangible evidence of Divine blessing. Now that we are allowed space in the *Visitor* to do so, we desire also to express our gratitude to the Inter-American Division, the British West Indies Union, the East Jamaica Conference, and to all our friends who have so liberally contributed to our building fund. The Division has been very generous indeed. Having assisted us handsomely towards the initial cost, it also voted a substantial grant to cover the cost of equipment, and subsequently gave an additional subsidy for continuation of building operations. It is our hope that by the end of this year, another wing of the building will be completed.

Looking to the future with faith and courage, Kingsway is now on a flood tide of noble effort and deep dedication. For these and for great achievements yet to come, we humbly say "Deo Gratias".

—V. H. PERCY, *Headmaster,*
Kingsway High School.

Harrisons Memorial *Cont'd.*

Beginning with 23 students on January 12, 1953, in the back half of our church building in Montego Bay, this school has grown considerably with a present enrolment of over 80. The elementary department has approximately 105 pupils. Progress of the school is marked by the fact that its own new school building is nearing completion.

Results of the school certificate examinations have been very encouraging over the past two years, being 100% and 35% respectively for 1953 and 1954. At the present time summer school is in session and a fine class of students expect to sit for the Senior Cambridge examination this year.

Pastor Benson, who has been headmaster since its beginning, has been called to the pastorate of upper St. James. He will be succeeded by Brother Herman Mills, M.A. Professor Mills comes with a wealth of preparation and experience that will enable him to carry on the work so nobly done by Elder Benson.

And so we go on educating for service and for Christ at the Harrison Memorial High School.

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

Thoughts for the Teachers' Meditation

*We oft hear the plea for trying to keep
The lambs of the flock in the fold;
And well we may; but what of the sheep?
Shall they be left out in the cold?*

*'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told,—
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray,
From ninety and nine in the fold.*

*Out in the wilderness, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;
And back to the flock, safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.*

*And why for the sheep should we earnestly
long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger, if they go wrong,
They will lead the young lambs away.*

*The lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.*

*And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep may have to pay!*

—Selected.

I recognize three types of teaching: first, forced feeding, or "I know you hate it, but you've got to learn it;" second, spoon-feeding, or "Just remember what I told you;" third, invitation to learning, or "This is fine, let's share it." I believe that the most valuable and lasting results come from the third method. —Martin Staples Shockley.

A Solemn Appeal

So you are teachers! The evangelists building up or breaking down the church and the nation of tomorrow! To your great task and responsibilities there are no other alternatives. How are you facing up? Measuring up? *Answer God.*

A beautiful, and more often a tragic sight, is the actual view of a little child with a slate or book going *alone* down the country lane with confidence to school. What if she is misdirected and you behold her walking straight into a trap of a slow or quick death? Walking, figuratively speaking, into a den of lions or into the awesome pen of a roaring bull? God? What will be the consequences meted to that false, cruel and heartless guide? But what more to the teacher-evangelist who having become mercenary; having lost his "first love" is not at the vestibule waiting to meet the little tender and trusting one? And, if to fool the church and the public, he be there keeping vigil, seemingly on guard, but with no loving and tender message from Heaven, of heaven; of the new earth! What then? And how tragic!

These indeed are sobering thoughts that should never be forgotten; that should never depart from the dedicated hearts of Issacharian teachers who, "having an understanding of the times, know what" modern Israeli teachers ought to be and to be accomplishing, and by the grace of God are doing it for His little children.

Under God, and for God, and with you "before Jehovah's awful throne" I beg and I appeal: Be ever on double-guard; vigilant against besetting sins, and pointing out the high road to heaven and the low road to better and more thorough preparation for service; so that the will of Jesus may be done in and through you, namely,—“Suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto Me”; and further, like Jesus, may we find our greatest joy and pleasure in placing our hands on them in blessing and in loving them.

—A. R. HAIG

Prospects of full Accreditation for Oakwood College

By MYLAS W. MARTIN, JR., *Director of Public Relations, Oakwood College.*

“Oakwood College, founded in 1806 as a manual training school, and operated as an accredited junior college from 1916 to the present, will seek full four-year college accreditation by November, 1956,” reported Elder A. L. Ham, General Conference vice-president and Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, July 1st.

Oakwood is situated in a beautiful green valley five miles west of Huntsville, Alabama. It is owned by the General Conference.

Oakwood was given permission in 1944 to work toward senior college standing. The Junior College division of the school is already accredited by the State Department of Education of Alabama, the Seventh-day Adventist

Board of Regents, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The four-year accreditation expected in November, 1956, is also granted by the Southern Association. In addition to a college programme, the campus has a 100-student Academy, grades 9-12.

The only major institution in the denomination operated primarily for the church's coloured constituency, Oakwood has since its opening, nearly sixty years ago, trained thousands of leaders. Fully 92% of the coloured workers in the North American regional conferences are Oakwood graduates or former students. Among its alumni are evangelist E. E. Cleveland, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, all seven presidents of the North American local regional conferences, missionaries to Africa Dunbar Henri and Philip Giddings and hundreds of others. Members of its faculty include such outstanding people as Harvard graduate Dr. Eva B. Dykes, former Howard University Associate Professor of English and one of the first five Negro women in the United States to be granted a Ph.D. degree. Associate Secretary of the General Conference F. L. Peterson is a former president of the College (1944-1954). Elder Calvin E. Moseley, Jr., Associate Secretary of the General Conference Regional Department, formerly chairmaned its religion departments for 16 years. Present head of the school is President Garland J. Millet.

“We are extremely gratified that Oakwood is at last to become a full four-year institution,” said Academic Dean O. B. Edwards, of the Oakwood faculty. “Steps in that direction—the result of years of hard work and careful planning—are rapidly nearing completion. We are sure that further accreditation can only result in increased service to the message and to the denomination's young people.”

Evidence of the progress of Oakwood in the coming school year, 1955-'56, is seen in the fact that 5 new Ph.D. degrees will be added to its faculty (in this year alone); 6 other instructors are either now beginning or currently working on doctorates; and in the expansion of the school's physical plant, which will see the erection of at least three major structures this fall. The new, modern \$280,000 “E”-shaped men's dormitory is now virtually completed. Oakwood has a total staff of 47, and a teaching faculty of approximately 32. Fully 28 of its teachers hold at least the M.A. or the M.S. degree.

Total enrolment at the college last year was 300. Early application blank returns indicate an increase of 100 students for next year.

Are all the Children in?

The Bible predicts that the Sabbath will become the centre of a world controversy among Christian peoples in our time, and that great persecution will come to those who stand firm for God's law. The blood of many has recently been shed in our Division,

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Recently I had the privilege of visiting in Long and Crooked Islands. It was a real joy to meet with our brethren whom I had not seen for years. Their courage is still good and their hope bright, even though they have been without ministerial help for months at a time. At Landrail Point, Crooked Island, the brethren have undertaken a re-modelling programme of their church and this work is now well on the way. In this particular community it seems that our Adventist brethren hold all the responsible government positions, or nearly so. The meetings held during my stay were well attended and it was obvious that the believers have exerted a good influence in that part of Crooked Island. We are sure that our membership will continue to grow at Landrail Point, as others are attracted by God's last message of mercy.

In the Shirley Street Church, here on the island of New Providence, there has been a Society of Missionary Men organized, who meet on the first Saturday night of each month for fellowship, instruction, and counsel. Out of this group of fourteen members we now have several good lay-preacher efforts in progress, and each week scores of people are hearing the message presented by means of Tape Recording and synchronized colour slides. Following the tapes and the pictures the speaker recapitulates and then calls for decisions and receives additional names for the Faith for Today Correspondence Course. We are sure that these efforts, even though in some cases are small, will also be fruitful.

It will be of interest to our people to learn that here in the Bahamas Seventh-day Adventists are now conducting well over two hundred radio broadcasts annually. While this means a tremendous amount of work in preparing the programmes and in putting them on the air, yet we feel the time and effort required are more than justified as we realize there is no other means by which we are able to reach so many people, keeping before them our special "Message for the Hour", our "Health Message," and then in providing programmes of less importance such as our "Twilight Reflections" and other broadcasts. The listener response to all of this radio work is gratifying and we are glad to report, as a result of these broadcasts, that many have become interested in the truth and today are baptized Seventh-day Adventists. Continually enquiries are coming in for more information on various subjects. We feel that the goodwill we are gaining through the radio ministry will result in an ever increasing amount of favour and Adventist consciousness on the part of the general public.

We have just received word that the plans for the new office building for the Bahamas Mission have been approved by the Public Board of Works and we expect to actually start construction within a few days. It will mean a great blessing to the mission when this permanent office home becomes a reality after having rented and lived in various temporary quarters for almost half a century. The

building site has been cleared and a tool and supply building erected on the grounds and it is now just a matter of time until materials will be arriving and the construction will be under way.

This week brings to a close another successful year in all of the Mission's schools. The Bahamas Junior Academy, under the leadership of Brother W. W. Liske; the Kemps Bay school, in Andros under the leadership of C. J. Barnes, and the Pleasant Bay school, under the leadership of Brother U. B. Toote, all report successful years and good enrolments.

Brother H. N. Moore, who is our district pastor on Cat Island, recently visited the office and brought us encouraging news of a number of promising interests on that island. At the present time he is conducting a series of meetings at Old Bight. Brother Moore's arrival on this island has brought renewed courage to our believers in the six churches over there, who have been so long without a district leader.

Miss Violet Shakes has been absent from the office for two months visiting her mother who was seriously ill in New York City. We are sorry to learn, however, that Miss Shakes herself has found it necessary to undergo a series of treatments there in New York City. We are hoping that she will soon be well again. During her absence our one office secretary, Miss Olga Rookwood, has been doing double duty.

The workers, though few in number and widely scattered throughout these farflung islands, are of good courage and all are desirous of having a place in the prayers of our brethren throughout the field. It is our determination to be faithful and carry on to the best of our ability the work given us to do.

—H. D. COLBURN *President,*
Bahamas Mission.

East Jamaica

We have just returned from two more conventions held in the East Jamaica Conference. On Sunday, July 3rd, the church leaders and delegates from St. Thomas met at Morant Bay church for an inspiring convention. The heart of everyone was cheered as we listened to the thrilling reports of our lay preachers. In every town and hamlet of St. Thomas the third angel's message is being preached by our consecrated laymen, who are doing everything in their power to hasten the day when Jesus will come. We would that it were possible to take the space to mention every lay preacher and his activity, but since this is impossible we will mention just one or two.

We remember Brother Smalling's report concerning the Port Morant effort at Arcadia. When he began his effort in Arcadia, backed by the Port Morant believers, he was harassed by the other religious denominations beating their drums to drown out the efforts of the Seventh-day Adventists. Not being able to

carry on as a result of all the disturbances, Brother Smalling reported that the church visited every home in the district in a great house to house campaign. As a result a branch Sabbath school was organized, and to date two have been baptized. This is the type of work that the Lord has shown us through His messenger will characterize the last movement on the earth. God bless you, Brother Smalling and the church in Port Morant.

Brother Collins, from the Morant Bay church, reported a branch Sabbath school organized at Needham Pen with approximately 26 in attendance. There he has started a baptismal class with 10 interested souls attending regularly, two of which have already been baptized. Again we say, God bless you, Brother Collins. This is good work.

One of the highlights of this convention was the 26 precious souls who were buried with their Lord in baptism. An altar call was made after the baptism and some 17 or 18 souls indicated their desire to follow their Lord through the watery grave.

On Sunday, July 10th, lay preachers and delegates from West St. Mary district met in Port Maria. The large Lyric theatre was rented for this occasion. It was gratifying to the officers of the Conference to see the theatre crowded. After the devotional by Pastor V. T. Boyce and a stirring sermon by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, a baptism was held in which 21 precious souls received this important rite of the church. Pastor Boyce officiated in the sea which adjoins the property of the Lyric theatre. An altar call was made and 27 new candidates came to the altar, signifying their intention to be baptized with their Lord.

Again one of the highlights was the report of the lay preachers. Our hearts thrilled as we listened to the reports of Brother Sterling, of Hunt's Town, Brother Clarke, of Stewart Mountain, and many others. Many branch Sabbath schools are being started as a result of house to house work, and lay efforts also. As a result of one open-air effort conducted in Geddes Town by Brother Mornan, a bamboo booth has been erected with zinc roof to house the 24 souls who are meeting in this branch Sabbath School. Good work, Brother Mornan; God bless you.

The Gayle church has been mother to many of the churches in the St. Mary district. A strong door to door work is now in full progress in that church. One of the branch Sabbath schools that has been raised up in Pembroke Hall has 37 members in attendance regularly. As a matter of fact 4 new churches are budding in this district, under the leadership of Pastor C. F. Edwards: they are Pembroke Hall, Geddes Town, Hartland and Hazard. Surely the lay preachers in the East Jamaica Conference are on the march. The hearts of the officers of the conference are encouraged when they see the lay brethren who comprise our church membership uniting their efforts with their officers and ministers. This is the union that will finish the work of God. Our conference unity grows stronger and stronger every day. May God's continued blessing be upon us as we press on for the finishing of the work.

News Notes

We have just received word from Brother L. S. Binns, who has accepted the call of the East Jamaica Conference to unite with our staff as MV and Educational Secretary, that he will arrive in the island the first week of August.

Already we have indications that a full camp will be assured on the opening date, July 18. We surely appreciate the good work being done by Brother Herbert Fletcher who has been appointed Camp Director.

The Regent Street interest continues to mount. Elder Nembhard has suffered two casualties in his workers so far, Sister Richardson having broken her wrist and now brother Newman being laid low by his accident. (Brother Newman's accident is reported in the Andrews Memorial Hospital news). New interest and new names keep Sister Gray, our Bible instructor, busy as well as Elder Nembhard. The Lord is blessing mightily. We solicit your prayers that many precious souls will take their stand for the third angel's message.

By the time this goes to press the new Spanish Town church will have had its roof put on. The prospects of a beautiful church can be seen already. Large plans have been formulated for the continuance of the building programme there. The stone laying service will be on August 7th, at which time we expect to have many of the dignitaries of the area in attendance to stimulate the work in Spanish Town.

The new Port Maria church is nearing completion. Soon we will have a report informing the readers of the *Visitor* of the date of dedication.

Elder W. U. Campbell and the writer will be leaving the island of Jamaica for the Turks and Caicos Islands to make a survey of the work there August 19. We hope to bring back a full report concerning the status of the work in both groups which are under the direction of Brother Leroy Carter and Brother Henriques.

Colporteurs

As administrators it is thrilling to read of the wonderful work being accomplished by our colporteurs. They are pressing the work to the enemy's gate. Our colporteurs are of good courage and a good report will soon be forth coming. A number of student colporteurs have either delivered sufficient for a scholarship or are nearing their scholarship. Many from West Indian Training College as well as Kingsway High School will be benefited by the unusual work being accomplished through book sales.

—E. H. SCHNEIDER, *President,*
East Jamaica Conference.

News Flashes—West Jamaica

WORKERS' MEETING July 11, shall long be remembered by the workers of West Jamaica. At the appointed hour all present were seen wending their way to the tabernacle where the meeting was held. The agenda

for the day was a full one and there were many discussions on different phases of the work that affect the workers in general.

The warmth of friendship that exists among the workers was fully displayed in the association of each one with another, and after a day well spent all dispersed for home with the assurance that God's presence was truly manifested in a tangible way among us.

BAPTISMS. Reports from the field reveal that a rich harvest of souls is being gleaned from every district in West Jamaica. The earnest labours of the ministers, Bible workers and laity seem to culminate into very large baptisms this quarter. These workers ought to be commended, under God, for this evangelistic awakening around the entire field. Plans are being made to have at least five more major efforts at certain strategic sections of the field. As the field is ripe, let us pray that the Lord of harvest will send more labourers into His vinyard to glean many more souls ere the set of sun.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION. Heavy plans are being made for the coming laymen's convention which will be held in the tabernacle at the Conference Office, Hazelrigg, Mandeville. It is hoped that as a result of this institute our ministers, and laymen will get a greater inspiration for the unfinished task in this crisis hour of earth's history. Elder H. J. Westphal of the Inter-American Division and Pastor C. S. Greene, Home Missionary Secretary of the British West Indies Union and others from the Union will be in attendance.

ELDER R. A. DOUGLAS & FAMILY LEAVE. It was with mingled feelings that the workers of West Jamaica bade good-bye to Elder R. A. Douglas and family. They left for New York where Elder Douglas plans to further his studies. We wish them God's speed.

DISTRICT ARRANGEMENT. Since the departure of Elder Douglas for the U.S.A., Elder Harold Fletcher has been appointed to give pastoral attention to the St. Ann District. Elder Edwin Hyatt will take charge of the Hanover District, Brother Zadoc Reid, recently from the West Indian Training College, has been called to serve in the Upper St. James District left vacant by Elder Hyatt.
—B. V. BENT.

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(Inter-America) and the greater heart-rending tragedy of the moment is, that thousands of our youth are leaving the truth because their experiences and faith have been weakened through the threat of persecution and fear because of pagan influences shed over them while attending non-Seventh-day Adventist schools, hospitals, and other worldly institutions of learning.

We parents will have to give an account in the judgment if we do not sacrifice almost unto death to provide in our communities true-blue Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools and high schools. Well has the preacher sung: "You better mind!" Yes,

fellow-parents and guardians, it is a question of saving our boys and girls through the sobering, moulding and keeping influences obtained through Christian education; or if we neglect so great and important a saving work, to be condemned by God's justice and be lost with the vicious and blind multitudes. What should our experiences be in this life and death struggle? What shall it be, is the solemn question.

The Lord of our precious youth and children calls to us through the prophet Jeremiah. Listen: "Lift up your eyes and behold the flock that was given thee. What wilt thou say when He shall punish thee? Where is thy flock, thy beautiful flock?" Jer. 13:20, 21.

Before the tragic downfall of the greatest nation then upon the earth, and the apostasy of the true church, the Lord sent the prophet to warn the nation and church that unless they repented from the blasphemous sins of Sabbath-breaking and parental negligence, they would be destroyed and disgraced. (Jeremiah 17) Had those two sins been cleaned out of their lives, today Israel would still be the light of the world and law, order, brotherhood and justice would fill all lands. There would not be left one heathen or one uncivilized person. "Now we know!" What a solemn object lesson to modern Israel!

Many of our churches who started out to blaze a trail for God are now sickly, weak, and dying, because their young people have drifted away. Had the parents kept their first love, by the Word of His patience thousands of our Advent children who are now lost in the world would be mighty pillars in the church of God.

Let Us Face About

Like Moses, let us face about and risk ALL—life itself, to save our children. Faced with God's wrath and decision to wipe out with one blow His chosen people, Moses typified the Christ and set us a worthy example of filial courage and sacrifice. Note what he said as he stood between the living God and a spiritually dead people numbering one and a half millions: "Lord, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—and if not, blot me I pray thee out of thy book." (Ex. 32:32) In this act of dedication before the altar of death for children, whom did Moses typify? Read a paraphrase of John 3:16: "God God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that" all the children and youth who believe "on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Yes, Moses was a type of both the leadership, the love, and the sacrifice of our Lord, so that heaven may be full of "little children." (Matt. 9:13-15.)

Pray, Co-operate and Act

Our West Jamaica Conference leaders are going all out in their endeavours to pattern Moses and the Lord Jesus Christ. The British West Indies Union is proud of their splendid effort to build and to open clean, Christian schools. Brethren, hold up their hands. Let it never be said, a mother's tender care has ceased towards the children she bears. Give them the farthing in every shilling earned—if it means the eating of rice and yam without the "salt-thing" many a day. God will add from the invisible manna of heaven a better

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"Let the children and youth learn from the Bible how God has honoured the work of the every-day toiler. Let them read of the 'sons of the prophets', students at school, who were building a house for themselves, and for whom a miracle was wrought to save from loss the axe that was borrowed. Let them read of Jesus the carpenter, and Paul the tent-maker, who with the toil of the craftsman linked the highest ministry, human and divine. . . .

"Instruction should be given in agriculture, manufactures, — covering as many as possible of the most useful trades,—also in household economy, healthful cookery, hygienic dress-making, the treatment of the sick, and kindred lines. Gardens, workshops, and treatment-rooms should be provided and the work in every line should be under the direction of skilled instructors.

"The work should have a definite aim, and should be thorough. While every person needs some knowledge of different handicrafts, it is indispensable that he become proficient in at least one. Every youth, on leaving school, should have acquired a knowledge of some trade or occupation by which, if need be, he may earn a livelihood." —*Education*, pp. 217, 218.

Students are not to be just told to go and work, but rather:

"Let teachers share the work with the students, and show what results can be achieved through skillful, intelligent effort." —*Ibid.*, 219.

That our young people may better understand the dignity of labour and enter into it, our teachers in our schools work with the students. Different teachers should be appointed to the various departments of the institution, and a definite time in their daily programme should be allotted to physical labour. Where this programme is carried out, we find the greatest blessings are received by both teachers and students.

Our system of education—the education of the heart, the head, and the hand—is a system that is planned and ordained of God to best prepare our young people for life here and life hereafter.

Another question that often comes to our people is this: What shall our young people do? That is, in what line of work should they prepare themselves? Of course, this must be an individual matter, but one in which God is allowed to come into our hearts and lives to direct us in our thinking. As parents, teachers, and leaders in our work, we must guide our youth and help them in the selection of their future life work. Our schools are established primarily to save our youth and to guide them in service, and many of our young people, perhaps the large majority, should find their way into the preaching of the gospel and the teaching of young people. These are two fields where the most capable of our young people should be finding the challenge for their life's work. We must bring to our youth a vision of such power that they will cry out, "Here am I, O Lord, send me," and will dedicate their lives to the finishing of the work of God and the ministry of saving souls.

If our home influences have been all they should be, and if our schools have done their work aright, they will have imparted to the young people a Christ-centered mind, and then we need not be afraid of the impact the world will make on them, but rather we shall send them forth prepared and consecrated so that they will make an impact on the world around them just as the disciples did in their day. They knew but one thing, but their entire dedication to the task of telling others of the return of their Lord lifted them up above all others so that when they spoke, their words carried conviction, and they caused men everywhere to cry out, "What must I do to be saved?" This is the kind of young men and women we must train and send forth from our schools. Such men will have a vision of the unfinished task and will respond to it and finish the work of God.

News Notes From Andrews Memorial

On the evening of June 30th Misses Whitney and Brodie were joint-hostesses to members of the nursing and secretarial staff of the Hospital, when they celebrated "open house" at their new duplex.

Mrs. Lucille Brodie has been visiting with her daughter Marion, while her husband and son, Wesley, also spent a Sabbath here.

On July 4 Pastor Cyril Newman and family, including his sister, Nellie, and Mrs. Newman's mother, Mrs. Evelyn Somers with her daughter, Pauline, were involved in a motor car accident a short distance from Discovery Bay. Brother Newman, Sister Somers and Nellie were hospitalized at St. Ann's Bay for a day or two until they could be trans-

ferred to Andrews. Brother Newman sustained a fractured shoulder and a wrist; Sister Somers received lacerations about the face and head, while Nellie had concussions and a broken nose. Many prayers were offered in their behalf and we are glad to report that they are all now out of danger.

—MRS. M. E. HOEHN

Are all the Children In?

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"salt-thing" and make you robust and fat because you denied yourself that your children should be saved. Face the question: Are all the children in? and answer God by sacrifice.

—A. R. HAIG

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Consider Prayerfully

Our leaders desire that we prayerfully study the following recommendation and act by faith to save our children:

Individual Church School Contract

Whereas the Lord desires that the first burden for giving their children a Christian education must rest with the parents, and

Whereas placing our signatures to a contract is a constant reminder of a vow to be kept even by sacrifice,

We Recommend, That the following contract be presented to every member who wishes a church school opened in his church to which he be invited to affix his signature:

Contract

Realizing that it is contrary to the instructions of the Lord to expose our children to the moral dangers and un-fundamental teachings of nominal schools, and

Desiring to do all in our power to keep the youth in the truth to the end,

I humbly promise to fulfill my financial obligations to the Conference and Mission in order that a church school be established among us.

Name _____

Address _____

Name of Church _____

Address of Church _____