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"Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks." *Gospel Workers*, p. 384. "On the subject of temperance they (Adventists) should be in the advance of all other people." *Medical Ministry*, p. 273. In view of the above statements and in light of the over-whelming misery that intemperance brings upon the people of this world, certainly we as Seventh-day Adventists of the Inter-American Division must do our full part in promoting the cause of temperance. On Sabbath, October 29, in our churches throughout the world field an offering will be taken to further the work of enlightening the people of the world as to the dangers of intemperance.

Most of the money received in this offering is used for temperance work right in your own locality and within the confines of your mission or conference. A small percentage goes to the union for its temperance work and a small amount goes on to the General Conference for the support of our world-wide temperance activities.

Now is the time to take the Temperance Pledge ourselves, to read and distribute "Listen" "Think" and "Alerta". If every church member in the Inter-American Division would give the equivalent of twenty-five cents United States currency for this worthy cause once a year we would have a large amount of money with which to conduct our temperance educational work. As you think about this special offering Sabbath, October 29, remember also the following advice from the pen of inspiration. "I feel distressed as I look upon our people and know that they are holding very loosely the temperance question. . . We should be at the head in the temperance reform." *Review and Herald*, October 21, 1884. "Every true reform has its place in the work of the third angel's message. Especially does the temperance reform demand our attention and support." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 110. "Shall there not be among us as a people a revival of the temperance work? Why are not we putting forth much more decided effort to close the liquor traffic, which is ruining the souls of men, and is causing violence and crime of every description? With the great light that

God has entrusted to us we should be in the forefront of every true reform." *Counsels on Health*, p. 432. "From the light God has given me every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association." *Review and Herald*, October 21, 1884.

—LEONARD F. BOHNER, *Treasurer*,
Inter-American Division.

"By This Shall All Men Know . . ."

Do you want to be known as a follower of Jesus? He tells us that if we confess (acknowledge) Him here, He will confess (claim) us before His Father which is in heaven. "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10:33.

What a privilege it is to be known as a disciple and a follower of Jesus! This fellowship gives meaning to life. Without it we are merely drifters with "a certain fearful looking for of judgement and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Hebrews 10:27. With it we look "for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. What a difference it makes! Fearful or joyful, which shall it be?

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if . . ." What a lot of difference the little word "if" makes sometimes. We find it in this text. "If" what? "If ye have love one to another." John 13:35. That sounds so simple, but how is it, friend, with thee? Do YOU have love in your heart for the brethren, ALL of them? If by having love in our hearts for one another we demonstrate that we are disciples, or followers, of Jesus, I wonder if we do not also prove that we are not following Him if that love is not found there. When our hearts overflow with love we shall not be able to hide it. And this fact alone will be a clear demonstration to the world that

we are in harmony with heaven. Shall we not strive for this experience?

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know. . ." John 13:34,35.

—R. S. BLACKBURN



MISS VERDA FOSTER

Miss Verda Foster of Potsdam, St. Elizabeth, received her cap with 23 other members of her class on Sunday evening, July 10, at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing in Melrose, Massachusetts, United States. Miss Foster is a former student of West Indian Training College.

Mrs. Elva R. Heald, R.N., is the Director of this School of Nursing.

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

—Lloyd Jones.

Bahamas News

On Friday morning, July 29th, in company with Brethren Lloyd Binns, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Bahamas Mission, and W. W. Nairn, Field Secretary of the Mission, I pulled up our anchor and started the long journey to South Andros in our own boat. Little did we realize, as the shores of New Providence faded out of view at our stern, the experiences which would be ours before we would sight the same land again!

Our little craft, with only a twenty-one foot keel, was heavily loaded with gasoline and other supplies. The seas were heavy and it was with real difficulty that we held to our course of two hundred ten degrees. It was with still greater difficulty that we kept the sea water out of the boat and away from the supplies because we were drenched within minutes after getting under way, due to the water which kept pouring over our bow as the waves smashed against us. After thirteen hours, during which we steered for the most part solely by compass, we arrived at Kemps Bay, Andros.

Land never seemed so welcome! We had thrown two bow anchors over to keep the boat headed into the wind, and had gotten out into the dinghy boat which had put out in the darkness to meet us. These friends took us to the home of Brother and Sister C. J. Barnes, district pastor down in South Andros, becoming greatly refreshed.

It was our privilege to organize our Smith Hill church in the settlement adjoining the Kemps Bay area, with a membership of sixteen. As the sun was setting four dear souls were led into the waters of baptism, who had been voted into the new church previously organized.

Our next meeting was with the Deep Creek church, some four miles south of Kemps Bay. As our boat pulled up to the shore, we could hear the singing of our believers in the church. We found it packed with a happy congregation which had been waiting for our arrival for more than two hours. Following a meeting with these brethren we were privileged to baptize twelve new converts which had taken their stand for the truth through the labours of Brother C. J. Barnes and many of the laity.

Getting back into our boat, which was now loaded with fellow-believers and also taking a dinghy in tow, also loaded with others, we continued our journey on to Black Point, where we were privileged to conduct a wedding of a fine young Bahamian couple, Roland Forbes and Elizabeth Rahming being the principals who exchanged their vows of fidelity. We wish these young people God's blessings in abundance as they establish their new home.

Returning to Kemps Bay we held our last service on Sunday night in our church there and Brother W. W. Nairn delivered the sermon to a most attentive and responsive capacity audience.

On our return trip we discovered that our fuel supply was low, and put in to the settlement in Northern Andros, Fresh Creek, where

we were able to purchase more gasoline. Leaving the lagoon our boat struck a sharp submerged object and later on we discovered she was taking in water faster than our bilge pump could pump it out. Finding a sailing vessel which was going to Nassau some forty miles away, we arranged with the captain to take us in tow for fear we could not keep up during the night. Eight hours later found us less than two miles from our starting point, due to a calm which had settled down upon us after two rain squalls during the night. It was late in the following after-noon that we put ashore on the western end of New Providence and secured a taxi to bring us into Nassau, ten miles from our point of disembarkation. The sloop, with our boat still in tow, arrived in Nassau the following day.

Although blistered and worn from the ordeals through which we had passed, we were nevertheless happy for the many evidences of God's prospering hand in advancing the work in South Andros, as well as His protecting hand over us.

The month of July witnessed two fine institutes held here in Nassau. First, a Layman's Convention was conducted in the Shirley Street church, under the direction of our local Home Missionary Secretary assisted by Elder H. J. Westphal, of the Inter-American Division, and Elder C. S. Greene of the British West Indies Union, also Elder Stanley Will, carrying the same departments in the Southern Union. These four brethren teamed up and presented a varied programme which proved to be a great blessing to all who were privileged to be present. The only regret was that all of our laymen could not have been present to receive this invaluable help.

On the heels of the Laymen's Convention came our Colporteur Institute, which is reported elsewhere by Brother C. H. Hepburn, our local Publishing Department Secretary.

We are grateful for all the splendid help these visiting brethren gave us during their short stay in this field.

The Bahamas Mission office staff has welcomed to its personnel list, Miss Elizabeth Antonio, who responded to the call of our mission committee to work in the Book and Bible House and serve as receptionist for the mission. We wish her many years of happy association with the "Mission Family".

Brother and Sister W. W. Liske and their little daughter, Coralie, returned to Nassau August 6, from a three-week vacation which took them to Washington, New York and Boston. Brother Liske is the principal of the Bahamas Junior Academy, secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments and pastor of our Shirley Street church. His first programme is to prepare for and carry out the plans for 1955's youth camp Bamivoca, which is to be held out on Whale Cay.

Miss Ena Nooks is spending her summer vacation at North Palmetto Point doing Bible work in connection with the Binns-Griffiths evangelistic crusade. She has requested per-

mission to forego her personal vacation in order that she might work for the youth in that area. Miss Gwendolyn Parchment is spending the summer months in the office. Both these young ladies are teachers in our Bahamas Junior Academy.

Brother Hughter Roach, who has been teaching for several years in our Academy, will be leaving soon in search of a degree in the field of Education. He has been granted four years leave of absence. We wish him every success as he pursues his studies abroad.

We are happy to be able to report twenty-three baptisms in the Bahamas Mission for the month of July.

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

Bahamas Colporteur Institute

On Wednesday, July 20, 1955, despite the inclemency of the weather twenty colporteurs were present at the Shirley Street church for the opening session of our Colporteur Institute.

We were privileged to have with us Pastor B. E. Hurst, Publishing Department Secretary of the British West Indies Union, Elder H. D. Colburn, President of the Bahamas Mission, Brother L. S. Binns, Home Missionary Secretary of the Bahamas Mission and Brother W. W. Nairn.

Our enthusiasm ran high as Elder J. C. Culpepper, Publishing Department Secretary of the Inter-American Division, joined us at the afternoon session.

The aim of our institute was "Every Colporteur Spirit-filled," the motto, "Service Above Self," and the pledge, "A Book In Every Home In Nassau by December 31, 1955."

Those four days spent in the Institute shall long be remembered. During those days we received great inspiration, zeal and courage to do more for the Master and press the battle to the very gate of the enemy.

Brethren C. G. Tennent, Secretary-Treasurer of the Bahamas Mission, L. Scott and Noel Thorpe of West Indian Training College, gave valuable help in the preparation of a symposium. Sabbath afternoon, July 23, we had our symposium at the Grant's Town Church, which was very inspiring and enjoyable to all present.

We closed the Institute with the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house on Sunday morning, the 24th, at four o'clock. We were very near heaven as Elder Culpepper gave us a timely and inspiring early morning admonition. After our parting ceremony, we closed a feast of spiritual things, confident that God is with us and that our aim, "Every Colporteur Spirit-filled" had been accomplished.

Thanks to the brethren who have put forth every effort to come to Nassau to inspire us. Already the group is on the firing

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The eight-week evangelistic campaign on Cayman Brac was closed on July 23. Meetings were conducted in two localities—three nights a week at little "Creek" Church, and three nights at the Spot Bay school house on the eastern end of the island. For a number of years there has not been a regular worker stationed on this little island, and our work has gone backward through the years to the place that on my first visit there last March I found only five regular members. We have been fortunate to have the services of Brother A. L. Lyle there as a colporteur-pastor for the past year. His influence has done much to revive renewed interest in the message. Two members were added to the little church by baptism on March 27.

In spite of strong opposition and false propaganda, the attendance throughout the campaign was constant and quite encouraging. It took several weeks for the hammer of truth to make an impression on hearts. The working of the Holy Spirit was especially evident during the last week. Seven decisions were made for the truth. On Sabbath morning, July 23, three followed their Lord in baptism. We trust that the other four, along with other good interests now in the Bible class, will soon be fully prepared for church membership. Please pray for the work on this little island.

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Though we were sorry that Elder Westphal was recalled to Miami and unable to visit our island, we were very happy for the safe arrival of Elder Greene on Friday evening, August 5. We were also glad for the arrival of Elder Hurst returning from Miami, who was indeed a minuteman to supplement the weekend laymen's convention. He is spending a week assisting Brother Lyle on the Brac.

For two months the plane service to the Brac had been disrupted, but the new plane arrived just on time to make her maiden flight and carry Elder Hurst over. He would otherwise have had to cancel the trip.

The convention, though short, was packed with valuable instruction and inspiration for all. The good attendance of our believers from across the island at all the meetings was especially encouraging to the leaders.

The evangelistic meeting on Sunday night, climaxing the convention, will long be remembered. Elder Greene spoke with power to a packed church and others listening outside the screened windows in spite of the mosquitos! The candle lighting ceremony made a profound impression upon all and called for a response from all present to be light-bearers for Jesus.

As the proposed plans are laid and put into action, it is our hope and prayer that the remaining months of 1955 will be the most fruitful in home missionary and evangelistic endeavours.

WALTER O. COMM, *President,*
Cayman Islands Mission.

The workers of the East Jamaica Conference have just concluded a very successful three-day workers' meeting at the Kencot church. Great blessings came to our workers in the devotional hours through the mediums that God chose in the persons of Elders G. A. E. Smith and R. S. Blackburn from the British West Indies Union, and Elder H. E. Nembhard of the Kencot church. Our hearts were greatly encouraged as we listened to the good reports of our Departmental men. Plans were laid for greater evangelism for the balance of the year. And, our round table discussion gave us free expression of our pastoral problems, which brought great benefit to our workers. The workers of the East Jamaica Conference are of good courage and are pressing the battle to the gates for the remaining months of this year.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS

Elder H. E. Nembhard is continuing with his strong effort at the Regent Street church, preaching to a full house and having more names of interested individuals than it is possible for him and his workers to care for. Elder E. C. Walton's revival in the Old Harbour church has developed into a real effort with close to 100 non-Adventists asking for Bible study in their homes. The Lord has richly blessed Elder Walton, who is asking for the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor*, in his behalf. Brother C. J. Thomas is preaching to a full church in his revival at Yallahs. Brother A. W. Campbell is holding a revival in the Enfield church which promises good results. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to Elder Laing's effort which he is starting Sunday, August 14, in an improvised tabernacle in the Johnson Town area. He expects a good attendance as there is already a strong interest in this locality.

CHURCH BUILDING

The Port Maria church, under the guidance of Elder C. F. Edwards, is nearing completion, and its dedication date has been set for September 18. There are three other large churches that we hope to complete by the end of the year: Woodford, Bath and Burnside Valley.

COLPORTEURS

It was reported at our workers' meeting that more than £2,500 have been delivered by the student colporteurs this summer, and the end is not yet. We are pressing on for a £3,000 delivery.

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome back into the field, Brother Kenneth Samuels, who had been sojourning in the United States and has gotten himself a wife. We understand Brother Samuels and Brother Nembhard are now brothers-in-law.

It was our happy privilege to welcome Brother L. S. Binns, who not only is returning to his native land, but has come to greet

for the first time a sweet little boy born to the Binns' family. We rejoice that Brother Binns is with us and congratulate him for having a son, Michael, to carry on the family name.

FAREWELL

A farewell for Elder O. E. Gordon is to be held Monday night, August 15, before his departure to the United States for study. We wish Brother Gordon and his family God's speed as they endeavour to complete their education.

The Conference Committee is asking Elder B.A. Woodburn to take up the duties of the Portland district with Brother Gordon is leaving. Elder Woodburn's work in turn will be taken by Brother Fred White, and Brother C. Newman will move into Brother White's territory in western Portland.

PORTLAND YOUTH'S CONGRESS

The Port Antonio S.D.A. Church was filled to capacity on Friday evening, August 12. After a lively song service, there was the sounding of the trumpet, the lights went out and the choir sang: "There's another task to do . . . Volunteers!" During the singing of this song the ministers, local MV leaders, and church leaders came marching in with the MV Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference holding high the symbolic torch of the Missionary Volunteer Department. Marching up to the rostrum with them were Pastor C. S. Greene, of the British West Indies Union, Pastors O. E. Gordon, F. E. White and L. H. Fletcher. After the sounding of the trumpet, the singing of the MV song, and the repeating of the MV pledge, the Congress was declared open.

The theme of the Congress was "Homeward." Pastor F. E. White, in his sermon stated that this is the hour when Missionary Volunteers of East Portland, of East Jamaica, of the world over, as well as older members must fix their gaze toward home. For that purpose they had come together to join hands to the task of first consecrating their lives, then in going forth to work for others in a great "Share Your Faith" movement. "Heaven," he said, "is our goal, and we want our young people to go along with us."

The devotional period, 8:45-9:30, conducted by Pastor Herbert Fletcher, was the beginning of outstanding Sabbath services. The church was full to overflowing. Twelve churches from Portland district were represented. Elder Greene delivered the message at the mid-day hour, exhorting the young people to move forward as a well disciplined army in obedience to the commands of their Captain, Jesus Christ. In the devotional hour Sunday morning he reminded them that this army was expected to dispel the darkness of sin, superstition, and error that covers the earth in the latter days as foretold by the prophet in Isaiah 60:2,3.

A strong "Share Your Faith" demonstration preceded the MV hour. The young people, organized into groups, visited the homes all over the town, telling of the message and inviting the people to the meetings. Just before the beautifully illustrated talk by the Conference MV Secretary, Brother Binns, ex-

horting the Missionary Volunteers to cast off the coat of sin and put on Jesus and His righteousness, the group leaders gave a report of their visits. It was soul-stirring to learn of the many souls on the brink of the kingdom, just waiting to be gathered in. Now is the time to gather in these precious sheaves.

This three-day Congress closed with a beautiful Sunday night service. After an inspirational sermon, an altar call was made and approximately 50 young people who had never been baptized took their stand. As they came to the altar indicating their desire to be baptized, the choir thrilled the hearts of the congregation with appealing hymns. To conclude this wonderful session, a beautiful candle-light service was conducted. Approximately 600 youth stood with their lighted candles raised high, indicating a determination to let their light shine to all with whom they come in contact, and help finish the work of God in the Portland district.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On the top of Long Road mountain another structure has begun, which we hope will soon be used to the glory of God in that community. The foundation is already poured. A Harvest Festival service was held there on Sunday evening, August 14, to aid this building programme. The new structure will be going up over the fast deteriorating little booth in which the brethren now worship. In the little programme given special mention must be made of the exceptionally splendid choral renditions, despite the lack of a musical instrument. Brother Davis, the church leader, and Brother I. T. Miller, the choir leader, are doing a good work on all lines in Long Road. Pastor Fletcher was chairman of the programme, and Pastor Binns preached the Harvest sermon.

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

Attention!

The Ocho Rios Church desires to know the whereabouts of Miss Blanch Corrodus, Mr. Larkland Campbell, and Mrs. Mabel Campbell.

Kindly send your information to Mrs. Myrtle Whyte, Parry Town, Ocho Rios.

BAHAMAS COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

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line, and with Jesus, the Master Pilot, we must prevail. The first week's report is encouraging. We solicit your prayers that the bookmen and women of the Bahamas Mission will cling to the colporteur work and exchange it some day for a crown.

—C. H. HEPBURN.

Lay Preachers' Convention in West Jamaica

On July 19, 1955, Elder H. J. Westphal, Home Missionary Secretary of the Inter-American Division, arrived in the island with Elder S. S. Will, of the Southern Union Conference, to conduct the lay preachers' institute at "Hazelrigg", Mandeville.

Sixty-five lay preachers attended this never-to-be-forgotten institute and we were greatly blessed by the instructions given by Elders Westphal and Will, as well as the other workers from the West Jamaica Conference.

The institute came to a close on Sunday night, July 24, and was highlighted by a candle light ceremony in which over four hundred took part demonstrating how quickly the gospel could go to the world if each person did his part.

Other institutes were held in Lucea, Vaughansfield, Sherwood Content, Claremont and May Pen.

Evangelistic Sparks From West Jamaica

(1) Elder Palmer, assisted by Brother Henry, started a successful invasion of George's Valley in January. The Lord blessed abundantly. On Sunday, August 14, a baptismal service was held where 33 were baptized and a church of over 40 members organized. Thanks be to God, and congratulations to Elder Palmer, Brother Henry and their faithful laymen who pioneered the field led by Brother E. R. A. Anderson. This is the largest single baptism since January.

(2) Elder Holness will have his second baptism at John's Hall toward the end of August. He expects, with heaven's blessing, to have a total number of 60 baptized as a result of his effort in that area. Early in September he

District	Goal	Souls Won	%	No. in Bap. Class.
J. Allen	51	25	49	23
H. Richards	143	57	40	60
Office	72	28	39	67
R. M. Mote	62	22	35	—
J. Bennett	111	35	32	41
R. Douglas	65	20	30	21
R. Henry	87	34	29	47
S. G. Lindo	127	35	28	83
E. Hyatt	130	29	22	50
O. Holness	208	45	22	191
K. Boyd	74	16	22	25
P. Clayton	57	12	21	26
C. S. Greene	202	40	20	83
J. Palmer	201	37	18	88
E. C. H. Reid	148	26	18	40
S. M. Reid	126	22	17	130
E. E. Parchment	125	17	14	55
K. Benson	40	5	12½	—
N. Nosworthy	89	11	12	52
H. Bennett	83	9	11	9
B. Henry	142	16	11	50
A. McLean	99	9	9	5
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moves into a new territory on the border of Trelawny. By early next year we are expecting as a result of this effort that a new church will be raised up at Adelphi. Elder Holness leads the Conference with the largest number in baptismal class.

(3) Elder E. C. H. Reid, assisted by Brother Anderson, continues his evangelistic drive in Grantham, Trelawny. Watch for great results in this new field. A new church is in the offing.

(4) Elder S. M. Reid and his good wife have sent for reinforcement. Brother Spence is now helping them in the effort at Cumberland. The first baptism will be early in October. A great harvest of souls is anticipated.

(5) Southern Clarendon is being set on fire by an evangelistic effort opened by Elder Vaz and his good wife on Sunday, August 7. The churches of Race Course and Give-me-Bit are giving them very good support.

(6) Elder H. Richards has the distinction of the largest number baptized.

(7) Brother J. G. Bennett has the rare distinction of having a baptism in every one of his churches since the beginning of the year.