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—G. E. SHANKEL, PH.D.

We honour you the Class of '55 by our presence here, as the evidence of the respect and honour in which we hold your accomplishment. However, we have assembled here not to honour scholastic achievement so much as to recognize the unwavering purpose and steadfast vision that have sustained you hereto. We have come to pray a blessing on the greater objective which lies ahead, as embodied in your terse but challenging motto "Through Trials to Triumph". It is this elevated life purpose that lends significance and honour to this occasion.

Acting upon the belief that your motto was chosen as a deliberate and mature recognition of the essential nature of your greatest challenge of the future, I should like to place before you some of my deep convictions relative to the serious connotation of your motto and aim.

I recall reading some while ago a little booklet entitled "The Glory of the Imperfect." The title seems contradictory but it serves to draw attention to a profound truth. In all the strivings of men, the battles against self, the wrestling with insuperable odds, there is a certain glory. The moments of seeming defeat, humiliation and imperfection often hold concealed in their bitterness the sweetness of ultimate triumph.

This life is a striving. At what time it ceases to be such, and we indulge in the softening complacency of attainment, our usefulness has terminated. Those who achieve most are the least satisfied, for true accomplishment does not mistake growth for attainment. "Not as tho' I had already attained, but I press toward the mark," are the words of Paul, the lofty-minded warrior of truth. "So much to do, so little done," is the modern echo of the same restless striving as expressed by the Empire builder, Cecil Rhodes, to whose nerve, adversity was the elixir of life. Even to the saints of God, upon whose lives the seal of God has been irrevocably fixed, the anxiety lest they have not attained will be the last great anguish. To the end of life's little day and until God's great clock of time intones the full stroke of

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New Office of the Bahamas Mission

The Greatness of Humility

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."—Matthew 18:4. That genuine humility is a mark of true greatness is repeated over and over again in the Scriptures. The false impression that one must maintain a certain pride and elevated dignity in his dealings with others is clearly the product of human egotism and self-conceit. It is satanic in its origin. Read again Isaiah 14:12-20.

Our greatest Example "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."—Philippians 2:8. And Paul adds: "Let this mind be in you, which

was also in Christ Jesus." When we stop and consider His matchless power and majesty, His glorious riches and honour, and then remember that He gave them all up that He might redeem poor, fallen mankind from the pit of sin, what, after all, do we have to boast of? To be sure, we are of value and that value was increased immeasurably by the sacrifice of Jesus. But it is equally true that we have not of which to boast "save the cross of our Lord."

What are those accomplishments that make us proud and of which we are inclined to boast? Do we have higher education? Good. All true wisdom and knowledge come

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Conference News Notes — East Jamaica

In the little restive spot on the edge of Kingston—Doncaster—the workers of the East Jamaica Conference assembled for their first workers' meeting of 1956. We were grateful to God for His blessings to us in the past and for the assurance of His guidance in the future. With new inspiration the workers enthusiastically entered into the programme as outlined, and goals were set by the district leaders for new heights in soul-winning achievement for the Lord in 1956.

We must here pass on a word of appreciation to the officers of the British West Indies Union, Elders A. C. Stockhausen and R. S. Blackburn, and the Union's Departmental leaders, for their good counsel and inspiration. We also extend our appreciation to Miss Julia Brown, Dietician of Andrew's Memorial Hospital, who gave an inspiring lecture on Health Reform the closing afternoon. Surely we owe to ourselves and to God to obtain all the information we can pertaining to healthful living and healthful foods and not only put into practice, but instruct others that they may find a better way of life.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Reluctantly we said goodbye to four of our workers recently. Pastor & Mrs. T. O. Shaw responded to a call to the Bahamas Mission; Brother Kenneth Samuels left for the United States; and Miss L. Matthews answered the call for service at the Andrews Memorial Hospital. We wish these workers God's richest blessings in their new fields of service.

We are happy to welcome other new workers in our field. To the East Jamaica Conference family we welcome Misses Janet Stevens, Moy Rhoden, Pauline Thorpe and Brother Lloyd Scott to the office force; Brethren V. O. Brown and R. U. Daughma to the ministerial force; Brethren Astley Fletcher, Eric Pryce and Sister Andita White to the Kingsway High School; and Miss Judith Peterson to the North Street Church school. We welcome you to our hearts, to our homes, and pray that the blessing of God will be yours continually in His service. We extend a hearty welcome also to our veteran worker, Elder E. C. Henriques, who laboured for many years in the Turks and Caicos Islands. We have the assurance that the Lord will continue to bless his labours with us in East Jamaica.

Out in the field we find other changes. Brother L. H. Fletcher has been appointed Pastor of the West Kingston District, taking in the Churches of Greenwich Town, Trench Town, and Regent Street, and Brother Noel Fraser succeeds him in the East St. Mary No. 2 District. Brother A. W. Campbell has been called to labour in the Caicos Islands, and Brother A. E. Reid is taking the district vacated by Brother Campbell. Brother Curtis Parchment will take the District vacated by Brother A. E. Reid. Brother Kenneth Lewis will take the district vacated by Elder T. O. Shaw. We solicit the prayers of everyone

that the work will go forward speedily as these young men unite their efforts with the laity and the Spirit of God will water the seeds sown and bring them to fruition.

VISITING WORKERS

The East Jamaica Conference had the privilege of entertaining many distinguished visitors over the past few weeks: Elder F. L. Peterson, North American Regional Secretary of the General Conference; Elders A. H. Roth and L. F. Bohner, President and Treasurer of the Inter-American Division; Pastor H. D. Colburn, President of the Bahamas Mission; Elder Walter O. Comm, President of the Cayman Islands Mission; and Elder Hurdon, veteran worker and pioneer of the work in the Jamaica Conference, who is visiting in the Island for a few weeks.

NEW ARRIVALS

Other additions to the Conference family are Dwight Linval, infant son of Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Morgan, born December 4, 1955, and Oscar Cornelius infant son of Brother and Sister V. H. Percy, born December 5, 1955. May the Lord give these parents wisdom and grace sufficient to train these little boys for His service.

ORDINATIONS

On January 8 at 7:30 p.m. three of our young men were set aside to the high calling of the Gospel Ministry. Brethren T. O. Shaw, L. S. Binis and A. A. Morgan had given satisfactory proof of their calling, and were consecrated to the Ministry. Pastor F. L. Peterson preached the sermon, Pastor A. H. Roth offered the dedicatory prayer, and Pastor A. C. Stockhausen gave the charge. Pastor V. T. Boyce welcomed these newly ordained ministers into the brotherhood of the Gospel Ministry. May the Lord abundantly bless the labours of these young Ministers of the Word, and may they receive souls for their hire.

—VINETTE E. WALKER

With the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments of East Jamaica Conference

100 LAY EFFORTS ON LAY PRE- ACHERS E-DAY, JANUARY 29, 1956

On January 29, Lay-Preachers' E-Day, our lay forces in East Jamaica will begin to strike the strongholds of the enemy in an evangelistic campaign. Approximately 100 lay efforts are scheduled to begin on this date.

The layman's endeavour is to raise 25 new church organizations in time to be received into the sisterhood of churches of the East Jamaica Conference in the 1957 Conference Session. The minimum total goal for souls for this banner year is 450. This is a little less than twice the number of souls reported as baptized through lay efforts to the third quarter of 1955. Congratulations, Lay-preachers! Men in the forefront like S. A. Blake of Bellas Gate, E. Cameron of Watermount, R. Burrell of Bartons, G. Collins of Morant Bay, E. Brown of Hector's River, and

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Jottings From West Jamaica

With humble submission and joy to God for the strides in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, and for His tender watch-care over us in the year 1955, approximately two hundred workers, church elders and leaders met for the Annual Leaders' Council, January 6-8, 1956. Great were the blessings and high was the spiritual temperature as we planned, studied and prayed together for the progress of the work in 1956. We were very happy for the presence of Elder F. L. Peterson from the General Conference; Elders Roth and Bohner from the Inter-American Division; and Elder H. D. Colburn from the Bahamas Mission, whose presence lent pride to our breasts as we thought of belonging to such a world-wide organization.

The most solemn hour of the weekend was the Ordination Service. Brethren P. Clayton, O. S. Rugless, Alvin McLean, R. Henry and B. Henry were laid aside to the "most Holy calling", while their wives with the rest of the congregation looked on in silent dedication.

Our first Workers' Meeting for 1956 was held on January 9, and this day will not soon be forgotten by those who attended for the high spiritual level that was attained and for the counsels and guidance that were given by Elder Peterson in his morning devotion and sunset messages and also by the visiting Elders from the B.W.I. Union.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

"A church school in every church—every Adventist child in an Adventist church school." This is the ultimate goal of the West Jamaica Conference. Truly a great task, you say, a great vision; but God is rewarding our efforts.

January 16, 1956, gave birth to two new church schools—one at Coleyville and the other at May Pen. We want to pay public tribute to the brethren at Coleyville who, by their sacrifices, have established a beautiful building dedicated to the advancement of their youth.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

Junior MV Shavas Faith—"A little child shall . . ." This prophecy saw its fulfilment in the life of a little eleven year old girl of the Johnson S.D.A. church, whose little heart caught the message of heaven in the voice of one of our faithful laymen and held it fast. In spite of threats and floggings from her mother she remained faithful and her faithfulness has been rewarded in the recent baptism of her once adamant mother.

—ERMA CHAMBERS

Notice

Will the layman who borrowed my jacket with two fountain pens and a Diary please return articles and keep jacket as reward?

—A. HUGH McLEAN

News Notes — Bahamas Mission

WELCOME — ELDER & MRS. T. O. SHAW

Pastor and Mrs. T. O. Shaw arrived at the Oakes Airfield, Nassau, Bahamas from Jamaica on Thursday morning, January 12th, and thus began a period of service in the Bahamas Mission. On Sunday night, before a packed Grants Town S.D.A. Church and later at a reception in the Church's hall, the members of that Church welcomed their new pastor and his wife. On Monday night, the Shirley Street members had the privilege of expressing their joy over their arrival. We bespeak for Elder Shaw, who will be in charge of the churches in New Providence, and his good wife who will be associated with the work in the Mission's Bahamas Junior Academy, a most pleasurable and profitable stay in the delightful islands.

SONS OF THE SOIL RETURN HOME

During the same gatherings, another warm welcome was extended to two native sons of the Bahamas who six years earlier had left these shores to further their education at West Indian Training College. They were Silas McKinney and Neville Scavella. With Brother McKinney was his bride of two weeks, the former Ruth Bailey. In addition to the welcome for the newest additions to the corps of workers in the Bahamas Mission, special music was rendered, appropriate speeches made and a large number of useful gifts were presented to the newly weds.

Brother McKinney will be in charge of the South Andros district where there are six of our churches, and Sister McKinney will be teaching in the Mission's Church School at Kemps Bay, where the couple will be establishing their residence.

Brother Neville Scavella will be associated with Elder Shaw in evangelism and pastoral work here in Nassau. He will also assist in the Book and Bible House.

The Mission welcomes these fine young workers and wishes them God's choicest blessings as they join our force here in the Bahamas.

ON VACATION

Miss Ulalee Lawrence, who for approximately fifteen years, was in charge of our Church School in Nassau, building it up from almost nothing to a secondary school with one hundred and sixty pupils and students, is visiting in Nassau for a number of weeks. During the many years in which she served the cause in this Mission she had won a veritable host of friends, and all have been happy to welcome her back during the days of her vacation.

OUR PRESIDENT RETURNS

Pastor H. D. Colburn returned to Nassau after an absence of ten days during which he attended the meeting of the year-end session of the British West Indies Union, and the College and Hospital Boards. He reports a profitable and pleasant stay in Jamaica.

INVESTMENT PLAN BRINGS SUCCESS

How often we have pondered the significance of the statement that "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 10.

The Sabbath School Department of the church is one of God's greatest agencies for bringing men and women to the knowledge of God. Every feature of the Sabbath school programme helps to bring out the truth concerning God and His plan for saving man. The singing of worshipful songs, the prayer, the report, the mission feature and offering, the lesson study and review, all contribute directly to the efficacy of the Sabbath school in soul winning.

We would like to consider at this time the Investment Plan and the part it plays in the work of soul winning. This plan brings in vast financial returns that help to foster the work of God abroad. But, it is not only the mission field that obtains spiritual benefits from the Investment Fund, rather, the Sabbath school which promotes the offering and the individual members who provide it enjoys an equal blessing.

Regarding the spiritual benefits to our children who engage in such activities as are offered by the Investment Plan, the messenger of the Lord has written: "If they were encouraged to do so, the children would earn means to devote to benevolent purposes and to the advancement of the cause of God and their interest would be increased by the fact that they have invested something in these enterprises. Their small donations would be a material aid and the children themselves would be far better physically, mentally and morally for the efforts they have made. Through their diligence and self-denial they would gain a valuable experience which would help them in making a success of this life, as well as enjoying the life to come." *Ibid.*, pp. 140, 141.

How blessed are our children to have their energies directed in such wholesome channels, and not only our children, but the older members of the Sabbath School have their faith strengthened when in answer to prayer, apparently barren trees have borne fruit.

We have an interesting story coming from a dear sister who dedicated a pear tree that for years before had never borne any fruit. The Lord prospered that tree so that when Investment time came around she was able to bring in a good return of fruits while greatly rejoicing in the Lord because of this miracle that has been wrought before her eyes.

Another sister tells of an orange tree that bore only small fruits, but after dedicating it to the Lord for Investment this year, it bore good, large fruits.

Yes, the Investment Plan works miracles not only on trees, but in the hearts of the individuals who make these special dedications to the Lord.

One brother in writing of his Investment Plan tells of raising chickens as a hobby and his decision to dedicate all the eggs laid on

Andrews Memorial Hospital — News Notes

On the morning of November 30, Miss Marjorie Whitney left Jamaica to return to her home in Loma Linda. She had completed two terms of mission service—part of which was spent with our Hospital in Montemorelos, Mexico, with our West Indian Training College, and lastly as Matron of Andrews Memorial Hospital. Before she left she was presented with a mahoe music box and by her last class of Practical Nursing students with a pair of bud-vases made by Stanley Motto's.

The following Practical Nursing students received their caps in November:

Mrs. E. Boyd	Miss R. McDonald
Miss S. Brown	Miss G. McKenzie
Miss P. Gordon	Miss L. O'Connor
Miss H. Hines	Miss M. Sanderson

On December 15, the new Hospital Administrator, Mr. Edward Heisler and the new Matron, his wife, Mrs. Ethel Heisler, arrived in the Island to take up their new duties at the Hospital. They left winter snows of Saskatchewan, Canada, to come to our pleasant island.

December 20 — the Hospital had their Annual Christmas Party. The "Y" Choral Group sang a few carols and the rest of the musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Rittenhouse and Mrs. Shankel. Pastor Blackburn acted as Master of Ceremonies. There was a small gift exchange and light refreshments were served by Miss Julia Brown and her committee.

—(Mrs.) ELIZABETH HOEHN

Sabbath. Strangely enough, but not surprising, the hens laid more eggs on Sabbaths than on any other day of the week.

A dear sister from one of our out-island churches writes in to say that she had nothing to present to the Lord, so she picked out a little corner of her corn field and dedicated it to the Lord for Investment. This corner of the field brought forth larger ears and produced more corn than any other section of her field.

One of our veteran lay workers here in the Bahamas turned in over £21 for Investment this year. You may ask just how did he raise this amount. In his spare time he gave driving lessons and dedicated a percentage of all the monies collected from his driving students.

From these experiences we can see that the Investment Plan is truly God's means for strengthening the believers and also to carry out the world wide mission programme which He has given, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." We cannot all go, but our means may go to spread the glad tidings of salvation.

—WILLIAM W. NAIRN, *Sabbath School Secretary, Bahamas Mission.*

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twelve, true men will bend their energies to that indefatigable quest which knows no stopping place, short of the presence of God himself. This divine dissatisfaction, this glory of the Imperfect is part of God's great plan of saving us.

"The ideal life is in our blood and never will be still. Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing—When there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do."

Success lies not necessarily in achieving what you aim at, but in aiming at what you ought to achieve and pressing forward. The achievement lies in the steadiness with which the aim is maintained. It is only in the hereafter that the crooked places will be made straight, the valleys of our experiences exalted, the rough places made smooth.

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men and women, not for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle but you shall be the miracle."

The world today staggers from one crisis to the next. Crisis has become the norm of life. It is a total crisis under the shadow of which we are called upon to perform miracles of achievement for God and truth.

We have reached the indescribable events which even the pen of inspiration has never yet adequately portrayed. The deepening shadows of the twilight hour of human history inspire with dread foreboding the failing heart of man. The hour of the world's supreme anguish draws on apace. We truly have a rendezvous with destiny.

As the mighty powers of evil combine in wonder working power before our eyes, can we do any less than to accept the challenge of becoming under God the living agencies through whom miracles of righteousness may be wrought, that shall shine forth as lustrous jewels against the background of earth's midnight. I can envisage no other call and no less a destiny for youth trained in the sacred omens of God's last hour message.

—To be Concluded.

Notice

The clerk of the Lucea church would like to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Rose Spence. Can you supply this information? Then convey same to Mrs. Alma McIntosh, Lucea P.O. Thank you!

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The clerk of the Jericho church would like to know the whereabouts of Sister Brenda Chambers. Anyone knowing her whereabouts please communicate with Miss Icinda Brown, Jericho P.O. Thank you!

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others with their earnestness, zeal, consecration and enthusiasm are moving forward liberating the souls of others.

MORE LIGHTS ON THE MAP

The Sabbath School shines forth with new organizations through 1955 and the beams pierce the gloomy picture of the age with more lighted spots for 1956. Seven new Sabbath schools were added to the sisterhood of churches in 1955. Fellow-believers, the immediate future is to see many branch Sabbath schools taking their place in full organization. We think of Needham Pen, Danvers Pen, and Grant's Pen in the St. Thomas District; we look forward also to Rolansfield, Fair Prospect, (near Boston, and Moore Town, in the Portland District. Coming over to the Corporate area we see Maverly, Seaward Pen, Remock Lodge, Waltham Avenue, (Whitfield Town); in Upper St. Andrew there is Padmore, Content Gap, Mt. Ogle, (Lawrence Tavern). In St. Catherine there is Macca Tree, Barry, and the many more too numerous to mention that are shaping now to change from being branches to organized Sabbath schools. This is our day to reap, fellow-believers. Let us do so coming with rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

INGATHERING

We see in vision 12,000 faithful Seventh-day Adventists rallying with the greatest devotion to the colours of the greatest campaign. Potentially, the Advent believers of East Jamaica can produce £10,000 of Ingathering. Let us believe it! Saturated with it let us try it, for when we put our hands to the plough and looking not back, be it mountain or river, God's strong arm shall lift and lighten the burden, making His people joyful at the end with unprecedented accomplishment. This is our vision, and the task is already completed when once we come off our knees and move like one united band to accomplish the challenge that comes from inspiration of our 1956 Ingathering Campaign. Your individual pledge is £2. 0. 0, and the children behind you 10/-.

This is just an introduction of our vision of hope. We shall speak with you at closer range on this matter of universal importance.

REGIONAL RALLIES

The time has come for us to remobilize our forces for a new soul-winning campaign, so throughout the days of the rest of January and February there shall be regional rallies of our lay-preachers and church officers in all our Districts.

January 22—St. Thomas
January 29—West Kingston
February 2—West Portland
February 5—Upper St. Andrew
Others will follow in St. Mary, St. Catherine and Kingston.

Sandwiched between these rallies is our Sabbath School Teachers Training Institute, February 10-13, at the Kencot S.D.A. Church, Kingston. Pastor L. L. Reile of the Inter-American Division and Pastor C. S. Greene of the British West Indies Union combined with our local forces will conduct a Teachers'

Training Institute for the benefit of better teaching in our Sabbath schools. We expect one select representative from every Sabbath school. At this institute it is planned to put into the hands of representatives material whereby every teacher of our thousands of Sabbath school classes in East Jamaica will be furnished with the proper material and tools to make his Sabbath school class an evangelistic band, and every Sabbath school member a working unit of the advancing programme of our Sabbath school.

Pray a minute longer for the work of our teachers, lay-preachers and our church officers.

—W. U. CAMPBELL, H.M. & S.S.
Secretary, East Jamaica Conference

The Greatness of Humility

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from God, but "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."—1 Corinthians 3:19. Do we have faster cars than some others? hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south. Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high, Job 39:26, 27. We may search long and carefully and find nothing whatever of which to boast.

Beware of pride. "Pride . . . do I hate,"—Proverbs 8:13. "A man's pride shall bring him low, but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit."—Proverbs 29:23. It was one of the outstanding sins of the Pharisees which Jesus rebuked so strongly.

On the other hand, true humility is teachable. There will always be so many things to learn! True humility is always kind and gracious. Everywhere there are those who need the comfort and the inspiration of a word of cheer. True humility is Christlike. To be like Him should be our constant aim.

The meek have this promise: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger—Zephaniah 2:3. To be hid in that day means life eternal. In that day the greatness of humility will be fully revealed.

—R. S. BLACKBURN

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