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THE PLACE OF THE WILL

by Mrs. E. G. White

As the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Ephesians 6:6.

Let no one say, "I cannot overcome my defects of character"; for if this is your decision, then you cannot have eternal life. The impossibility is all in your will. If you will not, that constitutes the cannot.

The real difficulty is the corruption of the unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the will of God. When there is a determined purpose born in your heart to overcome, you will have a disposition to overcome, and will cultivate those traits of character that are desirable, and will engage in the conflict with steady, persevering effort. You will exercise a ceaseless watchfulness over your defects of character, and will cultivate right practices in little things. The difficulty of overcoming will be lessened in proportion as the heart is sanctified by the grace of Christ.

What work might have been done for us as individuals, if our proud and stubborn wills had been wholly submerged in the will of God, and our souls lifted up from earthliness to a higher, purer atmosphere!

Self-will and pride are evils that turned angels into demons and barred the gates of heaven against them.

You cannot control your impulses, your emotions, as you may desire, but you can control the will, and you can make an entire change in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, your life will be hid with Christ in God, and allied to the power which is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from God that will hold you fast to His strength; and a new light, even the light of living faith, will be possible to you. There will be in you a power, an earnestness, and a simplicity that will make you a polished instrument in the hands of God.

The above is taken from the book, "Sons and Daughters of God" which quotes articles written by Mrs. E. G. White for the "Youth's Instructor", "The Pacific Health Journal", and "Messages to Young People." It illustrates the many good things to be found in the latest compilation of the writings of Mrs. E. G. White.

—Editor.

A RECENT VISIT TO THE BAHAMAS AND THE UNITED STATES

ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the Bahamas Mission Session, February 24-26 in company with Elders A. H. Roth and R. S. Blackburn. This was a very spiritual meeting and the reports given all expressed great courage in the progress of the work. At this meeting Brother W. W. Liske, Principal of the Bahamas Junior Academy, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. With the recent advent of Elder T. O. Shaw to the field, the Bahamas Mission now has three ordained ministers, whereas for nearly two years the President of the field was the only ordained minister.

Since the beginning of this year the working force of the Bahamas Mission has been greatly strengthened. Elder Shaw and his wife (who has joined the staff of the Academy), Brother and Sister Silas McKinney, and Brother Neville Scavella have joined the working force and we look forward to a great harvest of souls this year. All who attended the Session pledged to work together to bring the membership of the Mission at least to the 1,000 mark before the end of the year. Brother W. W. Nairn, a very energetic young Bahamian, was elected H.M. & S.S. Secretary and, following the Mission Session, he led out in a strong Lay-Preachers' Institute. We were also made happy to see another church building at Englestone, on the Island of New Providence, completed and to be able to take part in its dedication.

A highlight of my visit to the Bahamas was a boat-trip, in company with Elder Colburn and Brother Junior Mullings, who now occupies the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the field, to the Islands of Cat Island and San Salvador. The return trip was especially interesting as, beside a full load of passengers we had quite a cargo of cows, sheep, goats, pigs, and turtles, all of which occupied the decks along with the passengers for whom there were no cabin facilities. That was the roughest voyage that I have ever taken,

but it was offset by the privilege of visiting some of the out-Island churches. Our hearts were especially cheered by the spirit we found manifested everywhere in this year's Ingathering campaign. In one week Brother Paul Ward, our veteran worker on San Salvador, raised £17 out of his church goal of £25, and recent reports tell that the Shirley Street and Grants Town churches, with a goal of £230 each, have gone beyond their goals in three weeks of the campaign.

After leaving the Bahamas I took a trip out to Los Angeles, California, to visit my children and two grandsons. It was a happy reunion with our third daughter, Ardyth, whom I had not seen for nearly six years. She and Sister Eulah Henriques of Montego Bay took their Nurses' training in England and are now on the staff of our large White Memorial Hospital. While in California I was able to visit with some of our Jamaican brethren who are taking the Medical and Dental courses at Loma Linda and who hope to return to their Island home as soon as they have finished their courses.

SPANISH TOWN S.D.A. CHURCH DEDICATION

Sunday, June 3 at 3:30 P.M. our new and beautiful Spanish Town S.D.A. Church will be dedicated. We are expecting Elder R. R. Figuhr, the President of the General Conference, to preach the dedicatory sermon. We have invited His Excellency the Governor and Lady Foot to attend also Mr. & Mrs. Manley, Sir Alexander Bustamante, and other high Government officials. This is going to be one of the most outstanding events of Seventh-day Adventist history in Jamaica. A further report will be given in the "Visitor" later.

1956—YEAR OF EVENTS FOR BAHAMAS MISSION

We have just ended our *Seventh Biennial Session* of the Bahamas Mission which was one of the best in the history of the Bahamas Mission.

The three-day Session began Friday morning, February 24, and was filled with inspirational talks, wonderful reports and sweet fellowship with our brethren. We were privileged to have with us Elder A. H. Roth, President of the Inter-American Division; Elder A. C. Stockhausen, President of the British West Indies Union, Elder R. S. Blackburn, Secty.-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union and many of our brethren from the out islands and New Providence.

Our motto for the Session "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," was beautifully portrayed by an electro-mechanical map of the Bahamas, showing the progress of the work in decades from 1925 to 1955. This helped us to understand and appreciate more fully the work that has been done and will have to be done before the advent of Christ.

During the Session we were privileged to witness the solemn ordination of Elder W. W. Liske. He has been doing a wonderful work in training our boys and girls at the Bahamas Junior Academy and we pray for his continued success. The Smith Hill, Andros and Mount Thompson, and Exuma churches were voted into the Mission during the Session.

We feel confident that all who were present at this Session have received new spiritual zeal to continue in a more definite way to win souls for the Master.

Following our Biennial Session a *Lay-Preachers' Institute* was conducted by our Home Missionary Secretary, Brother W. W. Nairn. We were happy to see our Laymen so enthused and determined, with God's help, to preach the gospel to all the world.

Just a few words on our *Ingathering Campaign* which is now nearing its end. In just three weeks with only half of our churches reporting, we are only a few steps away from our goal.

To raise One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds (£1,200-0-0) seemed almost an impossibility for the Bahamas, but our members have shown a zeal we have never seen before. This makes us confident that this Great Movement is God's and we earnestly look forward to the coming of our Lord when we all shall receive our bright and shining crowns—reward for our labours on this earth.

The Bahamas Mission is happy to welcome to our force *Llewellyn Mullings*, who is taking upon his shoulders the burdens of a Secretary-Treasurer. He is already settling down to business and we foresee by his service that he is determined to do his work in an acceptable way. We wish for him much success as the years go by.

Tuesday afternoon, March 6, Elders Stockhausen and Colburn and Brother Mullings boarded the M. V. "Alice Mable" bound for *San Salvador*. This was Brother Mullings' first out-island trip and he proved to be a good sailor and out-island worker. They visited Knowles and Bennetts Harbour, Cat Island. At Riding Rock on San Salvador, three precious souls were buried in baptism and Brother Paul Ward gave them a bit of the history of the beginning of the work there by showing them the tree under which the Advent message was first preached on that Island. Then, he took them to the spot where he had buried his beloved pipe after learning that his body was God's temple.

After a wonderful fellowship with the brethren on Friday night at Riding Rock church, they again boarded the boat for Nassau, arriving here in Nassau, Sunday afternoon, March 11.

The work in this field is progressing and we are all striving to raise our membership to One Thousand in 1956. With God's help we are confident it can be done.

—OLGA ROOKWOOD
Office Secretary.

BAHAMAS COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

Our annual Colporteur Institute was held March 11 to 13, 1956, at the Shirley Street Seventh-day Adventist Church. We were privileged to have with us Elder B. E. Hurst, Publishing Secretary of the British West Indies Union; Elder H. D. Colburn, President of the Bahamas Mission; Pastor W. W. Liske, Headmaster of the Bahamas Junior Academy; Pastor T. O. Shaw and Brethren W. W. Nairn and L. M. Mullings of the Bahamas Mission.

Elder B. E. Hurst led out in the Instructions and the writer was privileged to associate with him in drill and demonstration. All the brethren present contributed greatly to the meeting. The counsel and instructions were very inspiring and everyone left much inspired and also felt sure that this was the best Institute.

Nine colporteurs attended the Institute and they all are determined by God's help not only to reach their goal of £5,000-0-0, but also to save some precious souls for the Master's kingdom.

The young people of the Bahamas have caught the vision of circulating the printed pages and with their determination and consecration, the Bahamas will do exploits for God in 1956. All nine Colporteurs started out in the spirit of the Institute and the reports are encouraging. Brother M. V. Smith and I are working with the more wealthy folk of this Colony and we are having very good response . . . we solicit your prayers.

—CYRIL H. HEPBURN
Actg. Publishing Secretary
Bahamas Mission

NEWS NOTES FROM EAST JAMAICA

EFFORT AT BATH:

Recently I had the privilege of preaching at our Bath church on the Sabbath day. The church was crowded and the people very enthusiastic. The results of the effort held by Elder McCalla, assisted by Brother Brown, is still being felt. Elder McCalla told me he believes that at least 40 souls will be baptized by the time the effort has completely closed. Pastor McCalla has done good work there and solicits the prayers of the entire Conference on behalf of the work around Bath.

EFFORT AT BARTONS:

Elder Lloyd Binns, our M/V and Educational Secretary, has joined Brother C. H. Parchment in a spearhead effort at Bartons. The effort is being well attended. Last Sunday night the church was crowded with people standing in the aisles, sitting on the rostrum, thronging about the building, and even out into the roadway. This effort gives promise of good success. May God richly bless our brethren at Bartons.

KINGSWAY HIGH SCHOOL:

By the time this item is read by the readers of our "Visitor" the north wing of the Kingsway High School will have been completed. Headmaster Percy, working with Brother Philpotts, has done excellent work, and we would like to commend them for the contribution they have made to the cause of education. If any of our readers are in town we invite them to inspect the good work that has been done.

CHURCH DEDICATIONS:

On Sunday, March 18th, our beautiful little church at Woodford was dedicated to the worship and praise of God. After dedication a baptism of six souls climaxed a beautiful day's service.

We are planning to complete and dedicate at least nine other churches in the East Conference this year.

TRENCH TOWN:

Recently the housing authority granted us a 30-year lease on two large lots for our Trench Town church. We are expecting to hold a large effort on the new location soon. Also we will be looking forward to constructing a new church there to house the Trench Town members.

INGATHERING ITINERARY:

It has been my privilege to work with several of our men around the field in our 1956 Ingathering official solicitation. Our men are all of good courage; the funds are flowing in. The people in our churches are eager to do their part. All in all the spirit in the East is good. May God richly bless our endeavours to gather funds and win souls for the Master.

—E. H. SCHNEIDER, President
East Jamaica Conference

WEST JAMAICA — NEWS NOTES

HARRISON'S MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Harrison's Memorial High School has emerged from its babyhood, and now, in its adolescence shows signs of producing rich harvest in its adulthood. In the recent Senior Cambridge examinations five of six candidates were successful. This is a great achievement, and we give thanks to God. To the noble teachers, we say "well done".

Four of our teachers left at the end of last year to go to the United States to further their education. They are: Misses Hazel Plummer, Dorothy Dally, Evelyn McKenzie and Mr. Reginald Barnes.

The present staff at Harrison's is as follows: Headmaster, Elder Joe Fletcher, graduate of West Indian Training College; Mrs. E. M. Benson, B.A.; Mrs. Olive Reid, B.A.; Mrs. Mavis Fletcher, graduate of West Indian Training College; Miss Kathleen Kerr, graduate of West Indian Training College; Miss Ruby Dwyer, London Matric; and Mr. L. O. Bowen, Higher Schools Certificate.

Harrison's achievements are not only scholastic. In a few weeks time the new school building will be completed and the last decorating coats of paint will be applied. This building is a monument to hard work and sacrifice and we say "Thank You" to all who have given their all to the completion of this edifice.

"THE DISCOVERY OF LIVING"

This was the theme of the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer which lasted from

March 10 to 17. During this week our young people were once again shown that one does not really "live" while travelling on the "broad way". It is only when an individual has fully consecrated his life to the service of Christ, and is travelling the "straight and narrow way" that such an one really lives.

To "Live" fully one must be willing to seek and to find Christ, to love one's fellowmen and find beauty in nature and in God's creations, to do whatever work lies nearest one's hands, and to go willingly where the need is greatest.

This Week of Prayer will not soon be forgotten because of the discoveries our young people made of how to live full Christian lives, and because of the needed blessings that God bestowed on his chosen young people.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The fires of Harvest Ingathering have been lighted on the hills of West Jamaica and we appeal to our brethren in our churches to start and keep burning the torches in the plains and in the valleys.

Our goals, even though high, will be reached only as we place our hands in the Hands of God and follow clearly where He leads. The March is on! Let us one and all march to victory under God!

ANSWERED PRAYER

The prayers of our believers throughout the Island on behalf of Elder Joe Fletcher have not gone unanswered and we are happy to report that he is once more on the road to recovery. Under Doctors advice he is still taking things "easy", but we thank God for His healing touch on this beloved and hard-working brother.

YOUTH'S CONGRESS — JULY 5-8

West Jamaica's Youth are projecting their vision futureward. What they see is a glorious occasion — one of never to be forgotten experiences. Yes, the time for Youth's Congress is drawing closer everyday. Soon, it will be July 5, the beginning date of this important event.

Plans are being laid to make this Youth's Congress the greatest ever in West Jamaica, yes, in all Jamaica and the British West Indies Union. Captain Joe Bielicki and Brother H. S. Campbell (the Flying Layman) will be here to inspire the youth to greater heights of Evangelism. The New York City Tabernacle Choir of forty-five members will be along to thrill our souls with their musical numbers. Along with all these talented people we are hoping to have with us Miss Penny Edwards, former movie star, who has accepted Seventh-day Adventism, and Miss Joyce Bryant, a former night club singer, who has renounced the world to follow Christ and His teachings and has become a member of our church.

Truly, the plans are big, but the outcome depends on the co-operation of firstly, every Missionary Volunteer in West Jamaica, and secondly, every older member of our churches. Let us make Youth's Congress 1956 a stirring event! Let us make history! Let us be there in our hundreds and then return to bring in thousands to this glorious truth! BEGIN TO PLAN NOW AND YOU WILL BE THERE!

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BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION MISSION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Tithe and Mission Offering Comparison

For Three Months Ending March 31, 1955 and 1956

TITHE RECEIPTS

Organization	1955	1956	Gain	Gain %
Bahamas Mission	1415 13 5	1550 1 0	143 7 7	10.1
Cayman Islands	240 1 2	611 4 2	371 3 0	154.6
East Jamaica	6063 19 6	7492 1 11	1428 2 5	23.5
West Jamaica	6099 0 1	7435 18 2	1336 18 1	21.9
	13818 14 2	17098 5 3	3279 11 1	23.9

MISSION OFFERINGS

1955	1956	Gain	Gain %
1111 13 10	1025 0 11	86 3 11*	7.7*
256 17 9	106 2 8	150 15 1*	58.6*
993 10 11	1496 6 2	502 15 3	50.5
1423 7 7	1466 2 3	42 14 8	2.9
3785 10 1	4094 1 0	308 10 11	8.1

There is cause for much rejoicing in the above Comparative Statement of Tithe and Mission Offerings for the first quarter of 1956.

The Tithe gain is truly phenomenal and we are certain there will be a corresponding

gain in Mission Offerings when the Ingathering campaign is over. We can assure our faithful members that there are always good ways to use the Tithe increases in the work of God. Evangelistic costs are continually

increasing. Let us continue to support the work loyally so we may all share in the overcomer's reward.

—R. S. BLACKBURN

SKETCHES FROM ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

At a function held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Heisler, we bade farewell to Mr. Curtis H. Parchment who is now pastoring one of the districts in St. Catherine. We wish him abundant success in his new duties.

We extend a hearty welcome to Elder & Mrs. O. P. Reid who arrived here recently from Barbados. Elder Reid has come to take up duties as "Chaplain" of the Hospital.

Mrs. E. J. Heisler, our Matron, went on a short trip to Canada to attend the Golden Anniversary of her parents. She has returned safely.

Some of the members of our staff took a trip to the Blue Mountain Peak over the Easter holidays. They report an enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Elva Gardner, wife of Mr. Earl Gardner, is visiting with us for a while.

Sick and in hospital are: Mrs. O. P. Reid; Mr. A. Standford from the Rollington Town church; Mr. A. Headlam from the North Street church, and little Gloria Nosworthy from Chapelton. Let's pray for the speedy recovery of these dear ones.

—L. M. MATTHEWS

West Jamaica — News Notes

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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

After two months of hard hitting, our District Conventions came to a glorious finish at Montego Bay on April 8, when the people of St. James gathered for their share of the out-poured blessings from God.

At the end of each convention our brethren have returned to their churches refreshed in their souls and re-dedicated to accomplish greater exploits for God. We thank God for His many blessings and the out-pouring of His Holy Spirit on these gatherings, and we are confident that this year will be a "Banner Year" in West Jamaica.

—ERMA CHAMBERS

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following individuals please communicate with Miss Adma Beadle, Mountainside P. O. (Clerk of the Williamsfield Church.)

Ruel Chambers	Ancita White
Ina Rowe	Simeon Rhoden
Dorothy Wright	Vill Salmon
Hilma Greene	Ida Simmons
	Aubrey White

Poet's Corner

SOMETIME, SOMEWHERE

*Unanswered yet? The prayer your lips have pleaded
In agony of faith these many years?
Does faith begin to fail? Is hope departing?
And think you all in vain those falling tears?
Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer;
You shall have your desire, sometime, somewhere.*

*Unanswered yet? Though when you first presented
This one petition at the Father's throne,
It seemed you could not wait the time of asking.
So urgent was your heart to make it known.
Though years have passed since then, do not despair;
The Lord will answer you sometime, somewhere.*

*Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say ungranted,
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done,
The work begun when your first prayer was uttered.
And God will finish what he has begun.
If you will keep the incense burning there,
His glory you shall see, sometime, somewhere.*

*Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered;
Her feet are firmly planted on the rock.
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted.
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.
She knows Omnipotence hath heard her prayer,
And cries, "It shall be done, sometime, somewhere."*

—OPHELIA G. BROWNING

Until The Day-Break

Brother EZEKIEL HUNT, a faithful member of the Riversdale church, passed away on the 21st of March, 1956. Our hearts beat high in fellowship of grief with his passing away, but comforted with the assurance that he sleeps in Jesus. He was Leader, Treasurer and Choir Master of the church and his place will be hard to fill. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and one son. Funeral services were conducted in the church and at the grave by Elder K. Lewis. "We may not all Thy purpose see, but all is well if done by Thee."

—G. J. Rennalls, Church Elder.

Brother FRANCIS BOYD fell asleep at his home in Guy's Hill on the 12th of February, 1956, at the age of 75. Born in Westmoreland in 1881, he went to St. Mary at the age of five. He lived at Bonny Gate, Gayle and Guy's Hill for the past ten years. He accepted the message in Panama and returned to Jamaica with the hope of converting his family, in which he succeeded to a fair extent. He was married in 1914 to Eva Williamson of Wallenford and to this union was born 7 boys and 4 girls, each one a credit to his parents.

He was the leader of Seventh-day Adventist churches in various locations and was instrumental in bringing many to the truth. He was a loving, thoughtful and adorable husband and father, a good influence in the community, and a friend to the children. We believe our brother sleeps in Jesus and will come forth in the first resurrection to life eternal. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor C. F. Edwards, assisted by Elders Schneider, Hurst, Henry and Dr. M. R. Hoehn.

Sister MARION RAINEFORD fell asleep at her home in Glengoffe on the 20th of February, 1956, at the age of 106. She accepted the message almost 40 years ago, and was a faithful member up to her passing. She leaves to mourn their loss eleven children, 98 grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Elder F. E. White, assisted by Elders A. D. Laing, L. S. Binns, and her grand son-in-law, the Baptist minister. We believe our sister will awake at the call of the Life-giver at the first resurrection to everlasting life.

Sister ALICE BUCKNOR died on February 27, 1956, at the age of 93, and was buried February 28 at Yallahs. She was baptized into the Third Angel's Message in 1940 and was faithful to the time of her passing. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor D. C. McCalla, assisted by Brother Henriques and Brother Case. She leaves to mourn their loss children, grand children, great grand children and many relatives and friends.

Notice

The Clerk of the Lance River church would like to know the whereabouts of Mr. Martell Chambers and Mrs. Kathleen Chambers. Anyone having this information please communicate with Mrs. Leonora Douglas, Lucca P.O.

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