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BY ELDER A. C. STOCKHAUSEN

INTRODUCTION

"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Thy wondrous works." Ps. 26:7.

It affords me great pleasure indeed to welcome the delegates here assembled for this our second Union Session since the date of organization in 1944 and to tell of the wondrous works of God since we last met together six and one-half years ago. We are thrilled beyond expression for the honour and privilege given us to welcome to this Session our General Conference President, Elder R. R. Figuhr, and hereby again pledge our loyalty and devotion to the great Advent Cause and its leadership. We welcome also our beloved Division President, Elder A. H. Roth.

We solicit your co-operation in making this Session a success in the sight of God by your earnest prayers and timely counsel that the Advent Hope might blaze forth with greater splendour than ever before here in our Union field as we each continue to "publish with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all God's wondrous works."

PERSONNEL

There have been many changes in personnel. Your humble servant succeeded Elder R. W. Numbers as President three years ago, and we have had two changes in the Treasury Department. Elders Edeburn and White each stayed but a short time. Elder R. S. Blackburn joined the Union staff as Secretary-Treasurer in October 1954 and has been a tower of strength to the work in this important department. Our working force at present is 237 as compared with 180 at the end of 1949. In the West Jamaica Conference Elder H. S. Walters holds the royal mace; Elder E. H. Schneider wields the scepter in



the sister field of East Jamaica; the constituency of the beautiful Bahamian Islands give loyal co-operation to Elder H. D. Colburn, their commander-in-chief; while Elder Walter O. Comm leads the forces of the Cayman Islands. Doctor M. J. Sorenson shepherds the West Indian Training College and Doctor Martin Hoehn directs the affairs of the Andrews Memorial Hospital.

As a pebble dropped into the water sends its ripples o'er and o'er in ever-widening circles, till they reach the very shore, so has been the history of the growth of Seventh-day Adventism in the British West Indies Union.

SOUL WINNING

Soul conquest and soul conservation have been our watch-words. All of our plans, whether Institutional, Departmental or Financial have been laid with but one objective in mind — winning and keeping souls for Christ. We believe that our schools and hospitals, our offices and our field organizations exist in vain except it be for this one purpose. During this six-year period 14,419 souls have been baptized, and the membership has climbed from 16,200 to 24,314 in 296 churches, 268 of which are on the Island of Jamaica. For this wonderful harvest of souls we give glory to God.

At present there are 276 efforts in progress and thrilling indeed are the reports that come in of the breaking down of prejudice and the setting up of the kingdom of God in the hearts of men and women. In West Jamaica eight ministerial and one hundred fifty lay efforts are being conducted. East Jamaica reports seven ministerial and one hundred eight lay efforts. Five of our young workers in the Bahamas are also engaged in evangelistic efforts. Brother Shaw writes of great success attending his meetings at Shirley Street; Brother Moore at Governor's Harbour; Brother Nairn at Moss Town; Brother S. McKinney at South Andros and Brother Scavella at Englestone. The last two named are young men who came to W.I.T.C. and graduated last December.

Over in Grand Cayman Elder W. O. Comm, who has been conducting an effort, met with great opposition on the part of the Church of Christ minister there. Announcing a meeting in his church, to which Elder Comm was invited with the assurance that nothing

derogatory would be spoken, he denounced Seventh-day Adventism in no uncertain tones. Elder Comm refuted his statements briefly and invited the congregation to come to his church where he would have time and opportunity to enter fully into the matter. God was very near to him and gave him words to speak in due season. This has awakened a great interest in our message in that locality and lessened considerably the influence of the opponent.

In West Jamaica Elder Ivan Benson, until recently Headmaster of Harrison's Memorial High School, assisted by Brother Miller, has broken into the Baptist stronghold of Springfield, St. James. Quite a number of prominent Baptists of the community have taken their stand for Truth. After trying all he could to stop his members from attending the meetings, even parking his car near to our place of worship, the Baptist minister in disgust told them to go where they wanted to. This they had already decided to do in spite of his protests.

One of our lay-preachers of East Jamaica, who is now in England, has written a very interesting letter of his exploits for God over there. He requested permission of the government to hold meetings at the city centre where recognized preachers go, inasmuch as over there a preacher can not go anywhere he likes but has to be located by the government. He was given a prominent spot, and had large numbers, primarily composed of English people, attending the meetings. He had six definitely interested and many others were getting interested. He says it takes great courage to preach the gospel to the English people. More than 1,200 of our members have left within the past two years for England and we understand that many of them are holding important offices in the churches over there. The B.W.I. Union has a number of lay foreign missionaries to England who have gone at their own expense and without drawing any salary are winning souls for God.

SABBATH SCHOOL

The Sabbath School Department has grown considerably within the past six years. In 1949 we had 277 Sabbath Schools and now we have 320. The enrolment which was 17,005 at that time has grown to 25,741. £12,281 has been contributed in S. S. offerings of which £2,334 has been raised through Investment. During the first quarter of this year Elder C. S. Greene, our present Sabbath School Secretary, conducted a course of training for teachers in many centres and this has proved to be a great blessing.

PUBLISHING

The Publishing Department, which is being led in a most able manner by Elder B. E. Hurst, has been doing its share not only in sales but in souls as well. During the past six-year period £156,020-10-0 worth of literature has been delivered as compared with £85,853-0-0 for the preceding period. The past summer vacation found 68 students of West Indian Training College and Kingsway

High School in the field. Their deliveries amounted to £4,593-3-7 and 32 obtained scholarship benefits. In addition to the increase in finance, many of these have been so inspired by their soul-winning experiences that they have returned to school determined by God's grace to do only those things that please Him. Elder Hurst has set a goal of £35,000 for deliveries for this year and the first quarter's deliveries amounted to more than quarter of the goal.

DORCAS

Marked progress has been shown in our Dorcas and general welfare activities in this Union during the period under review. The first Dorcas Exhibition in the history of our work was held in East Jamaica in the summer of 1952, resulting in a magnificent response from practically all of the churches, who rejoiced in the triumphs of that unique and gigantic combination of Harvest Festival, Agricultural Show, and Handicraft Exhibition. Since then yearly conference-wide exhibitions have been held. Many districts and local Dorcas society exhibitions have been held year by year with great success and welfare work has come to be viewed in a new light in our Union. This past year-end the Shankel-Rittenhouse quartette sponsored and took part in a performance of rare quality at the Tudor Theatre in Mandeville in aid of welfare work in the community, the proceeds of which were shared with the other religious organizations of the community for providing Christmas treats for the poor and needy. The DeCarteret school boys, Mandeville String Orchestra, and the College Glee and Lyric Clubs assisted in this concert. The whole arrangement served to bring about a spirit of friendliness and goodwill in the community.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

The Missionary Volunteer Department, under the leadership of Elder A. R. Haig, has shown steady progress. Six years ago our societies numbered 205 with a membership of 5,152 as compared with our present 291 societies and membership of 9,109. Youth Camps have been held in each of the four fields each year, and Young Peoples' Congresses have been held in East and West Jamaica every other year.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Our Educational Department, also led by Elder Haig, shows progress. At the close of 1949 we had an enrolment of 1,160 in our 20 church schools with 24 teachers. Today we have an enrolment of 2,273 students with 29 teachers in our 26 church schools.

In January 1953, Harrison Memorial High School, located at Montego Bay, was born to West Jamaica. She has been doing very, very well, having had a percentage of 83 1/3 passes in the recent Senior Cambridge Examination. We are highly satisfied with this record and hope she will continue to maintain her high standard. The past two years Kingsway High School, in Kingston, has

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MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

A Ministerial Institute for the British West Indies Union Mission was held at the West Indian Training College, Mandeville, Jamaica, B.W.I., June 4 to 7, 1956.

The Institute was declared open by Elder R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He challenged all the workers present to high and holy living and the preparation of men and women through evangelistic preaching for the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He pointed out that Elder A. C. Stockhausen, President of the Union field, had reported a membership of 25,000 and threw out a challenge to the workers to organize the field so that in four years 50,000 could be realized.

Elder Walter Schubert of the Theological Department in Washington arrived next day to give added zest and fervour to the meetings. The lectures that he gave inspired all the workers for greater evangelism. He laid emphasis on the fact that if our evangelistic campaigns followed the lines laid down in the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. E. G. White, there would be more success. Elder H. J. Westphal of the Ministerial Department of the Inter-American Division also participated in giving the lectures, and he also placed before the men the use of Audio-Visual Aids and gave demonstrations with the use of filmstrips and "Black-lite."

The morning devotions given by Elders Schubert, Westphal and Doctor George Shankel will always remain as landmarks in spiritual uplift to those who were privileged to hear these truth-filled messages.

On Wednesday June 6, the film "The Living Link" prepared by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference was shown. The film drove home the point of our doing more personal work for those around our immediate neighbourhood — enlarging our borders for the cause of truth.

The "Presentation of Special Truths" was ably given by Elder A. C. Stockhausen; Elder W. O. Comm of the Cayman Mission presented a stirring message on our work for the Youth of the Church. Elder H. D. Colburn of the Bahamas Mission spoke on Radio Evangelism, while Elder R. M. Mote spoke on Preparation for Baptism at which time he pointed out that the greatest percentage of baptisms is during the ages of nine and sixteen. Elder R. S. Blackburn spoke on some of the dangers that beset our ministers and urged faithfulness in every detail. Doctor Hoehn of the Andrews Memorial Hospital gave a most enlightening lecture on Health Reform and urged our ministry that the time had not only come for us to preach health reform, but to educate and live health reform.

All felt that the Institute was a very profitable one and that indeed we had received "manna for our thirsty souls". The prayers of our believers are requested as our workers go forward with greater zeal and effort under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the one aim and purpose — to evangelize all the B.W.I. Union field for God.

—C. S. GREENE

GLEANINGS FROM OUR UNION MISSION SESSION

The readers of the "Visitor" will no doubt be interested to know that the Lord greatly blessed us at our recent Union Mission Session held in Mandeville, June 1-4.

We counted it a great honour and privilege to have with us Elder R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference, Elder A. H. Roth, President of the Inter-American Division and Elder Henry Westphal, Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the Inter-American Division. These brethren brought us real inspiration and spiritual counsel for this time in which we are living.

At this Union Session, the officers of the Missions and Departmental Secretaries of the Union were elected for another term. The only changes that were made were a shift of Elder A. R. Haig to be secretary of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments, and Elder C. S. Greene to be secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and Educational departments. Elder W. A. Holgate succeeded Elder G. A. E. Smith as head of the Bible School department and will give a good portion of his time to visiting the interest in Jamaica, and encouraging the Bible School representatives to do a strong follow-up work. There are hundreds of interests all over this island, which, if carefully followed up will result in a rich harvest of souls.

A report of the progress of the work during the past six and one-half years appears in this number of the "Visitor" from which you will see that the membership of the Union is very close to 25,000. Elder Figuhr urged that we do all that we possibly can, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to double this membership, bringing it up to 50,000 by the time of the next Union Mission Session. This may seem a colossal task in as much as it has taken over 50 years to win 25,000, but brethren, if each member would win JUST ONE SOUL this goal can be attained. The Lord has told us that if we attempt great things for Him, we can expect great things from Him. Surely, this is not too high an aim — *one soul per member in four years*.

If we consecrate ourselves to the task and set our minds to do the work the Lord will give us our goal. He likes us to prove Him, so let us do it.

—A. C. STOCKHAUSEN

NOTICE

The clerk of the Grange Hill church is desirous of knowing the whereabouts of the following individuals:

Mr. Cecil Handy Mr. Irvin Nichol
Mr. James Bowlyn Mrs. Ida Bowlyn
Miss Mavis Bingham

Can you supply this information? If so, please communicate with Miss Theresa Young, Grange Hill P.O. Thank you.

NEWS NOTES FROM EAST JAMAICA

INGATHERING ADVENTURE

Lay-preacher Edgerton Brown writes:

"Rolansfield has done exploits for God in this Ingathering Campaign. Why? Because when we got our goal of £13-0-0 we gave them £2-10-0 as their part of it, but they laughed at me saying that they were going to get £4-0-0. It was my turn to laugh (inside), and I said: 'Last year you only raised £1-0-0, but this year you are going to get £4-0-0.' On arriving there last Sabbath I found that they had gone over the £4-0-0 that they had set as their own goal."

At Rolansfield there is a branch Sabbath School of 15 members, giving every possible sign of development into a fully organized church in the near future. This Sabbath School is a root of the Hector's River church under the leadership of Brother Edgerton Brown, one of our consecrated lay-preachers.

COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCES

One of our colporteurs working in the Hampstead area writes:

"I canvassed a lady, in the home where I stayed, for the book 'Great Prophecies.' She was greatly impressed with the book and gave me her order with a deposit. She and her husband were belonging to another church, and so she did not want her husband to know she was buying this book, which she wanted to share with her son who lived in the city. I gave her Bible studies, using the texts in Isa. 56 and Deut. 28. She remembered having a dream about Deut. 28, and her interest in the Bible studies increased. She was impressed to keep the Sabbath and started doing so. This brought great persecution from her husband. She later had the opportunity of visiting our church two Sabbaths in succession in another parish, and on returning home her persecution was more severe. I never gave up, but gave Bible studies to her when convenient. Finally her husband became ill, and she was able to complete her preparation for baptism and was baptized. During the time her husband was ill in the hospital I worked with him, praying for him and reading to him from the Bible. Thus the Spirit of God touched his heart, and on leaving the hospital he visited Sabbath School with me two Sabbaths. He has not yet fully broken from his former church, but I feel that soon he will yield completely to the Lord in obedience to His commandments. Her son in the city has been reading the book and is also preparing for baptism in the Advent church."

—SUSAN HAUGHTON

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Colporteur B. Tyrell writes:

"A few months ago I took an order from a young lady for the book, HOPE OF THE RACE. She paid a substantial deposit, but when the time came for delivery of the book she was determined that she did not want the book again. I talked with her and encouraged her to take it but to no avail, so I went home and prayed to God about it. To my surprise

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WEST JAMAICA'S NEWS NOTES

YOUTH'S CONGRESS

The long awaited event is drawing near and soon it will be July 5 when over 200 of West Jamaica's youth will gather for Youth's Congress. Youth's Congress 1956 promises to be full of interest and inspiration, with the visitors from America lending of their various talents.

On Sunday, July 8, there will be a mass meeting in the square of Mandeville to close the Congress. At this meeting, the principal speaker will be Brother H. S. Campbell, the flying layman. Musical items at the programme will be supplied by the New York City Tabernacle choir and Miss Joyce Bryant.

We hope that the youth will return to their churches to light the torch of truth in their districts, so that all Jamaica will be "lighted with the glory of God".

INGATHERING

Goals become easier to reach as we travel toward them, hence our second bulletin disclosed that we have reached the £5,000 Ingathering Goal set by the Union. Within another few days we shall have paused in this great task. With God we made the strides and to Him all honour and glory is due.

FAREWELL

West Jamaica Conference bade *bon voyage* to two of its secretaries during the months of April and May. Both secretaries left for the United States on vacation. Mrs. Belle Bent left on April 15 and hopes to return in October, while Miss Joyce Sudeall left on May 29. Miss Sudeall hopes to be away for approximately six months. At this time we wish these secretaries a pleasant vacation and hope for them a safe return.

After approximately fifteen years of being associated with the organized work, Elder and Mrs. K. G. Vaz left for the United States of America on June 17. They are gone on study leave to attend Oakwood College, where they both hope to major in the field of education. We miss them from our ranks but wish them God's continued blessings as they strive to prepare themselves for fuller service in this needy field of God's vineyard.

VISITING VOCALIST FROM THE U.S.

Musical moments of ecstasy were experienced by spell-bound audiences in Montego Bay, Falmouth, Mandeville, Say-la-mar, Kingston, May Pen and St. Ann's Bay as they listened enraptured to one of the "greatest singers of this generation"—Mrs. Alyne Dumas Lee. Mrs. Lee is an outstanding American Soprano and is the wife of Elder Frank Lee, the Publishing Department secretary of the Lake Region Conference of S.D.A.

WEDDING VOWS

On the beautiful evening of June 3, wedding vows were exchanged between the former Miss Gloria Blake, Bible Worker, and Mr. Stanley Grant, Publishing Department secre-

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ITINERATING IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

It was my privilege recently to spend three eventful weeks April 21 — May 11 away from the office travelling by various boats some 1,100 miles to and from the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Scattered throughout these islands and cays with their fascinating beaches and charming birds are over 6,000 precious souls. To date we have less than 60 members in these islands since the Advent Message entered there some 11 years ago. This certainly presents a mighty challenge to both workers and administration.

The members at Grand Turk were overjoyed to have me as they had not had a formal sermon preached to them for nearly four weeks. Day by day they had been scanning the horizon for the sail of a ship which would bring their beloved Pastor with his precious cargo of galvanized sheets, nails, etc., to cover the roof of their church which offered them little protection from the rain.

Tuesday night we had service and early Wednesday morning the good news reached me of Brother Carter's arrival. The Government's launch left an hour later for Cochrane harbour and I embraced the opportunity to travel on it in an effort to make contact with Blue Hills.

I was extremely fortunate to find the "Sea Fan" loading in Cochrane harbour for Blue Hills. The captain was glad to assist me. Three hours later I boarded the "Sea Fan" and we made our way for Blue Hills some sixty miles away. The lovely moonlight helped to mitigate some of the inconveniences and embarrassments encountered. We arrived in Blue Hills about 11:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Brother Campbell, our worker, in the Caicos Islands jumped from the dinghy aboard the sloop to greet and welcome me.

Friday evening we had a church service and although some of our members were not at home, nevertheless there was a fair attendance on Sabbath. Brother Campbell is of good courage. Since his arrival in the Caicos early this year he has been concentrating mainly at Blue Hills and the Five Cays. He has a small baptismal class and expects to have a baptism before the end of this quarter.

Sunday morning at 5:30 we left in a small eighteen foot float with only a main sail for Kew where we have a small company established as Brother Campbell had not had the opportunity of visiting these believers since his arrival in the territory. On arrival in the village sounds of singing greeted our ears. Sad to say, however, our church doors there had not been opened for nearly four months. Sister Moore, the church leader, had been greatly incapacitated from an injured hand early this year and some members had become discouraged.

The news soon spread throughout the village that the Ministers had come and one of our members took the old church bell and rang it for all her worth. That evening they had their first sermon for nearly four months. A goodly number of strangers turned out and we had a lovely service and our members were refreshed. It was almost midnight before we finished talking and counselling with the believers. At 5:00 o'clock next morning the bell rang out again summoning believers and friends once more to meeting. God came very close to us during this devotional period and it was gratifying to see some of our visitors who had attended the evening service return for this service. Following this we had a short business meeting and elected the officers for the year. We also embraced this opportunity to launch the Ingathering Campaign at Kew. The church building is in good condition and with just a little more effort can be ready for dedication early next year, the Lord willing.

We were able to locate and arrange for a house for Brother Campbell who plans to return there shortly for pastoral and evangelical work. Not only are the prospects good at Kew for our work, but Whithy, Bottle Creek, Conch Bar, Bambarra and Lorimers, with over two thousand people awaiting the Third Angel's Message.

Brother George Capron has been chosen to lead out and with a promise that the doors of the Kew church will never close at service time again, even if there be only one person, we left the Brethren greatly encouraged and anxiously awaiting the return of Brother Campbell. We left there at noon and with a lovely breeze in favour we reached Blue Hills at 4:00 p.m. Brother Hilly Ewing, leader of the Blue Hills church, accompanied

us as pilot to Kew. We certainly appreciated his spirit of sacrifice and invaluable service.

Over in the Five Cays, the school teacher has made the school building available to Brother Campbell for some meetings. On Tuesday, May 1, Brother Campbell and I walked the three mile journey across the mountain for service. The school room was packed and there was a look of keen interest and a good response to Brother Campbell's appeal after his stirring sermon on the "Originator of Evil, and Power available to overcome him." We reached home 11:30 p.m. that night very tired, but cheered over the interest manifested. He conducts these meetings three nights a week and some of the Blue Hills members take turns in going over to lend their assistance.

At 5:00 o'clock Wednesday morning we met at Blue Hills church for a devotional and parting message. In order for our churches to be served properly and our work developed especially in the Caicos our workers MUST have the services of a boat or else our work will continue to mark time and make little progress.

Church and school life contribute much to community activities in these islands and so everything should be done to bring our work and ministerial status on a level with the other organizations.

I boarded the "Sea Fan" at 10:30 a.m. en route to Grand Turk. We have no members in Cochrane Harbour but during my weekend stay I was able to contact the Commissioner, the Doctor and other important officials. Should we acquire a property, open a school and commence meetings there, I am convinced that with the seed already sown it will not be long before there will be a church in the capital of the Caicos.

Irregular travel, mail service, and sometimes weather conditions in these islands make it almost impossible to maintain a systematic programme without a boat. Monday morning, May 7, the Commissioner and other honourable gentlemen from the Caicos were going over to Grand Turk to meet the Governor of Jamaica and I was able to make the crossing with these on the Government's launch.

I was cheered to find that the roof of the Grand Church had been finished and that the members had sung their Ingathering Victory Song. Over £40 had been raised and most of it while the Pastor was away. Sister M. S. Hall, both leader and treasurer, is doing a magnificent job and has the support of a loyal corps of church workers.

Brother Carter's influence is felt far and wide in the Turks and Caicos Islands. He is greatly beloved by his members as well as outsiders. With his continued consecrated energies and devoted service to the Cause, the work in Grand Turk must flourish and prosper under God's blessing.

I was glad for this opportunity of meeting with the Clerks and Treasurers to audit their records and bring them up to date. We certainly appreciate their faithful work.

—V. T. BOYCE, *Secretary-Treasurer*
East Jamaica Conference.

BAPTISMS

(Report of baptisms for the six year period under review at the British West Indies Union Mission Session).

	Bahamas	British Honduras	Cayman Islands	Salt Cays	East Jamaica	West Jamaica	Total
1949	81	53	28	10	701	813	1686
1950	40	21	4	11	981	831	1888
1951	66	31*	—	6	1103	1319	2525
1952	37	—	—	—	1194	1435	2666
1953	55	—	—	—	1029	1474	2558
1954	40	—	3	—	1123	1382	2548
1955	74	—	17	—	849	1294	2234
	393	105	52	27	6980	8548	16105

* After 1951 British Honduras was no longer a part of the British West Indies Union.

If The Master Were Here

by Marjorie Lewis Lloyd

If the Master were here, and if there
were a path
That led from my heart to His door,
Would I sit and wait, with the comforting
thought
That He knows all my need, and
more?

If He were a neighbour across the way,
And one lay helpless and ill,
Would I send for the Master, or quietly
say,
"He knows—and it must be his will"?

Yes, the Master knows, and the Master
cares,
And He sees all our need and more;
But the sweetest sound that the Master
hears
Is the knock of faith at His door.

And there is a path that my feet can
tread
That leads to the Master there;
For faith can travel the way of trust,
And fly on the wings of prayer.

If the Master were here, I would go to
Him
Though rugged and thorny the way;
For no one who comes with the torch of
faith
Has ever been turned away.

Then I shall look to the Master's place,
And find all my need, and more;
For there is a way that faith can take
Straight from my heart to His door.

I Wish He Would Come Tonight

by Marjorie Lewis Lloyd

I look about
At the storm without
That breaks on a weary world;
And I think, as I watch the winds
that blow,
'Tis time for the Master to come, I
know—
I wish He would come tonight!

For the road is long;
It has lost its song,
And its last dim lights burn low;
But I think of the Master's promise
to come,
And I know that the waiting is al-
most done—
Oh, I wish He would come tonight!

But I see a task,
And I do not ask
Why the Master so long delays;
For the work that I see is not yet
done,
And I know that the Master can not
come—
He can not come tonight!

The Saviour saw that men were absorbed
in getting gain, and were losing sight of eter-
nal realities. He undertook to correct this
evil. He sought to break the infatuating spell
that was paralyzing the soul. Lifting up His
voice, He cried, "What is a man profited,
if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his
own soul? or what shall a man give in ex-
change for his soul?" He presents before
fallen humanity the nobler world they have
lost sight of, that they may behold eternal
realities. He takes them to the threshold of
the Infinite, flushed with the indescribable
glory of God, and shows them the treasure
there. The value of this treasure is above
gold or silver. The richest of earth's mines
cannot compare with it.

*"The depth saith, It is not in me: —
And the sea saith, It is not with me.
It cannot be gotten for gold.
Neither shall silver be weighed for the
price thereof.*

*It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
The gold and the crystal cannot equal it:
And the exchange of it shall not be for
jewels of fine gold.*

*No mention shall be made of coral, or of
pearls:*

For the price of wisdom is above rubies."

This is the treasure that is found in the
Scriptures. The Bible is God's great lesson
book, His great educator. The foundation
of all true science is contained in the Bible.
Every branch of knowledge may be found by
searching the word of God. And above all
else it contains the science of all sciences, the
science of salvation. The Bible is the mine
of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The true higher education is gained by
studying and obeying the word of God. But
when God's word is laid aside for books that
do not lead to God and the kingdom of
heaven, the education acquired is a perversion
of the name.

There are wonderful truths in nature. The
earth, the sea, and the sky are full of truth.
They are our teachers. Nature utters her
voice in lessons of heavenly wisdom and eter-
nal truth. But fallen man will not under-

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Long years ago
It was time to go
To that promised country of light;
'Tis a task—not time—that keeps
Him away,
And it may be that I have caused the
delay—
Though I wish He would come tonight!

So I find a place,
And I set my face
To the work that is mine to do;
For I'm weary of colours that always
fade,
And I want to go home to the land
He has made—
I wish He would come tonight!

"Ablaze for Him Until—". These four
words, if individually snatched from their
context, would be inconsequential, but, to-
gether, they constitute the slogan for our
never-to-be-forgotten Youth's Congress.

It was 7:45 p.m.! The Chapel was charged
with expectancy—every available seat was
taken and folk were still standing waiting
—waiting for the beginning. Then the
piano broke into the silence as it translated
the touch of Sister Olive Nation into the tune
of our MV theme song, "There's Another
Task To Do". Suddenly a torch appeared,
held aloft by a Missionary Volunteer of the
College. He was followed by eight other
Volunteers as he trotted up the centre aisle.
These nine young men were finishing the last
leg of a 16½ mile journey that they had un-
dertaken to bring this symbolic Torch of
Truth from Waterloo, near Harry Watch,
where the Advent Message presumably was
born in West Jamaica. They did the journey
in a relay, each young man running approxi-
mately two miles.

Then it happened! This small torch was
applied to the wick of a giant torch that had
previously stood in silver silence on the plat-
form. Then it spoke; its challenging mes-
sage could be heard as its flames leaped up-
ward. It seemed to say, "Volunteers, keep
ablaze for Him Until . . . !".

The spirit of the moment was caught by
the delegates and visitors and finally mani-
fested itself in notes of praise and purpose as
we sang lustily our theme song, "There's
another Task To Do". Amid the glow of the
torch-light a prayer was breathed for us by
Pastor C. S. Greene, Missionary Volunteer
Secretary of the British West Indies Union,
and as the violin vibrated beneath the touch
of Mrs. Virginia Rittenhouse, we were assured
that our prayer was heard and that some day
our harps will sound more gloriously.

A stirring charge was sent by the Spirit
through Elder A. C. Stockhausen. His sub-
ject—"Finding the will of God for you". Then
the Choral Troupe of the Harrison Mem-
orial High School put our thoughts to music
as they sang "O Lord I Thank You". Thus
commenced our long-looked-for Congress.

The devotional hours on Friday and Sun-
day were taken by Elders Lockett and Wal-
ters respectively, the former, a visiting Pas-
tor in charge of the City Tabernacle Church
in New York City; the latter, our well known
and well beloved Conference President.

The following are some of the youth prob-
lems that were discussed:

- Intellectual Preparation for the Future
- Choosing a Life Companion
- Choosing a Life Work
- Behaviour during Courtship
- Youth and True Sabbath Keeping
- Christian Courtesy

Special musical feature of our Congress
was the City Tabernacle Choir of New York,
truly the embodiment of Christian dignity,
outstanding ability, and consonant vivacity.
As they brought their several spirit-filled mes-

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sages, we truly rejoiced in the fact that we belong to the same Advent family.

Miss Edna Parchment assisted by Mr. C. A. Pitter of New York and Dr. A. R. Parchment took charge of the Sabbath School, while Pastor A. R. Haig, constant friend of the youth, channelled the message of the Divine hour.

Truly, we were 'Ablaze for Him', and this blaze found its zenith at the square of Mandeville where a Mass Youth Rally was conducted by Brother H. S. Campbell of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. After listening to the melody of the Choir, the touching testimonies of Miss Joyce Bryant and Miss Vivianne Cervantes who gave up thousands of dollars for the Cause they now love, and the convincing call of Brother Campbell, over three hundred took their stand on the side of Truth.

All through this Youth's Congress, Pastor Lloyd Binns, the MV Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference, lent his full support thus disproving the theory that "East is East and West is West and Ne'er the Twain Shall meet".

*The day was done . . .
And the darkness fell from the wings
of night
As a feather is wafted downwards
From an eagle in its flight.*

Let us pray that the inspiration supplied at this great convocation will be taken back by the Volunteers and injected into the veins of our MV Societies that they may keep Ablaze for Him Until . . . Until . . . until their zeal finds its final consummation in the glory of Eternity.

—A. HUGH McLEAN,
MV Secretary, West Jamaica Conference

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stand. Sin has obscured his vision, and he cannot of himself interpret nature without placing it above God. Correct lessons cannot impress the minds of those who reject the word of God. The teaching of nature is by them so perverted that it turns the mind away from the Creator.

By many, man's wisdom is thought to be higher than the wisdom of the divine Teacher, and God's lesson book is looked upon as old-fashioned, stale, and uninteresting. But by those who have been vivified by the Holy Spirit it is not so regarded. They see the priceless treasure, and would sell all to buy the field that contains it. Instead of books containing the suppositions of reputedly great authors, they choose the word of Him who is the greatest author and the greatest teacher the world has ever known, who gave His life for us, that through Him we might have everlasting life. —*Christ's Object Lessons*, Pages 105-107.

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tary of West Jamaica Conference, at the West Indian Training College chapel. The officiating ministers were Pastor H. S. Walters, H. H. Fletcher and B. E. Hurst. Many friends and well wishers of the couple were present both at the ceremony and at the reception which took place at the home of Pastor H. S. Walters.

—ERMA CHAMBERS

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launched a large building programme, and we hope that by the end of 1957 we'll have an adequate building to house the more than 200 students in that secondary school.

(To be concluded)

NOTICE

The clerk of the Lances Bay church is desirous of knowing the whereabouts of:

MR. DUDLEY WATSON

Anyone who can supply this information, kindly notify:—

Mrs. Ann Martin (Clerk)
Lances Bay P.O.

TIME FOR KINDNESS

Let us take time for the goodbye kiss. We shall go to the day's work with a sweeter spirit.

Let us take time for the evening prayer. Our sleep will be more restful if we have claimed the guardianship of God.

Let us take more time to speak sweet, "foolish" words to those we love. By and by, when they can no longer hear us, our "foolishness" will seem more wise than our best wisdom.

Let us take time to read the Bible. Its treasures will last when we shall have ceased to care for the war of political parties, the rise and fall of stocks, or the petty happenings of the day.

Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. The wealth you are accumulating, burdened father, may be a doubtful blessing to the son who is a stranger to you. Your beautifully kept house, busy mother, can never be a home to the daughter whom you have no time to caress.

Let us take time to get acquainted with Christ. The hour is coming swiftly for us all when one touch of His hand in the darkness will mean more than all that is written in the daybook and ledger or in the records of our little social world. Since we must all take time to die, why should we not take time to live — to live in the large sense of a life begun here for eternity?—*Pittsburg Advocate*.

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eight days after, the same young lady came to my home with the balance of money and requested to have the book which she said she badly needed. I pray that the Lord will use this book to lead her into His kingdom." Another colporteur writes:

While canvassing I met a man who was very ill. He said for six months he couldn't sleep day nor night. He spent all his money trying to get the devil off him, and was about selling some of his lands to bring about a cure. My husband and I pointed him to Jesus and invited him to the Sabbath School at Lewistown. He went to Sabbath School; the first night after that he said he slept as he had never done before, and so he returned the next Sabbath with the same results. He has accepted Jesus as his Saviour and is now preparing for baptism. We thank God for the manifestation of His power.

—EVELYN MOORE.

Until The Day-Break

SISTER EVA GOODE—passed away on the morning of the 14th April, 1956. She was born at Watermount, St. Catherine, in 1918. She became a S.D.A. and was baptized by Elder A. C. Stockhausen on December 31, 1939. She was a very ardent worker in the Spanish Town Church and served in almost every department of the church. She lived a Christian life and leaves to mourn their loss a husband, sister, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor E. C. Walton.

S. E. Myers, Clerk, Spanish Town Church

SISTER SUSAN EDWARDS—died on the 27th of January, 1956. The burial sermon was conducted by Pastor Zadock Reid and Brother J. Williams. Imogene Donaldson, Clerk, Toll Gate Church

SISTER MATILDA DEMPSTER of the Harmons church passed away on the 21st of May, 1956. She accepted the Advent Message in the year 1939 and was baptized by Pastor W. S. Nation in January, 1940. She remained faithful to the time of her death. She was born in 1876 and died at the age of 80. To mourn their loss are seven children and forty-five grand children and many friends. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Enos Bennett the leader of the church. Arthur Morris, Clerk, Harmons Church

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