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Receiving And Giving

by ELDER ARTHUR H. ROTH
President, Inter-American Division

Receiving and giving are Christian graces. No one on earth has received so freely and bountifully from heaven's riches as the child of God. It would take a long time to enumerate the gifts God continuously bestows. Shall we think of a few of our many gifts? I am glad for life. Life is a gift from God. Every day I receive gifts from nature which help to maintain the life that was given me—food, water, air, sunshine—things to delight my taste, my eyes, my ears. You likewise have received these gifts. I have been given some talents which make this life worthwhile and enjoyable. So have you. I have received material benefits—clothing, shelter, money. You have, too. Do you receive and use God's gift's gracefully and with gratitude?

I could go on making a list of the many gifts that you and I receive; but I am trying to make this listing of our gifts brief, because I know that you will add scores and scores of other gifts to the list. But, I do not want to omit mention of the Gift of gifts—our Master and Saviour, the Lord Jesus. He is yours. He is mine. Because of Him salvation and eternity are ours. Have you accepted this precious gift for your daily comfort and joy?

The Christian receives gifts. The Christian happily makes gifts. He shares what he has received. By sharing he enlarges his own capacity to receive and enjoy even yet more wonderful gifts. Do you share? Do you give? You can share and give generously. You can speak cheerful and encouraging words. You can give a smile. You can give a handclasp. You can give a moral stimulus. You can help lighten another's burden. You can share your knowledge and talents. You

can give of your material blessings. You can share your faith. You can help give the gospel. Do I hear someone say he has nothing to give? Christian, hourly, daily you can give. Giving, like receiving, is a mark of a Christian. God wants you to receive. God wants you to give. Receive much. Give abundantly. Receive graciously. Give unhesitatingly.

As you think in terms of receiving and giving, may I place before you a duty and privilege toward God's cause. As we survey the work of God in Inter-America, truly we can say that God has richly blessed his people. In a little more than sixty years the church has grown from a mere handful of Seventh-day Adventists to more than 112,000. There are 150,000 members in our Inter-American Division Sabbath schools. This is wonderful! What strength and courage it gives our hearts to realize that God is with His work and His people; but we must also look beyond these 150,000. God has placed 70,000,000 souls before us as our responsibility in Inter-America. We must give them the message of Advent truth. Are you doing all God wants you to do for these souls? Let us not become slack in tithing faithfulness. Let us give generous sacrificial offerings. Let us always share the gospel freely. At the close of the Week of Prayer on Sabbath, November 24, we shall be given the privilege to make a sacrificial offering for the further extension of the message. Plan dear Adventists, to give as you desire to have God give to you.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YOUTH CONGRESS



Elder C. S. Greene

The Inter-American Division Youth Leaders are planning big things for the Missionary Volunteers. The year 1957 will be the Golden Anniversary for Missionary Volunteers around the world. Inter-America will not be outdone in plans for youth and so a Golden Anniversary Youth Congress is planned for December 17—21, 1957, in the exotic and romantic city of Havana, Cuba.

The Missions, Conferences and Unions of our territory are astir, and because young people get a special thrill and inspiration from convocations of this nature, hundreds of our young people are planning definitely to attend. The Missionary Volunteers of the British West Indies Union will be sending a large delegation, and already Youth Leaders A. H. McLean of West Jamaica, L. S. Binns of East Jamaica, W. W. Liske of the Bahamas, and W. O. Comm of the Cayman Islands, have big plans on foot to finance the scheme. A great interest is being displayed and the groundwork has been set for the chartering of 'planes for the occasion.

What a thrill will be in those never-to-be-forgotten days! Begin right now to "brush up" on your Spanish and your French as well.

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Big beyond your imagination will be the plans for Out-Post Evangelism, and Mission projects will be portrayed before your very eyes. Hear the soul-saving experiences of young lives rescued from sin and the customs of superstition. Thrill to the sound of the Haitian "Tom-Tom" and the Mexican Marimba. See the Spanish "belles" and hear the Acapella Choir of our sister College of Santa Clara. Your soul will be inspired, refreshed, filled and satisfied, as Youth Leaders and World Leaders lead you into a closer fellowship with Christ the Master. You owe it to yourself as one of the "Big Events" of your Spiritual life to attend the Youth Congress in the Golden Anniversary Year.

Since delegations have to be planned in advance, you will do well to contact your local M. V. Secretary and let him give you all the details, but be sure that nothing will hinder you or some member of your M. V. Society from attending. Make the contact now - delay is always dangerous.

The Havana Youth Congress will be one of action, inspiration, and soul satisfaction. Youth in action for the King of kings will be there to share with you the blessed joys of what it means to belong to this great army of youth. Already we can hear their marching feet marching towards this great occasion keeping in mind as well the greater Congress in the heavenly land. Come, march with the youth of the British Caribbean, the youth of the Republics of Cuba, Haiti, Costa Rica and Central America, and the smiling Conquistadors of Mexico. Above all keep in step at the Golden Anniversary Youth Congress of 1957 with JESUS CHRIST THE MASTER.

The Golden Anniversary Youth Congress will be a convocation in which larger plans and greater goals will be placed before the eyes of the youth of Inter-America; plans and goals upon which will be built a noble building for Missionary Volunteers of the great Advent Movement. John Ruskin said, "Therefore when we build . . . let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants (and those who come after us) will thank us for." Such is the aim we have in view; such is the picture that will be kept before our eyes at "Our Congress"; such is the task we hope to attain as the youth will be aroused to greater, more fervent, and renewed ardour to push the battle "to the gates" in this closing hour of earth's history. Now is the time for the Youth of the British West Indies Union and the Youth of all Inter-America to light their torches of zeal, love, service, and devotion for God. Now is the time to grasp it. Now is the time to meet with the youth of your sister fields and catch a foretaste of heavenly convocations. Plan now to attend. We will be looking for you at the Golden Anniversary Youth Congress of Inter-America in Havana, Cuba, December 17-21, 1957.

—C. S. GREENE
M. V. Secretary, B.W.I. Union

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

Seven months ago my husband started an effort in Porus, a little town eleven miles from Mandeville. Several members of the Baptist church came to the meetings, and as a result accepted the "Third Angel's Message." These individuals were from different families so there was no special reason for alarm in the Baptist church. Everything seemed quiet until my husband went from Porus to Ramble, a district three miles from Porus, to hold one-week Revival meetings. The crowd increased night after night, then we decided to convert the Revival into a full-time Evangelistic effort. During that time an entire family of six stepped out of the Baptist church into the Advent Faith. This awakened the Baptist minister from his "slumber." He visited this family and tried to show them scriptural proof that they were making a mistake, but they assured him that they were quite satisfied with their new-found faith.

Some days later a young man who was a member of the Baptist enquirer's class was missing. Upon inquiry the minister understood that the young man was visiting our meetings. This state of affairs got him very anxious. He, therefore, sent for the young man, who replied, "If he wants to see me, tell him to come to the Seventh-day Adventist church on a Sabbath and he will be certain to find me." The minister was annoyed to hear this. He then began visiting homes around announcing a special meeting which was to be held on the 6th October at the open square between Porus and Ramble. This meeting was planned to cripple Seventh-day Adventists and their preaching.

On the afternoon of this date, not remembering this announcement, we passed by on our way to Ramble. My husband wondered if we should stop when we saw the crowd gathering, but we decided to go on to Ramble church, unload some of our things and return to the square immediately. On reaching the spot we heard the minister shout, "No man can keep the Commandments, and I can prove it to you. When I am through I want a man, anyone who thinks he can contradict me, to meet this challenge—anyone! Jesus Himself could not keep the Law. I shall offer no apology for the statements I make . . . Those people who are telling you to keep the law are liars. They say so many things behind one's back but they can't say it now. Let them say it now. Let them come out here, I want them to see me." This was only a fraction of his one and one-half hour speech.

His blasphemous statements made my husband decide to leave, but I encouraged him to stay, lest the minister should think us cowards.

His challenge continued to be emphatic. I looked at my husband and said, "We must meet this challenge." "It does not suit us to enter into a controversy," he replied. "Yes," I said, "but this experience reminds me of the Mount Carmel experience, and if you only allow me, I will go out and answer

him now." He said, "I don't want you to go, but if you feel impressed, you may go."

I wrote a note—"I am willing to answer your Challenge in five minutes." I got out of the car, passed through the crowd to the platform and stood there holding up my note before the minister who continued speaking without noticing me. One of his men, however, took the paper and gave it to him. He hurriedly looked at it, and placing it on his desk continued speaking without even looking toward me. At this juncture I stepped on the platform and stood with folded arms right beside him. This made him stammer for a short while, but on regaining his composure he continued his challenges in my face. I stood quietly for about half an hour until he was through. He dismissed with prayer and benediction then said to his people, "Now we must hurry away for we are late" and began to take up his papers and books. I interrupted him and said calmly, "I asked you to let me answer your challenge in five minutes and how are you leaving now?" "I did not mean that," he said, "you may come to my car and talk with me if you wish." "No," I replied, and immediately turned and addressed the crowd before they had a chance to disperse.

"Friends and brethren", I shouted, "it is an injustice for anyone to be publicly condemned without a public opportunity to be heard." At this the people shouted, "Right", and listened attentively. I continued, "We believe in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour from sin." This startled our hearers who had just heard the minister assure them that Seventh-day Adventists were Jews, and that Sabbath-keeping would save them. The minister was so astounded that his spell-bound position could not be hidden. "How dare you look at the congregation of God's people and tell them that they can't keep God's commandments?", I asked him. "Does God ask of His children impossibilities? Without Christ man is unable to keep the Law, but 'we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.' Do you mean to tell the people that Heaven will be filled with law breakers. How would you explain Matthew 5:48, Be ye . . ." "I am not condemning you, because I once argued as you are doing now. Did you know that the late Rev. J. T. Dillon, one of Jamaica's foremost Baptist ministers, was my uncle, and that my grandparents were pillars of the Baptist Faith in Jamaica? But like Martin Luther, I stand here this afternoon to declare that we have come to a time when we must have a Reformation."

These were some of my pointed questions to him before his congregation and the entire crowd, who roared "Amen" as these solemn facts were pointed out one by one. After finishing successfully the answer to his challenge, I bowed a hearty "thank you" and left the platform. The crowd dispersed, only to go on discussing the matter.

That night we had more visitors than ever before at both the Porus and Ramble churches.

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EAST JAMAICA'S NEWS NOTES

LAY CONVENTIONS

Elder Henry J. Westphal from the Division office in Miami and Elder W. U. Campbell have been holding a series of lay-conventions around the East Jamaica Conference, with the result that an excellent spirit has been stirred up for lay efforts. Elder Westphal arrived in the island September. While here, lay-evangelistic meetings were held throughout the Conference. One of the good meetings was at Port Antonio when an excellent programme of lay-activities was outlined. Our brethren were greatly strengthened by the counsel of Elder Westphal.

In Kingston lay-conventions were held at North Street church and at Kencot church. Our lay-preachers in both these districts are inspired to do greater things for Christ.

WESTERN KINGSTON CONVENTION

The weekend of September 21-23 was designated as West Kingston Convention. Brother L. H. Fletcher collaborating with Elder Campbell outlined an excellent programme for Trench Town, Greenwich Town, and Regent Street. The activities terminated in a big mass meeting on Sunday the 23rd, on the Trench Town Government school grounds. More than 1,500 people were gathered to hear a sermon by Pastor A. R. Hale who delivered an outstanding sermon in his inimitable style. Approximately 250 people signed cards asking for Bible studies and a greater knowledge of the Third Angel's Message. This inspired the hearts of everyone of our workers. We solicit the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor* on behalf of the lay activities in the East.

MORANT BAY EFFORT

Elders Westphal, Campbell, and the writer enjoyed the privilege of visiting the Morant Bay effort being conducted by Elders C. S. Green and D. C. McCalla assisted by Brother Brown and Miss Nesbitt. On Tuesday night, September 18, Elder Green preached to a crowded church with many people standing in the lobby. Twenty-four people were standing outside of one door endeavouring to get a glimpse of the activities on the inside of the building and to hear the sermon. At the conclusion of the sermon Elder Greene made an altar call. Approximately 70 people gathered around the altar for special prayer. These added to the 160 names of interested people, gives our Morant Bay effort group a tremendous task, for which we solicit the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor*.

SPANISH TOWN EFFORT

A large well organized effort was started in our recently dedicated, beautiful Spanish Town church on Sunday night September 16. Every seat was occupied with many people standing in the lobby and others crowding around the doors and windows of the church to see and hear. This effort is being con-

ducted by Elder L. S. Binas as the Speaker with Pastor Walton of the district collaborating. Brother Oscar Smith is leading the music. Brother Curtis Parchment is in the evangelistic group doing what he can to encourage souls to take their stand for Christ. Miss Webley, one of our Bible workers in the East, will join the company on September 30, giving strength to the effort there. The meetings have been well attended every night even on week-days all seats are taken with many people standing. Again we solicit the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor* on behalf of the large Spanish Town effort.

TEACHER PERCY

Recently Teacher V. H. Percy, our headmaster of the Kingsway High School, left the island for a two-year study leave at Atlantic Union College. There he expects to receive his degree and prepare for greater service in the Lord's cause. We pray for God's blessing on him.

Elder O. S. Rugless has joined our East Jamaica Conference teaching staff as headmaster in place of Brother Percy. Elder Rugless has taken a good hold on the work. We are expecting great things from our Kingsway school programme.

DEDICATIONS

On Sunday, September 16, it was our happy privilege to re-dedicate the revamped church at Everton Park. A new entrance and an entirely new appearance have been given to the Everton Park church. In this newly completed phase it is a fitting and representative church for the preaching of the Advent Message. Pastor R. S. Blackburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union, was on hand to preach the dedicatory sermon. Our people at Everton Park rejoice because of the newly completed edifice which is a representative place to which to invite their friends and loved ones.

DORCAS EXHIBITION AT LINSTEAD

The ladies of our Dorcas societies came together to exhibit their work at Linstead on Wednesday, September 19. It was inspiring to see the good work that is being accomplished by our sisters who are ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than we are. Elder Henry J. Westphal preached a sermon on Dorcas Welfare activities which was appreciated by all. May the Lord continue to bless our ladies as they do their part in serving needy humanity.

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

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

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Two members of the Baptist church joined the Bible Class of the Ramble church, one of them attending under great opposition.

This Public Challenge has reaffirmed the faith of the new converts, and they are now studying their Bibles with a new vision.

—MRS. RUTH WATSON-REID
Bible Worker.

WEST JAMAICA'S NEWS NOTES

Omens of our returning Lord are fast fulfilling and soon we shall witness the closing drama of His appearing.

With hearts stirred, West Jamaica accepts the challenge of the Hour and advances boldly under the banner of the Kings of kings.

This HOUR calls for a Revival of the Truth once delivered to the Saints, and the sacrifice and devotion of those who have gone before, should not be allowed to fade into oblivion. Such a Revival has been organized and is raging through the entire field in the form of one-week efforts. These Revival meetings are being held in nearly every church in the Conference and are planned to revive the old fires and start new fires in the hearts of the people.

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Just a short time ago West Jamaica Conference welcomed into its fold Miss E. W. Parchment as Book & Bible House Manager and Sabbath School Secretary. On September 5, we bade her adieu as she left for Oakwood College in the United States to further her studies.

As Miss Parchment leaves for a short time we wish her success in all her endeavours and look forward to the time when she will return to lead us on to higher heights.

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We want to take this medium to welcome into our midst Elder G. A. E. Smith. His long years of service and experience in the Lord's work will be of invaluable help in the Sabbath School Department and the Book & Bible House, which he has taken over from Miss Parchment.

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Miss Ona Jackson, one of our office secretaries, has found it necessary to relinquish her post on account of her health. She is suffering from an acute condition of her heart and has gone to the United States of America for medical treatment. We wish for her the best and pray that God's healing hand will be extended in mercy to her.

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Wedding bells rang on the beautiful evening of July 15 for two of our workers. The former Miss Valda Morrison became the bride of Pastor Keith Boyd in a beautiful and picturesque ceremony at the West Indian Training College Chapel. Elders H. S. Walters, O. U. Holness and C. S. Greene officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Elder L. A. Morrison, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Jamaica Conference, and she taught on the Staff of the Harrison Memorial High School from its inception until the end of last year. Many relatives and friends of both the bride and groom were present to witness their nuptials and to wish them a long and happy wedded life.

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Since the beginning of the year two churches have been organized in our Conference. They are, Welcome Hall in St. James, and Bogg in Westmoreland.

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As a result of the evangelistic effort held at Springfield, St. James, by Elder I. B. Benson and assisted by Brother Vincent Miller, two-thirds of the membership of the Welcome Hall church were brought in.

God has a thousand and one ways that we know not of to win souls. The brethren of the New Market Church are on fire for God, hence they went up to the Carmel District and erected a booth and blazed a trail for God. When it was Harvest time their minister was invited to spend some time at this booth. He joined his efforts with the efforts of the brethren and as a result the Bogg church has been organized. Heaven alone will reward our laymen and brethren in West Jamaica for faithful labours of love.

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News from May Pen reveal that the church is now too small for the large harvest of souls that have been garnered in during the recent evangelistic campaign. Elder Palmer was assisted in this effort by Mrs. Gloria Grant, during the first phase, and Brother Benjamin McKenzie and Sister Amy Haughton during the latter phase. The Lord has blessed this effort in a marked way and over sixty persons have already been baptized and there are a large number still in the baptismal class.

Elder Palmer received great help from the church leader, Brother McIntyre, and the church members. They are now anxious to start building a new church that will be able to hold their members.

Elder Palmer and Brother McKenzie continue their evangelistic drive by conducting Revivals throughout the District.

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Jamaica still echoes the melodies left here by the New York City Tabernacle Choir during their recent visit here. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Doris Burton the choir toured major towns of the island, receiving civic receptions and giving recitals.

The choir brought along with them messages from the Mayor of New York City to the Mayors of Kingston and Montego Bay. At the civic receptions held in their honour in these two cities the Mayors received these messages and a copy of the book 'God Speaks to Modern Man'.

In addition to the members of the choir we had Mrs. Marguerite Daley, soloist and winner of the Marian Anderson Award; Elder and Mrs. Lockett, (Elder Lockett is Pastor of the New York City Tabernacle church); Mr. Colin Pitter, and Mr. Moses Mayne. Only eternity will reveal the good that has been accomplished by their visit and if they plan to return we wait to welcome them with open arms.

News from May Pen reveal that the are Hiram Schubert, infant son of Elder and Mrs. John Palmer, born September 24, 1956, and little Miss Holness, infant daughter of Elder & Mrs. O. U. Holness, born October 9, 1956.

News has also just reached us that one of our teachers, Brother Robert Williams has added a son to his student enrolment.

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We are very happy to welcome to our teaching staff, Miss Olga Smith. She is now acting at the May Pen church school. Miss Smith is a graduate of the Normal Course as taught at the West Indian Training College. We wish her God's richest blessings in her new field of work.

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On October 11, 1956, our workers assembled for their Quarterly Meeting. Elder J. N. Williams came over from East Jamaica Conference and took charge of the morning's devotion. He also officiated at the Communion Service to close a well spent and highly spiritual day.

We must here express our appreciation to Elders R. S. Blackburn and B. E. Hurst of the British West Indies Union for their good counsel and inspiration.

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At the end of the third quarter of 1956 we had nearly one thousand seven hundred persons enrolled in our baptismal classes. This great achievement is mostly due to the revivals being conducted in our churches. Our people are going from house to house visiting, studying with and inviting people to attend our churches. This programme is a mighty one and we trust that God will give our people the humbleness of heart and the wisdom that is needed to bring it to a glorious end.

For the first nine months of the year our ministers have baptised nine hundred and forty-eight souls into this marvellous truth.

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Elder J. C. Palmer and Brother Zadock Reid have reached their soul goal for the year. Elder Palmer has reached the one hundred mark, and Brother Reid is nearing this figure.

Our Annual Church Elders' and Leaders' Council convened from September 29 to October 8. These meetings were of great spiritual benefit to our brethren and they returned to their churches refreshed and with new zeal and courage to press forward to the finishing of the work of God in this generation.

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On October 15, wedding vows were exchanged between one of our ministerial interns, Brother James Bennett and the former Nurse Lucille Boyd of Andrews Memorial Hospital. The officiating ministers were Elders H. S. Walters, H. E. Nembard and A. D. Laing, and the ceremony was conducted at the North Street Seventh-day Adventist Temple in Kingston. Many friends and relatives were present to wish them a happy and long wedded life.

—ERMA CHAMBERS
Secy. West Jamaica Conf.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHING SECRETARY OF THE WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

"We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work." *Testimonies, Volume 8, Page 89.*

From the foregoing statement written under Divine inspiration, we can clearly see that the circulation of the books and papers should be given a prominent place in our activities. The main purpose of Seventh-day Adventist publications is to prepare a people to meet God. This is no small task; because it involves a preparation for eternity. In the testimonies, Volume 7, page 139, we read the following: "The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation."

A great honour has been bestowed upon Adventist Colporteurs — that of helping in the closing work on earth. The fields of West Jamaica are white and ready to harvest. We have only touched the fringes. Vast unworked territories await us. For the first two quarters of last year (1955) our colporteurs delivered £4059. 7. 7 worth of literature. For the two quarters of this year (1956) their deliveries were £5905. 8. 2. This is a gain of £1846. 0. 7 over the corresponding period of last year.

Since the beginning of this year new industries have started operating in this field. With the advent of industry there is always an increase in the economy of a country, and with the increase in economy, people are able to buy more books. May the Lord Bless you.

—S. A. GRANT,
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