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## Goodbye--For Now



ELDER A. R. HAIG

Surely we live in a world of change and belong to a MOVEMENT. After serving the British West Indies Union as Publishing Secretary, Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary, and Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, during a period of ten years, Pastor A. R. Haig, who has endeared himself to the field and has seen these departments grow, has been called to serve as assistant Publishing Secretary of the Northeastern Conference in the United States.

On January 10, a number of the workers from the Union, and East and West Jamaica conferences gathered at the Palisadoes airport to bid farewell to Elder Haig and his family as they boarded the plane for New York via Nassau and Bermuda. I don't believe any of us will ever forget "Little Pepper" and I am sure that the young people especially, both at the West Indian Training College and out in the field, will greatly miss him. Brother Haig's interest through the years has been especially manifested in a desire to see the message placed in the homes of the people through our Published books, and we feel sure that he will give good leadership to the colporteurs of the Northeastern Conference.

## YOUTH EVANGELISM

By C. S. Greene

The hour is here when a programme for all-out evangelism among our youth must be launched. The world is bidding high for the services of youth and the call of youth to the church and to the Lord should receive special and greater emphasis.

It is said that "the hour is rapidly approaching when the third angel's message is to swell into the loud cry." This experience will not be delayed much longer.

Circumstances have shaped themselves in such a way that the world will soon receive the blessings of the latter rain.

Certainly we would not want our young people shut out from the experiences of blessedness that will and must come before the church reaches its final stage of victory.

Currently the movement is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization of Missionary Volunteers.

This will be a G-A-Y (Golden Anniversary Year) experience to all if larger and better plans can be realized to see our young people gathered into the doors of the church. The army of youth must be inspired to go forth and win other youth, and the youth within our church who are not baptized must be encouraged to take this

step. If a young person is old enough to do wrong, he is old enough to have his sins forgiven and washed away in the waters of baptism.

The call goes forth today to all our workers and members to gather in the youth before it is too late. Parents, why should you hold back your boys and your girls until they reach the time when they have no desire to be baptised? Now, is the time to impress them for God. Now, is the time to show them that in the formative years they can do a far greater work for the King of Kings rather than wait until all they have left is only the husk and emptiness of old life and regrets.

In this Golden Anniversary Year, there should be an unusual opportunity to lead consecrated youth to God. Workers, leaders, parents, look around you. If your boy or girl is between the ages of 10 and 30, ask yourself the question: Is he baptized? what have I done to impress him?

It is proved by statistics that the boys and the girls who have decided for Christ between the ages of eight and twelve stay longer in the church. Many of our workers now serving faithfully in the cause were baptized between the ages of eight and sixteen. During this year all need to join in a great crusade so that the boys and girls within the church and especially those of Adventist parents will be baptized and become members of the church.

Some may argue that they are too young. Are they too young to die? Others might say, "Let them wait." Jesus says, "Suffer the children (the youth) to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." While none should be

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We wish him every success in his new field and feel sure that the Lord will greatly bless his labours. We can hardly say goodbye to him for we feel sure that his heart is in Jamaica, and before many years he will return to us as he did after serving for a period in the Caribbean Union. God bless him and his family.

—A. C. Stockhausen

## Bahamas Mission—News Notes

### "TIDINGS FROM THE NORTH"

As the year 1956 has slipped beneath the horizon of time, reports are streaming in from the Battle Scarred Warriors of the Bahama Islands. Brother H. N. Moore has had command of the Forces in Eleuthera; Brother Silas McKinney, General of the Detachment in Andros; Elder T. O. Shaw, General of the Forces of New Providence, and Brethren Scavella and Nairn, the Commanders of the beach head occupation in Exuma, the only points occupied by personnel of the limited amount of the Officers of the Army.

Extensive guerella warfare has been waged upon the entrenchments of the enemy at such points as the Bluff, Riding Rock and Cockburn Town.

Helicopter landings by veterans C. H. Hepburn, M. V. Smith and H. R. Smith on the islands of Grand Bahama, Andros, Bimini, Inagua, Harbour Island and Cat Island have been affected, as these advance guardsmen, like the Historical "THREE HUNDRED" have effectively poured their hand-grenades of our literature in these strategic sections.

Already we hear the ominous sounds of the crumbling forts of the enemy. This is the hour when we must press the battle to the gates, because we are already seeing the fruits of victory. Our noble, lesser ranking officers and privates in the army, have been faithful and consistent in their fight for the Cause they so dearly love.

Our greatest need for the new year is additional Generals and Lieutenants to organize our guerella forces, which would be able to more successfully cope with the ever increasing forces of the enemy. We solicit your prayers.

A small comparative Statistical Report for the years 1955 and 1956 will better present our accomplishments and our needs.

|          | 1955 | 1956 |
|----------|------|------|
| Baptisms | 43   | 67   |

In New Providence, our home base, under the leadership of Elder T. O. Shaw, we have seen a 100% increase in the number of baptisms for 1956. In 1955, New Providence boasted of 22 new warriors while in 1956 the number has been increased to 44. We are indeed grateful to our Commander-in-Chief, Christ Jesus, for His blueprint and victorious achievements to order that these figures can be made possible.

The liberality of our people has been very marked during this year of achievements as the following figures will show.

|                    | 1955   |       | 1956   |      |
|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|------|
| Tithe              | £6,052 | 1 8   | £7,063 | 18 5 |
| S. S. Offering     | 358    | 12 3  | 444    | 13 0 |
| 13th Sab. Offering | 151    | 2 1   | 233    | 12 2 |
| Birthday Offering  | 32     | 1 9   | 34     | 19 1 |
| Investment         | 69     | 6 8   | 76     | 18 5 |
| Week of Sacrifice  | 118    | 15 11 | 179    | 16 3 |

There are over 3,000 Isles and Islets in which to work and our Evangelistic force consists of but six men. We are thankful

for these consecrated and hard working men, but what are six men among 3,000 islands? If no other text of scripture is applicable here, the one which says "the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few" is certainly so. We solicit your prayers so that the dream of evangelizing these islands can be realized. We thank God for these accomplishments, and under His guidance for 1957, we hope to make it a BANNER YEAR.

L. M. Mullings, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Bahamas Mission of S. D. A.*

### Investment in the Bahamas

For the business man, Investment means putting in a little with the idea of gathering in more.

For the Christian, Investment means much more: Putting a little plus much time and prayer with the hope of gathering much materially plus the pleasure of seeing souls won to the kingdom of Heaven as a result.

Investment in the Bahamas, though promoted for over ten years has been slow in it's progress, presumably because of our geographical outlay, but nevertheless, the work of God will triumph irrespective of barriers or problems.

Each year one or more Sabbath Schools have caught the idea and the individual members are working harder to help carry the gospel Message through this means. So that all may truly visualize the enthusiasm with which our members work, here are a few experiences as told by some of them.

*Investment Box*—One Sister who is a dressmaker and specializes in the making of shirts also, decided to give as Investment Offering, one shilling for each gent's shirt and sixpence for each boy's shirt. Having made a little box, she deposited the coins each time into the box. By December she had a very nice Investment offering.

*Fruit Trees*—An old Sister who invested a fruit tree located at the rear of her house states that it bore exceptionally well last year.

Another Sister says that her fruits were larger this year after dedicating the tree for Investment.

*Driving Lessons*—In 1955 a Brother invested an amount on each new student. This worked very well. This plan was used again in 1956 and it was discovered that he needed more hours in a day to be able to care for all of his students. So, we see, that this plan not only contributes to Missions but works well also for the individuals.

*Out Islands*—From several out island churches, come good reports. Pumpkin vines, even though hindered by high winds and flood, produced very well.

We received word also from two Sisters who planted in their spare time and sold same for Investment. Another, saved coins.

### Eight Precious Souls

Sunday, December 16, 1956, was truly a day of inspiration and encouragement to all of us who took part in its sacred activities. Before the sun came up, Brother Miller, our local elder for Kemps Bay church, and I were on our way to Black Point where eight christian young people were waiting to be baptized. We had all our plans for the trip worked out to the nearest minute, but we soon found out they were to go awry.

We calculated as accurately as possible the time it would take us to reach Black Point, travelling part of the way by motor-cycle. In all our planning, however, we left out one very important factor. You see, over here it is only possible to ride our motor-cycle on the beach when the tide is low. This is because there are no roads here. Just as soon as we put out for the beach we realized that it would be impossible for the motor-cycle to go because the tide was very high. This meant that we had to walk all the way to Deep Creek, cross over the ferry, and walk another mile down the Creek where Brother Fahming, another of our local elders, was waiting to put us across. It also meant that we would be approximately one hour late for our very important appointment.

Though we were late, the faithful brethren at Black Point never got discouraged. Before sunrise they assembled in the church building awaiting our arrival. They were not quite sure which way we would travel, so they posted sentries at the footpath leading from Black Point to Kemp's Bay and at the little dock by the Creek. Just as soon as we were sighted, the news was heralded to the church.

When we finally got there we were pleasantly surprised by the most cordial welcome anyone can ever get. The church was filled with members and visitors who came to witness the ceremony. I must mention here that this very fine christian group of believers was under the leadership of one of our pioneer workers, Brother Isaac Rolle, local elder for Black Point church.

We went immediately into the programme of the morning. We conducted a short service in the church at the end of which an appeal was made, to which many individuals responded. From the church we marched down to the Creek singing and praising God. Then in the placid waters of the Creek, eight precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. For this and every other blessing, we give God thanks.

—S. N. McKinney

From these and many other reports, we can truly see that the Lord really blesses even the humblest of efforts. May this be an inspiration to a greater trust in Him,

W. W. Nairn

*Sabbath School Secretary,*  
*Bahamas Mission of S. D. A.*

## News From East Jamaica

### NORTH STREET CHURCH HALL

The readers of the "Visitor" will be interested in the wonderful work that has been accomplished by our North Street church. In the month of May, 1956, the Conference Committee okayed the plan to build a church hall for the use of our youth, not only of the North Street church, but the whole conference. Pastor A. D. Laing began this project on faith with the small beginning of £300. The Lord has greatly blessed the faith of our North Street brethren in that today we have a complete building, free of debt, estimated to worth approximately £7,000 0 0, the actual cost is about half of that amount. This was made possible only as a result of God's rich blessing. Brother West, the builder, worked untiringly to make this building possible for the use of our youth.

On Sunday, January 13, the building was officially opened. An overflow crowd was in attendance. Lady Allan was there; the Mayors of Kingston and Spanish Town were in attendance; our Union brethren gave support to the programme; all in attendance were thrilled because of the wonderful work that had been accomplished under the blessing of God. This building represents another milestone in our great building programme in the East Conference.

### WEDDINGS

Three beautiful weddings have been solemnized in our East Jamaica Conference worker's family. Three of our preachers have taken helpmeet whom we trust will be a great help to them in their work. Brother Victor Brown was united in matrimony with Miss Edith Bromfield. We trust the Lord will richly bless them. The officiating minister was Pastor D. C. McCalla. A beautiful wedding was conducted at the North Street church when Brother L. S. Carter was united with Sister Valoria Thompson. The officiating ministers were Pastors H. E. Nembhard, A. D. Laing, and E. H. Schneider. The third wedding was between Brother Alphonso Reid and Miss Brenda Newell on Sunday, January 13, at the Kencot church. The officiating ministers were Pastor H. S. Walters, President of the West Jamaica Conference, H. E. Nembhard and E. H. Schneider. We trust as these three brethren set up their newly established christian homes that the rich blessing of heaven will attend them and make their marriages fruitful in God's Cause.

### DEDICATIONS

Since our last report in the "Visitor" we have dedicated three more church buildings: Stewart Mountain, Greenwich Town, and Burnside Valley.

We would pay tribute to the preachers who have worked untiringly to finish these

churches. We would be remiss in our duty if we did not tell of the good work that has been accomplished by our lay brethren and church boards in all three of these churches. Major C. L. Clarke, together with the people of Stewart Mountain have done a wonderful job. We have a beautiful church there. May God bless them.

Brother L. H. Fletcher in an untiring effort with the church board and members of Greenwich Town have given us a complete church that is a pleasure to behold. In its finished state it is beautiful! We invite you to meet there some Sabbath to worship and inspect it. You will be pleased.

Elder White and the members of the Burnside Valley church have done a good work. As a result today we have a beautiful church up in Red Hills, St. Andrew, dedicated to the honour and glory of God. May the Lord richly bless our brethren for their sacrificial service that God's cause may be prospered.

### BAPTISMS

Our hearts go out to our blessed Lord in gratitude for what has been accomplished in the East Conference in soul-winning. Under the impelling power of the Holy Spirit 1,096 souls were led to take their stand for Jesus and to be buried with their Lord and Saviour in the baptismal waters of our several churches. While not a record, this is very close to the record of 1952 when 1,194 souls were baptized. Words cannot express our appreciation to the Heavenly Father for the wonderful success that has attended the efforts of our laymen and the preachers in their united efforts. Surely, the Lord is good and greatly to be praised. Under God our preachers and laity are determined to baptize more in '57 than ever before.

### WORKERS' MEETING

The East Jamaica Conference family has just concluded a very successful and inspiring 3-day workers' meeting at the Rollington Town church in Kingston. The Lord graced this meeting by His sweet Spirit, for which we are truly thankful. Plans were laid for a greater work in East Jamaica. Our preachers were determined to do a more extensive work under the directing power of the Holy Spirit. We are all of good courage and united in our future outlook.

During the Session, plans were made for Conference conventions throughout our field. Extensive plans were made for our soon coming Ingathering Campaign. Four newly sponsored church schools will be recognized. The Golden Jubilee Youth Congress in Havana, Cuba, came in for special planning that the youth of our Conference may be encouraged to attend. We hope a good representation will be on hand when the Congress convenes. Our Publishing Department is planning to do a greater work in '57, although '56 was reported as our record year for deliveries in the East Jam-

alca Conference. We trust that our constancy will remember our soul-winning activities that the work may go forward speedily and soon be finished.

### ORDINATION

During our workers meeting brethren LeRoy S. Carter and Fred E. White were set apart in ordination for the sacred work of the gospel ministry. Both these brethren have given proof of their calling to the ministry, for which hands of ordination were laid upon their heads, setting them apart for their God-appointed task. The President of the Union, Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, gave the charge, Elder R. S. Blackburn preached the ordination sermon. Pastor J. N. Williams prayed the ordination prayer and your humble servant welcomed our brethren into the fellowship of the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist church. We pray that their ordination will give these two brothers greater power to discharge their duty as ministers of the gospel.

### COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

Our Colporteur Institute was one of the most successful ever held in East Jamaica. Approximately 120 colporteurs were in attendance. Great inspiration and spiritual blessings came to the group as they met at the Kencot church. We are thankful to the Pacific Press for sending Elder Wollard who gave us good counsel and instruction throughout the session. We are thankful also to the Inter-American Division for Elder J. C. Culpepper, whom we were also glad to have with us, to give us valuable assistance. We are also thankful to the British West Indies Union for the services of Elder B. E. Hurst. Surely the Lord has blessed us in our colporteur work. Our hearts respond to Him for His graciousness.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Several changes have been made in some of our districts as a result of older workers leaving for other fields. Elder D. C. McCalla has accepted a call to departmental work for the Leeward Islands Mission. He will be leaving at the end of January. His place in St. Thomas is being filled by Elder L. S. Carter, who has spent two years as a missionary in Turks and Caicos Islands. Brother V. O. Brown, who was assisting Elder McCalla in St. Thomas, is replacing Elder Carter in the Turks and Caicos group. He will be sailing on the next trip of the M. V. Kirkland. His leaving created a vacancy in St. Thomas where a new district has been established known as the Yallahs district. Brother Kenneth Lewis has been appointed leader of this new district. Brother Alphonso Reid, who laboured in West St. Mary No. 2 last year, will be the new pastor of the new Upper St. Andrew District No. 2 which the Conference Committee has formed to relieve the over-burdened Upper St. Andrew group.

Recently a vacancy was made in the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Department of the Conference by Elder W. U.

Campbell leaving for a period of study in the States. After much prayer and Consideration, Elder H. E. Nembhard was asked to assume this heavy responsibility. The vacancy created by Elder H. E. Nembhard's move is being filled by Pastor L. S. Binns, who is now in charge of our Ken-cot and Gretna Green churches. This change also left a vacancy in the M. V. and Educational Department of the Conference. Brother L. Herbert Fletcher has responded to the committee's request to carry the duties of M. V. and Educational secretary. The vacancy created by moving Brother Fletcher into the office is being filled by Elder F. E. White, who was recently ordained. Elder White's coming to West Kingston created a vacancy in Upper St. Andrew. For this our Conference committee extended a call to Brother J. C. Bennett of the West Jamaica Conference, who has graciously accepted the call. He will be Pastor of Upper St. Andrew No. 1 District, beginning February the 1st. Brother Noel Fraser, who has been acting Dean of Men at West Indian Training College, has returned to East Jamaica. He has been assigned to the West St. Mary District No. 2. We are praying that God will richly bless these brethren as they take up their duties in their new districts.

#### NEW WORKERS

We are happy to welcome several new workers to our East Jamaica worker family. Mrs. A. E. Reid, the former Miss Brenda Newell, is augmenting our Book and Bible House staff, replacing Brother L. A. Sutherland, who will be pursuing further education in Emmanuel Missionary College. Brother D. Dempster, a 1955 graduate of West Indian Training College, has been placed with Elder E. C. Walton in St. Catherine to assist in that District, Brother Arthur Hunter has been assigned to the East Kingston District under the guidance of Elder A. D. Laing. Brother David Ebanks has been assigned to Portland, and will unite his efforts with Pastor D. A. Woodburn. Sisters Greta Thomas and Laura Morgan accepted a call to work in our North Street church school. Brother Norman Mitchell, Sister Una Edie, and Sister Ruby Dwyer have joined our staff at Kingsway High School. We are happy for these new workers, and pray that God will richly bless them as they take up their new work in the East Conference. Our newly recognized church school at Gayle will be administered by Brother John Harris. We trust that the readers of the "Visitor" will pray for all these brethren that God will make them fruitful branches in His Cause.

#### FAREWELL

The workers of East Jamaica Conference recently bade farewell to Elder W. U. Campbell and his family, having their parting function at Andrews Memorial Hospital chapel. Elder Campbell has done yoe-

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## Support Christian Education Now

—C. S. Greene

Every loyal member of the church is called to bear responsibility. The burden is placed upon each according to one's ability. The responsibility, however, must not be shirked and all together we will be able to lift a bigger burden than if only a few face the task.

Cuyler said, "I never knew a child of God being bankrupted by his benevolence. What we keep we may lose, but what we give to Christ we are sure to keep." I believe that whatever we spend in the cause of Christian education will come back to us a hundred fold and more. We have talked a lot about Christian education in the past and while we must talk about it, we have come to the time that action is needed.

The following is an excerpt from the *Youth's Instructor* of January 1, 1957, by Ron Spargur, which can stand quoting here:

"Why should Seventh-day Adventists provide Christian education for their young people? Why should S. D. A. youth take advantage of the opportunity for Christian education that is offered? These perplexing questions are often asked and seldom answered sufficiently.

"It would cost less expense for the church and for the student if students would attend public elementary schools, secondary schools and colleges. Perhaps, Expense, however, is actually a minor item when compared with other things. Some argue that public educational institutions are better equipped and have better trained instructors. While this may be true in some localities, the public schools fall short in the most important aspect of education, a shortage that can be made up only by Christian education.

"Only in Christian education can the student come to a fuller understanding of the power, love, and saving grace of Christ. Only in Christian education can the student learn of the practical application of Christianity and how to apply it in his daily life. Only by Christian education can the student be prepared for a life of complete service to God and to his fellow men.

"Many argue that S. D. A. young people are not as spiritual-minded today as they were ten, twenty or thirty years ago. True or not, it is still the responsibility of the church to provide a means whereby the student can come to learn of Christ and find the way to overcome the trials of life.

"For these reasons I believe that the church should provide Christian education for her young people and that the young people of the church should take advantage of the opportunities offered." *Ron Spargur.*

Currently there are over 28,000 believers in the British West Indies Union Mission. Assuming that each member earns the very low sum of four shillings per week, if the recommendation of the farthing in the shilling plan would be put into action we would have 28,000 pennies or £350 per

## News From Andrews Memorial Hospital

We are thankful that our work here at the Andrews Memorial Hospital has been growing, but due to the lack of doctors we have been forced to turn away patients day after day. Fortunately we were able to secure the help of Dr. L. A. Richards of Puerto Rico in the Clinic and this has helped tremendously. He worked four hours daily, and did a good job of it, but has now returned to Puerto Rico. The lot has now fallen to Dr. Noel Hays to help out in the Clinic. We certainly thank God for putting it in the hearts of these doctors to help us in our need, and solicit your prayers for permanent help to be found to keep up the work here.

Visitors with us during the month of December were Dr. and Mrs. Haysner from the New England Sanitarium.

On December 17 the Y Choral Group visited with us at 7:00 p.m. and rendered several carols which were highly appreciated by all.

On December 20, members of the Local Board with their families joined with the staff of the hospital in their annual Christmas party. There was a short programme; supper was served, and gifts were exchanged, showing the goodwill that exists.

Again we solicit your prayers on behalf of this phase of the work.

—L. M. Matthews

## Farewell From Elder A. R. Haig

Fellow workers and brethren, since returning from Trinidad in 1946 it has been a pleasure serving with you and working for you. These have been ten happy years. Thank you for your love and longsuffering.

On Thursday, January 10, I fly by B. O. A. C. Airlines to New York via Bermuda. Pray for me that through the help and mercies of God I will walk worthy of the great honour which, God, the General Conference brethren and the Northeastern Conference committee have bestowed.

I shall miss you all and especially the Young People. Through my pleasant associations with you, happy memories will keep our spirits up until we meet again, or, until the day dawns and life's shadows flee.

On behalf of Mrs. Haig and Myrnelle also, I will now say "Goodbye" but not forever.

—A. R. Haig

week for Christian education. On the same assumption for one year of 52 Sabbaths there would be £18,200 in the treasury for the building of sound characters in our youth. Says the servant of God - "If our people were faithful there would be no lack in the treasury." Certainly, the fault is with us. Let us remedy the situation by putting the farthing in the shilling plan into effect now.

## Highlights of West Jamaica Conference

*Leaders' Council*—The usual annual Leaders Council took place at the Mandeville church, Hazelrigg, Mandeville, on January 1. Approximately all the workers were present to give power to the council. The agenda, consisting of the most important phase of the year's activities was able handled by Elder H. S. Walters, the chairman for the Council. The coming together of these leaders meant a lot to the prestige of the work in '57, as all were inspired to continue the task of soul-winning for the Master.

*Workers' Meeting*—On the morning of December 31, all workers of the West Jamaica Conference wended their way to the Conference office. It was a wonderful experience meeting together and listening to the inspiring reports from the ministers, teachers, and other workers, of the progress of the work in various sections of the field. God has blessed the efforts of these valiant soldiers of the Cross with a rich harvest of souls. Plans were laid for greater service with the motto in mind "More power from Heaven in '57".

*Colporteur Institute*—Between January 3 and 10, the Colporteur Institute convened at the West Jamaica Conference church. Special guests in attendance were Elder J. C. Culpepper, Publishing Secretary for the Inter-American Division, and Brother Ross Wollard, representative for the Pacific Press, Mountain View, California, U. S. A. These visitors gave valuable instructions to the old colporteurs as well as the new recruits, in the art of selling books and also winning souls for the Master.

On Sabbath, January 5, at around 3:30 p. m., a symposium in which the most experienced colporteurs gave inspiring reports of their contacts in the fields and souls won to the message, was the most outstanding feature of the evening's programme. About 36 souls were won through the instrumentality of the colporteurs during 1956.

*Baptisms*—Under God the ministers with other worker associates, were able to baptize approximately 1,571 souls for the year. To God be the glory for such an achievement. The last quarter for 1956 brought in 622 souls by baptism. Surely, our hearts should be filled with gratitude for such a wonderful victory.

Elder S. G. Lindo, in charge of the Southern Manchester district, held an effort at Campbells' Castle during the last quarter of 1956, and as a result 39 souls were baptized out of that single effort, and a large number is now in the baptismal class. Congratulations to Elder Lindo and his associates—Brother Lynford Williams, Miss Ouida Watt, and his good wife—for this rich harvest of souls. This is the largest baptism from any one effort for the whole year.

*Education*—West Jamaica Conference bade goodbye to Elder Joe Fletcher, former Headmaster of Harrison Memorial High School, Montego Bay, as he leaves to pursue his undergraduate course at Union College, Nebraska, U. S. A. Mrs. Olive Reid is now the Headmistress of the school.

Another of our fine elementary teachers, Miss Pearline Dawes, left for Oakwood College, Alabama, U. S. A., where she will continue her studies. We wish these teachers God's richest blessing as they prepare themselves for higher service.

The new building at Harrison Memorial High School will be opened on January 24, 1957.

*Church School*—The Educational programme of West Jamaica is making rapid strides. To confirm this, six new schools have been opened for 1957. They are: Axe & Adze, Coker, Williamsfield, Ocho Rios, Grove Town and Santa Cruz. Some of the teachers of these new schools are graduates of the West Indian Training College of the class of '56.

*Personnel*—Gratitude was expressed by the staff of West Jamaica Conference office to Mrs. U. Mills who helped out in the office work here for a few months. Her winning ways and beautiful smiles shall be missed greatly.

Joining the staff of '57 is Miss Irma Parchment of the graduating class of '56. We welcome her to the work and to our hearts.

Elder G. A. E. Smith is now in charge of some of the churches in Central Manchester. He is no longer connected with the Book & Bible House. Mr. Ralphus Williams is our new Bible House Manager.

Mr. Ernie Wright, class of '56, has been called to assist in the Publishing Department of the West Jamaica Conference.

With these additional workers we are anticipating great things for God during 1957.

## News Items

On January 6, the officers and members of the South Manchester district met for Achievement Day under the leadership of Elder and Sister Lindo. It was indeed a great day. The churches gave reports of the work during the last quarter of '56 and laid plans for greater achievement for God in 1957.

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Elder Joe Fletcher, who has been employed at the West Jamaica Conference for a number of years, has been granted a scholarship to attend Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, U. S. A. The working force of the West Jamaica Conference will miss "Uncle Joe" and his family. We shall pray for their continued success.

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At a recent meeting of the Harrison Memorial High School Board, Sister E. C. H. Reid wife of our beloved Elder E. C. H. Reid, was asked to assume the responsibility of Headmistress of Harrison Memorial High School. In asking Sister Reid to take over the responsibility we are confident that she will bring to this work the richness of her experience over the years.

Mrs. Reid obtained her early education at the Antigua Girl's School where she studied and passed the School Certificate examination. She accepted a call a few years later to be a Departmental Secretary of the Leeward Islands Mission. After serving for sometime she proceeded to the U.S.A. and completed her undergraduate work, specializing in Mathematics and Education. She spent a couple years as Dean of Women of the Caribbean Training College and taught at the West Indian Training College for sometime.

We are very happy to have Sister Reid assume this important roll. We are sure that she is going to build solidly upon the foundation already laid by Elders Benson and Fletcher. Our prayers shall continue to be with her as she endeavours to point the youth of our Conference to the Man of Calvary.

—B. V. Bent

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE

# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YOUTH CONGRESS

HAVANA, CUBA; DECEMBER 17-21, 1957

Contact your Local Conference/Mission Secretary NOW or write C. S. Greene M.V. Secretary

B.W.I. Union, Mandeville P.O.

## A Mother's Prayer Answered

Here at the Harrison Memorial High School, situated in the hub of Jamaica's tourist trade, we witness the guiding Hand of the Divine and His willingness to grant the request of His people.

It was in January of the year (1956) that I visited a mother whose burden rested on her son who had reached high school age and had no prospect to go any further. One sister was already in our High School, but her husband was ill and unable to work, leaving her as the sole breadwinner. After listening to her story, I told her I knew of only one source of help -- an unending Providence -- Heaven. I assured her of God's willingness to help if we go to him in faith. She grasped the promise and began to pray.

Some weeks passed and nothing happened. Then one day the youngster went to do an odd job in the hotel lobby of one of the large hotels in town. As he worked, a keen observer in the person of a Boston medic watched his clever hands at work and spoke kindly to the boy. A conversation developed in which the doctor learnt from the youth his ambition and his handicaps. The visit ended but not before addresses were exchanged and a promise was made.

On returning to the United States of America, the doctor kept his promise. Before the beginning of the second term he not only sent the youth's school fees, but money for his books.

At the moment, this mother is very ill and is away from home attending the doctor, but although both parents are ill, this youth is regularly attending school, and all his fees have been payed up to date. All because a "mother's prayers have been heard and answered."

—Joe Fletcher, Headmaster,  
Harrison Memorial High School

### NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of MISS IRIS BROOKS, formerly of Maldon, St. James, and lately residing in Kingston, Jamaica, is kindly asked to communicate with Miss L. Hines, Vaughansfield, Vaughansfield P. O.

### NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following are asked to contact Mr. G. L. Claypole, Sign P. O.  
Mr. Stanford Lowe,  
Mrs. Mariam Flandrin,  
Mrs. Mavis Drummond

## Youth Evangelism

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unduly hurried, let none be unduly delayed. Prayerfully let us together consider each young person upon his own merit.

The year 1957 as our Golden Anniversary Year should see thousands of youth baptized into the church. Consequently in the British West Indies Union a goal of 1500 youth baptisms is the target set. The breakdown is as follows:

|                 |   |   |     |
|-----------------|---|---|-----|
| West Jamaica    | — | — | 700 |
| East Jamaica    | — | — | 700 |
| Bahamas Mission | — | — | 70  |
| Cayman Islands  | — | — | 30  |

Goals are always realized if careful planning is done. Parents and leaders, why not counsel with your pastor and begin to plan now for a youth *Baptism* in your church? Throughout the Inter-American Division four dates have been set for youth baptisms and these dates are designated as M.V. Golden Anniversary Sabbaths on which special youth baptisms will be held. The dates recommended are:

March 23 (at the close of the M.V. Week of Prayer March 16-23.)

June 29, September 28, and November 23, (at the close of the annual Week of Prayer November 16-23.)

Today is the day of a call to youth. Today is youth's hour. The hour to give our young people a chance to give themselves wholly to God. Let us encourage them to give themselves *Now*, before it is eternally too late. Jesus is still calling to the youth of the world. Let each help the other to answer God's call—*Follow thou Me*.

*"Down by the sea of Galilee  
The Saviour passed time and again  
From the shore of that sea He said,  
Follow Me.*

The call was placed with you in mind. What shall the answer be?

## News From East Jamaica

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man service in the East Jamaica Conference. And, it was with mingled feelings of regret for losing him and wishes of blessings in his future studies at Atlantic Union College that this service was attended. During our Workers' Meeting, a farewell party was held for Elder McCalla and his family who will be leaving for Departmental work in the Leeward Islands Mission. At the same time Brother L. A. Sutherland, who is leaving for Emmanuel Missionary College, was bidden God's speed. Miss Judith Peterson was also wished God's speed in her studies at Atlantic Union College. May God bless these brethren as they further prepare themselves for greater service in God's Cause. —E. H. Schneider, *President East Jamaica Conference of S.D.A.*

### NOTICES

The clerk of the Bleauwearie church would be glad to get some information regarding the following individuals whom she has not been able to contact for some time now.

Mrs. Ivy Dinham  
Miss Ula Donegan  
Miss Conseta Golding  
Miss Edith Mitchell  
Mr. George Coke

Kindly send any information about the above to

Miss Rebecca McKenzie,  
Bleauwearie, Flower Hill P. O.

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### TITHE AND MISSION OFFERING COMPARISON

For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1955 and 1956

| Organisation    | TITHE RECEIPTS |        |       |        | MISSION OFFERINGS |        |       |        |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|
|                 | 1955           |        | 1956  |        | 1955              |        | 1956  |        |
|                 | Gain           | Gain % | Gain  | Gain % | Gain              | Gain % | Gain  | Gain % |
| Pahamas Mission | 6052           | 18     | 7063  | 16.72  | 1785              | 15     | 2214  | 24.07  |
| Cayman Islands  | 1459           | 8      | 2455  | 68.17  | 542               | 0      | 720   | 32.89  |
| East Jamaica    | 27857          | 11     | 32953 | 18.31  | 8257              | 15     | 9283  | 12.42  |
| West Jamaica    | 27003          | 2      | 33000 | 21.80  | 8522              | 9      | 9651  | 13.25  |
|                 | 62463          | 7      | 75478 | 20.84  | 19108             | 0      | 21870 | 14.45  |