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## A Message From our General Conference President

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it  
is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"  
(Ps. 133: 1)*

Harmony among brethren is the result of a true religious experience. In His moving prayer, recorded in John 17, the Master expressed to the heavenly Father His desire that all His followers, scattered though they may be over the face of the earth, might be perfectly united in Him. Diversity of language, customs, and race, while seeming to constitute differences, are in reality no bar to unity of heart and spirit for those who accept and follow the gospel and recognize the claims of the Lord upon them. All learn to pray together, "Our Father which art in heaven."

The apostle says that all are to have one faith, recognising one Lord and one baptism. Achievement of such perfect unity is beyond human accomplishment. Therefore God has given gifts to His church to assist in bringing this about. These gifts serve to qualify men as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. The purpose of the gifts is clearly stated—perfecting of the saints. The saints, good as they already may be, need further perfecting. The teachings of those mentioned above are to materially help in bringing this about. The final attainment of complete oneness will cause onlookers to marvel.

From the writings of the messenger of the Lord we read these words of admonition: "Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings. When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person's life or character."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 479.

What a wonderful way to live! In such a life the beauty of the gospel is demon-

## New Girl's Dormitory at W. I. T. C.



strated. Such a religion recommends itself to all observers. A church made up of members like these would be a magnificent light in this world of darkness, an irresistible force going forth conquering and to conquer.

Someday soon this will be the experience of God's people. Some special experience will bring it about, and this will result in a revival of true godliness. It may be that persecution will be the agent to effect it. It is true that where persecution takes place, our people are closely drawn together. I think of a wonderful church that I had the privilege of visiting in a foreign country recently. It consisted of one thousand members, but how they have been drawn together and how they are bound one to another! They bear one another's burdens.

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The accompanying picture of the new Girl's Dormitory at West Indian Training College shows the progress which has been made in the construction of this building. This new dormitory of reinforced concrete will be a very welcome addition to the Campus at W. I. T. College.

It contains 52 spacious student rooms, also quarters for the Dean and a large worship room and play room.

The supervisor of construction, Mr. Robert Ainsworth, estimates that this new building will be ready for occupancy some time during the Summer of 1957. We are sure that our people in Jamaica will be justly proud of this addition to the facilities of W. I. T. C.

—R. S. Blackburn



## The Far—Reaching Influence of Our Publications

"The Pen is a power in the hands of men who feel the truth burning upon the altar of their hearts. The pen, dipped in the fountain of pure truth, can send the beams of light to the dark corners of the earth, which will reflect its rays back, adding new power, and giving increased light to be scattered everywhere." *Colporteur Ministry* page 148.

"The Publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our power . . . . If our bookmen do their part faithfully, I know, from the light God has given me, that the knowledge of present truth will be doubled and trebled."

—*Life Sketches*, pages 214, 446.

It is interesting to note how the truth works its way into places where only books can take it. The story is told of a girl who was recently arrested by a Priest and a policeman and charged with scattering publications containing heresy. The young woman with a smile said, "Father I am helping you to advance your work, not to retard it." Bending over she took from her bag the prospectus for *Great Controversy*. Three weeks after, the Priest began preaching strange doctrines. Six months after he was a baptised Seventh-day Adventist. A worker was sent into the district and fifty who were once Catholics are now baptised Seventh-day Adventists, as a result of the work done by one humble Colporteur girl and a few copies of the *Great Controversy*.

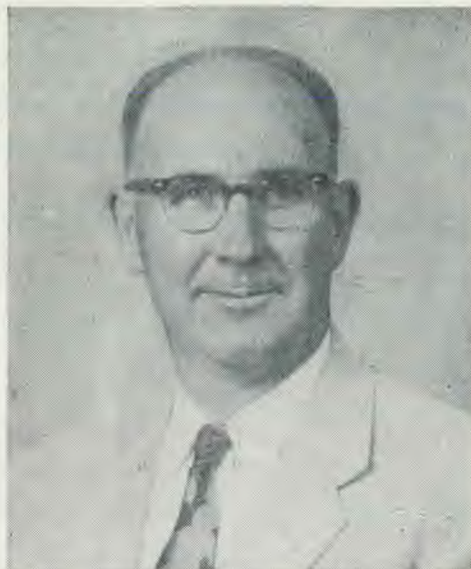
A few days ago we visited the home of a wealthy Catholic and as we presented the truth-filled literature tears fell from her eyes as she thought of the possibility of bringing her husband and children to the truth through our literature. *The Great Controversy* was one of the volumes she purchased and solicited our prayers for the conversion of the family.

A few minutes later we were seated in a beautiful home, owned also by a Catholic. When she found that the books we were selling were written by the Adventists, she willingly bought, expressing her hope of gaining knowledge.

The next home was owned by a Quaker who was also willing to use funds reserved for paying on her machine to purchase the *Bible Speaks* and *God Speaks to Modern Man*, asking for prayer on her behalf and for the Bible Corresponding Course.

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work . . . . The Angel of the covenant is empowering His servants to carry the truth to all parts of the world. He has sent forth His angels with the message of mercy; but, as if they did not speed on their way fast enough to satisfy His heart of yearning love, He lays on every member of His church the responsibility of proclaiming this message. "Let him that heareth say, Come." Every member of the church is to show his loyalty by inviting the thirsty to drink of the water of life. A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act

## Dr. William J. Gardner Arrives at Andrews



Our people throughout the British West Indies Union will be very happy to know that Dr. William J. Gardner, a graduate of our own College of Medical Evangelist, Class of '44, has joined the staff at the Andrews Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Martin Hoehn who has served the institution faithfully and well during the past four and one-half years, will be away from the island for the next fifteen months on furlough and advanced training.

Dr. Gardner comes to us from Gresham, Oregon, where he has been in general practice for the past thirteen years. In his practice he has had a large amount of surgery and obstetrical cases. He has done special post-graduate study in obstetrics, Gyn and Radio-ology at the University of Portland, Oregon, and some post-graduate work in surgery at the Cooke County hospital in Chicago.

He states that he is enjoying his work in Jamaica very much. Mrs. Gardener and three of the younger children are expected to arrive within a short time.

— R. S. BLACKBURN

your part in this great work?" *Colporteur Ministry*, page 18.

Last year we exceeded all previous records in deliveries in the British West Indies Union—delivering over £32,000. Already this year we have more than £3,000 gain over the same period last year. It is amazing what God is doing through the Publishing work. But still there is room for improvement.

God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The master calls for everyone to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call?

—B. E. Hurst

Publishing Secretary B. W. I. Union

## Small Craft Makes Rough Crossing

(Taken from the "Tribune", Nassau, Bahamas)

Arriving Monday afternoon in Nassau from Miami, were Pastor H. D. Colburn, President of the Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor T. O. Shaw, Minister in charge of the Nassau Adventist Churches, William W. Nairn, Secretary of the Mission's Welfare Department, and Kenneth Williams, aboard the twenty-five foot Cris Craft cabin cruiser, *Virginia Maine*.

The group had gone to Miami earlier to take delivery of the boat which had been sent down from New Jersey by motor transport. After servicing, the quartette got under way with one hundred gallons of fuel, passing the "Small Craft Warning" flag on the channel entrance to Miami at one o'clock Thursday afternoon, setting their course for Bimini which they hoped to reach six hours later. Because of the roughness of the Gulf Stream, they arrived Bimini eleven hours later. Waiting for the condition of the sea to improve, they set out from Bimini Sunday at noon, spending the night near Morgan's Bluff, Andros and reached Nassau at two-thirty Monday afternoon. Due to the constant strong headwinds of fifteen to twenty-five mile winds and rough seas, a total of twenty-eight hours was used up for the crossing from Miami to Nassau.

The trip across proved to her rather inexperienced crew that she was a gallant and brave little ship, pushing ahead as she constantly did through mountainous waves that often threatened to engulf her. Especially did they appreciate her upon reaching Bimini and learning that she had passed over the grave of a much larger ship enroute from Miami to the Fishing Tournament, whose bottom was shattered by the merciless pounding and sank while still twelve miles off the coast of Bimini only hours before.

Her engine never failed until, within the Nassau Harbour and in the process of docking, it suddenly quit. The gas tank was empty.

Her original name, "Outamaway", was changed in Miami to the "Virginia Maine" in honour of her donors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Maine of New Jersey, U.S.A. Mr. Maine, who, having learned that such a boat could be used to advantage in this Colony by Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, kindly made it available as a gift, paying also for its transportation to Miami and for re-painting and servicing it before turning it over to its new owners. Mr. Maine also ordered installed a ship-to-shore radio-telephone in order that contact with the Mission's headquarters could be maintained when its missionaries were making their itineraries among their thirty Churches and Church Schools scattered throughout the Bahamas.

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## New Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary Arrives at Union Headquarters



ELDER M. G. NEMBHARD  
& family

For some months now the British West Indies Union has been without one of our most important secretaries—the secretary of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments—due to the call that Pastor Haig received and answered to work in the Northeastern Conference in the United States. Last November we placed a call for Pastor M. G. Nembhard, the President of the Leeward Islands Mission, to serve in these two departments. While he gave us favourable response quite early, it seemed impossible for him to break away from his work in that field before the end of April. We were most happy to see his cherry face at the beginning of this month, and we feel that these two departments will be well cared for under his leadership.

We take this medium of extending a most hearty welcome to Pastor Nembhard, his wife and two children, Leslie and Linda. I am sure that I am speaking for the workers and all the members of the British West Indies Union when I say that we pledge them our whole-hearted co-operation as they lead out in the various activities of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School work. I am sure that the Leeward Islands Mission which they serve so faithfully for the past five years will greatly miss them, and their loss is our gain.

—Allan C. Stockhausen

## News Notes from East Jamaica

A Lay Preachers' Congress was held at the Kencot S.D.A. Church, May 31 to June 4, for the lay preachers of the East Jamaica Conference. Elder Esteb of the General Conference, Westphal of the Inter-American Division, in conjunction with the local conference, gave valuable instructions. This we are sure will give new impetus to our soul-winning endeavours in the East Jamaica Conference.

Elder E. H. Schneider, President, and Brother, L. H. Fletcher, Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference, filled an itinerary in the Turks and Caicos District of the Conference.

We are happy to welcome to the office family of the East, Miss Keitha Purcell, who graduated from the West Indian Training College last December. We are sure that the Lord will bless her in her duties.

—Vinette E. Walker

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## Tidings from the Publishing Department—East Jamaica Conference

By A. A. Morgan

'There should be one hundred where now there is one giving the light of Present Truth.' The few who have to do so much for so many people in so little time, are not idle by any means, as with vision divinely enlightened they continue to prosecute their God-given task unto the heights of great and even greater achievements.

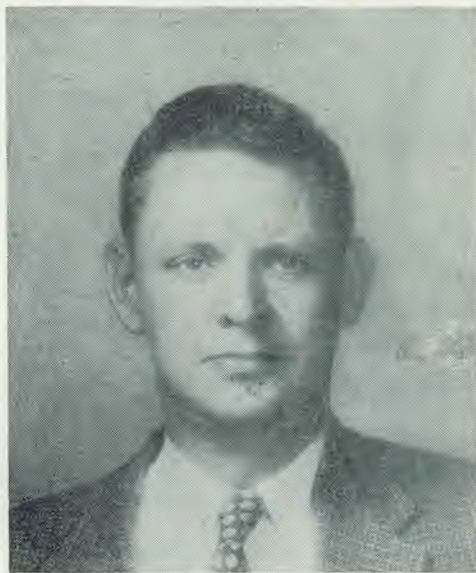
Checking our sales in East Jamaica for the first four months of 1957, we can say "To God be the glory" that we have delivered £6,447 1 0 by His grace. This has shown us a gain of £1,677 7 2, or a fraction above 20% for the corresponding period of 1956.

Our colporteurs are reporting good soul winning experiences of which space only permits us to submit one. This we would like you to read over and over again hoping you will catch the vision of the great need.

'For ten years Sister T. W. Pitter has been both a faithful Seventh-day Adventist in the Trench Town Church, Kingston, and an ardent colporteur in the army. That which is strikingly beautiful is that she is a great missionary, winning over thirty souls who are already baptized into the Truth. Now she has a son of God in College helping to train him for greater service.

Here is a statement in her own words: "Another of my converts is now in the baptismal class awaiting the time to be buried with the Lord. During the last two months four young men have started to attend the church services on Sunday and Wednesday nights, and also on Sabbaths. Thank God that this great Advent Message can make us missionaries for the Kingdom.'

## Dr. Mark Fowler Spends Vacation at Andrews



The staff at Andrews Memorial Hospital greatly enjoyed the presence of Dr. Mark Fowler of Albany, Georgia, who with his wife and two daughters spent their vacation at Andrews. He arrived just in time to fill the gap between Dr. Hoehn's leaving and Dr. Gardner's arrival, and his services were greatly appreciated by all who came in contact with him.

—R. S. Blackburn

NIL DESPERANDUM—nothing to be despaired of, for we in East Jamaica set our goal for nothing short of phenomenal accomplishments for Christ in 1957

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—H. S. Walters

—L. A. Morrison

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If one member suffers, all members suffer with him. Persecution and hardship have done something for them.

But we need not wait for persecution. In times of peace and prosperity we can achieve the same unity by the grace of God. May it be the happy privilege of each believer to speedily experience the oneness and harmony for which our Lord so fervently prayed.

—R. R. FUGHR



## Marion Brodie Off to Hindale Sanitarium



Miss Marion Brodie graduated from the Commercial and Secretarial Course at the West Indian Training College in 1943. During her student days and also after her graduation Miss Brodie did efficient work in the office as secretary to the President. Later she worked at the Book & Bible House in the East Jamaica Conference for a number of years. In 1947 Miss Brodie entered the Union College to continue her college studies and graduated from that institution with a Bachelor of Science degree. She also completed her Nurse's Training Course at the Boulder Sanitarium and qualified as a registered nurse.

Shortly after completing her Nurse's Training she returned to Jamaica and rendered faithful service at the Andrews Memorial Hospital for a number of years. At the beginning of 1956 Miss Brodie again returned to West Indian Training College. This time she served her Alma Mater as school nurse and secretary to the President.

A few weeks ago Miss Brodie received and responded to a call from our Hinsdale Sanitarium near Chicago, Illinois, where she is now located. She is enjoying her work in the Pediatrics Department of that institution.

Mr & Mrs. Clinton von Pohle have been a great help to her in getting located at her new post as they live in the vicinity of that Sanitarium. While we loathe to lose Miss Brodie's service here at the College we are glad that she can continue her labours in the Master's vineyard.

—M. J. Sorenson

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Waiting to extend a warm welcome home, and to catch a glimpse of the "Virginia Maine", were some twenty-five or thirty employees of the Mission and

friends who had gathered for the occasion on one of Nassau's docks after having learned from the craft's radio via Nassau Marine that it was nearing the end of its journey.

## News Flashes—West Jamaica Conference

**Colporteur Rallies:** The colporteur ministry is one of the most important phases of the Advent Message. Realizing the great need for trained colporteurs, institutes are arranged to be held in all the parishes of West Jamaica beginning May 7, and closing May 21. The instructing personnels of these institutes are: Pastor B. E. Hurst, Publishing Secretary of the British West Indies Union; Mr. S. A. Grant, Publishing Secretary of the West Jamaica Conference and Mr. R. A. Williams, Book & Bible House Manager. As a result of these institutes it is anticipated that many more of our truth-filled literature will find its way into the homes and hearts of the people who will finally reach the kingdom of God.

**Harrison High School:** Harrison High school opened on May 7 with approximately 88 students enrolled for the Easter term. Mrs E. C. Reid, Headmistress, and her staff are doing their best to mold the characters of these students not only for good citizenship in this world but for eternity.

**Ingathering:** The Ingathering campaign in the West is shaping up toward a mighty crescendo. £8,100 0 0 has been raised already according to reports received into the office. Only £1,900 0 0 is left to be raised in order to reach the goal of £10,000 0 0. It has been very exciting on every hand watching the various districts with their pastors wearing the crown of glory as they go over their goals from week to week. Nineteen districts are over the top and 130 churches have reached their goals. In just a week or two we are quite confident that the remaining districts will be rejoicing with the others who have attained their goals with a satisfying overflow. Never in the History of the West Jamaica Conference has there ever been such a campaign filled with enthusiasm, zeal and inspiration to blaze the highest heights for God in this crisis hour. On May 25, all West Jamaica hope to swell the strains of the victor's song.

**Evangelism:** Evangelism is the answer to almost all the problems of life. Quite a number of our workers are engaged in direct efforts for the salvation of souls. Elder Edwin Hyatt has been conducting an evangelistic effort at March Town, the largest church in his district. There is a Bible Class of 70 and a Baptismal Class of 50. The first baptism was held on Sunday May 12, when 26 precious souls were buried with their Lord. A large number hope to be baptized on June 16. During the summer, plans are being made to start 18 major efforts throughout West Jamaica with 18 ministerial students from the West Indian Training College to assist our district pastors in these efforts. We trust as we harness the energies of these youth, the

## Miss Gretel Graham former W. I. T. C. Student Going to Africa



Miss Gretel Graham, daughter of Frank and Esther Graham of Andrews Memorial Hospital, has been called by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to connect with the Hospital operated by the Malamula Mission in Nyasaland, Africa.

Miss Graham attended West Indian Training College from 1945 to 1949. She took her Pre-Nursing work at Oakwood College during 1950-1951 and graduated from the Nursing course at the College of Medical Evangelists with the class of 1955. After graduation Miss Graham spent one year at White Memorial Hospital and then about 9 months in a Hospital in New York City. Miss Graham's accomplishment in personally earning her full way from the sixth standard until graduation as a nurse is an illustration of what may be accomplished by young people who have grit and determination to succeed.

I am sure that her many friends in Jamaica will wish her "God's speed" as she goes to the Mission field.

—R. S. Blaskburn.

promise of Revelation 18 will be realized as they explode West Jamaica with the lighted lamp of truth for God.

**Companies Started:** There has been a religious awakening in certain sections of North Manchester. At Mizpah, a spot of land has been secured on which a tabernacle is being built to start evangelistic meetings. Already there are quite a number of believers meeting every Sabbath and as soon as these meetings are well on the way, a rich harvest of souls is anticipated in the very near future. Elder H. E. Richards is the district pastor for North Manchester district.

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# **Sharing The Faith Of Our Fathers**

*Golden*

*Anniversary*

*Youth's*

*Congress*

*Havanna, Cuba December 17-21, 1957*

*Plan Now to Attend      Contact Your Local Conference M. V. Secretary*

Fiftieth Anniversary of Missionary Volunteers



## A Message from the Far Eastern Division

### AN IDEAL ACADEMY SITE

The new site of the Southern Mindanao Junior Academy is ideally located along the national highway between the towns of Bansalam and Digos, Davao Province. It is situated at Managa, a barrio of Bansalam. Environments in the new location are conducive to getting a Christian education on the part of the students. The new school site has an area of 19.93 hectares (a hectare is equivalent to 10,000 square meters or 2.471 acres) and its soil is well suited to corn, rice sugar cane, and most of the common fruit trees. At present it is farmed by Christian parents whose children are studying in our Academy at Digos, Davao. These temporary tenants receive 70% of their produce. When the Southern Mindanao Junior Academy is transferred to the new academy site, it will be farmed by students on the 70-30 basis. The academy receives an annual income from corn of around one thousand pesos.

The old academy site in Digos is very small and does not provide healthful environments for our youth. Besides this, the buildings and other school facilities are inadequate to meet the growing needs. There is therefore need for the academy to be transferred to the new site.

The whole project of transferring to the new site will involve an amount of more than U. S. \$75,000.00 for the buildings and school facilities. The Division has set aside a certain amount of money to start the construction of the two dormitories. Where shall we get the rest of the money to bring this huge project to completion? Shall we not establish an ideal training center for our youth in Southern Mindanao and save them in the kingdom? This is a challenge to all of us who believe in the soon coming of our Saviour. Shall we not give our liberal Thirteenth Sabbath offering at the end of the second quarter of 1957 and save the youth in this section of the world field?

—Jose M. Atil,

Principal Southern Mindanao Jr. Academy

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—E. H. Schneider  
V. T. Boyce

## Can You Say the Lord's Prayer?

*I cannot say "Our" if I live in a watertight spiritual compartment.*

*I cannot say "Father" if I do not demonstrate the relationship in daily life.*

*I cannot say "which art in heaven" if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.*

*I cannot say "hallowed be Thy name" if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.*

*I cannot say "Thy kingdom come" if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.*

*I cannot say, "Thy will be done" if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to His will for me.*

*I cannot say "on earth as it is in Heaven" if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service*

*I cannot say "give us this day our daily bread" if I am living on past experience, or if I am an under-the-counter shopper.*

*I cannot say "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us" if I harbour a grudge against anyone.*

*I cannot say "lead us not into temptation" if I deliberately place myself in a position to be tempted.*

*I cannot say "deliver us from evil" if I am not prepared to fight it in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.*

*I cannot say "Thine is the Kingdom" if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.*

*I cannot say "Thine is the power" if I fear what men may do or what my neighbours may think.*

*I cannot say "Thine is the glory" if I am seeking glory for myself.*

*I cannot say "forever, and ever" if my horizon is bound by the things of time.*

—Author Unknown.

## Notices

If anyone knows of the addresses of the following named persons, please correspond with the Church Clerk, West Indian Training College, Mandeville, at your earliest convenience:

Williams, Archer	Henry, John
Wells, Mrs. Sam	Haig, Anne
Wells, Lulubelle	Ebanks, Barbara
Walker, Patricia	Crooks, Barbara
Tomlin, Catherine	Claire, Charles
Thomas, Olive	Campbell, Owen
Stone, Shirley	Campbell, Clement
Smith, Irvin	Bryan, Elma
Rankin, Gwendolyn	Brown, Vivia
Marr, Lurline	Anderson, Helina
Knight, Frederick	Allen, Gilbert
Jones, Ena	Abidiel, James
Lena Wright	

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following persons please communicate with Mrs. D. L. Shields, Springfield P. O., Dwyer, Kenneth Gregory, Miss Evadne

## News Flashes—West Jamaica

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Christiana is ripe for the message of truth. Brother and Sister Alexander and Brother Stubbs along with some other brethren have started a Sabbath School in the home of one Sister Sanderson in Christiana. This promises to be the beginning of a large church in due course of time in this thriving township.

**Conference Session:** In just a few weeks it will be time once more for Conference Session in the West Jamaica Conference. This is planned to take place from July 24-28, 1957. May the Lord bless our leaders as they plan for the furtherance of the work.

—Mrs. B. V. Bent

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