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A Million Dollar Offering

There will be many interesting and inspirational items in connection with the World General Conference Session to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 19-28, 1958, but one of the most interesting and exciting events will be the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING to be received on the first Sabbath of the Conference.

All Jamaica and the entire British West Indies Union will be interested in this offering for we are all going to have a part. More than that, a large part of what we give will be returned for evangelistic work right here at home.

Sabbath, May 3, has been set apart as the day when this special offering will be received in all the churches in the Inter-American Division and of course, that includes the British West Indies Union. Every Conference and every Mission has been given a goal and these goals are being distributed to every church and company. All Adventism is invited to participate in this great and united effort.

Special envelopes have been prepared and will be distributed at the proper time. Watch for them and plan to make it a real sacrificial offering. Think what a million dollars will do for evangelism in the world field! Think what our portion will do right here at home! Each and every member must not fail to have a part. We are counting on every church to raise its full share. This will make it possible for your Conference or Mission Treasurer to turn in the full quota. Then the Union and the Division Treasurers can do the same, and ONE MILLION DOLLARS for WORLD-WIDE EVANGELISM will be received at the General Conference Session!

This is not an ordinary offering. It is something greater than has ever been attempted before by the denomination. We are appealing to district pastors and church leaders to promote and plan for this offering on Sabbath, May 3, in such a way that every member will know that something extra-ordinary is expected at this time. We



NEWLY COMPLETED CHURCH IN PORT ANTONIO, DEDICATED
DECEMBER 1, 1957.

have been greatly blessed during the past few years. Let us show our love and our appreciation for the Lord's blessings by opening our purse-strings wide on Sabbath, May 3.

—R. S. BLACKBURN, *Secretary-Treasurer*
B. W. I. Union

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

SABBATH — MAY 3
SUPPORT WORLD EVANGELISM

Stop Press ! !

As we go to press, encouraging news has reached us that the In-gathering Campaign is off to a good start. Enthusiasm is seen and felt every where. Many churches are on the way to victory. The students of the West Indian Training College assisted by the teachers reached their goal of £410 in one day.

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News Flashes From the East

FROM OUR HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The activities of the Lay Preachers of East Jamaica in winning souls for the Master are bringing good results and as the reports come in from various parts of the field we can truly say that God is pouring out His Spirit upon the church.

Recently the writer had the privilege of visiting a new company in St. Catherine known as McCook's Pen. This company was started in 1955 through the consecrated efforts of a Lay Preacher in Spanish Town by the name of Victor Bailey and a faithful group of missionary workers. At first they met in the home of one Sister Davis who lived in the area, but as the work progressed it was decided to erect a booth to accommodate the growing attendance. The work was given encouragement by Pastor Walton, and Brother Smith, one of the internes, and this year this company was organized with a Sabbath School membership of fifty-five. I feel quite sure that in a very short while a church will be established in this area of the Lord's vineyard.

On the 13th of October, the Content Gap company was organized by the President of the Conference, Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, the President of the British West Indies Union, was also present along with other officers of the East Conference. This company was started by Lay Preacher Wray, a very courageous and devoted soldier of the group. Another thriving company is being developed in Cliffords, St. Catherine, under the able leadership of Brother Langley and an energetic group of missionary workers from the Blue Hole church. From Brother A. A. Greene of Dignum Mount comes the news that he has plans to start a series of meetings in a new district.

The servant of the Lord tells us that this work will be brought to a close in a blaze of glory swelling into the Loud Cry. We thank God for our faithful Lay Preachers who are out in the battlefield giving of their strength and of their means in a worthy cause that is bound to triumph.

—H. E. Nembhard
Home Missionary Secretary.

From Our Publishing Department

"Tis Only Time"

That the Publishing department of East Jamaica registered 83% gain over 1956 in the first eight months of this year is another miracle in the phenomenal sale of our truth-filled literature. Our "Faith Ministers", of the printed page are always working over-time answering the calls of those who are seeking after truth. Linford Rapley, one of our experienced third-year colporteurs, reports that by selling one copy of the "Hope of the Race" and following up the interest, a whole family has accepted the message, and as a result a Sabbath School of over twenty-five was recently organized. Col-

porteurs believe in making big sales and winning many souls.

Whereas we delivered £12,712-1-1 January to August, 1956, improved approach January to August 1957 has brought £15,921 11 1 worth of books delivered. The search for truth is the demand of the day. We have discovered that if a salesman can leave one concise, logical fact,—truth in its full essence—the customer must buy now or some later date. It is like a refresher's course. The Publishing Secretary passes it on to the matured colporteurs, who in turn hand it down to the younger ones through monthly club meetings.

Like our ministers, the colporteurs of East Jamaica have some obstacles, which seem insurmountable, but they accept God's method of forging the iron into the steel of their character. The colporteur tells me that he is not lucky, but he looks for success; because if two vertical lines are drawn through a double corner (s) the combination represents the (\$) dollar sign. Our goal for 1957 is £20,000-0-0 which we already see in sight. We therefore invite all who like a good fight to the finish—teachers ministers, doctors, nurses, and every church member,—to join the Literature Army—the place prepared for every good Seventh-day Adventist believer.

A. A. Morgan
Publishing Department Secty.

To Await the Life-Giver

SISTER CATHERINE GORDON—was born 1887 at Geddes Mountain in the Parish of St. Mary, where she lived all her life. In 1946 her beloved daughter Tatlyn Howell died and as a result of the Christlike life which she lived and the consolation given at the funeral service, Sister Gordon was led to take her stand for the Truth. On the 21st of July in that same year she was baptized by Elder Stockhausen. From that time she lived and served faithfully. About two years ago she became ill and was taken to the Doctor. She was admitted to the Hospital but did not improve. She was next taken to the Hospital but the Lord saw fit that she should lay down her responsibilities of this life. On Sabbath, November 30, she passed away. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor C. F. Edwards in the presence of a large gathering.

"Some other hands the task can take,
If so it seemeth best the task by us begun,
No work for which we need to wake
In joy or grief, for life so brief
Beneath the sun."

S. Z. DIXON
Local Elder
Geddes Mountain

WOOD, LAURA MABEL was born in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, November 17, 1882, and died in Loma Linda, California, October, 7, 1957. At the age of 16 she joined the Adventist Church. In 1900 she married Elder C. E. Wood and faithfully stood by his side as they laboured in British Columbia and later in the Inter-American Division where her husband served as president of the Jamaica Mission, Home Missionary Secretary of the Division, and later as president of the Mexican Union. Sister Wood's Christian and self-sacrificing life has always been an inspiration to her host of friends both here and abroad. Our sister is resting from her labours but her works do follow her. Elder Wood preceded her in death in 1947. Sister Wood leaves to mourn her passing, two sons, A. R. Wood of Centralia, Mo., and C. Hudson Wood of Silver Spring, Md., three daughters, Mrs. Bedford Forest of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Miller Brockett of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Mrs. Muri F. Kellogg of Loma Linda, Calif., also 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, one brother, four sisters, and many friends.

E. J. LORNTZ, SR.
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Ever Blazing the Trail for Christ

For twenty years the members of the Porter's Mountain church have struggled to keep the light of the Message burning in their community. Until early this year all they had for a meeting place was a small 16 x 10 wooden building. It was not unusual to see nearly eighty people crowded into this room on a Sabbath morning, but there lurked a wistful desire to see a church building erected and to have a series of evangelistic meetings conducted in the district, for the laymen had aroused an interest there through the years. It was therefore with the full co-operation of the membership that the writer started a building programme there in March of this year. With very little money, but with faith, courage, cheerfulness and intense sacrifice on the part of the members the four walls of a 36 x 24 building of concrete blocks were raised up and the roof put on. With doors and windows not yet in, the writer started a series of meetings in June with the help of Brother Dudley Swaby, a ministerial student of West Indian Training College. Services were held at nights and work on the building continued by day.

On September 29 the first fruits of this effort, twenty-two in number, were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was a great day for the Porter's Mountain church, for it was the first time that a baptismal service was being conducted in that district. Realizing that the work of God demands haste, the writer had installed a baptismal font in the unfinished church which as yet had no windows, doors or flooring. A large congregation gathered to witness this ordinance, and tears flowed freely as many saw their friends and relatives buried with their Lord.

The baptism was followed by the ordinance of humility and the communion service, and several communicants of other persuasions accepted the invitation to take part in these ordinances. A large number signified their intention to be in the next baptism.

We thank God for His leadings and praise His holy name.

E. C. H. REID, District Pastor
West Jamaica Conference

News Notes from East Jamaica Conference

Special mention should be made of the Bonny Gate church which was brought to life by the sacrificial labours of Brother Mornan. Our hearts are thrilled to see a tangible monument completed to the honour, worship and glory of God at Bonny Gate. We pray that the work there, will move on from strength to strength.

The acute shortage of technical labour has put off the dedication dates for a few other church buildings. These we hope to complete and dedicate early in 1958.

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Service Awards Given to Medical Cadet Corps and Welfare Workers

Wednesday evening, December 4, will long be remembered as on this date the British West Indies Union was privileged to have Pastors C. L. Torrey, Treasurer of the General Conference and A. H. Roth, President of the Inter-American Division for the historic ceremony of presenting certificates of appreciation and service bars to individuals and organizations which rendered outstanding service at the time of the Kendal rail disaster.

Pastor M. G. Nembhard, welfare officer of the British West Indies Union, presided as master of ceremonies and he briefly told of the services rendered by the staff of the West Jamaica Conference, the Medical Cadet Corps of the West Indian Training College, students and Faculty members, the staff of the British West Indies Union, and the Dorcas Society of the College. He said that it was a wonderful opportunity extended to our people to demonstrate the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

Pastor Roth commended our welfare unit and MCC for responding so quickly and wholeheartedly to the call of human suffering. He cited instances where our Welfare workers and Cadets in other sections of the Division had done similar service. He spoke in glowing terms particularly of Corozal, British Honduras, at the time of the hurricane Janet disaster, when our Welfare workers co-operated so well with the Red Cross organization. He presented certificates of appreciation to the following:

Dr. A. R. Parchment on behalf of the First Aid and Home Nursing Class; Mrs. M. G. Nembhard for the Dorcas Society; Dr. M. J. Sorenson, President of the West Indian Training College, on behalf of the faculty and students; Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, representing the British West Indies Union; Pastor M. G. Nembhard to forward to the West Jamaica Conference office staff.

Pastor C. S. Greene, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the British West Indies Union, deputizing for David H. Baasch, Commander in Chief MCC, Inter-American Division, gave the Cadet citations and read the General Orders.

The MCC, under the command of Lieutenant Neville Gallimore, were called individually and decorated with service bars by Pastor Roth. Those receiving awards were:

Neville Gallimore, Cadet Lieutenant
Ambrose A. Reid, Cadet Sgt.
Paul Hurst, Cadet Cpl.
Patroe Charles, Cadet L/Cpl.
Denbeigh Hernandez, Cadet L/Cpl.
David Reid, Cadet L/Cpl.
Lincoln Stevens, Cadet L/Cpl.
Joseph Barnes, Cadet Pte.
Garfield Bromfield, Cadet Pte.
Keith Dennis, Cadet Pte.,
Jose Festary, Cadet Pte.
LeRoy B. Grey, Cadet Pte.
Cleveland A. Holness, Cadet Pte.



W. I. T. C., MEDICAL CADET CORPS.

Nehemiah Johnson, Cadet Pte.
Alton Marshall, Cadet Pte.
Cuthbert Meede, Cadet Pte.
Milton Morris, Cadet Pte.
Aubrey Pullar, Cadet Pte.
Nehemiah Ramdon, Cadet Pte.
Blondel E. Senior, Cadet Pte.
Gersham Williams, Cadet Pte.
Edgar Wilson, Cadet Pte.
George Wilson, Cadet Pte.

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SABBATH SCHOOL HOME COMING: A most inspiring sight was the cross section view of the congregation assembled at the North Street S. D. A. Temple on the recent Sabbath School "Home-Coming" day. One could easily pick out the non-Adventists who had come to worship on the Sabbath at the invitation of the members and officers of the church. At the close of a most inspiring Sabbath School session and a stirring sermon by the Pastor in charge, an altar call was made for those who decided that there should be "nothing between" them and the Saviour. The response was heart-warming. To see men and women giving themselves to God in consecration, mostly young people, is a joy comparable only to what the redeemed will have when they see those for whom they have laboured saved in the Kingdom of God.

The Spirit of God must have moved on the hearts of the members and visitors alike, for it was most inspiring to see the friendly and warm greetings exchanged on the outside at the close of the service, and the thoughtful preparation for the comfort of the visiting friends in refreshments attractively served in the adjoining church hall. Surely the hearts of all were thrilled and heaven must have rejoiced at this expression of Christian hospitality.

If the same eyes could have seen around the Conference, doubtless similar scenes would have come to notice. And then the question came to mind: Need this wonderful experience be reserved for only one or two Sabbaths of the whole long year? Could we not as good Seventh-day Adventists repeat this experience each Sabbath of the year? Could not we invite our neighbours and friends to our Sabbath School and church service each week? Would it not be worth the attempt to find that in the final analysis we have won—not one—but many—many souls for Christ?

New Emphasis on Youth Evangelism

Our young people of East Jamaica are launching out into the deep. They have made inroads in the enemy's grounds in Port Antonio, Kitson Town, Bath, Bellas Gate, etc. Reinforcement by their local leader has extended their influence at Bellas Gate, and similar reinforcement will be at Morant Bay and Blue Hole in the near future. Keep up the good work, young people. You too may rejoice bringing in the sheaves for the Master.

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Organization of Content Gap Church

Accompanied by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, President of the British West Indies Union, Pastor V. T. Boyce, Secretary-Treasurer of the East Jamaica Conference and Pastor H. E. Nembhard, the writer took part in the organization of the Content Gap church. This event climaxed the effort of one of our good East Jamaica lay preachers on October 13, 1957.

About three years ago a lad by the name of Joseph Wray went to the United States on a farm working programme. While working on a farm in New Jersey a colporteur visited him, selling him one of our subscription books. There he discovered that the seventh day was the Sabbath and that Jesus was soon to come to take home those who were obedient and who would serve Him. Our brother immediately requested that he be given Sabbath privileges. Being a good worker this request was granted, whereupon he began attending church in Trenton, New Jersey. From New Jersey he was moved several times, but each time he was faithful in his Sabbath observance and his preparation for baptism. When his three-year work programme was nearly completed he found himself in Orlando, Florida, where he received further instruction on baptism by the son-in-law of F. L. Peterson, the regional Secretary of the General Conference. After his baptism he returned to Jamaica by plane.

Upon landing at the airport he was handed papers to fill out which would have entitled him to three more years in the States on the farm labourers programme. He refused the papers, stating that he was going to stay in Jamaica. This young man felt that he had a duty to his countrymen. He felt that that duty superceded any desire to be in the States, as desirable as that might be. He therefore returned to his native village, and preaching the Third Angel's Message from a Bible Correspondence Course he had taken in Atlanta, Georgia. After preaching approximately three months he came into the Conference office in Kingston. His first question after telling me his name and where he lived, was:

"When may I have a preacher to baptize my candidates?"

"Baptize your candidates?" I asked. "What candidates?"

"The candidates that I have been preparing for baptism in my own village," he answered.

"Tell me about it," I said. Whereupon Brother Wray told me the story of how he had heard the truth, accepted it, and had returned to Jamaica.

"But why didn't you go back on the three-year work programme?" I asked.

"Because, Elder, I felt that God was calling me to do my part for my own countrymen. I therefore have been preaching in Content Gap and have fourteen souls ready for baptism. I hope by the end of the year I will have 25, so that a church can be organized."

I immediately called for one of our preachers to accompany Brother Wray and there determine the extent of his interest. The following Sabbath I had the privilege of meeting with his group upon the mountainside and presenting to them the blessed story of a soon coming Saviour. How thrilled they were and happy to know that a baptism would be arranged and soon they would be baptized into the remnant church to become candidates for heaven.

Two weeks later all fourteen of Brother Wray's candidates were baptized. Immediately after this Brother Wray gave approximately one-eighth of an acre of land to the Conference on which to erect a suitable place for his candidates to worship. The erection of this building started immediately. Brother Wray continued his soul-winning activities adding more and more to the number of baptized souls in his little company.

The early part of this year our District leader, Brother Alphonso Reid, sensed the possibilities of evangelism in Content Gap and started an effort in the church building that is under construction. His effort, supported by Brother Wray, resulted in eight additional souls baptized, bringing the total to twenty-nine. Their request for organization was approved by the Conference committee. What a thrill it was for us to organize this church and accept their request to join the sisterhood of churches of the East Jamaica Conference at our next Conference Session.

This is the type of work that many consecrated laymen are carrying on in Jamaica. This is how our heavenly Father is impressing devoted men and women to labour in His vineyard that the work of God may soon be finished. This, we believe, is the sample of the outpouring of the latter rain. It is in fulfilment of the statement made by the servant of the Lord which says: The work of God can never be finished until, . . . Brother Wray and hundreds of other Jamaican men and women unite their efforts with the ministers and church officers for the finishing of the work of God in Jamaica and in all the world.

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

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Evangelistic Efforts: The first fruits of the evangelistic effort conducted by Pastor L. S. Binns at the Kencot S. D. A. church were seen as 23 precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. There are many more preparing for this rite in the near future. We pray for God's rich blessing on these new believers.

At Annotto Bay also where Elder H. E. Nembhard in conjunction with Brother R. Ashmeade has been holding an effort, a large baptism will take place in the near future.

—VINNETTE E. WALKER
East Jamaica Conference

From Our Publishing Department

BAHAMAS MISSION

It is indeed a privilege to be in such a great movement. In *Colporteur Ministry*, page 7, we read "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public." Again, on page 6 we read, "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their Spiritual education and enlightenment."

In a large measure these statements met their fulfilment in the year just past. The year 1957 has been one of rich blessings. As I compiled the Publishing Department report for the year, I found some very encouraging figures. Total hours worked, 8,424, orders taken, £10,663 7 9, and deliveries £6,336 6 2, compared with £3,717 10 0 for 1956. There was a gain of £2,618 16 0.

There were two precious souls baptized as a result of reading our literature and there are two others attending our church services. We are hoping that they too will soon be baptized. We thank God for these accomplishments, yet, I believe more can be accomplished.

Let us come to the Lord and make an entire surrender of all to Him, go forward with a resolute purpose sanctified by the grace of Christ, and do wonders for Him in '58.

We appreciate the counsel, admonition and help you gave us to make this report a reality, and with your continued help and prayers we hope for marvelous results. Though the task is great, sometimes, we know that the Lord rewards faithfulness. We thank you for your co-operation and wish that this year will be your best in soul-winning. May God continue to bless you as you labour in His vineyard.

—CYRIL H. HEPBURN
Publishing Secretary

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