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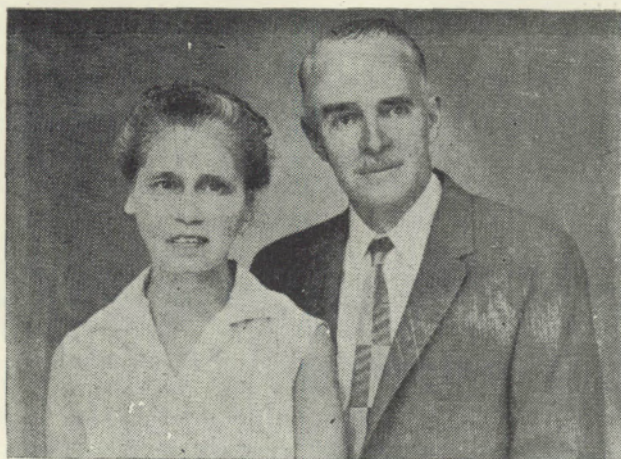
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Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Fossey,
Secretary — Treasurer, West Indies Union

We are happy to introduce to the readers of the VISITOR our new Union Treasurer and wife, Elder and Mrs. Alfred Fossey.

We extend a very hearty welcome to the Fosseys and wish for them a very pleasant and fruitful period of service in the West Indies Union.

BIBLE STUDY IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Sometime ago the subject of baptism was widely discussed among certain of the clergy of the Church of England, as a result of which a special committee was charged with the task of preparing a document on the subject. This report was published recently as "Baptism and Confirmation," the findings of the Liturgical Commission.

The report begins with a proposal to reverse the emphasis given in the Book of Common Prayer and return to the theology and practice of the New Testament and the early church - a bold and significant beginning. Then the report leads on to the following affirmation, — that "in the New Testament, Adult baptism is the norm,

and it is only in the light of this fact that the doctrine and practice of Baptism can be understood." (1) We of course who have taught and practised adult baptism since the beginning of our church work can readily understand that adult baptism is the only baptism taught in the Bible. Perhaps we should go further and state that not only is adult baptism the norm of the New Testament, but that the kind of baptism administered is the lowering of the candidate until he is properly immersed, — that is, as Christ died and was buried, and rose again, so

the adult who passes through the rite dies and is buried, (in the water,) and rises again to newness of life. Our church should be composed only of Spirit-born people, of those who are old enough to understand what it means to bury the old man, and begin a new life, with a new man controlling the activities of a life dedicated to God; of individuals who are old enough to have a mature understanding of what it means to believe that Jesus died for our sins and actually rose from the dead on our behalf. Perhaps if our good Christian brethren of other denominations were to give more study to the Bible, and adjust their teachings thereby, they would not only find that Adult Baptism by Immersion is the mode of the early church, but also that the Bible teaches us to keep the Seventh-day as a day of worship, and that Sunday-keeping is not Scriptural at all. For while the rite of baptism helps to admit only spirit-born members into the church, the observance of the fourth commandment limits church membership to those only who believe in God as the Creator.

—Alfred Fossey

(1) Quoted from The Bible and Our Times, August 27, 1959.

WEEK OF PRAYER - NOVEMBER 7-14

We all as Seventh-day Adventists have experienced the blessings of the annual Week of Prayer. This year the date has been set as the week beginning November 7. We would urge each pastor of every church to plan to make this year's Week of Prayer a special week, and as it always has been, a time of spiritual refreshment and uplift. The papers have been ordered and should be in hand shortly. Inasmuch as the papers are very expensive, arrangements have been made for only four papers to each organized church, and two papers for each organized company. We trust that each member will take advantage of these meetings and hear the messages that will come to us from some of our most earnest and outstanding leaders covering the nearness of the Second Coming of Jesus, the blessings of Faith in Christ, of walking closely with Him, and reports of interest regarding the spread of the message in all parts of the world. May God add His rich blessings to this year's week of prayer.

MEDICAL WORK -

"PARKVIEW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL"

In the far north of the United States, "the town of Brunswick, Maine, witnessed the opening of a new hospital, the S.D.A. Parkview Memorial Hospital, a monument to the power of faith. The first patients were admitted on July 12th, 1959. This institution costing \$430,000.00 (£154,000-0-0 approximately) provides the town with its first modern hospital, furnished with up-to-date equipment, another link in the chain of self-supporting institutions which share with denominationally operated hospitals the physical and spiritual ministry to which Seventh-day Adventists are dedicated. In spite of the fact that the hospital is in an area where there was but little acquaintance,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

prejudice existed, yet it has developed remarkable community support. In its beautiful setting of pine trees, Parkview Memorial Hospital stands as a witness to the goodness of God and the ideal of service to humanity." May we here in Jamaica give our children a training that will enable them to take their places among those who have dedicated their lives to God, and will spend their lives in medical ministry doing their part to help the suffering and also develop new institutions that will serve to make our message better known to the people of the world.

(Atlantic Union Gleaner.)

July 27, 1959, page 1)

WEST INDIES UNION -

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Church Tithes and Offerings for the first eight months of the current year show a good gain over the same period for 1958. Reports for September have not yet been compiled. Total tithes up to August 31, 1959, reached a figure of £69,992 7 1, as against £67,112 0 6 in 1958, a gain of over 4%. West Jamaica Conference leads out in attaining the highest figures, August 31, 1959, being £31,796 2 11 against £29,450 4 5 at August 31, 1958, a gain of almost 8%. East Jamaica has a total tithe August 31, 1959, of £28,764 7 4 against £26,787 1 3 August 1958, a gain of well over 7%. The Bahamas has a drop down to £7,016 11 0 as against £9,465 16 2 last year. We trust they will make up the loss before the end of the year. The total increase shows a good endeavour on the part of our ministerial staff in promoting the tithe, and a good record of faithfulness on the part of the membership.

Mission Offerings have risen to £22,000 16 11 against £20,710 11 5 for the same period last year, a gain of over 6%. West Jamaica shows the sum of £10,357 5 3 against £9,550 16 0, a gain of over 8%. East Jamaica a sum of £8,811 10 2 against £8,385 16 6 for last year, a gain of 5%. The Bahamas shows an almost 2% gain in Mission offerings, jumping to £2,247 10 5 from £2,204 19 6.

The Cayman Islands have done their share and show the largest percentage gain. Tithe for eight months of 1959 being £2,415 5 10 against £1,407 18 8 for last year, a gain of well over 71%. This is truly a large jump. Mission offerings reached £584 11 1 against £568 19 5 for August 31, of 1958.

As we look at these figures, look also at the work being done. May our membership and working organization continue to grow until we shall hear that Voice from heaven say, "It is done," and

the work is finished, and then Jesus will come to gather the harvest home.

Alfred Fossey

Treasurer, West Indies Union

EDUCATIONAL - "A STUDENT'S REACTION"

Why do I choose a Christian school? Because I know that God would have it that way. He wants the best for His children. He wants them to learn of His boundless love for them, and can you, I ask, learn of that in a public school?

In what public school would you find Bible study a part of the daily curriculum? Tell me, in what public school would a teacher take time out to help you with your personal as well as scholastic problems? In a Christian school we are all equal. Just because you are not dressed as well as some of the other students does not mean that you cannot join in the fun. Friendships are lasting and the attitude is all for one and one for all.

I feel that the importance of a Christian education should be magnified a hundred thousand times to each Seventh-day Adventist parent and child. Time is too short. We should take advantage of every opportunity we have to study the law of God, and the life of Christ.

Fellow 'teenagers, listen to me when I say that every minute counts. Our most important aim in this life is to reach heavenward and we should accept every chance given us that might bring us closer to our goal. I cannot stress the importance of a Christian education too much. It helps me and I know it will help you.

Why do I choose a Christian education? Because I want to be ready when Jesus comes.

—Penny Tucker.

(Greater Boston Academy.)

(Atlantic Union Gleaner,
August 3, 1959, page 8.)

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

- "AFTER TWO YEARS"

An interesting article from the Central States Conference tells of one of its colporteurs who met a lady keeping the Sabbath because of an old book left in a motor car. This book entitled "The Hope of the Race," was found by her husband in an old discarded car which had been left lying in the open for more than two years. The book was soaked through with water, but her husband picked it up and took it home. She placed the book under the stove to dry, then carefully opened the leaves one by one. Afterwards she placed the book in her bookcase. Some years later she was with Adventist institutions, and where some

praying "Lord, what will you have me to do?" Then the Spirit of God brought the old book back into her remembrance and she decided to read it. As a result both she and her husband found the light of truth and are today keeping the Sabbath and looking forward to Baptism. Surely the Scripture is true which tells us to sow the seed in the morning and in the evening for we know not which shall prosper either this or that. The Lord has a way of caring for His Word and bringing it at the right time to the attention of people who will heed it and treasure it, and join His remnant Church.

--(Central Union Reaper.

August 4th, 1959, page 5)

CAYMAN ISLANDS - NEWS NOTES

Ever since the beginning of the year we have been looking forward to a series of Evangelistic meetings here on Cayman Brac. Brother and Sister Hepburn have been in the island for the past year endeavouring by God's grace to keep the fires of truth brightly burning, while praying and looking forward to the time when extra help could be had in an endeavour to reap a harvest from the seeds they had been patiently sowing.

It was my happy privilege to come over to the Brac in the month of August to help prepare for the series of meetings which we began at the beginning of September. These meetings have gone forward since and God blessed us with a good gathering each night. The truths presented have been well taken, and upward of twenty souls have indicated their desire to keep God's Commandments including the Sabbath.

We are yet continuing, and pray that with the leading of God's Holy Spirit and through the influence of these meetings there may indeed be a rich harvest of precious souls ready to meet the Lord when He shall appear.

V. G. Newman *President,*
Cayman Islands Mission

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE -

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to announce that the Fifth Biennial Session of the West Jamaica Conference will convene December 29, to January 2, 1960. The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports of the work for the past two years and to elect officers and departmental secretaries for the ensuing term.

H. S. Walters, *President*

U. E. Morgan, *Secretary-Treasurer*

WEST INDIES UNION - NEWS ITEMS

Many changes have taken place in the West Indies Union since the last issue of the VISITOR. Elder R. S. Blackburne Union Treasurer and Mrs. Blackburne returned to the United States at the end of March as Elder Blackburne was suffering from a physical condition which the tropical climate rendered almost unbearable. Having served this Union for four and a half years during which time the hearts of all the Union family were knit to theirs, parting with the Blackburns was a sad occasion. However, they are now happily settled in their homeland where he enjoys improved health and they are receiving many rich blessings from the Lord.

Elder L. A. Morrison has acted as Union Treasurer since the departure of the Blackburns and has rendered very creditable service.

On Tuesday, September 1, Elder Alfred Fossey, our new Union Treasurer, and Mrs. Fossey arrived in Jamaica. Elder Fossey comes with 22 years of experience in China and 10 years in India, and we feel confident that this congenial couple will make a real and outstanding contribution to the work here. We extend a very hearty welcome to Elder and Mrs. Fossey and pledge them our loyal support and co-operation.

Elder and Mrs. Sowers and Miss Ruth Ingram who were serving at West Indies College have returned to the United States and Elder Kenneth Vaz has been acting as president. Professor Leif Tobiassen is on call to the presidency and is expected to arrive in Jamaica early in November.

Elder and Mrs. R. R. Widmer and their children, Myron and Elaine, recently joined the College family and Elder Widmer now heads the Bible Department.

Latest arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wheeler and Baby Gregory. Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler will both teach music - she piano and organ and he other instruments and voice. We are looking forward to a very strong music department at the College.

Up to the end of June 939 souls have been baptized in this Union and in every phase of the work there are indications of God's blessing. Elder Roland Cemer, Evangelist from the Florida Conference, recently conducted an effort in Nassau, Bahamas, as a result of which 97 precious souls have already been baptized and others are preparing for the rite. This is probably the largest baptism that has ever been held in this mission. The membership is nearing the 1,000 mark, and we hope it won't be long before that will be passed.

As we count our blessings and recount our experiences of growth and progress let us, each one, pause a moment for personal examination and by God's grace let us make the necessary changes and adjustments in our lives.

A. C. Stockhausen

BAHAMAS MISSION THE CEMER EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

Most of the testing truths have been presented and the attendance still remains very good in spite of an abundance of rain for this season of the year. The very remarkable feature of the old tent is that the rain ordinarily seeps through, but during the heavy down pours that we have been experiencing when the tent has been packed, very little rain has come through to trouble the crowd.

Our Sunday night services have been attended by 700 to 1,000 people. Our weekly meetings have fallen as low as 400 and has gone up as high as 800. Last Sunday, July 26, the tent was once again packed. This is a remarkable attendance seeing that the testing truths have been presented.

The Wednesday night Bible class has been well attended. This audience is made up by the Seventh-day Adventists who have brought interested persons. We usually have from 300 to 400 present. Last Sabbath we began the Sabbath Bible class for the first time and there were sixty adults in attendance. Sabbath afternoon a Junior Bible class is being conducted with an attendance between 30 and 40.

The "Trial by Jury" was a thrilling occasion. Elder Beach did a magnificent job in presenting nineteen reasons for Sunday keeping. He certainly lived up to his advertisement of being a fiery Southern preacher, and with his brand new Nassau sunburn and Irish humour and enthusiasm, he won the hearts of the audience at once. He could hardly wait until he reached the pulpit to present his point. When he made his statements, many in the audience cried out, "preach it! preach it! preach it." When Elder Cemer presented the straight truths of God's words in answer, the enthusiasm of the Sunday advocates melted as snow would in the Bahamian sunshine. Both antagonists carried the entire group wonderfully well and there was a splendid feeling evident.

Seventy-five persons came forward when the altar call was made after the presentation of the subject, "The Mark of the

Beast." Now every worker is kept busy visiting those who have stated that they wish to join the Seventh-day Adventist church. Our goal of 100 baptisms seems to be a reasonable one for this effort. On August 9, we will have our first baptism of around 20 to 32 persons in our canvass baptistry that we are erecting as a part of the speaker's platform. The larger baptism will take place on August 15 or 16, then another baptism will follow in September. On August 9 we will also have a very large Voice of Prophecy graduation. Many of our baptismal candidates are Voice of Prophecy students. All three churches are meeting in the tent each Sabbath for Sabbath school and morning worship. Our church members are giving loyal assistance in visiting and passing out hand bills and attending the services. Last Sabbath's audience was a camp-meeting-sized crowd.

We all greatly appreciate the work of the Cemer evangelistic team. The entire family work together as one harmonious whole. Jack is dearly beloved by all. The people greatly appreciate the deep spiritual tone of all the songs sung. The song service does not give one the feeling that it serves as a gap filler, but it is a real contribution to the evening meetings. Mrs. Cemer and Jack sing very nicely together and have inspired the audience many times with their spiritual numbers. Sister Cemer plays the trumpet during the song service, and her black-light art work will be long remembered. It is going to be hard to release this group at the close of the meetings. I am confident that we could duplicate the results of these meetings if we could have one on the west side of the city of Nassau. That challenge will have to be met by our local workers at a later date.

We were very happy to have as our recent visitors from Florida Conference, Elder Schmidt, President; Elder Roll, Secretary-Treasurer; Elder Beach, District Worker; Miss Kuster, Office Secretary; and a number of our lay members of the Florida Conference. From the Division we had Miss Opal Parish of the Treasury department, besides many others of our lay members from the States. Our courage is good. How we wish that we could have a larger evangelistic force to meet the challenge of the work in this field.

We are planning a lay preachers' institute in September or October and will have three more evangelistic efforts in the field before the end of the year. We so desire to reach our goal of 200 baptisms during 1959. Pray for the work in the Bahamas.

—R. M. Mote, *President*,
Bahamas Mission of S.D.A.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE - NEWS NOTES

On April 14 our President, Elder E. H. Schneider, and his family left Jamaica on a well earned furlough to visit their loved ones and friends in the homeland. Workers and members here in East Jamaica all joined in wishing the Schneiders a pleasant and restful vacation. They are due to return October 14.

Our workers and District Pastors met at our headquarters for the third workers' meeting for this year on the 13th of August. Reports were given by the various departments showing growth and progress, and plans were laid for more aggressive evangelism for the remainder of the year. Our baptisms for the first six months totalled 491, representing 61% of our goal to date. We look forward under the blessing of the Lord that 1959 will be a banner year in soul-winning. Our watchword here in East Jamaica is "EVANGELIZE!"

Elders M. G. Nembhard and C. S. Greene of the West Indies Union will be associated with some major efforts and revivals in East Jamaica, and we are already anticipating a rich harvest of souls as a result of the meetings to be held. To this end we solicit the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor*.

On the evening of August 26 workers and friends gathered at the Kencot church to witness the nuptials of one of our young ministers. We all rejoice over this new Christian home that has been established in East Jamaica, and wish Brother and Sister Hunter God's richest blessings.

The home of Elder and Sister L. S. Binns was recently blessed with the arrival of a sweet little girl, Natalia Binns, on the 1st of July, 1959. We join in prayer that this little girl will grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in favour with God and man.

The Divine Service at the North Street Temple on Sabbath the 25th of July was broadcast over the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation (J.B.C.) on Sunday, July 26. Many letters were sent in following the broadcast expressing appreciation for the service and the message it bore.

The East Jamaica Conference now has a Post Office Box at Half Way Tree. In sending communication to this office you may use our Box number which is Box 181, Kingston.

—V. T. Boyce

FROM THE MV DEPARTMENT EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

The youth of East Jamaica are on the march for God. Never before have we witnessed such enthusiasm for the activities of the Missionary Volunteer Society.

Six MV Rallies were conducted this year in Kingston, Spanish Town, Morant Bay, Hope Bay, Claremont, and Port Antonio. At all of these rallies self-sacrificing young people filled the pews to receive instruction to make them better soldiers for Christ at this time of great spiritual conflict. The inspiration they received was evidenced in the fact that during the month of June nearly 200 young people were invested in one of the MV Classes and about 300 procured uniforms.

We have the seeds for a most bountiful and rewarding harvest in MV Class work here in East Jamaica. Pray for us that we may sow diligently.

July came slowly for the Senior MV's. Each day was filled with plans for Camp; each night with dreams of splashing in the briny waters of Robin's Bay, within sight of the coconut-palm-dotted campgrounds. Soon dreams were realized in CAMP EXPLORER, July 16—23. It was a most thrilling experience for our young people to be on camp grounds that, for the first time, they could call their own. On the closing night of Camp a presentation was made to Mr. Don Silvera, who contributed the land for the camp site.

As the glory of the day gives way to the night of splendour, with its slow silent moon and shimmering stars, so the glory of Camp Explorer gave way to the brighter glory of Congress, August 20-23.

On the opening night of Congress, the rolling of drums introduced a fanfare of trumpets and two MV's breaking through the screen to wish all "A Smashing Welcome." These were followed by the local MV Secretary, H. A. Mills, Elder C. S. Greene of the West Indies Union, and Elders Glen Maxson and Clark Smith of the Inter-American Division and General Conference respectively, leading persons in the Congress.

From this colourful beginning the Congress progressed to a grand climax when on Sunday, August 23, over 250 MV's, all in uniforms, conducted a grand March Past, accompanied by the Military Band. Behind them came a float depicting the open Bible and bearing the words, "S.D.A. Spread The Light." Hundreds witnessed this parade and received "Gospel Bombs" that were thrown out of the Holy Bible.

Just prior to the Youth Congress, Elders Clark Smith and Glen Maxson con-

ducted a Pathfinder Counselors' Training Course, August 17-20. Fifty-two young people enrolled in the course and obtained credit toward a Pathfinder Counselor's Certificate.

The Youth of East Jamaica, March on! Let us pray that they will go "Forward With The Light!"

EVANGELISTIC EFFORT AT WILLIAMSFIELD

Williamsfield Seventh-day Adventist church in East Jamaica, located in the parish of St. Catherine, is a historical ground for Adventism. In this section of the field our first Seventh-day Adventist Training College was established, before being transferred to Mandeville. This church is the daughter of the Riversdale church.

Enthusiasm ran high as Elder Curtis Parchment announced that there would be a series of Evangelistic meetings starting there on Sunday evening, October 13. Pastor M. G. Nembhard assisted by Pastor Parchment launched out in this evangelistic effort.

The opening night brought visitors from every section of the district. The subject presented was God's plan for Space Travel. Long before the time arrived for the song service the church was packed with eager listeners.

We are now in the second week of this effort and the interest continues to increase. These meetings convene from Sunday night to Wednesday night each week and one night is reserved for Bible Class. Although we have not reached the testing truths, the response has been excellent as Christ has been made the central theme of our discourse.

We solicit the prayers of those who are interested in seeing souls saved in this period of great awakening.

M. G. Nembhard

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E. H. Schneider, President

V. T. Boyce, Secretary-Treasurer.

WEST JAMAICA YOUTH CONGRESS

The fire of inspiration that the Youth took back from the great convocation is now blazing steadily throughout West Jamaica. Reports have come in thanking us for the wonderful social, ethical, and spiritual uplift that these youth experienced at Congress this year.

Elder Clark Smith of the General Conference brought us great inspiration on Sabbath and Sunday in his messages to the Youth, and Elder Glen E. Maxson, our dynamic Division MV Secretary, also urged the youth to a realization of their great responsibility to a lost world.

It is difficult to point out the highlights of this Congress as it seemed to have been a succession of highlights throughout. However, mention must be made of the rich music provided by Mr. Arnold Dean of the Bahamas who brought out the "hidden treasures" of the College Hammond. Indeed all souls were thrilled at his magnificent performance. His two organ and piano recitals were masterpieces.

Walt Disney's "The Living Desert" was the Saturday night special feature. On Sunday morning Elder Clark Smith who is in charge of the General Conference Medical Cadet Corps work, handed out the government citations to the young men of the College M.C.C. who worked untiringly during the disaster of the Kendal train crash when over 200 were killed and many more injured.

A simulated accident on Sunday afternoon caused quite a stir as many left their seats to run outside at the sound of the screeching brakes and a screaming "victim". The "patient" was brought in and "treated" by Master Guides who were then being invested. Explorers and Guides were also Invested.

Nobody wanted to miss the "March Past" through the town, so at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon the crowd headed for the town of Mandeville. They walked, ran, cycled, and drove, but they were not going to miss it. It was something new—a "March Past" with banners, and a Master Guide demonstration "float". It was something. Police escort added colour to the occasion, and the Custos for the parish received the salute. About 500 young people were on parade, but it ended all too soon as they had to return to the College for the final meeting.

All in all, the West Jamaica Youth's Congress of 1959 was a great inspiration to all, and already we are looking forward to a greater one in 1961.

H. L. Douce

MV Secretary,

West Jamaica Conference

MEETING THE NEED OF THE CRISIS HOUR THROUGH BOOKS

The onward march of the Publishing Department is nothing short of a miracle. There is a close tie between the Publishing work and Evangelism and our colporteurs are amongst the most effective soul winners and actually contact more non-Seventh-day Adventist people in personal visitation than do workers in any other branch of denominational endeavour. So many people express themselves by saying: "I know! I have been reading your books. The blind can see that Christ is coming soon. I want to be ready to meet the Lord. I desire to have that experience of oneness with Him." In such a case as this, the colporteur prays and gives a Bible Study, but most important is to leave the book that will help the man find that which he seeks.

The growth in our Publishing work in the West Indies Union, as brought out in the following, shows a steady upward swing. Our deliveries in 1954 was £24,047; in 1955 - £28,659; in 1956 - £32,081; in 1957 - £42,830; in 1958 - 40,860, and already for the first 8 months of 1959 we have delivered over £36,000. We trust that the general colporteur deliveries of 1959 will be twice what they were in 1954. Already we see indications and solicit your prayers that God will use these books mightily to convince men of the truth. The 21% increase in our deliveries over that of last year indicates that the work is becoming more interesting. Personally, I have never seen such interest displayed as this year.

A Catholic Jew recently, when he was told that Christ was coming soon and would likely find the people unprepared as at His first advent because of their greed for power and money, quickly bought £35 worth of our books when it was suggested that he buy £100. Another man ordered 60 books, one for each worker in his establishment. In truth we have been selling hundreds of books to people who want them as presents for their friends. It would appear that the Spirit of God is very active in this department getting men ready for the crisis hour.

The student colporteurs did a magnificent job during the summer. We had approximately 50 student colporteurs, most of whom earned scholarships, many having done better than they ever did in the past. The four who went to the Bahamas delivered over £2,600 in 10 weeks. Having been associated with this department for some time one cannot help but feel that the thought present in Volume 6 of the Testimonies is correct:

"The humble, efficient worker who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving divine assistance. To feel so great and holy a responsibility is of itself elevating to the character. It calls into action the highest mental qualities, and their continued exercise strengthens and purifies mind and heart. The influence upon one's own life, as well as the lives of others, is incalculable.

Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it losing business, a life of thankless labour and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees it in the light shining from the cross. His sacrifices appear small in comparison with those of the blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His steps. The success of his labour affords him the purest joy, and is the richest recompense for a life of patient joy."

Testimonies, Vol 6, page 340.

Although so much work has been done by colporteurs in this field, yet each day it is easier to sell than the day before. In most cases we no longer sell one book but many. There is room for every sincere youth who wants to enter the colporteur ministry.

—B. E. Hurst.

A SANCTUARY

By O. O. Mattison,

President Southern Asia Division

If for years you had been meeting for services in the crowded little homes of church members one after another, or else in a lot above a weaving factory or in a rented shop facing a very busy commercial street, or out in the groves under coconut trees,—and then if you had the privilege of transferring from such surroundings into a beautiful little commodious church—what would be your reaction?

Property was hard to obtain in the commercial town of Calicut, but by great Kerala, India. Through all that time they had longed for, prayed for, and pleaded for a place to worship.

Property was hard to obtain in the commercial town of Calicut, but by great sacrifice on the part of the local field and the union, eventually a lovely plot of land was bought. It was not large—just a little larger than the church building itself. The members put into this all that they had been saving through the years, as well as a great deal of labour in collecting materials, etc. They eagerly looked forward to the day when they would have a decent little

place in which they could worship the Lord in peace and quietude.

If you could step into this little church next Sabbath and observe the joy on the faces of the people gathered there, you could not help but enter into the spirit of worship and thanksgiving that is manifested as they conduct their Sabbath school and church service. Their services and prayer meetings from week to week are a real inspiration.

The church building is not an expensive one. Completed it costs less than \$3,000, (approximately £1,070) but £1,070 represents a great deal of money in India (Rupees 15,000 roughly). The church building represents much sacrifice by the members of the church, by the local mission and union, and sacrifice by you, our fellow believers around the world, as you have dipped deep into your pockets to give to missions. Your contribution to the Church Extension Fund year by year has made possible such little places of worship as this. They are real monuments to the glory of God.

We thank you for your sacrifice. We also thank the Lord for the humble people who are drawn to worship in these humble monuments to God's love. Their endeavour is not only to be in the Kingdom with you and me, but also to bring others with them.

Please continue to give and pray for companies of believers in scores of other places, who are longing for similar places of worship. By your liberality and with the united efforts of our believers within our local and union fields, we shall be able to help a number of other needy companies with their church building programme. May the Lord continue to bless our united efforts.

BEFORE AND AFTER

(The following story is compiled from reports received from Mrs. P. Samuel, Pastor I. Subushonam and Mrs. E. L. Sorenson in the office of Pastor O. W. Lange, Secretary, Sabbath School Department, Southern Asia Division of S.D.A.—Merry Crussiah.)

A hundred and twenty gypsy families live in that little village. They are a wandering tribe and 95% of them live by theft. They do not know the difference between good and bad, right and wrong.

The costume of the women is very colourful—a large skirt, a blouse and a piece to cover the head. Women do embroidery and sew in mirrors of all shapes on to their garment. Unmarried women wear cheap bracelets up to the elbow and married women above the elbow. They comb their hair forward over their forehead and place silver ornaments on both sides.

To the gypsies the world is full of spirit—spirits of the dead; of nature, the animals, birds and insects. They worship these spirits, believe in predestination and are very superstitious. Their social life is so closely interwoven with their religion that it is impossible for one to take an individual stand against the practice of the tribe, and at the same time when a change does come, it affects the whole tribe.

Malaria, tuberculosis, dysentery and scabies are among the most common diseases prevalent in the village. Many die due to lack of medical care. The nearest medical unit is many miles away. Sick ones have to be carried across the rugged mountains in a two-wheeled bullock cart. The trip is too long, the way is so rugged, the conveyance is so uncomfortable that usually the sick ones die before they reach the hospital. Hence very few patients dare to make such a trip.

The gypsies resist the visit of any stranger—far more the visit of a missionary—so civilization and the gospel of Jesus is foreign to them.

This gives you a little mental picture of Gandiganmala (meaning, a mountain pass), a gypsy village, located 85 miles from Guntur, South India, and across the Eastern Ghats.

That is, BEFORE . . . Now listen to the story:

Ramaswamy, a little gypsy boy of the village, was dying with tuberculosis. Someone told him about the good medical work done by faithful Adventist lay members, Dr. and Mrs. P. Samuel, at the T. B. Sanatorium in Guntur, South India.

"Anyway I am dying of sickness. I might as well take the risk of crossing the mountains. Suppose I reach Guntur safely!" So he dared. He travelled by foot, by bullock cart and by train and reached Guntur.

Dr. Samuel gave Ramaswamy a kind welcome. His condition was serious but it was not beyond hope when Dr. Samuel worked with his hands clasped in the never-failing hands of the Great Physician. He received the Christian doctor's loving and competent care. The doctor's family prayed for him. Mrs. Samuel sat by his bedside daily and told him sweet stories of Jesus. As his condition improved, he also taught him to read and write. Ramaswamy not only gained health and strength, but also learned to love Jesus. He wanted to become an Adventist—and he did!

David—for this is the name Mrs. Samuel gave him when he became a Christian—was well and ready to go home. With mixed feelings he returned to his gypsy village. The villagers were happy to see "our Ramaswamy" as healthy as could be.

What more? He was clean, happy and his face revealed a purpose for which to live.

Through the influence and efforts of Mrs. Samuel and David a group of gypsies became deeply interested in the truth.

More and more people from this village and from neighbouring villages are coming under the influence of the teacher and the nurse. Calls are coming from nearby villages to establish our work there. There is yet more to this story . . . as time goes.

(To be continued)

Until the Day Breaks

RANDLE W. H. — aged 84

We were made sad recently by the news that Pastor Randle has passed to his rest. This happened on Wednesday evening, about 6:00 P.M., September 23rd at the Andrews Memorial Hospital.

Pastor Warren Hubert Randle was born at Georges Plain, Westmoreland, in the year 1875, (eighty four years ago.) Educated at Manning's Secondary School, preparatory for a Government post in the civil service, he accepted the Advent message in his early manhood and dedicated his life to the preaching of the gospel. He was among the first three local men ordained to the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a Pastor he was outstandingly successful and was blessed in being used to raise up several churches. He also taught Bible, English and Geography for many years at the West Indies College. Some time after the death of his first wife, he married Miss Winifred Fletcher, sister of the late Pastor Hubert Fletcher who predeceased him in 1940. His present wife, Isolyn, formerly Mrs. Aaron Brandon who survives him, devoted her life to his comfort for well-nigh eleven years.

Pastor Randle was in the top rank as one of God's good men and was renowned for his meek spirit and willingness to help everyone and therefore was dearly beloved by all who knew him. The funeral which was conducted at Newport Church by Elder K. G. Vaz was attended by a very large number of people. We all deeply mourn his passing, but can comfort our hearts with the thought that his name is written in the Book of Life, and that we shall meet him again at the resurrection day.

LOPEZ, Bertram — aged 43.

We have been saddened by the tragic death of Brother Bertram Lopez of Stevens, Long Island, Bahamas, who was struck by lightning on Sunday September 6 as he entered the door of his house.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sister Lopez and their 10 children. The Lord has been very merciful and gracious to sister Lopez who, although sitting near to where her husband was at the time of the tragedy and in spite of the fact that the house was badly damaged, remained unhurt.

We look forward to meeting Brother Lopez in the first resurrection.

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