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Elder R. Rubin Widmer, M.A., B.D., head of the Bible Department, West Indies College, with Mrs. Widmer and children Elaine and Myron. The Widmer family arrived in August. We welcome them to Jamaica.

RENEWED WORLD CALENDAR AGITATION

Some thirteen years ago when on furlough, I took a refresher course in accountancy. In one of the textbooks used in the study, the author stated that the inconvenience caused by the irregularity of the months in the present calendar was being attended to and in due course a new calendar would be put into force which would make all the months approximately the same length, and make each quarter of the year equal in length to each other quarter. So far in my accounting experience I have not suffered any inconvenience from the problem of whether a month had thirty-one or thirty or twenty-eight days; or whether a quarter had ninety-one or ninety days. Although some people take it to heart and may grieve over it, yet in my thinking it is impossible for man to divide $365\frac{1}{4}$ days into exactly fifty-two weeks and make it workable, neither can they divide it into twelve months all having the same number of days in each month;

neither can they divide $365\frac{1}{4}$ into exactly four parts. The odd numbers of days that make up the year help us to understand the fact that the seven-day week does not come to us from a natural division of the day of the year, but comes to us from another source, from God Himself.

For some time we have not heard much about the World Calendar but this year there has been some renewed activity in its behalf. The foremost agitator in its revival is a very rich millionaire lady, Miss Elizabeth Achelis. She is zealously and energetically devoting her time and her great wealth to the propagation of the New World Calendar which has some roaming days in it, so that if put into force there will be one or two weeks during the year that have eight

days in them instead of seven. This rich lady has been highly successful in winning over to her point of view many high-ranking officials, scientists and business leaders in all parts of the world. Several governments have already indicated their approval of the World Calendar, and some United Nations delegates are championing her cause. The plan is to win as many prominent people as possible to her point of view so that by or before the year 1966, a public campaign will be launched to have the new World Calendar put into force on January 1, 1967, which day will be a Sunday.

Miss Achelis is quite aware that the chief opponents to the calendar are various religious bodies, foremost among whom is the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There is a certain amount of sophistry in the arguments presented by the World Calendar group, such as a statement that in Old Testament times there was an eight day week once a year. The Bible states (Lev. 23:15-21) that the Hebrews should count seven weeks from

the Sabbath of the Wave-Sheaf, and that the fiftieth day should be a holy day. So it is argued that as there were fifty days instead of forty-nine, there must have been an eight day week, mixed among the other weeks just before Pentecost. We of course know that the Day of Pentecost like the Day of the Pass-over and other ceremonial Sabbaths did not necessarily fall on the seventh-day Sabbath, but would occur on almost any day of the week as the years went by. We also know that the seven-day week was not at all altered by the roaming ceremonial sabbaths, but that the Sabbath Day of the fourth commandment always occurred without variation on the seventh day of a seven day week. But however the false argument presented by Miss Achelis might have its weight in winning over to her point of view many people who are not well acquainted with the Scriptures, and who might easily be led into the idea that it does not matter whether a week has seven days or eight; or that an eight day week once in a while would not do any harm. But God's law cannot be lightly esteemed, and Jesus stated plainly that it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than one jot or tittle of the law to fail.

We may however admit one fact presented by Miss Achelis, that when Constantine passed his Sunday law in A.D. 321, some Christians who changed over from Sabbath-keeping to Sunday keeping apparently did observe an eight day week at the time they changed over. We can also complement the argument by stating that those Christians who were faithful to God's commandments did not keep Sunday but maintained the immutability of the ten commandments, and the seven-day week. She does assume that before Constantine passed his Sunday law, the Christian church at large was a Sabbath-keeping church. That is a truth we are inclined to uphold, but which some Sunday keepers disagree with.

We are warned by our brethren that before Sunday, January 1, 1967 arrives, we shall be facing a tough hard struggle to prevent such a calendar being made a part of international law, and will have to fight the 1956 issue all over again. If the protests of those who honour the true Sabbath are ignored, and the World Cal-

endar is enforced over all the world, it might be well to consider that relation such a law might have to the Mark of the Beast referred to in Rev. 13:16-17.

—A. Fossey,
Sec. Treasurer
West Indies Union

EXCERPTS FROM ELDER STOCKHAUSEN'S REPORT AT THE DIVISION NOVEMBER COMMITTEE

"The divine commission needs no reform. Christ's way of presenting truth cannot be improved upon. The Saviour gave the disciples practical lessons, teaching them how to work in such a way as to make souls glad in the truth. He sympathized with the weary, the heavy laden, the oppressed. He fed the hungry and healed the sick. Constantly He went about doing good. By the good He accomplished, by His loving words and kindly deeds, He interpreted the Gospel to men.

Brief as was the period of His public ministry, He accomplished the work He came to do. How impressive were the truths He taught! How complete His life-work! What spiritual food He daily imparted as He presented the bread of life to thousands of hungry souls! His life was a living ministry of the word." (Welfare Ministry, page 56.)

Elder H. E. Nembhard, pastor of the largest church in this Union, has selected the following as a sample of the rich experiences attending his ministry,—
"The North Street church continues to be a fruitful evangelistic centre in the large metropolis of Kingston. Last year we baptized 178 souls and up to date we have baptized 125 for 1959. We hope to reach our goal of 200 souls by December.

Some months ago, the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation called on Elder V. T. Boyce, acting president of the East Jamaica Conference while Elder Schneider was on furlough, to broadcast a religious service. Although the notice was very short, Elder Boyce accepted the invitation and got in touch with me immediately. This was indeed good news. For the first time since the inception of the work here in Jamaica, our church was given the opportunity of a free broadcast which lasted forty-five minutes. The Lord blessed the broadcast in a signal way. Letters of appreciation came to us from all parts of the Island. A wonderful impression was made indeed.

A few weeks ago, the Radio station extended to us another invitation which we gladly accepted. Again many letters of appreciation were received from across the island. We recognize God's providence in this opening and by His grace we shall stand ready to utilize this new avenue to proclaim the Advent message to the teeming thousands around the fair Island of Jamaica.

Among those recently baptized was a gentleman whose problem was to get Sabbaths off. He discussed the problem with the manager of the firm to which he was attached, but found him very unsympathetic. He made up his mind to serve the Lord even if he had to leave the position in which he had served ten years. After his boss refused to grant him Sabbaths off he asked the manager for his gratuity. His boss jumped to his feet and said, "So you mean to give up the job?" "Yes, Sir," he said, "I'd rather obey God without a penny in my pocket, than disobey Him any longer with a million dollars in my possession." The manager retorted, "You work on Saturdays or you may consider yourself fired."

This brother attended church that Sabbath and the church offered intercessory prayer on his behalf. He returned to his place of work on Monday morning to collect his gratuity. The manager greeted him with a smile and told him that the firm had decided to grant him his Sabbaths off with full pay. Indeed prayer changes things. This happy brother gave a wonderful testimony at the time of his baptism and is now rejoicing in the Advent message. We thank God for His providences on behalf of our new believers.

Brother Victor Griffiths writes, "Patrick McDonald is a young man who has a furniture store on Great George Street in Sav-la-mar. When I first met him he was a Steward (deacon) in the local Methodist church. He had S. D. A. acquaintances but none of these had spoken to him of the message. Seeking earnestly to be a Christian, he read his Bible devoutly. Somehow after reading certain passages of Scripture, he felt a lack in his life. Convinced that he was not where the Lord wanted him, he prayed and was impressed to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Soon, without having attended a church service, he told his Methodist brethren that he was going to be a Seventh-day Adventist. They sought to dissuade him, and even suggested that he must be going to that church in search of a wife. Besides, his business associates told him that he would be ruined, for, Saturday was his best business day.

Having heard of this interest, I visited him and studied certain things with him. He wavered at first. He had certain debts connected with his business and was afraid that his creditors would squeeze him as he lost prestige. One week after I had studied with him, I invited him to Sabbath services but he still hesitated. That was on a Thursday. That night he attended a Church of God meeting and came under conviction. The following morning he met me at an early hour and informed me that he would be closing his business on Saturday and would be in church. Since then he has been faithfully attending our church and has been actively engaged in missionary work seeking to bring others to Christ.

Today he says, "Since I gave my heart to the Lord, He is blessing me. My business is better than ever and is on a sound basis. My workmen are more co-operative, and on every hand I see the Lord is leading me." He was baptized at our parish wide baptism on Sunday, November 15.

Brother B. A. Woodburn shares the following interesting experience with us. "In one of our churches of East Portland there is a brother who has been a Seventh-day Adventist for a number of years. From the time of his baptism trouble began in his family because of the opposition of his wife. He was so handicapped with his clothing that he could hardly attend services on Sabbaths. The wife, being the sales woman for what he cultivates, controls the funds. He barely got enough into his hands for tithe.

"I visited this family a few times, after which the wife sent their eldest daughter to the church to find out what it was that made her husband so foolish. The girl became intensely interested and kept going to church. She had, in her mother's opinion, become as foolish as her dad. Her fate was worse than her father's as her mother was frightfully abusive. The mother grieved that her sensible girl had been turned into a fool by the S. D. A. To add to her sorrow and still trying to find out what it was that caused her to follow her father, she sent her oldest son to church, hoping he could find a way to turn husband and daughter from the church. Again her aims failed.

The young man saw and accepted God's message. Today he has joined dad and sister in the Truth.

This did not finish the story. Fearing to risk losing any more of her children, the mother decided she had to fight alone, and determined to do herself what the two children had failed to do. She made a trip to the church with the hope she would find something to convince her husband and two children why they should stop going there. But the Holy Spirit worked on her heart also and from the time of her first visit she did not miss one Sabbath service. On the Sabbath Day she is no more to be seen in the market place. She has found her place with her husband in the church and was recently baptized. At the time of writing, four of the other children are preparing for baptism. Truly it is wonderful to see father, mother, and eight children walking down the hill each Sabbath morning to meet with God's people."

Brother Woodburn gives another experience. "Some time ago I visited a lady in her home. After the introduction, our talk developed into a Bible study and we arranged for a Bible Study together once a week. After a while, the Voice of Prophecy course was introduced, and I visited her regularly while she pursued the course. When she reached the point in her study where the question of baptism was raised, she enquired of the Bible School what her answer should be. She was told to answer just as she felt about

it. She told her husband, who was a Government employee like herself, what she had learned, and he told her that he had known for a number of years that the Adventists have the Message for today. The wife was upset because her husband had known these things and had not told her, neither had he done the right thing himself. She therefore decided to go to the S. D. A. church, and she was so thrilled that she joined the baptismal class that same day. At the end of the quarter she was baptized.

Her husband's heart was touched as he witnessed his wife buried with her Lord. This took him out to church also and at the end of the next quarter he was baptized. This lady was sent an assistant who should carry on her work when she went to worship on the Sabbath. Knowing that this message must go to everyone, she began with her assistant. In a short time the assistant started to attend church and prepare for baptism. The Government transferred the sister to another station, but her successor is trying to make it very difficult for the assistant, being much opposed to Seventh-day Adventism. Our persecuted sister is of good courage and is sure that God will help her find a way out of her present difficulty."

Elder E. C. Walton writes,—“Some-time ago I received a letter from the prison authorities of Spanish Town that a man condemned to death was requesting the Seventh-day Adventist minister to visit him. When I went, I discovered that this man had visited one of the S.D.A. churches in the hills of Portland, but had not been baptized. After studying with him for some time, another man who was also condemned to death, Vincent Seivright, whom the Catholic priest had been visiting, called me to his cell and told me he was going to ask the Superintendent of the prison to change his minister and allow me to be his spiritual adviser. A few days later a letter came to that effect.

“Pastor Rugless and I made regular visits with these two men. The first one soon after was led away to his execution. Seivright, however, after a while, requested baptism, and arrangements were made with the authorities. A baptismal service was carried out on the prison grounds. The President of the Conference, Elder Schneider, spoke on the purpose of baptism, after which we celebrated the Lord's supper.

“A petition was sent up to the Governor by the President of the Conference on behalf of Brother Seivright and his sentence was commuted to one of life imprisonment. He is now in the General Penitentiary in Kingston. Up to the last time I visited him he was faithful and courageous.”

Brother A. W. Campbell conducted a revival at Fruitful Vale, Portland, early this year. He had many wonderful and thrilling experiences as he witnessed God's marvelous leading in many ways, and was rewarded with thirty-

six precious souls in his first baptism on April 5.

“Just as we trace the pathway of a stream of water by the line of living green in produces, so Christ could be seen in the deeds of mercy that marked His pathway at every step. Wherever He went health sprang up and happiness followed wherever He passed. The blind and deaf rejoiced in His presence. His words to the ignorant opened to them a fountain of life. He dispensed His blessings abundantly and continuously. They were the garnered treasures of eternity, given in Christ, the Lord's gift to man.

“Christ's work in behalf of man is not finished. It continues today. In like manner His ambassadors are to preach the gospel and to reveal His pitying love for lost and perishing souls.” (*Welfare Ministry, p. 57.*)

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE BIENNIAL SESSION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Delegates assembled for the Fifth Biennial Session of the East Jamaica Conference: Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are assembled here, dearly beloved, because God hath commanded us to assemble in biennial Conference sessions. He has instructed us to invite delegates from each church in the conference to come together to hear reports of the progress of His work; to conduct the business of electing officers, and to make plans for the finishing of His work in the world. For these reasons we are assembled in response to His command.

It is always a privilege for Seventh-day Adventists to respond to the commands of God. As a people we have never felt that His commands are ambivalent, but that His commands were given, in love to perfect His organization and His people for service. It is a pleasure to Seventh-day Adventists to keep the commandments of God. This they do from hearts of love in response to One who loved them supremely.

In this session you will hear many wonderful reports. Many of you will be led to exclaim, “What hath God wrought!” I trust as you hear the wonderful reports you will be encouraged to know that God has set His hand for the finishing of the work. We at the Conference office have full confidence in the leadership of our Heavenly Father. We believe that soon He will establish His Kingdom, the work having been finished and the saints gathered home.

This report cannot be complete because we have not yet completed the 4th quarter of 1959. However, during the last biennial period God has richly bless-

ed us in every phase of our work.

There is not one occasion where we have retrogressed, but on the contrary we have progressed everywhere along the line. For instance, in our previous biennial period, we had 10 ordained preachers, today we have 21. Whereas before, our workers totalled 45 in 1945, today we have 69. In 1955 when we came to the Conference there were 107 churches, today there are 120 churches. Our membership in 1955 was 11,206; today it is 13,979. In 1955 and 1956 we baptized approximately 2,611.

Our Tithes has risen from £24,000 0 0 in 1954 to approximately £45,000 0 0 for 1959. We have had a corresponding increase in our Mission offerings. Our Ingathering has risen from £4,031 0 11 in 1955 to £5,376 4 1 in 1959. During this biennial period we have dedicated 6 churches. We are proud of our dedications, because they include the large churches at Port Antonio and Gretna Green. In the past three weeks we have organized four new churches, which we have just voted into the Sisterhood of churches of the East Jamaica Conference.

Our Publishing Department has done well under the leadership of Elder A. A. Morgan and Brother G. J. Wilson. Last year we led the entire Inter-American Division on book sales.

Our Sabbath School Department under the leadership of Elder A. D. Laing during this biennial period also has made advanced strides. The number of our schools has increased. The membership has increased. The offerings have increased more than 30% during the biennial period, and of course, we have more branch Sabbath Schools than ever before throughout the Conference.

The work of our Missionary Volunteer society under the leadership of Professor Mills has been onward and upward. There are more societies, more members, and far greater activities than ever before. During this biennial period we have conducted no less than 7 youth efforts. Five Path Finder clubs have been organized. We are happy for the Pathfinder clubs. This is a new phase for the evangelization of our youth.

In 1954 there were two recognized church schools. Now we have seven recognized and several semi-recognized schools. Beside these there are many unrecognized schools throughout the Conference which we are hoping to bring into the fold as soon as funds permit and as soon as teachers can be procured. In 1954 we had 6 teachers in our elementary schools, today we have 22.

The work at Kingsway High School has been outstanding. We have not only completed the main building, but today we are packed to capacity in attendance. Professor Percy will give a detailed biennial period.

During the biennial period which is just past the Conference has acquired seven acres of land and 50 ft. of sea beach as a camp site for the benefit of the entire constituency. Mr. Don Silvera at St. Mary was the donor of this camp site. Your Conference committee has voted funds to develop this camp site.

Sanitary conveniences have been erected for both boys and girls, men and women. At the present moment there are just two cabins which will accommodate approximately 16 persons each.

During this biennial period we have changed our office site. We had completely out-grown our old office. There was not nearly enough room to house us. Today we have a far more commodious and more beautiful place in which to conduct God's business.

These are just the major developments in the Conference. They could be added to in more detail which would make this report endless. However, we ascribe all glory and honour to our Heavenly Father for the progress that has been made. We believe that we have seen His hand in the progress of the Conference. We believe that we have seen His hand establishing unity among the brethren and a greater surge of spirituality.

We pray that His hand will continue to direct the work; that under His leadership and the impelling power of His Holy Spirit we will go forward for greater accomplishments for Him. We want to see His work finished and His name glorified in East Jamaica.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,
E. H. Schneider, President

"SIN SMUGGLING"

Dusk had fallen as the sleek **Dagon Mail** slowly pulled out of Thazi station. In the gathering gloom of that stifling July evening I was left on the nearly deserted platform with anxious thoughts of perhaps a prolonged separation from my wife and 15-month-old son. Mechanically I headed listlessly for the Junior Station Master's office where earlier I had left my bedroll. I was tired and weary after the tediously slow train ride down from Taunggyi and was looking forward to a refreshing bath and a good night's rest in preparation for the return journey home early the next day.

On approaching the office, however, I noticed a crowd scrambling about the closed window of the railway police office, peering through the glass panes at a scene that was to unfold shortly. Forgetting baggage for the moment, I wormed through the already crowded door which separated the two offices.

In the cluttered office, squatting on the floor, sat an innocent-looking man, his red Shan bag dangling at his side and a small plastic-covered bedroll near his feet. This short, dark, hapless individual was dressed in typical Burmese clothes sporting also a brown felt hat. At the table against the wall a police officer recorded the man's statement.

Realizing that my baggage was likely to disappear if left on the window sill of the adjoining office I rushed out and brought it in and hastened back to satisfy my curiosity. Meanwhile, a Khaki-clad Excise Officer had started searching the

prisoner's person. Jacket and shirt having been removed, the officer at length began carefully unwinding yards of bandage that had been meticulously wrapped around the chest. Beneath all this bandaging and over a white T-shirt lay a tight-fitting waist-coat with two large pockets on either side. Concealed in each pocket and wrapped in pink paper was the contraband—opium—that the Excise officer had been searching for so carefully.

This incident reminded me of a text of scripture in the Bible where Moses warned the Reubenites and Gadites "... be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23) Some Christians are more or less like opium smugglers. On the surface it is difficult to distinguish saint from sinner. Yet knowingly, willingly, and deliberately before the Omnipresence of God we are secretly "smuggling" sin. Some of us reap the harvest of "sin smuggling" in this life while unfortunately others will receive their reward when "God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 14:12). **Are you a sin smuggler?**

—Keith R. Mundt

BIG YOUTH DAY IN WEST JAMAICA

November 1, 1959 will be a day long to be remembered in West Jamaica Conference. On that day two hundred sixty two young people were baptized into the church and two hundred twenty six were Invested in the MV Classes.

Elder H. S. Walters, the President of the Conference and Pastor H. L. Douce, M.A., Edu., MV Secretary of the Conference, accompanied by Mr. Alton Marschallack, Conference Accountant, and Miss Nellie Stevens, Secretary to the MV Secretary started out from Mandeville at 5:30 a.m. and officiated at the first baptism and Investiture in St. Ann's Bay at 8 a.m. There 32 were baptized and 19 Invested. The next stop on the North Coast was Falmouth. Elder Walters officiated at a very impressive baptismal service. As each youth came into the water two verses of his favourite hymn were sung. After the 10 youth were baptized a solemn appeal was made and among those who came forward was a uniformed nurse. (Let us pray for her.) Twelve were Invested, and then the group proceeded to Montego Bay.

St James was well represented, and the thirty-five youth who were baptized in an impressive service showed evidence of the moving of God's spirit upon the youth of today. The Investiture service which followed found the candidates giving ample proof of thorough preparation. Nurse A. M. O'Dwyer deserves special mention for her untiring labours with and for the youth of St. James and especially those of the Montego Bay church.

It was gratifying to see the twenty Master Guides and others of the eighty who were Invested in smart looking uni-

forms. Surely with such an army of youth rightly trained this message will come to a grand and speedy climax.

The final stop was Lucea where a mammoth crowd of about two thousand witnessed the baptism of forty-nine young people at the beach. One district pastor, commenting on the crowd said "Providence sent rain to disperse the almost uncontrollable crowd just as the last candidate was baptized." A group of thirty-one were Invested and a film show brought the evenings programme to a close.

The Youth of West Jamaica Conference are on the march for God. They have accepted the challenge of this "Space Age" in which we live, and are preparing themselves and others for a glorious 'space fight' with Jesus when He comes.

Herman L. Douce
West Jamaica Conference

WEST INDIES COLLEGE — MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The four-year ministerial training programme recently started at West Indies College is in full operation and the first class of those receiving the Bachelor of Theology degree will finish their course in August of 1960.

The programme is planned to better prepare the students for the work of the ministry and the course requirements will also prepare them to meet the Seminary basic entrance requirements, in case any should desire to take graduate studies there.

At present over 40 are enrolled in the academy and college grades who are planning to study for the ministry.

A Ministerial Seminar was organized this semester, and it has been carrying on an active programme of training and missionary activities. On a number of Sabbaths groups of young people have been sent out to help with the services in nearby churches. This has been appreciated by the church members as well as giving the young people a chance to develop their talents, and get practical experience in church activities.

For the next school-year a number of Evangelistic activities are planned.

Anyone interested in training for the ministry is invited to send for a free bulletin, giving full information on courses and financial arrangements.

—R. R. Widmer,

NEW PRESIDENT — BRITISH GUIANA MISSION.

Elder E. J. Parchment, Brother to Dr. Parchment of Mandeville, has recently been appointed to be president of the British Guiana Mission. He has been actively engaged in an Evangelistic effort being conducted by the Union staff, in

Port of Spain, Trinidad, but by this time will have arrived in Georgetown to begin his new line of work. He has already become acquainted with British Guiana having visited and helped out in Youth Camps, and in church school work there. We wish Elder Parchment God's blessing in his new appointment.

PROMISES ARE KEPT

Max Hyman has operated a clothing shop at 215 North Clark Street, Chicago, since the year 1904. Five years after opening his shop, a young man named Alfred Arndt entered to purchase a suit. He selected one that cost \$15.00, (£5 7 2.) Arndt said to Hyman, "That's quite high for this suit, isn't it? Hyman answered, "Come back in fifty years and I will give you one free."

Fifty years went by, during which time Arndt was a frequent patron of Hyman's clothing shop. This year, 1959, Arndt who is now sixty-eight years old walked into the shop and called for Max Hyman. Max is now well over eighty years of age. Arndt reminded him of his promise made fifty years ago. Immediately Hyman stated that he was a man of his word, and as he made the promise he would keep it. Arndt picked out a suit of clothes worth \$70.00 (£25 0 0). The suit was given free of cost. After shaking hands Hyman said, "Come back after another fifty years and I will give you another suit."

It is doubtful whether either Hyman or Arndt will be alive in the year 2009, unless before that time our Lord and Saviour comes again to raise the dead and to translate the living. But we can understand that if Max Hyman was able to keep his word, how much more will our eternal Father keep His word of promise. He has promised to come again, and it is only our sinfulness and unreadiness, and His longsuffering that delays the event. God has given us the gift of faith, and we can exercise that faith and with patience run the race that is set before us, looking forward to that day when the Lord will come again as He has promised. Then He will clothe us with a raiment far more precious than £25 0 0. We shall by His grace have that white and glorious raiment which is the righteousness of the saints. May we all have this glorious experience.

—A. Fossey

ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

"The work of the Lord is ever onward, and we hope by this brief report to illustrate His leading at this institution.

August, 1959, was our record month for admissions. One hundred and sixteen patients were admitted for treatment.

July, 1959, was our record month for births. Twenty-one happy smiling, kicking babies were born in the hospital during that month.

Gains in the Hospital up to August 31 show a figure of over £1,000 0 0.

Most of this gain has been used for building repairs and renovating the interior of the hospital.

The month of February also marked the arrival of our new Medical Director, Dr. G. H. A. McLaren, and family, who come to us from Australia. They were formerly connected with the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore. Our former director, Dr. Leon Rittenhouse has returned to the United States.

The month of August marked the arrival of Miss Shirley Spain, our new matron and Nurse Instructor.

February, 1959, was the big month of the year when the Training School graduated six practical nurses.

Building improvements have been made. A new pharmacy has been built where the nursery used to be. Two small examination rooms have been converted into a new nursery. Some renovations upstairs have brought about a new and more efficient working area for the nurses' station. The clinical reception area has been re-arranged and it now has a new counter and better filing space. The delivery room has been air-conditioned.

Pastor O. P. Reid, the chaplain, offers a hearty welcome to any that attend our regular church meetings at the hospital and looks forward hopefully to the erection of a new chapel on the hospital grounds.

In a general way, the Hospital Staff invite our people to take advantage of the Hospital services, and will do their best to make our people comfortable and supply them with the best of medical attention.

E. J. Heisler

WEST INDIES UNION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

"The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30. There are many good things to report for the year that is about to close. Yet to report only the good and to hide that which is not good would not be fair. So in this report I am trying to be fair to all and to give a proper picture of the financial condition of our work here in the West Indies Union.

A largely increased membership in all parts of the Union should make all our hearts rejoice. At the end of September, 1959, our Union membership stood at 30,784, which is an increase of 1,619 over a figure of 29,165 for this time last year. Since September 30, some hundreds more have been baptized and the year end membership figure should be over 31,000. The Lord has blessed the efforts of His people here and this should give us additional courage to go forward and with the blessing of God repeat the experience next year. We must give praise to whom it is due, and not only can we praise God for His blessing who watered the seed sown, but also we must state that a great deal of credit is due to a loyal staff of spirit-filled evangelists and pastors throughout our field. The good

spirit shown in the field, not only by our earnest workers but also by our God-fearing membership is very impressive, and God has blessed them and answered their prayers.

One of the greatest problems in the field is to keep pace with the budding forth of new churches. Where to obtain means to erect new church buildings, not to mention repair or reconstruction of older churches that are literally bursting at the seams is one of our greatest problems. Some of our leading workers are afraid to open up new evangelistic work in case there is such a harvest that there will not be room enough to receive it. Where and how can we house our continually growing membership? At the present time there are almost one hundred church buildings under construction. Most of the cost is being borne by our membership whose sacrifice in contributing to the church construction besides being faithful in tithe and offerings is noteworthy. We need the prayers of all our brethren to help us solve these many church building problems and the financial problems involved.

There are a total of 315 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Union and fifty-six ordained ministers to care for them. Here lies another vexatious problem for the average minister is caring for six churches. We are thankful for the good organizing capabilities of our workers and consecrated and able local lay leaders who help to care for the various Sabbath services as the pastor is away caring for his many spiritual obligations. The problem however, is crucial and we look forward to an increasing number of pastors in the Union, and funds to support them as time goes on and the coming of Jesus draws nearer, when the Shepherd and the sheep are taken up into the heavens together.

Nine months of this year show a figure of £79,550 0 0 tithe, as compared with £72,300 0 0 for this time last year. We believe that before the end of the year, total tithe receipts will be well in excess of £100,000 0 0, (\$280,000.00). Ingathering solicited amounted to £13,800 0 0 as compared with £13,115 0 0 last year. Other Mission funds such as Sabbath School offerings for nine months of the year amounted to £9,685 0 0. We are very thankful for these good offerings and are sure they represent much sacrifice on the part of our members, and they shall receive their reward in due season.

May our Lord and Saviour continue to bless His work in this Union and grant us prosperity both spiritual and temporal so that with the steady increase of membership more and more souls will be saved for His kingdom, and we shall also be enabled to reach a more stable condition in our finances.

—A. Fossey,
Secretary-Treasurer,
West Indies Union

TEMPERANCE AGITATION AND VICE-VERSA

Many years ago, Mrs. Ellen G. White wrote as follows, "Temperance societies and clubs have been formed among those who make no profession of the truth, while our people, though far ahead of every other denomination in the land, in principles and practical temperance, have been slow to organize into temperance societies; and thus have failed to exert the influence they otherwise might." (Temperance, p. 236.)

While we have as a denomination taken a forward advance in this direction during the past two decades, it is interesting to know that just recently the United States Federal Government filed a \$1,351,193.00 countersuit (£482,570 0 0) against the "Christian Brothers Winery," Napa, California, to recover Federal Income Taxes paid under protest for the years 1951-1953.

This is a routine legal answer to a suit the "Christian Brothers," operators of the Winery, filed against the Government in Federal Court, seeking to recover \$489,800.00, (£174,930 0 0 in protest-paid taxes. It seems evident that this amount paid in protest did not nearly cover the amount assessed by the Government, in fact barely one-third of what the Government assessed. The Government claims the "Christian Brothers" institute owes \$1,080,755.00 in back taxes, (£385,984 0 0) for the three years, plus an additional \$270,438.00 (£89,440 0 0) in interest.

The countersuit asks that certain deductions asked by the Institute be disallowed . . . John W. Broad, attorney for the Institute, says the dispute centers around the question of whether or not the profits from the winery are exempt from Federal Income taxes because the three-hundred year old, "Christian Brothers Order," is an integral part of the Roman Catholic Church, and as such have exemptions written into the Income Tax laws. The argument set forth by the plaintiffs, (Defendants by court action) is that the profits of the winery are used to defray expenses in ten schools operated by this "Christian Brothers Order." (Activities, Nov. 1959, page 2.)

It is to be regretted that an Institute calling themselves "Christian" resort to distilling liquor in order to support schools, and also that the cost of the liquor and the profits from the same mount up to such stupendous figures.

NO LIQUOR AT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PARTIES

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker of Canada omitted liquor at his official dinner in Montreal to celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. He issued orders that no cocktails were to be served. The experiment turned out so successfully that the Government decided to make it an official and regular practice.

OUR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

We have reached the last month of the year 1959. As we look into the future, we have no need to doubt or be fearful. We have seen the mighty hand of God leading in our past history, and we are assured that He will lead His people safely through to the end.

With you, we thank God and give Him the glory for the triumphs of the Bible School for 1959. Radio secretaries, we appreciate the good work that you have accomplished in your follow-up of interested ones. Always remember these few reasons why interested students should be followed up promptly:

1. "Those who are seeking for truth need to have words spoken to them in season; for Satan is speaking to them by his temptations."—Evangelism, p. 441.

2. "When persons who are under conviction are not brought to make a decision at the earliest period possible, there is danger that the conviction will wear away."—Ibid. p. 229.

3. "If there is not a decided application of the truth to their hearts, if words are not spoken at the right moment, calling for decision from the weight of evidence already presented, the convicted ones pass on without identifying themselves with Christ, the golden opportunity passes and they have not yielded, and they go farther and farther away from truth."—Ibid. p. 283.

We are happy to share with you some of the experiences received from our students:

"I find the lessons a real blessing to my soul. By studying these lessons with others I have won ten souls to Christ through the Voice of Prophecy."

"I am very happy to say that through these lessons I am now a Seventh-day Adventist. While taking the course last year I was convinced of the truth and decided to keep the commandments. While studying the lesson, a friend came to visit with me. I studied with him and he too became convinced and so both of us were baptized the same day."

Space forbids us telling many of these interesting experiences, but the following is from Elder L. S. Carter, pastor for the St. Thomas district:

"A few months ago a very urgent message reached me that a man living at a certain point in my district is ready for baptism and desires to see me.

On reaching the home of this man, I received an enthusiastic reception. At first I thought of asking him a few questions, instruct him, if necessary, then invite him to the church and to join the baptismal class; but I soon found that this would not be necessary.

With impressive zeal, this charming believer in Christ repeated in detail his study of the Faith Bible Course, naming the main points of our faith. Then with deep heart-felt humility remarked the complete change wrought in his life, which was chequered and stained with sin. He further stated that he was keeping the Sabbath for six weeks, then pausing

he looked steadfastly in my eyes and exclaimed, "I have been a Baptist for several years, but I have never been so instructed. Now that I am fully taught through the Bible Course, I'm ready for baptism".

The news of his newly-found faith reached his minister, who hastened to his home to dissuade him and requested that he leave these foolish people. This desperate effort, however, proved futile. Several weeks later, this man was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church and today is a faithful officer in the church.

On the 13th of December a Bible School graduation was held at the Yallahs Church, in Pastor Carter's territory when 24 who had previously completed the Bible Correspondence Course were graduated. This was such an inspiring event that Pastor Carter, who was in attendance, expressed his desire to have similar graduations in every church of his territory. This graduation was solely the result of the noble efforts of Brother Case, our Radio Secretary, and his helpers.

Radio Secretaries, you too can have this experience in your churches during 1960. Will you not start working toward this end right away?

—W. S. Nation

GAYLE EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

Sunday night September 6, 1959, marked the beginning of an evangelistic campaign at the Gayle S. D. A. church that was scheduled to last until Sunday, October 4, 1959.

Meetings were held every night during the week with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights. Every night due to the co-operation of the church members, there was a full house and on Sunday nights one had to come very early to find even standing room on the outside. Sunday night and Wednesday night meetings continued until November 1.

The response to the appeals during the meetings were especially good. Brother J. Henriques, Elder C. A. Newman, Pastor of the Church, and the writer spent many pleasant hours visiting the interested ones. A large Bible class became a special feature of the meetings. Many lives were touched by the gospel and a number have changed their mode and manner of life. Two wedding ceremonies became a part of the campaign.

On Sunday, November 15, Elder Newman baptized six candidates in the river at Retreat, and on Sunday, November 22, twenty-three more candidates were buried with their Lord and Master by Pastors C. A. Newman and V. G. Newman, (brothers) in a pool at the Gayle Seventh-day Adventist church before a large audience. The service was scheduled to start at 6 o'clock but by 4 o'clock the church was almost filled. By 6 o'clock people were content to stand and get even a glimpse of what was going on. Doctor

N. E. Haye presented a special message on Baptism and Elder C. F. Edwards who was visiting from the adjoining district offered a special prayer of dedication on behalf of the candidates.

After the baptismal service the candidates were then welcomed as members of the church in a most solemn and impressive service.

A future baptism is planned for December 27, at which time another large number will be buried with their Lord and Master.

At this stage it would be fitting to thank all those who helped so ably in the effort. Special Sabbath services were conducted by visiting Ministers from the Union and from the East Jamaica Conference office. Sabbath, October 31, was specially designated as home coming day by the Sabbath School. We had so many visitors that the benches and desks from the adjoining school-room had to be utilized.

God has been graciously good to us in this effort and we solicit the prayers of all our believers on behalf of those who have recently been baptized.

—C. S. Greene

EAST JAMAICA AMONG THE MANY:

East Jamaica proved the 'Hard to beat', in foreboding years like 1957 and 1958 in the Book Market. These are the years when various denominations evinced cosmopolitan organization to match S. D. A. in using trained book men to do the work. The other 31 Conferences in I. A. D., hailed East Jamaica in magnificent sale of £21,363 6 8 in 1957 and saluted her in 1958 as she led the rest of the fields selling £20,157 15 11, thus taking the long held sceptre from Columbia and Venezuela.

COLPORTEURS RAISED UP CHURCHES TOO: E. E. Wilson initiated Arcadia S. S., L. Rapley—White Hall, K. Bignall—Rolands Field, Portland; Susan Haughton, Clonmel; retired veteran Ricketts, Blackstoneedge; and T. W. Pitter won over 25 souls in three years. At least an average of 50 souls are won directly or indirectly each year by East Jamaica Colporteurs. The recorded house-to-house visits amount to 149,730 such calls.

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EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE PUBLISHING SECRETARY'S REPORT

DIVINELY ORDAINED: We believe that the Publishing work is ordained of God. We believe the Testimony of former world-wide leader of Adventism, President W. H. Branson who said, "That 50% of world membership is indirectly or directly won through the ministry of the printed page". And we still believe as the same leader further said, 'that 87% of world membership remain faithful to present truth because they continue to read our books, and similarly 87% of the Apostacy is due to lack of reading for proper and solid indoctrination.' Educationally speaking there is a very small margin of fear expressed as to the reliability of the students who, after labouring for two or more summers on the scholarship plan, graduated and became a worker in the cause of God. No other department of East Jamaica can show any figure in cash near that of the Book and Bible House Sales as a result of the colporteurs effort, consecration and zeal.

THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST: "Only the people who will humble themselves before God will take up the work as Christ did. . . ."

In their contact they meet with various categories of people with different views and interpretations of life. . . . This unique privilege challenges their ability to allow the Holy Spirit to teach them heaven sent wisdom to give an answer to all who may ask for the reason of their faith: Thus, "In choosing men and women for His service, God does not ask whether they possess learning or eloquence or wordly wealth. He asks: "Do they walk in such humility that I can teach them My way? Can I put My words in their lips? Will they represent Me?" C.M. p. 48.

BEFORE AND AFTER,

(With the Gypsies in South India, Cont'd.)

In our last issue we told the story of David, a gypsy boy who through the kind medical care given him by Dr. & Mrs. P. Samuel, was converted and became a Seventh-day Adventist. That was "Before."

Now for the "After". After David returned to his village, he spread the good tidings of the Saviour there. He did what he could, and then invited Mrs. Samuel to visit him and teach the people. This village, where more than six hundred gypsies lived together had not tolerated a visitor before. Now they welcomed Mrs. Samuel and happily listened as she taught them the ways of clean living and also told them of the love of Jesus, and how He alone can save them and grant them eternal life. Mrs. Samuel made several visits to the village and won the confidence and esteem of the gypsies to such an extent that they would listen to anything she told them to do. That was well worth the difficulties of a rugged and strenuous trip through dangerous mountains and forests.

Through the influence and efforts of Mrs. Samuel and David, a group of gypsies became deeply interested in the truth. These people needed both spiritual and physical healing, and there were so many sick people in the village. Mrs. E. L. Sorenson, Mrs. G. W. Maywald, Miss Ella May Stoneburner and others have visited this place and given these people much medical help. It was during one of these trips that Mrs. Sorenson met Keziamma, a little gypsy girl, who wanted to go to school. Today both Keziamma and David are at our school in Narsapur, in South East India.

Keziamma has visited her home two or three times since leaving for school. Last year, in answer to her prayers and largely through her influence, her old gypsy mother was baptized. How lovely she looked on the day of her baptism when all the old garments and bracelets were removed and she was dressed in a clean sari.

Now the village looks cleaner, and there is hardly any robbery or murder, a very remarkable thing for a gypsy village. Less people die of sickness. Less babies die at birth. Less offerings are made to appease the anger of the spirits. The villagers have built a dispensary and a school on a lot of land donated by one of the villagers.

The mission has provided the personnel and means to operate the dispensary and the school. A mud and thatch shed provides a meeting place for church services. Villagers bring to the church offerings of animals and vegetables to be sold and used in the cause of God. Children learn to read and write and also learn to love Jesus and the message for these last days.

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. As the work continues to grow among these people, there will be yet more to this story as time goes on. To establish gospel work among such people as these gypsies were, is a miracle almost beyond belief. God will surely have a people from among all nations, tongues and kindreds to meet Him when Jesus comes again.

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MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK BY TWO MOBILE STATION WAGONS

1. Pastor R. G. King, who is working in Kalimpong, near the Himalayan border, is also a well trained nurse. He is operating a regular dispensary near his home, "Shangrila", and also a Mobile Medical Clinic four days a week. One morning he noticed an old man lying by his dispensary door. He had walked fifteen miles to reach the mobile clinic, but he was so weak and sick that he reached his destination late. However, he struggled along and reached "Shangrila" where he received proper treatment. One day, while Pastor King was on his medical tour, a raggedly-looking man in his forties hailed him. His wife was sick and wanted Pastor King to help her. She was a positive TB case, lying on the ground with only a rough old bag as her bed, and was almost at the end of life's journey. Pastor King treated her and did everything possible to make her a little more comfortable. The husband gets only eight annas (10 cents) as his daily wages and so Pastor King assisted the couple in a practical way so that they could have at least one good meal a day. The man, so overwhelmed by the kindness shown by the Adventist missionary, sat on the floor and wept.

HOUSE ERECTED IN ONE DAY

Very soon after my family and I arrived in Barbados from Trinidad we were impressed that it was a very fruitful field for a lively Dorcas Federation. My wife and I in co-operation with the Lay Activity leader of the Mission undertook the task of organizing 22 churches in Barbados into a Federated Dorcas organization. During the two years term of Presidency of the Dorcas Federation, Mrs. Nembhard sponsored two all Island exhibitions in which the Welfare officers of the Government were present and com-

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2. Dr. I. R. Bazliel of the S.D.A. Hospital in Simla, India, with two patients who came for treatment at one of the Mobile Medical Clinics being operated along the India-Tibet Road. The trip through the rough mountains is not only tedious and trying but is also dangerous and risky. It takes five hours to drive 50 miles. On one such trip the doctor was held up for three hours as the road was blocked by a military crane trying to pull out a fallen truck. Many times, while driving through these narrow, steep paths high up in the mountains, God had miraculously saved the lives of the Adventist medical crew. In spite of all these hazards, pleasure and true reward come when suffering humanity is cared for physically and spiritually. As many as 150-200 patients are treated per day of various diseases including TB, VD and leprosy. Two-thirds of these cross the Sutlej River by rope bridge and walk many miles.

This medical work is highly favoured and appreciated by the people and the Government.

Tibet and other countries along the northern border of India have been closed to mission work and Adventist teachings. Our opportunity to share the truth with the peoples of these countries is through these Medical Mobile Clinics. A series of four colourful tracts in the Tibetan language have been recently printed and these are being distributed among the patients and others. Medical work in this area will someday be the means of establishing our organized work in these border countries. We solicit your prayers so that this may be a reality soon.

Friend! You too can share in the joy of helping these less fortunate fellowmen and women not only physically but also morally and spiritually. While the memories of a pleasant and happy Christmas still linger in your mind, comes your privilege on Sabbath, December 26. That will truly be a worthy Christmas gift that God will bless and multiply for His honour and glory.
M. E. Kemmerer, Treasurer
Southern Asia Division

(HOUSE ERECTED IN ONE DAY)

mended the work that was being done to relieve human suffering.

A few days ago this interesting account of the activities of the Dorcas Federation of that Island came to me. A house 11 x 22 was erected for a needy family in Barbados in one day. This praise worthy project was financed by contributions from the church members, friends, members of the family and from Mission Welfare funds. The report stated that 24 carpenters from neighbouring Seventh-day Adventist churches responded heartily to assist in this great venture. Work began at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning, and by 11 o'clock the wooden frame was up. By noon most of the sides were completed. During the lunch hour period lunch was prepared and served by the Dorcas Sisters of the Church. After lunch work was begun on the rafters and by 4:30 the shingle roof was practically completed. At this stage it was almost ready for occupancy. As this well spent day drew to a close, Pastor D. McCalla, Lay Activities Leader of the Mission, payed special tribute to those who had worked so untiringly. Pastor Milton Nebblett, the district pastor, said that it was probably the first time that a church in Barbados had done such a noble work for a needy family. He concluded by saying, "This is the essence of Christianity." The servant of the Lord states in Welfare Ministry, page 14, "Sin has extinguished the love that God placed in man's heart. The work of the church is to rekindle this love. The church is to co-operate with God for up-rooting selfishness from the human heart placing in its stead the benevolence that was in man's heart in his original state of perfection."

In many other places a similar work can be done in exhibiting the principles of Christianity not just in words but in deeds.
—M. G. Nembhard