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ELDER AND MRS. HERMAN MILLS:

Elder Mills has been appointed Secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Department of the West Indies Union. He graduated from the La Sierra College with Bachelor of Arts degree and obtained his Master of Arts degree from San Diego State University. He has served two years as departmental secretary in the East Jamaica Conference. We welcome Brother and Sister Mills to the Union Office.

Increased Sunday Law Legislation in U.S.A.

During the past year, there has been a general increase throughout the world in legislative appeals by religious bodies urging various governments to enact stricter Sunday laws. Especially in the United States of America has there been more discussion on this topic in state legislatures than ever before. An editor in the magazine "Tell" states that "In 1959 Sunday legislation in the United States received stronger support than ever before in the history of the 'land of liberty'". Another writer states there has been a "fourfold increase" in Sunday law legislation in the last two or three years.

This agitation is continuing into the year 1960. Even in this island of Jamaica,

representation was made to the Minister of Home Affairs (as reported in the "Gleaner" of March 16th) by various Protestant ministers requesting that the Government "assist by instituting legislation against the conduct of business on Sundays." Although at the present time business over all the island is pretty well clamped down on Sunday and all places of business are closed, yet these ministers request "the enforcement of stricter observance of Sunday."

The Roman Church, while stating plainly that as long as its members in any part of the world fulfill their religious obligations on Sunday morning, (as attending Mass,) they are at liberty to spend the rest of the day as they please and even advocating they engage in some kind of outdoor sport for their physical health, a recent pronouncement by Pope John, yet the same church has enacted a pronouncement that the Roman

Catholics in the United States should co-operate with their Protestant brethren in Sunday law movements.

Various powerful labour unions in the United States have also taken an active part in Sunday law legislation upholding their right to protect their Union members from impositions by employers by urging legislators to enact Sunday laws forcing closure of various businesses on Sunday. Some of these labour unions have been active in getting their members to picket stores and businesses that keep open on Sunday, paying from Union fees for placards to be used by picketers as shown in one instance by the illustration on this page. They are backed up in their activities by clergymen and by higher officials of the Roman church, some of whom have made public statements urging the labour unions to sponsor new laws to protect workers by "keeping Sunday as a day of rest and prayer."

In Great Britain there has also been a certain amount of Sunday law agitation especially by the Scotch Presbyterians. Their efforts, however, have met with



disfavour in the south where the average Englishman does not want to be restricted in the way he spends his leisure time on Sunday. Episcopalian or Anglican clergymen seem to have a more intimate acquaintance or more scholarly approach to church history than their nonconformist brethren to the north. A writer, also in the "Methodist Recorder" recently, written by the Rev. E. S. Waterhouse, entitled, "Sabbath or Sunday," stated that "Sunday is not and never has been the Sabbath." Developing the idea that Sunday keeping was introduced in the early Christian centuries, and that certain references to Sunday keeping have been found as early as 150 A.D., he adds, "Yet it was not in its beginning a rest day." It seems that in the early centuries Sunday was considered a matter of sun worship, especially of the devotees of the Mithra worship, which was quite popular among the military personnel of the Roman Empire, but was by no means commonly practiced either by the general public or by the early Christian church.

The early church father, Tertullian, finds fault with the members of the church in the city of Rome for meeting outside their churches early Sunday morning and bowing to the east at sunrise thereby giving the impression that they were sunworshippers thus escaping the persecution suffered by the Christians who were loyal to gospel standards, and who kept the commandments of God. Even at the time of the first Sunday law enacted by Constantine's edict of 321 A.D., Sunday as a day of rest "was introduced rather cautiously." (Rev. E. S. Waterhouse) History shows that the observance of Sunday was forced upon the people of Europe by legal enactments, and old records are plentiful revealing that the observance of the true seventh day Sabbath by Christian churches continued for centuries after Constantine's time, as evidenced in the first place by the record of persecuting edicts against Christians who kept the Seventh-day Sabbath, and refused to keep Sunday, and in the second place by the observance of the Seventh-day Sabbath by practically all Christian peoples who lived outside the pale of the old Roman Empire.

Considering again the days in which we are now living, we find the tremendous growth of the ecumenical movement — brought into focus by Pope John's call for an ecumenical council — and the tremendous pressure being brought to bear upon government agencies in the United States by the various protestant, Catholic, and Labour organizations, these various movements uniting in a common purpose to bring Sunday legislation into a general enforcement everywhere. We are reminded of a statement made by Mrs. Ellen G. White when in 1903 she stated that "labour unions would be the agencies through which men would be prevented from buying or selling except under certain conditions" and in connection she quoted the prophecy found in Revelation 13:11, 16 & 17. In 1903 labour unions were in their infancy struggling for existence against the power of men who held control of the varied monied interests of that time. The prophecy could well have seemed incredible at the time, but today we see the various movements which, summed up, point us to the times

in which we are now living as fulfilling the specifications of this prophecy of Revelation 13:11-17. They show us we are living in the very time of the end. When Jesus comes He will vindicate His people who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

From Our Union President

Already we have moved forward into 1960 and, before we realize it, another year will have passed into eternity. More than 115 years have gone by since the Judgment Hour struck in heaven, and it will not be long before the Judgment will be over and probation will have closed for the human race. What we do we must do quickly.

We take this medium of expressing to the Publishing Secretaries and Literature Evangelists of the West Indies Union our deep appreciation for the splendid work that was done in 1959 — almost £49,000 of deliveries — a gain of nearly £9,000 over 1958. We can only say "What hath God wrought." And yet we know that He has greater things in store for us in the future than we have ever accomplished in the past.

Our prayers are with you all that 1960 will be even a greater year. Would we be setting our sights too high if we should have an aim of £60,000 in 1960? If we believe that this is possible, then we have the assurance of the Saviour: "According to your faith be it unto you." May God bless the Literature Evangelists in 1960.

Allan C. Stockhausen

H.M. Dept. News

The West Indies Union was denied the privilege of being the host of the MV, Educational and Publishing Council that was formerly planned to convene at Bonny View, Port Antonio. The Division had good reasons for making this change and we suppose finances played a very important part in changing the location to Miami, Florida. We were happy, however, to meet a number of workers who passed through Jamaica on their way to Miami.

Elder and Mrs. R. P. Roe from the Pacific Press spent two days in Jamaica. Elder Roe is the Treasurer of the Pacific Publishing Association in Mountainview, California. Elder and Mrs. F. L. Baer also spent a couple days in Jamaica. Accompanying the Baers was Mrs. Baer's mother. Elder Baer is the circulation Manager of the Pacific Press. We were also happy to greet Elder and Mrs. J. C. Culpepper as they returned from South America on their way to Miami, Florida.

Elder and Mrs. Milton Nebblett and their infant son paid a very brief visit to Jamaica on their way to the States. Elder Nebblett is the MV and Educational Secretary of the Caribbean Union. Elder Clayton Henriques, MV and Educational Secretary of the Central American Union, also paid a brief visit to Jamaica. He was on his way to attend the Council in Miami. Elder E. S. Greaves, Publishing Secretary of the Caribbean Union, spent a few days in Jamaica. He was the guest of Elder V. T. Boyce, Treasurer of the East Jamaica Conference.

Elder J. C. Fulfer, President of the Leeward Island Mission, spent a week-end at West Indies College on his way back to Barbados. He was the guest speaker at the Friday evening Vesper Service at the College on May 13. He also spoke at the baptismal service on Sabbath afternoon, the 14th. Elder F. S. Thompson, President of the Caribbean Union, was a guest of the West Indies College on the same week-end. He was the speaker at the Divine service on May 14. He is well known in Jamaica as he served as treasurer of the Jamaica Conference, and Treasurer of the College and acted as President of the College for some time.

The 1960 Ingathering campaign has set a new record for the West Indies Union. The fields have already reached their goals in record time with a substantial overflow. The figures given may be of interest to our believers who have made this record possible.

For what has been accomplished in this first campaign of the year we would like to convey our sincere appreciation to our Departmental Secretaries, District Pastors and Church Members. We give thanks to God for His blessing and the way He has touched the hearts of the donors who have responded so willingly in this campaign. We trust that the results of this Ingathering drive may inspire each one to do even more during the remaining months of this year in other endeavours in soul winning.

Our reports for the first quarter reveal that there are 317 Lay efforts now in progress throughout our Union territory, with an average attendance of 5,334. We would like to remind our members to pray for these efforts that are now in progress. We could very well use as our motto, "Pray for Power at the Rising Hour." Since the Lay School of Evangelism conducted in Nassau from January 24—31, the laymen who were in attendance have returned to their respective islands fired with zeal to do an aggressive soul winning work in 1960. A number of efforts are now in progress and we look forward to a wonderful harvest.

1960 is Branch Sabbath School year for the Sabbath School Department. The Sabbath School WORKER for the month of May is a Branch Sabbath School special. Many a new church around the world has been started as a result of the interest begun by a Branch Sabbath School. The West Indies Union is now reporting 131 Branch Sabbath Schools in operation with a membership of 1,689. We also have 77 community Bible Schools with an average attendance of 525. Our Sabbath School membership has now reached 33,000, and with continued interest in our Branch Sabbath School programme, by the help of the Lord, we should have a Sabbath School membership of nearly 35,000 by the close of this year.

M. G. Nembhard

Sunday Legislation and Ingathering

The current rash of Sunday blue laws led the state government of the State of Virginia, USA, to appoint recently a special advisory committee to study the "Blue laws" on the statute books and make a report to the state government. Brother W. Travis Smith, pastor of the Arlington church took advantage of the situation to prepare a report setting forth arguments against the enforcement of Sunday blue laws, upholding the right of minorities to religious freedom. This report was presented to the special advisory committee set up by the government, and the committee was found in favour of withholding enforcement or further legislation of blue laws.

While this result was gratifying to us as Seventh-day Adventists, it had another result that was unexpected. Shortly after the incident with the special advisory committee, the Ingathering campaign got under way. One contributor upon whom they called recognized Travis Smith as the author of the "majority report," and after stating his appreciation of the help Smith had given to the advisory committee, sat down and wrote out a cheque for \$250.00 (£89 5 9) as his contribution toward the Ingathering fund. We must admit that the blue law discussion was not wholly without some bright rays of sunshine, especially for that group who received the contribution that day.

Publishing Department Statistics

During the year 1959 our colporteurs delivered a total of £ 48,887-0-11 of literature in the Union. The list is as follows:-

East Jamaica Conf.	£ 21,299- 2- 5
West Jamaica Conf.	21,615- 9- 5
Bahamas Mission	5,345-13- 2
Cayman Islands	626-15-11
Total —	£ 48,887- 0-11

This total is £ 8,023-17-4 more than in the year 1958. We again rejoice in this increase and must congratulate the colporteurs for their faithful work. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven, and returneth not thither but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:10, 11.

Last year one of our devoted colporteurs and a lay-preacher started a branch Sabbath School in the hills of Clarendon. During the first quarter of this year 12 persons have already been baptized and there is an attendance of over 50 each Sabbath in this Sabbath School. "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

REPORTS FROM THE TREASURERS

Reports gathered in our Union office show that our total membership as at December 31, 1959, amounted to 31,422. This is an increase over 1958 of 1,651, and may be listed as follows:

Conferences	Baptisms	Transfers Deaths, etc.	Net Increase	Membership Dec. 31, 1959
East Jamaica	1,016	301	715	14,259
West Jamaica	1,377	508	869	16,060
Bahamas	133	74	59	895
Caymans	14	6	8	208
Total	2,540	889	1,651	31,422

We are thankful for this substantial increase in membership and trust that the growth in Christian experience and faith will be greater than the actual growth in numbers. During the year 1959 tithe receipts amounted to £117,117-11-8, listed as follows:

Conferences	Tithes	Increase over 1959	Sabbath School Offerings	Ingathering Solicited
East Jamaica	£49,201-18- 6	£6,218- 2-11	£6,116- 6- 5	£5,730- 4- 1
West Jamaica	51,849- 9- 3	6,343- 6- 8	6,512- 5- 6	8,050- 0- 0
Bahamas	12,707-17- 1	546-16- 7	1,133-14- 3	1,627-19- 0
Caymans	3,358- 6-10	1,084- 6- 5	497- 0- 2	300-13- 8
Totals	£117,117-11- 8	13,098-19- 5	14,259- 6- 4	15,708-16- 0

As shown above there was an overall increase in tithe receipts. Although the Bahamas show a decrease from 1958, we understand that in 1960 their tithe receipts are showing an increase again. The items listed as Sabbath School Offerings are a total of the regular Sabbath School Offerings plus the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow, the Birthday offerings and the Sabbath School Investment. The Ingathering solicited is for the year 1959 also.

It would not be fair to show incomes only, but to list all the expenditures would take more detail and perhaps be somewhat monotonous. However, total operating expenditures including ministerial salaries, and workers' expenses with loss or gain are shown below:

Conferences	Expenditures	Gain (Loss)
East Jamaica	£ 48,976- 0- 2	£ 263-15-10
West Jamaica	70,807-19-11	1,667- 2- 6
Bahamas	13,339- 1- 0	123-14- 7
Caymans	4,356-13-10	726-12- 9
Totals	£ 138,479-14-11	£ 2,323-14- 0

All Sabbath School Offerings are forwarded to the General Conference and distributed in the form of appropriations and subsidies to different parts of the world, especially the Mission fields. Some of it comes back to us in the form of appropriations for the West Indies Union and the Union distributes the most of it back to the field according to the yearly budget.

Ingathering solicitations also come back to the fields that raise it, a portion of it directly to the field to be distributed as the committees of the Conference judge best, and the remaining portion is distributed directly by the Union to either the hospital in Kingston, or the West Indies College, or any such educational or medical projects calling for attention.

The large expenditure listed under West Jamaica Conference includes teachers salaries amounting to £13,440-12-0, and further aid to church schools amounting to £4,758 0 0 as church school appropriations. The West Conference has twenty-seven church schools to care for, and these country schools contributed £6,106 18 8 in tuitions. There was an additional £10,555 13 6 in contributions to church school support.

In the case of all the conferences and missions, there is a certain amount of Miscellaneous income that should be added to the tithe to balance off the figures. Each institution also has a small appropriation from the Union that covers the operating losses incurred. The books of the East Jamaica Conference have not yet been audited.

As we look over these figures we realize that it is the Lord's work and that we are but stewards. The keeping of the records in the various offices entails a great deal of work, and we can appreciate the faithfulness of those called to work in our offices. May God continue to bless His work so that the figures may continually grow and that His name may be glorified.

Salvation Calculated In Pounds, Dollars, or Yen

While walking on the beach on the island of Enoshima, Japan, Mr. Harno Sugao, 23 years of age, was washed into the sea by high waves. His three companions appealed to five students near by for help. They demanded the equivalent of £10 0 0, to save him. The three companions had only the equivalent of five pounds in their pockets, and offered this much. The students dickered for more, and while the bargaining for the price of salvation was going on, the struggling man in the water sank and vanished beneath the waves.

Sad as this incident is, is there not sometimes in our experience things that are far worse? Is it not in the nature of a crime to haggle and dicker, or argue over various other unimportant trifles when the salvation of the perishing is at stake? The only price absolutely necessary for the lawful saving of the lost was paid by the Lord Jesus at the cross, where He gave His precious blood. All who are saved by Him should count it an unspeakable privilege to tell the perishing of the way of salvation revealed to us by our wonderful Lord and Saviour who is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him.

Here and There From Our Colporteurs

Colporteur sales in the Inter-American Division show a splendid gain of 27% during the first two months of 1960 over the first two months of 1959. Each Union has a nice gain. If we can only continue to have a gain each month, goals will be reached and souls will be saved.

During recent years, the colporteurs in the East Jamaica Conference won an average of fifty souls each year. To win these fifty souls in 1959, they made 149, 730 house-to-house calls, praying in many of the homes.

In the West Jamaica Conference, one hundred and ten souls were baptized into the church during 1959 as a direct result of the ministry of our literature evangelists. Brother Clive Baker held an evangelistic effort which resulted in eleven souls baptized. Brother Coleman also held an evangelistic effort in which nine were baptized. Sister L. Mowatt and Brother Elliot worked in St. Elizabeth and St. James and eighteen were baptized.

These colporteurs combining evangelistic effort with colporteur house-to-house visitation must be commended. A starry crown awaits them in the day of final awards.

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the present address of Mr. Barrich Green, please communicate with the Clerk of the Caron Hall Church, Montreal P.Q.
F. Harrison, Clerk

CHURCH TITHES — FIRST QUARTER 1960

The following figures for 1960 tithe for the first quarter have been reported from the office:

East Jamaica Conference	£12,378 18 8
West Jamaica Conference	13,929 19 9
Bahamas Islands Mission	3,514 9 7
Cayman Islands Mission	857 14 1
Total for three months	
Ended March 31, 1960	£30,681 2 1

Literature Sales — First Quarter 1960

The first quarter of 1960 shows a large gain in sale of denominational literature, (books and magazines) over the same period in 1959. The totals are as follows:

East Jamaica Conference	£2,409 13 7
West Jamaica Conference	5,101 3 3
Bahamas Islands Mission	8,276 2 6
Total Sales, three months	
Ended March 31, 1960	£15,786 19 4
Sale period, three months	
Ended March 31, 1959	4,758 13 8
Increase over 1959 —	£11,028 5 8

It is not good to make definite comparisons this early in the year, but we must admit that the colporteurs and their leaders have gotten down to a good start and we hope and pray that they keep up the good work holding the figures well in advance of the preceding year. The large amount of sales in the Bahamas Islands is remarkable, and may be due in part to the good tourist season they are enjoying in the island this year.

Publishing Department Report

As we review the achievements of the Publishing Department of the West Indies Union for the past year, we pause to offer thanks — to render gratitude for the work of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men and women, making them willing to listen to our colporteurs and to purchase and read our publications; for the increase in soul-winning and in sales; for the urge in the hearts of the colporteurs for more earnest endeavour; for the helpful and co-operative attitude of our Presidents, Bible House Managers, Publishing Secretaries and their assistants, which combined, represent the angel of Revelation 14 lighting the world through books; for all our success we praise and thank GOD. Looking toward the future, and realizing the magnitude of the work that must be done, we seek Divine power and guidance.

To each in his respective category, we extend a word of commendation. Without the co-operation of all concerned, the results would have been much different.

J. Stuart Holden was being shown through a large factory where hundreds

of looms were spinning a very fine linen thread.

The manager of the mill said to Mr. Holden: "So delicate is this machinery that if a single thread of the entire 30,000, which at this moment are being woven, should break, all of these looms would instantly stop."

He stepped to one of the machines and broke a single thread. Suddenly every loom was still, and remained so, until the thread was rejoined; whereupon the machinery was again set in motion.

The mechanical wonder exhibited in the factory that day clearly illustrates also that which is spiritual. It is through one act of disobedience, one departure from the will and fear of God, that the blessings of our fellowship with Him are stopped.

Not until that thread is rejoined will the joy of the Lord flow again in our hearts.

As we labour this year in the colporteur ministry, let us endeavour by God's grace to keep our lives in tune with Him, that we may contribute to the harmonious running of the entire machinery of this gospel programme, and hasten the glorious day of His appearing.

—B. E. Hurst

The Name Above Every Name

"Though Christ was born a Jew, He gave Himself to the whole human race. Though He grew up as the subject of a small exclusive nation, His influence extended beyond natural boundaries to include the Samaritan, the Roman, and the Cyrenian. He was taught a circumscribed type of religion, but He established a new concept of the worship of God which He exemplified in His own life of love and service. He belonged to a society which in its bigotry looked with disdain on the Gentiles, the outsiders but He extended the opportunity of salvation to all mankind." (Walter M. Montane, "Christian Heritage" Dec. 1959)

Let us follow in His footsteps. In the church of Christ "there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all in all." Col. 3:11 And we might add neither black nor white, pink, yellow, or brown. Let us in our social relationships, in our contact with our fellow men, especially those relationships pertaining to the church, give the right hand of fellowship to all believers, and show by our words and actions that in mind and spirit we are free from those attitudes of life that erect a barrier between men because of the colour of their skin. Let us do what we can to prevent such attitudes finding their way into our church relationships. Let us show that same love and consideration to all men that was shown by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Little Teka Banton, aged four years, of the Line Gate Sabbath School, found out that a lady who lives near her home was sick. She planned to visit her. Without telling her mother or anyone where she was going she left home to pay her visit.

After visiting with the lady and praying for her, Teka swept the house and washed the dishes. The lady had no children and no one living with her except her husband. Teka promised that she would return the following day after Sabbath and rebuke the Devil for her. She kept her promise, and after doing the house work she prayed for her sick friend.

We hope that in due time the Lord will answer little Teka's prayer as He sees best.

— T. S. Blackwood

The Father Mathew Union

While many Roman Catholic clergy have shown themselves in favour of free drinking, at least one group of Catholic priests, the Father Mathew Union, is pledged to total abstinence. A bill before the Irish Parliament in Dublin to permit longer drinking hours in public bars and also to permit Sunday opening of bars has been strongly opposed by Father Mathew Union.

Ingathering Over the Top

FOR THE YEAR 1960 — OTHER H. M. ACTIVITIES

During the year 1959, the amount of £15,708 18 9 was solicited for the Ingathering Fund. In view of this accomplishment the various fields set a goal for the year 1960 which totalled up to £15,500 0 0. The Ingathering Campaign began early and being thoroughly organized was brought quickly and efficiently to completion, most of the fields reaching their goal within a month's time. The total solicited thus far for the year 1960 amounts to £17,568 0 0. This is a splendid achievement, being the largest amount ever raised in the island in any of our ingathering campaigns.

1960 INGATHERING CAMPAIGN	Goal	Amount Raised
Bahamas Mission	1,700	2,046
Cayman Islands	300	322
East Jamaica Conference	5,600	6,678
West Jamaica Conference	8,000	10,000
Totals	15,000	19,046

Brother Nembhard writes that there are still other "big activities" before us for the year 1960. Plans are being laid for a "Laymen's Congress and Institute", the Institute to be held at Kencot Church from August 1 to 5, and the Congress at North St. Temple August 5 to 7. An attendance of 140 lay preachers is expected at the institute. There will no doubt be a much larger attendance at the Congress.

The Home Missionary Society lists 21,030 members, of whom only 6,768 gave any report of their work. These zealous missionaries report 122,756 Bible Studies or Gospel Meetings held, 267,807 missionary visits to various homes, and 279,615 pieces of literature given away. In addition, 31,569 pieces of clothing were given to the poor, 123,063 baskets of food to those in need, and many others helped in various ways.

We are expecting a shipment of used clothing some time this year. This clothing is according to law thoroughly disinfected and laundered and has passed inspection by sanitary inspectors. Most of this clothing is in very good condition and is in great demand by those in need.

Keep up the good work. In due time we shall reap if we do not get discouraged. May God bless our lay members as they go forth filled with the Spirit of God, the kindness and love of our Lord Jesus being revealed in word and action.

NOTICE

The quadrennial session of the West Indies Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Mandeville from Dec. 9th to 14th of the current year 1960.

West Jamaica News

M.V. DAY JUNE 12

The West Jamaica Conference has made outstanding and detailed plans for the execution of a memorable day on Sunday June 12.

On that day we hope to baptize 500 young people within this conference. Instead of having only nine centres for baptism as was previously done in 1959 we have planned for 36 centres. The entire field is mobilized for action and we believe that God is going to bless our efforts. This day promises to be a most outstanding day in the experience of our youth, and we are sure that all heaven will rejoice at the glad tidings that the angels shall bear to the realms of light at the close of that day.

We solicit the prayers of our entire field that God's Spirit will move in a remarkable way upon the hearts of young and old so that indeed our goal will be achieved that day. It will be a mile stone on the path that leads to eternal life.

Again we solicit the prayers of every member throughout the Union.

H. L. Douce
MV & PR Secretary

HARRISON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

January 12, 1960 marked the 8th Anniversary of the founding of Harrison Memorial High School. A sharp contrast is drawn when one remembers 23 students in a corner of the Montego Bay Temple as compared with 120 today in a building all its own.

The staff has been strengthened and several new courses have been added. Growth has been phenomenal and today our present quarters prove inadequate. Plans are being laid to remove the school to a new site.

Harrison Memorial High School is now an accredited Secondary School and is dedicated to the education of the youth of Jamaica. Your prayers for her continued success are solicited.

A. L. Dwyer
Principal.

Bahamas Disaster and Welfare Supplies

Elder R. M. Mote writes that on April 14th he presented to the government a petition requesting tariff exemption on supplies imported for free and charitable distribution to those in need. They are expecting within a month's time special act of the assembly granting custom exemption on all bona-fide welfare supplies.

In the meantime the workers in Nassau have made ready a large room above the office for storing their Federation Supplies. As soon as the supplies arrive they will be ready to go ahead in this clothing distribution project.

Mr. T. D. in Nevada.

I have never been a Christian. In fact, I was a gambler, and had not been to a church service in years. I never gave any of my income to the Lord. Now I have a big hospital bill to pay so that makes matters worse.

Not long ago I was walking through the Southern Pacific Railway depot when my eye caught sight of some papers called "Signs of the Times." I took some home to read and was surprised to find what they told me in regard to Bible truth. Then I sent for the Bible course, and I now am very much interested in the work of the Seventh-day Adventist church. I feel that it was God who stopped me in the Southern Pacific depot and drew my attention to His work in the earth. I have come to a turning point in my life and look forward to following my Saviour,

(Mr. T. D.) ("Go." April No. Page 7.)

Christmas Stockings

Christmas is children's day. While it is yet six months in the future, or the last one six months in the past, it is still a good maxim to do our Xmas shopping early. We are bringing this subject up now to call to your attention a Christmas Stocking campaign staged by our church members at Livingston, in New York state, U.S.A. The members were meeting in a hired hall and were saving money to erect a church building. They took to heart the admonition given in "The Spirit of Prophecy," that at Christmas-time we should not only do something for our children to make them happy, but also remember that the cause of God is in need of financial help, and that Christmas time is a good time to turn the attention of our people away from themselves to the needs of the Cause, and even if so desired, to erect a Christmas tree upon which gifts for the carrying forward of gospel work might be placed. These Livingston members tried it out and hung "Christmas Stockings" on the tree, just ordinary cheap stockings purchased locally in a shop. They had a good time on Christmas eve and in addition to giving the kiddies a happy time, each one present placed a gift in a stocking and hung it on the tree. At the close of the evening, they counted the gifts in the stockings and the amount came to \$192.00 (£68 11 5.) Although this does not seem much, yet it was placed on their church building fund to help towards their great need.

At the present time there are here in Jamaica so many of our companies throughout the island struggling to raise funds to construct a church building that we think this little episode from Livingston, New York, might be an idea for some of these companies, or for all of us, to turn our Christmas fun into something more lasting than a night's entertainment.

— A Fossey.

News Items From East Jamaica Conference

Elder H. A. Mills, who has so faithfully served the East Jamaica Conference as MV and Educational Secretary, has accepted a call to the West Indies Union as MV and Educational Secretary. We are sorry to see him go, but we are sending him to our parent organization wishing him God's speed and heaven's blessings. His good wife has been Elder Boyce's secretary. We are sorry to lose her to our secretarial staff, but we wish her God's blessings as she takes up her duties in Mandeville.

The East Jamaica Conference Committee is happy to inform its constituency of the appointment of Elder L. H. Fletcher to fill the vacancy created by Elder H. A. Mills accepting a call to the MV and Educational department of the West Indies Union. Elder Fletcher has been in the Department before. He is graduating from the Seminary in Washington D.C. with a Master's Degree which will not only give him added prestige but the necessary preparation to carry on the heavy work of Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Conference. We are hoping that Elder Fletcher will be with us about the 1st of August.

Elder Fred White will be graduating from Atlantic Union College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The East Jamaica Conference is calling him to be pastor of the Kencot and Hagley Park churches. Elder White's good wife is being called as a teacher in our educational department.

Elders R. W. Ashmeade and K. O. Boyd, who will be graduating from West Indies College with Bachelor of Arts degrees, will be returning to the Conference as District Pastors. Elder Boyd will be in Upper St. Andrew; Elder Ashmeade will be in Western St. Catherine.

By the time this item comes to our readers the pavilion at Camp Don Silvera will have been erected. As I write this the building is being delivered to Robin's Bay. The contract for erection has been awarded and we are looking with anticipation to seeing it erected on our beautiful site at Robin's Bay. We know that the youth of the Conference and the rest of the constituency will enjoy this building which is for the convenience of all.

On March 27, 1960 our beautiful church at Hagley Gap was dedicated. Elder A. Fossey, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Indies Union, preached the dedicatory sermon. Among those in attendance were the President of the West Indies Union, Elder A. C. Stockhausen, Elder A. D. Laing, the Home Missionary Secretary of the Conference, Elder D. McCalla, a former Pastor, A. H. Hunter, the present pastor, as well as the officers of the Conference. We trust that God will richly bless our Hagley Gap group for the sacrifice they have made to dedicate their beautiful building on the top of the mountain.

At present there are approximately 40 churches under construction in the East Jamaica Conference. On January 17, 1960, Dean Pen church held a stone laying ceremony. They are going ahead with their church building. On May the

15th a stone laying ceremony will be held for the Shortwood church. This is a much needed church building and one which we have been striving to start for the last two years. However, now it is well under way, and we believe will be completed before too long. The list of buildings needed in the Conference is much too long to describe each one. However, we ask for the prayers of the constituency that God will help us in the building programme which is one of the dire needs of the Conference.

We were happy to have Elder Glen Maxson from the Division in our Leadership Course in the North Street church on the week end of May the 1st. Approximately 200 Missionary Volunteers took the course. Elder Mills gave strong promotion to this Rally, and surely the blessing of heaven attended this meeting of our Missionary Volunteers. May the Lord bless each one of our young people.

Most of our District ministers are engaged in strong evangelistic efforts. Elder H. E. Nembhard is holding a series of meetings at North Street with good attendance. Brother A. G. Lawrence has been holding forth in Regent Street. The Lord has greatly blessed him. Elder Garfield Newman has conducted a series of meetings at Zion Hill, and revival meetings in several of his churches. Elder E. C. Walton has conducted an effort at Bog Walk, and Elder V. O. Brown has been holding an effort at Long Road. All these brethren have reported success as a result of these efforts. Elder C. H. Parchment is planning an effort at Oracabessa, a town in which we do not have a Seventh-day Adventist church. The rest of our ministers too are promoting evangelism in a strong way. We look forward to great things in 1960.

— E. H. Schneider, President

METHODISTS OPPOSE SMOKING

The Methodist Board of Temperance in the U.S.A. announced that it has broadened its field of concern to include smoking, in the light of mounting evidence that smoking is harmful to health. At the same time the Methodist agency is distributing an increasing volume of literature dealing with gambling, indecent literature, and narcotics.

S.D.A. TEMPERANCE ACTION UNIT

At Takoma Park, Maryland, a suburb of Washington D.C., the month of March witnessed the organization of the first American Temperance Society Action Unit. The members of this "action unit" will hold public meetings to present to various communities the latest scientific facts on the effects of alcohol, as well as tobacco, on the physical, mental and moral powers of the individual and of society. There are an estimated 50,000 (fifty thousand) alcoholics in the Washington D. C. area.

Instructions on What To Do in An Airplane Crash

The first three months of the year 1960 have witnessed ten major air disasters in which at least four hundred people have lost their lives. The crash at Montego Bay is by no means the least of these unfortunate accidents. A plane in Indiana, near Tell City, crashed into the ground making a crater twenty feet deep and forty feet wide, in which more than sixty persons lost their lives.

If you were in an aeroplane about to crash, what would you do? What could you do? The best way to prepare for an airplane crash is to be right with God. If we have faith in God, we can live in calm assurance that whatever may happen to us, we are ready to meet our Saviour. May we all be privileged to have that close communion with our Saviour so that whatever betide, whether a plane crash, or an automobile smash, or whatever unforeseen accident may occur, we can always say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."

Excelsior

(A report from our coloured brethren in New York State)

The recently organized church, formerly Ephesus Mission, is adapting herself to her new status as a fully fledged daughter of the Northeastern Conference. Many thanks to our Conference officers and their committee.

The Rev. Reginald Bass has kindly consented to sell us the Methodist Community Church we are now renting. It stands on a very valuable piece of property with much room for expansion. As we think of the price and other incidents compatible to progress, all we can say is, "What hath God wrought?" A substantial holding fee has already been paid. We hope to have the church building fully paid for by March of this year.

As soon as possible we plan to provide an overseas student hostel and children's clinic. From time to time the church appointed folk to meet the students, entertain, guide, and help them financially and otherwise until they get on their feet and are located in schools and other institutions. Many letters of appreciation are coming in from parents and guardians. Yes, already the new church is also doing her bit for Him and others.

"Each one win one," is the slogan as we launch a lay evangelism campaign to the glory of God and for the strengthening of the believers as well as for the winning of souls. Our Sunday schools are growing in number. Our Branch Sabbath Schools, under the guidance of Sisters Winnifred Stewart and Hermine Walton, are having a sobering effect on the neighbourhood. The growing Sunday schools, supported by Brethren A. Pierre, R. Jones and Sisters Beauty Harrison (nee—Kellman) W. Stewart and Pearl Weir (nee—Shelton) are growing rapidly and they also are causing their good influences to be felt.

The church was organized in December last with approximately eighty believers. Since then, thirty new believers were received into church fellowship.

Many of our strong leaders at home and from overseas drop in from Sabbath to Sabbath. Recently, Elder Harold Nembhard, a veteran Evangelist and Pastor, of Caribbean and West Indies Unions, was our guest speaker. We were also favoured with a visit from Elder E. C. Atkinson (retired) of the Newburgh Church, New York. The message and timely counsels given by him and Elders C. Pitter, B. Straker, Roy Hoyte and brethren Anderson and Nurse gave strong support through wise counsel.

The children of Dr. Minchin, of Atlantic Union College, were also with us. The group was comprised of his two daughters, their husbands and children. Elder W. O. Comm, (son-in-law), one of our Canadian Missionaries, who after giving four-square leadership as President of the Cayman Islands Mission of the West Indies Union, is returning to join the staff at West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, West Indies. Elder & Mrs. Comm are the type of workers who, like Dr. Albert Schweitzer, are winning friends for America, Canada and Australia, all over the world.

Calls are coming in from home bases for many former workers who came up here to further their education and who worship with us. Over forty former workers from the Caribbean and West Indies Unions are members of the former Ephesus Mission. While a trickle is returning home a flood of our nurses, teachers and technicians are being called by the United States institutions to labour here.

Our Harvest Ingathering is under way. Most of the members have done little or no Ingathering here but we know we are well able to take the city. Elder and General Albert Pierre and Mrs. Stewart (HM Dept.) are out for victory.

A. R. Haig, Pastor

'Tis Only True

That current world events are having a tremendous impact upon S.D.A. prophetic sensitivity, 'tis only true. Fear seems to be holding back the spirit of adventure and far reaching plans. Invalidism is crippling the spirit of big business for God. Will the science men reach Mars or more before Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven? Will there be equality among nationalities? Shall there be more troubles than what we are having in the land? A third world war is brewing to burst upon the world. Will this end in Armageddon? Thank God we are not left in darkness concerning these things. Our books and our papers are answering these questions and more. Marriage hazards, social maladjustments, parental and juvenile delinquency, home problems, educational barriers, future outlook for young people are all analectically explained.

Why has Pentecost not fully come? What about the latter rain and the ripening harvest? Why the largest percentage of young people is so reticent in church activities? These things are causing people to think . . . people inside and outside the church are concerned. If church members will rally to the Cause which they profess to love, and join in the good work of selling our books, in the place where one is now rejoicing in

the faith there would be one hundred.

Read this several times: "The work will never be finished until the entire membership of the Advent Church rise and help finish the task assigned us." Are we content with this life in a world of misery and woe and foreboding on every side? Are you satisfied to keep and enjoy alone the light of the Third Angel's Message while your neighbours and friends sit in darkness awaiting their sure eternal doom?

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—A. A. Morgan

Publishing Secretary, East Jamaica

TEACHING TEMPERANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Senator D. Clinton Dominick III, of the New York State Senate, recently introduced a bill forbidding teachers to mention the effects of liquor in physiology and hygiene classes. The bill is opposed by the New York State Council of Churches of Albany. "It seems incredible that anyone would want to eliminate this vital information from such courses," said the Protestant group. Let us as Seventh-day Adventists support our own schools where we give a positive and unchallenged message against liquor in any form.

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Till The Morning

Sister Esther Kelly was born 1888. In the year 1948 the Third Angel's Message was presented to her. She gladly accepted it and in June of the same year was baptised by Elder A. C. Stockhausen and received into fellowship of the Geddes Mountain S.D.A. Church.

For many years Sister Kelly bore sickness and suffering patiently and remained faithful until Sabbath, March 9, 1960 when she passed away. The funeral service was conducted by Brother John Allen.

— S. Z. DIXON

Sister Mildred Bullock was born 1906. She was baptised on June 28, 1953, by Pastor W. A. Holgate and lived as a good citizen and a faithful and loyal member of the Geddes Mountain S.D.A. Church.

On May 1, she was called away to await the call of the Life Giver. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor C. H. Parchment and the writer.

No work for which we need to wake, in joy or grief
"Some other hands the task can take
If so it seemeth best the task by us begun
For life so brief, Beneath the Sun,
We lay us down to sleep.

— S. Z. DIXON

Samuel Hyatt, of Bamboo Seventh-day Adventist Church, passed away on February 6, 1960. He is survived by his wife and six young children. He accepted the Third Angel's Message and was baptized about ten years ago. He served as deacon of the church seven years. He was also an ardent Missionary worker and has won many souls to the Truth. We hope to meet him at the first resurrection when the Saints go marching in.

J. RICKMAN, Clerk.

Sister Jemimah Young, 85 years of age, departed this life on May 10, 1960. She leaves to mourn their loss one son, two daughters, and ten grand children.

She was a member of the Davis Cove Seventh-day Adventist Church. We hope to meet her when Jesus comes to gather His children home.

S. A. WHYTE, Clerk.

ISABELLA VICTORIA GORDON was born May 1881 and died November 2, 1959. She accepted the truth in 1916 and was faithful up to the time of her death. She was the mother of six children. Of these one daughter is the wife of a missionary now labouring in the Bahamas.

She leaves to mourn, six children, twenty-four grand children, and two great grand children. She died with the assurance of meeting the Great Life Giver in the resurrection. Funeral rites were conducted in the Hunt's Town Church and at the grave side by Brother Lorenzo Sterling.

— H. N. Moore
Cat Island, Bahamas

Sister Mary Williams, wife of late James T. Williams of Cockburn Town, San Salvador, Bahamas, died on May 28, 1960 at her home after a very short illness.

She accepted the Advent Message in the year 1919, and was among the first converts to the message, and remained faithful until death. She was born in 1885 and is survived by two sons, Arnold and Christopher; a brother, John Davis; a sister, Hester Davis, and numerous grand-children.

W. W. Nairn

Better Late Than Never

The circulation of our literature is a mysterious accomplishment. Only as we accept the divine predictions can we understand the tremendous increase in its circulation. The fact that good and evil angels strive over every human being is becoming more noticeable as we watch the struggle in the lives of thinking men searching for the light through our publications. In a letter received from Kingston recently, with twenty-four shillings enclosed, the gentleman said, "Twenty-eight years ago a student from the West Indies College took my order for a book. At the time of delivery I had no money. He left the book with the understanding that the money would be posted. I never paid the amount, neither did I read the book. Very recently I fell into great trouble. Thinking that I might find consolation in this volume, I tore the wrapper off and began to read. I was greatly amazed at the treasures I found and wished that I had opened the book twenty-eight years ago. I am therefore sending you the price of the book with many thanks."

"It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlour table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truths contained in the books, God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest. His love is revealed to them, and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins. Thus the Lord co-operates with his self-denying workers." *Colporteur Evangelist* p.6.

Because of the change in our programme at West Indies College, with no summer vacation this year, only nine of our students went out to work in the canvassing field, when in the past we have had fifty or sixty students. We thought that this would have seriously handicapped our deliveries, but to our great joy we have seen a substantial increase in our deliveries over the first five months of last year.

January to April (inclusive)

Bahamas	\$ 2,803.22	\$18,646.95
East Jamaica	12,360.42	17,068.85
West Jamaica	21,795.58	13,776.35
Union	\$36,994.22	\$49,492.15

Gain over last year (4 months)
\$12,497.93 (£4,200)

It would appear that there are many colporteurs in Jamaica, but in organizing our programme recently, we found that all of the colporteurs of East Jamaica could be comfortably put to work in the city of Kingston. There is plenty of room for twice as many as we now have to work in Jamaica. Because of the nearness of the end and the seriousness of the times in which we live, to take up this line of missionary work we appeal to our young men and women for three reasons:

1. To obtain experience in Missionary activities.
2. To obtain an education through the scholarship plan.

3. For the Christian culture and training and for shaping of a noble character.

"Some men whom God was calling to the work of the ministry have entered the field as canvassers. I have been instructed that this is an excellent preparation, if their object is to disseminate light, to bring the truths of God's word directly to the home circle. In conversation the way will often be opened for them to speak of the religion of the Bible. If the work is entered upon as it should be, families will be visited, the workers will manifest Christian tenderness and love for souls, and great good will be the result. This will be an excellent experience for any who have the ministry in view. Those who are fitted for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p.334.

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story books, but to bring before the world the books containing truth essential for this time."

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 42.

B. E. Hurst.

Bachelor of Theology Degree Conferred

West Indies College reached another Mile Stone in its history when on the week-end of June 24-26 the first Senior College graduation convened. On Friday evening at the consecration service Professor Kenneth G. Vaz was the speaker. He stressed the necessity of being thinkers and not mere reflectors. There was unanimous response to his challenging appeal from the graduating class.

On Sabbath Dr. Walton Brown, the newly appointed Educational Secretary of the Inter-American Division, presented the Baccalaureate sermon. He gave emphasis to the motto of the class, "To be Expendable. He challenged the class to be willing to go to even difficult places in order to fulfill the excellent motto in a time when men are seeking ease and comfort. He was the guest speaker in the afternoon MV service. He gave a brief account of the valiant stand the youth of Cuba have taken in upholding the truth in spite of difficulties.

The Commencement service on Sunday at 11 a.m. was a colourful and dignified function with those officiating using Academic robes. Dr. H. M. Johnston was the speaker. He challenged the class to live up to the noble ideals and traditions of the Advent Ministry.

Nine candidates received their Bachelors degree in Theology. One candidate will complete this work by September. This event will long be remembered by those who were present, for this class will go on record as being the pioneers of this new feature in the Educational programme of West Indies College.