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Elder H. H. Fletcher with his family. Elder Fletcher has been absent from the field attending the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. When he returned from his studies in May, he was appointed pastor of the Montego Bay church. He also serves as a representative of the West Jamaica Conference on the Union committee.

DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE

One of the most striking developments in the post-war world is the growing integration of the nations of Western Europe, whose age-long rivalries have been responsible for a long succession of wars, beginning shortly after the break-up of the Roman Empire, one thousand five hundred years ago, and culminating in the two world wars of the twentieth century. The Word of God, as revealed in Daniel 2:43, has been fulfilled. "They shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

Yet since the close of World War II in 1945, these nations have been driven by the fear that unless they settle their disputes, they must be overthrown and trodden underfoot. Accordingly, beginning with a speech by Winston Churchill in 1946, in which he emphasized the slogan, "Unite Now," this programme has been followed in Europe as far as circumstances allowed. One Hundred Sixty Five million people living in Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Western Germany are now united by a three-fold agreement. The first of these, the Coal and Steel Community, provided a co-operative plan of operating these in-

dustries to the benefit of all the six principalities concerned. Secondly, the "Euratom," provided a measure of political self-defence against possible aggressors, thus for the first time in centuries bringing France and Germany together under a common defense alliance in which Italy and other smaller nations are included. Thirdly, the "Common Market," eliminated certain customs barriers that had been established for decades, bringing these countries into closer integration.

Britain has thus far held aloof from this confederation, not willing to subject her economy to the competition that comes from the Western European industries. But recently, in a book entitled "Europe Will Not Wait," Mr. Anthony Nutting has stated that the "Inner Six," the Western European Confederation, has forged ahead, and both economic and political power may force Britain and some of the other Western European nations to apply for membership in the confederation to avoid being left economically and politically "out in the cold."

General DeGaulle, the president of France stated recently, "The task which France sets herself is to contribute to the building of Western Europe into a political, economical, cultural and human

grouping, organized for action, progress and defense. It is necessary that the nations which are co-operating should not cease to be themselves, but that the road to be followed should be that of organized co-operating of states, pending the advent perhaps of an imposing confederation.

It must be kept in mind also that these six nations, except for the Netherlands and a certain percentage of the population of Western Germany, are bound together by a common religion, that of the Roman Catholic church. Many provinces of Germany such as Bavaria are solidly Roman Catholic. This means that this powerful church organization which claims the right to guide and lead in the matter of political authority as well as ecclesiastical, sways a strong influence in this Western European Confederation.

What the future may have in store we cannot state too positively. The Scriptures however do reveal that the ten nations of Europe, which include Spain, Switzerland, Portugal and Britain, shall "have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Rev. 17:13. Again in verse 17, it is written, "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." It does seem that when Christ shall come in His glory and all His holy angels with Him, He will find these ten nations of Europe in agreement as far as the Roman Church is concerned and engaged in war "against Him" whose name is the Word of God. Rev. 19:11-13 and vs. 19. Our people must press forward with the work of the Gospel and the message of Rev. 14:6-12, and while the door is open to continue to preach the Word entrusted to us, for we know not when the door of opportunity will close.

A.F.

MEDITATION

"O Father of all mankind, our Father, take from me any bigotry, prejudice or pride that excludes a neighbour from my circle."

"He drew a circle that shut me out
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout;
But Love and I had our wit to win,
We drew a circle that took him in."

— Edwin Markham.

Henry Smith's Baby

Once upon a time, a young married couple named Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith had a beautiful little baby, named John, whom they loved very much. A few years passed by and this precious child became old enough to go to school. But enroute to the school the little boy had to cross a busy highway with hundreds of automobiles speeding in each direction. The anxious parents gave the boy careful instruction. When he reached the highway, he was to stand still on the sidewalk and not to venture into the road before first looking to the right to see if anything was coming, and then look to the left and see if the way was clear. Then if there was nothing coming from the right or from the left, he was to make the dash across the highway and landing safely on the other side was to finish the trip to school safely.

Was this not very good advice? It might seem so. Safety first is always good advice. And so the young boy reached the highway and after waiting about five or ten minutes there seemed to arrive an opportunity and dashing quickly across the road, he got safely to school.

At dinner time however, he received from the teacher a very different idea. Calling the boy aside she told him kindly and lovingly that the time had come to return home for dinner. And there was that terrible highway. He was told to proceed toward the highway, and when he arrived, he was to turn to the right and proceed up the sidewalk until he came to a place not far along where there was a policeman, and a "pedestrian crossing," where there were two white lines right across the road. When he got there the policeman would see that he got across safely. Sure enough, when he followed the instructions he arrived at the place where the traffic policeman was, and there were the two white lines right across the road. When the policeman saw the boy approach, he moved his hands about and every car on the road stood still. Waving to the boy, the little fellow took less than a minute to cross the road, cars to the right and to the left stood motionless while the little boy was getting across.

Now it can be easily seen that the instruction that Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith gave to their precious Johnnie was rather presumptuous. It came about because they were ignorant of the law, and also ignorant of the pedestrian crossing. But the school teacher understood the law of the community and gave the little Johnnie the right counsel. Does it not seem that the majority of the people living in the world are something like Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith? The young folks are told that everyone keeps Sunday, and they should go ahead and do what everyone else does. But they are ignorant of the fact that keeping Sunday is something like little Johnnie dashing across the street at what seems to be the first opportunity, that it is contrary to the law of the land. Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour created this world in the beginning, and laid down the law as found in the first few verses of Genesis 2, that He "on the seventh day, . . . ended the work which He had made and He rested on the sev-

enth day from all His work which God had created and made. . . ! And Jesus "blessed the seventh-day and sanctified it because that in it He had rested from all His work which God had created and made." That this was Jesus who did the work and rested on the seventh day is apparent from a study of John 1:3 and Hebrews 1:2. Is it not then rather presumptuous to advise people to go ahead and keep a day which neither God nor Jesus Christ blessed nor sanctified? Is it wise to counsel people to go ahead and disregard the law of heaven and earth which Jesus Himself proclaimed from Mount Sinai, (1st Cor. 10:4) and in regard to which he commanded that not a jot or tittle could be altered? Matt. 5:18; Luke 16:17. We as Sabbath keepers believe that Jesus living in our hearts will lead us in the path of obedience to the law of the universe rather than to rush presumptuously in the path of man's devisings that are contrary to this law.

—A. Fossey.

VOICE OF PROPHECY BIBLE SCHOOL

During the six months which ended June 30th, the Mandeville branch of the Voice of Prophecy received 5,485 applications to enroll in the Bible School. Of these, 2,562 were from East Jamaica and 2,923 from West Jamaica. This makes an accumulated enrolment of 110,787 since the school began its work. Of the many lessons mailed out, a total during the six months of 74,025 were received by the school and graded. This makes an accumulated total of 1,174,101 lessons received and graded since the school began. During the six months of the current year, 1,626 certificates were mailed to people who finished the course, of which 675 were in East Jamaica, and 951 in West Jamaica. This makes a total of 26,130 graduates of the Bible School since it began its good work. Of the 1,626 graduates of the current six months, 104 were members of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and 56 have this year joined the church because of the Bible lessons that had been studied. There are 379 more who desire baptism. Surely this is a good work and we should all heartily engage in promoting the school and enrolling interested people to take the course. During the current six months, £82 16 11 has been received as contributions from the public.

Apart from more than £2,000 0 0 that has been spent in wages for the group of workers tending to this great work, which has been provided for in the Union budget there has been an expense of more than £740 0 0 in materials and postage, for which the Union budget provides only £630 0 0 for the six months that have passed. The difference of £110 0 0 will double itself by the end of the year, and we hope that when the Voice of Prophecy offering will be taken in all our churches on October 8th that enough will be contributed by our faithful members to make up this operating deficit.

LIFE, DEATH AND DESTINY

Deep appreciation is hereby gratefully expressed to our workers who have been on the alert for pertinent statements from writers discussing the nature and destiny of man. Numerous quotations and references of value have been sent me by workers in different lands, which items have already played a vital part in the development of the Ms. Life, Death, and Destiny, now coming to modern times in its 2,500 year coverage.

We are soon to climax with contemporary writers who have broken with or at least challenging — the traditional positions of the innate immortality of all souls, and the eternal torment of the immortal wicked, which postulates have so long held general sway.

These paragraphs bring you another appeal to keep on the look-out for current book, pamphlet, and periodical article statements, now appearing with increasing frequency, which clearly reflect the widespread revolt against these predominant positions of the past. You may be able to bring to our attention some priceless item that might otherwise be missed.

The successful completion of this gigantic task, now well along toward consummation, calls for the continuing watchfulness and co-operation of all workers prompt reporting of items of value. It should be added that the results, in co-ordinated form, will be a distinct aid to all workers, and an effective means of reaching scholars not out of our faith with a vital coverage of this fundamental doctrine.

As indicated, the cumulative results are already impressive. And I repeat that I know of no other means of compassing current literature of all lands for this closing section — hence this appeal.

Please report any items, and send in pertinent information coming to your attention. Yours may be the priceless citation.

This information needs to be exact full name of author, precise title of book, or pamphlets. Notation of the pertinent pages would facilitate matters. Also please give name of publisher, place of publication, and the date of issuance and edition. In the case of periodicals, the name, religious affiliation, and place of publication of the journal, as well as the author and the title of the article are required, and we of course need the exact date, if a weekly, or the month or quarter, as the case may be. Again, many thanks for your anticipated help. The goal is very worth while.

Leroy Edwin Froom
General Conference of S.D.A.
Takoma Park, 12 D.C., U.S.A.

NOTICE

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



LAYMAN'S CONGRESS

The largest church in the Inter-American Division, the North Street Temple Church, in Kingston, Jamaica, witnessed one of the most beautiful ceremonies ever held anywhere, anytime, which climaxed our lay preachers' institute and congress. Forty seven lay preachers of East Jamaica Conference completed the course of study, receiving their lay preacher's certificates, and being invested with the "Modern 120" pins.

As an inspiring finale, Brother Campbell from Mount James, one of our veteran lay preachers of the passing generation, carried a lighted torch, representing the gospel, to the front of the auditorium, presenting it to the Conference president who challenged the younger generation to accept the torch and carry the gospel light for the finishing of the work in the East Jamaica Conference. Brother Smalling, the leader of the Lluidas Vale church, a lay preacher of the younger generation, accepted the torch and the challenge. He then lighted the candles of Elder Pederson of the General Conference, Elder Val. Schoen of the Inter-American Division, Elder M. G. Nembhard of the West Indies Union, and finally Elder A. D. Laing, our lay preacher leader of the East Jamaica Conference. These in turn lighted the candles of the preachers, who then lighted the candles of the lay preachers.

After all the candles were lighted, we sang "Let the Lower Lights be Burning." The lights of the church were extinguished, after which the lay preachers filed out of the church. As the lay preachers filed out with their burning candles held high, the church was left in darkness. All those left behind in darkness sensed the lesson, resolving that they would not be left in darkness, but would

join the army of the "Modern 120" bearing the light of the gospel to other souls in darkness.

Elder Pederson, the associate Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, gave our lay preachers valuable instruction during the 7-day workshop which ended with the candle-light ceremony at North Street. Elder Pederson will long be remembered, not only as a leader of lay preachers, but one who dearly loves souls. The value of his "methods class" cannot be estimated. Our lay preachers were inspired to live devoted lives for Christ and to do everything in their power to help win souls for the Kingdom.

Elder Valentine Schoen, who represented himself as the "troubled man", answered most of the problems that confronted the lay preacher in his presentation of the message to non-Adventists. Elder Schoen's beautiful handiwork on the blackboard gave valuable illustrations that will long be remembered. Even though he called himself the "troubled man", he was greatly beloved by everyone at the school and was able to inspire our men to do greater things for Christ.

Elder M. G. Nembhard, our Home Missionary Secretary for the West Indies Union, was in attendance at the school throughout. He also did his part in the instructional period and gave valuable guidance to the lay preachers.

Elder A. D. Laing, the Home Missionary Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference, was master of ceremonies. So ably was the school conducted that everyone agreed it was the best one ever conducted in the East Jamaica Conference. We appreciated the whole programme of which Elder Laing was in charge.

Our district ministers were invited to attend the school. Practically all of them were in attendance at one time or

another. All of them received much benefit from the instructions given.

We in East Jamaica accept the challenge and are dedicated to the finishing of the work. We believe that the lay preachers who were there will do all in their power to speed the gospel to every soul who will receive it. To this end we solicit the prayers of our people everywhere that God will make us soul-winners for Christ.

— E. H. Schneider, President
East Jamaica Conference of S.D.A.

OPTIMISM AND FEAR

Optimism is a mental attitude with relation to the affairs of life by which one expects good results from what is taking place. An attitude of over-optimism may lead one into trouble if the results are bad instead of good. Vice-versa, fear is a mental attitude with relation to the affairs of life by which one expects bad results from what is taking place. An attitude of over-fear also may cause one a great deal of worry when he should have confidence in our heavenly Father. Confidence and faith in God will give us poise, a steadfastness, and a great deal of good cheer which may be lost through fear. It is certain that Jesus taught us that we should not take unnecessary thought about the things of tomorrow, and that we should let the things of the future be handled as they come and not before. Take no thought for the things of tomorrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matt. 6:34.)

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THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN

Have you ever been home-sick? Has your heart ever yearned to get to a land of rest and peace? If you have experienced such a yearning, we should all be experiencing this longing for the heavenly homeland. Long has Zion prayed, wished and sighed to reach the heavenly country, but our arrival is far behind schedule. Before this grand climax, however, there must be an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on a prepared people.

"Long upon the mountains, weary,
Have the scattered flock been torn;
Dark the desert paths, and dreary;
Grievous trials have they borne."

Now the Gathering Call is sounding,
Solemn in its warning voice;
Union, faith and love, abounding,
Bid the little flock rejoice.

Now the light of truth they're seeking,
In its onward track pursue;
All the ten commandments keeping,
They are holy, just and true.

On the words of life they're feeding,
Precious to their taste, so sweet;
All their Master's precepts heeding,
Bowing humbly at His feet.

In the world of light and beauty,
In the golden city fair,
Soon its pearly gates they'll enter,
And of all its glories share.

There divine the soul's expansions,
Free from sin, and death, and pain;
Tears will never dim those mansions
Where the saints immortal reign."

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the Latter Rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zechariah 10:1. We are urged and challenged to ask for that which we have been promised, an outpouring for the preparation for a better country. Jesus Himself expressed that Heaven is more anxious to give us the Holy Spirit than we are to request. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:13.

In God's great prophetic clock the Latter Rain is over due. Many times have we set apart days for fasting and praying, but recognizing the seriousness of the times and the unprecedented events of the time we should seriously seek for the promised blessings. The identical requirements that accompanied the Early Rain are necessary at this late hour when the Latter Rain is overdue. There must be a spirit of unity in thought and action, and the spirit of dissension and fault-finding must be completely eradicated from our camp.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. All hearts were beating in unison. Such an experience was unprecedented in the lives of the disciples. Accord means agreement, the harmony of sounds. They are all hop-

ing the same thing and desiring the same experience. Such an experience in the lives of the disciples shook Jerusalem. Men and women were astonished as they saw a transformation in the lives of those who were seeking earnestly the promised blessing.

Secondly there must be a heart searching as there was at the time of Pentecost. "The disciples prayed with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men, and in their daily intercourse to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ. Putting away all differences, all desire for supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship.

"These days of preparation were days of deep heart-searching. The disciples felt their spiritual need, and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul-saving." Acts of the Apostles p. 37. The Psalmist must have understood the importance of such an experience when he said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Ps. 66:18.

Thirdly the salvation of souls was their deepest concern. They were anxious that the gospel message should be carried through Jerusalem, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. "They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ had promised. Acts of the Apostles p. 37.

We are anxious to see another Pentecost and we are sincerely anxious that this Pentecost may begin this first month of the new year.

Fourthly the promise was provided after they had done their part. God will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. They had confessed, they had prayed, they had fasted and now they were waiting for the fulfillment of the promise. "The Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fulness that reached every heart. The Infinite One revealed Himself in power to His church. It was as if for ages this influence had been held in restraint, and now Heaven rejoiced in being able to pour out upon the church the riches of the Spirit's grace." Acts of the Apostles p. 38.

We may expect a second Pentecost. This has been promised. It is behind schedule and God's promises are sure. Pentecost brought accessions to the early church and many who were indifferent opponents to the gospel came in eagerly to the disciples with tears of repentance exclaiming "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Three thousand were converted as Peter preached with great power. The servant of the Lord states, "The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there were on the day of Pentecost." Review & Herald June 29, 1905. We are just as anxious for its fulfillment as the disciples were as they assembled in the upper room.

On this day set apart for special prayer and supplication let there be heart-searching on the part of every believer. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1. As we comply with heaven's requirements we shall be able to effectively ask of the

Lord rain in the time of the Latter Rain.

"O Jesus Thou art knocking

And lo! that hand is scarred,

And thorns Thy brow encircle.

And tears Thy face have marred;

O Lord, with shame and sorrow,

So patiently to wait!

O sin that hath no equal

So fast to bar the gate!

O Jesus, Thou art pleading,

In accents meek and low,

I died for you, my children,

And will ye treat me so?

O Lord with shame and sorrow,

I open now the door;

Dear Saviour, enter, enter,

And leave me nevermore."

— M. G. Nembhard,
Home Missionary & Sabbath
School Secretary.

PRIVILEGE OF A COLPORTEUR

A colporteur is one who goes forth in the Name of the Lord as His messenger to give to the multitudes who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ, and who by his obedience to the law of God glorifies his Master. By his courtesy and loving-kindness to those he meets, he exemplifies in his life the virtues of his Saviour. A literature evangelist is a man with a purpose to disseminate light and peace through gospel salesmanship. He visits rich and poor alike and makes disciples for God.

The Colporteur should be capable of changing a man's thinking and putting it into reverse, so that he will in fifteen minutes, buy, read and believe that which he previously objected to. This type of missionary is wanted everywhere, and amongst this class is often found good material for the Gospel Ministry. It may be demonstrated therefore that the colporteur work ranks with the Gospel ministry as one of the agencies designed of God for the carrying forward and the finishing of the Gospel work in these last days.

"The angel sent to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellowmen." Acts of the Apostles, page 109. Yet although this work is done by men, angels unseen go before the colporteur to smooth the way before him, and to open doors that otherwise might be closed. May God bless these brave men who go forth to meet the world with books containing the Gospel message, and may we as members of the church of the living God lend a helping hand and words of encouragement to these servants of Jesus.

OPTIMISM AND FEAR

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We should exercise good judgment, not be over-optimistic, and yet not to be paralyzed with fear. The monster "fear", is absolutely nothing but a mental fancy — a shadow — a psychological disease. Fear cannot hurt anyone unless he yields to its blighting influence. Fear is a creature of the mind. We should view the affairs of life in the spirit of prayer, committing them to God, and asking Him for His guidance and blessing. We should be realistic, and endeavour to estimate the actual state of things and meet them sensibly and carefully, without undue worry and lack of faith. Then trusting in God we can go about our duties cheerfully, spreading around us the sunshine of happiness and trust.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three. And while charity or love, is stated to be the greatest of the three, the second virtue, that of hope, is by all means something worth possessing. Hope leads us to look forward to a good reward. It leads us to look forward to the hand of God in the affairs of life. It leads us to bear witness for Christ, to spread the seed of the Word of Life to all we meet. He that observeth the clouds shall neither sow nor reap. Hope has rescued multitudes from the pit of sin and perdition, whose cases seemed beyond help, except to those whose trust and faith in God led them to do the best under the circumstances. May we bury the attitude of pessimism, and besides laying hold of the hand of God by faith, also lay hold upon the hand of God by hope, and with love of God as an accelerator, press forward steadily and quickly and cheerfully in the work committed to our trust.

— A. Fossey

A GLIMPSE OF WEST INDIES COLLEGE SEMINAR

Realizing the imminent return of the Master and the magnitude of the Gospel Commission, the College Ministerial Seminar under the efficient sponsorship of Professor R. R. Widmer, head of the Theology Department of the college, aims at developing more perfectly the practical aspects in the training of prospective pastors, evangelists, Bible workers and teachers.

Through the very potent medium of outpost evangelism, weekly practical demonstrations, as well as lectures, a magnificent work is being accomplished. Our most recent speaker was Elder Andrew Fearing, one of the secretaries of the General Conference Ministerial Association. The burden of his message was to eradicate mediocrity from the ranks of the gospel work, and erect not mere monuments but spiritual giants to champion the Cause of Truth.

May God's blessing continue to flow in copious showers upon us all as members of the vast advent family, as we endeavour to stem the tide of evil influences and prepare the world for God's soon return.

Maxwell Smith

TEMPERANCE DAY OFFERING OCTOBER 29

The whole world today needs an enlightenment regarding the evil effects of alcohol, tobacco and narcotics. Apart from the more evident results made manifest in death on the highways through drunken driving, or in the increase of lung cancer through smoking cigarettes, or perhaps in stunted growth suffered by small boys through smoking tobacco, or the evil and binding habits of such narcotics as ganja, or marihuana, there are many more items that we should all become aware of that come to many of our fellow human beings through these harmful practices. The Temperance Department of the General Conference spends its time in gathering items of this nature, and also in carrying forward a steady propaganda against these evils by printing various temperance publications, and holding meetings and "Institutes of Studies on Alcoholism," throughout the world that have done much to awaken the world to the many evils of intemperance.

The General Conference has set the date of October 29 as "Temperance Day", hoping that on this day, the last Sabbath in October, temperance lectures be given throughout all our churches, and that on that day an offering be taken to help cover the expenses of the Temperance Department. We hope that each Conference will take this in hand, and that an offering is taken in every church for this good work.

SENIOR COLLEGE STATUS

On July 6, 1960, the General Conference voted to recognize West Indies College as a "senior" four-year (university) college entitled to confer Bachelor of Education degrees in addition to the Bachelor of Theology degree. On October 17, 1960, the secondary teacher training programme will be under way. A number of principal and subsidiary teaching fields (sometimes called majors and minors) will be offered: English; history; religion; social sciences including sociology, geography, and government; music; secretarial science (office management); business administration, including accounting; natural sciences. In 1961 new principal and subsidiary fields will be added.

The prospective secondary teacher will study a number of professional subjects: psychology, teaching methods and materials, observation and practice teaching, tests and measurements, classroom management, etc. The B. Ed. degree will be recognized everywhere as significant of a thorough preparation for secondary teaching in the West Indies.

How Long Will it Take?

The student who has completed the secondary school may expect to receive the B. Ed. degree after four years of (university) college study. If the student has already two years of college, he may look forward to receiving his B.Ed. degree in 1962 if he begins on October 17, 1960. Of course, if the student plans to work for a large part of his expenses it may take longer time before he completes his secondary teaching curriculum.

TITHE RECEIPTS

We are glad to report a general increase in the tithe receipts throughout the Union for the six months ended June 30th. In the chart presented below, a comparison is made with the same period of six months for last year. We can praise God again for His marvellous works, and can assure our membership that with the sacrifices made, the Lord's work will continue to grow and increase until Jesus comes.

| Conference or Mission | Six Months 1959 | Six Months 1960 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| East Jamaica Conference | £21,350 10 4 | £25,516 15 11 | £4,166 5 7 |
| West Jamaica Conference | 23,640 19 10 | 27,201 4 3 | 3,560 4 5 |
| Bahamas Mission | 5,270 17 11 | 7,773 15 4 | 2,502 17 4 |
| Cayman Is. Mission | 1,996 16 4 | 1,765 3 0 | (231 13 4 |
| Totals, June 30, '59: | 52,259 4 5 | | |
| June 30, '60: | | 62,256 18 6 | 99,997 14 0 |

COLPORTEUR SALES & DELIVERIES

The following figures have been gleaned from reports handed in for the six months ended June 30th, 1960, and the summary compared with 1959:

| Conference Or Mission | Colporteurs | Orders | Deliveries |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| East Jamaica | 72 | £15,465 4 0 | £8,557 16 10 |
| West Jamaica | 48 | 13,458 7 8 | 6,457 19 6 |
| Bahamas (4 Mos.) | 8 | 13,845 19 0 | 6,659 12 5 |
| Cayman Is. (1 Mo.) | 1 | 145 8 6 | 90 14 0 |
| Totals June 30, 1960 | 129 | £42,914 19 2 | £21,766 2 9 |
| For same period 1959, Total Deliveries | | | 18,180 17 9 |
| Increase over last year's figures | | | £ 3,585 5 0 |

General Conference Endorses

On June 26 West Indies College granted a Bachelor of Theology degree to nine seniors who had completed the four-year ministerial curriculum. On July 6 the General Conference Committee voted to authorize West Indies College to confer Bachelor's degrees in education. The senior college programme is going to be unfolded more fully.

One of the great needs in the West Indies is for an Adventist training centre for secondary teachers. This need is now being filled. On October 17, 1960, prospective secondary teachers will be able to begin their course. Those who already have completed two years of college may expect to receive their degrees in 1962. There will be several teaching fields offered: English, History, Religion, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Music, Business Administration, Office Management (Secretarial Sciences), etc. In the next few years other fields will be developed. In addition to selecting three teaching fields in which he will be prepared, the prospective secondary teacher will take a number of subjects in psychology, teaching methods and materials, history and philosophy of education, school administration, tests and measurements, etc. The secondary teacher who receives a degree from West Indies College will be well prepared both in professional skill and in content subjects; he will know what to teach and how to teach. With it all he will have acquired the Adventist point of view in education.

There is no doubt that the new Bachelor's degree in secondary teaching from West Indies College will be recognized by other institutions. The B. Th. degree from the College is already recognized by Andrews University, the new denominational graduate institution in Michigan. Many applicants have already made plans to begin their studies on October 17. Inquiries may be directed to the President, West Indies College, Mandeville.

Leif Kr. Tobiassen
West Indies College

A New Venture

For many years West Indies College has maintained a strong teacher training programme for prospective teachers in the primary school. The new programme will prepare teachers for the secondary school. The holder of a B.Ed. degree from West Indies College will soon be prepared to engage in secondary school administration.

Our Adventist boys and girls in the West Indies deserve only the best prepared teachers. These well prepared teachers must have a deep understanding of the Holy Scriptures and of the Adventist philosophy of education. They must, also, have a training that is designed particularly for the West Indies. West Indies teachers for West Indies schools must be trained in the West Indies according to a programme that is geared to the needs of the West Indies.

New Opportunities Offered

The youth of the West Indies will now have a new opportunity to obtain an Adventist education that will command respect and give ability and skills. On October 17, 1960, the new 1960-1961 academic year will begin at West Indies College. The academic year will extend from October 17 until July 2, 1961. Both the secondary school and the (university) college will follow the same calendar.

The West Indies College secondary school leads either to the "internal" Secondary School Certificate or to the "external" (Senior Cambridge) School Certificate or the GCE. The West Indies College (university) prepares the student for the B.Th. degree or the B.Ed. degree (in secondary teaching) or to diplomas in business administration, in primary teacher training, in secretarial science or in general arts and sciences ("junior college"). The General Conference has authorised West Indies College to confer Bachelor's degrees upon completion of the four-year (post-secondary) ministerial curriculum or secondary teacher training curriculum. The first B.Th. degrees were conferred on June 26, 1960. More B.Th. degrees will be conferred on July 2, 1961. It is expected that the first Bachelor of Education degrees (more or less equivalent to a B.A. degree or a B.Sc. degree) will be conferred in June, 1962.

What Does It Cost?

The charges for tuition and room at West Indies College remain unchanged. In the secondary school the estimated cost will be £14 per month (nine months) or approximately 65/- per week for lady students for instruction, food, room, laundry, textbooks, etc. For gentlemen students the charges will be approximately £13 per month or somewhat less. In the (university) college the total cost of tuition, board, room, laundry, books, etc., is estimated at approximately £15 per month (nine months) or approximately 70/- per week (38 weeks). In many cases the student may be able to work for approximately 15% - 30% of the charges; in some cases the student may earn more if he has experience and skills. Each new student must make a deposit before the day of matriculation of £16.

For application form and information, please write to West Indies College, Mandeville, W. I.
Leif Kr. Tobiassen, President

West Indies College Ministerial Training Programme

On June 26 the first group of nine students received their Bachelor of Theology degrees upon completion of the four-year ministerial curriculum at West Indies College. Five of these applied to take advanced work at Andrews University, and were accepted and are at present

studying toward the Master of Arts degree in Religion. Of the others, one is doing evangelistic work in the Bahamas Mission; two have gone back to ministerial work in the East Jamaica Conference; and two are in ministerial work in the West Jamaica Conference.

At present there are about 35 registered in the theology curriculum for the coming school year. About 20 of these will be in the third and fourth-year classes. The next group of these will graduate July 2, 1961. Several young ladies are also enrolled in the two-year Bible Workers Course.

The Theology Curriculum offered at West Indies College is in harmony with that of any of our senior colleges and is in line with the requirements for entrance into the Andrews University School of Theology. Each teacher in the Theology department here has received his Bachelor of Arts degree from an Adventist college and his advanced degree or degrees from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Among the Bible courses offered are the following subjects: Principles of Faith, Daniel and Revelation, New Testament Epistles, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Hebrew Prophets, and Gift of Prophecy. Some related subjects are: Greek Language, Church History, History of the Reformation, Music Directing, Denominational Finance, Literature of the Bible, and 20th Century Isms. Elective subjects may be chosen from a large number of other courses offered.

There is an urgent need today for more and better trained young men and women to prepare for larger service in God's work. The ever-expanding Advent message needs the best talents that training and consecration can provide for the finishing of God's work. In the West Indies there is a need for more workers and the urgent needs of the wider world field can also be filled by young people from Jamaica and the West Indies. We are happy for the fine young men and women who are here, but we need many more, who are willing to dedicate and train their talents for the Master's service.

Ellen G. White, the messenger of the Lord wrote, "The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others. None can know where or how they may be called to labour or to speak for God. Our Heavenly Father alone sees what He can make of men. There are before us possibilities which our feeble faith does not discern. Our minds should be so trained that if necessary we can present the truths of His Word before the highest earthly authorities in such a way as to glorify His name. We should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God." MYP, pp. 173, 174.

West Indies College is endeavouring, by the grace of God, to train men and women who will be able to efficiently fill responsible positions of leadership in the Cause of God.

If you believe the Lord is calling you to serve Him, let us hear from you.

R. Rubin Widmer, B.A., M.A., B.D.
Head of Theology Department

WEST JAMAICA NEWS NOTES

The fires of Evangelism continue to burn high in West Jamaica. The prophet Jeremiah writing about 600 years before Christ said "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, and after will I send for my hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jeremiah 16:16.

Nestled in the valley at the foot of the great Mt. Diablo is the town of Moneague. About seven years ago God sent two "fishers," Pastors Binns and Boyd, into this valley to 'fish' for men. With God's blessing theirs was a good catch, "and mighty grew the Word of God." But sad to say some grew impatient of the Promise and fell back into the "Slough of Despond".

But the scriptures must be fulfilled. So God sent forth two "hunters" in the persons of Pastors E. A. Henry and A. E. Gordon. These men hunted through the hills and valleys, and with the help of God, twenty and four souls were rescued from the paths of sin.

On August 14th Elder H. S. Walters, the president of the Conference officiated at the baptism of these precious souls. And there was great rejoicing in Heaven as these souls were born again, and have now become candidates for eternal life.

Surely God is preparing a people to live with Him in Heaven for a thousand years, and then in the earth made new forever. I am determined to be in that number, by the grace of God. How about you?

LEADERCRAFT INSTITUTE

Under the auspices of the Conference, and in collaboration with the College MV Department, Elder H. A. Mills, MV and Educational Secretary of the West Indies Union, and Pastor H. L. Douce, MV Secretary of the Conference, conducted a Leadercraft Institute at the West Indies College; 63 qualified for a 15 hour certificate and 19 for a 10 hour certificate of the 92 who enrolled. To these we say Congratulations.

Our guest lecturer during the Institute was Professor Oscar Harriott of Kingston.

Graduation of these candidates took place at the College at 7:00 p.m. Sunday August 14. Elder Mills gave a brief address and after the certification of the candidates, he charged them to be always prepared to serve where the need is greatest.

Similar Institutes will be conducted in the near future at centres like Savlamar, Montego Bay, and May Pen. A great responsibility rests upon Advent youth, so they must be trained aright to share intelligently the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour.

— H. L. Douce

MIRACLES OF MODERN TIMES

When we attended the General Conference session in June, 1958, Korea reported 17,000 Sabbath School members. By March of 1959 that number had been increased to 33,000, and now, by November, it is well over 40,000. In the first two quarters of 1959 more Sabbath school members were gained than in fifty years of previous work. The Holy Spirit is certainly working here and we missionaries are having a hard time keeping up with the progress. It is because of this sudden outpouring that we are having such a problem to house these folks. Some churches here in Seoul have four services each Sabbath. Undoubtedly we will lose many interested ones when it gets too cold to stand around the doors and windows to listen in.

Other Churches

Many ministers from other faiths are coming over to us, many bringing their church members and even their buildings, with them. One Methodist minister was offered the second largest Methodist church in Korea and a salary almost triple what he could make in our church, but he replied that he had to follow truth. Since then he has been in the colporteur work.

Some time ago a woman became dissatisfied with life, sold her possessions, put a pack on her back, and set out to find truth, going from church to church. She spent three years at a Presbyterian Seminary and was sent out in 1956 as an evangelist. In 1958 a colporteur brought her our message, which she readily accepted. Twelve of her congregation decided to follow her into our church and to bring with them the church they were just beginning to build.

Ministers' Retreat

Recently one of our Korean evangelists was sent as our delegate to a Protestant ministers' retreat. The theme of the retreat was: Christ's second coming. When he arrived he found the planning committee in great consternation because several speakers had backed out—some just because they didn't feel prepared on that subject. Elder Woo tactfully offered to fill in any time they would like him to, and he ended up talking at five of the sixteen meetings. He always preaches straight from the Bible and he found a way to weave in practically every Adventist doctrine without departing from the theme. The logic and Biblical accuracy of his preaching won him and his church great respect among those ministers, many of whom had previously considered us a mere cult. There were four hundred ministers from many Protestant denominations present. They decided to have another retreat very soon this time right here in Seoul so that all the ministers in South Korea could attend if they so desired. Elder Woo was placed on the committee to plan it. The theme this time: "the millennium and heaven." Great things could come of this contact. Please pray for Elder Woo.

Medical Launch

There are hundreds of islands off the coast of Korea with thousands of

people who have virtually no medical help, and some of our missionaries have dreamed for years of a medical launch work. Recently a check for more than \$5,000 came to begin this work. Though it will take much more than that, we feel this is evidence that God wants us to begin this work very soon, and we are all eager to get it started.

Vacation Bible Schools

Vacation Bible School work for 1959 was very successful. More than twenty thousand children attended, doubling the attendance in 1958. One church out in the country holds its Vacation Bible School in a bare upstairs room, but opened with a large attendance.

However, the next day the Presbyterian church across the street also began a Vacation Bible School, drawing away all the children. Since they had a piano and other equipment, our folks were worried and prayed much. The next day the children came back, bringing more children with them, because we had little workbooks for them. After the Vacation Bible School was over the Presbyterian pastor invited all of our children to a big feast and told them, "You win, so you deserve the feast." He also introduced to them a fellow Presbyterian minister who, he said, was interested in our message and wanted to meet some of our folks.

Colporteur at Work

At another Presbyterian church a colporteur saw a sign, "Children's church" and she went in to try to sell some books. She noticed the church leader's interest in spiritual things, so immediately gave him a Bible study on the seal of God! He asked her to return and teach him more so she took her minister to him. They studied more. He quickly accepted the message and began to teach his church members. Just a few days later he brought a list of twenty-one interested ones who wanted to accept our teachings. There are a thousand members in the four churches under this man's care. Our pastor is holding efforts for them, and already several hundreds have decided to join us.

Another colporteur recently went to a small island and found an interested man who asked him if he would come in the evening and talk to a group of his about our beliefs. Expecting two or three friends, the timid colporteur agreed. He found 150 people in a small hall. Their only light was a small oil lamp similar to the lamps used in the Bible times. As the meeting progressed they noticed the light was getting dim and there was very little oil left in the lamp. For some reason they could get no more oil, and the colporteur desperately needed his notes. When there was about one drop of oil left in the lamp, he said that all he knew to do was to pray. While he was praying a small boy in the front shouted, "Look at the lamp!" The flame became brighter and brighter and lasted through the meeting. The next night they lighted it again after prayer, and thus that one drop of oil burned during the four meetings — a total of about seven hours, leaving a church of about sixty members who declare that it is "the church where the light of truth will never go out."

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MIRACLE OF MODERN TIMES

Peaceful Nod Island

A woman was burdened about her relatives over on Peaceful Nod Island. She finally persuaded her pastor to go with her to work for them. As they were getting out of the little boat, it capsized, dunking them both. It was then very cold weather and they needed a home quickly where they could dry out and warm up. They were referred to the winery owner's home. The kindly wife of the owner took them in and kept them overnight. The owner was about twenty miles away visiting a friend. Very early in the morning he felt strongly impressed to go home. His host pleaded with him to stay at least for breakfast, but he felt he should get home quickly. On his way home he met a friend, who said, "The elder is at your house waiting to see you." It was said as if he knew the Elder and was expecting him, and this impressed him very much. When this man arrived home they began to study the Bible. Our Elder stayed there two weeks and taught him all of our doctrines. This man had been a Seoul National University teacher but had gone to the island to start a private high school financed by his winery. He gathered all the students and formed a Sabbath school in the winery storehouse. Later someone suggested that he be the leader, but he said, "I'm not ready. I have to get rid of this winery first." He soon sold out his share and was baptised. He and the only other baptized member there now have five hundred people coming to Sabbath services weekly, eighty of them ready for baptism. Three of the leaders are former drunkards. They sent a representative to Elder Davis, pleading for someone to baptize them and to hold meetings for the newly interested ones.

Laymen Busy

Humanly speaking, it is the laymen here who are largely responsible for our tremendous increases. During winter vacation eighteen Seoul young people organized into four preaching bands and one medical band and went to four villages that were without pastors. In ten days they taught 343 Vacation Bible School students, enrolled 143 Voice of Prophecy students, gave 179 medical treatments, and took 117 names for Bible studies. The mission followed up with evangelistic meetings attended by 300. Soon a church will be built for the converts.

Your Help is Needed

Perhaps you can see why we feel it is thrilling to be working in Korea. We are sure there is no where else in the world right now where so many thrilling stories are being made every day. We missionaries are having such a hard time keeping up with this rapid progress that we know the credit belongs only to God. We ask your prayers that we may be able to meet the challenge of this large harvest. Here our members are very poor. Our only fear now is that we will be unable to finance churches and pastors fast enough to keep up with the needs of these newly interested and newly baptized people who could slip

out so easily if not properly cared for. Everyone of the twenty-three or more churches in Seoul is badly overcrowded, some to within three or four times their seating capacity; and in some other places there is an average of one pastor to twenty churches. This is why Korea needs your help and why we ask your prayers.

Madeline Steele Johnston
GO Magazine.

TIRING PAIR RENEW STRENGTH

Having completed two months of work exemplifying conscientious and relentless efforts with approximately one month of door-to-door canvassing remaining are two young men from the West Indies spending the summer months here in Oklahoma City selling Christian and health-welfare literature. "We are exhausted," said Ishmael Miller and Clifford Ferguson, ministerial students at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., and participants in a world-wide scholarship programme which will earn them another year of study at Oakwood if they attain a \$2,000 goal in book and subscription sales.

Over halfway Mark

According to the two Oakwood students, visits to Oklahoma City homes have pushed them somewhere over 50 per cent toward their \$2,000 sales goal. With only a month of visits left in the area, residents are urged to welcome them in order to take advantage of the literature presented, which includes a wide variety of colourful, Biblical books for children, religious readings for adults, a useful Modern Medical Counselor for the home, and current event magazines.

Both Miller and Ferguson have previously benefited under the scholarship project sponsored by the Review and Herald Association of Washington, D.C. among the top ten students at Oakwood. Prior to coming to the United States last January they attended the West Indies (Junior) College in Mandeville, Jamaica, West Indies. Working together there in literature sales, both earned passage to the States and tuition at Oakwood after selling \$3,000 in books and subscriptions during an 8-week period.

Will Study Medicine

The two scholarship participants are juniors at the Huntsville school where they are majoring in religion and biology. Having thus far moved along in a similar orbit, future plans of both include branching out into the medical field following completion of undergraduate work at Oakwood. They will attain senior classification in January of the ensuing school year.

Supervising the youthful students in their book sales is Altamont Francis, assistant field secretary and '59 graduate of Oakwood. Describing the students as "devout Christian young men," Francis said that the project for them has been a "foot-bicycle-public transit" one as they worked toward audiences in all Eastside homes.

Two Work in Tulsa

Besides supervising the work of the two students in Oklahoma City, Francis thus far this summer has divided his time between Miller and Ferguson and two other Oakwood students engaging in the programme in the Tulsa area.

Making their bid for scholarship funds in the Tulsa area are Oster Paul of Trinidad and Everett Howell of Barbados, W.I. Paul has been in the States about ten months while Howell has been here over a year.

BIRTH

To Elder & Mrs. V. O. Brown was born on July 7, a baby girl whom they named Melody Dawn. She was born at Andrew's Memorial Hospital and weighed 8 lbs. 2 ounces.

OBITUARIES

SAMUEL JACKSON, born in the year 1905, and died of cerebral thrombosis at Andrew's Memorial Hospital, July 1, 1960. In his younger days he began work in the Sevens Sugar Estate as a headman, then became book-keeper, and afterwards overseer in the estate. He afterwards set up his own independent cultivating. He was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church about 1930, and was very active in laymen's evangelism, and did a great deal in building up the membership of the Birds Hill church. Two years ago, 1958, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in his district. He was greatly beloved by those who knew him, and leaves to mourn, his wife, and eight children, (six boys and two girls), three of whom are married.

THOMAS MALCOLM was a faithful member of the Salt Spring church for twenty-two years. He accepted the message in the year 1938 and was very faithful up to the time of his death. He served at one time as deacon. Born in the year 1877, he was eighty-three years old when he passed away on July 3. He lived a very humble consistent life, and we look forward to the first resurrection when Jesus shall bring him forth from the grave.

MRS. FLORENCE RAMKINSON was born on the 30th June 1921; she was married on the 4th of June 1939. She accepted Present Truth and was baptised December 13, 1942 by Elder Frank Fletcher and died almost suddenly on the 10th of May, 1960.

She was a faithful mother in Israel. She leaves to mourn, her husband, the local Elder of the Clermont church, St. Mary; ten children, mother, father, three brothers and four sisters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

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