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Both Brother and Sister Connolly were born in the Cayman Islands. For some years he did active work as a layman in the Presbyterian Church. He accepted the third angel's messages in 1917 and went to Canada where he finished the Twelfth Grade in Oshawa Missionary College. Upon graduating, while Elder Andross was President of the Inter-American Division he was called to do ministerial work in Spanish Honduras and Guatemala where he served two terms. He returned to Canada and the United States because of his children's education. In 1959 he returned to his native Caymans where the Union invited him to fill the position of Superintendent of the Cayman Islands Mission.

Development in Africa

Newspapers are today filled with headlines of events in Africa, especially recently in the Congo. What is happening in this large continent is fraught with meaning and has a definite bearing upon the signs of the times and of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Northern Africa has been fairly well known to Europe for Millenniums, especially those countries that border the Mediterranean Sea. But up until one hundred years ago, the interior of Africa was a mystery to the rest of the world. It is only since 1850 that explorers began to find out what the country was like "inside." It is worth noting that this work of exploration was begun by Christian missionaries, among whom the name of David Livingstone stands foremost. As these early explorers penetrated the interior, they found the slave traffic still

being carried on, engineered by rifle bearing Arabs who carted their captives off to the north east. This Arab traffic was gradually driven from the continent, but it was not until the year 1900 that the interior of the continent was properly explored and mapped.

Hopes of exploiting the internal resources of the continent led the nations of Europe to "cut it up," and within a few years from 1900, it was definitely agreed upon which countries should hold which portions. However but a few decades have passed, and Britain led the way in granting independence in 1956 to Sudan, and in 1957 to what is now Ghana. The British trained natives to occupy civil service positions so that when autonomous powers were granted, the transition came about smoothly. The trend towards independence soon became a

matter of agitation and demand. During the last three years, eleven French territories were granted independence, and the United Nations granted independence to their territories in the Cameroons, Togoland and Somalia. The turn over in the Congo did not go so smoothly, and there has been rioting and bloodshed and civil warfare. We hope that this turmoil has been brought under control and that there will be no more violence in this part of Africa.

The Russians attempted to get a foothold among these new principalities. The principles of Communism were agitated, and there is in Moscow today a special school for Africans attended by at least one thousand natives of Africa who are being trained to bring Africa into the Soviet orbit. Krushchev sent a message to the recent Congress of Independent African Countries, held at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, in which he wrote,—"We look forward to the time now approaching when the whole of the great continent of Africa will be free . . . The people of the African countries can be sure they have in the U.S.S.R. the most loyal and most disinterested friend and ally in their righteous struggle for the freedom of the African continent from the blight of imperialism." But Krushchev's plan to make a tour of Africa has met a rebuff from the new powers that be in the Congo, who have blamed the Russians for all the civil strife they have had to face, and have retaliated by expelling all Russians from the Congo.

Most of the new African nations appreciate the work of the United Nations and have requested membership, so that while in the year 1945, there were only four African nations represented in the U.N., there are today from eighteen to twenty new African states represented.

The scriptures are quite meager in prophetic references to Africa. The eleventh chapter of Daniel reveals that in the last days, the age old rivalry between the king of the north and the king of the south, that is, between Turkey in the North and Egypt in the South, would involve the land of Palestine and a military campaign involving the land of Israel would end in the second coming of Christ. Some have thought that the African peo-

ple would line up on the side of Egypt, but current events do not seem to point that way, as the proposed confederation of African states are quite opposed to Egypt with its communist affiliations. This agrees with the prophecy in Daniel 11:43, which seems to indicate that Ethiopia would favour Turkey rather than Egypt.

The prophet Joel speaks of the awakening of the heathen, stating, "Let the heathen be wakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, for there will I sit to judge the heathen round about." Joel 3:12. Associated with this awakening of the heathen is the agitation to prepare for war, (verse 9.) It is this awakening of the heathen, not only in Africa, but in all the world that constitutes the greatest sign to be deduced from a study of events in Africa. As we see this awakening in Africa, and also in other parts of the world, we know that we are living in the last days, and that it forms another sign that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

The psalmist states that "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God," Psa. 68:31, and the prophet Isaiah tells us, (Isaiah 18:6) that in the day that God's wrath shall be poured out upon the nations of earth, "In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts, the mount of Zion." (Isa. 18:7). This verse 7 must be compared to verse 2, which applies it specifically to the land that lies beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, which is Central Africa. It seems therefore that in spite of the sufferings these people have undergone in fighting the wild jungle, and the wild beasts of that continent, and their setbacks due to contact with the modern world, there will be a goodly sized group who have appreciated what Christian missionaries have done for them, and will espouse the cause of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and bring forth fruit for His eternal kingdom.

A. Fossey

"Lord as I knock upon this door, help me to smile,

I hope to be their visitor a little while.

May I take in such friendliness, such warmth and cheer,

That my brief stay will serve to bless those living here.

Teach me to say the words I ought when once inside,

I cannot know what help is sought unless Thou guide.

May I make this, Thy truth, so clear they will believe,

And have the angels linger near when I shall leave."

Decillia S. Derry.

Voice of Prophecy Bible School

The Radio Bible School of the West Indies Union is filling a worthy place in soul winning. The experience received from the homes are many and varied. A woman 90 years old, was enrolled by a sister from the Grove Town Church. She finished the course of forty lessons and received her certificate. At that age, she reads without her glasses also threads her needle. Mrs. Ella Biggs is so happy with her diploma, she is now enrolling her neighbors. Here are letters from two of her enrollees.

1. "I must need inform you that an elderly neighbor who has given me every good word toward a Christian pathway, has so generously entreated me to take this course which she has been so successful in. I freely accept it, and with God's guiding and infinite mercy, I am hoping that success will come my way too."

2. "I have received a card with thanks. I am 16 years of age and will be glad to receive lessons at any time to learn about the Scriptures more and more by Divine teachings of Jesus. Mrs. Ella Biggs is my grandmother, but I am living at Alligator Pond."

If someone at such an age, not a member of our church is so active, surely our own members should arise and do greater service for others by enrolling them in the Radio Bible School.

Elder E. W. Pederson writes: "At our last Autumn Council we adopted as a goal for 1960 twenty enrollments a member. Enrollments must continually come rolling in if our Bible Schools are to remain healthy and strong and be an active agency in our soul winning programme. We invite you all to join us in this active agency in our soul winning programme. We invite you all to join us in this mighty crusade for our Bible Correspondence Schools this year. May God bless you."

church and then and there made my decision. When my father heard, he beat me terribly and ordered me to do many things on the Sabbath. I did not obey but I was determined to be true. Today my father, mother, a brother and sister have joined me and are faithful members of the church."

Regent Street, Hunts Town, Coleyville, Port Antonio, Fairy Hill, Hagley Park and Greenwich Town churches have launched out in "Operation Seek" for this year. Over 550 persons have been enrolled under this plan and are studying the forty lessons of the Faith Bible Course sponsored by the Voice of Prophecy.

"Operation Seek" is a plan which provides that each member of the church seeks and enrolls just one student who lives not far away. The member returns the signed enrollment card to the Radio Secretary of the church who with his helpers prepare an envelope with lessons one and two to give to the same member who enrolled that particular student. The member acts as the postman to deliver the lessons to the student, and at the time of delivery makes an appointment with the student to call back for the answers to the test questions. When the member returns for the test sheets, he leaves lessons three and four with the student and continues the same procedure until the student completes the course.

There are two great advantages to this plan. The student always has in his possession lessons to study, and this plan also allows the church to keep in contact with the student so that at the proper time the student can be invited to the church. Many persons have become interested in the truth through this plan and it is expected that many will take their stand with the remnant.

Here is our 1959 report of Radio Correspondence Schools which contains numerous items of information that will be of great interest to you:

News From Our West Indies Union Field

The Juniors in the V.O.P. are not only progressing in number and interest, but are certainly responding to the truth and are very fervent in getting others as students. We would like to refer to only two of the many experiences that have come in to us.

1. "I am fourteen years of age. Through the V.O.P. course I am now living a Christian life, trying to do all that I have learned. I am also attending church and planning to be baptised. I have told many of my friends about the Junior Course, and what it has done for me. Four of them are interested in taking the course."

2. "When I began taking the Junior Course, my parents threatened me, but I continued without their knowledge. I felt the need of giving myself to the Lord and accepting His truth. I visited the

| | World Report | West Indies |
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| Applications | 1,209,130 | 10,610 |
| Enrollments | 368,077 | 8,347 |
| Active students at end of year | 338,665 | 4,441 |
| Graduates | 134,058 | 3,294 |
| Test Papers corrected | 5,494,692 | 159,338 |
| Interest | 74,609 | 6,423 |
| Interests followed up | 37,644 | 1,761 |
| Students baptized | 7,985 | 371 |

If every member will co-operate by enrolling at least twenty, according to the Autumn Council goal adopted, we are confident that the report for 1960 will show a greater gain.

W. S. Nation

Radio Bible School Director

East Jamaica Conference News Notes

1. East Jamaica Conference wishes to pass on congratulations to Pastor K. O. Boyd and the members of the Cavaliers Church for the very successful Stone-laying Ceremony which convened on Sunday, August 28, at 3:00 p.m. May God continue to richly bless you as you grow toward His Kingdom is our prayer.

2. The lay Activities Congress was held at the Kencot S.D.A. church August 1-7 1960. Attending were upwards of fifty laymen with representatives of the General Conference, Inter-American Division west Indies Union and East Jamaica Conference.

3. Junior and Senior Camps were conducted at Camp Don, Robin's Bay, August 17 — September 1. Many were the joys of Camp. Our youth have returned to their respective churches to do their part in "changing Jamaica for Christ."

4. The Publishing Department of the East Jamaica Conference anxiously anticipates the return of the West Indies College Student-colporteurs to the ripening fields of East Jamaica for Colporteur Evangelism.

5. To the Student colporteurs of Kingsway High School go our hearty and sincere congratulations for outstanding work this summer as they held the fort for Christ. East Jamaica is proud of you. God bless you.

L. Herbert Fletcher.

I. Gayle S.D.A. Church School:

Two students from the Gayle Church School have won scholarships to the St. Mary High School. Congratulations to Brother and sister Brown!

II. Notices in advance for Stone-laying and Church Dedication Ceremonies:

1. Morant Bay schoolroom Stone-laying, October 9, 1960.
2. Cornwall Barracks Stone-laying Ceremony, November 6, at 3:00 p.m.
3. Labyrinth Church Dedication Ceremony, November 13.
4. Belle View Stone-laying Ceremony, November 20, 1960.
5. Hampton Court Stone-laying Ceremony, December 4, 1960.

— L. Herbert Fletcher.

Cavaliers Stonelaying Service

"It was in 1944 that God by His Spirit moved upon the heart of a woman, Mrs. Wilhemina Harvey of Freeman District through a dream to accept present truths as preached by Seventh-day Adventists. She eventually got baptised at Golden Hill where there was a Sabbath school. From then she caught the vision of holding her own Sabbath and Sunday schools and started out with three members. From this small

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beginning the membership grew to six. A little help was given her by the Everton Park Church until Sis. Harvey moved over to the Cavaliers district to live. It was then that Brother Nelson who is now the church Elder joined her in the work, built a booth on her premises and started meetings in 1945. In 1946 six members were baptised. This number grew until in 1948 the Cavaliers Church was organized with twenty-four baptised members." Thus read Brother Charles Cluff from the history of the Cavaliers Church at its Stone-laying Service held August 28, 1960.

For some time since 1948 the brethren have been struggling with obtaining a suitable church spot on which to build until Mr. Constance Josephs, a business man and friend of Adventists, gave us a beautiful spot quite centrally located in the district. The few brethren wasted no time in digging down the approximately nine feet of hill into a comfortable level—indeed faith can remove mountains. Today a very substantial and representable building is under construction with walls and roof already built.

Present at the stone-laying Ceremony were Pastors B. A. Woodburn, a former pastor who read the Scripture reading and prayed, E. H. Schneider, East Jamaica Conference President who gave the sermon. The closing remarks and benediction were given by Pastor J. G. Bennett to whom credit must be given for the laying of such a solid foundation. The service was under the chairmanship of the present pastor, Keith O. Boyd, who praised the work of the church officers and members who were instrumental in realizing the amount of £173 0 0 collected at this very inspiring service. With a membership of sixty-seven members the Cavaliers Church is determined to accomplish great things for God.

K. O. Boyd, Pastor.

How to Subscribe To The "Review And Herald."

The Review & Herald is the official church paper of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and is published in English at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Last year, the Review & Herald Publishing Association arranged for a new low rate on the church paper especially for oversea territories. In consideration of this new price, we feel that many more of our churches should receive this paper. The plan is to mail the papers in clubs of not less than ten to each club. If a local church cannot arrange among its members for a club of ten, the plan may be worked out by joining in with a club to the Conference office. A club may contain more than ten papers if there are more subscribers who wish to have it. The charge will be only 7c per copy, that is, sixpence per copy and there are 52 weeks in the year. Total cost, £1 0 6 per year.

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West Jamaica News Notes

A few months ago the West Jamaica Conference started laying plans for a large baptism to be performed at the public beach in Falmouth. Our last big baptism was held about eight years ago in Montego Bay from which we had a great harvest of souls and so the plans for September 25 were heartily received throughout the field. On the day appointed all roads led to Falmouth. There were scores of buses, trucks and cars bringing approximately 3,000 people to witness the large baptism. The local police force was requested to help us on that day and they gave us their full co-operation in maintaining order and directing traffic.

If all Heaven rejoices when one sinner has been rescued from the miry clay, surely, this joy must have been multiplied as 205 souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Elder A. R. Haig, formerly of the West Indies Union and currently of the North Eastern Conference, U.S.A., gave a very inspiring message before the fifteen ministers took their places in the water. Everyone was greatly inspired as the candidates moved forward in groups of fifteen, and were buried and rose again "to walk in newness of life."

It might be interesting to state that after the first set of candidates were baptised and everyone was ready to leave for home, several more buses and trucks arrived bringing candidates for baptism and so Elder Haig had to preach a second sermon and the ministers had to return to the water to continue the baptism.

Eight tents were pitched along the beach to provide accommodations for the candidates and through proper organization by Elder H. S. Walters, President of the Conference, the entire ceremony was conducted with a minimum amount of confusion.

Surely the Spirit of the Lord is working mightily upon the hearts of men and preparing a people to live in the mansions Jesus has gone to prepare. Let us continue to pray for the work in WEST JAMAICA.

—H. L. Douce.

Local churches or church members wishing to enter into this "club" plan should get in touch with the Conference office, who will list the clubs, or orders and notify the Union, giving the addressess where the clubs of papers shall be mailed to each week. Then the Union orders directly from the Review and Herald Publishing Association. We sincerely hope that as many of our church members as possible will enter into this plan, because the weekly reading of the Review and Herald will build up strong workers for the cause, making us intelligent with regard to the activities of the church, and providing us with much material that can be used in making up good pastoral sermons.

Evangelistic Campaign in Grand Bahama

It has been the plan of the Bahamas Mission to begin work in many of the unentered islands of the colony. During the year-end committee meeting of 1959 a request was made by the Mission for the writer to conduct an effort on the Island of Grand Bahama, an island that is situated very near to the North American mainland. There is perhaps more trade with Palm Beach, Florida than with Nassau the capital of the Bahamas. This island is rather prosperous with the busy Free Port, with its fuel station, the Grand Bahama Club, a modern American-operated hotel and the thriving crayfish industry. With great prosperity there is a tendency to have indifference to religion as an accompanying danger.

On Sunday evening September 4, the writer began a series of evangelistic meetings at West End, the capital of Grand Bahama. There was a tent provided by the Bahamas Mission that was quite able to accommodate 200 or more persons. He was assisted by Brother Leslie McMillan a recent ministerial graduate of West Indies College and Brother M. V. Smith as Bible Instructor. The Commissioner of the Island was invited to attend the first meeting and he extended a warm civic welcome to the Evangelistic team. He urged the people of West End to give their full support to the effort. He mentioned that Adventists are a progressive people preaching as well as bringing the health message to the world. The attendance was far from encouraging but before the close of the first week the hurricane Donna forced us to lower the tent and for three nights we were unable to have any service. The following Sunday there was an apparent change in the weather and so we had our chairs placed in the open air in front of the house in which we were staying, and we were surprised to see a larger attendance than we had ever had in the tent. By Monday we were ready for another start but by the middle of the second week hurricane Florence brought torrential showers. In one section of Grand Bahama there was water at least three feet deep. Because of the large quantity of water that had settled around the tent we were forced to look for another place for our evangelistic meetings. Out of evil came good because we found a society hall where we were able to get electric light free of cost and there were sufficient benches in the hall to accommodate more persons than we were having in attendance at the tent. From the second Sunday night there was a wonderful change in the evangelistic fervour. Practically every night the hall was filled to capacity. When the Sabbath truth was presented more than thirty responded to keep God's commandments including the keeping of the seventh day Sabbath of the Bible. Tithing was also presented publicly under the caption of "How to pay the preacher without using any of your own money." Practically every person in the hall accepted a tithe envelope and before the close of that week they had all brought in substantial amounts of tithe. The Spirit of the Lord began

to work on the hearts of many individuals and a number requested baptism. We carefully screened those who had shown definite signs of conversion and had a thorough knowledge of the distinctive truths.

On Sunday morning, October 9, the first five candidates were baptized at West End, Grand Bahama. Among them was an old lady 72 years of age who had begun keeping the Sabbath three years previously as a result of reading the book *The Hope of the Race*. There was a gentleman who had attended a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder Stockhausen in Nassau in 1940. The writer was also associated in that effort. There was a sister who had taken the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence lessons who was also among the candidates and two other individuals who had shown their true conversion and walking in the light. Brethren McMillan and Smith are following up the interest with evangelistic meetings twice each week and Bible Class twice each week. On Sabbath October 8, there were about 37 persons present in Sabbath School including children. Truly, we can say with the prophet "For who hath despised the day of small things." We give thanks to God for the wonderful success that has attended this evangelistic effort and for the more than thirty who have indicated their desire to join the Advent family. We pray that the Lord will richly bless the work there as plans are made for the establishment of a strong church organization.

—M. G. Nembhard.

Bahamas Mission Summer Training Camp

Bamivoca No. 9 — A Camper's Report.

It was with very eager anticipation that we, the youth of the Bahamas, looked forward to our Summer Training Camp. The previous eight camps have proved to be a real spiritual blessing, and this one was no exception.

On Sunday, August 21, our campers and officers pitched camp on Baxter's Estate at the South Western end of New Providence. The Seventy-Seven campers filled the air with songs and laughter as they prepared their cabins and settled down for a week of recreation as well as a week of spiritual blessing and Christian fellowship.

There were a number of non-adventist youth who attended camp. As a result of our prayer bands and morning devotional sessions, many of them learned to commune with God in prayer. They enjoyed the Christian association, and some even made their decisions to follow Christ. All of the campers have been blessed and inspired on to greater heights as a result of our camp councils which were held every morning at 9:45. We

would like to give special thanks to Elder Herman A. Mills, Union M.V. Secretary who lectured the campers at each council meeting. To him we owe a debt of gratitude for finding time to invest in the youth of the Bahamas. We greatly appreciate his labours, and I am sure that his words have fallen on good ground.

For our lovely plastic and straw-and-felt crafts, we are very grateful to Mrs. R. M. Mote and other camp officers.

How fitting and satisfying it is after a day of activities to gather around the camp fire, overlooking the sea, and surrounded by the pine trees. We enjoyed the stories brought to us every night by Pastor R. M. Mote, President of the Bahamas Mission. He showed us the skins of many African animals. The hairs of our heads stood up straight as he spoke of the crocodiles, the lions, and other very fierce animals of Africa.

On Sunday afternoon, August 28, we reluctantly broke camp. After a week of fellowship, under the leadership of our Camp Director, Pastor William W. Nairn, and his associates, we were able to receive a special blessing as we were drawn closer, through nature, to nature's God.

On Sabbath, September 3, all of the campers and other Missionary Volunteers met at one of the New Providence churches in a joint fashion. Reports of camp, as well as reports from the Youth Congress in Atlantic City, New Jersey, were given. This meeting inspired young people, who never wanted to attend camp, to be present next year.

It is our sincere hope that one day, we the campers of the Bahamas Mission, with the campers in other parts of the West Indies and those around the world, will pitch our tents in the new earth, never to break camp.

—W. W. Nairn
MV Secretary.

Cayman Island: North Side Effort

Elder Connolly has been holding an evangelistic effort at North Side, which has been taking most of his time. On the first night, possibly for curiosity sake, there were about sixty in attendance including children. The attendance since has dropped somewhat, but every night there is a goodly number of children, and so it is hoped that the interest in the meetings which the children have manifested may yet influence their parents to come out. So Elder Connolly and those with him are of good courage and carrying on. To tell the truth, if an evangelist can hold the interest of children, then that really shows preaching ability. Much of the work in the beginning of Protestantism in Switzerland began with an interest among the children.

West Bay Church School

The members of the West Bay Church have been active for some months now raising funds for their new church school construction, an extension to the back of the church. They are still working on the plans and after having two plans for consideration have now had a third plan drawn up, this work is being done by Brother Crawford. A water cistern is planned right under the building so that the children may have enough water for their needs. The members are quite united in the plan to finish the church school at all costs. They will receive a substantial assistance from the Union and we look forward to seeing a church school there that will glorify the name of God and give our children a proper all round spiritual education.

John Brown's Baby

Once upon a time there was a young couple named Mr. & Mrs. Brown, and they had such a beautiful baby boy whom they loved very much. But this little baby grew up very rapidly, and when he was six years of age, the happy father and mother decided to stage a birthday party for their little boy. To celebrate the occasion, they went into the city and purchased a very nice suit of clothes for their beloved Johnnie. But alas, when they brought the suit home and got little Johnnie dressed up, the little fellow was not at all pleased. He fretted and frowned and stomped around and then ran outside. It had been raining and not far from their home was a muddy puddle. Johnnie came to this puddle and there took off his nice new suit and threw it into the mud and jumped on it, almost ruining the pretty coat and trousers.

Father and mother Brown were not at all pleased, as you can imagine, and wondered just how to punish their little six year old for what he had done, and whether or not a tough branch from a nearby bush might form a suitable switch that might bring Johnnie into a state of proper behaviour.

Are not a large number of people in the world something like little Johnnie? Our kind and loving Creator, who as we have been shown was none other than our Saviour, Jesus Christ, (John 1:1-3 & Heb. 1:1-2,) in His great love for us decided that a Sabbath of rest for worship and praise would be the greatest blessing He could give His people. He gave it to Adam while Adam was in a state of sinlessness, and the Sabbath day is one of the ordinances that together with the marriage ceremony comes to us from Eden. Both of these ordinances are embodied in the ten commandments, one as the fourth commandment, and the other in the fifth and seventh.

Yet it is strange that a large number of people in the world do not want this great blessing that Jesus has bestowed upon us. And even although Jesus himself stated that He, "The Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath," (Mark 2:28,) yet these little Johnnies fret and pout and as it were take the Lord's holy Sabbath and throw it into a mud puddle and stamp on it.

These people who have such a dislike for God's great blessings try to make out that God has abolished the Sabbath day, and when it is shown that the Sabbath command is embodied in the ten commandments, they go a step farther and try to show that God has entirely abolished all of the ten commandments. This is really going too far, and is contrary not only to the Scriptures, but also to all our sense of moral conduct. The Scriptures state that the ten commandments are holy, just and good, (Rom. 7:12,) and also state in many places that they are eternal in their nature, as for instance in Psa. 111:7-8 which states, "The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness." The Scriptures also state that we should labour to enter into the Sabbath rest, "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief, (margin disobedience.)" Heb. 4:11. By the words, "that rest" the apostle Paul is referring us back to verse 9, which reads, in the King James version, "There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God." The margin gives the phrase, "keeping of a Sabbath" as applied to the word "rest." The word, "rest" occurs several times in the context of this scripture, and while all but one refer back to the old Hebrew word for "rest" which means a "home," yet in this one instance in Vs. 9, it gives the Greek word, "Sabbaton," which plainly applies to the Sabbath day. The Syriac version of the Scripture reads as follows, "It is the duty therefore of the people of God to keep the Sabbath day." Heb. 4:9. The apostle Paul, like many of the Old Testament prophets engages in a play on words and to emphasize his meaning, states plainly in verse 4, of the seventh day Sabbath, — "God did rest the seventh day from all His works." We therefore should not only strive, (or labour) to enter into the kingdom of God but also endeavour to obey God rather than disobey Him as did the Israelites in the wilderness, and perished in their stupid unbelief.

In whatever way one may look at these verses, we as God's people keep the Sabbath day, not as a "duty," nor as a means to get into heaven. Our only motive in keeping the Sabbath day holy is because we love it. We love the Sabbath day not merely because it allows us a respite from weekly toil, but because it gives us an opportunity once a week to meet with those of like precious faith, to sing praises to God, to study the Scriptures and to learn more of our precious Saviour. If it were not for the fourth commandment and the observance of the Sabbath-day, the knowledge of God and of His son Jesus Christ, would die out, and the world become barren

in the knowledge of our Saviour, and His death for the sins of the world.

Why many people want to get rid of the Sabbath commandment is somewhat of a mystery, and may be explained by the verse mentioned in Rom. 8:7, that "the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be." May we try to show to the many little Johnnies that the Sabbath command is a great blessing, and that it is wrong to throw it into a mud puddle and stamp on it.

A. Fossey

High School Drinks:- And Tobacco.

From fifty to ninety percent of high school students in the United States drink at least occasionally, according to surveys of four thousand students by social scientists of Hofstra College, New York, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Kansas. We can be thankful that if a survey were taken of Seventh-day Adventist High Schools, liquor would be very hard to find.

Since prohibition in the United States was repealed, consumption of alcoholic beverages, reduced to absolute alcohol has increased 67%. The estimated number of alcoholics has doubled in the same period. One out of every three alcoholics is a woman. An alcoholic is a person who has lost the power to resist the appeal of a drink, and has become enslaved to the habit of continual drunkenness.

Youth today are looked upon with envious eyes, not only by the liquor interests, but also by the tobacco combines. Youth are potential customers, and for this reason, the most subtle and appealing advertising is directed to them, to pressure them into habits of smoking and drinking, whereby they might attain to the "distinction" of becoming potential drunkards.

Youth need to be warned and educated for temperance. In this field nothing is stronger and more persuasive than truth. The distinction of holding one's physical body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, to be used of God as an instrument in His service so far outstrips the "distinction" of being able to fill a room with tobacco smoke, as to offer no similar comparison in opposites.

Enough cigarettes were produced in the year 1959 to make a carpet seven feet wide and one cigarette thick, from the earth to the moon, so reports the Agriculture Department of the United States. The world output was one trillion nine hundred seventy one billion or more cigarettes an increase of 4½% over 1957. At the same time lung cancer is continually on the increase, more than 29,000 persons having died of lung cancer in the year 1956 according to latest surveys made on this subject.

College News

Growth is indicative of life. West Indies College is kept alive by the steady growth of its enrolment especially within the past three years. In 1958 the total enrolment for the secondary school was 260 which climbed to 298 in 1959. The college enrolment has also increased over the same period. In 1958 it was 115 and soared to 143 in 1959. This year because of crowded classroom conditions we have been somewhat forced to avoid an increased enrolment which now stands at 310 for the secondary and 130 for the college, making the total enrolment for the secondary and college 440. This group contains representatives from the Americas, Canada, the several islands of the West Indies, in addition to representatives from the fourteen parishes of Jamaica. The list below gives a genuine picture of the cosmopolitan function of this co-educational centre.

Parishes of Jamaica, Countries, Islands

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| St. Ann | 21 |
| Clarendon | 32 |
| St. Andrew | 3 |
| hanover | 15 |
| Kingston | 43 |
| Trelawny | 6 |
| St. Thomas | 8 |
| St. James | 23 |
| St. Mary | 20 |
| Portland | 11 |
| St. Elizabeth | 49 |
| S. Catherine | 19 |
| Westmoreland | 23 |
| Manchester | 107 |
| Total | 380 |

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| British Honduras | 5 |
| Antigua | 1 |
| Spain | 1 |
| Aruba | 2 |
| Banamas | 14 |
| Bermuda | 8 |
| Cayman Islands | 2 |
| Venezuela | 5 |
| Canada | 1 |
| Curacao | 1 |
| Costa Rica | 4 |
| Cuba | 3 |
| United States | 2 |
| Dominican Republic | 1 |
| Grenada | 1 |
| St. Eustacius | 2 |
| Santa Domingo | 1 |
| St. Martin | 2 |
| Trinidad | 1 |
| Turks Island | 1 |
| Barbados | 1 |
| Haiti | 1 |
| Total | 60 |

Situated in the centre of Jamaica, West Indies College stands a city of refuge for the youth of the West Indies and Inter-America. Here they obtain the preparation necessary for the strenuous conflict of these modern days. As the Advent youth sense the treasure within their reach we at West Indies College must make room for them. Already the list of applicants for 1960-1961 academic

year is long and still lengthening. We hope we will be able to accommodate every one. We need the constant prayers and support of parents, guardians and friends so that this light on the "hill" may continue to shine and throw its beams far beyond the visible shores.

—L. G. Marr, Registrar
West Indies College

News, Notes and Names

Pastor David McCalla of Barbados has been elected president of the West Indies College student association for 1960-1961. Mrs. Shenna Hall of Manchester will be the vice-president. Miss Doreen Knoden of St. Elizabeth is the new secretary of the student association and Mr. Robert Samms of Kingston is the treasurer. Miss Laura Fleetwood of Portland has been elected editor of the new student periodical that will be published during the 1960-1961 academic year. Pastor McCalla is a college senior in the ministerial curriculum. Mrs. Hall, Miss Knoden, and Miss Fleetwood are teacher training students. Mr. Samms is completing his secondary studies; after obtaining his Secondary School Certificate he will enter the ministerial curriculum.

The West Indies College MV Leader for the first term, 1960-1961, is Mr. Logan O. Bowen, a theology senior from Westmoreland. Associated with him in the administration of the large MV Society at the college are Mr. Allan Peace, a ministerial student from Costa Rica; Miss Pamela Harris from Kingston; and Mr. Hubert Smith, a ministerial student from St. Elizabeth. Professor Joe Fletcher serves as sponsor of both the student association and the MV Society at West Indies College.

Graduation exercises were held at West Indies College on September 15-18, 1960. At the secondary school graduation service Pastor L. Herbert Fletcher was the speaker. At the college consecration service, Pastor Herman Douce addressed the seniors. Professor Oscar Harriott spoke at the baccalaureate service on Sabbath, September 17. At the final college graduation service on Sunday the speaker was Principal G. H. Owen of Mico College. Thirty-one college two-year graduates received their diplomas from Dr. Leif Kr. Tobiassen, the president of the College, and Miss Laurel G. Marr, the Registrar. Professor Walter O. Comm was the sponsor of the senior class.

The West Indies College Yearbook — Palm Leaves

Traditional in many Adventist educational institutions are the student yearbooks — those pictorial records of a school year which, in later years, become so meaningful to the alumni and others as they watch from year to year the changes which take place in their Alma

Mater. The purpose served by these books is threefold: the book brings friends of the college into a closer acquaintance with the school and its ideals; it provides that memento of school days which serves to bind together members of the school family long after they have been scattered to the ends of the earth; and finally it provides the students who serve on the editorial staffs with useful training in a specialized type of journalism.

Hoping that our many friends will welcome the appearance of the 1960 issue of the West Indies College yearbook, the editorial staff hereby announces that the book is now available. In honour of the beautiful, stately royal palms on our campus so symbolic of this rich tropical island where West Indies College is situated, the yearbook has been named PALM LEAVES.

As you peruse the thirty-eight pages of pictures and commentary in this year's annual, you will become acquainted with the faculty and staff members and students in the many departments which make up West Indies College. Our college is growing — by the means of *Palm Leaves '60* we would like to have you follow our progress.

You may secure your copy for ten shillings by writing to Mr. Carlos Campos, Staff Business Manager, West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, W. I.

—Dorothy M. Comm,
Faculty Editorial Sponsor

Primary Teacher Training In West Indies College

By W. W. Liske Professor of Education,
West Indies College

On September 18 graduating exercises were held at the West Indies College. Fifteen young ladies, approximately half the number of graduates, successfully completed the Primary Teacher Training course. Some of these will be returning on October 24 for a seven-week period at the close of which they will be writing the (governmental) Jamaica Teacher Training Board examinations. Some will be going directly into schools to relieve the teacher shortage now existing in our Adventist church schools. Others will be leaving for further training in our colleges abroad.

These graduates have completed satisfactorily subjects in the fields of Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, English, Methods of teaching, Mathematics, Health, Public Speaking, Psychology, Principles of Education, West Indies History, Biology, Art and Crafts, Music, and Physical Training. During these two years in college practical experience in teaching has been gained in S.D.A. church schools, government all-age schools, and private preparatory schools.

Training in leadership for these young ladies has been obtained in the clubs and student organizations operating on the West Indies College campus:

the Philmelodic club, the United Student Movement with its many working committees, the MV Society with its special leadership courses, its bands and other units, the Sabbath school with its several departments and branch Sabbath schools, prayer bands, and various church offices.

The need for Adventist trained and capable teachers is great in Jamaica. God is calling young women and young men whom He has given talents to dedicate and train these talents for the work of educating boys and girls to be candidates for the Kingdom of Heaven and future leaders of God's people on earth.

Women Workers Needed in Adventist Offices

West Indies College Capable of Placing Them There.

West Indies College offers courses that meet the needs of office training for secretaries with emphasis on correct methods for the development of skill in typing, shorthand, and the writing of business letters. Training in these courses begins after the student satisfactorily completes high school work.

With the help of modern textbooks, the student learns the most modern techniques and concepts of office work. Carefully selected problem material aids in the development of individual thinking, and the student becomes familiar with situations similar to those obtained in the average business office as he receives practical training from part-time employment in our college offices.

We realize that more important than the acquirement of mechanical skills is the need for the development of proper attitudes and a healthy outlook on life. We endeavour to fill this need by providing secretaries who are prepared for professional work as well as for satisfactory adjustments to the home and community life of which they will become a part.

It has been a tradition with West Indies College to produce secretaries who are among the very best, a tradition which we hope to maintain. It seems, however, that the number of secretarial students has decreased and the day has passed when the majority of the girls in a graduating class were secretaries.

We now have a total of eleven girls in the beginning and advanced secretarial classes, and, with a few exceptions, every girl is assisting in one of our offices. We have not been able to find enough secretaries to meet the needs of those who have asked for competent help. It seems that, whereas there are now eleven, the number should be twenty-two.

We need only take a look into our own offices to realize how great is the need for well-trained and reliable individuals to assist in the work which must be done now. Furthermore, a glance at the daily newspaper makes it clear that the secretarial field is wide open, and the opportunities for secretaries to fill important positions are practically unlimited.

Perhaps you have felt that you would not choose to be a secretary all the days of your life. Well, consider the advantage of using this type of training as an aid to achieving your special ambition. The work of a secretary offers outstanding opportunities for advancement.

Quite recently I heard someone say all business would experience a standstill if one day secretaries neglected to report to work. Consider the significance of such a statement. Think of the contribution you may make to the greatest business ever — the Cause of God.

Write to the President of West Indies College, Mandeville, for more detailed information about the course.

— **Urceline Mills, Instructor.**

Of Dreams and Visions

Three years ago it was just a vision, a dream he hardly dared to dream, a dream in the heart of a young medical director of our little medical institution in a far off corner of the Republic of Nicaragua. Dr. Fred B. Moor, Jr. had arrived not many years before at the little Puerto Cabezas hospital fresh from his internship, and had put all his youthful energies into the development of the work. But now he could see that the medical work, because of its limited reach in the little town of Puerto Cabezas, had passed the point of diminishing returns. So, there was born in his breast the Vision, the Dream — the dream of a fine large new medical centre located centrally in the very heart of Nicaragua where it could touch the lives of the maximum number of people, and at the same time bore through all of the social strata in a society that is more than a little class conscious, in a word a modern medical centre and nursing school for an emergently and rapidly developing democracy.

Would you like to come with me today for a short visit to the Vision, the Dream? As we drive north from Managua along the Pan American Highway, our route carries us through a relatively narrow corridor between the two great Central American lakes, and we soon leave behind the steamy tropics to wind our way through the green hills and valleys of a rich farming and cattle country. Two hours out of Managua we come to the base of a mountain where our road turns steeply upward through a narrow gorge. Ten minutes later, having gained nearly a thousand feet of elevation, we emerge in a beautiful little mountain valley which is almost the geographical centre of Nicaragua. And in the centre of this little valley, a mile from the town of La Trinidad, we come to a fine new hospital building located on spacious grounds with a rugged mountain for a backdrop — the Hospital y Clinica Adventista, the dream coming true.

As we park the car in the shade of large trees in the parking lot in front of the hospital, we see that the institution is still under construction. The main

hospital is a single storied modern-design building taking the form of a wide letter "V", with the open top of the "V" facing the highway. Entering the building we find a beautiful waiting room with indirect lighting, wide ceilinged hallways, a modern laboratory and X-ray facilities, an air-conditioned surgery with adjacent obstetrical unit, a strategically located emergency room. As we talk with the staff, now headed by Dr. William Shea in the absence of Dr. Moor who is in California for advanced studies, we learn that the clinic often treats as high as fifty or sixty patients per day, and that there have been months when a major operation has been scheduled daily. The doctor shows us the fine modern patients rooms and explains that while the main building was intended to have a maximum bed capacity of thirty three, due to the fact that it must also double for the present as nurses dormitory, kitchen and dining room, class rooms, etc., under the present circumstances the patient bed capacity is limited to eighteen.

And what impact does all this have on the work in Nicaragua? Listen to the testimony of a few influential civic leaders from surrounding towns, and of happy past-patients, as we have visited them in the recent Ingathering campaign.

The Mayor of La Trinidad: "What do I think of the hospital? Why, our hospital is the very best in the country!"

A high National Bank official, Managua: "My heart sank when I learned Dr. Moor was no longer in Puerto Cabezas. I had planned to have him operate on me. Well, I had to wait a year and a half for the operation in the new hospital. But now it is taken care of; I'm feeling a hundred times better; and I'm glad I waited."

A Superior Court Justice, Matagalpa: "A really modern hospital that we can all be proud of! And the thing that impressed me most was the excellent nursing service. Those girls are real professionals — efficient, but so kind, sympathetic and courteous. You don't find that very often here in Nicaragua. Do you know what the doctor told me? That God is his partner!"

Thank God there are still young men who dream dreams and see visions!

— **Elmer G. Ross, President**
Nicaragua Mission.

Can you help me, Doctor? Can you help? My baby isn't growing. He is now eleven months old and weighs only ten and a half pounds. Can you help him?" I looked at the little bundle of misery. Its legs and arms were only skin over bone. It had never stood, had only two or three teeth, could hardly raise its head, and whined piteously.

"Just another case of malnutrition," I thought, and yet there was something especially appealing about the young Hindu mother.

Yes, we have many East Indian people here. Many years ago the British imported quite large numbers of people from India to work on the sugar plantations. Also there were many brought in from Africa, and the two races have lived

here together. There has been some intermingling between them, the Chinese and Portuguese, and native South American aboriginals, resulting in an extremely mixed population, but this little mother was apparently pure East Indian.

There were tears in her eyes as she pled for help. "O doctor, can he live? Will he die?" She wept piteously. I was happy to assure her that her baby probably would live. Some of the makers of baby foods in the country of North America have been very kind in supplying us with a large number of samples which we can give away. One of these was given to this preoccupied mother.

We were happy to see in her hand a copy of a tract that we provide in the rack in the waiting room. With many a "thank you," she left the clinic.

In the waiting room we provide truth-filled literature of many kinds which is freely taken by our patients. I saw one man with quite a handful. Our clinic Bible Worker keeps an eye open for these people and visits them as she can. Just yesterday she told me of new interests and new decisions and requests for baptism. She told me of several with whom she is working who can hardly wait for her visits, and how eagerly they seem to be accepting the message of the soon-coming Saviour.

About a week after the first visit, the little East Indian mother and her baby returned. The baby looked much improved, looked about at its surroundings, and the scales told the happy story of a gain of several ounces of weight. All was happiness now with the brighter outlook for the baby.

It's just the same old story heard from every mission station in this broad world of disease, pain, suffering and death. The same mute cry from hearts who know not "Our Father," and have no knowledge of a Saviour. British Guiana is no exception to the rule. Its people are engrossed in the mad rush for gold, striving feverishly for gain, for power, for ease in this life, yet never gaining it. A people who need, oh so badly, a knowledge of God and His word, and yet are totally ignorant of how to satisfy that need.

A young man, dressed in the garb of a Hindu teacher, knocked at our front gate. He was a bright, intelligent, educated appearing man. He said he had been seeking work in our city, but had found none. It was Sabbath morning, and we also had no work, but we brought him into the kitchen, and he ate with very evident relish. Why had he had no food since Friday noon? His story was interesting.

He had come from his home in the country of Georgetown to seek employment. While walking the streets during the day, he returned to the Hindu temple at nightfall to spend the night. A new idol had just been received from India, and all the Hindus from far and near had come to see and worship. Our young friend was present at the ceremony. But a new and different light had been falling on his pathway for some months past. He had read "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them." So, when

the signal was given for worship, he stood upright. The anger of the worshippers was immediately stirred, and he was expelled from the temple. Up to that time he had been getting one meal a day at the temple but now that was cut off, and as he presented himself at our gates he was hungry.

After breakfast we invited him to go to church with us, and he was all eyes and ears at the service. Because of the presence of our friend, and others similarly not too familiar with Christianity, the study that morning went back to some of the fundamentals of Christian belief. To bring out the point, the question had been asked, "What is the effect of Christianity in the individual life?" Several good answers had been given by our older members, when to my surprise our new friend stood, volunteering an answer. He said, "It puts new life in old bones." His answer seemed to show more knowledge than we had thought he possessed. That Sabbath afternoon he returned to his home in the interior. We contacted the pastor in his district who has been seeking him out for further instruction.

Is the field white, ready for the harvest? Is the Macedonian call audible in our ears? Would that every Seventh-day Adventist could spend one day in a mission clinic, hear the crying babies and children, see the pleading tear-filled eyes of the helpless mothers. Would that they could see the little starved bodies which have grown but slightly since birth, not so much because there is no food, but because mothers and fathers are bound by superstition and ignorance, and do not know how to do with what they have.

This is the work of the limited clinic now operated in British Guiana. We need, yes we must have greater facilities for the care of these people. Please help and plan now for a large Thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering which is destined to come to Inter-America.

Dr. Floyd Bates, Physician
Davis Memorial Clinic and Hospital,
Georgetown, British Guiana.

Statistics:

During the month of September, a total value of literature amounting to £6,904 7 6, was delivered by our colporteurs in the West Indies Union. Of this amount, £3,728 14 6 worth were delivered in the Bahamas.

The Voice of Prophecy office reports that for the nine months ending Sept. 30th, 1960, one hundred eleven thousand, one hundred seventy-nine lessons were received in the office at Mandeville and corrected. During the same nine month period, two thousand five hundred eighty two certificates were mailed out to persons having finished one of the Bible Correspondence courses. During the last three months, one hundred fourteen persons have joined

the church as a result of finishing the Bible Correspondence lessons. Five hundred thirty two others are requesting baptism.

OBITUARY

MRS. EVELYN MAUD JOHNSON WILLIAMS was born in Coleville, Manchester, in 1898. After leaving school she went to U. S. A. and got married there. In 1929 she returned to the Island and shortly after she was baptized as a member of the Newell church. In 1955 she was transferred to the Regent Street church in Kingston. She was a loyal sister and served as a Sabbath School teacher there. In her latter years she became ill and January 5, 1960 she passed away. We hope to see her soon.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastors A. G. Lawrence, A. D. Laing, J. N. Williams and Bro. A. A. Anderson.

MRS. FLORENCE MAUD POWER MYRIE was born in Manchester 1895, removed to Kingston 1907 and was married in 1943. She became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1956, and passed away January 16, 1960. The Regent Street church mourns her death. We hope it won't be long when we will see this sister again.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor A. G. Lawrence and Brother A. A. Anderson.

WILFRED SYLVESTER WATSON was born at Camberwell in February, 1897, and died at the Andrews Memorial Hospital on August 9, 1960.

In 1920 he married Remmie Gould who predeceased him in December 1953. February 22, 1959 he took Catherine Walker as his wife, who now remains a widow. In 1935 he accepted the Advent belief and was baptized by Elder G. A. E. Smith. He was appointed leader of the Camberwell church in 1937 and was ordained local elder in 1945. He served the Annotto Bay Church in that capacity from 1949 to the time of his death.

Funeral service was held in the Annotto Bay Church on Sunday, August 14, 1960 by Pastors Schneider, A. D. Laing, L. Herbert Fletcher, and V. O. Brown, pastor in charge of Annotto Bay.

MRS. ADA EDWARDS who was a member of the Bourbon S. D. A. Church, died on the 25th of August, 1960 after an illness of one year. She leaves to mourn five daughters, eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. We look forward to the first resurrection when the Liferiver shall bring her forth from the grave. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. D. J. Walker, the local Church Elder.

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