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Ingathering

Ingathering is the most important topic for this present hour. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that what we do we must do quickly, and brethren, since we see signs fulfilling around us that are portentous of the imminent return of our Lord and Saviour, I pray that each one of us will be up and doing. I pray that there will be no slackers in the constituency of the West Indies Union.

Last week, it was my privilege to work with Elder R. M. Mote of the Bahamas Mission. We were very graciously received by the business-men of Nassau. In two full working days and two half days, Elder Mote and I, by the grace of God, gathered £624. We give God the glory for this wonderful accomplishment. But we want to say that while men gave freely of their means, yet, there were indications of concern because

of the recession in business.

This week, Elder A. D. Laing, Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary of the East Jamaica Conference and I solicited among the business-men in Kingston. In two days the Lord very graciously gave us £352, which we believe was a wonderful accomplishment. Once again the business-men gave freely, yet, they were concerned about business which generally is reflecting the recession that is at the present time attending business all over the United States.

Coupled with the other signs, we as a people know that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. It is therefore expedient that what we do must be done hastily. May I urge each one of our church members to do everything possible to gather in funds that souls may be saved for the Kingdom of God? May God help us to realize the importance of the hour in which we live, that we make the best of every opportunity during this Ingathering Campaign. To this end may God richly bless each one of us.

—E. H. Schneider
H.M. & S.S. Secretary, W.I. Union.

After Thirty-Three Years

In 1929 Sister Ena Henry changed her residence from Bird's Hill in Clarendon to the little district of Boice Content in Saint Catherine. There were no believers in Boice Content and so for about six years she continued her weekly walks to Bird's Hill Church.

About the year 1934, she started a Sabbath school in her home with a membership of eight. In 1938 this little group disappeared. Fourteen years later in 1952, another Sabbath school was born with a membership of twenty. Amidst opposition and prejudice the little group continued to grow although comparatively slow.

After leaving school in June of 1960, I was assigned to District No. 3 in Saint

Catherine. In assessing the greatest need in the said district for a short series of evangelistic meetings, I chose Boice Content as my place of labour.

This little district has at least eight different denominations and many 'balm-ing groves.' It was a great challenge on my part to make such a bold attempt in a partially unentered territory. However, on Sunday night, September 4, 1960 with a strong response from Bellas Gate Church and with a few believers of the community, we made a bold attempt for God.

For seven weeks amidst rain, I made a thirty-four mile round trip for four nights each week. As a result of these meetings, fifteen precious souls were baptised on the morning of December 18, when Pastor L. Herbert Fletcher, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference preached the sermon to a crowd of about two hundred and fifty to three hundred people, one of the most thrilling sights in that community. It is interesting to mention that there were about seven or eight who were not privileged to be in the first baptism, but they are anxiously waiting for the first quarter of 1961 at which time we hope to have another fifteen or more.

After thirty-three years this little district will be greatly blessed to have within her borders a Seventh-day Adventist Church for on January 8, 1961 this company of believers was organized into a church of responsibility. I solicit the prayers of every believer on behalf of Boice Content.

— R. Wilbert Ashmeade

"God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble and believing at His feet."

Rev. & Herald Nov. 1885.



Students receiving certificates.—Port Antonio Result of Operation Seek.

Operation Seek

Operation Seek is the plan whereby every member can participate in active soul winning. This type of evangelism has been arranged for young and old, for all who want to win a soul for Christ, for all who want to hasten His return. It is a systematic plan of delivering the lessons of the Bible Correspondence School courses to the students personally week by week, rather than sending the lessons through the mail. This plan helps to eliminate the problem of lost lessons we have had in the past, and provides a personal contact with the student every week, which should encourage the student to continue his studies until he finishes the course.

GOAL: ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ACTIVE BIBLE STUDENTS IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION IN 1961:

God has placed us here to finish the work. Our objective is more baptisms. With 100,000 people studying the Bible every week throughout the Inter-American Division territory, and with each one of these students receiving a personal visit every week by a consecrated Seventh-day Adventist Missionary Mail Carrier, many decisions will be made for Christ. These result in more baptisms. **SLOGAN: EACH ONE SEEK ONE:**

Every member who participates in this plan will find one student. The plan is limited to one set of lessons for each mail carrier.

MISSIONARY MAIL CARRIERS are the members who will be active in OPERATION SEEK. After indicating their willingness to work, the mail carriers will receive an assignment of territory. There they will visit the homes until they find their student—pray that God will lead you to the right student—and deliver the first lesson to him. At the time of this delivery the student will be advised that the mail carrier will return the following week, arrange for a convenient time, to receive the answer sheet and deliver lesson number two. So the plan continues throughout the entire course.

Thus the student will be contacted every week by the missionary mail carrier until the whole series has been studied and finished. Questions about the topics studied may arise. The mail carrier can answer them, being careful not to deal with the topics which have not yet been studied. It is advisable to discuss only subjects relating to the lesson under consideration. In the event that the mail carrier does not know the answer to a certain question he can refer it to the church radio secretary, elder or pastor. It is not the plan that the mail carrier commence giving Bible Studies right at the beginning of the series of lessons. He acts as the mail carrier.

CHURCH RADIO SECRETARY is the officer elected by the church to lead this activity. Together with the missionary committee of the church he organizes the territory and assigns a district to each mail carrier. He keeps an accurate record of each district, and who is responsible for it.

First it will be the church radio secretary's responsibility to announce and explain the plan to the church, so that the members may become acquainted with it and volunteer to be missionary mail carriers. Further, it is his duty to promote this activity frequently, at convenient times, so that the entire program will be carried out efficiently and smoothly. He will keep in close touch with the conference or mission radio secretary and the Bible School. It is his responsibility to receive all the answer sheets from the mail carriers and send them in one package—every week—to the Bible School. He also receives the lessons from the Bible School and distributes them to the mail carriers.

The Bible School will always grade the papers and record the grades. At the close of the course a diploma will be issued, and the mail carrier can deliver it to the student. It may be that the mail carrier will desire the additional help of the radio secretary or pastor to make this visit to the student.

WEEKLY MEETINGS under the direction of the church radio secretary, will be held for the mail carriers. These ought to be short, and provide time for each mail carrier to become acquainted with the new lessons. It is also a good time for the group to pray together, pray especially for those who are having difficulties, or who may be in the valley of decision. Problems relating to the work may be discussed and counsel taken as to the best methods of procedure. This is also a convenient time for the radio secretary to share any special information with the mail carriers or give them instructions.

FOLLOW-UP: This will be taken care of by the weekly, personal visit of the mail carriers. But when a number of students have advanced sufficiently in their study, it may be possible to organize a special series of meetings by the pastor, district leader, or an evangelist. We want to invite these interested ones to the church. We must win them to Christ. **EXPENSES:** Cost of shipping the lessons to the Bible School is usually paid for by the church missionary funds. The lessons are supplied by the Bible School, as far as funds are available. It is hoped that the churches will be able to help with some additional support to carry out this plan so that it may be tried all over the field. Sometimes the members who will serve as mail carriers will be willing and able, yes even anxious to pay for the set of lessons that they will be distributing, even as many do for tracts and magazines. The church, itself, may wish to invest some funds so that more sets of lessons may be available for the missionary mail carriers. **OPERATION SEEK** merits our active support.

EACH ONE SEEK ONE!
W. S. Nation

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the present address of Mr. Kisland Robinson, kindly notify Ivy Peterkin, Church Clerk, Roehampton P. A.

'Til The Morning

Mrs. K. Bignall who was connected to the Manchioneal church for some fifteen years and with the Publishing Department for eleven years passed away on the 30th of October, 1960. She was a faithful credentialed colporteur. We have the confidence that she sleeps in Jesus.

The Publishing Department of the East Jamaica Conference paid special tribute in tombing her on the 1st. of February, 1961, because of the outstanding work she did in distributing our truth-filled literature and raising up companies. We hope to meet her in the hereafter.

— L. HERBERT FLETCHER

Sister Gwendolyn Maxwell was born July 1916 at Geddes Mountain in the parish of St. Mary. She was privileged to have the Advent Message come to her district, and from a small company, a church was organized. Sister Maxwell was baptised by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen in the 1940's and was a faithful member until the day of her death, January 25, 1961. Brother S. Z. Dixon conducted the funeral service at the family cemetery on February 29.

Pastors A. C. Stockhausen and V. T. Boyce, president and treasurer respectively of the West Indies Union, left on Thursday, January 26, to attend the annual Audit Committee meeting of the Bahamas Mission. They returned on Thursday, January 31.

Pastor E. H. Schneider, H. M. & S. S. Secretary of the West Indies Union, left on Sunday, January 22, for Nassau to assist in the Ingathering solicitations in that field. He returned on Sunday, February 5.

Pastor M. G. Nembhard, Secretary of the West Indies Union, left on Thursday, January 26, for Georgetown, Grand Cayman, to conduct public meetings and assist in the Ingathering solicitations.

Pastor C. S. Greene arrived from Miami on Thursday, February 2. He has just completed his work at Andrews University where he obtained his Master's degree.

Pastor and Mrs. F. A. Mote arrived in Jamaica on Wednesday, February 15. He will speak at a number of our churches in East and West Jamaica Conferences before leaving for Nassau.

Pastor V. W. Schoen arrived in Jamaica on Monday, February 27. He has planned to remain here until March 2, when he will continue his itinerary to the islands of Haiti.

Pastors A. C. Stockhausen and V. T. Boyce, left on Thursday, February 23 for Greentown, Grand Cayman to attend the annual Audit Committee of the Cayman Islands Mission. They were accompanied by Brother C. H. Hepburn. They returned on Monday, February 27.

The encouraging news came to us from the Bahamas Mission concerning the official opening of their Welfare Centre. Pastor Mote, the president, has mentioned that the Welfare work has brought wonderful success to the Ingathering solicitations there. He mentioned that one individual who was accustomed to giving £15, increased his offering to £50, and another from £30 to £60. He concluded by saying, "To date we have collected £852 from the businessmen on Bay Street."

Bible Evangelism

Nineteen hundred and sixty-one promises to be an outstanding year in the activities of our lay brethren throughout the Inter-American Division. We have pledged to give nine million Bible studies during the twelve months of 1961. The East Jamaica Conference has pledged one million, West Jamaica Conference the like amount, Bahamas one hundred thousand and Cayman Islands Mission twenty thousand Bible studies. Every single member of our church should give at least two Bible studies each week. To me, that is an insignificant amount of work to do for the Lord. Most of our lay preachers do more than that most of the time. How-

ever, for those who have not worked for the Lord, this is a golden opportunity to win souls for Him.

During the past years we have noticed that only 50% of our people report the work they have done. If the other 50% would report we would have greater statistics to present to the peoples of the world as well as to our Seventh-day Adventist membership. I am wondering if it is not possible, brethren, to be more faithful in reporting. I surely pray that each one of you will report the work you have done. May I, as the Union Home Missionary Secretary lay a burden on your hearts, to report all the Bible work that you do during this year? It will help me, and every other Seventh-day Adventist to finish the work.

Elder Schoen, who directs the Lay Preachers activities in the Inter-American Division is especially anxious that each one of you send in your report during this first quarter to show up our report. He has written to me asking that I convey to you his best wishes with the hope that at least 75% to 80% of our constituency will be reporting for this first quarter. I am therefore, sending you his greetings with his desire that each one of you be faithful in reporting.

Once again, may I express my profound appreciation for the good work that has been done. I ask each one of you to pray for the Lay Preachers activities every day, remembering that we are praying for you. To this end may God use you and me in every endeavour that may be put forth in 1961 for the finishing of His work.

—E. H. Schneider

Instructional Reorganization Enables West Indies College Better To Serve The Youth

The secondary school of West Indies College is under the daily administration of Professor Joe E. Fletcher, B.Sc., M.Ed., who serves as the headmaster. Twenty-one instructors teach in the four forms.

The post-secondary college is organized into several instructional departments: the department of music, Glenn H. Wheeler, B.Sc., chairman; the department of education, W. W. Liske, B.Th., (Grad.) Dipl. in Ed., chairman; the department of business administration, Edna C. Parchment, Dipl. in Bus. Adm., acting chairman; the department of social sciences (history, geography, political science, sociology), Julius Korgan, B.A., M.A. B.D., Ph.D., chairman; department of biblical languages, Kenneth G. Vaz, B.A., M.A., chairman; department of secretarial science, Urceline Mills, B.A., acting chairman; department of English, Laurel G. Marr, B.A., chairman. At present, eighteen professors and instructors teach in the college section.

—Leif Kr. Tobiassen

Worker changes and Additions:

January 1961 has seen changes and additions in our worker force in East Jamaica. Brother Samuel Campbell has accepted an appointment to the district of East St. Mary where he will work along with Elder J. N. Williams. Already Brother Campbell has been endearing himself to the hearts of the brethren there and has plans for dynamic evangelism in 1961. He was previously on the Kingsway High School staff for about three years.

Then we have a number of additions to our teacher force:

1. To the North Street Primary School have been added Miss Deloris Gayle and Mrs. Doris Williams.
2. To the Buff Bay Primary School has gone Brother Joslyn Clarke. We take time here to express our deep appreciation to Sister Martha Carby for holding that school together through a very difficult period of its history.
3. To the Clermont S.D.A. Primary School are Miss Bridget Gregory, headmistress, and Miss Jean Lamb, assistant.

Evangelism

From all around the Conference comes news of Pentecostal showers. From on 'top of the world' at Hagley Gap, Elder A. H. Hunter reports of a Bible Class meeting weekly of fifty precious souls.

From Derry in West St. Mary, Elder C. A. Newman says, "God is blessing and a rich harvest of souls is ripening."

Then neither rain nor mud stops Elder C. H. Parchment and Miss Webley.

Across the Conference in St. Catherine all three district pastors report of outstanding attendance and an earnest reaching for the Word of God on the part of the people. Says Elder Ashmeade, "Fifty people have taken their stand to walk with the people of God."

Talk with Elder H. E. Nembhard and you will hear him say, "I have never seen a more wonderful spirit in any Evangelistic Campaign I've held."

Dear Readers of the "Visitor", each time you pray, remember our evangelists in East Jamaica and around the Union.

Leader's Council

Wednesday, February 15, was a special day in the East Jamaica Conference as church leaders and representatives from 95% of our churches assembled for a day of fellowship, plans and prayer.

After an early morning registration, the group assembled in the Kencot Church, our headquarters for that day, where we listened to a most timely message from our beloved Union President. He based his thoughts on II Timothy 3:1, "in the last days perilous times shall come." Ministers and church officers were moved to renewed consecration for the task of enlarging the Kingdom of God on the earth.

From this point on the various de-

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partments of the Conference led out in promotional activities, thus setting the stage and challenge for the field in 1961.

In the afternoon session one of our General Conference Field Secretaries, Elder F. A. Mote, called in to see us at work. He also preached an inspiring sermon.

The following were the main items of the agenda:

1. The Finishing Ingredient
2. Leadership Role
3. Pastor Role
4. Publishing Splashes
5. Educational Vistas
6. Home Missionary Movements

Looking back now over the day, one feels that it was well spent and filled with many blessings. In East Jamaica we feel with the servant of the Lord, "The Lord desires His chosen servants to learn how to unite together in harmonious effort." White, E. G., *Evangelism*, p. 99.

Home-Coming at Guy's Hill

Sabbath, February 18, 1961, was a day long to be remembered in the lives of our believers of Guy's Hill, Springfield and Hampstead churches as they all came together for a joint home-coming at the Guy's Hill Church.

The programme was aimed at the shut-ins of the area and the members of the churches, who for some time have become lax in their church responsibilities. The results were gratifying and so we sing "To God Be The Glory."

For the day's activities Elder C. H. Parchment, the district pastor, had the able services of Elder A. C. Stockhausen, our Union president. In the morning hours there was Sabbath School - home-coming in flavour, the Home Missionary Ten Minutes Service, and the Divine Hour Service. During the Ten Minutes Service, Elder Parchment interviewed a backslider who said that since returning to the fold he has won nine precious souls in 1960 and sold 1,500 truth-filled literature during the 1960 Big Week Campaign. Elder Stockhausen gave the message at the Divine hour service. In the afternoon at a baptismal service, seventeen precious Missionary Volunteers were buried with their Lord and rose to walk in newness of life.

Brother Donald Hall of the Hagley Park Church addressed the Missionary Volunteer meeting and then all the group partook of the Lord's supper.

Truly this Home-coming was a foretaste of Heaven. Upwards of thirty souls renewed their stand to walk with the people of God. These seek an interest in the prayers of our readers.

Our prayer is that God will continue to do great things for souls in that needy area and in our work in the world. May we be used for the enlarging of His kingdom upon the earth.

L. Herbert Fletcher

Boice Content Church Organization

Sunday January 8, 1961 was a 'Red-letter Day' for Boice Content and one of great rejoicing in the East Jamaica Conference as one more church was organized and voted into the sisterhood of churches.

After years of faithful witness and missionary work done by the Bellas Gate church, Elder Roy Ashmeade in the last quarter of 1960 held a series of meetings. God richly blessed his efforts and many souls followed their Lord through the water of baptism.

The little company of Boice Content with renewed energies and added worker force set about meeting the requirements for full churchhood.

Present at this special service were the Boice Content group, 46 in number; brethren from Bellas Gate and Blue Hole; Elder E. H. Schneider of the West Indies Union, the officers and departmental secretaries of East Jamaica Conference, a section of the office staff, Elder B. A. Woodburn, and Elder Roy Ashmeade, the pastor.

After an inspiring service at which twelve individuals took their stand to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the organization effected, the new church met for the ordinances of the Lord's house.

We invite our readers to pray for God's continued rich blessings on this church.

—L. Herbert Fletcher

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The MV's along with the older members of the George's Plain church took part in a grand crusade held at Three Miles River from July 6 to August 27, 1960. Night after night the crowd increased until there was a Sunday school of twenty children and sixteen others in the Voice of Prophecy class. At the close of these meetings I began to visit from house to house. As a result six people have taken their stand for the truth and will be baptised in the next baptism.

Because of the zeal manifested by the George's Plain young people those of Little London caught the spirit and they launched a Voice of Youth Crusade in their church. On the very first night of the meetings, October 9, there was a gathering of at least 200 people. The people came night after night in large numbers. On the Friday night I made an appeal and everyone left his seat and came to the altar. Four of these young people prayed and asked God to strengthen their faith.

After the meeting, a young man, who is a member of the Presbyterian church, said to me "Brother Kelly, I want you to come to my room and pray with me because I am convinced that this is the truth and I want to accept Christ tonight." I went to his room and after studying a while we knelt in prayer. The

spirit of God moved upon his heart and he also wants to be baptised. Because I have to travel twenty-three miles every day to and from the place of meeting, the people asked me to stay in the vicinity for at least one month, and some have asked that I stay for the rest of the year. Surely there is a great famine for the Word of God and it is very intense in Little London. I am asking that you pray for me as I speak each night that souls may be born for the Kingdom of God.

— E. D. Kelly
George's Plain P.O.



Merlin Baborahm of Port Antonio Church has proved to be the star in a number of Ingathering Campaigns. At the age of two she collected 11/3, at the age of three she collected 14/3, at the age of four she collected £4 0 0. In 1960 she collected £7 0 0.

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