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We take this opportunity of saying goodbye to our esteemed Medical Director for the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Dr. G. H. A. McLaren. We wish Dr. & Mrs. McLaren God's speed and a safe arrival in Australia.

Andrews Memorial Hospital

We wish to share with our many readers of the "Visitor" a brief report of the activities of the Andrews Memorial Hospital. Because many of us may not have had cause to be hospitalized we may lose sight of the tremendous good that is being accomplished by this Institution.

You will agree that our Ingathering has been greatly benefitted. Much goodwill and prestige has been brought to the work. Wherever we go many individuals are singing the praises of this institution, where we have been blessed physically as well as spiritually. Let us continue to pray for this "right arm" of the Message.

The following is a report that was given at our Union Session in December.

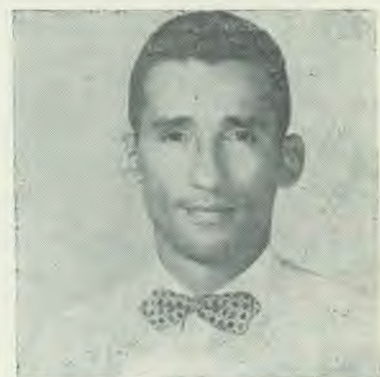
Medical Department

Andrews Memorial Hospital is one of a chain of medical institutions around the world established for the purpose of winning souls for the Kingdom through the agency of alleviating physical suffering and pointing men and women to the Great Physician. I read from *Desire of Ages*, p. 242—"There are today thousands suffering from physical disease, who, like the paralytic are longing for the message, 'Thy sins are forgiven'. The burden of sin, with its unrest and unsatisfied desires, is the foundation of their maladies. They can find no relief until they come to the Healer of the soul. The peace which He alone can give would impart vigour to the mind and health to the body."

To this end is dedicated our entire staff comprising two doctors, 31 nurses, 6 nursing students, 2 technicians, 10 administrative personnel and 20 domestic workers, making a total of 71 persons.

Our training school, which now trains practical nurses, is recognized as one of the best in the Island. Plans are now being laid to have these practical nurses licensed by the government. We look forward to the day when we shall again be able to offer the registered training.

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Succeeding Dr. McLaren as Medical Director is Dr. B. G. Arellano, who has already won the respect and confidence of the public and the Seventh-day Adventist constituency.

SUCCESSFUL CRUSADE HELD AT NORTH STREET by H. E. Nembhard

"This was a grand Jubilee!" These are the words that a member used to describe the baptismal service held at the historic North Street Temple, Kingston, Jamaica, on Sunday, April 9, 1961.

Seventy-five candidates were immersed before an audience of approximately two thousand people. The audience listened with rapt attention to a moving sermon preached by Elder A. C. Stockhausen, president of the West Indies Union.

This big event marked the climax of a major evangelistic crusade which was started by the writer three months before. In the midst of the crusade, the city transportation service was paralyzed due

to a bus strike. However, the strike failed to affect the interest that was already built up in these meetings. In fact, the interest grew stronger in spite of the strike which lasted almost a week. Several interested persons walked as much as ten to fifteen miles to attend the services during the strike.

The impact of this crusade on the city was great indeed. People from every walk of life attended including a barrister at law, several prominent businessmen, teachers and many high school students. It is interesting to note that among the candidates we had one contractor and builder, one mechanic attached to a large firm in the city, one Sister and Supervisor in a large Government hospital, many responsible housewives and a large number of fine young people who will, no doubt, become future leaders for God.

The Spirit of God was manifested in a remarkable manner throughout the meetings. To date eighty-five candidates have been baptized from this crusade, and another baptism will convene within a few weeks.

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I wish to pay high tribute to Sister Waldrow, our regular Bible Instructor and Sister B. Rose who came to our assistance for a few weeks to help gather in the great harvest. They worked untiringly and faithfully. We thank God for their dedicated services.

This is a great day for the preaching of the Advent Message. God is preparing the way for a great and spectacular harvest in all parts of the world. I am thankful for the hundreds of prayers which ascended to God on behalf of our effort. I solicit the continued prayers of our readers around the field. How true are the words of the Psalmist: "He that goeth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

West Indies Union—News Flashes

It was recently voted to publish the Union "Visitor" as a bi-monthly paper as from June, 1961.

On Monday, April 24, Pastor V. T. Boyce left Jamaica for the Bahamas to audit the books of the Bahamas Mission. He returned on Tuesday, May 2.

Professor Glen Wheeler and family left Jamaica on May 23 for the United States of America on study leave. We wish them every success.

Pastors A. C. Stockhausen, president of the West Indies Union, and H. S. Walters left on Monday, May 22, for Miami. They have gone to counsel with the Inter-American Division officers on vital matters pertaining to our Union field.

The Bahamas Mission has invited Pastor H. E. Nembhard, pastor of the North Street Temple, to conduct a series of Evangelistic meetings on the Island of Abaco. He will be leaving the first week in July.

The West Indies Union has shown a very good gain in baptisms for the first quarter of 1961 compared to the same period of the previous year. For the first quarter of last year our Union baptized 565 souls and for the same period of this year, 935, a gain of 370.

The Bahamas Mission Session will convene June, 7-11 in Nassau. Pastors A. C. Stockhausen and M. G. Nembhard will attend from the West Indies Union.

Dr. G. H. A. McLaren has accepted a call to Australia, his homeland, to be Medical Director of our Sanitarium located in Victoria, Australia.

Visiting Jamaica from May 21-28 were Drs. Richard Hammill and Walton Brown of the General Conference Education Department and the Inter-American Division respectively. They made a survey and inspection of Kingsway High School, Harrison Memorial High School and West Indies College. While they were here they met with West Indies College Board and Faculty, when they made recommendations and observations that should prove to improve the scholastic standing of this Institution. They left on Sunday, May 28, for Nassau where they will inspect the Bahamas Junior Academy.

Recently Bro. C. J. Thomas of the Kingsway High School accepted a call to connect with the staff of West Indies College. He is at present an instructor in the Science Department.

The M. V. Youth Congress promises to be a highlight in the activities of our Union field. Delegates will be attending from Bahamas, Cayman Islands and the two Jamaica Conferences.

REMEMBER THE DATE!—June 29-July 2.

Investment

Did you know that the Sabbath School Investment goal for the world field is ONE MILLION DOLLARS?

This is what some of our leaders have to say on the matter:

"ONE MILLION DOLLARS for our world-wide work through the Sabbath School Investment during 1961 is well worth striving for. That goal can easily be achieved if every member in the world field does his faithful part. We earnestly invite every member in our churches of Inter-America to join the world membership in participating in this all-out effort for the realization of this worthy project.

**R. R. Fighur, President
General Conference of S. D. A.**

"How daring of the Sabbath School! Imagine ONE MILLION DOLLARS in one Sabbath School Investment Offering! That's a huge sum of money. You and I hardly can imagine how much that really is. More wonderful still is the thought that it is dedicated to our Master's wonderful Advent cause. We can raise that much and more if every Seventh-day Adventist will, through Sabbath School Investment, make a pledge to earn at least one dollar for God. Be an investor for God through the Sabbath School Investment plan!"

**A. H. Roth, President
Inter-American Division**

We are confident that Inter-America will again respond to the call of the hour. Did you know that if every member of the church in the Inter-American Division would raise the equivalent of one dollar,

we would see more than 140,000 dollars brought in for Investment? Join the rest of us, participate in Investment, and see what God can do for us as He pours out His blessings.

**Fernon Fetzter, Secretary Sabbath School
Department Inter-American Division.**

Missionary Volunteers On The March

During the period under review we can truly say that we caught a clearer vision of God's great plan for the finishing of His work. The month of April opened up with active participation in Missionary work by the Senior Bands. It was decided that every fortnight a Senior Band should visit at the Kingston Infirmary and help to bring cheer to those unfortunate inmates. So far, three Bands have gone and have brought back good news of the wonderful experiences they had. Indeed how beautiful are the feet of those that spread good tidings.

A programme of Missionary experiences taken from a cross-section of the society proved a good tonic and booster. It is well said that a good report maketh the bones fat. Thank God for faithful Missionary Volunteers.

We recall with joy the Sacred Recital staged at the Temple by the combined MV Choirs. This programme not only inspired those who listened, but above all was an act of praise to the Omnipotent One.

We could not forget too the visit of Elder Maxson to North Street on the occasion of the Youth Rally. The gathering of the youth together on such occasions means more than words can portray.

Our Crusade for Christ climaxed with a beautiful Baptismal service when 75 precious souls went down into the watery grave. A considerable number of these candidates were of the MV age group and these were subsequently officially enrolled and accepted into the membership of our Society.

The first Corporate Area convention held at the Temple will long be remembered. To the Missionary Volunteers it meant not only strong appeals for active service but complete dedication. The Spirit really impressed our hearts to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

The MV Society combined with the Publishing Secretary of the Conference promoted a programme to show the importance of Education and moreso Christian Education. At the evening service Elder Hurst awarded five copies of the book **Great Controversy** to five Missionary Volunteers for answering the questions asked in connection with the lecture by Professor Harriott. We are very grateful for this fine award.

On the 30th April, the Society under the guidance of the Holy Spirit launched the Bible Survey Programme at Port Royal. This field is one that can be des-

cribed as being "White and ready to harvest", and there lies our challenge. The results so far were very encouraging and the Lord is blessing our feeble efforts. The oldest Bible found was 90 years old; 82 persons were enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course; over £54 was collected as Tithe; Bible reading and prayer was conducted in some homes and on the whole the interest has been very high. By the Grace of God we hope to make this the base for our Operation Fireside.

God indeed is leading His Church to certain victory. Our only duty is to yield to the Spirit's power. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the Sons of God. We solicit your prayers on our behalf for continued spiritual success.

—S. A. Smith, Leader

MV. Society, North Street Temple

West Jamaica News Notes

It was heart-warming to witness the wonderful spirit manifested at the series of Conventions held each Sunday from April 9 to May 7. It was the general feeling that this was the greatest series of Conventions ever held in West Jamaica.

Two teams of officers were organized by the Conference and each team conducted two Conventions on the same day by crossing over during the lunch recess. On every occasion when the altar call was made by the devotional speaker, scores of people came forward, some giving their hearts to God for the first time. Altogether, there were approximately two hundred people indicating their acceptance of Christ for the first time. If this was the only accomplishment of our Conventions, we feel that it was well worth it, but beyond that, we saw that nearly every person who attended was fired with great zeal and determination to labour more earnestly for the salvation of souls in the finishing of the work.

Special mention should be made of the Westmoreland Convention in Sav-la-mar, where Elder R. Henry and Pastor C. Holness demonstrated keen organization in the execution of the entire Convention programme. The victorious churches in the Ingathering Campaign came forward and received their banners from their Pastors as a token of appreciation. The Publishing hour was high-lighted by those present who had read themselves into the message, and among them was Elder A. C. Stockhausen, President of the West Indies Union. Also earning special mention are Elders Robert Williams Basil Henry and Pastor A. Gordon of the St. Ann Districts. Elder Williams, with the full co-operation of his district extended the Brown's Town church to about three times its former capacity in order to accommodate approximately seven hundred members and friends attending the Convention. This was a historic occasion for Adventism in Brown's Town, as it was the first time that the impact

of a Convention set the town in wonder and amazement.

Surely this is an age of great things and God is expecting great things of His people because we are preparing for our "Space flight" in the very near future. "Major Yuri Alexeyevitch Gagarin went into space and circled the world for one and one-half hours and then returned to Russian soil, but when the saints of God shall take their space flight, according to 1 Thes. 4:16, 17, they shall spend one thousand years in glory and then return to the earth made new to possess it for evermore. Let every Seventh-day Adventist be prepared for that wonderful trip," said the MV Secretary during his Departmental promotion at Convention.

—H. L. Douce

The Congress spirit is going like a prairie fire throughout West Jamaica. The writer along with Elder Mills of the Union and Elder Maxson of the Division, conducted the first Bible Quiz Elimination Contest on April 22, and it was indeed inspiring to hear the young people answer a number of questions based on the New Testament. Brother Neville Allen who represented the Montego Bay church was the final winner. The spirit was no less keen in the Sav-la-mar Contest where eight young people competed. The representative from the Lucea church emerged as the victor in this keen contest.

In Mandeville the number grew larger, and eighteen young people from four districts entered the contest. Four of these, one from each district, became district champions. All these happy young people are now eagerly looking forward to Congress. Further contests will take place in May Pen, Brown's Town and Falmouth.

Another item of interest was the Oratorical Contest which took place at Montego Bay and West Indies College. Two persons were selected from the Montego Bay entrants, while at the College the competition was so keen that we had to recall four of the contestants for a repeated performance in an effort to select the two best presentations.

Congress is really the big item on the MV calendar this year. If you have not yet started to plan for Congress, go at it now without delay. You cannot afford to miss this grand occasion. Youth camp will convene August 8-15 at White House in Westmoreland. Please assist us to help our youth to enjoy their Christian experience.

It is indeed a very rare occasion when a minister has the privilege of baptizing a grandparent. This was the happy experience of Pastor D. O. Spence, who baptized his grandmother, age 92, in one of his recent baptisms.

H. L. Douce
MV Secretary

Excused From Sabbath Examinations

Situated in the small British colony of Singapore, the Malayan Union Seminary operates its secondary school on the British spiral system and in harmony with local government regulations. Through its forty-year history this training school has helped to build up a good name for our mission work in this part of the world field. The good influence of the school has aided considerably in our Ingathering campaigns and in other public relationships.

Recently it became necessary to appeal to the newly elected local government for assistance in solving a problem relating to Sabbath examinations.

After progressing through the four years of the secondary school, our students normally sit for the University of Cambridge Overseas School Certificate examination. This certificate is recognized in overseas British colonies and other areas as marking satisfactory completion of the minimum level of secondary education. For this reason it is very important that our secondary students pass the examination. This year however, the examination in English language, the only compulsory subject in the whole examination, was set for a Sabbath. Our appeals to the government Department of Education were without success, and it appeared that our Seventh-day Adventist students might face a trying experience.

When we received the letter from the Department of Education denying our request that our candidates be allowed to write the examination on Saturday night, we laid the letter before the Lord as did Hezekiah, and prayed that He do something for us. We then went to the office of the Chief Minister of Singapore's newly elected government, where we presented our problem to one of the Chief Minister's public-relations officers. He was very kind and sympathetic, and arranged for an interview with the Minister for Education.

Providence Overrules

Mrs. Catherine Buxbaum, one of the secretaries of the Far Eastern Division office, had met the Chief Minister before, and had accompanied us for the purpose of introducing us as occasion might arise. As we were talking with the Minister for Education the Chief Minister passed by the open door, and recognizing Mrs. Buxbaum, smiled broadly. That recognition seemed to turn the tide. The Minister for Education then informed us that he would check into the matter, and the public-relations officer said he would speak to the Chief Minister himself about the problem. The next morning the Department of Education telephoned us that the examination could be given to our candidates on Saturday night.

Before the Sabbath when the examination was to be given, the Deputy Secretary for the Ministry of Education addressed the students assembled at the examination centres to which our Seventh-day Adventist candidates had been assigned. He gave opportunity for any

who would not write the English language examination on Sabbath to go forward and sign a statement that they recognized that they were taking the risk of having their examination papers cancelled by the Cambridge University authorities in England. Twenty Seventh-day Adventist young people bravely went forward and signed the statement.

We are indeed grateful for God's overruling providence in this matter. Through this experience the Sabbath has been brought directly to the attention of a number of men in high office, and to the public through prominent publicity in one of the leading English newspapers in Singapore. Thus a marked victory has been won for the cause of truth.

— Elwood Sherrard, Principal.

Practicing Strict Honesty

By Howard A. Munson

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The unscrupulous person may gain advantage for himself in one of several ways. First, he may capitalize on the ignorance of another. This ignorance may be the result of lack of education, of not having all the facts, or of not knowing the real value of the item he has for sale. The Seventh-day Adventist businessman will not take advantage of this ignorance to advance his own personal or financial ends. He will plainly tell the other person the correct value of his product or services, and will pay him a just price. Heaven is too valuable to him to lose by an unrighteous act toward his neighbour or his brother.

Second, one may reap a personal advantage because of the mental or physical weakness of another. There are times when because of sickness a person may have to make a business deal to his disadvantage. The Seventh-day Adventist businessman will not take advantage of such a situation. At such a time he may even pay a better price than required, for by so doing he is dealing justly and helping one in need. By this demonstration of love he will strengthen his own character and perhaps save a soul.

Third, one may get advantage for himself because of the misfortune of another. For example, a fire brings a family into a very poor bargaining position. Or any accident leaves no choice but to dispose of property or belongings quickly. This is a fruitful field for the unscrupulous man. But it is a field in

which the Seventh-day Adventist businessman will not plow. Instead, he will exhibit the Christian virtues of strict honesty and love for his fellow man. He will observe the golden rule and will be as considerate of others as he would have others be of him. This is meeting the high standard that God demands of the Christian businessman.

Beware of Bribery

In the business world the practice of giving or taking a bribe in order to gain business advantage is widespread. While in the purchasing field I had a salesman who was not getting much business from me. One day when we were alone he said, "I could make it to your advantage if you would give me all your business in this line." Professing interest, I began asking questions. In due time he offered me, personally, 10 per cent in cash of the total value of goods bought from him each month.

I wanted more information and asked, "Will you explain how this works? How do I get my money?"

With a little hesitation he explained that his firm would add 10 per cent to the cost of all the goods I bought, thus charging my employer more than the goods usually cost, and then they would give me a check each month. He assured me this was perfectly in order and quite a common practice! In the next few seconds that salesman found he had one less call to make, and his firm had permanently lost a customer.

The Seventh-day Adventist businessman will beware of bribery in all its insidious forms. Innocent-appearing favors, small seasonal gifts, or a social evening may be used to pervert the judgment or influence the conduct of another. Such practices will have no place in the life of the Christian businessman.

There may be times when a Christian is tempted to enter a business partnership with an unbeliever. What should he do in this situation?

God's word says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14). This text covers a much broader field than simply that of marriage. We might well understand this text to mean, "Be ye not unequally yoked together in a business partnership."

The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary gives some appropriate comment on the above verse. It states that

this is "a warning against any and every kind of association with unbelievers that would place Christians in situations where they find it difficult or impossible to avoid compromising principle."

Another paragraph states, "So great is the difference in ideals and conduct between Christians and non-Christians, believers and unbelievers, that to enter into any binding relationship with them, whether in marriage, in business or otherwise, inevitably confronts the Christian with the alternatives of abandoning principle or enduring difficulties occasioned by differences in belief and conduct. To enter into such a union is to disobey God and to bargain with the devil."

It would not be difficult to find Seventh-day Adventist businessmen who would testify to the harmful effects of partnerships with those of a different faith. In some cases such connections have caused great trouble and loss before they could be dissolved. In other instances, where the partnership continued for some length of time, it has resulted in seriously affecting the spiritual life of the church member and has produced harm to the cause of God.

To be continued

MRS. IGNACE McINTOSH, born on the 2nd of March, 1911, died on the 9th of March, 1960, leaving husband and relatives to mourn their loss. During her lifetime she served the church faithfully as Home Missionary Secretary and Sabbath School Superintendent. After many years of sickness, she fell asleep in Jesus. Funeral service was conducted by Pastor W. U. Campbell.

MRS. LALLETA ADAMS, a faithful member of the Port Antonio S. D. A. Church, died on the first of May, 1960, leaving husband Stanley, ten children and nine grandchildren. She accepted the Advent message in 1934 and always has been a faithful and loving mother in Israel. She fell asleep at the age of 50, awaiting the call of the great Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor W. U. Campbell.

MRS. CARMEN GORDON was born in the year 1915 at Geddes Mountain, St. Mary. She accepted the Message in 1944 and was baptized by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen. Her Christianity was manifested both at home and in her community. She passed away on the 12th of April, 1961, in the Port Maria Hospital. In the presence of a large gathering, Pastor C. H. Parchment presented a heart-stirring and comforting message of the Blessed Hope. She was laid away in the family cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver when He comes.

S. Z. DIXON

The following figures show some yearly totals from various departments:

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960 (10 months)
Admissions	813	924	946	1,152	1,167
Average In-Patients	24.4	23.4	24.3	29.3	32.2
Major Surgeries	105	109	118	142	148
Minor Surgeries	225	242	322	348	308
TOTAL SURGERIES	359	351	440	490	456
Babies Born	94	105	155	176	202
Private Out-Patients	4,228	4,675	3,688	2,988	1,902
Clinic Out-Patients	8,433	6,948	6,986	5,792	4,746
TOTAL OUT-PATIENTS	12,661	11,623	10,674	8,780	6,648
X-Rays	361	600	537	417	303
Lab Procedures	13,756	11,883	11,064	10,064	10,203

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