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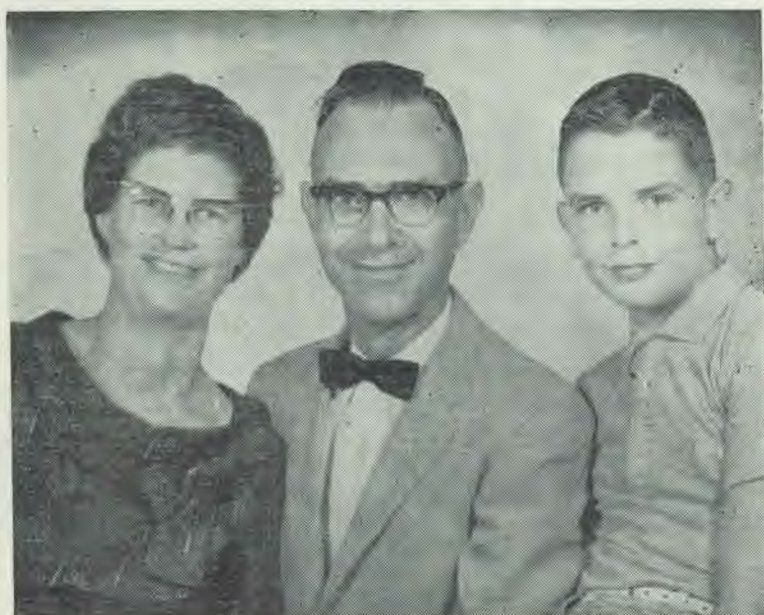
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Elder and Mrs. G. I. Ghantz and son. Newly appointed President of the Cayman Islands Mission.

From Our Union President

Dear Fellow Believers:

Standing, as it were, at the gateway of the years, with 1961 moving out beyond our horizon and 1962 approaching its dawn in a strange and mystic glory, we take a comprehensive look at the marvelous way in which the Lord has led us. We see His signal blessing, His great love and infinite mercy; we feel His presence and greatly rejoice in the sweet and precious partnership into which, by His grace, we have been called.

We think it is appropriate at this time to briefly express our sincere appreciation to each one for the part played in the onward march of the work in this Union field. Through our united efforts, as He

has indicated and directed, great progress has been made, new goals reached and many souls won for the kingdom.

Among the blessings that have been ours, we recount the many Stone Laying Ceremonies and Church Dedications, the increased tithes and book sales and the personal prosperity of the individual members which these figures indicate. Truly, we are grateful for these material blessings. In a very special way we wish to thank God for the results of our soul-winning endeavours in 1961. Up to the end of September 2,416 souls have been baptized as compared with 1,737 for the same period of 1960, an increase of 679. As you

have each one endeavoured by presenting the Message, praying for its success, contributing to its needs and living the life, God has taken note of the labours and sacrifices of love and, having added His approval and blessing, the results are most gratifying.

Now, what about our own individual spiritual relationship with God? Let us not fail to examine ourselves. Have we been faithful in returning to God His own, and have we been as liberal as we could have been with our offerings? Have we maintained that close connection with Him that has paid off in a victorious Christian experience?

The new year opens before us. May we each enter it with a firm hold on the golden thread of faith which links us to Him and a heart fixed in an all-absorbing purpose of doing His pleasure. To some of us it may be the last year of service and even of life. May each day find us clothed completely with the garments of our Saviour's righteousness, so that at whatever time our call should come to lay off mortality we will be ready.

Sincerely wishing you continued material prosperity and abundant spiritual blessings as you travel along the new road of this New Year.

Yours very sincerely,
A. C. Stöckhausen (President)

So trustingly we look ahead—

With vision keen and strong,
To the new year and all it brings—
To hope is never wrong!

We'll build us houses stout and right,
We'll plant us fruitful groves;
We'll sail the seas, our anchors cast
In peaceful little coves;

We'll paint fair pictures, write fine books,
And hew our dreams again—
Those fair young dreams that scattered lie,
And seemed to be in vain.
Yet nothing is in vain, 'tis said,
That stirs the spirit, lifts the head!

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Count Your Blessings

The year end is an appropriate time for retrospect as well as introspect. In the rush and bustle of our modern life we find so little time to sit alone with our thoughts to count our many blessings. It is time also for us to count our blessings as a church. In so doing we are able to recognize our great indebtedness to our Heavenly Father.

The year 1961 has been an extraordinary one in many ways. We have had many hurricanes around us but God has wonderfully preserved our island home. Our sympathy goes out to those of our fellow believers in the Columbian islands and British Honduras who have been deprived of much of their earthly possessions, and we trust that the rehabilitation programme will soon be completed.

During the year a number of attractive church buildings have been completed and dedicated. We think of the Lucea church in Hanover, Asia in South Manchester. Doubtless before the year closes there will be many other buildings completed, and this will mean much to the Seventh-day Adventist work. I should mention that a little church was completed at West End, Grand Bahama where Brother and Sister M. V. Smith are now located. This is one of the newly entered islands of the Bahama group.

Our Centurion Evangelism programme has been a tremendous success. Already there are seven ministers who have qualified to be in the Centurion Band. Our Statistical reports show that we have baptized 679 more souls during the first nine months of this year than for the same period last year. We should register our appreciation to God in enabling the Bahamas Mission to enter two new islands, Abaco and Acklins.

We have enjoyed a rich measure of health among our working staff and there has been no serious accidents among us. God has been very good to His workers who travel by land, by sea and air. This year has seen the organization of a third Conference in Jamaica and before these lines are read, operations will be on the way. With greater privileges we should be conscious of our greater responsibilities to God and to each other. We should pledge ourselves to be more steadfast, loyal and devoted to the principles that have made us what we are as a people. We do not know how much longer we have to proclaim this Message to a lost world, but I wish to invite the ministers and church members to join together in an all out drive to rescue those who are going down into a Christless grave. This is no time for wranglings and dissension among God's people. We must now be fully on the Lord's side.

As we pause to count our blessings, shall we not unitedly pledge to be more faithful to God and to the Advent principles. The servant of the Lord tells us, "The strongest bulwark of vice in our world is not the iniquitous life of the abandoned sinner or the degraded outcast; it is that life which otherwise appears virtuous, honourable, and noble, but in which one sin is fostered, one vice indulged." —Outline Studies, p. 249.

—M G. Nembhard



Pastor H. H. Fletcher
(Centurion Evangelist)

Centurion Evangelism Report

Third Quarter, 1961

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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But wait, is heaven in our plans—

Those plans that rise and soar?
Are selfish ends submerged in Christ—

Does he guide more and more?
These human eyes, bereft of sight,

When fixed on things mundane,
Are they set steadfast on the goal—

Above earth's wrongs and pain?
More love and grace to do God's will,

More walking in the light—
More strength, we crave, to do His work,

More yearning for the right—
More patience and more zeal, that we
Might good in others always see!

Lord, as the new year's doors swing wide,
Lead on, we enter by Thy side—
And as our houses of faith we raise,
Be with us through the coming days!

—Willard Dessain

Your Summum Bonum Gaze

Although the latter years of Jehoshaphat's reign were largely spent in strengthening the national and spiritual defences of Judah, yet when tidings of the invasion of his kingdom by the hosts of Moab and Ammon reached him, he did not depend solely upon his material resources. In confidence he cried unto the Lord . . . "Our eyes are upon thee."

Nineteen Sixty-two (1962) still finds us pilgrims in a weary land. This will be a year of unprecedented challenges and sacrifices. We will be called upon as never before to rise up and build churches to house our growing memberships. We will be summoned to sacrifice more for the education of our boys and girls. The long cherished hopes of West Indies College and Andrews Memorial Hospital for expansion must be realized. Missionary programmes will stimulate us to share our faith more quickly with others. The financial potentialities of the Ingathering Campaign for the expansion of our great overall work will electrify us to action again. The desire to see more workers go into the Vineyard MUST cause us to place God first on our budgets, honouring him with TITHES not TIPS. Mission appeals for needy fields and projects will not go unheeded. The territorial division

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He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

Proverbs 12:11

of Jamaica into three (3) constituencies will undoubtedly fire us with greater expectations of progress.

In our routine work of keeping this Great Movement in operation—and what a fine organization with which we have to do it—let us strive to recapture the genuine initiative spirit found in the old pioneers of this wonderful Message. Let us make sure where our eyes are fixed.

The story is told of a young soldier whose duty it was to wait on the general and his staff; but he performed his tasks with much grumbling. One morning he awoke to find the water jars filled, and the boots, even his own, standing, polished and in orderly rows. The next morning he again found his duties performed. Then he was summoned to the presence of his general . . . To his shame and misery he heard these words:

"You must try your hardest to do your service to men perfectly and joyfully, now and always, not because of the severe order and discipline, but because of joy hidden in every perfect service. Don't forget, every perfect service is a payment in itself, because it hides God in itself." A religious life that is sought for any other purpose than to be placed at the disposal of Christ for His service alone, is a false one.

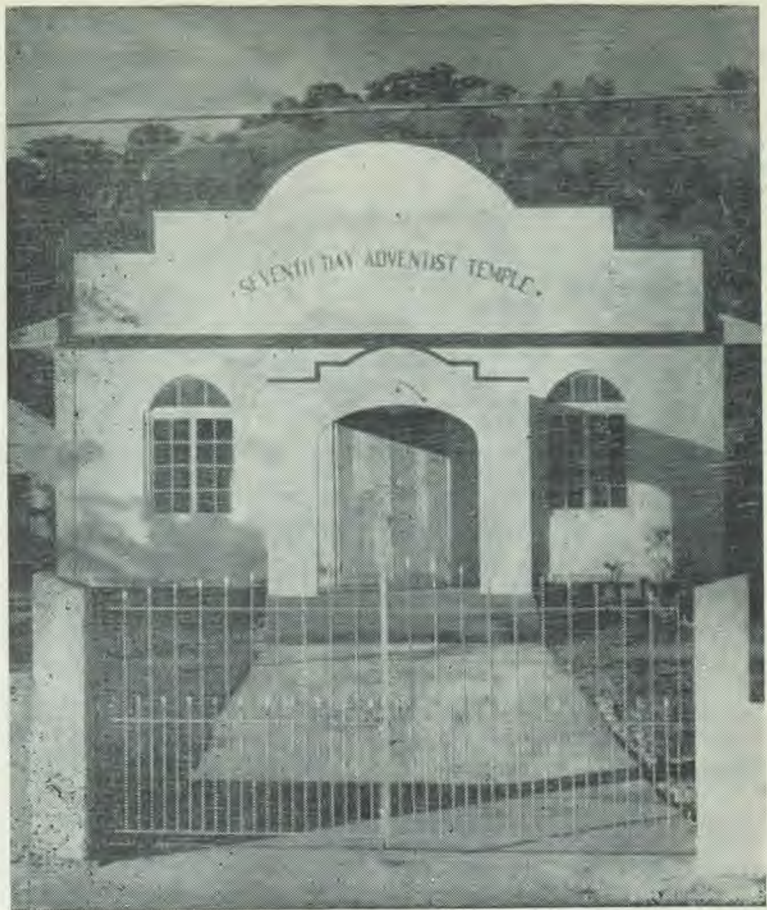
Needless to say, because of the dedication of Jehoshaphat and his people, because they were faithful in service and kept their eyes on God, Judah had a signal victory. The praises of that great triumph are recorded in the 48th Psalm.

Greater still will be the final outcome for God's remnant people who await with keener longing and expectation a mightier deliverance. Our success will depend on our continuous fidelity to duty, and above all, a constant gaze on the lovely Jesus throughout this New Year.

— V. T. Boyce

"If you will sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then you may count that day well spent.
But if through all the livelong day
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay;
If through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face—
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost—
Then count that day as worse than lost.
Who does God's work will get God's pay,
However dark may be the day.
However weary be the way.
He does not pay as others pay
In gold, or land, or raiment gay
But this is true, let come what may,
Who does God's work will get God's
pay."

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Great God, we sing that mighty hand  
By which supported still we stand;  
The opening year Thy mercy shows,  
That mercy crowns it till its close.  
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Lucea S.D.A. Church; Dedicated September 24, 1961.

Test Your "Word" Power

Thanksgiving observance began among a people who loved and believed the Bible. Thankfulness is encouraged in many verses of Scripture. This month quiz yourself on the "thanksgiving" questions below, choosing the correct answer after each question.

1. Who said, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise"? (a) David (b) Solomon (c) Moses.
2. Jesus once healed ten diseased men, and only one remembered to return and thank Him. The men had been afflicted with (a) Palsy (b) blindness (c) leprosy.
3. Whose proud prayer, "I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, 'was repulsive to God? (a) the publican's (b) the Pharisee's (c) the Sadducee's.
4. What man, under sentence of death, thanked God for the answer to his prayer without waiting for proof the prayer was answered? (a) Elisha (b) Daniel (c) Philip.
5. Paul, writing to Timothy, mentioned unthankfulness as one of the sins of (a) the Roman Empire (b) the Dark Ages (c) the last days.

6. Toward the end of Paul's active life, he "thanked God, and took courage" because (a) friends came from Rome to meet him (b) he was set free by the Roman Authorities (c) he had survived a shipwreck.

7. At which of the following occasions did Jesus offer thanks? (a) at the feeding of the 5,000 (b) at the last Supper (c) at the meal with two disciples in Emmaus

8. What special reason did the prophetess Anna have to give thanks? (a) She had been healed from serious illness (b) She lived to a ripe old age (c) She was privileged to see Christ.

9. Who said, "In everything give thanks (a) Paul, (b) James (c) Jesus

10. From what unusual place did Jonah promise to render thanksgiving? (a) aboard ship in a storm (b) from inside a great fish (c) in the shade of a gourd plant

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Please!! send us your News Items

West Indies Union News Flashes

* Pastor Fernon Retzer Sabbath School and Radio Secretary of the Inter-American Division spent a few days in Jamaica conducting Sabbath School Work shops in association with Pastor E. H. Schneider, Union Sabbath School Secretary, and the local Secretaries of the East and West Jamaica Conferences.

* It was the privilege of the West Indies Union to have Pastor Lionel R. Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer of the British Guiana Mission, intransit from the Division Council Meeting. He spent a few hours at the West Indies College.

* On Sunday, November 26, Pastor H. A. Mills, M.V. and Educational Secretary of the West Indies Union, began a three week revival effort at the Buff Bay Church in Portland.

* At the recent Inter-American Division Council which convened in Miami, Florida, a request was placed with the General Conference for \$30,000 to provide food, clothing and medicine for the British Honduras Mission. This is in addition to the articles that will be sent from the Disaster and Famine Relief Funds.

During the latter part of October Pastor Glen Maxson, M.V. Secretary of the Inter-American Division, spent some time in the Bahamas. He was guest speaker at the dedication of the West End church in Grand Bahama. He was also present at the Stone-laying service in Nassau for the Centreville Church.

Pastor and Sister E. H. Schneider have responded to an appeal from the Central American Union to bind off an evangelistic effort at Bluefields, Nicaragua, and they will be away for approximately six weeks. He has already reported that 41 souls have been baptized.

* On Sabbath, November 25, scores of workers and students visited the territory of West Jamaica Conference promoting Christian Education. This is in preparation for the Educational Festival that took place at West Indies College on Tuesday, December 26.

* At present there are 7 ministers in the West Indies Union who have qualified to be Centurions.

* Brother A. R. Greene has accepted a call from West Jamaica Conference to be Secretary/Treasurer of the re-organized West Jamaica Conference.

* On Tuesday evening, October 31, members of the Andrews Memorial staff and board members met at the hospital chapel to welcome Dr. & Mrs. Shankel as well as Dr. & Mrs. Rittenhouse back to Jamaica. We hope that they will enjoy a pleasant period of service here in Jamaica.

* The Bahamas Mission has extended an invitation to the Shankel-Rittenhouse musical group to present three concerts in their territory just prior to the Christmas holiday season.

* There were four representatives from the West Indies Union at the recent Division Council meeting that convened in

Miami from November 7-11: Pastors A. C. Stockhausen, M. G. Nembhard, V. T. Boyce; President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and Pastor LeRoy Carter, a rotating member of the Division Committee.

* At the annual year-end committee of West Indies Union Pastor R. H. Adair, Associate Secretary of the General Conference was present and Brother R. B. Caldwell, Inter-American Division Auditor.

Two men were discussing religion in a tailor shop. One man was belonging to a group called "Four Square". While discussing the subject another non-Adventist said he had a wonderful book that he could lend him entitled "God Speaks to Modern Man". The "Four Square" gentleman was glad to get the book, and studied it for three months. At the end of that time he said he discovered he was in the wrong church and began attending the Seventh-day Adventist church at Bog Walk. He joined the baptismal class and was baptized on October 1, 1961.

— E. C. Walton

Ten Commandments For Parents

1. Thou shalt have no earthly priority interest before thee other than the children God hath given thee.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images of land, buildings, cars, business transactions, pleasure plans, or social aspirations other than the constant heart image of thy child growing into the likeness of his Maker.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of thy child's teacher in vain as an excuse for thy own disinterest or lack of Christian desire to fully support those dedicated to sacrificial service in thy child's behalf.

4. Thou shalt remember that each day is to be a "Sabbath day" of dedication of thy child at the altar of family worship, committing his growing and learning experience to the hands of his Maker.

5. Honour those whom thou hast entrusted to be the fathers and mothers of thy children at thy school; speak only kindly of these special "parents" praying for them and dealing honestly and sympathetically with them, that their days of service to thy youth and the church may be long and growing in professional and spiritual fruitfulness in the land where thou hast invited them to serve.

6. Thou shalt not kill any avenue of communication between thyself and the school in behalf of the progress of thy child.

7. Thou shalt not adulterate or neutralize the faith of thy child in the teaching and standards of his school.

8. Thou shalt not steal the valuable study and learning time of thy child by liberal authorization of secular activities.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy school because thou art not in agreement with the programme of the school, the teacher's methods, or the personality of the principal.

10. Thou shalt not covet the cares of this life that so readily crowd out the most important commission of preparing thy child to be a candidate for eternity, remembering that an important part of this preparation cometh through the Divinely commissioned channel of Christian Education.

Submitted by
John F. Knipschild
Educational Secretary

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Answers to Test Your "Word Power"

1. (a) Psalm 100:4
2. (c) Luke 17:11-19
3. (b) Luke 18:9-14
4. (b) Daniel 2:19-30.
5. (c) 2 Timothy 3:1,2
6. (a) Acts 28:15
7. all three: John 6:11. Matthew 26:27; Luke 24:30 (In the last case He is said to have "blessed" the food, but this undoubtedly included giving thanks to His Father as His custom was.)
8. (c) Luke 2:36-38
9. (a) 1 Thessalonians 5:18
10. (b) Jonah 2:1,9.

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- 8-10 correct, excellent
6-7 correct, good
4-5 correct, fair
0-3 correct, more Bible study urgently needed.

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