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Elmer Raymond Walde is the director of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His office is at 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington 12, D. C.

Born in 1910, at Beach (Lone Tree), North Dakota, Pastor Walde first served the denomination at the Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, California. From 1937 — 1939 he was an evangelist in the Northern California Conference. In 1939, he took up pastoral work in the Oregon Conference where he remained until 1942. He served in this same capacity from 1924 — 1946 at the Hawaiian Mission.

From 1947 — 1950 he was Associate Speaker for the Voice of Prophecy in Los Angeles, California, becoming associate director of the denomination's world Radio and Television Department in 1950. In 1953 he assumed his present position as director of the Department.

An ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Pastor Walde received his education at La Sierra College, Arlington, California; Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington; and finally the Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Pastor Walde is married and has three children: Donna Rae, 16; Carole Leilani, 15; and Colleen Marie, 6.

Stop! Look! Listen!

PASTORS, BIBLE INSTRUCTORS, LOCAL ELDERS AND BIBLE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES!!! March 28 to April 3 promises to be an inspiring time in East, Central and West Jamaica Conferences; a time long looked and prayed for is almost here with representatives from the General Conference and the Inter-American Division. These men are coming expressly to help us meet the challenge of a ready Jamaica. We shall be exchanging ideas, and getting the methodical push to finish this great task of evangelizing men, women and children through the able instrument of the Bible Correspondence School.

This is an age of speed, of innovation and of opportunity. The Bible School recognizes this and joins the ranks of all magnetic forces with every intention of a triumphant march and good success.

No one can afford to miss these meetings in Kingston, Port Antonio, Spanish Town and Montego Bay. We are looking forward to seeing you. Come prepared to give and to take.

—W. S. Nation, Secretary
VOICE OF PROPHECY BIBLE SCHOOL



Fernon Retzer

Fernon Retzer is the director of the Radio and Television, and Sabbath School Departments of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. His office is located at 760 Ponce de Leon, Coral Gables, Miami, Florida.

Born in 1921, at Bowdle, South Dakota, Pastor Retzer first served the denomination as minister of youth in Oakland, California. From 1945 — 1949 he served as pastor for various churches in North California. In 1949 he transferred to Colombia, South America where he served as administrator and departmental secretary until 1957. From 1957 — 1960 he served as the president of the Central American Union of Seventh-day Adventists. In 1960 he assumed his present position as director of the above mentioned departments.

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An ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Pastor Retzer received his education at Pacific Union College, Angwin, California.

Pastor Retzer is married and has four children: Gordon Le Roy, 15; Gerald Nelson, 13; Doreen Yvonne, 8; and Richard Duane, 6.

ITINERARY — Pastors Fernon Retzer, Elmer Walde

East Jamaica Conference

Wednesday, March 28
North Street Church — 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, March 29
Morant Bay — 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon

Thursday, March 29
Port Antonio — 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Friday, March 30
Office — 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Friday, March 30
Hagley Park — Graduation — 7:30 P.M.

Central Jamaica Conference

Sabbath, March 31
May Pen — 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Sabbath, March 31
St. Ann — 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Sabbath, March 31
Spanish Town — ordination — 3:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 1
Spanish Town — 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 1
Asia — Graduation — 4:00 P.M.

West Jamaica Conference

Monday, April 2
Montego Bay — 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Monday, April 2
Montego Bay — Graduation — 7:30 P.M.

"We Then As Workers Together"

Sometime ago in a small town, the services of a young pipe organist was secured to help dedicate a new organ in the community church. The organ was the type that the "wind" had to be supplied by means of a hard pump. On the day of the dedication, the church was crowded and the young organist gave an excellent recital. Feeling very proud of himself, he walked — with a chip on his shoulders — during the intermission, where he met the old organ pumper strolling about to rest his weary hands.

"We're giving them a fine concert," remarked the old gentleman. "We?" said the organist, as he drew himself up a bit haughtily. "I thought I was the performer," and turning on his heels returned to the organ to give the rest of his programme.

The "performer" sat down, pulled out the necessary stops, opened the swell and crescendo pedals to their limit, paused dramatically until the audience became breathlessly silent and with a great flourish brought his hands down on the keys. Not a sound! Greatly flustered, the organist pulled out another stop, then another, then again made his dramatic pause, and again brought his hands down on the keys. Not a sigh came from the mighty pipes.

The organist's suspicions were aroused. Quickly he slipped from the organ bench and made his way to the organ pumper. He found the old gentleman tilted back in his chair—just relaxing. The organist grasped the old man's right hand, and said, "You were right, my friend, WE did give them a fine concert, didn't we? Now please give us some more wind and we'll do even better on the second part of the programme." And together they did it!

This is how we feel as we pass on to you the following report showing the result of the Radio Bible Correspondence School in the West Indies Union for 1961.

Applications	11,402
Lessons Received	157,712
Permanent Records	10,349
Certificates mailed	3,548
Contributions	£431. 3. 0½

The members of the church, Representatives, Ministers and Radio Bible School staff, together WE did it! This is the only way it could be done.

—W. S. Nation
Radio Secretary

Year-End Union Meeting Report

The Year-end meetings of the West Indies Union convened from December 10-12, 1961. We were privileged to have Pastor R. H. Adair, assistant Treasurer of the General Conference and Brother R. B. Caldwell, Auditor of the Inter-American Division, with us. These meetings were deeply spiritual as each morning the Union staff met with the Union committee members for devotion. The spirit of God came very near to each one and we were greatly refreshed.

I am sure that each of our members will be interested in the goals that were voted as they cannot be realized without the full cooperation of the members of our church. The following goals were accepted:

Baptismal Goals

Bahamas Mission	170
Cayman Islands Mission	30
Central Jamaica Conference	1,100
East Jamaica Conference	1,100
West Jamaica Conference	1,100
Total	3,500

Ingathering Goals

Bahamas Mission	£2,000
Cayman Islands Mission	300
Central Jamaica Conference	4,100
East Jamaica Conference	4,300
West Jamaica Conference	4,300
Total	£15,000

Mission Extension Goals

Bahamas Mission	£50
Cayman Islands Mission	10
Central Jamaica Conference	150
East Jamaica Conference	150
West Jamaica Conference	150
Total	£510

Branch Sabbath School Goals

Bahamas Mission	20
Cayman Islands Mission	5
Central Jamaica Conference	70
East Jamaica Conference	70
West Jamaica Conference	60
Total	225

Our Centurion Evangelism plans of 1961 were very successful and it was voted to continue this plan. There are a few minor changes that have been made and so we are publishing the Centurion Evangelism plans for 1962.

CENTURION EVANGELISM

Voted, To accept the following report that was presented by the Evangelistic Committee:

1. A standing Union Evangelistic Committee be made up as follows:
 - (a) Presidents of the fields, the Jamaica Conferences.
 - (b) One Evangelist from each of
 - (c) The head of the Bible Department of the West Indies College.
 - (d) The Ministerial Secretary of the Union to act as chairman.
2. That the Evangelistic Committee be responsible for preparing the programme for the Council of Evangelists.

AMENDMENT TO CENTURION POLICY

It was Voted, To amend the Centurion Policy by adding the following:

1. That workers in the Cayman Islands and the Turks Islands baptizing 25 souls a year be made eligible for the provisions of the plan.
2. That workers in the Bahama Islands baptizing 50 souls a year be made eligible for the provisions of the plan.
3. That the West Indies Union provide 50 per cent of the travel expenses for workers outside of Jamaica who qualify as Centurions.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTURION

It was Voted,

1. That the time of the council of Centurions be set for January 18-21, 1962.
2. That the Inter-American Division be requested to supply the services of the Division Ministerial Secretary or any other person available to attend this council.
3. That each field recommends to the Union one Centurion from among whom one will be finally recommended to the Division for the field of call.
4. That the place for the meeting of the Centurions be decided on by the standing Union Evangelistic Committee.

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

It was recommended to accept the Inter-American Division recommendation that a special offering be taken for world advance in evangelism and a larger work in the mission fields.

1. This offering will be reported in the month of May, 1962.
2. This offering will take the place, for the year 1962 only, of the Missions Advance offering.
3. The world goal for this offering is one million dollars.
4. The Union goal for this offering to be allocated on the basis of tithe received by these organizations in 1960 as follows:

Bahamas Mission	£287	17	2
Cayman Islands Mission	71	9	3
Central Jamaica Conf.	629	16	3
East Jamaica Conf.	744	11	6
West Jamaica Conf.	618	1	0
Union Total	£2151	15	1

5. It is the plan that this offering will be divided between the General Conference, and the overseas divisions and unions of North America, on the basis of 60 per cent to the General Conference and 40 per cent to the Divisions and North American Union, with the understanding that an amount equal to the 1960 Missions Advance and Mid-summer offerings be allocated from the General Conference share of the Million Dollar Offering to the general mission funds, since these two offerings have always been a part of General Conference income.

6. The 40 per cent reverted portion to the Divisions and the North American Unions shall be prorated on a basis of the amount that is raised in the offering and not on the goals set.
7. The 60 per cent of the offering that will come to the General Conference shall be appropriated to the world field, after deductions as provided in paragraph 5, at the time of the next Autumn Council for world evangelism.
8. The union committees, at the time of the year-end committee meetings, shall appoint special committees at the union local level to promote this special offering.

Spirit of Prophecy Book for the year.

The Spirit of Prophecy book for the year 1962 is **Early Writings** and will be made available to our membership at \$1 U.S. per copy

Missionary Theme for 1962

Voted, 1. That all the missionary forces of the church unite in an all-out soul-winning adventure in 1962, and each member of the church, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer society be urged to TELL TEN a month that Jesus is coming again.

2. That this theme be promoted and implemented by all the departments of the church, and that the following suggestions for carrying out this programme be presented to the membership of our churches:

1. Give out 10 tracts a month.
2. Sell or distribute 10 books or magazines a month.
3. Enroll 10 Radio Bible school students a month.
4. Invite 10 persons a month to listen to the "Voice of Prophecy" broadcast.

5. Be a missionary postman for 10 persons a month.
6. Give 10 Bible studies a month.
7. Help in 10 evangelistic meetings a month (lay or Voice of Youth).
8. Bring 10 persons a month to Sabbath school, church or evangelistic meetings.
9. Give 10 hours a month for health and welfare service.
10. Make 10 friendship team visits a month.

M. G. Nembhard, Sec'y

Launch Out

"Launch out into the deep!"

Forget the past failures. What He bids you, do,

Remembering only this:

Christ knows what there is in the deep for you.

"Launch out into the deep!"

And though you long have toiled without success,

Again "Let down your nets,"

For in due time your labours He will bless.

"Launch out into the deep!"

Accept the challenge Christ to you holds out,

And win the rich reward

Of those who do His will, denying doubt.

"Launch out into the deep!"

The Lord is with you: you are not alone.

Put all your trust in Him,

To whom the dark is light, the unknown known.

Yes, still let down your nets,

Though they come often empty to the shore,

Assured one day the draught

So great will be your nets can hold no more.

Centurion Evangelism Report

Fourth Quarter 1961

East Jamaica Conference

1. H. E. Nembhard	170
2. F. E. White	132
3. C. H. Parchment	112
4. K. O. Boyd	106
5. R. A. Ashmeade	104
6. C. C. Clough	101
7. B. A. Woodburn	80
8. E. C. Walton	78
9. O. S. Rugless	76
10. A. G. Lawrence	72
11. A. A. Hunter	61
12. J. G. Bennett	60
13. V. G. Newman	50
14. C. S. Greene	47
15. C. A. Newman	42
16. J. N. Williams	40
17. V. O. Brown	40
18. C. F. Edwards	35
19. O. P. Reid	23
20. L. S. Carter	22
21. G. J. Wilson	14



C. A. Parchment

West Jamaica Conference

1. H. H. Fletcher	125
2. E. Wright	102
3. E. C. H. Reid	80
4. S. Anderson	73
5. H. E. Richards	64
6. R. E. Williams	63
7. F. Broomfield	58
8. R. Douglas	55
9. Z. Reid	51
10. D. O. Spence	48
11. T. McCleary	47
12. W. Kirlew	45
13. B. Henry	39
14. C. Mair	39
15. H. H. Nosworthy	37
16. B. McKenzie	37
17. C. Salmon	37
18. R. Henry	29
19. C. Holness	27
20. G. A. E. Smith	27
21. T. Thompson	26
22. V. Miller	24
23. L. Williams	17
24. A. Parchment	15
25. J. C. Palmer	12

"Am I my brother's keeper? or serving self alone?

Are none around me better since I the way have known?

Do any faint or falter, and in darkness fall,

Because my lamp burns dimly, or gives no light at all?"

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING AWARDS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

UNION REACHING GOAL BY MAY 31, 1962 — \$500.00 FROM
DIVISION FOR EVANGELISM

CONFERENCE OR MISSION REACHING GOAL BY MAY 31, 1962
— \$100.00 FOR EVANGELISM

WORKERS REACHING DISTRICT GOAL ON TIME IN MAY —
1 COPY EARLY WRITINGS

N.B. This is in addition to the 40% that will be reverted to the
fields and a large portion of the remaining 60%.

Sketches From Harrison Memorial High School

January 12, 1962, Harrison Memorial High School opened its doors to begin its tenth year of operation. Over 130 students enrolled in the secondary division. A week later the preparatory division, under the guidance of Mrs. J. C. Palmer, merged with the High School. This new addition will offer a more co-ordinated and integrated programme of education for our youth.

A Home Economics department has been added to the school and Mrs. Herman Douce is in charge. Two new sewing machines have been purchased and in a few days' time a modern kitchen will be equipped. This will offer our young ladies the basic training in the art of home making.

Miss Shirley Williamson, who has been with the school since 1959 left in December to attend school in the United States. Mr. Cecil Perry who was lent to us for one year returned to the ministry. Mrs. Silburn Reid and Miss Molly Fletcher have joined the staff to fill the vacancies created. We welcome these new teachers to our staff and wish them many pleasant years at Harrison Memorial High School.

There are at present twenty students enrolled in Fifth Form (Senior Form) and this makes the largest class since the inception of the school. It is our hope that steady growth will be our experience.

Harrison Memorial High School is dedicated to the great task of educating our youth to take their place in God's work—whether it be in the organized work, in private enterprises or government service, so we solicit your prayers for continued success.

—A. L. Dwyer, Principal

Three Years to Win Three

In 1951 Brother Richard Burrell and a number of the believers from the Bartons Seventh-day Adventist church in the Parish of St. Catherine were impressed to visit and study with the people in a little district called Mt. Pleasant, four miles from Bartons. Interest was aroused among a few and the believers began to conduct night meetings by the roadside once per week in addition to Bible Study.

After three consecutive years of this method of evangelism, without a permanent spot of their own to conduct meetings, they were becoming an object of mockery and ridicule to the public. This situation was not the result of negligence, however, because everything possible was done to obtain a piece of land suitable to erect a tabernacle, but they were met with great opposition—the people did not want any Adventist church in the community.

Brother Burrell and an elderly lady with whom he had been studying thought of a plan. One Sunday afternoon he made his usual visit for Bible Study. She was preparing dinner. Although this was not conducive to Bible study, the circumstance did not become a hinderance to our good brother, but an entrance to her heart, for while she peeled the food, he rinsed and put them in the pot.

When the dinner was cooked, Brother Burrell dined with her. During the meal she questioned, "What kind of a man are you?" Our brother replied, "What do you mean?" "I don't understand how you helped me to cook and eat so freely," she said. "I am God's man." At this point he presented to her with new vigour and conviction God's plan for her life.

She then gave her heart to the Saviour and one square of her small lot of land to erect a tabernacle for His cause on earth. The persevering efforts had now blossomed into three precious souls after three years of arduous labour.

For the next seven years the believers worshipped on this spot. During the ten years between 1951 and July 1961, thirteen precious souls stepped from darkness into light and from light to brighter light. Among the thirteen was a Justice of the Peace, a respected citizen in the community. He voluntarily gave a better site for a church spot in the most central part of an adjoining district, Macca Tree.

On Sunday, July 30, 1961, the writer, the thirteen believers and the brethren of the Watermount and Bartons churches started a series of evangelistic meetings which were conducted four nights weekly for six weeks. There was unusual kindness and respect for the meetings in its early stages. Hundreds of people riding on donkeys, mules, busses, trucks, etc., attended nightly, and listened to the sweet and simple story of Jesus' love for the lost. Many responded manifesting a great desire to serve God, but Macca Tree is one of the communities where Satan has chained and enslaved men and women in Sodomite sins.

There were a few men who became enraged when their wives stepped across the line to Jesus. They declared that a man like me should be burnt up, for I have broken up their home life (being ignorant of Matthew 10:34).

Sunday morning, October 29, 1961, while heavy rains were falling and the storm "Hattie" was nearing, there was a calm in Macca Tree, for seventeen men and women stepped into the watery grave for and with Jesus. Others could not go forward then, but are now ready. During this first quarter of 1962 between ten and fifteen more will be baptized.

We can truly say with Isaiah "where dragons once roared, God's lambs now rest secure," and the parched infertile grounds have become beds of roses for God's eternal bouquet.

On the morning of December 17, 1961, this little company was organized as a church with a membership of thirty-one baptised members by the East Jamaica Conference executives in the presence of hundreds of believers. The very ground upon which the church now stands was once the home of the greatest obeah man in the district. The passing of time has changed the platform of peeping and muttering to shouts of victory and chants of hallelujah and has become the very gate to glory. And so West St. Catherine No. 3 moves on with its Motto. "An S.D.A. church in every township for Jesus; and where three were won in three years in the tenth year we will win ten times three.

—R. W. Ashmeade, District Pastor
West St. Catherine No. 3

When success turns your head, you are
facing failure.

Publishing Department

Colporteur Institutes began in the Jamaica fields December 29, when the Central and West Jamaica Conferences combined their resources in a joint Institute at Denbeigh. Attending this Institute were Elders W. A. Higgins and J. C. Culpepper of the Publishing Department of the General Conference and Inter-American Division respectively, also the publishing personnel of the West Indies Union, Central and West Jamaica, the officers and other departmental secretaries of the West Indies Union and officers of Central and West Jamaica. In the early dawn of January 4, 1962, the session closed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper—a most inspirational climax to a session of sweet fellowship and deep spiritual refreshing.

Then followed the East Session in quick succession, covering the period January 5 — 9, also favoured with the presence and assistance of the same General Conference, Inter-American Division and Union personnel local conference officers and publishing department leaders. The procedure moved after a similar pattern and closed with equal joy, satisfaction and inspiration.

—Mrs. M. Holgate

Farewell And Welcome

On March 27, 1956, Pastor O. P. Reid returned to Jamaica and took up duties as chaplain of Andrews Memorial Hospital and pastor of the Hospital church. Now, after almost six years of faithful service in this position, Pastor Reid is placing some of these responsibilities on younger shoulders and is taking up a more relaxed programme. Pastor and Mrs. Reid have been a great blessing and encouragement to our work here.

The duties that are being laid down by Pastor Reid are taken up by Pastor Keith Boyd who comes to us from East Jamaica Conference. He took up his duties officially on February 1.

On the evening of January 30, we the members of the Andrews Memorial church and the staff of Andrews Memorial Hospital gathered in the chapel to extend our best wishes to Pastor and Mrs. Reid as they lay down the responsibilities of leadership and to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Boyd as they come to work with us.

Dr. H. L. Rittenhouse was chairman of the programme which included several musical numbers. Mrs. Virginia Gene Rittenhouse played the Hammond organ which was donated to our church by Dr. Leon K. Rittenhouse. Nurse Verna Richards expressed the feelings of the staff toward Pastor and Mrs. Reid in a recitation of her own poetry composed for the occasion. Speeches of farewell and welcome were made by the following: Dr. B. G. Arellano on behalf of the hospital, Dr. H. M. Johnston on behalf of the church, Elder W. U. Campbell on behalf

of the East Jamaica Conference, Elder M. G. Nembhard on behalf of the West Indies Union, Elder H. E. Nembhard as a fellow-minister, and Professor O. Harriott as a friend.

The church treasurer Mrs. Ivy Browney, presented the Reids with an engraved silver tray and a reclining porch chair.

We wish again, to thank Pastor and Mrs. Reid for their wonderful contribution to our programme and to assure Pastor and Mrs. Boyd of our full co-operation in their leadership here.

—E. J. Heisler

Centurion Evangelism Venue

On January 25, 1962, in an atmosphere of lush lawns, landscaped gardens surrounding everywhere, and magnificent view of the cloud-wreathed 7,000 foot high peaks of the Blue Mountains, the Evangelistic Centurions of Jamaica met at the famous Bonnie View vacation resort. On this hill-top, towering 600 feet and overlooking enchanting Port Antonio with its breath-taking view of the blue Caribbean, Elder M. G. Nembhard, venue director, Elders W. U. Campbell, and S. G. Lindo, East and West Jamaica Conference presidents arrived with Elders H. H. Fletcher, E. Wright, H. E. Nembhard, F. E. White, R. W. Ashmeade, C. Clough, and K. O. Boyd, the centurions in soul winning for 1961.

It took us fully two hours to adjust ourselves to this setting of indescribable beauty. By 4:00 p.m. we settled down for our first round table discussion which interspersed our stay throughout the three days of heavenly relaxation. With constant mountain breezes keeping us comfortably cool, we discussed several topics and problems relating to a more efficient ministry and evangelistic programme.

Each centurion had been assigned subjects which were carefully and interestingly presented. After M. G. Nembhard on behalf of the West Indies Union welcomed the group to their well-earned retreat, he congratulated the centurions on their achievement. Elder K. Boyd was elected secretary of "study sessions." He was the first to present a paper on the "Dress of the Evangelist." Points emphasized by the group in the open discussion that followed were: that "the minister's dress should preach," and everything pertaining to his person should be a sermon. Evangelism, p 671.

The next topic to which each one made valuable contributions was "Winning Folk from the Higher Income Bracket in Jamaica" at the close of which we resolved: 1. to maintain a high spiritual tone at all social visits. 2. to make a conscious effort to dignify church services. 3. to endeavour to get acquainted with the elite in our respective cures, and 4. to extend personal invitations to evangelistic and regular church services. Pastor M. G.

Nembhard was chairman for this session.

Elder H. H. Fletcher, in dealing with the subject of "Evangelism with Limited Musical Talents," centered his arguments around the proposition that sacred music, vocal and instrumental, is the most sublime part of Evangelism and can come only from consecrated hearts. "Music offers sweet reflection of the sacred past," he said, "and in as much as music played a part in creation, it should be sacredly emphasized in the new creation of souls during our soul-winning endeavours."

Very many valuable hints on "Holding Crowds in City Evangelism" were next forwarded by Elder H. E. Nembhard. He emphasized very strongly the following points:

1. Good preaching.
2. Even spacing of best-sermon presentations.
3. Have a youth's night, a mother's night, a father's night.
4. A gripping song service.
5. Punctuality.
6. Question and answer periods.
7. Incentives—quizzes, prizes, etc.
8. Preach positively—never attack other denominations.
9. Have a prayer circle.
10. Basic interest should be in converting souls and not making members.

Elder E. Wright next told the group how by combining his efforts with trained laymen he experienced success in baptizing 103 souls in 1961. He went on to challenge administration that for our ministers to attempt an evangelistic effort without the aid of a Bible Worker is nothing short of committing suicide. In the open discussion that followed all agreed that the minister going it alone could realize a richening of his ministry and this especially to a young minister. By spending less time sermonizing and more time visiting he could to a measure overcome the handicap. The church prepared and working with the minister can also make a forceful impact in evangelism. Everyone sensed the need for stronger effort to encourage a deeper interest among West Indies College students in the Bible Workers' Course.

Our last presentation was given by Pastor C. Clough. His conviction was that the days of fearful secrecy in witnessing for Christ among Seventh-day Adventists are gone. The advantage of having a big district baptism, he said, may lend itself very favourably to the pastor who is pressed with the duties of many churches. It could also answer the problem where there is lack of sufficient facilities in small churches or companies over a not-too-large area. Everyone seemed, however to agree that the ideal is to have baptisms in the church where one could more readily guarantee a more sacred and reverent service. Elder F. E. White, who with Elder R. W. Ashmeade, was unavoidably absent at the previous discussions, submitted that a large baptism can be, on the other hand, used as an incentive to a sleeping church in getting it to contribute candidates to a big baptism along with other neighbouring churches. He

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said, "Wholesome excitement can have a good effect on a callous community, but maintaining a high spiritual appeal throughout the service is a must for required results." Pastor Ashmeade recounted that with a little extra effort and planning every church can have its pool as two experiences he related proved to us. On each he himself with the aid of members had constructed a pool even though there was no permanent church building. Everyone enjoyed these very enlightening discussions at which our accompanying presidents presided alternately as moderators.

With round table discussions ended, the Friday afternoon found us with just enough time to get in a short tour of the frothy fringes of Portland's coast. We visited lovely Blue Hole Lagoon surrounded with luxuriant bamboo forests, wild mango groves and rare tree ferns, a stirring appeal to every nature lover. It was no surprise that Pastor Lindo took as his text for the Friday evening Vesper service at the Port Antonio Church, Revelation 15:3 "... Great and marvellous are Thy Works, Lord God Almighty ..." What an invasion of evangelists Portland saw the following Sabbath morning! From Hector's River to Annotto Bay, ten men of proven valor proclaimed with the four district pastors of the parish the certain message of our Lord's soon and glorious return.

Sabbath afternoon, the last hours of our stay in Port Antonio, found us each relating stories and experiences of the conflict and the victories won. The over 300 people in the audience were inspired and thrilled as they listened to Elder Wright's experience of arduous labours, with his laymen in advance; Elder Fletcher's touching account of a family reunited and baptised; Elder Boyd's vivid story of how in ten weeks a wayward prodigal got married and with his wife was baptised; he is now in the United States supporting his family as he never could before. Surely to those who seek first the Kingdom of God "all things will be added unto them." Elder Ashmeade rallied the audience with the good news of two churches organized because church and elder united. Elder White took the opportunity to marshal his Home Missionary forces for work. Pastor Clough contributed to the inspiration of the programme by telling us of a backslider for seven years who returned although he swore never to. Elder Nembhard spoke last, and what a thrill it was to hear how a mother in trying to persuade her young grief-stricken widowed daughter not to become insane by joining the Seventh-day Adventist church was with her daughter baptised.

And so another chapter in the modern book of "Acts" was written. With seven ministers baptizing 835 souls in 1961 and standing straight and strong before the assembled members, Elder M. G. Nembhard made to each minister on behalf of the West Indies Union a congratulatory presentation of \$12, evangelistic equipment aid. Elder W. U. Campbell then announced.

pealed to a very responsive audience to prayer and sacrifice do all to train the Advent youth that many more centurions will go forward to finish the work of our Lord.

The centurion evangelistic retreat had a very solemn and spiritual close as each evangelist rededicated his life for greater achievements in 1962.

—K. O. Boyd

West Indies College News

There is usually a mixture of expressions on the faces of people who visit an airport terminal building. Sadness is usually on the faces of those who part with loved ones and friends, while anxiety and even a touch of impatience mark the faces of those who wait to receive a loved one or friend. The later experience was shared by the eager, expectant friends and relatives who waited anxiously and even counted the lazy moments on January 7, 1962 for the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Beaumont.

The Beaumonts were returning from New York University where they were both engaged in a two-year study leave, during which time Professor Beaumont completed studies and research leading to the Doctor of Philosophy Degree, which degree he obtained at the completion of his work. Friends of the Doctor and his family rejoice greatly with them on his excellent step in professional development and achievement. Mrs. Beaumont also did studies that will surely add to her professional growth.

Dr. Beaumont returns to his Alma Mater to fill the position he once occupied as Head of the Science Department of West Indies College. We look forward to many years of service from this family as they help West Indies College in its adventure in the future.

—J. E. Fletcher
Public Relations Secretary

West Indies Union News Flashes

* East Jamaica Conference reported its highest baptisms throughout its history in 1961. The total for the year was 1,457, and the previous best year was 1957, when 1,370 souls were baptized. It is interesting to note that the previous best year was the year prior to the 1958 General Conference.

* Pastors A. C. Stockhausen and V. T. Boyce, president and treasurer of West Indies Union respectively, left for Nassau on Friday, January 19, to attend the annual audit committee meeting of the Bahamas Mission. They also visited the Cayman Islands for a similar meeting. * On New Year's day Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Schneider returned from Central America where they were binding off an Evangelistic Effort in Blue Fields, Nicaragua.

* The Ingathering solicitation campaign among the businessmen got on the way during the month of January. Although this is earlier than usual, the fields are having a very good response.

* There were eight Centurions in the West Indies Union for the year 1961 — six from East Jamaica Conference and two from West. We hope that in the very near future one of these Centurions will be chosen and recommended to the Inter-American Division to conduct an effort outside of their Union territory.

* The West Indies College Cafeteria building is gradually taking shape in spite of the difficulties faced in the excavation work.

* Pastor and Mrs. R. U. Daughma who laboured for nearly three years in the Turks and Caicos Islands have returned to Jamaica, and are now located in the Annotto Bay District.

* We have received word from the Cayman Islands Mission that 12 souls were recently baptized. Pastor Gantz is to be commended for the aggressive programme he has already launched since he has arrived there.

* During the visit of Pastors A. C. Stockhausen and V. T. Boyce to the Bahamas Mission Brother H. A. Roach was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. He is at present principal of the Bahamas Junior Academy, as well as pastoring the Grants Town Church.

* On Friday, January 26, Dr. W. A. Osborne, president of West Indies College arrived from the United States of America. Let us pray for him as he takes up his heavy responsibility as president of West Indies College.

* Professor George Simons, former head of the History Department of Caribbean Union College, spent a few days in Jamaica during the month of January in transit to America. He is at present returning for his Doctor's degree at Howard University. He visited West Indies College where he met a number of his former students who are at present attending the College in Jamaica.

* On Friday, January 19, Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Neblett arrived in Jamaica on a week's visit. They were on their way to British Guiana, their new field of labour. They previously worked in East Jamaica Conference and also in Costa Rica in the Central American Union.

* On January 26, 1962, Dr. Ernest Boothe (Outdoor Pictures—Specialists in Natural Color Photography) of Escondido, California, and his party of four—his wife, niece, Mrs. W. E. Burns, the Script Writer and her daughter arrived here to include Jamaica in a Film-Taking itinerary. They were filming the Lay Work showing "the wonderful way in which our people carry on the Gospel." After spending five days in Jamaica, Dr. Boothe and his party left for Port-au-Prince, Haiti to continue their Filming project. Pastor E. H. Schneider, Home Missionary Secretary of the West Indies Union acted as host to the group.

A Message From The Conference Presidents

To the believers of Central Jamaica Conference, scattered in the plains, hills and valleys:

From Galina Point on the North, to Portland Point on the South, from Ferry in the East to Rio Bueno on the West, we send you greetings from Headquarters.

The year 1962, has presented us with unprecedented opportunities, and possibilities for the work of God. On every hand we see omens that our Saviour is on His way. This creates an atmosphere that is conducive for the presentation of the Truth we love. Let us, therefore, accept the challenge and move forward on to victory.

For the first quarter of this year let us unite in dedicated service for the accomplishment of these four objectives:

1. 150 Lay Efforts.
2. 150 Branch Sabbath Schools.
3. Every church over the top in Ingathering, with a big overflow.
4. A baptism in every church.

At our coming Conventions which will begin on April 1, banners will be waved showing the various churches that have obtained these objectives.

With courage and determination, let us join hands and hearts and never turn back until the ransomed Church of God is saved to sin no more.

—H. S. Walters, President
Central Jamaica Conference

Courage For The Unfinished Task

The world is threatened today with unprecedented peril. We thank God for the unseen Hand through the sleeve of darkness which is holding tenaciously and keeping back the forces of evil until the work is finished.

While we see spiritual decay on every hand, we also see great mountains of evil looming before us. It is, therefore, necessary that the Isaiahs of the Advent movement arise and offer themselves to stem the tide.

Nineteen hundred and sixty-one has brought us phenomenal success, but the success of yester years cannot suffice for the future. There must be new aims, new determinations, new zeal, new and indomitable courage for the unfinished task that lies before us.

The magnitude of the task with the sweeping tide of evil, and the determinations of the arch deceiver to take control of this world and therefore imperil the lives of God's people, should inspire the heart of every soldier of the cross to go forward into battle.

West Jamaica Conference will not fear, except we forget. We have every confidence that the God of Daniel, Abraham, and ancient Israel is still the God of modern Israel. He is still interested in the

souls of men. I am appealing to all members of the West Jamaica Conference to lay themselves in the hand of God to be used as the chisel is used by the hand of the sculptor for service.

The lateness of the hour demands faith, strength, hope and courage for the unfinished task. What is your response?

—S. G. Lindo, President
West Jamaica Conference

MV Lights Aglow

Sweet strains of recorded organ melodies greeted the worshippers as they entered the Georgetown Seventh-day Adventist church on the first Friday evening of 1962. An atmosphere of expectancy created by the artistically decorated rostrum, increased the solemnity of the hour. This was to be no ordinary meeting, but, rather, the first meeting of the Missionary Volunteer Society for the new year, the highlight to be the candle-lighting ceremony for the installation of the new officers.

The colours green and gold were dominant. MV banners with the Motto, Aim and Pledge of the society formed a striking background, and the spotlight focused attention on an open Bible emphasizing the theme of the year — "In thine hand . . . to make great," while potted palms added the tropical touch.

At seven o'clock there was a hushed silence and then Elder George I. Gantz, president of the Mission, appeared behind the table with the open Bible. His comments, " . . . this impressive service . . . " came to life as the officers marched to the platform where he presented each with a candle. Sister Frances P. MacTaggart, the leader, accepted the challenge to serve in this capacity, also Sisters Mary Thompson, assistant leader, Stephanie MacTaggart, secretary, Tania Eden, devotional secretary, Brethren Steven MacTaggart, educational secretary, Linford Pierson, fellowship secretary, Edwin Gantz, librarian and Michael MacTaggart, publicity secretary, likewise promised, after being individually charged, to give their best to the Master Volunteer. With candles burning radiantly, the officers then extended to the nearly packed church an invitation in song, "Jesus is the Captain, we will never fear, Will you be enlisted as a volunteer?"

Thirty-five volunteers had previously signed application for membership cards, which were then presented to them by the Mission MV secretary. Ten others responded to the invitation and applied for membership. Miss J. Lyons' message in song, "The Lord shall choose for me," very appropriately followed, after which thirty-one individuals joined the Bible Year Reading Plan.

The MVs are anxious for Christ's return, and have pledged to take the Advent message to Georgetown in this generation.

J. O. Innis
MV Secretary, Cayman Islands Mission
WEST INDIES UNION VISITOR

Test Your "Word" Power

Of all the stories ever published, none are more dramatic or full of human interest than the true narratives of the Bible. In the space after each story fragment below, place the name of the principal character, selecting the name from the list.

1. Tired of listening to his companions' criticisms, a man sarcastically exclaims, "No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you."
2. A young man tires during a long sermon, falls asleep, tumbles to the ground from the window in which he was sitting.
3. A traveller hardly escapes from shipwreck, when he is bitten by a deadly snake. To the surprise of onlookers he does not die.
4. Concerning himself with someone else's business, a man asks, "What shall this man do?" and is gently reprimanded for it.
5. Ringleader of a band of troublemakers, this man's rebellion suddenly ceases as he dies in an earthquake.
6. A personable young fellow's liking for wild women eventually costs him his freedom, his eyesight, and his life.
7. The Bible does not specify who a certain man's wife was, and 6,000 years later people are still perplexed about it.
8. A young captive graduates in a day from prison to prime minister.
9. Although this king was an artist with the alibi, his excuses were not acceptable to Samuel the prophet.
10. A man who later became a priest makes a metallic idol, then foolishly tries to blame the fire, used in casting the idol, from his sin.

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The ten Commandments of Ingathering Success

—by J. Ernest Edwards

1. Believe it's God's Work.
2. Demonstrate your conviction by contribution of your time and service.
3. Pray without ceasing. Keep your heart in tune with heaven as you stand by the door or desk.
4. Recall that you are God's messenger visiting every home, office, and store presenting the privilege of participation in a great humanitarian and evangelistic programme.
5. Remember people are busy. Know your ingathering paper and canvass and be prepared to answer questions.
6. Tactfully suggest a larger contribution than was given last year.
7. Never argue with your prospective donor. Make friends. Suggest—never antagonise.
8. Do not become discouraged over a few refusals. Keep smiling until your prospect smiles back. Then your victory is won.

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9. Make every contact count for Christ. Remember you are searching for souls and that Ingathering is a community-wide missionary crusade. Record names and follow up the interests discovered.
10. Keep hold on God. "Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

The Asia Church History At A Glance

In cold December 1934
Few started as in days of yore
On yonder hill to worship God
With firm unfaltering steps they trod.
'Twas during Week of Prayer grand
That eight Adventists took their stand
To study, worship, sing and pray
And ask the Lord to have his way.
A good Samaritan gave one room
Then two we had to ask for soon
So Mrs. Celia Bernard then
Was blest among the sons of men.
Yes house to house these eight folks went
They, like evangelists were sent
From north and south God's people came
To laud and magnify His name.
With fiery zeal to God above
They yearned to show how much they
love.

A blessed Sabbath School was organized
With twenty-three in '35.
Realizing the need of an able guide
To instruct in the precepts and so to abide
To succor the lambs and strengthen the
tent

The Conference Pastor Eric Parchment
sent.

Instead of finding twenty-three
The goodly number thirty saw
When came this man of God so blest
He worked with humor, zeal and zest.
A partial election then they had
Brother Edward Palmer was the dad
His endearing name is Leader P
A noble energetic soldier he,
The Superintendent for that year
Was Sister Vida Beaumont dear
The Sabbath School made rapid growth
Because the members sin did loathe.
The result of six months labour then
Brought a group of both women and men
Who were buried in the watery grave
To swell the rank of the faithful and
brave.

The room on the hill became too small
To accommodate the believers all
The members then a church spot sought
And then that's how this lot was bought.
A friendly gentleman kind and tall
Sold four square chains for a fee quite
small

Mr. James Blake he was then
But now a brother he has been.
The interest then we kept alive
The old building started in '35
With Pastor Parchment at the head
His zeal and courage woke the dead.
Before the church was then complete
Forty-two precious souls did meet
To be baptised as Jesus did
And in the depths their sins were hid.
Then at the end of that same year
The completion of the church seemed
near

But now it took two years and half

To make all the dear members laugh.
The brethren laboured very sore
And length and last a daughter bore
Pusey Hill is her name known well
And sure she a blest story can tell.
For three years Pastor Parchment served
And oh! from work he never swerved
Then Pastor Nation came on time
Yes! he too laboured most sublime.
Pastor Haig then came along the line
And laboured too but a short time
Pastor Lindo then took up the plough
And said he'd not get weary now.
A tall commander like King Saul
Then tend the flock from Satan's squall
Pastor B. B. Hamilton his name
He preached, "Honour the truth, be not
ashamed."

Pastor Frank Fletcher was the next
His exhortation — To stand for principle is best.

Here Pastor Holness followed one
And always filled the air with song.
Then Pastor Nation came again
He exhorted, "Do not be like Cain"
Pastor Smith also took the strain
He linked us in one blessed chain
Next came Pastor Ruben Douglas bold
He oft turned minds to the city of gold
Pastor Lindo again to us was sent
And he this time three years spent.
O yes, I'm nearing now the end
But brother Palmer, Leader, friend,
For twenty-three years never shrinked
He admonished, encouraged and did every
work.

The time-worn building got so shabby
Thought "Twould be blown down by hurricane Abbie

So then to work we all did set
Before we got sun-burnt and wet,
Let's pause a moment now and look
Before I close this historic book
At this blest edifice that's built
Where we can come and plead our guilt.
With modern building material neat
Zinc, gypsum, tile glass, mahogany, concrete

And covering an area of 2,000 square feet
This building took less than three years
to complete

Sacrificing members, generous sympathetic friends,
West Jamaica Conference, who gave walls
of cement.

God bless you, we thank you, more blessing
now await

£180 'twas at stone-laying, now £250
we anticipate.

In history's book we too must read
The builder is Pastor Zadock Reid
We hope he labours not in vain

But at last in heaven a crown will gain.
For four years he this flock doth feed
Beside him too is Sister Reid

Their children too helped in the task
Dear Lord, help them to be saved at last.
Before I take my seat I'll tell

Asia's gain of membership goes well
At 171 it now stands

All willing to reach that better land.
This building now a monument stands
With the guidance of God's almighty

hand

We all built wide, we all built tall
A sanctuary to the glory of God.

Answers to "Test your 'word' Power"

1. Job (Job 12:1, 2)
2. Eutychus (Acts 20:7-12)
3. Paul (Acts 28:1-6)
4. Peter (John 21:21, 22)
5. Korah (Numbers 16:1-35)
6. Samson (Judges 14-16)
7. Cain (Genesis 5:4 gives the obvious explanation. Adam and Eve had "sons" and daughters, and Cain must have married one of his own sisters.)
8. Joseph (Genesis 41)
9. Saul (1 Samuel 13, 15)
10. Aaron (Genesis 32:1-24)

SCORE

- 9 — 10 correct, excellent
7 — 8 correct, good
4 — 6 correct, fair
0 — 3 correct, more Bible study needed.

Abraham
Joseph
Saul
Aaron
Korah
Samson
Cain
Job
Eutychus
Paul
Peter
Isaac
Noah

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