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GREETINGS FROM FORMER WORKERS

From the last week in July to the 5th of August the city of San Francisco hummed with unusual activity as delegates arrived from the four corners of the globe. Throughout the city could be seen signs with words such as these—"Welcome to Seventh-day Adventists". The dry goods stores, restaurants, taxi drivers, hotels and fruit stores were all preparing to serve Seventh-day Adventists and to make them feel at home.

Many of the restaurants were prepared to offer Loma Linda health foods for the benefit of Seventh-day Adventists who were Strict vegetarians.

There were many things that made a deep impression on memories walls.

The music was of a very high quality, with some of the best talents of the denomination participating. The theme song vividly expressed the sentiment of the Advent people—

"We have this hope that burns within our hearts

Hope in the coming of the Lord.
We have this faith that Christ alone imparts,

Faith in the promise of His Word.

We believe the time is near,
When the nations far and near
Shall awake and shout and sing,
Hallelujah! Christ is king!

We have this hope that burns within our hearts,

Hope in the coming of the Lord."

Another feature of the General Conference that we shall not readily forget is the colourful costumes of those who came from mission lands. Of great importance were the messages presented by the top leaders of the church.



The early morning devotional studies prepared the way for the day's activities. It was rather surprising to see how these services moved with speed and precision. It is worthwhile mentioning that in spite of the large gathering it was possible to have testimony services and prayer groups. It certainly made a deep impression to see fathers and sons meet, many fathers who are privileged to have their sons holding important positions in the mission field. There were brothers who have been separated in lonesome parts of the world; class-

mates who have been separated for many years; singing groups from school days; as well as teachers who were privileged to meet their pupils who have become leaders in the cause of God.

There were many former workers of West Indies Union who were present at this great Conference and have sent their Christian greetings. Through the columns of our official paper I wish to mention the names of these workers and leaders who are at present serving in various places in our denominational work:

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Elder & Mrs. W. H. Windland, former president of West Indies College.

Elder & Mrs. H. M. Blunden, president of the Antillean Union when Jamaica was part of the Antillean Union.

Elder & Mrs. L. L. Dunn, former Bible teacher and superintendent of the Wood Products department.

Mr. & Mrs. C. onPohle, superintendent of the Printery and acting president of West Indies College.

Elder H. D. Isaacs, former president of West Indies College.

Elder & Mrs. R. S. J. Hamilton, former president of the College.

Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Buli, former teachers of the College.

Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Sorenson, former president of West Indies College

Elder & Mrs. W. W. Widmer former head of Theological department, West Indies College.

Elder & Mrs. D. V. Pond, former president of East Jamaica Conference.

Elder & Mrs. H. D. Colburn, former president of East Jamaica Conference and H.M. and S.S. Secretary of the West Indies Union.

Elder & Mrs. R. E. Gibson, Business manager of Andrews Memorial Hospital.

Elder & Mrs. R. H. Pierson, former president of West Indies Union.

Elder & Mrs. C. E. Andros, former president of the Jamaica Conference.

Elder & Mrs. W. A. Storing, former pastor of the North Street Temple church.

Elder & Mrs. F. W. Miller, former pastor of the North Street Temple church.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Horning, former science teacher and Wood Products superintendent.

Elder & Mrs. D. B. Reid, former district pastor of East Jamaica Conference.

Elder & Mrs. A. R. Haig, former H.M. & S.S. Secretary of West Indies Union.

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Pitter, former teacher of West Indies College.

Mr. & Mrs. Stennett Brooks, former accountant of West Jamaica Conference.

The General Conference causes one to imagine the joy that will come to God's people when they assemble on the Sea of Glass to meet with friends and relatives who have long been parted. We should endeavour to be so faithful that the Lord may be able to welcome us as delegates to the Great General Conference in the Earth made New.

M. G. Nembhard

THE PREACHER'S WIFE

There is one person in your church
Who knows your preacher's life,
She's wept and smiled and prayed with
him
And that's your preacher's wife!

She knows one prophet's weakest point,
And knows his greatest power;
She's heard him speak in trumpet tone,
In his great triumph hour.

She's heard him groaning in his soul,
When bitter raged the strife,
As hand in his, she knelt with him
For she's a preachers wife.

You tell your tales of prophets brave,
Who walked across the world
And changed the course of history
By burning words they hurled.

And I will tell how back of them
Some women lived their lives,
Who wept with them and smiled with
them
They were the preacher's wives!

Gospel Herald

MISSION DOLLAR OFFERING

Continues to grow

The offering for world evangelism taken on the last Sabbath of the General Conference session—part of the Million-Dollar Offering—amounted to \$20,831.85. The grand total for the offering for world evangelism now amounts to \$1,239,610.91. However, funds still are coming in. This is the largest offering ever received at a General Conference Session. These funds will go far toward the winning of souls for the kingdom of God. We thank God for a generous people.

C. L. Torrey

WEST INDIES UNION MISSION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

COMPARATIVE INGATHERING REPORT

FOR THE YEARS 1961, 1962

ORGANIZATIONS	1961	1962	Gain	Gain %
BAHAMAS	2360 4 1	2352 14 1	(7 10 0)	(.31%)
CAYMAN ISLANDS	291 0 10	304 17 6	13 16 8	4.75%
CENTRAL JAMAICA		4100 0 0		
EAST JAMAICA	5750 0 0	4538 13 8		
WEST JAMAICA	10002 19 11	4300 0 0		
	15752 19 11	12938 13 8	(2814 6 3)	(17.86%)
	18404 4 10	15596 5 3	(2207 19 7)	(15.25%)



Elder A. H. Roth

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

—by Arthur H. Roth, President

The church, in general session four decades ago, authorized the establishment and development of a new mission division in the Western Hemisphere. The new division was named the Inter-American Division, and it was charged with the responsibility of preaching the Advent message to the people in the lands of Middle America. The territory assigned to the Inter-American Division included part of North America, part of South America, all of Central America, and the islands of the West Indies.

When the division was organized 40 years ago, there were 8,146 Seventh-day Adventists. Today there are approximately 160,000 Inter-American members of the church and 220,000 Sabbath School members.

We have seen thousands of men and women turn from staunch Romanism and modern-day heathenism to God's truth.

We have been the recipients of God's guidance and loving care in perilous journeys.

We have felt God's arm about us in the midst of revolution, political unrest, and turmoil.

We have been aware of Heaven's protection when threatened and harassed by persecution.

We have known the companionship of angels in dungeons and prisons.

We have understood God's love and watchfulness in the midst of storm and earthquake.

Of utmost joy to us is the fact that we are one with our brethren the world around in the "blessed hope" of soon seeing our Lord Jesus.

While in this year of 1962 Inter-America commemorates the fortieth anniversary of its organization as a division of the world field, we do not want to give the impression that our Adventist pioneers neglected until later years their responsibility for sharing the Advent

message with the lands of Inter-America. Our pioneers were faithful to the vision of a world work that needed to be done before Jesus could come. They did not forget the people of Inter-America.

Beginnings in the Caribbean

We know this, because when J. N. Loughborough and D. T. Bourdeau, in the year 1868, travelled through the Caribbean Sea and crossed the Isthmus of Panama en route to preach the Advent message in California, they became aware of the needs of the countries of the Caribbean world. Eleven years later, after Elder Loughborough had left California and gone to England to help establish the Adventist work in the British Isles, he, from Southampton, England, sent a box of books and tracts to Cap Haitien, Haiti, the very place where on Christmas Eve, 1492, Christopher Columbus lost his finest ship, the "Santa Maria."

The box containing copies of J. N. Andrews' "The History of the Sabbath", was consigned to no one in particular; but the books came into the hands of a young man who read the literature and began to keep the Sabbath. So far as we know that was the beginning of Adventism in Inter-America, and since then the Advent message has spread all over the Caribbean and the Spanish Main. In Haiti, where Adventism in Inter-America began, in French Guiana and in the French West Indies, the church has grown until today there are 22,200 members in the Franco Haitian Union.

In the last half of the nineteenth century, when slavery was the curse of the Caribbean, a pious slave mother in Barbados gathered her children around her and read to them the fourth commandment out of the Bible. "My children," she said, "God made the seventh day holy, and it is the Sabbath. Men changed the Sabbath; but God will restore the true Sabbath. I may not live to see this, but you will." Years later, when her children joined the faith and became Sabbath-keepers, they remembered that "mother told us so." Today on tiny Barbados in the eastern end of the Caribbean Sea, more than 4,000 people are keeping God's true Sabbath and waiting for Jesus to come. They are part of the 22,887 Seventh-day Adventists in the Caribbean Union.

The Work in Central America

Almost 80 years ago, Mrs. Elizabeth Gauterau left her native Honduras in Central America and sailed to the United States. She was not a Seventh-day Adven-

tist. There were then no Seventh-day Adventists in all of Central America or in the rest of Spanish America either. Mrs. Gauterau settled in California, as the Lord would have it, near some Adventist neighbours. They befriended her. Soon she came to love her neighbours and also the wonderful message contained in the books and periodicals they graciously lent her. Everything she heard and read harmonized beautifully with the Bible. She accepted the truth. Then in the year 1885, she decided to return to her native home in the Bay Islands of Honduras. Real missionary zeal, not homesickness, prompted her return.

Seldom before had a Caribbean vessel transported so precious a cargo as that which carried Sister Gauterau and her trunks back to Central America. Her luggage was heavily laden with an assortment of Adventist literature. When her friends and relatives came to welcome her home, this dear sister would greet each one: "I thought about you while I was away. See, I brought you a little gift from the United States. I hope that you will enjoy it." In each case the gift was an Adventist book or pamphlet.

Soon Sister Gauterau's relatives and friends came back to ask questions. They liked her answers because they came directly from the Bible. The response of the people in the Bay Islands was almost immediate, and many accepted the Advent message. Thus, the first Adventist congregation in Central America developed. From there the message spread all through the land. Today, 15,365 Central Americans are members of the church.

Mexico Jamaica, and Colombia

I could wish for time to tell you much about the wonderful things God is doing in the great and colorful land of Mexico, where we have 27,500 church members. Mexico is the largest and most populous land in the Inter-American Division. Mexico City, the capital of the republic, is the third largest metropolis of the Western Hemisphere. This city is undoubtedly the greatest single evangelistic challenge in the Inter-American field. Seventh-day Adventists ought to have at least fifty churches to serve and give the message to the more than five million people who live in Mexico's capital.

Much might also be told about lovely Jamaica, that Caribbean island about 145 miles long and 48 miles wide on which live 33,500 members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Adventists in Jamaica increase at the rate of 1,500 every year. Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and the 2,000 and more islands that make up the Bahamas, form the West Indies Union, with nearly 35,000 members.

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WELCOME BY GEORGE CHRIS- TOPHER mayor of San Francisco

(These remarks were made Thursday night, July 26, at the opening meeting.) On behalf of the people of San Francisco, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our city. We are immensely pleased that you have chosen to meet here, and we hope that your stay with us will be a successful and enjoyable one in every respect.

We in San Francisco are by no means strangers to the good works of your church, and as one who is privileged to know many of your pastors, I can assure you that I hold them in the highest regard. I have great admiration for the spiritual contribution they and you are making to the well-being of your communities, and also the greatest respect for the compassionate and dedicated work being done by your hospitals, your medical teams, and your doctors and nurses who penetrate the deepest reaches of the Amazon River and the Solomon Islands to administer aid to those in need.

Your youth fitness and recreation programmes and your Pathfinder programme also have our highest respect, for we recognize the great value to the individual, to the family, and to the community that comes from enlightened Christian work with young people. The world goes forward on the feet of its youth, and where those feet will lead is determined by the roads we build. Certainly you are building roads that will lead them to a wholesome life in every way, a life of service in strengthening their church and their nation.

You have long exemplified devotion to religious liberty, and I know that you have applied the principles of freedom under God to daily living. Ours is a religious nation, with a rich Christian heritage, and the church serves today as it always has as a basic training ground for responsible citizenship. Through your church efforts you are enriching the moral fabric of our communities and our nation, and in these troubled times there can be no greater service.

But in order to maintain the religious liberties we enjoy we must work diligently to maintain good government, and to do this we must recognize that bad government is spawned by bad men whose opportunity arises when good men take no part in public affairs. To ensure government, both the elected and the voters must share a sense of moral responsibility to the community—moral responsibility such as you epitomize.

Certainly today juvenile delinquency is an example of abandoned responsibility and of adult delinquency. The Head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, recently stated, "For years we listened to quack theorists who preached that discipline and control were bad for children. Now we are reaping the harvest."

What is the harvest? Juvenile crime is

up 21 per cent over 1957. Youths under 18 years of age account for 43 per cent of all arrests for all major offences. Organized crime generally is the biggest industry in the United States today, doing a \$22-billion a year business. For every dollar donated to churches and religious organizations, crime takes nine dollars.

I cite these figures only to emphasize the great challenge confronting you and the religiously active people of every faith in America. Government provides police, courts, social workers, hospitals, and other agencies to care for the ills of our society, but in the final analysis we must depend upon you and others like you to provide the moral sinew needed to strengthen all of our communities throughout the land.

The hand of the law does not have to reach into families that share a devotion to God. The United States has more laws than any other country in the world, but they are all founded on the Ten Commandments, and if we followed the Ten Commandments more closely, clearly our needs for the safeguard of the law would be less.

Three hundred and forty-two years ago, the Mayflower arrived at this land after thirteen storm-tossed weeks at sea. Its small band of passengers were in need of food and dry shelter, and we might expect that they couldn't get off the ship fast enough. But instead, before they began their challenging adventure in this new world they stayed aboard the ship for forty-two hours to pray, to seek divine guidance and divine help. In those forty-two hours America's heritage as a deeply religious nation was firmly established. It is a heritage which you are carrying forward today with great credit to yourself, to your church, and to your country.

To you and to your church leaders, I wish every happiness. We hope that you will return soon to San Francisco.

"When a man is filled with the Spirit, the more severely he is tested and tried, the more clearly he proves that he is a representative of Christ."



Elder & Mrs. E. J. Parchment and family. We welcome them to our Union office family.

The Minister's Wife

- I Thou shalt have no other interests more important to thee than thy husband's.
- II Thou shalt not make unto thee any church clique or anything resembling it.
- III Thou shalt not take thy husband's name in vain.
- IV Remember thy intimate family matters, to keep them secret.
- V Honour thy husband by keeping thy place, that his years of ministry in the cause of God may be long.
- VI Thou shalt not gossip.
- VII Thou shalt not be a burden on others.
- VIII Thou shalt not appear untidy.
- IX Thou shalt not covet a taste beyond thy husband's income.
- X Thou shalt not covet thy lay sister's or fellow minister's house, furniture, car or whatever thy sister may have.

The fastest-growing field in Inter-America is Colombia, that picturesque country nestled among the Andes of northern South America. In past years our brethren in Colombia suffered much persecution. Persecution has not ceased in Colombia, but conditions are better than they were. Our brethren in Colombia are hastening to use the present time of comparative peace for intensive sharing of their faith. It is reliably reported that the Seventh-day Adventists in Colombia total more than all other Protestants combined. In the Colombia-Venezuela Union we have 18,623 members. How our first workers and missionaries in Venezuela and Colombia thrill over what is taking place in those lands.

Adventism In The Antilles

The islands of Puerto Rico, Hispaniola, and Cuba have, during the past four years, been filled with Seventh-day Adventist activity. As witness to that fact, I give you the Adventist membership count by islands: Puerto Rico, 6,000; Dominican Republic, 4,200; Cuba, 5,950. That is a total of 16,150 members in the Antillian Union.

Since the island of Cuba has slipped behind the Communist curtain, the church has had to face many problems. However, our Cuban brethren continue to witness for the truth, and the church in Cuba grows. One of our Cuban ministers wrote us not long ago: "The trials we now endure are refining our faith. The church is stronger spiritually than before. We still are permitted to preach publicly. The people are eager and hungry for the Word of God. It was not always thus."

For the past years our brethren in Cuba have had to print their own books. The homemade volumes are not so attractive or so sturdy as when the Pacific Press printed and bound the books for Cuba. Nevertheless, they have sold well, and the people continue to be eager to buy Adventist books. But the printing of books in Cuba is coming to an end. It is now almost impossible to secure paper and supplies. Our senior college in Cuba is no longer permitted to function. We are thankful, however, that our brethren in Cuba have been granted temporary permission to operate a limited "Semi-nary."

Evangelism

Evangelization is our main reason for being. Everything that we do we believe should be done with evangelistic purpose. After all, soul winning is our most important business.

The ministers in Inter-America, especially the workers who have the gift for public presentation of the message, have their eyes on the cities of the division. During the past quadrennium

evangelistic campaigns have been conducted in the large urban areas, such as Caracas, Bogota, San Jose, Mexico City, Managua, Tegucigalpa, Mayaguez, San Salvador, Port-of-Spain, Cali, Santo Domingo, Curacao, and other cities. All have been faithful campaigns. The public attends our evangelistic meetings to a degree never before known in Latin America. Our principal concern is to find auditoriums and places large enough to accommodate the people who come to hear the message.

Sabbath Schools

Our Sabbath schools contribute much to the soul-winning programme. We are strong believers in branch Sabbath schools. We have 2,700 and expect soon to have 3,000 branch Sabbath Schools. Some of our churches have reached the goal of "one branch Sabbath school for every Sabbath school class." Indeed, there are congregations that now have a goal of "one branch Sabbath school for every member!" The 93 church members in Guasave, Mexico, conduct ninety-five branch Sabbath schools. The Tiguana, Mexico, church has eighty-five branch schools. We like branch Sabbath schools because they have the habit of becoming regular Sabbath schools, and regular Sabbath schools develop into churches.

Radio Broadcasting

Radio evangelism is another strong soul-winning factor in Inter-America. We regret to report that the Spanish Voice of Prophecy programme was thrown off the air in Cuba. We had such good chain coverage on that island. The message reached many areas of the Caribbean from the island of Cuba. Although we are sorry about losing the radio broadcast in Cuba, we are glad to be able to inform you that for the first time we are now able to broadcast the Voice of Prophecy programmes over one of the best radio chains in Mexico. This, to a degree, compensates for the loss of the Cuba chain. We are praying that many souls in Mexico, and in other Spanish speaking lands, will hear our message over radio chain XEX emanating from Mexico City.

The Missionary Volunteers

The joy and pride of the church in Inter America is the young church our Missionary Volunteers. Some of our best lay evangelists and our most enthusiastic branch Sabbath school leaders, and most of our colporteurs, are Missionary Volunteers. We could not get along without our young people. They are on the march sharing their faith by Voice of Youth in Socultepec, Mexico. They are conducting branch Sabbath schools in Barbosa, Colombia. They are manning M.V. outposts in George's Plain, Jamaica. They are

working through Friendship Teams in Barbados. More than 60,000 Missionary Volunteers are on fire for God in Inter-America. God bless our young people!

Adventist Schools

The young people of Inter-America are hungry for a Christian education. We have more schools than ever in the division, and yet we have never been so crowded for class room, dormitory or library space. Every one of Inter-America's schools is overtaxed. We can't build new schools fast enough; nor can we enlarge our older schools as quickly as is necessary.

Seven denominational schools in Inter-America give secondary and college training, two of them offering collegiate degrees,—one in the Spanish language and the other in English. Twenty-six secondary schools serve Inter-America's youth. The elementary course of study is offered in 288 church schools. Since the activities of our senior college in Santa Clara, Cuba, have virtually been brought to an end, it has become necessary to expand our school plant in Puerto Rico.

Medical Missionary Work

The medical work in Inter-America is comparatively young. Six hospitals and nine permanent clinics are operated by the denomination. The Port-of-Spain Community Hospital in Trinidad and the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital have moved in to fine new quarters during the past quadrennium.

A well-equipped medical missionary launch, with headquarters at Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, plies the waters of the Orinoco River in South America. Government accredited training schools for nurses are conducted at our hospitals in Montemorelos, Mexico, and La Trinidad, Nicaragua; and soon we hope to offer like training in Puerto Rico. Our doctors and nurses are a much-appreciated evangelizing force in the Inter-American Division. Several private Adventist medical missionary stations have also been established in the field.

Literature Evangelism

We are always mindful of the important role that the publishing work has played in heralding the Advent message in Inter-America. Almost every field in the division first received the truth through our literature evangelists.

Even though our publishing department brethren are continually perplexed over how to get books into restricted and "soft money" countries, they are now delivering well over one million dollars worth of Adventist literature annually.

One of our veteran colporteurs, Adrian Alcantara, of Guatemala, has sold and delivered hundreds and even thousands of

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copies of the "The Great Controversy" in volcano-studded Central America. I share with you part of his recent letter to me: "My work on earth is about finished. Soon I may be laid to rest until Jesus comes. But, dear brother, when the Lord takes me into the kingdom, I shall cling to Him with one hand and in the other hand I shall likely be holding my "Great Controversy prospectus." Bless His Adventist heart.

LAY ACTIVITIES

From its earliest days Inter-America has always had a shortage of workers, but God has blessed this field with an army of laymen who have been willing to join the ministry in the nice work of soul-winning. During the past four years, Inter-America's lay preachers and lay workers have been responsible for winning 30,317 souls for the Master. Our champion lay preacher is Jose Sanchez of Colombia. This dear brother has won 412 souls in the past ten years for the kingdom of God. Eight ministers have shared in baptizing the believers won by Brother Sanchez. Other lay preachers in the same period of ten years have won 292 souls, 286 souls, 244 souls, 191 souls, 136 souls. Aren't those fine individual soul-winning records!

VETERAN INTER-AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

How fitting it is at this conference, when the Inter-American Division Commemorates its fortieth anniversary, to have with us our veteran Inter-American missionaries. Elder and Mrs. Orley Ford have been Seventh-day Adventist missionaries for more years than the Inter-American Division has been in existence. They entered into foreign mission service forty five years ago. In 1917, after completing their studies at Walla Walla College, they went into the highlands of the Andes to labour as comrades with F. A. Stahl, the apostle to the Incas. Not long after our Division was organized, the Fords joined the Inter-American missionary family. They have served the mission fields of this division ever since. Their son, Elder Ford, and their daughter, Sylvia Ford Larson, with their families, have also served as Inter-American missionaries. Elder and Mrs. Ford are now attending their first General Conference session. We rejoice with them as we consider how the church has grown during the forty five years of their mission service.

We thank God for men and women of devotion, such as Elder and Mrs. Ford. They have by their loyalty and consecration inspired many missionaries to follow

in their steps. Personally, it has been a joy for me to have been associated with the Fords during the past quarter of a century. They have brought courage to me and to others, I know. Inter-America salutes these veteran missionaries and thanks them for a lifetime of full-hearted service.

APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

Associated with me in the Inter-American Division headquarters office are men tried and true. I express honour and gratitude to my fellow officers, David H. Baasch and Clyde O. Franz, the secretary and the treasurer of the Division; and to Raymond Caldwell, auditor and assistant treasurer; Aubrey King, assistant treasurer; Walton Brown, education director; J. C. Culpepper, publications secretary; Glenn Maxson, leader of youth; Dr. Ernest Pohle, medical counselor; Fernon Retzer, Sabbath school and radio secretary; Valentin Schoen, lay activities and temperance director; and Henry Westphal, evangelist.

The work in the seven unions of the division has been ably guided by R. L. Jacobs, Antillian Union; J. G. Fulfer, Caribbean Union; L. L. Reile, Central American Union; A. R. Norcliffe, Colombia-Venezuela Union; C. L. Powers, Franco-Haitian Union; Alfredo Aeschlimann, Mexican Union; and A. C. Stockhausen, West Indies Union. These men are real servants of God.

As we bring this report to a close we would not be unmindful of those who faithfully led the Inter-American Division from its beginning. We bow in respect to our leaders of the past: E. E. Andross, G. A. Roberts, E. F. Hackman, Glenn Calkins, and their associates. Elder Calkins had hoped to be with us in San Francisco for this meeting, but in God's planning, it was not to be so. He now rests. Inter-America affectionately remembers this great leader and loyal servant of God.

We would also express a word of love and appreciation for our fellow workers who, during the past four years, have retired from active service; and for those comrades who have gone to their rest. And in a special way do we remember our lay missionaries who lie in martyrs' graves. May God keep us devoted to the faith for which they lived so nobly and died.

To our General Conference brethren, to the delegates in attendance at this meeting, and to our Adventist brethren everywhere, Inter-America says: "Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

COLLEGE NEWS

Student Enrollment:

In many countries of the world the month of September is of special significance. It is the time of the year when the thoughts of all turn towards the most challenging of a Nation's tasks—EDUCATION.

West Indies College joins with many great Institutions around the world to welcome to its sacred halls a happy, intellectually hungry group of students who have come to start the 1962-63 school year. At the time of writing, a rough count shows there are 318 Secondary students, and 92 College students, making a total of 410. These students have come from many countries and islands—Trinidad, Bahamas, Cayman, St. Lucia, Curacao, Panama, Venezuela, British Honduras, British Guiana, Dutch Guiana, Costa Rica, and of course from every parish in Jamaica. The Bahama Islands boast the largest number of foreign students on the campus.

Personnel:

As we welcome our new and also old students, we also welcome old and new Staff members. First to rejoin the staff was Mrs. Zenobia Davis, B.A. (nee Neblett) who returned to Jamaica with her husband Elder Aston Davis after a stay of approximately 15 years in the United States of America. Mrs. Davis is head of the Music Department of the College. Next came Mr. Norman Mitchell B.Sc. hon., recent graduate of the University College of the West Indies. Mr. Mitchell who has served the college before, rejoins the staff as a member of the Science Department. Then came Elder and Mrs. B. Benson, who both completed their Master's Degree at Andrews University. Elder Benson is in charge of the Cedar Hall Men's Home, while Mrs. Benson who has been on the staff before, joins the Educational Department in addition to being supervisor of the College Primary School.

The more an institution grows the more complex becomes its administration. West Indies College over the years has seen the type of growth that has made it necessary to call a headmaster for the Secondary school. Elder Herman Mills, M.A., former MV and Educational Secretary of the West Indies Union was called to this office. We feel sure this will increase the efficiency of the college.

We should not close this report without giving our Visitor readers a bit of good news regarding our Teacher Training Programme for the 1961-62 school year. We submitted nine young ladies for the final examination of the Teacher Training Board of the Ministry of Education. We are happy to say that all of the young ladies were successful. So too, was the group of eight who sat for the first examination, giving West Indies College 100 percent success in the two examinations.

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We solicit the prayers of our people everywhere to the end that West Indies College will not fail in its mission of giving youth a thorough preparation for service.

—Joe Fletcher

WEST INDIES UNION NEWS FLASHES

* Pastor H. A. Mills who served West Indies Union as Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary for more than two years has accepted a call to the West Indies College as head of the Secondary School. We would like to wish him abundant success as he takes up his new appointment.

* At the recent General Conference which convened in San Francisco, Pastor C. L. Powers was elected president of the Inter-American Division, replacing Pastor A. H. Roth. Prior to this he was the president of the Franco-Haitian Union.

* Among the changes that were made in the Inter-American Division was the appointment of Pastor B. L. Archbold, former dean of men of West Indies College, and up to recently, president of Caribbean Union College. He is Home Missionary Secretary of the Inter-American Division.

* The Laymen of West Indies Union have held Pastor V. W. Schoen in very high esteem. He has visited the field very often and has made a very valuable contribution to the Lay Activities department. He was elected Associate Secretary of the Home Missionary department of the General Conference.

* The West Indies Union is happy to welcome Pastor E. J. Parchment and family to our working staff. During the past 12 years they have served in various capacities in the Caribbean Union. His most recent appointment was president of the British Guiana Mission. He will be serving as Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary of West Indies Union, the post that has been made vacant by Pastor H. A. Mills.

* Pastor W. A. Holgate recently accepted a call to the West Indies Union as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary. This is no strange work to him as some years previously he served in a similar capacity in the East Jamaica Conference. We are sure that he will make a very valuable contribution to the work in the Union.

* During the month of June Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Nembhard were absent from Jamaica conducting a series of meetings in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera in the Bahamas. They began the work in that settlement 20 years ago. Brother Roy Fernandez, who recently graduated from Oakwood College gave very valuable assistance. Already seven candidates have been baptized and there is a Bible Class that is still in progress.



Baptismal group at Eleuthera 8 candidates were Baptized

* The West Indies Union was very disappointed when the news came to us that Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr. found it impossible to visit the field in the month of September as originally planned. Central Jamaica Conference had arranged baptismal services from Sunday September 23 — 30. The personnel of West Indies Union have deputized at the various baptisms. Up to the present time we have been informed that nearly 500 souls have already been baptized and more than 200 souls have taken their stand as a result of these baptisms.

* We extend our congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Holgate on the arrival of their first grand child, Miguel Eden Galimore, born September 2, at 10:00 A.M. Mother and son are both doing very well.

PATHFINDERING AT MT. JAMES

Seventh-day Adventist youth ages 9 to 16 years of the Mount James Church in upper St. Andrew district of East Jamaica will organize their own chapter of the denomination's international Pathfinder Club in a special Missionary Volunteer programme on Sabbath, October 20, 1962.

Twenty boys and girls will then be charter members of the Club which will plan recreational and devotional activities appealing to youth. In charge of the group is Brother H. O. Seivwright, its director.

For their inauguration Pastor Earl J. Parchment, Youth Director for the West Indies Union, and Pastor L. Herbert Fletcher, Youth Director for East Jamaica Conference, will be in attendance. They with Pastor V. O. Brown, the pastor of the church, will conduct the service.

WEST INDIES UNION NEWS FLASHES

The Mount James Church has an 'A' grade MV Society and has a membership of forty youth.

For the occasion, Pathfinder Clubs for the North Street Temple and Rollington Town Churches have been invited. In this Conference there are six Pathfinder Clubs. These Clubs are designed to train youth in Christian leadership, and they provide fellowship for our young people.

Vacation Bible Schools

During this past summer vacation, three Bible Schools were conducted by three churches in the East Jamaica Conference under the auspices of the Sabbath School Department for children between the ages of 3 to 14 years.

The Port Antonio and Greenwich Town Churches held their schools concurrently August 13—23, while the Andrews Memorial Hospital Church held theirs July 15—26.

The enrolments of these schools were: Port Antonio—150. Greenwich Town—75, Andrews Memorial — 50. Classes met from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily and the curriculum included:

Devotional	Craft
Nature Study	Story Telling
Games	

Vacation Bible Schools are relatively new to East Jamaica. Our pioneers in this field are Brother and Sister E. J. Heisler of the Andrews Memorial Hospital. They led out in the Andrews Vacation Bible School and were assisted by Sisters Hewitt, Craddock, McAdoo, Aston, Brother Mitchell and Elder Boyd.

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The Port Antonio School was directed by Mrs. C. S. Greene assisted by Sisters Gregory and Anderson, Pastor Greene and Pastor White of the Conference Sabbath School Department.

In Greenwich Town a Missionary Volunteer, Brother Winston Grey, was the director, and he was assisted by Sister Norris and Brother Brown.

All three schools had as their theme—"The Bible Tells Me." At the close of each school impressive graduation ceremonies were held. The ceremonies included exhibits of work done, demonstrations by the children in memory work and a prize giving. Altogether 160 certificates were handed out.

When asked for a statement on this new venture in our Conference, Pastor White, our Sabbath School secretary in East Jamaica, had this to say, "These Vacation Bible Schools can be used effectively for the breaking down of prejudice where it exists and for getting our work in its true perspective before the eyes of the people who do not have a clear understanding of it. My hope is that in 1963 we will triple the number of schools. To effect this I propose to inaugurate a training programme so we can have more and efficient teachers. Very definite plans are being made to this end."

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST DELEGATE

Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Mackey of Los Angeles, California, who attended the International Conference of Social Welfare in Rio de Janeiro, visited our Conference Offices and some of our churches during a short vacation stop in Jamaica.

While in South America the Mackeys visited a number of our mission stations. Some of our clinics and hospitals of Lima, Peru; Quito, Ecuador; Santiago, Chile; and Asuncion, Paraguay. Sister Mackey on this tour was particularly impressed with the growth of the Work in Bogota and the packed churches in that city in spite of persecution dangers.

When asked her impressions of Adventism outside of North America, Sister Mackey responded, "I am amazed that Seventh-day Adventists do so much with so little and with surrounding standards being so low. Seventh-day Adventists look the best of all the people we have seen." She also stated that she found seventh-day Adventists in the mission field with a firm hope in the Lord and of His early coming.

When asked if she returned to the United States with a challenge for the brethren in the home base, our visitor had this to say—"Yes. In the home base we are too apathetic. We talk too much and are doing too little. We need a new sense of values and a change of attitudes as we prepare for the soon coming of our Lord."

Mrs. Mackey is a social worker and stated that this conference was interested in rural development in the areas of housing, health, and the stimulation of education.

As the Mackeys leave our shores tomorrow we wish for them a safe trip and many happy years of service to humanity.

BIRTHS

* We welcome to our Conference family: **Antonette Patricia**, daughter of Pastor & Mrs. R. U. Daughmer, who was born at the Andrews Memorial Hospital on Sabbath, August 25, 1962.

Steven Edson, second son of Pastor & Mrs. Noel Thorpe, who was born at the Andrews Memorial Hospital December 27, 1961. Steve is growing fine and is a good new member to our Conference staff.

June Hileneve, second daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Keith O. Boyd, was born at Andrews Memorial Hospital on June 5, 1962. June is welcome to our Conference in general and to the Missionary Volunteer Department in particular.

WEDDING BELLS

In a quiet and impressive wedding ceremony at the Kencot S.D.A. Church Mr. Joscelyn Clarke took as his bride Miss Patricia Marr.

Mr. Clarke is a teacher at the Portland High School. The bride is an office secretary at the East Jamaica Conference.

We wish for this young couple heaven's richest blessings.

WELCOME

Through this medium we, on behalf of the churches in East Jamaica, say 'Welcome' to Pastor Thorpe and his wife, Dr. Thorpe, Duana and Steve, his two sons.

When asked for a statement the Pastor had this to say: "The urgency of our time demands faithful service as we labour together, and I trust that we will all unite our efforts to the finishing of the great task that the Lord has placed upon us."

Steady Growth of the Bahamas

July 4, 1962, brought to the Bahamas Mission a new president. Elder R. M. Mote left the Bahamas after serving as president of this field for four years. He and his wife have returned to the United States and will take up residence at Cumberland Heights, Tennessee. Their work has been much appreciated here, and we want to wish them God's blessings as they continue in the Christian pathway.

Elder E. H. Schneider has already taken up his responsibilities as president of the Bahamas Mission. He and his wife are getting settled and are looking forward to doing their part in building up the work in this field.

SHUFFLE OF WORKERS

Miss Ruth White has recently returned from Andrews University where she spent one year completing work on her Master's Degree. She is on the staff of the Bahamas Academy.

Pastor H. A. Roach, Principal of the Bahamas Academy is also back from Andrews University where he completed his Master's Degree during the summer. His wife, office secretary of the Bahamas Mission, accompanied him and did some work in the secretarial field at the college.

Brethren Eric Penn and Roy Fernandez have joined us this summer after graduating from Oakwood College. Brother Fernandez will take charge of our new work on the island of Bimini. Brother Penn will join the staff of the Bahamas Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hanna and Miss Althea Moncur have been granted study leave and have left for the West Indies College. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have been stationed at Pompey Bay, Acklins another of our new areas. Miss Moncur has been on the staff of the Bahamas Academy.

Mrs. Ruth McKinney has joined the staff of the Bahamas Academy as secretary and commercial teacher. School reopened on Monday, September 10.

Mrs. Alwynne Scavella is working in our Mission office as secretary to the departmental men.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Smith have been stationed at Matthew Town, Inagua where our work is just beginning because of the faithful colporteur ministry of Brother E. W. Carnegie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Smith have been assigned to take over the work at West End, Grand Bahama.

We trust by the help of God and the replacement and return of these workers, the Bahamas Mission will realize a great harvest of souls in the coming months. We need your prayers for the work in this field.

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