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SOUL-WINNING SCORE BOARD

In the field of sports a great deal of interest is manifested in the score board because this reveals the success or failure of each member of the team. Each member of the group is anxious to prove his merit for being honoured to represent his country. As Paul observed the athletes of his day, he said that they were striving for a corruptible crown. We the contestants in this spiritual race cannot afford to be less concerned about our success and attainments as we unite in combating the enemy of our souls.

Today there is a deep stir in all sections of the West Indies Union as the laymen ministers and executives unite their forces in soul-winning. Evangelism is really the lifeline of our complicated machinery. The only purpose for the organizing of the various departments of the church is to be more effective in saving souls. Whenever this important phase of our work is slighted we shall come to the sad realization that we are no different to the nominal churches.

In this issue of the West Indies Union **VISITOR** we are pleased to publish the evangelistic score board here in our Union. Each Conference and Mission will be able to see its standing in relationship to the other fields. Competition should not be our objective but the cause of God is greatly blessed when each worker endeavours to excel in that which is good. It is God's desire and purpose that His disciples should bring forth much fruit. As Christ is exalted before the people there will be a bountiful harvest.

"The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant.

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance; enter new territory; lift the standard in every land. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'

"The time has come when through God's messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth contained in the first, second, and third angels, messages must go to every nation, kind-

red, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent and extend to the islands of the sea. There must be no delay in this work.

"Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord." **Evangelism, p. 707.**

From our smallest Mission, the Cayman Islands, comes the report from the president, Pastor G. D. Weidmann. "I have spent some time in East End and visited all our members with the exception of two who were not at home. I have also visited some in West Bay and plan soon to complete visiting there as well as the rest of the islands." During his visit to Cayman Brac he baptized three souls as a result of the labours of Brother Manley Coleman.

From the Bahamas Mission comes the cheering word that Pastor S. N. McKinney and the ministers who united with him in the Johnson Park tent effort baptized 87 and since then Pastor McKinney baptized 15 souls from an effort he conducted in Cat Island. He states that he has baptized 105 since January of this year.

At the close of the second quarter there were two centurions in Central Jamaica Conference—Pastor B. A. Woodburn with 111 and Pastor Robert Williams who baptized 100.

East Jamaica Conference has not fallen behind as they have also reported two centurions—Pastor F. E. White with 120 and Pastor J. G. Bennett with 111. Our hearts are made glad for this evidence of God's blessings.

West Jamaica Conference has also sent the cheering news that Pastor E. Wright is the first centurion of that Conference, with 116 baptized. Let us continue to make our watchword **EVANGELISM**

In another section of this issue you will find a detailed report on the evangelistic score board of each field. There is every evidence that 1963 will be a banner year for West Indies Union. Already we have baptized 2,232 for the first two quarters. Let us continue to pray for the evangelistic programme in our private devotions and remember the

words of the Apostle Paul, "Lest after I have preached to others I myself should be a cast away."

—M. G. Nembhard, Secretary
West Indies Union Mission

"IT IS I; BE NOT AFRAID"

That night the sea of Galilee seemed demon-possessed. Even men born on its shores, who had fished its familiar waters for a lifetime, were filled with dread. The sea which had supplied their living seemed ready now to swallow their lives.

Then Jesus came: Walking with assurance over the raging waters; moving serenely through the tempest; speaking calmly over the shrieking wind; bringing hope to terrified men; putting peace into fearful hearts. "It is I," said He, "be not afraid."

Today the forces of evil are determined to possess the world, and the resulting tempest is fearful. Men who have been confident of their plans and purposes are confused. They are afraid of themselves, of their inventions, of each other, of the future. The world of which they dreamed has escaped their control and seems ready to overwhelm them. Desperately they ask, "Who can bring us peace? Who can calm our fear? Is there protection from the threatening storm?" The answer is Yes. There is peace for a man's mind, there is hope for his heart, there is protection for his life, for there is life, hope and peace in Jesus.

Yet Jesus does not walk as He did then, nor does He speak as He spoke then. When He ascended to His Father, He said to us, His disciples, "Go ye . . . and teach" (Mat. 28:19), which by practical interpretation means "Go, walk for me and speak for me." Jesus has called us to walk for Him and to talk for Him. We are to go out over the strife-torn earth for Him; we are to speak above the babel of the world for Him, giving to men in despair His message of hope and life: "It is I; be not afraid."

David H. Baasch, Secretary
Inter-American Division of S.D.A.



Pastor S. N. McKinney with a group of his newly baptised members.

Nassau Effort Yields 87 Baptisms

The Lord mightily blessed in the effort conducted by Pastor Silas N. McKinney in the Farrington Road area. As a result of this effort, he baptized eighty-seven souls; a new church was organized, and a new church edifice is being built.

Elder Silas N. McKinney, our Mission Evangelist, was asked by the Mission committee to conduct this effort with the assurance of complete cooperation from all our pastors in Nassau. The effort began on March 3, in our large tent with a seating capacity of 500. The tent was full practically every night. Some nights found people standing on the outside with no seats available. Pastor McKinney presented powerful sermons to the listeners, and the Spirit of God was there to indite the message to every heart.

Since all our pastors in Nassau were asked to cooperate with Pastor McKinney, they were on hand every night. Their wives were there to tell stories to the children and also to help in the ushering. This spirit of cooperation we believe brought the rich harvest of eighty-seven souls baptized for the Lord.

Pastor Leslie McMillan was in charge of the musical programme for the effort. He did an excellent job. He organized a combined choir from the three churches in Nassau. The musical numbers which consisted of choir selections, quartettes, trios, duets and solos were quite wonderful, and truly enjoyed by the congregation.

After the first six weeks Elder McKinney held nightly Bible classes before the sermons which was, likewise well attended.

This was the first all-Bahamian effort conducted in Nassau. Our people were happy and surprised at the results. Surely the Lord has blessed us mightily for which we are thankful.

As a result of this effort and soul-winning activities of the rest of the workers of the Bahamas Mission, we are praying for a banner year in baptisms in 1963. We ask an interest in the prayers of the readers of the "Visitor" that God will continue to pour out His Spirit in the Bahamas Mission field.

—E. H. Schneider, President
Bahamas Mission

CAMPING WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

During the months of July and August, it was my happy privilege to visit four of the six Youth Camps which were held in the West Indies Union.

The first camp visited was the Bahamas Pathfinder Camp which was held in New Providence on the ideal spot located about twenty-five miles from Nassau. There, many trees offered cool and refreshing shade, and the beach was ideal for bathing.

It was really an enjoyable experience camping in the great out-of-doors with thirty-seven campers and their twelve officers, under the able direction of Pastor W. W. Nairn.

An important feature of our camping programme was the visit of the Governor of the Bahamas and his wife. After a royal welcome, the honoured guests were taken on a tour of the camp. They were very pleased with what they saw, in so much so that they expressed their appreciation for the good work done by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the youth of the Bahamas. The Pathfinder band, the first in the West Indies Union, contributed not only to the colourful march-past during the Governor's visit but also to the success of the camp on a whole.

After leaving the Bahamas Camp, I had to hurry back to Jamaica in order to be on time for the beginning of the

Junior Camp in East Jamaica, and what a delightful camp it was! One hundred and thirty-six boys and girls and their officers spent seven sublime days amidst the beauties of "Camp Don". Geared for the ten to fifteen age group, the programme provided not only a retreat in the out-of-doors for the youth but also instruction in Christian living, nature love, crafts, volley-ball, swimming and other enjoyable activities.

Pastor Herbert Fletcher, the energetic MV Secretary of East Jamaica Conference, had a well organized programme for his juniors. Unfortunately, however, because of a fractured leg sustained in the previous Senior Camp while playing with the campers, he was unable to take part in the activities of the Junior Camp, but his able assistants did a good job in administering the camp.

"Camp Don" will long be remembered by East Jamaica's enthusiastic juniors.

Central Jamaica Conference's first Youth Camp was held at the spacious Young Men's Christian Association camp grounds at Caymanas. It was a pleasure to be associated with Pastor Lekoy Carter in this his first camp since the Conference was organized. With 150 campers and officers we had a wonderful experience living in tents as the Israelites of old, and enjoying the bounties of nature and our benificent Creator. My only regret was that I could not spend much time at this Camp as I had to run off to White House to spend the closing days of West Jamaica's Senior Camp with Pastor Douce and his young people.

Not having enough facilities for all the campers who attended, some of the boys had to sleep in cars, but this did not dampen the spirits of the young people. Such an experience made camp life even more interesting than it otherwise would have been.

Camping with our Missionary Volunteers was indeed a pleasurable experience. The young people themselves will testify that there is no greater joy than being at camp where spiritual, social, physical and intellectual blessings are received by all.

The West Indies Union was fortunate in having Pastor Donald von Pohle, MV Secretary of the Inter-American Division visit many of our camps. He spent one week with our young people in each of the Jamaica Conferences. His spiritual talks and fatherly counsels were greatly appreciated.

With confidence and optimism we now look forward to next year when again with our young people we will camp under the stars.

Earl J. Parchment, MV Sec'y
West Indies Union

East Jamaica Conf. Session

The Seventh Biennial Session of the East Jamaica Conference will convene at the North Street Seventh-day Adventist Temple December 18-22, 1963

H. E. Nembhard, President.

L. A. Morrison, Secretary-Treasurer.



BAMIVOCA XI

(Bahamas Missionary Volunteer Camp)

The Eleventh Youth Camp of the Bahamas Mission is now history but since camp last year Missionary Volunteers have been planning for another enjoyable camp.

As plans began to materialize and without even one application in, an invitation was extended to His Excellency, Sir Robert Stapleton, Governor of the Bahamas and his wife, Lady Stapleton, to visit our camp. An acceptance was received from the Governor within a week, and the MV Societies were informed. Then the applications began to come in. Even on the Sabbath just before camp when Elder Earl J. Parchment, MV Secretary of the West Indies Union spoke at an MV Rally in Nassau, several came begging for an opportunity to attend camp.

Camp officially began at 11:00 a.m. on July 22, but by then all tents and equipment were already installed at the beautiful beach property of Mr. Paul Adderley, M.H.A. of Nassau. The installation included a city water supply, specially connected by the Public Works Department for the benefit of our camp with 600 feet of piping loaned by one of the plumbing companies. For these special services we are most grateful.

Immediately after Registration in which 37 campers and 12 officers enrolled, the cooks were ready with dinner which really pushed camp off to a wonderful start. The principal officers were: E. J. Parchment, Honorary Director; W. W. Nairn, Director; N. E. Scavella, Chaplain; H. A. Roach, Boys Superintendent; Ruth White, Girls Superintendent; and Mary Brennen, Matron.

Among the Highlights of "Bamivoca XI" was the visit of the Governor and

his wife. E. H. Schneider, President officially welcomed the party. E. J. Parchment gave an address outlining the MV Organization, after which the Governor gave a short address.

He stated that he was happy to accept the invitation for three reasons: 1. An opportunity to get away from his office; 2. Having observed the Pathfinders at Commonwealth Youth Celebrations, he was anxious to meet and observe them more closely; 3. That he might also learn something from the activities of the Pathfinders at camp. A presentation of a plastic foam decorated doll was made to Lady Stapleton by Kayla Lockhard on behalf of the campers. On this occasion the new Pathfinder Band provided music for the singing of the Camp and Pathfinder song and also the March Past, when His Excellency the Governor took the salute. The entire party then inspected the tents and campers, and as the Governor approached his car the campers gave three cheers for the Queen and joined in the Pathfinder song as they departed.

Another highlight was the Sabbath programmes with the special message by Elder Earl J. Parchment, after the regular Sabbath School programme conducted by Miss Ruth White. The MV Hour, with the theme "Driftwood" was truly inspiring as Miss Elizabeth Antonio led out in the presentation.

Too soon Monday arrived when it was necessary to "Break Camp". The tents were taken down and as the campers assembled for the last Flag lowering they each pledged their loyalty to God. It's truly great to be a Pathfinder!

—W. W. Nairn, MV Secretary
Bahamas Mission

WEST JAMAICA HOLDS YOUTH CAMPS

For the first time in its history, the West Jamaica Conference decided to have separate Youth Camps, one for juniors and one for seniors. Heretofore, it was always conducted as a combination programme for the young people attending camp. But this year the MV and Educational Secretary recommended to the Conference that separate camps should be held. The OK was given and plans were laid in that direction.

Whether due to parental hesitation or a fear of innovation, the Junior applications were coming in very slowly at first. In fact only thirty juniors came to Camp. But they were just as happy and required just as much attention as if there were three hundred of them.

Elder Donald J. vonPohle, brand new MV Secretary of the Inter-American Division, was with us for Junior Camp, and he surely brought a blessing to the campers. He guided them through some very helpful Camp Council sessions which were based on the theme, "I would be like Jesus." The Juniors will long remember this first experience at Camp and the wonderful association they had for their eight days of Camp. Many of them were in tears when camp broke up and asked if they couldn't stay just one week more. But it came to an end all too soon and before you knew it, the seniors were piling in. When they got through coming there were fifty-four of them, and so everyone dug right in again and Camp moved into full swing operation from the very first day. With very little adjustments, the same staff continued through Senior Camp.

It was remarked that though there were nearly twice as many seniors, they didn't give half the trouble the juniors did. To the MV Secretary both Camps were easy, but the seniors gave a little less trouble. Elder E. J. Parchment, MV & Educational Secretary of the West Indies Union, was with us the last few days of senior camp, and tired as he was after three camps, he thoroughly enjoyed the few days with us.

Pastor Lynford Williams, our camp chaplain conducted some very interesting and informative counsel sessions during senior camp and just could not get enough time on the topics of Love, Courtship and Marriage. Questions came from all sides, and the young people understood better what the Lord meant when he said, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" The campfire sessions were indeed "heartwarming" for some lovely campfires were constructed by the campers. The final night of camp was a busy one for many campers, and they paid the penalties the following morning. There is nothing like good wholesome activities for our young people. We look forward to the time when more young people will come to camp and enjoy the wonderful things planned for them; and we in West Jamaica also long to have a camp site of our own where cabins and other facilities can be constructed to be used year after year.

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This is an appeal to all our readers. If you have a nice piece of land by the beach or by a river, and you want to put it to maximum use, turn it over to West Jamaica for a camp site, and you will be amply rewarded, knowing that this is a contribution to the welfare and salvation of our young people.

Comings And Goings In West Jamaica

Miss Patricia Hosin comes from West Indies College to join our teaching staff in West Jamaica. She succeeded Mrs. Miller at Santa Cruz while Mrs. Miller goes on to Sherwood Content to take over the school there, and Miss Dehaney from Snerwood Content has now joined the staff of the Harrison Memorial High School. Mr. Maxwell Smith has also joined the staff of the Harrison Memorial High School before proceeding to the United States to further his studies. He will possibly be succeeded at Vaughnsfield by Mr. Altis Samms. Mr. Winston Langley leaves Harrison Memorial High School after a year's service, for the United States to further his education. Miss Daphne Cassanova bids farewell to Harrison after six years of faithful service in that institution. She proceeds to the United States to further her education. To her and Mr. Langley we say bon voyage, and we await with keen anticipation their return to continue their service here in West Jamaica.

Miss Bernice Simpson, former teacher at the Mt. Horeb school got married on July 28 and subsequently joined her husband in the Bahamas. Miss Myrtle Loney succeeds Mrs. Rahming in Mt. Horeb. Miss Yvonne Hines has gone on to Williamsfield to take up where Miss Loney left off. Miss Mavis Morris who formerly assisted Mrs. Williams at Dias has proceeded to West Indies College to continue her education there. Her place has been taken by Miss Gloria Williams, a graduate of the Harrison Memorial High School. Miss Millicent Mason who formerly assisted Mrs. Broomfield in March Town has also proceeded to West Indies College to pursue the teacher training course, and she has been succeeded by Miss Carmen Dixon.

HARRISON MEMORIAL STONE-LAYING FUNCTION

"Daddy, I am ten years old this year. What are you giving me for my birthday?" That is about exactly what the Harrison Memorial High School, could it but speak, say to the West Jamaica Conference. Of course, the request would take in grandpa, (the Union) and great-grandpa, (the Inter-American Division) as well. "Well, all things being equal, I think you have been a pretty good boy, so I will give you a new house." And that is how it worked out, for on August 18, 1963, at least 3,000 loyal Seventh-day Adventists and well wishing friends crowded on to the Harrison Memorial High School grounds at 3 Cottage Road, Montego Bay, to join Harrison Memorial

in celebrating its tenth anniversary.

News had gone all around the Field, information had reached to every corner of the Conference as well as the sister conferences, that this would be the big day in West Jamaica. Hundreds of true-hearted Seventh-day Adventists had sent in before hand varying amounts in pledges to help realise the goal that was set for the function. Scores of others brought their envelopes with them and turned them in during a specially planned phase of the day's programme.

The day was bright and fair, and a brilliant sun smiled down in undiminished splendour. It had rained heavily the previous two days, but God gave ear to the prayers of many who hoped for a fair day. The function was planned for 3:00 p.m., but as early as 9:00 a.m. buses started arriving on the spot. They kept coming in a steady flow right up to and after the appointed hour. A dais was built on the outside, and the rest of the area nicely levelled off to accommodate all the benches and chairs available.

Among the dignitaries on the platform were Elder W. E. Murray, vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists who gave the main address on this occasion; Elder C. L. Powers, president of the Inter-American Division who brought greetings from the Division and laid a stone on behalf of the Division; Elder W. U. Campbell, president of the West Indies Union, Dr. Herbert Eldemire, Minister of Health who gave a very fine address and also laid a stone; Elder H. S. Walters, president of Central Jamaica Conference who brought greetings from the Conference and laid a stone; and Elder S. G. Lindo, president of the West Jamaica Conference who extended the welcome to all who were present.

In his remarks, Dr. Eldemire stated that the only hope of survival to this new nation of ours is the education of its youth. "You young people who attend this school," he went on to say, "are very fortunate to have a school so closely linked with a church, a church that not only preaches the word of God, but is directed by the word of God. In your brief history you have built for yourself a reputable name, but you must not be satisfied with a good past. Always strive for a better future as you attain to new spiritual and scholastic heights."

Mr. Dwyer, the principal, gave a brief history of the school making mention of the outstanding success the school has achieved in its brief decade of service. A highlight in his remarks focussed on the fact that Harrison Memorial had the distinction of having at least one M.D. to its credit, Dr. Herman Ricketts, one of the charter students of the school, who is now doing his internship in California.

During a special phase of the occasion the names of donors were called by districts, and they filed on to the platform, took up a small stone, threw it in the mixture, dropped their envelopes in a container and marched off the other end of the platform. On display was a large mahogany plaque encased in glass and inscribed with the names of the donors. This plaque will be a testimony to their posterity of the support they gave to Harrison. All contributions were greatly appreciated, but special mention should be made of a local merchant, Mr. Jim Marzouca, Brother and Sister Brown of Pondsides and Nurse McIntosh who made

the largest contributions. All together it was a very enjoyable day for everyone, and even though the final figures are not yet available, since there are still promises to be paid up, it is hoped that even £1,000 will be realized.

Harrison stands in dire need of financial help. She beckons to one and all. "Would you win a Saviour's blessing, Freely, freely give. Would you see His school progressing, Freely, freely give." Through this medium we say thanks to all our workers and members and friends who have contributed thus far and extend an invitation to those who have not yet done so to join us in this effort.

—H. L. Douce
MV & Educational Secretary

MEMORIES OF CAMP "CENTRO PRIMERO"

August 12 saw the conclusion of Camp "Centro Primero" the first one-week youth camp held by the newly formed Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Present at the Camp held at Caymanas Bay at the Y.M.C.A. camp site were one hundred and fifty youth and officers.

Visitors to camp included Elder Don vonPohle, youth leader of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists; Elder E. J. Parchment, youth leader of the West Indies Union; Elder H. S. Walters, President of the Central Jamaica Conference; Elder H. E. Nembhard, President of the East Jamaica Conference and other ministers from the various fields.

Under the direction of Elder LeRoy Carter, youth leader of the Central Jamaica Conference, activities were effected to everyone's satisfaction, while a high degree of discipline was maintained. Activities were of the educational, physical, recreational, social and spiritual types and these were programmed to form an interesting variety. There were nature studies, crafts, manual duties, sports, camp fires, hikes, marches and spiritual talks.

Patriotism and loyalty to our new nation were demonstrated in the daily flag raising and lowering ceremonies.

Everyone was sorry that camp ended and many expressed their intention to be at Camp "Centro Segundo" next year.

—Neville Allen
Central Jamaica Conference

"There are thrilling discoveries to be made in the contemplation of the handiwork of God. This is distinctly an area of special value to Adventist youth because the more extensive our participation, the more fully we know the Creator."

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New Technician At Andrews Memorial Hospital



Mr. Robert Dyke.

Recently arrived to join the staff of Andrews Memorial Hospital are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dyke and family. Mr. Dyke will be head of the lab and X-Ray departments.

Mr. Dyke was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He graduated from a course in X-Ray technology at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles in 1955 with an R.T. certificate. He graduated from the lab course at Madison Hospital in Tennessee in 1962 and is registered with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Mrs. Dyke was born in Brattleboro, Vermont. The family consists of two sons, Rodney and Brian and a daughter, Heidi.

Previous to his appointment at Andrews, Mr. Dyke worked at Madison Hospital, at the White Memorial Hospital, and at Rest Haven Sanitarium in British Columbia.

We are sure that Mr. Dyke will make a contribution to the technical departments of our medical work.

—E. J. Heisler

West Indies Union News Briefs

* It was the pleasure of West Indies Union to have Pastors W. E. Murray and C. L. Powers, vice-president of the General Conference and Division president respectively, as guests from August 11 - 20. Besides their many speaking appointments they met with the West Indies Union committee and the West Indies College board and gave valuable counsel.

* During the visit of Pastor W. U. Campbell, president of West Indies Union to the Cayman Islands he officiated in the ordination service in which Brother James Innis was the candidate.

* Pastor E. J. Parchment, MV Educational Secretary, conducted a very successful Youth Crusade in Georgetown, Grand Cayman. He also participated in the ordination service of Pastor

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ORDINATION SERVICE

of

A. George Lawrence

Arthur George Lawrence was ordained to the gospel ministry before a gathering of 1,500 believers assembled from all over the East Jamaica Conference at the North Street Temple church on Sabbath afternoon, August 17, at 4:00 p.m.

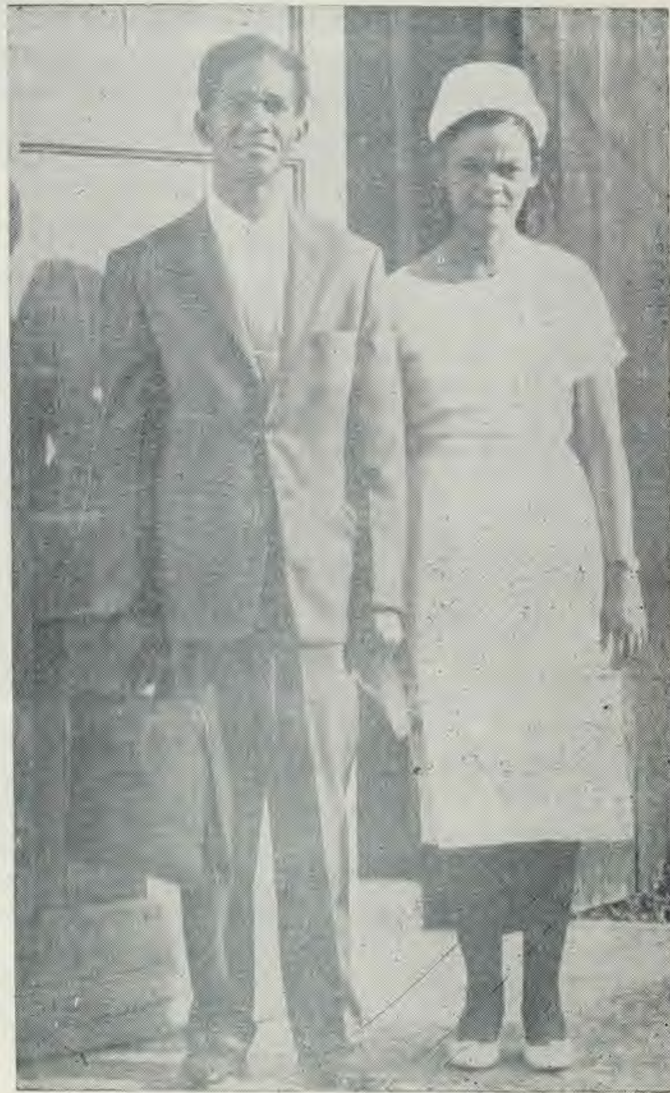
A dynamic, spirit-filled sermon was presented by Elder W. E. Murray, Vice-President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His challenging and moving sermon greatly enhanced the occasion. Approximately twenty-five ordained ministers were present to share in the inspiration of this solemn event.

We were privileged to have Elder C. L. Powers, President of the Inter-American Division, present at the service, and he gave the ordination prayer. Elder W. U. Campbell, President of the West

Indies Union, gave the charge; Elder H. E. Nembhard, President of the East Jamaica Conference, gave the welcome; and Elder L. A. Morrison, Secretary-Treasurer of the East Jamaica Conference, gave the scripture lesson. Elder M. G. Nembhard, Secretary of the West Indies Union gave the closing remarks and presented the certificate of Ordination to the candidate ordained.

Pastor Lawrence had the signal privilege of winning more than 500 souls to Christ before his ordination.

On behalf of the constituency and our workers we extend our congratulations to Elder Lawrence and wish for him a fruitful ministry and finally to hear the "Well Done" when the Master comes.



Pastor and Mrs. Don March.

Pastor March was ordained on June 22, 1963 at the Spanish Town S.D.A. Temple.

* Pastor and Mrs. Don March have responded to an invitation to return to the Cayman Islands to take up work on

the Island of Grand Cayman. He will pastor three churches.

OUR CENTURION EVANGELISTS 1963.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Centurion Evangelistic Report
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Pastor B. A. Woodburn
Central Jamaica Conference



Pastor J. G. Bennett
East Jamaica Conference



Pastor F. E. White
East Jamaica Conference



Pastor E. Wright
West Jamaica Conference

E. Wright	—	116
A. Gordon	—	69
L. Williams	—	62
J. C. Palmer	—	56
V. Griffiths	—	55
E. C. H. Reid	—	41
N. E. Frazer	—	35
C. Mair	—	31
W. Kirlew	—	30
F. Broomfield	—	29
C. Perry	—	27
D. O. Spence	—	21
H. E. Richards	—	20
T. Thompson	—	17
A. Parchment	—	14

Moscow Adventist Church Crowded

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The most crowded church in Moscow is that of the Seventh-day Adventists, Col. Paul H. Griffith, former Under-secretary of Defence, reported here in Washington, D.C., on his return from a three week visit to Soviet Russia.

Colonel Griffith, former national commander of the American Legion, is president of a veterans' group called Arms of Friendship, which seeks to enhance world peace through friendly reunions of leaders of the veterans' organizations in various nations.

Colonel Griffith, who is also president of the Religious Heritage of America, Inc., said he insisted on seeing as many religious institutions as possible in the Russian capital, and that after a visit of the Baptist church, a Roman Catholic church, several orthodox churches, and a Jewish synagogue, he was taken to the Seventh-day Adventist church where a Saturday worship service was in progress. "The service was so crowded we could hardly make our way through the door," Colonel Griffith declared. "All around us were young people—something we did not see in any other church in Russia."

The Adventists have known sharp repression in Russia because of their opposition to Saturday employment, as well as the fact that their religious beliefs largely originated in the United States, he said, but it has not seemed to sap the strength of their faith.

"They had a choir of 30 voices that sang beautifully," he reported. But, significantly, the choir used for songbooks old schoolbooks across whose pages had been pasted typewritten sheets containing the words and tunes of hymns. The congregation also used tattered old books that had been converted to hymnals by a similar paste-up of typewritten sheets over the original pages.

"They have not been able to print a religious book in thirty years because the state controls all the printing presses," Colonel Griffith said. R.N.S.

—(Reprint from the **MINISTRY**,
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CENTRAL JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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B. A. Woodburn	—	111
R. Williams	—	100
B. L. Henry	—	77
R. Ashmeade	—	61
Z. Reid	—	58
H. R. Bennett	—	56
E. Henry	—	40
V. Miller	—	36
H. H. Fletcher	—	34
A. Davis	—	26
K. G. Vaz	—	25
E. C. Walton	—	25
C. Newman	—	21
N. Nosworthy	—	20
C. Parchment	—	18
S. A. Grant	—	15
U. E. Morgan	—	6
J. N. Williams	—	6

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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F. E. White	—	120
J. G. Bennett	—	111
R. Henry	—	96
C. F. Edwards	—	68
A. D. Laing	—	56
A. H. Hunter	—	51
V. O. Brown	—	39
G. J. Wilson	—	30
M. E. Weir	—	27
V. G. Newman	—	18
A. G. Lawrence	—	17
O. S. Rugless	—	14
K. O. Boyd	—	7
R. E. Douglas	—	2
S. G. Campbell	—	0
N. H. Thorpe	—	0

James Innis. From the Cayman Islands he went to the Bahamas where he assisted in their Youth Camp.

* For the first six months in 1963 the West Indies Union has reported 2,332 souls baptized. This is possibly the largest number ever reported for the first six months of any given year.

* Among the visitors to West Indies Union in the month of August was Pastor D. vonPohle, newly appointed MV Secretary of the Inter-American Division. He gave very valuable assistance in the Youth Camps conducted in the three conferences.

* Since January, five of our young ministers have been ordained in West Indies Union.

Dr. S. O. Beaumont spent nearly three weeks visiting the Bahamas and a number of centers in the United States, making contacts for West Indies College. He reported that his trip was very successful.

* The West Indies College cafeteria building is making excellent progress. During the vacation period, a number of students have been employed in the construction programme, and we are very glad to report that the building is now taking shape.

* The family of the late Pastor E. E. Parchment recently created a Trust Fund to assist worthy students who are approaching the completion of their college course and may be experiencing financial difficulties.

* Pastor Oswald Gordon and family spent a few days in Mandeville visiting friends. They were the guests of Pastor and Mrs. Davis.

* During the month of August there were many visitors to the island. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dayes, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Gooden, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pitter.

* Pastor V. T. Boyce and family returned from their vacation on Sunday, September 1.

be ready for occupancy by the opening of school in September.

* The Missionary Volunteer Department of East Jamaica Conference has conducted the largest camp in its history. There were 103 senior and 140 junior campers attending.

MRS. EUNICE EVELENA BRODIE was born July 4, 1878 and died June 29, 1963. Her husband, John Frances Brodie and six children pre-deceased her. She is survived by eight children, twenty-two grand children, fourteen great-grand children and a sister.

In the year 1919 she was baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained a faithful member until the time of her death. In her community she exerted a great influence on all who came into her sphere, and was loved and respected by all. She now peacefully sleeps awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

— H. E. Richards

OBITUARY

S. H. Brodie—

The first child of John Frances and Eunice Brodie was born at Wigton, Williamsfield on the 30th day of April, 1890. Being one of fourteen children, he early learned to be unselfish and helpful, a trait which he displayed throughout his life.

He went to school at Barbary Hall where he proved himself to be an able student and showed signs of outstanding ability. He was sent to Kingston where he studied medicine and became a successful pharmacist. At the age of eighteen he accepted the Advent message which the late Brother L. G. Mullings brought to him. Because of bitter parental opposition, he shed many tears and it was only after he was sent to Kingston for his training that he had the freedom of public worship. He was baptized in 1908 by the late Elder D. E. Wellman and he became a member of the North Street Seventh-day Adventist church.

In 1917 he was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Lucille Turner. To this union six children were born. Kathleen, his first daughter, became the wife of Elder V. G. Newman, serving fifteen years as a missionary in foreign fields, and now serving in East Jamaica Conference; Marion, a nurse, is now serving at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California; Sewell Wesley is a staff member of Alcan, Jamaica; Henry Douglas, a teacher and lab technician at Loma Linda University. Donald Redolph is making his contribution in the business world in Lincoln, Nebraska, while William Robert also serves in the medical field in Ventura, California.

In June, 1962 he was brought low by the hand of sickness. Thus for one full year he bore his affliction bravely until the end came peacefully on the night of May 18.

We mourn and deeply regret his passing, but we sorrow not as them that have no hope, for it can be truly said of him, "He hath fought a good fight" and hath finished his course nobly.

He leaves to mourn, his faithful wife, six children, seventeen grand-children, aunt, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

"Asleep in Jesus peaceful rest
Whose waking is supremely blest
No fear, no woe shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

—H. E. Richards

SISTER FRANCIS BUCKHAM was born in the year 1869 and died the 10th of June, 1963. She leaves three daughters, thirty-nine grand children, great-grand children and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. "Father in Thy gracious keeping, we leave her now Thy servant sleeping."

SISTER FRANCIS JAMES, age 86, died on November 26, 1962. She leaves to mourn their loss one son, fifteen grand children, six great-grand children and other relatives.

May she rest in peace to await the call of the Life-Giver.

—Ivy Forrester, Clerk



In Memoriam

To Elder Eric Parchment,
A former student here,
And afterwards a teacher
Whom we all held very dear,
Today we would pay tribute
And, although he is at rest,
We recall with tender memory
How he gave to us his best.
He lived a life of service,
And many here today
Have felt the touch of kindness
While passing by his way.
For many years he laboured
In this College on the hill,
And proved a very blessing
To many sorrowing, sad and ill.
First President of West Jamaica
He set a splendid pace,
And served wherever there was need
With patience and with grace.
At Southfield and at Newell,
Until his call to rest,
He laboured still untiringly,
Giving his very best.
Serenely now he's resting
From this life's weary way,
Awaiting the call of the Master,
And the joys of eternal day.

—Mrs. Mavis Holgate

Newsbits From East Jamaica Conference

* Arthur George Lawrence was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, August 17, at 4:00 p.m. Elder W. E. Murray, Vice-president of the General Conference delivered the sermon.

* The Governor General, Sir Clifford Campbell, gave the opening address at the ground-breaking ceremony of the new Hagley Park church school building on June 19. Work on this new building has begun, and it will be ready for occupancy during the month of September.

* The new Trench Town church building had its stone-laying ceremony during the month of June. The Mayor, Councillor Currie, attended this ceremony and gave a very fine address. This church, when completed, will seat over a thousand people.

* The largest Vacation Bible School held in East Jamaica Conference by the North Street Temple was a great success, with an average of over 300 children attending.

* A new church school building under the leadership of Elder Hunter has been started in Buff Bay. Pastor Hunter is confident that the building will

ALUMNI CORNER

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to have this opportunity of greeting you in the "Visitor". We must say a hearty thank you to Elder M. G. Nembhard, editor of the "Visitor", for extending this courtesy to us.

From now on Alumni, this will be your corner, so watch it for the latest developments in the Alumni world.

WEST INDIES COLLEGE

ASSOCIATION REVIVED:

After almost two years of hibernation, the Alumni Association of West Indies College has been awakened, and is now on the march with Elder M. G. Nembhard as commanding officer.

GRADUATION EXERCISES:

During the week-end June 7-9, West Indies College held its 42nd graduation exercises. The graduating class, 47 strong, had the distinction of being the largest class in the history of the college.

Despite the inclement weather which characterized the entire week-end, the friends and well-wishers of the college turned out in large numbers to see another group of graduates take their places in the Master's vineyard.

The speakers for the week-end were: Pastor F. E. White — Consecration Service
Pastor S. Reid — Baccalaureate
Prof. V. H. Percy — Commencement
On Sunday after the graduation exercises, a meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the college library. The meeting was altogether a success, since it was well attended and those present showed a fine spirit.

CAFETERIA PROJECT:

At a recent meeting the executive committee of the association decided to launch a project to assist in the construction of the unfinished cafeteria building at the college.

After some discussion, it was voted that each local member should make a minimum contribution of £2. 0. 0., and Alumni overseas \$20.00. The big goal is £1000, and we are hoping that this will be realized by the end of the current year.

At the June Alumni meeting several caught the spirit, and made either cash contributions or pledges toward this worthwhile project. Watch this corner for our list of contributors. And won't you hurry? Your contribution is vital to the success of the project.

"MORBUS SABBATICUS"

—A Fatal Disease of Modern Times

Do you have "Morbus Sabbaticus", or Sabbath illness? It is a peculiar disease which seems to attack some Sabbath school members quite frequently.

Here are some of the symptoms of this fatal disease. The attack comes on Sabbath morning, just before time to go to

Sabbath school. No symptoms are noticed Friday night. The patient sleeps soundly and awakes feeling quite well Sabbath morning. He eats a hearty breakfast. About Sabbath school time the attack comes on, with varying symptoms such as a headache and general weakness. The appetite does not seem to be affected. The symptoms do not last more than twelve hours, or until Sabbath or church services are well over. A physician is never called. After the services, the patient feels easy, eats a hearty meal, goes for a walk, and eats another good meal, at suppertime. He awakes Sunday morning with no further symptoms until the following Sabbath morning.

Most patients don't realize that this disease is FATAL! Yes, fatal to the soul. Have you ever had an attack of "Morbus Sabbaticus"? If you have, you should seek the help of the Great Physician at once. Don't wait. It will kill you spiritually.

A regular attendance at Sabbath school brings many, many blessings in its train. First of all, it enables one to begin the Sabbath with a song in the heart. It gives fellowship with other believers which adds strength and vigour to one's spiritual being. Then, there is the combined, systematic study and discussion of the Bible subjects presented in the Sabbath school lesson. This gives food for spiritual thought and builds up confidence and trust in God and His inspired Holy Word. How can anyone do without the Sabbath school?

To stay away from Sabbath school even for one Sabbath causes one to feel that he has been guilty of robbing himself of much good. Don't let "Morbus Sabbaticus" overtake you, Sabbath school friends. You'll miss a lot of good if you do, both in this life and the life to come.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

"He who called the fishermen of Galilee is still calling men to His service. And He is just as willing to manifest His power through us as through the first disciples." —DA, p. 297.

A. Moral and Spiritual Fitness:

1. Able men, God-fearing men, men of truth, hating covetousness (Ex. 18:21).
2. Men of honest report (Acts 6:3).
3. Of good reputation (1 Tim. 3:7).
4. Hold the office in high esteem (1 Thess. 5:12,13).
5. Preserve unity (Eph. 4:1-6; John 17:21,22; Isa. 52:8).

"The Spirit of God will not abide where there is disunion and contention among believers in the truth. Even if these feelings are unexpressed, they take possession of the heart, and drive out the peace and love that should characterize the Christian church. They are the result of selfishness in its fullest sense. 4T, p. 221.

"... Strive earnestly for unity. Pray for it, work for it. It will bring spiritual health, elevation of thought, nobility of character. . . . The world needs to see worked out before it the miracle that binds the hearts of God's people together in Christian love. It needs to see the

Lord's people sitting together in heavenly places." Ibid., 9V p. 188.

B. Spirit and Attitude of a Genuine Leader

1. "Neither as being lords over God's heritage" (1 Peter 5:3). The truth planted in the heart will reveal the love of Jesus and its transforming power.

2. Humble, teachable spirit (1 Kings 3:7; Judges 6:15; Ex. 3:11; 4:10).

3. Spirit of gentleness and kindness (James 3:17).

4. Spirit of Magnanimity and unselfishness (Gen. 13:8,9; Jer 45:5).

5. Holding a high evaluation of others (Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3).

6. Willingness to accept counsel (Ex. 18:24; Prov. 11:14).

7. Peacemakers (Judges 8:1-3; Prov. 15:1).

8. Fidelity to principle (Dan. 6:5).

9. Faith and courage (Num. 13:30; Joshua 14:6-13).

10. Spirit of prayer (James 1:17; Neh. 2:4).

11. Individual planning and organizing (Neh. 2:12-18).

12. Unwavering devotion (Neh. 6:3; Jer. 48:10).

"God takes men as they are, with the human elements in their character, and trains them for His service, if they will be disciplined and learn of Him. They are not chosen because they are perfect, but notwithstanding their imperfections, that through the knowledge and practice of the truth, through the grace of Christ, they may become transformed into His image."—The Desire of Ages, p. 294

—W. J. Keith, Pastor
Takoma Park Church

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