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Dedication Centerville Church, Bahamas

Sunday, January 17, was a day long to be remembered by the members of the Centerville church in Nassau. There were representatives present from all the churches of New Providence when this beautiful, spacious edifice was dedicated to the glory of God.

Among the guests present were Pastor and Sister Colburn and their son Jimmy, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Moody and their parents. They spent a week vacationing in Nassau and attended many of the services of the Mission Session.

On this memorable occasion Pastor D. H. Baasch, Secretary of the Inter-American Division delivered the dedicatory sermon and he emphasized that the church should be a place where all sec-

tions of the community should find a welcome. Pastor H. D. Colburn, a former president of the Bahamas Mission gave a comprehensive history of the church. Pastor M. G. Nembhard, Secretary of West Indies Union led in the act of dedication and Pastor W. U. Campbell, President of West Indies Union offered the dedicatory prayer. Others taking part in this service were Pastor E. H. Schneider, president of the Bahamas Mission, and Pastor S. N. McKinney, pastor of the Centerville church.

Indeed this is a most beautiful monument and should greatly enhance the development of the work in the Bahamas Mission.

—M. G. Nembhard

Soul Winning Through Ingathering

"One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions. In many places during the past few years, this has proved a success, bringing blessing to many, and increasing the flow of means into the mission treasury. As those not of our faith have been made acquainted with the progress of the third angel's message in heathen lands, their sympathies have been aroused, and some have sought to learn more of the truth that has such power to transform hearts and lives."
—Christian Service, p. 167.

The above statement was penned by Ellen G. White on June 5, 1914, just about six years after this denomination approved the plan inaugurated by Jasper Wayne, a local church elder of Sauk City, Iowa, in 1903.

The twofold purpose of soul winning and raising means has ever been the incentive for promoting our Ingathering work. Between 1908 and the close of 1959, \$105,517,452.45 has been received through this one channel alone.

In 1863 our world membership was listed at 3,500 and in 1959 it stood at 1,194,070. A substantial part of this is due to the Ingathering work.

After reading an Ingathering paper left at her home, Mrs. Robert Dukeman enrolled in one of our correspondence school courses. A lesson to learn is the fact that no home should be by-passed or overlooked.

Before the Ingathering paper was left at her home some children at the nearby church had sold her *These Times* and *Life and Health* magazines. She had noticed in *These Times* the Bible course offered but made no final decision until she received the Ingathering paper.

Mrs. Dukeman was a member of another church at this time. She was also receiving Bible studies from her pastor with the motive of endeavouring to win her husband, who was not with her in her belief. She accepted the offer made in the Ingathering paper and enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy radio course. Her husband joined her in study.

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TELEVISION IS HERE! SO WHAT?

Television is a great factor in mass-media communication in Jamaica today. Thousands of sets have been sold to Jamaican house-holders since the Jamaica Broad-casting Company TV Station was opened in August, 1963. In every walk of life people own TV sets, there are a few commercial firms that have mobile units for community viewing. Television is here to stay.

What can we Adventists do? Should we own TV sets? Should we preach against this contraption? Are some programmes good? Are there bad ones? These and hundreds of other questions will come crowding into the mind.

While you are doing some thinking, here are some thought provoking facts: "Television is one of the most influential forces in America (and Europe) today. There has never been anything like it! Its tremendous impact on habitual viewers makes almost all other influences negligible by comparison! The mind of the viewer is wholly absorbed—there is nothing else that has any part of his attention. And with the full eager attention of the viewer, TV becomes an extremely effective teacher for all the aged, fathers and mothers, youth and children. Indeed TV is a master teacher in the full meaning of that expression. In many cases it "takes over" in the homes and controls the lives, the activities and the thinking of the occupants. It is a subtle, fascinating master—exercising a sort of hypnotism over its viewers so that their consciences are speedily adapted to viewing types of programmes which they condemned before TV came into their homes." **MV Leaflet 49**

This means of communication has powerful factors for the disseminating of knowledge—both good and evil. Whereas the TV can be a great asset in the promulgation of the Truth we hold so dear, in such programmes, as Elder George E. Vandeman's "It is Written" and Elder William A. Fagal's "Faith for Today", we must bear in mind too that there are certain programmes that should be tabooed.

With control Radio and TV sets can be a blessing, without control these sets can be a curse. Fire is a good servant when in control, but a terrible master if uncontrolled. The same is true about television or radio.

"In these perilous times we should leave untried no means of warning the people. We should be deeply interested in everything that will stay the tide of iniquity. Work on. Have faith in God." **Evangelism**, page 63.

At a recent meeting of a group of ministers the following observations were made in relation to Television.

TV is good. Its use can be advocated if controlled and if the viewers are disciplined to look at only that which will mould a good character. It should be borne in mind that some programmes are good and some are of a very shady nature. Television can be an asset for the proclamation of our message and we should seek to use every opportunity as they open.

All new inventions take time to be accepted by people. If our people are educated in the wise use of TV it can be a great asset, educationally, for the children and adults.

Some Guiding Principles for Television in the Home are:

"In view of the serious problems that television presents to the home, certainly parents should consider most earnestly and prayerfully this matter, and if a television receiver is provided for the home, organize its use with extreme care.

(1) "Keep the TV set under constant supervision of the parents.

(2) "Remembering always that they are under pressure to lessen their control of the TV set, or turn it over to others, parents should watch, study and pray to enable them to exercise wisely and effectively their God-given responsibility in this important area.

(3) "The family council should agree upon a schedule that will provide time for all worthwhile family activities.

This schedule should be faithfully observed by every member of the family. A reasonable time may be allowed each week for the viewing of acceptable TV programmes.

(4) "During occasional family councils the problem connected with TV viewing should be studied. The standards of conduct, the proper use of time, the great objective of life to all Adventist Christians looking for the imminent return of the Saviour should be studied from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The potential evil influence of the TV set should be fully recognized by every member of the family, and all should pray earnestly for strength and faith and understanding.

(5) "The family should study the principles that should guide them in the selection of television programmes and then apply these principles to every programme that any member of the family recommends for viewing." Unless the programmes recommended are in harmony with these principles they should not be viewed.

"Acceptable Television programmes include, industrial programmes, Scientific process of food research, travelogues, Nature and wild life, archaeology and wholesome art, Newsreels and current history, Educational, Historical, our denominational teachings, work and activities, biographies, wholesome and uplifting types of music.

"Unacceptable television programmes include: Programmes in which coarse, profane or vulgar language is used. Programmes that lower esteem for the sanctity of marriage by portraying family disruptions or ridiculing home life and home relationships. Programmes portraying scenes of intimate love-making. Programmes portraying scenes which are contrary to Seventh-day Adventist standards and ideals such as dancing, carousing, gaiety, revelry, or rowdiness, playing, gambling, drinking, night life, "Programmes portraying crime, glorifying criminals, or attempting to teach

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INGATHERING TIT-BITS

The the Ten Guinea Page

After presenting to the doctor the work of Seventh-day Adventists in all the world, he manifested a warm interest but was reluctant to give. We asked him pointedly for a donation and handed him our prospectus, in which he should write his name. He turned over to the page on which there were several entries for Five Guineas and asked if he should write his name on that page. We were inspired to turn to the Ten Guinea page and to say "Please write your name here, sir." He smiled and wrote his name with Ten Guineas beside it. This is surely the work of inspiration.

Boy Nine Raised £9

Elder Palmer tells us the story of a boy nine years old in one of his churches. The youngster, with great zeal and determination to have an unusual experience, went out and in less than a week he collected £9. Regardless of our age, the Lord expects us to honour Him with fervent service.

Rough Handling

We called to a big man in a big house on a big property. After being harassed by his big dogs, we managed to reach the door. The big man came out with a big voice and after telling him our mission he said, "I am an Anglican and will be forever. Goodbye." But we turned away from him remembering the counsel from the Lord to "shake the dust off our feet and go to the next house". This we did. We received a warm response and Five Guineas to help the work along. Let us not be discouraged in any way but move forward always on the promises of the Lord.

—W. U. Campbell

NOTICE

The first Biennial Session of the Central Jamaica Conference will convene July 15—19, 1964, at the Spanish Town S.D.A. Church. The purpose of this session is to elect officers and departmental secretaries and to receive reports. The churches will in due time be informed on the appointment of delegates.

H. S. Walters, President
(Miss) E. W. Parchment,
Secretary-Treasurer

West Jamaica Conference takes pleasure in announcing its first Biennial Session which will be convened July 22—25 at the Montego Bay Seventh-day Adventist Temple Church where our headquarters is situated.

In due time, authorization will be given to the churches to appoint delegates for the Session. This, we hope, will be the greatest Session in the history of the work in Jamaica, particularly in its spiritual aspects. We hope that all concerned will begin to make plans to attend this great session.

—S. G. Lindo, President
A. R. Greene, Secretary-Treasurer

The pianist asked her pastor, "May I go to a film in the Adventist Church Sunday night?" "I'm sorry was the answer, "we can't be without your music at our meeting." She left a brochure of George Vandeman's "It Is Written" series with the minister and it caught his interest. Somehow the Seventh-day Adventist minister found out and arranged a special viewing session for the pastor of the Nazarene Church and his family Sabbath afternoon.

It took fourteen private "sessions" and a few months' search of the Scriptures and the Church of the Nazarene minister became an Adventist.

The Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in a personal Holy Spirit. This and other matters caused one of their local leaders—somewhat equivalent to a minister in other denominations—to seek for another group of believers he could join, but without success.

One day he bought a house and found his neighbour to be an Adventist. He asked him some questions about his beliefs, but the Adventist did not answer too well. This spurred the Adventist to further study and regular church attendance.

To make it short: not long thereafter two "For Sale" signs went up. Both the Adventist and the former Jehovah's Witness leader went to an Adventist college to prepare for the ministry.

An Adventist lady gave **Bible Readings for the Home** to a Lutheran boy on his confirmation day. Little did she realize that the book should follow him through college, divinity school, and three years in the Lutheran ministry.

The reading of this book, a chain of dramatic events, and prayerful seeking finally led the minister to take off his priestly garments—and say goodbye to a yearly salary of more than \$11,000—to become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Tooth Ache

His tooth caused him so much trouble that he went 120 miles to have it taken care of. While staying at his in-laws the pain became so severe that he had to go to bed.

To kill time he picked up a book, that he probably otherwise never would have read, which opened to a prophetic chart of the 2,300 years. The minister of the Adventist Christian Church read also the rest of the **Drama of the Ages**. It interested him so much that he secretly studied some more Adventist literature.

Within a year he was baptized.

Liberalism

The minister of the Church of the Brethren was so alarmed at the liberalism sweeping his church that he even considered joining another denomination.

One day he received some literature from his sister on the Sabbath. He wavered for some weeks. Then after a season of prayer he decided to settle the matter. A couple of hours with the Bible and the concordance convinced him that the seventh day was the true Sabbath.



On March 15, 1964, in the hospital chapel, eleven Practical Nurses were graduated from a one-year training programme.

Dr. A. A. Peat who has been Director of the Island's Medical Service for many years was the guest speaker. In his remarks he challenged the nurses to become active members of the Practical Nurses' Association and press forward to gain government recognition of their work. Some years ago only Midwives were recognized in the Island when registration was gained for State Registered Nurses. Now it is time to officially recognize the Practical Nurse who is playing a very important part in nursing service today.

Miss E. M. Wilson is at present Director of the training programme. She pinned a

name label on each nurse and presented them to the Medical Director, Dr. B. G. Arellano, who gave out the certificates and congratulated them on their achievement.

Nurse Scott received a prize for the best grades, Nurse Jackson for the best all-round nurse. Nurses Bailey and Thompson tied for the prize for making the best practical application of their studies.

The graduating class presented to Dr. Arellano, for the hospital, a Dymo tapewriter which will be used to label patient's charts, patient's beds special orders, etc.

A very large group of friends and relatives attended to witness the graduation.

—E. J. Heisler
Business Manager

Within less than three months this clergyman of almost 20 years became an Adventist. He was baptized June 1, 1963. The following day he preached a farewell sermon to his puzzled congregation.

Five Ministers

Yes, five ministers from other denominations became Seventh-day Adventists, and this year they are all students in the Seminary of Andrews University. Is not this a fulfilment of what Mrs. White penned years ago, "There are many ministers now preaching error, who will preach the truth for this time". (**Evan-gelism p. 562**).

Magne Fuglheim
(Reprint from **The Student Movement**
Andrews University)

THANKS

Last July an offering was promoted in the churches of Jamaica for equipment for Andrews Memorial Hospital.

Some reports were delayed in reaching us. Our present records show more than £100 received in this offering.

We wish to thank our church members for this good offering. It will surely be put to good use for needed equipment. May God bless you for your gift.

—E. J. Heisler
Business Manager

West Indies College News Notes

During the month of March teachers and students of West Indies College visited and served many of the churches in Jamaica.

Elder I. Benson visited Clarendon

Mr. D. James visited St. Catherine

Dr. S. O. Beaumont visited Lucea

Elder O. Gordon visited St. Catherine and conducted a baptism at the Old Harbour Church.

Elder Vaz, preached at the Baptismal service at McCooks Pen; several decisions were made for Christ.

Mr. Simon Johnson visited in St. Elizabeth and Mr. Philp visited in Hanover.

Our ministerial students have been busy assisting in the Ingathering programme in all three of the Conferences.

The class in Public Evangelism has had the privilege of visiting two of the large evangelistic campaigns being conducted by the East Jamaica Conference at Penwood, Kingston and by the Central Jamaica Conference at Linstead, St. Catherine.

At the meeting in Kingston the students saw how an evangelistic effort lifts off the ground. They were thrilled by the presentation made by Elder H. Edison Nembhard, President of the Conference on the opening night.

At Linstead they saw Elder Walters in his role as Evangelist lifting up Jesus Christ to the hundreds who are attending the meetings. Through these practical methods we hope to produce some outstanding evangelists for the work of God.

There was much excitement in the music department on March 19—20 as Mrs. Davis and Miss Trench presented students to the examiner from England for the various grades in music. Mrs. Davis and Miss Trench are hoping that all their students will be successful.

The music department is making a real contribution to the educational and cultural development of the College. We wish for the department of music much success as it continues to serve our young people.

Two of our teachers were engaged in conducting meetings during the MV Week of Prayer. Professor Simon Johnson held the young people of Newport spellbound as he pressed home to their hearts the claims of God upon their lives.

Elder Gordon spent two weeks with Elder H. Fletcher in the Mandeville Church; he also conducted the week of Prayer at the West Indies College Primary School. At both the primary school and the Mandeville Church, many decisions were made for Christ.

—O. Edward Gordon
Public Relations Secretary

News Notes

* The Spring Week of Prayer at West Indies College will be conducted by Pastor B. L. Archbold, Home Missionary Secretary of the Inter-American Division. At the conclusion of the Week of Prayer he is scheduled to visit the Cayman Islands as well as the Bahamas.



E. E. Cossentine



Dr. W. J. Brown

* Pastor E. E. Cossentine and Dr. W. J. Brown, Educational Secretary of the General Conference and Inter-American Division respectively, arrived on April 3, to conduct an Educational survey of the West Indies College.



B. L. Archbold

SOUL-WINNING THROUGH INGATHERING Cont'd. from page 1

After several months of study, the name was turned over to one of our ministers. Elder S. M. Young called at the Dukeman's home. He was received rather coolly and was informed that they were studying with her own pastor. He finally got their consent to hold one study. Elder Young said he really used the opportunity and it resulted in a two to three-hour study.

He studied with them the seal of God and the mark of the beast.

When they were through, Mrs. Dukeman went to the telephone and called the minister who had been holding studies with them to advise him not to come any more.

After joining the Blythedale, Maryland, Seventh-day Adventist church, the Dukemans became strong lay workers and especially do they support our Ingathering work enthusiastically. He is now a deacon and she is a deaconess in the church. More Ingathering means more souls.

Elder Dan Schiffbauer, pastor of the Wheeling, West Virginia church states:

"I would like to share an unusual Ingathering experience that occurred in the 1961 campaign. One day when I stopped at Brother Gorden Mott's service station in New Cumberland, West Virginia, he told me that he gave the **These Times** Ingathering brochure to a minister not of our faith who brings his car to his garage to be serviced from time to time. He said, 'The minister was favourably impressed by the section 'The Faith and Practice of Seventh-day Adventists,' but particularly was concerned about the section dealing with Communion and the ordinance of humility.'"

"A few weeks later I stopped at Brother Mott's service station and while I was there this minister came to see Brother Mott about his car. We had a very profitable visit discussing righteousness by faith, the law and grace, the communion service, and the ordinance of humility. The minister remarked, 'I read in the Bible how that Jesus washed the disciples' feet and have often wondered just how such a service would be conducted.'"

In fact, I would like to be present at such a service.' I told him that we were having just such a service in about two weeks, and said, 'We would be very happy to have you come to our service and take part in it.' He arrived just before we were to go on the rostrum for the worship hour. I invited him to come on the platform with me and offer the morning prayer. He offered one of the most beautiful and sincere prayers I have ever heard. After I preached a short message on the meaning of the ordinances, we separated for the ordinance of humility. I asked him if I might wash his feet and he consented. Then he knelt, girded himself with a towel, and washed my feet. As we washed each other's feet he said to me, 'Do you know, I always thought you folks were legalists, but I would never hesitate to fellowship with a Christian who believes in salvation by the blood of the cross.'"

H. K. Halladay
(Reprint—GO Magazine, July, 1961)

Miracles Of Grace And Finance

By Gary D. Strunk

(The story of how one family learned that no one can become poor by giving to the Lord.)

The story I am about to tell is a very personal one. I am sharing it only because I feel it may encourage someone else to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

Before going to Walla Walla College, I had been a student at Oregon State College in Corvallis, Oregon. While there I usually wore levis, washable suntans, and army uniforms. Only on special occasions or on weekends, did I wear slacks or a suit. But even with this scant use my slacks and suit required dry cleaning every two or three weeks. When I began studies in the school of theology at Walla Walla College, I decided to wear slacks and a sports coat for all of my classes, and a suit on Sabbaths and weekends. In spite of this extra wear, my clothes needed only three trips to the cleaners during the school year. My shoes needed no repairs, and my clothes lasted so well I didn't have to buy any new ones.

There was no question in my mind but that some type of miracle was taking place. God was evidently invoking laws of which I was not aware, to overrule natural laws. I was almost afraid to tell anyone of my observations for fear that someone might think me mentally unbalanced, hence unfit for the ministry. But one day, following a class, I was visiting with Elder Stoehr when I mentioned the strange things that had been happening to me and my family.

Elder Stoehr didn't seem surprised but simply opened His Bible and pointed to Deuteronomy 29:5. Then he read aloud: "I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot."

During the months that followed we were learning to be faithful tithepayers and to some extent faithful in our offerings. On several occasions I met speaking appointments in the churches in the area surrounding the college. When the offering plate was passed to me while on the platform, I would be tempted to feel that I need not put in an offering because I was giving my share by being the speaker of the morning.

One Sabbath morning, I was to deliver the sermon at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. As I sat on the platform I reflected on the blessings of the Lord and marvelled that it was my privilege to be studying for the ministry and to have the privilege of addressing such a grand congregation of young people. At this point the offering plate was placed in my hands. The thought struck me that since I was receiving the greatest blessing of all in being of service to the church, I should therefore give the largest offering of all. I had only two dollars in my wallet, but without hesitation I placed them in the offering plate and breathed a prayer that the Lord would protect me from all future temptation to be selfish. I determined then and there always to give an offering in proportion to the Lord's blessings.

The next morning as my wife and I journeyed homeward, we stopped for a brief visit with my wife's grandmother in Boise, Idaho. As we were about to leave her home, she slipped \$25 into my wife's hand and said, "Here, I think you need this for yourselves." To our knowledge this was the first monetary gift we had received from this good woman since we had become Adventists. The Lord had impressed her with our need. And, interestingly enough, it was more than ten times the amount we had placed in the offering the day before.

A few weeks later as we were in the college congregation enjoying the ministry of H. M. S. Richards and the King's Herald, an appeal was made for funds to carry forward the work in a certain area. I quickly estimated the number of people in attendance at the meeting and calculated that if each one gave \$2 the appeal could very easily be met. I opened my wallet and there was a five dollar bill. Except for 53 cents at home on the table this was all the money we had to last us for a week and a half until payday. We had groceries enough in the cupboards to keep us from going hungry, so unless an emergency should arise we needed no extra cash.

I looked questioningly at my wife. She nodded her head approvingly, so we gave the five dollars. We both felt an excitement over the experience, and commented about it as we left the meeting that afternoon. We agreed that the spiritual blessings of the Lord were worth far more than money.

When Sabbath was over we opened our mail. In one letter was a cheque for \$52 from the Oregon Book and Bible House, a return on the reserve from my previous summer's colporteur work. Once again the Lord had blessed by providing ten times the amount we had given to Him, and this above the spiritual blessing received.

Ever since we established our home we have kept a record of all expenditures and income in an account book. At the beginning of each month, when the pay cheque comes in, I pay all the bills and then estimate how much cash will be needed during the month and how much will be left over at the close. Before we were Christians and while I was still a student at Oregon State College, we followed this procedure. After making estimates of all expected expenses for the coming month, there would be an anticipated balance of \$30 to \$50 to take us into the next month. But somehow invariably during each month leaks developed, emergencies arose, and before the month was over we were robbing our piggy bank. After we became Christians and joined the Adventist Church, we added another expense to our monthly calculations. The first cheque we wrote was for tithe. Then I followed the same procedure of paying the bills and making an estimate of what would be left over after paying anticipated expenses. According to the figures in black and white spread out before me, there would never be anything left over; in fact, there would not be enough money to last out the month.

But without fail, contrary to human mathematics, by the end of the month, the piggy bank remained intact and there

was some left over to begin the new month. There wasn't much, but at least there was some, and that was a new experience for us. Soon we were to take a further step in faithful stewardship.

We enjoyed giving funds to the Lord's cause. It was our pleasure and deepest desire to see the Lord's work prosper. Whenever we could have a part in a project we felt we were laying up treasure in heaven. We preferred this to buying more of this world's goods.

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- * A very profitable visit of one month, February 2 to March 1, was made to Jamaica by Dr. W. J. Brown, Educational Secretary of the Inter-American Division. He gave a series of educational lectures to the teaching staff of the Harrison Memorial High School, Portland High School, Kingsway High School and West Indies College. In all these centres there have been expressions of appreciation.
- * Two Division Auditors, Brother R. B. Caldwell and Brother A. B. King, arrived in Jamaica on March 8 to audit the West Indies Union Treasury books. They left on Monday, the 16th for the island of Haiti.
- * On March 2, Pastor W. A. Holgate left Jamaica for the Cayman Islands to assist in the Ingathering solicitations in that field. He has reported that his contacts were very profitable.
- * On Sunday, March 22, Pastor Fernon Retzer, Sabbath School and Radio Secretary of the Inter-American Division arrived in Jamaica to assist in conducting Sabbath School Workshops in the three conferences.
- * During the month of April, Pastor V. T. Boyce will be visiting the Bahamas Mission to audit their Mission Books.
- * A Departmental Advisory Council will convene in Mexico during the month of May. This will be attended by representatives from all the unions of the Inter-American Division. There will be three representatives from West Indies Union in attendance—Pastors W. U. Campbell, E. J. Parchment and B. E. Hurst.
- * The month of April will mark the beginning of the Conventions that will be conducted in all three conferences here in Jamaica. Our believers look forward with great anticipation to this period of spiritual refreshing.
- * In one of our daily news papers a well known writer stated that five denominations have shown a gain in membership according to the census of 1960. The biggest being Adventists with 51,000, the Church of God 47,600, and the Roman Catholic with 45,000.

EAST JAMAICA REPORTS

Evangelistic Effort

On March 1, 1964, a city Evangelistic Effort began at Penwood in St. Andrew in an area West of Waltham and Hagley Park Roads and North of the Spanish Town Road.

The site is ideally located and is served by buses that ply to and from the centre of the city of Kingston.

The Conference Committee had months before set up an Evangelistic team which prepared the ground work for the programme. On the opening night hundreds had to stand around the building. This building—a tabernacle—was constructed especially for the occasion upon land that was acquired by the East Jamaica Conference for the purpose.

Pastors H. E. Nembhard and L. H. Fletcher are the speakers and Pastors L. A. Morrison, J. G. Bennett and C. S. Greene are the co-managers. The team is further complimented with a corps of workers from the Conference office and other members in and around the area. The support given by all is most encouraging. The nightly meetings have been well attended and everyone has expressed great satisfaction.

On Sabbath, April 4, the first Sabbath services were conducted at the building and an estimated crowd of six hundred people attended. Truly this was a very high day in Zion. This was not only an encouragement for the new believers but also a definite satisfaction to Adventists of the nearby churches. God has been very near to us and His blessings are keenly felt. Nearly three hundred individuals have signified their intention to keep God's Holy Sabbath and it is our belief that many more will soon be making similar decisions.

Let us pray for the work in Penwood, a new area that is being opened up for the cause of God.

Other Evangelistic efforts that have been held are at Morant Bay with Pastor A. G. Lawrence conducting; Shortwood with Pastors H. E. Nembhard and C. F. Edwards conducting; Rollington Town with Pastors L. H. Fletcher and V. G. Newman conducting; Content Gap with N. H. Thorpe and C. S. Greene conducting; Swift River, Pastor A. H. Hunter, conducting; Coopers Hill with Pastor H. Holmes conducting; Lloyds with Pastor G. J. Wilson conducting; Cavaliers with Pastor L. Davidson conducting; Trench Town with Pastors R. R. Henry and K. O. Boyd conducting; Florence Hill with Pastor V. O. Brown, conducting; North Street, Pastor F. E. White conducting, and Kencot with Pastor A. D. Laing conducting. East Jamaica is making a conscious effort to evangelize for God as "never before in '64."

—C. S. Greene

NEWS NOTES

* Mrs. R. R. Henry, wife of Pastor Henry had to be rushed off to New York for special treatment when she became critically ill a few weeks ago. Sister Henry is the Matron of Andrews Memorial Hospital. Let each offer an earnest prayer on her behalf.

* Elder Reuben Douglas, Pastor of West St. Thomas is also at present in a New York Hospital undergoing treatment. Elder Douglas became ill while in the Turks Island last year. On returning home his condition worsened. We hope that he will recover soon.

* A series of Sabbath School rallies have been conducted by Elders F. Retzer, and W. A. Holgate assisted by Pastor C. S. Greene, at North Street, Morant Bay and Port Antonio. A vacation Bible School was also conducted by the above workers at the Kencot S.D.A. church.

* To Brother and Sister Eric Pryce the gift of a third son, Christopher John Montclair. Mother and son are both doing well. The Pryce family is grateful to God for the many and great blessings they have received through the years.

East Jamaica Conference

TITHING PROBLEM

QUESTION: I would like to tithe, but I am working on borrowed capital, and take from my business only the barest of necessities. I do give a fairly good offering in the plate each week, but it is not one tenth. I would appreciate your comments on this.

ANSWER: The Lord's request is that we give one tenth of our "increase" as our acknowledgment of His ownership of all things. He does not qualify His request by giving any rules regarding where the money came from or how it was obtained. If you are able to draw something out of your business, even though small, you are apparently having some increase. If I were in your place, I would surely be faithful in returning to the Lord the tenth on this. He has said "Prove Me now, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. The Lord promises a blessing so great that we will be unable to absorb it. Try the Lord in this matter, and you will see that He keeps His promises.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Alumni Association of West Indies College on Sunday, June 7, Commencement Day, at the College Library. This meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m. A new constitution will be presented; there will be the election of officers, and other important business. We trust that all Alumni will plan to attend.

—President, M. G. Nembhard
Secretary, (Miss) Olive McCartney

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF INGATHERING SUCCESS

by J. Ernest Edwards

1. Believe it's God's Work.
2. Demonstrate your conviction by contribution of your time and service.
3. Pray without ceasing. Keep your heart in tune with heaven as you stand by the door or desk.
4. Recall that you are God's messenger visiting every home, office, and store presenting the privilege of participation in a great humanitarian and evangelistic programme.
5. Remember people are busy. Know your Ingathering paper and canvass and be prepared to answer questions.
6. Tactfully suggest a larger contribution than was given last year.
7. Never argue with your prospective donor. Make friends. Suggest—never antagonise.
8. Do not become discouraged over a few refusals. Keep smiling until your prospect smiles back. Then your victory is won.
9. Make every contact count for Christ. Remember you are searching for souls and that Ingathering is a community-wide missionary crusade. Record names and followup the interests discovered.
10. Keep hold on God. "Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

TELEVISION IS HERE! SO WHAT?

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that "crime does not pay", but spending most of the time depicting the crime.

"Programmes portraying scenes of violence, cruelty, or brutality, such as prize fighting or professional wrestling.

"Programmes portraying scenes of smoking or drinking as a desirable social activity.

"Programmes that by ridicule, insinuation or crude comedy could lower in the estimation of the observer his regard for the law of God, religion or the ministry.

"Programmes of a pseudo-scientific or historical character that distort the facts or pervert the truth.

"Programmes of animated cartoons that violate the standards of propriety set forth above." —"Television a Decision of Togetherness" - taken from MV Leaflet No. 49.

Bear in mind always that whatever you do you should honour God. Remember too that Television brings the moving picture right in the homes. Not all pictures are bad because they happen to move, but a wise and discriminating household should think more than twice when the T.V. starts playing.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things! Phillipians 4:8.

—C. S. Greene



L. Williams

* Pastor Lynford Williams, a Centurion Evangelist of the West Jamaica Conference, has been approved to visit British Honduras to conduct an Evangelistic effort in the city of Belize. He hopes to leave around the middle of April.

'TILL THE MORNING

GEROLDINE GRANT was laid to rest February 9, 1964. She was won to the Truth when Elder C. F. Edwards held a series of meetings in the Geddes Mount S. D. A. Church. She did not enjoy good health but she remained faithful until the day of her death. Funeral rites were performed by Elder E. A. Henry assisted by brethren Thorpe and Sterling.
—S. Z. Dixon

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**WEST INDIES UNION MISSION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
TITHE AND MISSION OFFERING COMPARISON
For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1963**

Organizations:	TITHE			INGATHERING				MISSION FUNDS			% MISSION OFF. TO TITHE INCOME	
	1962	1963		G. or L.		%	1962		1963		G. or L.	
Bahamas	£ 17359 11 6	18059 14 7	700 3 1	4.03	2352 14 1	2322 18 9	(29 15 4)	2110 10 2	2156 12 2	46 2 0	1.22	
Cayman	3702 18 9	5268 7 4	1565 8 7	42.26	304 17 6	323 10 6	23 13 0	515 2 3	623 2 3	108 0 0	1.39	
Central	46966 10 5	53850 12 7	6884 2 2	14.65	5412 18 9	5584 19 0	172 0 3	5605 8 5	6511 18 2	906 9 9	1.19	
East	52681 15 4	58390 18 0	5709 2 8	10.83	4719 11 8	5194 6 10	474 15 2	6271 12 0	6536 19 0	265 7 0	1.19	
West	38740 11 5	45309 15 6	6569 4 1	16.95	5613 8 1	5704 4 3	90 16 2	5127 13 2	6015 13 5	888 0 3	1.31	
Totals	£159451 7 5	18087⁹ 8 0	21428 0 7	13.44	18403 10 1	19134 19 4	731 9 3	19630 6 0	21844 5 0	2213 19 0	1.23	

No one can honestly read the Bible and escape the conviction that he owes one tenth to God. Cheerfully will he return to God the Tithe and Offerings and abundantly will the God of Heaven bless him with more than he needs for life and happiness.

As we examine the comparisons reflected in the report above we have much for which to be thankful to God. We have been counselled that there will be far more giving with each succeeding year until probation closes. A greater note of carefulness exercised in tithing and giving can easily result in a tithe percentage gain this year of 26.88 instead of 13.44 realized last year. Surely none of us can be satisfied with 1.23% for Mission giving. Let us remember that the minimum goal for Mission giving is 3% of our income.

May, 1964, find each advent believer firmly standing on the promises of God and receiving heaven's bounteous blessings.

—V. T. BOYCE, Treasurer

COMPARATIVE BAPTISMAL REPORT

	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Totals
1960					
Bahamas Mission	7	29	16	22	74
Cayman Islands Mission	1	0	0	7	8
East Jamaica Conference	268	230	235	343	1,126
West Jamaica Conference	289	252	360	410	1,311
Total	565	561	611	782	2,519
1961					
Bahamas Mission	6	70	39	29	144
Cayman Islands Mission	0	0	0	2	2
East Jamaica Conference	410	429	356	244	1,439
West Jamaica Conference	519	256	331	182	1,288
Total	935	755	726	457	2,873
1962					
Bahamas Mission	5	37	0	32	74
Cayman Islands Mission	14	14	4	12	44
Cent. Jamaica Conference	372	94	631	270	1,367
East Jamaica Conference	252	330	197	241	1,020
West Jamaica Conference	172	250	205	347	974
Total	815	725	1,037	902	3,479
1963					
Bahamas Mission	17	102	22	21	162
Cayman Islands Mission	0	3	7	20	30
Cent. Jamaica Conference	357	450	302	278	1,387
East Jamaica Conference	288	388	197	239	1,112
West Jamaica Conference	250	377	324	321	1,272
Total	912	1,320	852	879	3,963

A WHEAT CROP SPARED

(God keeps His promise to those who return to Him).

I have paid a faithful tithe for sixty-three years. In 1915 I was living on a 1,600-acre ranch in Montana. Besides horses and cattle I usually had 640 acres in wheat and oats. In July of that year the wheat crop was all headed out when a severe hailstorm came from the north. I saw it coming two miles away, and at once went into our house and prayed God for protection, claiming the promise of Malachi 3:10-12.

The Lord turned the hail to water

the moment before the storm reached my ranch. My wheat and oats were spared, while my neighbours' crops for miles around were an entire loss. People came from great distances to see our crop, all standing in perfect shape. At harvest time we gathered thousands of bushels, and my wife and I had the privilege of furnishing our neighbors with hundreds of bushels of grain, without charge, to tide them over till the following year.

Several of our neighbors became Seventh-day Adventists.

—A Kansas Optometrist

(Review and Herald, August 17, 1961)

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"There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.

— Christian Service, page 254.

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