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THE PROGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE W. I. UNION

Christian education continues to make progress in our Union field. According to the latest statistics available, we are now operating forty elementary schools with an enrollment of 3,091; six secondary schools with an enrollment of 978 and our Senior College had the highest enrollment in its history at the beginning of the school year which has just ended—735 students.

The servant of the Lord, many years ago, stated that as a denomination we must be the head and not the tail. I am happy to state that, educationally we are living up to this high standard in several of our schools.

At West Indies College we have had very high passes in the Government Teacher Training examinations. With hard work, dedicated teachers, and the guidance of our Heavenly Father, our students have consistently maintained a very high percentage of passes. We hope that our good record of the past will be maintained in this year's examinations.

The results of the School Certificate Examination for the last year were not as encouraging as was anticipated, but the prospects for higher passes this year are good.

Our Secondary schools have been holding their own. When compared with other similar schools, they have excelled. For instance, the Kingsway High School entered thirty-four candidates for the School Certificate examination and twenty passed. It is interesting to note that there were sixty-two students in Jamaica who sat for the Jamaica Certificate of Education examination early this year. Thirty-one students passed, thirteen of which were from Kingsway. Of the thirteen which passed from our school, six gained distinctions, one of which came first in the island.

I was also reliably informed that the two students who passed the examination from the Parish of Portland were students from our Portland High School.

The Spelling Bee competition which was started in 1960 has had a Seventh-day Adventist as its champion for the Parish of St. James every year since its



Earl J. Parchment, M. A.

inception. The Harrison Memorial High School has provided the champion four times. This year, Paul Clarke, aged 11 of Harrison Prep. Department came out the winner over twenty-two other contestants.

The May Pen Primary school which has an enrollment of 320 students had excellent results in the 1963 Jamaica Local examinations. Eighty-one per cent of the students presented (17 out of 21) passed. This is a remarkable achievement when we realize that the general average of passes in the island was only 16%.

Incidentally, just recently the Inter-American Division has approved the request of the Central Jamaica Conference to promote the May Pen Primary school to the status of a secondary school. Already there are two secondary classes operating. Hearty congratulations to Mrs. Harold Bennett and her staff for the accomplishments of their school.

The Port Maria High School has also been approved to offer secondary work. We welcome these new high schools into our sisterhood of secondary schools.

We are thankful to God for the contribution that we have been able to make in the education of the boys and girls of our Union. However, there is much yet to be done to help improve many of our struggling schools. Unless we provide better school buildings and better facilities for them, we may face serious problems when the Educational bill which is now before the House of Representatives is approved.

Let every member of the churches rally to the cause of Christian education and help to place our schools on a firm financial footing.

—Earl J. Parchment,
Educational Secretary,
West Indies Union

The Educational Charter of The Remnant Church

(A Study from the Testimonies)

QUESTION: What is Christian education, or in other words true education?

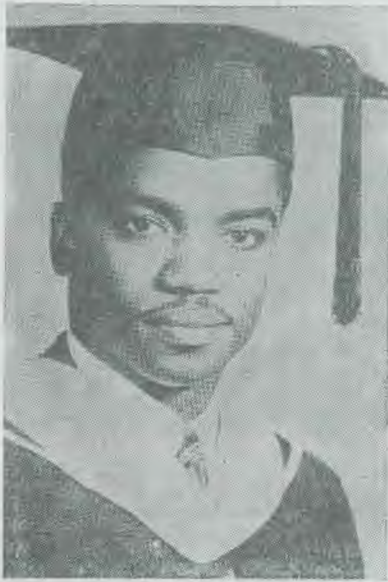
ANSWER: "True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." **Education, p. 13.**

QUESTION: How important is the work of Christian education.

ANSWER: "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people." **Counsels to Teachers, p. 165.**

"The education and training of the youth is an important and solemn work." **Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 418.**

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HARRISON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

A little more than eleven years ago, Harrison Memorial High School was founded to provide a good secondary education with the stamp of Adventism all over it. Throughout the years, the struggle to keep up with the ever-increasing demands of education has been met by a group of dedicated, devoted teachers.

It has been truly said, "Despise not small beginnings." From a nucleus of just twenty-three students, the school has grown to nearly 250, and if the present trend continues, the student body will double within the next six years.

This school prepares students for the Cambridge examinations and the results have been gratifying in several instances. This school ranks among the better class private schools in the island. We have been "listed" for over six years now, gaining the privilege of having equipment enter the island duty-free. Just this year, we were granted a further concession. We are now exempt from paying property taxes. These may be small items of savings, but every penny saved in the running of God's work is a penny gained, and it may be the means of allowing a poor student to gain a Christian education.

Not only is this school thought of very highly in Montego Bay and nearby places by Seventh-day Adventists, but by many influential people not of our faith. Many are the testimonies, written and oral, that we receive from grateful parents, whose children experienced conversion or underwent reform while they were enrolled at this school. Many parents on transfer to Montego Bay find our school ideal for their children who must get a secondary education.

For four consecutive years the Parish champion Speller for St. James came from Harrison Memorial High School.

Unfortunately, we lost to another high school in 1963. In 1964, we regained the championship, and Alvin Clarke, will represent St. James in the island-championship Spelling Bee in July or August. We sincerely hope this boy will become island champion Speller in 1964.

This school emphasises participation in community affairs. For two years several of our girls have assisted the local branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association in their fund raising efforts. This year, six of our girls, dressed smartly as nurses, raised a total of thirty rounds in less than three hours. The Association is very impressed with the enthusiasm of our students. Five boys, qualified as First Aiders in a recent examination held by the St. John's Ambulance. Their performance on the practical examination was so remarkably good that they were invited to give demonstrations before Rear-Admiral Dick, World Commander-in-Chief of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. These same boys were chosen to man first aid stations in Montego Bay when hurricane Flora threatened Jamaica.

The "Leaves of Autumn Club", under the sponsorship of Mrs. L. Reid, Bible Mistress, has been functioning for nearly two years. Each week members of the club meet for prayer and mailing Adventist literature to all parts of Jamaica. Already they have begun to reap the fruits of their labour. At least two people have been baptized as direct results of the efforts of this club. It must be noted that the expenses of the club are met entirely by the students. May God continue to bless these missionary-minded students in the work of evangelism.

Each year Ingathering brings on fresh excitement. The students are always anxious to go out Ingathering for God. Not once has the school failed to raise its goal. This year was no exception. The students went out after the close of the Ingathering Campaign to raise their goal. It was under adverse conditions they laboured, as the church had already gleaned from the donors their contributions, but they were undaunted. From

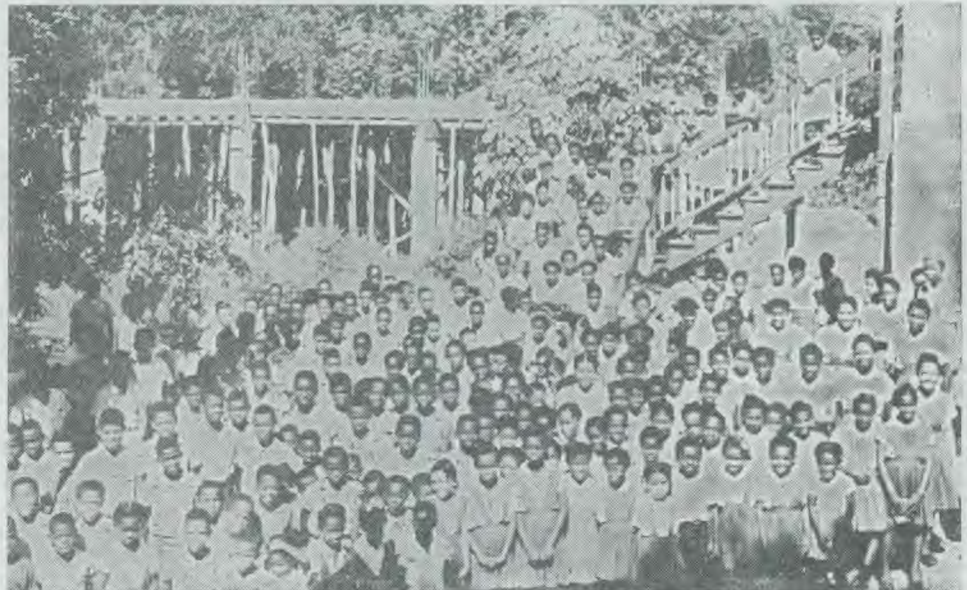
early morning when the first car went out until late night when the last car came in, the spirit was high. The last car brought in the figure that declared our school victorious in the Ingathering goal. Our goal of £150 was reached with a substantial overflow.

The renown of any institution is measured not only by the number of students attending, nor by the amount passing their examinations, but by how well its graduates take their places in the world of work. There are so many spheres of work that Harrisonians find themselves in. Already, this school can boast a medical Doctor—Dr. Herman Ricketts—one of the charter students now practices medicine in the United States. Several of our graduates have become nurses and are now working at home and abroad. Many have entered the teaching field, having finished their training at West Indies College, or one of the government Training Colleges. Welwood Mason of the Class of 1958 gained Honours in his final examinations at Mico College. Cissy Hines of the Class of 1959 was elected Head Girl at Mico College, 1963-1964. She graduates this July. Many of our past students are employed in the various fields of business and many are preparing for careers in the scientific fields.

On looking back over the success of the school over the past years, one cannot but exclaim, "How great Thou art!" Greater days are yet ahead of this school, and present staff and students cannot but work hard to keep up the name of the institution. At this moment we are engaged in a major building programme—classrooms for 200 students. We need a lot of funds to continue what we have begun. It may be that you are impressed and will want to help us leave our present dilapidated building to better classrooms where the learning process will be more delightful.

Harrisonians have a goal to win and an aim to attain.

—A. Dwyer, M.A.
Principal



STUDENT-BODY—HARRISON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

KINGSWAY HIGH SCHOOL 21 YEARS

What's the score at Kingsway?
One score and one!
A score and one of years,
Of years with One
Who led us all the way,
Through days of toil and fears,
Through days of hope and cheer. . .

A score and one of cheers
For every son
And every daughter dear
Who holds aloft the light
Through fields of service bright,
At desks with little gain,
In wards of bitter pain—
A score and more of cheers
To everyone!

What's the score
A score and more
Of deeds written indelibly
On a thousand hearts and more,
Engraved with shining clarity
On the records
Of the Lord of Lords
For eternity.

—By V. Hannibal Percy

GRADUATION CLASS 1964 — KINGSWAY HIGH SCHOOL

PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

For many years, workers in the eastern part of the island felt the great need of a Seventh-day Adventist secondary school, that would make available to the youth of St. Mary, St. Thomas and Portland, an education that places the emphasis on character building. Thus was Portland High School in Port Antonio established in January, 1962.

Prior to this, boys and girls had to travel to Kingston or Mandeville to receive such an education. Besides this, many of our youth wanted an education but found it impossible to leave home because of the tremendous expenses it would incur and which they would not be able to meet. Many people had developed the idea that Seventh-day Adventists were only interested in enlarging the membership of the church, and had little or no regard for the other needs of the area. Portland High School has, therefore, added new dimensions to Seventh-day Adventism in this territory.

Someone has said that this school was started in faith that was bordering on presumption. How true this is for there was hardly any money available. God has certainly blessed our efforts in a significant way. There were those, both Adventists and non-Adventists, who thought that this was impossible. Some even expressed pessimism in the outcome. Today, many of these are satisfied that they were wrong. The fact is that a few weeks after the doors were opened one non-Adventist demonstrated her faith in the school by giving £100 to help provide equipment. Many others also gave and this was a source of encouragement to those leading out. On the 22nd of January, 1962, the doors were opened to

33 anxious students under the guidance of three teachers with Pastor L. H. Fletcher as principal. Later that year, four classrooms were completed at a cost of over £2,000. Although these classrooms cover about 1760 square feet there is a great need now for more space. At the end of 1962 the enrollment stood at 74. In September, 1962, S. G. Campbell was appointed principal.

Adventists and non-Adventists have demonstrated their confidence in the school ever since its inception. This is made evident by the increased enrollment. At this moment our enrollment stands at 94. These are distributed in five forms—Forms I to 5. It has not been easy to achieve this; but for the help of God and the dedication of the six teachers on the staff, this achievement could not be a reality. The first four students will sit for the Cambridge General Certificate of Education examination in June of this year, and it is our hope that these students will be successful, thereby building the confidence of those who have manifested so much interest in our school. Our staff at present consists of the following: S. G. Campbell, Principal and Business Manager; A. L. Rugless, Secretary-teacher; Maynard Brown, Spanish; B. S. Gregory, English and Literature; C. C. Shand, Science and History; C. M. Watt, Mathematics and Health Science.

We are greatly encouraged by the eagerness that the students have shown in participating in the development of the school. They have formed a Student Association which has as one of its aims, "The providing of more equipment for the School". They are operating a "tuck" shop and have already purchased a first-aid kit,

and are making plans to provide more furnishings. Not alone have students shown lively interest, but parents and friends of the school, too. Recently, they met together and decided they should form an association to raise funds for the development of the school.

Notwithstanding all this, our needs are still great and many of them are urgent. I list the most important ones as

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S. G. Campbell



Ministerial Student Addressing Student Body

West Indies College MV's on Fire

West Indies College Missionary Volunteer Society has the distinction of being the most representative Seventh-day Adventist group in Jamaica. Not only do we have young people from every parish in Jamaica, but we have young people from almost every Caribbean Island, from the mainland of South America, and from the United States of America.

This gathering together of this large number of young people serves many useful purposes; for one thing, there is a greater understanding of one another as each group must develop tolerance for the peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of

the other. This, to me, is a very vital part of the educational process, as education has as one of its major objectives the helping of individuals to live harmoniously together in a heterogeneous world with a complex society, each endeavouring to reach the highest round of the ladder irrespective of who is hurt in the attempt to succeed.

In contemplating the organization of the MV Society for the '63-'64 school year, we thought that if some plan could be devised whereby a spirit of Christian competition could be aroused then our society would experience new life. We decided to divide the group into the various parishes according to the areas of birth; this, of course, gave us fourteen groups from Jamaica, one from the Bahama Islands, one from Bermuda, and the others from other areas were placed into what was fittingly called the Cosmopolitan group. Points were given for the various aspects of the MV Society's aims and objectives, and each week the group with the highest number of points was acclaimed the "Band of the Week."

This new plan has sparked a tremendous measure of enthusiasm among the students of West Indies College. In addition to the sitting together and working together in such projects as the In-gathering programme, the various groups present the weekly programme. Many otherwise hidden and unknown talents are brought to the fore for training and development which will, without doubt, be used effectively by the youth who will go out to finish the work of the Gospel not only in Jamaica, and the Caribbean area, but in all the world. This is the real aim of the Missionary Volunteer department. West Indies College is hoping to have a vital part in not only training young people in the three "R's" but, moreso, in the fourth "R"—Religion. West Indies College MV's are on fire for God, and we shall keep burning until Jesus comes.

—O. E. Gordon, M.A.
MV Sponsor



Pastor W. U. Campbell, President of West Indies Union, addressing the Seniors of '64 on Presentation Day.

WEST INDIES

TEACHER TRAINING DEPARTMENT West Indies College

As most, if not all, of the readers of the VISITOR know, West Indies College, for the past five years, has been preparing students to sit for the Government Teacher Training examination. If these are successful, they are awarded a government certificate, the same as given to graduates from Mico, Bethlehem, Shortwood, and other training colleges in Jamaica.

This undertaking has been new with West Indies College, but with hard work, diligence, willing students, dedicated teachers and a great God, West Indies College can be justly proud of her success to date in this area. Our percentages of passes have consistently remained above the ninety-five per cent mark.

West Indies College also participates in the inspection and assessment of candidates in the other Training Colleges. During the month of May two other teachers in this Department assisted in the assessment of candidates at the Mon-eague Training College. It is our hope also, that a representative of this Department will be able to join with the other Training Colleges in the Caribbean, in attending the Conference on Teacher Training at St. Augustine, Trinidad, this July.

Since coming to the Department, the writer and some of the staff, have visited a number of the Training Colleges with the view of becoming better acquainted and also to benefit from their experience over the years. We were warmly received at Bethlehem, Mico, and St. Joseph's Training Colleges and received great assistance in planning our programme.

West Indies College offers a three-year course in teacher preparation for those candidates who hold a Third Year Jamaica Local Certificate or who have low passes in Senior Cambridge or General Certificate of Education examinations. In addition to fitting candidates for the Government examinations and for service in government schools, we offer them a Christ-centered education. We are hoping soon to receive government-aid for tuition for our student teachers.

Will you, dear reader, encourage one person who qualifies for candidacy to attend West Indies College as he or she prepares for Teaching Ministry? We are submitting forty-two candidates this year for the three examinations; won't you pray for us? "If God allows, let us go on."

—David L. James, B.Sc., M.A.
Education Department

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SUNSHINE HIGHLIGHTS GRADUATION

Sunday, June 7, 1964 will never be forgotten by the forty-one young people who graduated from West Indies College. Several happenings served to make the 1964 graduation different from every other graduation. For one thing, it was the only day of full sunshine for about three weeks. Rain fell incessantly until the Friday when Pastor James Gordon Bennett of the East Jamaica Conference, spoke on the Class Motto—"Christ Our Guide". He brought very forcibly to the attention of the graduates the fact that as they leave from "The Corridors of thought to open fields of service" it is absolutely important that Jesus Christ be their Guiding Star or else they may be lost in the underbrush of lethargy, indifference and self-complacency.

As the graduates marched, we each felt a sense of pride as we saw a mother and her son being graduated together. Then there was the unique event of a couple—husband and wife—who graduated together. Mother and son, husband and wife in the same graduating class are not usual happenings in Jamaica.

The Baccalaureate service was held before an overflowing congregation. Pastor H. Edison Nembhard gave a very challenging, thought-provoking sermon. Among the many beautiful thoughts he left with the graduating class was this: "The youth with a vision needs no supervision; the youth without a vision needs constant supervision".

"How lovely is Thy dwelling place" by Brahmas, and "Omnipotence" by Schubert, were the two numbers presented by the Collegiates. It seemed as if angels sang with them; they thrilled our hearts.

Sunday morning dawned beautifully, and the sun kept shining until light gave way to darkness. The Commencement speaker, the Rev. Lewis Davidson, B.D., principal of Knox College, challenged the graduates to live together and work together harmoniously in these days of unprecedented crisis. The presentation of Diplomas and granting of Degrees by the president of West Indies College, Dr. S. O. Beaumont, served as a fitting climax to the forty-second Commencement of West Indies College.

The more than two thousand friends, who shared with the graduates this wonderful achievement, quietly dispersed. Without doubt, many wished that it was possible to turn back the hands of time in order that they could have the privilege of being students of this fine "College on the Hill" where nature and revelation unite in education.

—O. E. Gordon, M.A.

INGATHERING CAMPAIGN GREATEST EVER

West Indies College and the College Church have this year experienced the greatest Ingathering campaign in their history. Because of the healthy competition engendered by stimulating and keen parish contest, we were able to realize a field-day result of Four hundred and thirteen pounds, nine shillings and two pence (£413 9 2)—truly the greatest ever. We shall never forget April 14, our campaign day. Each group, desirous of winning the Ingathering shield of '64, went out on a spectacular drive which ended on May 31, 6:30 p.m. when the great College bell pealed out the "curfew" announcing the winners of this very inspiring and successful campaign.

The campaign fever ran high during the chapel period of Monday, April 13, and more-so during the rally held the same evening at joint worship. This was, to my mind, an indication of a mighty campaign that would follow, and surely it was. Cars pulled out in all directions on Tuesday morning and the solicitors worked all day. Each group determined to be the greatest and best collectors. The reports showed clearly that victory would be in the hands of one of the following groups: Cosmopolitan, St. Mary or Portland. The Cosmopolitan group was in the lead constantly; but as the campaign went on things began to happen. Day after day groups were desirous of going out to solicit, and this was a healthy sign, one not often seen in West Indies College since the days of the early forties.

The Ingathering figures stand at present in the following scale:

Students solicitation (field-day)	£413
Church solicitation (community members)	85
Official solicitation led by Pastor W. S. Nation and O. E. Gordon	170
Labour pledges	32

Total to date £700

We are grateful to all who led out in the noble effort but greatest gratitude

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Students Being Baptized

Spring Week of Prayer

The recent week of Spiritual Emphasis which convened from April 17-25, stands out as a monumental experience in the lives of both students and teachers of West Indies College.

Pastor B. L. Archbold, Lay Activities Secretary in the Inter-American Division and a former Dean of Men of this college, was the chief architect of the spiritual revival that pervaded the hill-top. His long years of service for the youth of this denomination, his understanding of their problems, his sincerity and devotion in addition to his winning personality, fitted him admirably for the task of leading us into the green pastures of a great spiritual awakening.

The theme of the week was "Come and let us go up to Bethel." We, who have so often found ourselves in the valley of defeat and despondency, were invited to take various steps that would lead us to that mountain-top experience where each one could have a personal encounter with the man Christ Jesus.

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STUDENTS LEAVING CHAPEL

EDUCATIONAL CHARTER

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"There is no work more important than the education of our youth." **Counsels to Parents and Teachers**, p. 46.

"Of all institutions in our world, the school is the most important."

Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 226.

QUESTION: What are the main objectives of Christian education?

ANSWER: "To restore in man the image of His Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life." **Education**, pp. 15, 16.

"In the near future many children will be endowed with the Spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church." **CT**, p. 167.

"Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare the children for this great work." **Ibid**, p. 176.

QUESTION: Can public schools achieve these objectives? No, they can't. Why can't they? Because—

ANSWER: "In the system of instruction used in the common schools, the most essential part of education is neglected—the religion of the Bible." **Counsels to Teachers**, p. 90.

The servant of the Lord further states: "There is an education which is essentially worldly. Its aim is success in the world, the gratification of selfish ambition." **Ibid**, p. 64.

"It is a terrible fact, and one that should make the hearts of parents tremble, that in so many schools and colleges to which the youth are sent for mental discipline and culture, influences prevail which misshape the character, divert the mind from life's true aims, and debase the morals." **Ibid**, p. 64.

QUESTION: What warning is given to parents in these last days?

ANSWER: "In sending children to public schools parents are placing them under demoralizing influences—influences that injure the morals and habits." **Counsels to Teachers**, p. 200.

"Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The moulding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehended the importance of a preparation for the life which measures with the life of God." **Ibid**, p. 401.

QUESTION: What is the church's responsibility?

ANSWER: The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work; for as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death." **CT**, p. 165.

"The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members . . . is greater than word can express." **Counsels to Teachers**, p. 166.

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STUDENT BODY—BAHAMAS ACADEMY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE BAHAMAS

The Bahamas Academy is the chief institution for the achievement of Christian education within the Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. This year, the Academy is experiencing its greatest enrollment ever. Of the more than 240 students enrolled, about two-thirds come from Seventh-day Adventist homes. When we realize that the ratio between Seventh-day Adventist children and non-Seventh-day Adventist children is now just the reverse of what it used to be several years ago, our hearts are glad.

Realizing the value of Bible study in our distinctive programme, we have adopted the Bible text books and companion books recommended by the Department of Education of the General Conference. To be sure, this is an expensive outlay. Nevertheless, we feel that while we have spent a few hundred pounds in this area of the curriculum, no investment is too great as an aid to acquiring a knowledge of God and the science of salvation.

Much of the responsibility, and credit too, in the advancement of our educational work must be shared by our group of dedicated teachers. Currently employed are: Mrs. Eulease Forbs, at Black Point, Andros, with a school of thirty pupils; Mrs. Mavis R. Deveaux, Mrs. Mary E. Brennen, Miss Rose M. Graham, Mrs. Ruby C. Major, Mrs. Ruth McKinney, and Miss Ruth D. White, the assistant principal—all of the Bahamas Academy. Despite a lack of proper facilities and equipment and heavy class load, under God, we have been able to accomplish results that are praiseworthy.

Under the instruction and supervision of Mrs. Ruth McKinney, the Bahamas Academy has again taken up the task of teaching commercial subjects.

Mrs. Olga L. Roach helps with the commercial subjects in the evening classes, which are held twice weekly.

Students taking Shorthand and typing are being prepared to write Stages I & II in the Royal Society of Arts (Overseas) London Commercial examinations, which may be taken at four different times per year.

A church school is being planned by the Grants Town Church, on Wellington Street. By the Grace of God, we look forward to opening its doors September, 1964. It is our hope that this will be the beginning of a chain of affiliated church

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A. A. Roach, M.A.

EDUCATIONAL CHARTER

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As a church, as individuals, we should stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. **Counsels to Teachers, p. 43.**

QUESTION: Should the church excuse itself from the responsibility of fostering the cause of Christian education in favour of other lines of work?

ANSWER: "While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign lands, no amount of work in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth." **C.T., p. 165.**

"We cannot call ourselves true missionaries if we neglect those at our very doors, who are at the most critical age, and who need our aid to secure knowledge and experience that will fit them for the service of God." **Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 217.**

QUESTION: How does God regard the neglect of Christian education by the church?

ANSWER: "It is a grievous offence to God that there has been so great neglect in this line, when Providence has so abundantly supplied us with facilities with which to work." **Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 200.**

QUESTION: What is God's appeal to the Remnant Church in these closing days of earth's history?

ANSWER: "But though in the past we have come short of doing what we might have done for the youth and children, let us now repent and redeem the time." **Testimonies, Vol. 6, pp. 200.**

—Earl J. Parchment,
Educational Secretary,
West Indies Union

HARRISON DOES IT AGAIN

The Harrison Memorial High School has now become a school to reckon with in the field of academic achievement as well as social and cultural activities. The Spelling Bee competition which started in 1960 has had a Seventh-day Adventist as its champion for St. James every year since its operation. Harrison has provided the champion four times out of the five competitions, and this year Paul Clarke, 11, of the Harrison Prep. Department came out winner over twenty-two other contestants. Of course, Paul had a lot of moral support, for the Harrison students trailed into the competition room by the dozens. Two teachers, Mrs. Mae Palmer, headteacher, and Miss Gurlzel Mahabee, assistant teacher, along with Pastor H. L. Douce, MV and Educational Secretary of the Conference, were also in attendance to add to the moral support.

It was interesting to see the group dwindle down from twenty-three to two; the last two being the girl from the Catholic high school and the boy from the Adventist high school. The man in charge had previously pointed out that in Trelawny the same school had kept the championship year after year; but he was sure that in St. James the contestants would be "more democratic". However at the end of the competition he had to reconstruct his thinking, for Harrison did it again.

Paul will go on to Murtle Bank hotel with his sponsor for the final competition among parish champions some time in August. Our prayers go with him that he will also take the island championship as Linival Dalley, another Seventh-day Adventist Missionary Volunteer did

last year. Hats off to Harrison for providing the fourth parish champion for the Spelling Bee contest.

For those of our people who are not yet convinced that the education imparted in Adventist schools is equal to or better than that imparted in other schools, this is another indication. So here is another good reason for sending your boys and girls to the Adventist school in your area.

—Herman L. Douce
Educational Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE BAHAMAS

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schools in New Providence. Subsequently we should in two or three years be educating between 300 and 400 children in the several schools.

At Free Port, Grand Bahama, Mrs. B. L. Manning has begun the nucleus of a private secondary school. She has indicated that although private and self-supporting, she would like it to operate according to the principles of Seventh-day Adventist education. We wish her and her helpers good success.

In conclusion, may teachers and parents and guardians throughout our Union be encouraged to greater educational exploits in the light of this counsel from the Spirit of Prophecy: "No other work committed to us is so important as the training of the youth, and every outlay demanded for its right accomplishment is means well spent." **—Education, p. 218.**

—H. A. Roach, Educational Secy.
Bahamas Mission

"Life's evening will take its character from the day that preceded."

—Shuttleworth

PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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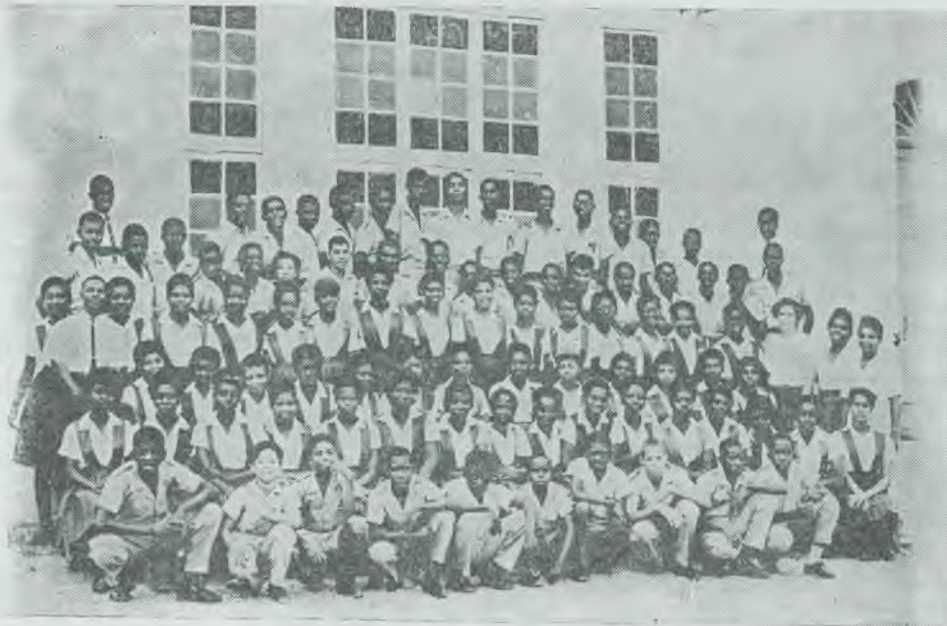
follows: Library facilities, Science equipment, classroom space, administrative quarters, canteen accommodations.

I should like to use this opportunity to appeal to all our members in this Union to assist the youth of this area to receive a Christian Education by helping to provide the necessary equipments.

Recently the School Board extended a call to Mr. Eric Pryce, the vice-principal of Kingsway High School, to connect with Portland High School and serve in the capacity of principal. Mr. Pryce has accepted the call and will take up his new appointment on the 1st of August. He is a son of the soil, and more than that an experienced teacher. It is our prayer that under the direction of God, Mr. Pryce will lead this young institution to great heights and thus help many souls find their way into the Kingdom.

Lastly, on behalf of the boys and girls who now enjoy the privilege of a Christian Education, I wish to express sincere thanks to all those who have helped in any way to make our school what it is. Pray with us for its future success.

—S. G. Campbell, Principal



STUDENT BODY—PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

* Academy Day is a new experience for West Indies College. This is the day when the teachers of our various Seventh-day Adventist high schools take their seniors to see the College and meet the teachers and students.

It was our pleasure to have many of the teachers and students of the following Academies visit West Indies College on May 28: Kingsway, Harrison, Portland High School, May Pen Academy and Port Maria Academy.

It was a wonderful day for all concerned. A large number of the high school seniors are looking forward to attending West Indies College the next school year.

* The United Student Movement conducted a very successful Culture Week, April 5-11.

* The College Campus experienced showers of rich spiritual blessing during the Week of Religious Emphasis April 17-25, conducted by Pastor B. L. Archbold, Lay Activities Secretary, Inter-American Division. Fifteen young people were baptized on the last Sabbath.

* All friends of the College will be happy to know that the thirteen music students who sat for the London examinations were successful. Congrats Mrs. Davis.

* The College choir, along with the other singing groups, gave programmes at the following places: Savanna-la-mar, May Pen and Kingston. The groups were well received at each place.

* Various teachers of the College visited Conventions in the three Conferences during the months of April and May.

* The first function to be held in the new dining room was the Faculty-Senior banquet, May 12.

* On May 25 the Junior Class entertained the Seniors in the New Cafeteria.

* June 15 marked the beginning of the summer school. Pastor K. G. Vaz is Director of the Summer programme. Approximately seventy-four students are registered for the pre-session. The mid-session begins July 17 and continues through August 14. The post-session begins August 17 and continues until September 4.

* June 8, 9 were the days on which the Student-Colporteur Institute was held. Our students have scattered all over the Caribbean area; some are gone as far as Canada.

* The evening of Tuesday, April 28, 1964 was outstanding for the students and teachers of West Indies College as they assembled in the College Auditorium on the occasion of the presentation of the Junior Class.

Forty students were officially presented to the president of the College, Dr. S. O. Beaumont, by their sponsors, Miss Verna Barclay and Mr. C. J. Thomas.

The address given by Pastor M. G. Nembhard, Secretary of the West Indies Union and the response by the class president, Mr. Claude Hines were inspiring.

Congratulations to the Juniors of '64 as they move forward inspired by their aim "To seek, to serve, and to conquer".



V. H. Percy, M.A. — Principal Kingsway High School.

Ingathering Acrostic

(that helped to inspire)

I nterest you put in the campaign,
N ow is the time to go before the
s p irits wane,
G oal that must be reached at all
c ost,
A ll must go to seek and save the
l ost,
T ime is running out; campaigns will
s oon be over.
H eaven records our efforts and
b lessings pour;
E arnestness is vital to success in
e very drive;
R eadiness is sign that all members
a re alive;
I ndividual participation, nothing
l ess to be sure,
N eeds are great so go from door
t o door—
G o as never before and you'll suc-
c eed in '64.

—Kenneth G. Vaz,
Church Pastor
W. I. College

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, 1964, at the Montego Bay Seventh-day Adventist 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, Secy.-Treasurer

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must go to our Leader who inspires us to do exploits for Him.—It was He, our Mighty Captain, who made it possible for us to have this "greatest ever" campaign in '64.

—Kenneth G. Vaz

We should not be so taken up in the search for truth as to neglect the needful duties of active life; for it is only action that gives a true value and commendation to virtue.

—Cicero

SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

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As a prerequisite for the spiritual climb, we were further invited to put away all the idols from our midst. Nothing should stand in our way on the climb to Bethel. Then, like Moses who saw God's glory on Mount Sinai, so did we behold the glory, excellency and purity of the matchless character of God. This encounter resulted in the breaking down of the strong-holds of Satan, and many victories were gained.

In his closing message, at the divine service on Sabbath, April 25, Pastor Archbold presented the claims of Christ anew to each one, and exhorted us to place Christ forever on the throne of our hearts. He requested of each one a total commitment to a new way of life as we make the journey to Bethel.

As a fitting climax to this wonderful week, fifteen precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, and many more signified their intention to take this step at an early date. May the influence of this revival continue to motivate our lives. Borrowing the words of Rudyard Kipling, in retrospect we say: "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget."

—I. B. Benson, Dean of Men,
West Indies College

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