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“Borrowed Time — A Challenge to Godly Living”

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Good king Hezekiah was dying. The prophet Isaiah had already brought a message from God warning Israel's monarch to “set his house in order.” Isa. 38:1.

His heart torn with an overwhelming desire to live, Hezekiah “turned his face toward the wall and cried unto the Lord for health and healing. (Verse 2).

“O Lord I beseech thee, remember how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight.” Thus inspiration records the royal petition.

The God of Israel heard the plaintive cry of His servant. “Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.”—Isa. 38: 4, 5.

From that day forward Hezekiah was living on *borrowed time*! By all calculations of human endurance Hezekiah should have died, but God mercifully prolonged his days. Those added days were **BORROWED TIME**.

How did Israel's king make use of this **BORROWED TIME**? When the King of Babylon heard of Hezekiah's remarkable healing he “sent letters and a present” to him. In response to this flattering gesture Hezekiah invited Merodachbaladan to see him.

After all that the living God had done for the king of Israel we would think the first thing he would do upon the unbelieving Babylonian's arrival would be to tell of his miraculous healing and of the Great God who had wrought in his behalf. But instead he showed the heathen king his precious things of silver and gold, his armour and all of his treasures



—“there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.” Isa. 39:2.

But God, through His prophet Isaiah, called upon the King of Israel to give an account of how he was spending his *borrowed time*—those added years which the Lord had lent him. “Where did these men come from?” “What did they ask you?” “What have they seen in thine house?” Thus Isaiah demanded that Hezekiah's *borrowed time* be accounted for!

Brethren and sisters, Hezekiah's experience has a parallel in the very times in which we are living! We are living today in 1944 on **BORROWED TIME**! Let me repeat that statement that it may be burned deeply into your very soul—we are *living in 1944 on BORROWED TIME*!

This year we have celebrated the centennial of the rise of the Advent movement. One hundred years ago Jesus, as our High Priest entered the most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary to commence the work of the Investigative Judgment. More than a century has now slipped into eternity since the early pioneers of this movement began to proclaim the

imminent coming of the Lord Jesus.

I feel sure that one hundred years ago when this movement began the early pioneers never dreamed that God's people would ever remain in this world of weal and woe to celebrate such a centennial.

The Spirit of Prophecy bears out such a position and asserts that, if God had had His way about things the work would long ago have been finished and Jesus' coming taken place years before. Writing on Dec. 7, 1901—more than 43 years ago, the Servant of the Lord penned these significant words: “It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be so long delayed, and His people should remain so many years in this world of sin and sorrow.” *Unpublished Testimony Dec. 7, 1901.*

Think of it, my brethren! The work could have and should have been finished more than forty years ago! Christ's second advent is already nearly half a century over due! We are indeed living in 1944 upon *borrowed time*!

“But,” you may say, “what about all of the signs of Jesus' coming we find in God's Word—had they all taken place by the turn of the twentieth century?”

Let us see!

The prophet foretold a time of great persecution that would close during the warning days of the eighteenth century. (Dan. 7:26). Did that come? We all know that it did. History's pen has faithfully recorded the rise and the work of the persecuting power that carried on its bloody work during the “Dark Ages.”

Jesus said that, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars

shall fall from heaven."—Matt. 24: 29. The fulfilment of these words, exactly on time, is today but a matter of history well known to every Seventh-day Adventist.

The prophet Daniel further described the time of the end as being a period when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."—Dan. 12:4. All the world acknowledges that since the commencement of the nineteenth century a flood of new inventions has lighted the world with knowledge and facilitated "running to and fro" to a degree never known during the fifty-eight centuries of the earth's previous existence.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars . . . for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."—Matt. 24: 6, 7.

If space permitted it would not be difficult to show that the fulfilment of these words of the Saviour as we see them on every hand down here in 1944 is but a magnification of a similar condition which existed half a century ago. Yes, my friends, the stage was even then set. According to God's time-table Christ's coming should have taken place years ago. Notice well the following statements from the pen of inspiration in addition to the pertinent excerpt already quoted; written 1901 (43 years ago):

"Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, *Christ would ere this, have come to the earth and the Saints would have received their welcome into the city of God.*"—Vol. VI, p. 450.

Alike from the Holy Scriptures and from the Spirit of Prophecy we are assured that at least forty years ago the stage was set for Christ's second advent. Prophecy had been fulfilled—all was in readiness then. Living as we are down in 1944 there can be no question but what this is indeed **BORROWED TIME.**

Why then the delay?

Peter gives us an inkling, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—II Pet. 6:9.

The prophet Isaiah makes the application come closer home: "Cry

aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew *my people* their transgression, and the *house of Jacob* their sins."—Isa. 58: 1.

"The spirit of the world is fast leavening the church."—Vol. 5, p.

75.

"As a people, we are not advancing spiritually as we near the end."—Vol. V, p. 11.

"The line of demarcation between worldlings and many professed Christians is almost undistinguishable. Many who once were earnest Adventists are conforming to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness . . . Daily the church is becoming converted to the world."—Vol. VIII, p. 11.

What then is God's message to such a people living on *borrowed time*? It is the same as the prophet Isaiah delivered to King Hezekiah. "Thus saith the Lord, *Set thine house in order!*" Isa. 38: 1.

Persons living on *borrowed time* should set their houses in order!

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Our Tithe

"If all would pay tithe, and devote to the Lord the first-fruits of their increase, there would be a full supply of funds for His work. But the law of God is not respected or obeyed, and this has brought a pressure of want."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 385.

What About God's Farthing?

Will a man rob God? (Mal. 3:8 first clause). There are approximately 12,000 Sabbath School members in Jamaica. If each one of these members keep back one farthing tithe each week from the treasury, it would amount to just £12. 10. 0. This would mean £50 per month or £600 per year being kept back from the treasury. Brethren, think what the small amount of one farthing means to the cause of God!

This one farthing per week could employ five young men, well qualified, at the rate of £10 per month, which would equal just £600 for the year.

Suppose these five young men should win just two souls each per month! This would mean 10 souls for each month, and for the year—120 souls saved! But by robbing God of one farthing per week, the five workers cannot be employed and thus

120 souls may die without God and be eternally lost.

Here is a striking incident that should cause us to think this matter over. We read in Matthew of the cruelty of Herod in murdering John the Baptist. Such a terrible act excited our righteous indignation. But John was a Christian; therefore his soul is saved in God's kingdom. On the other hand God's children in Jamaica have robbed God of one farthing a week and have caused the loss of 120 souls eternally. James the apostle says if we break one commandment we are guilty of all. Therefore actually we have been guilty of murdering 120 souls. Can you not see that we who are guilty of robbing one farthing a week are worse than Herod who killed John?

The servant of the Lord says that the two greatest tests for the Advent people are Sabbath keeping and tithe paying. A blessing is promised to the faithful tithe payers. In Mal. 3:10 the Lord asks us to prove Him now herewith if He will not open unto us the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The story is told of a carpenter who had only his tithe left in the home. He was in dire need of money, but he took it to church and paid it in to the Lord's treasury. He believed the Lord would fulfill His promise, yet he said, "If God fills one room, I can build another, so how can there not be 'room to receive it.'" That same week seven men called on him and offered jobs to build their houses. Each one wanted his home built immediately. All that he could accept was one of the seven jobs. Truly, he did not have room enough to receive the blessing!

Many have confessed that they do not know how to pay a faithful tithe. Take for example a brother who cultivates a field. His wife and children go in and use what they need for the home and no account is kept. The tithe is only paid on the produce that is sold. For the benefit of these dear ones, I will give you the experience of a family that tries to be faithful in tithe paying. The wife of the family keeps a note book. In it she writes every night the amount of eggs gathered for the day, how many pounds of potatoes have been used, how many quarts of milk received from the cow, and any other fruits or vegetables that have been reaped from their own

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION MISSION FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1944

Name of Conference or Mission	British West Indies Union						Totals	Name of Conference or Mission	British West Indies Union						Totals
	Bahamas	British Honduras	Cayman Islands	East Jamaica	West Jamaica	B. W. I. Union			Bahamas	British Honduras	Cayman Islands	East Jamaica	West Jamaica		
Number of Churches	18	12	3	65	87	—	185	Total Tithe Receipts	1275.83	1189.12	71.20	9003.38	7207.13	18746.66	
Membership at Beginning of Quarter	476	395	74	5158	4371	—	10474	Tithe per Capita	2.63	3.04	.99	1.73	1.60	1.76	
MEMBERS ADDED—								Total Offerings	802.84	117.09	—	3007.21	1336.31	5263.45	
By Baptism	12	—	3	88	127	—	230	Total S.S. Offerings	238.46	264.16	—	1470.34	1143.49	3116.47	
By Profession of Faith	—	—	—	1	3	—	4	Miss. Off. per Capita	2.15	.97	—	.86	.55	.78	
By Letter	—	—	—	38	33	—	71	Total for H. M. Work	25.50	94.10	—	174.45	25.16	319.21	
MEMBERS DROPPED—								Total for Local Work	223.16	—	—	—	243.27	466.43	
By Death	1	1	—	10	7	—	19	No. of Sabbath Schools	16	12	4	78	113	223	
By Apostasy	—	1	1	22	15	—	39	Membership of S.S.	549	523	105	5648	5786	12611	
By Letter	2	2	2	45	15	—	66								
Missing	—	—	2	5	9	—	16								
Membership at Close of Quarter	485	391	72	5203	4488	—	10639								
Ordained Ministers	2	1	1	7	4	6	21								
Licensed Ministers	2	1	1	2	3	—	9								
Licensed Missionaries	5	7	—	5	6	20	43								
Book & Periodical Canvassers	7	1	—	64	38	—	110								
Total Labourers	16	13	2	80	51	27	189								

Plans for 1945

GREATER EVANGELISM

We are determined with the Lord's help to make 1945 the greatest year of soul winning in the history of Jamaica, British Honduras, the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands. We feel that we are living in a day when we should expect greater things from God than ever before. Certainly then, we as God's people should be in such a relationship to our Heavenly Father that we can be the recipients of these greater blessings. The servant of the Lord says, "To win souls to the Kingdom of God must be our first consideration"—*Gospel Workers, page 31*. "The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part."—*Vol. VII, p. 52*.

In harmony with this instruction from the servant of the Lord, the union committee has been laying plans for greater evangelism during 1945. It is planned that every worker, regardless of the type of labour he is performing, should have a part in soul winning during the coming year. It is planned that strong evangelistic efforts be held throughout the union, and that each district pastor have a carefully worked out programme of evangelism, doing all that he can to encourage and uphold the hands of our faithful lay brethren who have worked so zealously in the past.

We want to appeal to many more of our potential lay preachers to take up their Bibles and venture forth for God in 1945. We appeal to every church member in the British West Indies Union, and every colporteur, to set their hands to the task of bringing at least one person to the mes-

sage during 1945. Soul winning is the cry of the hour.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

One of the new methods of soul winning which we are planning on introducing here in the British West Indies Union in 1945, is the "Home Bible Correspondence Course." Many of our faithful believers who are not able to give Bible studies personally could encourage their friends to enroll in this course. The school will be located in the union office, and as enrolments come in, lessons will be sent out by mail to those desirous of receiving them. These lessons are just like a series of Bible studies in the home, following the regular lines of our doctrinal studies, such as "The Inspiration of the Bible," "Daniel 2," "The Second Coming of Christ," etc. These lessons carry the student through thirty subjects, covering the full message. We believe that there are many here in the British West Indies Union field who would eagerly accept an opportunity of studying the Bible in their own homes.

You will be hearing more of this Bible Correspondence Course in the January issue of the VISITOR; be sure and be on the watch for this important article and join the ranks of those who will enroll hundreds

here in the British West Indies Union in this course.

THE NEW SANITARIUM

Probably most of the readers of the VISITOR have already heard of the plans for the new sanitarium soon to be opened in Kingston. A very suitable plot has been purchased on the Hope Road in Kingston. It is planned as rapidly as possible to erect new buildings on the plot until a first class sanitarium has been completed. Dr. Clifford Anderson, of Washington D. C., has just arrived to lead out in this medical work. We feel very fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Anderson, for he is not only a doctor, but an ordained minister. Dr. Anderson comes originally from Australia, and he has also spent a number of years in evangelistic work in London. Since completing his medical course in Loma Linda some years ago, he has had a very thriving practice in Washington D. C. We feel sure that Dr. Anderson will be used of the Lord to build up our work in Kingston.

Miss Ruth Munroe, who has been appointed to take charge of the school of nursing, arrived in the island in November. We feel indeed fortunate to secure the services of Miss Munroe. She has spent a number of years in mission service in the Far East, and brings to us consecrated talents that will mean a great deal to the future of our work in Kingston.

There will be other workers who will be joining the staff of the hospital from time to time and we will be introducing them to our believers through the columns of the VISITOR upon their arrival.

Tithe Bulletin

"If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied ten-fold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open."—*Test., Vol. IV, p. 474*.

THE BAHAMAS MISSION

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Reports from the Bahamas

On August 21st. a group of workers from the mission headquarters had the privilege of meeting with the believers of several churches in the Kemp's Bay, Andros church. The occasion was the dedication of the new church there. It was a most inspiring service and a large number were present. From the mission were Pastor and Mrs. H. D. Colburn, Pastor M. G. Nembhard, and Miss U. Lawrence.

While in the Kemp's Bay area, the above named workers visited the other nearby Seventh-day Adventist churches, namely Black Point and Deep Creek. The members all seem to be of good courage and eager to see the work go forward. While at Black Point, Pastor Nembhard baptized a young man and he was subsequently received into the church there.

Elder W. E. Atkin arrived in Nassau, Monday, September 4, spending several days auditing the books of the mission and of the Book and Bible House. During his stay, Elder Atkin spoke to the members of the two Nassau churches in the Grants Town church. His message was deeply appreciated by all.

Pastor H. D. Colburn recently spent a few days in Miami and Forest Lake Academy in the interest of the mission. He was accompanied by Mrs. Colburn.

C. F. Edwards is itinerating with Brother Paul Ward in San Salvador. They will be holding special meetings in Riding Rock, United Estates, and at Lake Farm. Brother Edwards is pushing the "Progressive Class" work among the various societies.

Sunday, November 5, will be a day to be remembered by a large class of juniors and young people as they will be invested at a special service. Brother Ferment has done well in leading such a large group through their various classes.

Pastor M. G. Nembhard has opened his evangelistic series of meetings in the hall he has appropriately

named "The Community Bible Center" at the corner of East and Hay Streets. We are glad to report that a real interest is developing. Brother S. G. Lindo is spending a few weeks in helping with the effort, and Sister Lindo is courageously carrying on at the Bluff during his absence.

A workers' meeting was enjoyed at the mission office on the night of October 21. After a devotional season in which each worker took part, a very interesting agenda was presented and the progress of the work during the year reviewed. Most heartening of all was the report of baptisms and the number yet remaining in baptismal classes. It was conservatively estimated that there would be at least seventy-five baptisms in the field during 1944! Strong plans were laid for the continuance of the work during the closing months of the year, and as we glimpsed into 1945 surveying its possibilities each worker dedicated himself anew for greater efficiency in the Master's vineyard.

Several of our young ladies have recently taken up work in the interest of our truth-filled magazines and we are glad to report a growing interest in this branch of our work. Real success has attended the efforts of each one taking part.

Brother L. R. Rahming has completed his Nassau delivery which amounted to over £74. He is now labouring in Grand Bahama in the interest of the new book, "Great Prophecies for Our Time." We trust that he will have abundant success while there.

Brother R. B. Campbell has completed his book delivery on Long Island and while there he visited our believers. He has now returned to Nassau to get his household effects and supplies before establishing his residence in his new district. He reports that the meetings which he conducted in Matthew Town, Inagua, were well attended.

The 1944 Harvest Ingathering campaign is over and a splendid overflow has been realized. The mission goal was £160, but our books indicate that the £200 mark has been reached. To all the faithful members who participated in this most important Home Missionary endeavour which made this achievement possible, we wish to say a hearty "Thank you!"

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BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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Reports from British Honduras

The Ingathering work in the Calcutta church in the northern district of Corozal is progressing slowly. The reason for this draw-back is that the great majority of the people are dependent on the work in the sugar factory for their living, and that functions only in the dry season. Right now some repair work is going on, also the cutting of wood for the next season. So the brethren are just waiting for the promises from the workers which we hope will be gathered in soon.

Nothing has been heard of the progress being made towards the Ingathering at Douglas. Because of my being occupied in a series of meetings there in Corozal for the last month, I have not been able to visit them for sometime. For almost two weeks now there has been no traffic—the road being blocked by the heavy rains we have been experiencing for the last two weeks. So no report has been received from Douglas. Nevertheless, we are expecting to hear great things from there in the near future.

The meeting in Corozal still continues with interest. We are in our fifth week and several have expressed their desire to unite with God's remnant church today. We are expecting to have a large baptism next month.

Brother I. D. Sabido, our Bible Worker in the northern district of Corozal, has been doing some missionary work in Orange Walk district for the last three weeks. He writes that the people are anxious to know about this message of salvation.

From San Antonio, another village, came the invitation for Brother Sabido to visit a certain family and hold a series of meetings. Several people are waiting to know more of the Bible truths for today.

From still another settlement by the name of Cham-pine Ridge comes

the Macedonian call to go and give them the message. Brother Sabido is out visiting these people and studying with them. Pray for us. The field is white for the harvest!

F. R. ARCHBOLD.

A brief survey of our field today will show that we have caught the spirit of the lay preacher movement. We are fast approaching the end of all things and realize that, "*This is the time!* It is *now* that we *must* move forward. Heaven is ready." The words of our Master, "Behold the fields are ripe to harvest," hold double significance as we look out on the fields of golden corn, rice, fruits, and on the world field of precious souls to be gathered. Surely God is challenging us in British Honduras, and we have but begun to accept that challenge.

It was an inspiration to spend a few days with our little Stann Creek group. They all seemed to be filled with a spirit of courage that can better be seen than expressed in words. Under the leadership of Sisters Garbutt and Belisle they have led four souls to Christ, and arrangements are being made for a baptism sometime in November.

In a recent report from Brother and Sister Harding in Boston we learn that they too are filled with the spirit of soul winning. They report one definitely preparing for baptism and three others attending the Sabbath services. In the adjoining vicinity Sister Brown of Cow Head Creek reports that there are three already prepared for baptism and several others interested.

Our brethren in Monky River have reported one soul ready for baptism

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CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

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Cayman Islands News

A cable and a subsequent letter from Brother George Merren indicate that while there was severe damage to crops, as a result of the recent hurricane which struck the Cayman Islands, none of our believers was injured. For this we are most thankful to God. Most of the believers lost

all their crops and some of the homes were rather badly damaged, but the hand of the Lord was over each one and no lives were lost. Brother Merren reports that all of the believers are of good courage.

We know that many of our members in the Cayman Islands will be very sad to learn that Elder G. E. A. Smith will not be returning to the Caymans because of ill health. It has been felt that Elder Smith should not be asked to carry on quite so rigorous a programme, so he will not be returning to the Cayman Islands. However, another worker is under appointment and will be reaching the Islands in a short time, probably even before this paper is read by our believers there.

The union is mindful of the needs of the Caymans and is determined to do all that is in their power to build up the work there during 1945.

A recent letter from Brother Aston Davis on the Brac indicates that there is a new interest there, and we feel hopeful that soon some will be brought to an acceptance of the third angel's message. Let us all pray for Brother Davis and this new interest.

R. H. PIERSON.

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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East Jamaica News Notes

On Sunday night, September 24, two beautiful and impressive baptisms were conducted in the city of Kingston. One baptism of 19 precious souls was carried through in the North Street Church by Pastor D. B. Reid. There are still over 60 in the North Street baptismal class, and 35 of these came forward at the close of the baptismal service in response to the straight-forward appeal of Pastor Reid for those who desired to take their place with the remnant people of God to join the class.

On the same night, Pastor H. S. Walters led out in a most impressive baptismal service in the Regent Street church, at which time, 35 souls for whom Christ gave His all

were buried in baptism. These were mainly the result of an evangelistic effort conducted in the Regent Street church by Brother Jeffries during the earlier part of this year. Brother Jeffries passes on the cheering news that there are yet 92 in the baptismal class. In all the city churches there are those who will be taking the step of being buried with Christ in baptism before the close of the year.

Nineteen years ago in Panama, where the mother of Pastor Walters laboured as the conference Bible worker, a man and his wife were given studies by Sister Walters. The wife accepted the truth, but not the husband. Sister Walters made him a present of a Bible which, as a sailor, he has carried with him ever since. Elder Walters conducted Youth Crusade meetings in Kingston early this year and this same gentleman attended and was impressed with the message. While visiting together, one evening, the above facts were mutually discovered. Last Sunday night Pastor Walters laid him in the watery grave and brought him forth to walk in "newness of life."

There have been 114 souls baptized thus far this year as a direct result of our lay preachers' evangelistic efforts. This is excellent work, and we thank our lay evangelists most sincerely for their earnest labours for the Master. God has mightily blessed their work for Him, and there are many more in the baptismal classes throughout the mission.

Pastor A. C. Stockhausen has joined the East Jamaica Mission working staff, and is now in charge of the St. Mary district, assisted by Brother Hilbert Nembhard. Pastor Stockhausen's churches over which he has charge are the following:

Bonny Gate, Clermont, Comfort Valley, Carron Hall, Gayle, Geddes Mountain, Hampstead, Highgate, Hunt's Town, Port Maria, Retreat, Richmond, Bagbie, Florence Hill, Guy's Hill, Lewisburgh.

All correspondence should be directed to Pastor Stockhausen to Clermont, Highgate P. O. Elder Stockhausen writes that he has a number of good baptisms planned for in the St. Mary district before the close of

the year. We are most happy for this good news.

On Sunday, October 8, a fine stone laying service was held in Morant Bay. A large crowd gathered to enjoy the programme that had been well planned by Pastor Harold Nembhard. Stones were laid by many prominent persons of the town and over £50 was realized in cash to help with the construction of the church. Those present included Elder R. H. Pierson from the union, Elder J. N. Williams, pastor of the Portland district and the writer from the East Jamaica Mission, together with a host of well wishers.

We regret to announce that Elder and Mrs. Harold Nembhard left the East Jamaica Mission toward the middle of November. Elder Nembhard accepted a call to the South Caribbean Conference for evangelistic work. We are loathe to lose Brother and Sister Nembhard from our field, but wish them every blessing of God as they take up their new work farther south.

D. V. POND

ON TO VICTORY

We sing praises to God for His goodness to us. We are swept by storm, we are faced with the shortage of books, but with all the adverse and discouraging conditions East Jamaica Bookmen are steadily marching on. With solidarity there, faithful men and women are going forward by faith to the finish.

The time has come for God's children to look high above the gloomy clouds of seeming discouragements. When we look up we shall see the gleams of the golden morning, soon to dawn. Says the servant of the Lord "The heavenly intelligence will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character which will reach out to perfection in action. To every one engaged in this work Christ says, 'I am at your right hand to help you'." *C. O. L., p. 332.*

That the Master is surely helping us in our work is revealed in the following reports:

During five weeks Brother L. Dillon has secured over £360 of orders in Kingston.

In one week alone he took £110 worth.

For deliveries in August our figures show over £484 as against £440 in July, when the weather was calm and fair, and against £404 for Jama-

ica Conference in August last year.

For deliveries for the first eight months of 1944 our figures show over £3639, or only about £850 less than the entire Jamaica Conference for the same period of 1943.

Honourable book evangelists, march on! March on to Victory!

W. U. CAMPBELL

EASTERN LAY-PREACHERS' MOVEMENT

District	Efforts Held	Souls Won
Kingston	7	14
St. Mary	16	30
St. Catherine	21	32
St. Thomas	12	16
Portland	16	18

The lay preachers of East Jamaica have been very active this year. In spite of the rainy weather and the storm they have been courageous in spreading this message of Salvation. The Lord's blessing has attended their efforts and today there reports show that over seventy efforts have been conducted since January and 114 precious souls have been buried in baptism.

Today we are happy to present two groups of our lay preachers. The first is the Honour Class. These lay preachers have won souls for Christ since January. The other class consist of those preachers that have held efforts but have not reported the souls won.

HONOUR CLASS: E. C. Walton, A. Anderson, J. Anderson, J. N. Lynch, W. R. James, Ben. Rose, J. Hulcome, Philmore Kelley, Norman Douglas, L. E. Broomfield, L. C. Guscott, N. J. Brown, Alfred Lindsay, A. B. Davis, M. McPherson, A. A. Green, Albert Morgan, Sherman Blake, R. H. Lindsay, Cyril Higgins, C. E. Clough, John Webb.

THOSE DOING WELL: S.G. Moyston, Vernal Norris, Alfred Barrett, T. Murray, Samuel Evans, Samuel Davis, Richard Burrell, Charles Harris, Edward Cameron, J. Blackman, R. A. Perry, H. Fletcher, Selvyn Morrison, E. Cameron, John Edwards, E. J. Reynolds, J. A. Collins, W. E. Langley, Solomon Bailey, J. D. Nelson, Elkanah Scott, Noel Fisher, R. Brown, L. L. Gayle, H. Chisholm.

As we see the achievements of our lay preachers let us ask God for a greater vision of the "unfinished task." This is our opportunity for pushing the story of the Cross throughout East Jamaica.

H. S. WALTERS,

Home Missionary Secretary

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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News Flashes

An inspiring church leaders' convention was held at the college in Mandeville on the 22nd to 24th September. Thirteen church leaders and elders were present from Pastor W. S. Nation's district. We are expecting to hold similar conventions in other districts in 1945.

Workers' and committee meetings were held in Montego Bay on the 23rd and 24th of October. Pastor R. H. Pierson, president of the British West Indies Union, was present with us.

Far reaching plans were made for greater evangelism during 1945. A goal for 1000 souls was set. We employ every worker, church member and those who are aspiring to baptism to fall in line and help us in this great campaign. When this reaches you we will have already baptised over 400 souls in the West Jamaica Mission. We hope and pray that our goal of 600 for 1945 will be realized.

Pastor R. H. Robertson has concluded his effort in Montego Bay, as a result of which forty-six have already been baptized and approximately seventy more are awaiting baptism. Pastor Robertson has stirred the entire town of Montego Bay.

Our laymen's convention will convene at Montego Bay from December 5 to 10 inclusive. We are anticipating an interesting time.

Our colporteurs have smashed their goal of £2,500 for 1944. They have sold over £1,000 above their goal already this year.

Owing to the multitudinous duties of our district leaders and the shortage of petrol we have started our election of officers for 1945 at an early date. We hope and pray that men and women of God will be selected for these sacred offices. We solicit your prayers in their behalf.

The 26th December is the date set apart for the opening of our new school room at Jointwood. The brethren there have laboured hard and long to secure for themselves a commodious school room. Miss Dorothy Campbell from the West Indian Training College has been secured as the head teacher there.

Under the leadership of Miss Gla-

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field. At the end of the month the price of the total income is figured out, the expenses incurred subtracted, and the tithe is paid on the profit.

Those who wilfully rob God of the tithe will suffer the penalty recorded in Mal. 3:9 "Ye are cursed with a curse." What can it mean to be cursed with a curse? For the answer read carefully Duet. 28:22,27,28,30,38.

The rise and progress of the work in Jamaica requires more workers. My brethren, be faithful with your tithe so that the work may go forward with increasing success.

W. S. NATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is good food for thought as we consider our great need of more workers not only in Jamaica but throughout all of our Union. Should not each one of us covenant with God that during 1945 we are going to be more faithful than ever before that not even a farthing of the Lord's will be withheld?

R. H. P.

"BORROWED TIME — A CHALLENGE TO GODLY LIVING"

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Brethren and sisters, members of God's remnant church living within the boundaries of the British West Indies Union, the borrowed time on which we live is a challenge to godly living. "Set thine house in order!" we need to cry out with David of old, "Wash me thoroughly from nine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin . . . Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."—Psalm 51:2, 7, 10. We must be right with God!

Living as we are upon the very threshold of the eternal world, we have also a duty toward our fellow men! "Confess your faults one to another."—James 5:16. Setting our house in order includes making things right with those about us. Confessing malicious whispering and tale-bearing, asking forgiveness for unkind and uncharitable words, restoring that which we have wrongfully taken—this is putting our house in order!

My appeal to our believers in this solemn centennial year is for a closer fellowship with Jesus. "Personal contact with Jesus, to sit down in companionship with Him, this is our need." *Education*, p. 261.

Mark well, you are living on *borrowed time!* God demands of each one of us an account of how we are spending this *borrowed time*. Are

you setting *your* house in order against the early close of probation? "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6: 2. Won't YOU do it NOW?

Christian Education

By M. J. Sorenson

The children growing up in Seventh-day Adventist homes are the richest resources we have for obtaining and preparing workers for God. These little ones may seem unimportant and the older ones unpromising as they are growing up, but if they are rightly trained, we shall find from among them later Samuels, Josephs, Daniels, Esthers, Pauls, and perhaps a Moses. What a rich treasure—diamonds in the rough, stones in the quarry for God's temple!

How long shall we neglect these great resources? They are invaluable both for membership and for workers. Are we really neglecting these little ones and our youth? Yes, the Spirit of Prophecy has used this word "neglect" over and over and over. This word has been used more frequently than any other word, I believe, in the whole category of our shortcomings. What more can be said to us to awaken us? This neglect of the education of the children we have been told is a sin like scarlet and crimson, an offense to God, that by this neglect we are aiding in their destruction. In other words, our neglect of their education makes us accomplices in their ruin.

Just what efforts are we, all of us, the whole organization, making to awaken the sleeping church, to enlighten, impress, and urge parents and church members to do their duty under God to educate the children and youth? Is it not evangelism of the highest type to provide schools and teachers to give our own child-

ren the word of God as the foundation of their education, to have them learn the third angel's message that we preach to others and to lead them to Christ, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Shall we give the message to others and leave our own children out of the programme, neglected as they are, and by this very neglect encouraged to carry on the work and service of Satan?

God needs this army of trained youth. We have lost tens of thousands of our sons and daughters who are right now serving under the banner of Satan who would be doing valiant work for God had they been educated in our schools. We know the large per cent we are losing of our boys and girls who attend secular schools. One-third of those baptized in one of the largest conferences in North America last year was composed of children in our church schools.

Our church schools, academies, and colleges are doing the highest type of evangelism. They are giving us the most permanent and dependable members and workers that we have. They are the great recruiting centers for labourers in the cause of God. I am appealing for the salvation and services of those sons and daughters whose parents are failing them.

Yes, we have failed, too, to arouse these parents to a "sense of this sacred responsibility." As a result these sons and daughters will be lost—lost to the cause of God in this world and lost at last from the world to come unless we carry out God's programme for their education. (See "Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 240).

We must give the third angel's message to the world, at home and in foreign fields, but God would not have given us more than three volumes on the education of the children if He had not also wanted the children of the remnant church, His heritage, to be evangelized.

When God's people came out of Babylon, they brought their children out with them. Shall the children of God's people who are redeemed accompany them to the city of God or be left behind? These experiences were written for those who should live in the last days and we are plainly told what we should do if we want to save our children and take them along with us to the heavenly land. (Vol. VI, p. 195).

Will we do it?

Tithe Bulletin

"If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the storehouse, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments. God calls upon those who believe the truth to render to Him the things that are His."—*Test.*, Vol. IV, pp. 475, 476.

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 dys Brodie the St. Ann's Bay church school which has been opened recently is making rapid strides.

Thanks for your liberal help given to the storm sufferers. This has been greatly appreciated.

To assist you in your missionary endeavours please send to the West Jamaica Mission of S. D. A., Montego Bay, for used papers free of charges.

We hope that this will be the most inspiring week of prayer that we have ever experienced in Jamaica. Papers have been sent to all churches and companies. Do not forget the week of sacrifice offering to be taken on the last Sabbath.

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue in this glorious gospel message.

We solicit your co-operation in the finishing of the great task that lies before us.
 E. E. PARCHMENT

Notes and Notices

From time to time we learn from our country churches that members from these churches come into Kingston and fail to keep in contact with their home churches. This should not be. We often find after special investigation, that a member here or there is in Kingston in this way, and is working on the Sabbath, then eventually returns to his or her home church saying nothing about the fact that they have been breaking the commandment of God. We would suggest to all members who are visiting for some time away from their home churches that they keep in close touch with them.

Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of the following four church members, kindly communicate with Miss Mae Harris, Glengoffe P. O.

- John Stephenson
- Joseph Miller
- Ellen Mitchell
- Lowena Morrison

The Robin's Hall church also desires Brother and Sister George Campbell to get in touch with their home church immediately—last known to be in Kingston.

D. V. POND

We feel sure our members will be interested in the following price list of books and papers obtainable through the Book and Bible House. Any of these required, just get in touch with Mr. Curtis Parchment, 176 Orange Street, Kingston.

Prices of "New Church Hymnal"

Paper, word edition	£ - 3 0
Cloth, " "	- 5 0
Leather (black & brown)	- 10 0
Leather (morocco)	2 8 0

Prices of Church Papers

Family group	2 6 6	per year
Big Four	1 6 6	" "
Church Officer's		
Gazette	0 8 6	" "
S. S. Worker	0 8 6	" "
Youth's Instructor	0 15 0	" "
Our Little Friend	0 8 0	" "
Review & Herald	0 19 0	" "
Life & Health	0 10 0	" "
Health	0 12 6	" "
Message	0 10 0	" "
Watchman	0 10 0	" "
Signs of the Times	0 10 0	" "
S. S. Quarterlies	4 each	
Morning Watch Calendars	6 & 9d.	each
S. S. Quarterly Covers	1 / 6	each

Jamaican Believers in U. S. Working Hard

Fellow-believers and relatives of the brethren listed below will be interested in the following report that has come to us through Brother Victor H. Colby of Pittsfield, Maine, U. S. A. Speaking of the farm labourers, this is what he says:

"In one group of these people who are located about seven miles from where I live, there are seven who are Seventh-day Adventists. These boys are very fine Christians. They attend our meetings and they are very smart. Next Sabbath (Aug. 26) these coloured brethren are going to conduct the meeting here in Pittsfield. We expect a large attendance. I will be taking them to visit the birth place of Elder James White next Sabbath forenoon."

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| Alfred Campbell | Arthur Morgan |
| Hugh Murray | Percival Forbes |
| Enos Hastings | William Smith |
| Reuben Van Horne | |

OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Peart of Troy was born about 94 years ago. Accepted the Advent Message in 1896 and was baptized by Elder C. A. Hall, and remained faithful until her death June 1, 1944, leaving two sons, four daughters and many grand children.

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and several others interested yet to be gathered in. Sister Hazel Andrews is regularly conducting Bible readings, and we are awaiting further good reports of her experience in soul-winning.

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"Let there be in every church, well-organized companies of workers to labour in the vicinity of the church."
Review and Herald, Sept. 29, 1891.
 "Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a large work."
—Testimonies, Vol IX, p. 27. What about these statements? We are planning in every church for greater efficiency and a larger work.

W. HANSEN WALLER.

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Word has been received that the next session of the Bahamas Mission session will most likely be held in Nassau, February 16-24. Elder R. H. Pierson, our union superintendent, will be present. We also expect other union brethren to be present and possibly division and General help. Watch your VISITOR for further word regarding this important meeting.

Each church should appoint delegates to be present at this meeting, representing their respective churches at the mission session at which time the usual business transactions will take place. Soon after the church elections are held, these delegates should be appointed. Each church is entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof, and these names then should be sent in to the mission secretary-treasurer who will send back by return mail a properly signed delegate credential which will be surrendered at the time of the seating of the delegates.

As we face the one hundred first year since this message began to be sounded, it should inspire us with a solemn feeling of awe as we realize that our Lord is soon to come! Let every worker, church officer, and member of the Bahamas Mission redouble his efforts for God, that souls might be won who otherwise would have been eternally lost.

H. D. COLBURN.