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## BIG NEEDS FOR BIG WEEK

We have all been most thankful to the General Conference and to the Inter-American Division for the liberal appropriations they have made during the past year for projects in different parts of the British West Indies Union. Thousands of pounds have come into the island of Jamaica and other parts of our field for the rebuilding of churches destroyed by the hurricane, for the construction of other new churches, for the erection of the new medical units in Kingston, for further development of the West Indian Training College and for other needy projects. For all the help that has come to us from abroad we are profoundly thankful—but still we have many pressing needs in all parts of our Union—needs that must surely be met and that right quickly.

### Appeals from the Bahamas

Take for instance the Bahamas Mission—long has this little field struggled along under the adverse circumstances of depending solely upon the importation of all their workers. More than seventy-five percent of the present working staff of the Bahamas Mission have been called in from Jamaica and the United States. These workers have rendered faithful and loyal service but we should be developing Bahamian young men and women into workers for their own people.

Up until the present we have had no school qualified to turn out such workers. After the elementary school course had been completed, young people have had to look either to Jamaica or to America for a secondary education.

The time has come for us to make available such education inside the Bahamas Mission. Such plans have been laid. The delegates of the Bahamas Mission in Biennial Session early this year pledged £1000 as their contribution to such a project. The Union Committee has gone on record pledging their full support to the Bahamas Junior Academy.

The Bahamas have other needs such as out island elementary schools and equipment, medicines and first aid supplies for our workers to give simple treatments to those in physical need in their districts. We should also mention needs for churches in such places as The Bluff on Eleuthra Island.

### Needs in British Honduras

The British Honduras Mission has long

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ROBERT H. PIERSON

been calling for help to meet certain outstanding needs in their field. Church organizations in San Pedro and Stann Creek have long been without proper meeting places, and it is necessary that we provide for these companies without delay if we are to build up our work in these two important centers of the colony. Partial provision has already been made and we are hopeful that a good Big Week Campaign in British Honduras will help to realize the balance. In Corozal we have a wonderful opportunity to purchase a very desirable

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Inasmuch as the books have not arrived yet in Kingston, the Big Week Campaign will be postponed until September 29—October 6 in Jamaica. The Offering will be taken October 6 in all Churches in Jamaica.

plot for a church and school and workers' quarters. We should by all means not let this opportunity slip through our fingers. Then, of course, there are many other needs in British Honduras—equipment for the Belize Church School and for the other struggling little church schools throughout the colony.

### The Cayman Islands Need Help Too

We have many needs in the little Cayman Island field that could be helped by means provided through the Big Week Campaign. They need a church building in East End and one in Bodden Town. We have only a token church school in Georgetown operated by one of the members. They have only the crudest place to conduct their school and no equipment. A strong church school would be a great boon to our work in Cayman Islands. We must also plan to open medical work in this field as early as possible.

### Opportunities in West Jamaica

Anyone who has visited the "churches" (if we could call them such) in Lucea and Savanna-la-mar will agree that these two important centers in the West Jamaica Mission MUST have representative places of worship. The West Jamaica Mission Committee has already made a start toward a new office in Montego Bay. They have purchased a fine plot in an ideal section of the city but they will need several hundred pounds to erect the building they are needing urgently. There is a definite need for a representative church school building in Mandeville. At present this church school meets in a dark damp downstairs room that is over crowded. Here the practice teachers receive their training to go out to all parts of the Union to train our boys and girls. They should have a more representative place for their training, and the boys and girls attending the school and Miss Brodie, our faithful teacher, should have better quarters for study. Then the church schools through the West Mission need equipment. These needs could be helped if all will get behind the Big Week and do our part!

### Calls From the East Jamaica Mission

The brethren in East Jamaica have done all they could to help themselves in meeting many of the outstanding needs of their field. But still there is much to be done. A church home for Kencot believers stands high on the "must" list of the Union. For over 18 years the brethren and sisters here have been worshipping in the Tabernacle that housed their original effort. The Kencot church is a live organization and deserves a church home of their own. Spanish Town needs a church school and equipment. North Street should have a new church school building to house their nearly 200 boys and girls who are attending their school. The East should by all means have a large Tabernacle for evangelistic meetings in Kingston where hundreds of souls could be won each year if housing for such efforts were only available.

### Union Institution Needs

Our Union Institutions need help badly. The New Hope College has no permanent home, no library, scarcely any equipment. West Indian Training College should have a new girls' dormitory before the present one rots entirely away. They have no

science equipment to speak of, and the bakery must be remodeled to meet the requirement of the Government. Our new hospital work in Kingston will need much help in getting the places properly equipped. The Union office staff has no permanent office home, and so it goes all around the circle!

#### You Can Help

Now not all of these needs can be met through the Big Week income. These funds are for medical, educational and publishing needs only but when we help to supply these needs we release money from other sources to help with church buildings and such projects. We feel sure that all of our believers will rise as one man, as you have done so many times in the past, and that you will do your utmost to reach your individual goal and your church goal EARLY just as you did in the Ingathering. May God bless you all.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

F. M. LARSEN, Secretary.

#### Big Week: Sept. 29—Oct. 6, 1945

It was in the month of October, 1920 that the Fall Council Meeting of the General Conference was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was one of the most wonderful meetings that has been held for some time. The Spirit of the Lord was present; many calls were coming in from the mission fields for help in medical, educational, and publishing work projects. The council was deeply concerned as to how these should be met. At the same time the Publishing Department was in session and they had for some time been studying plans for enlarging the publishing work. In many of the various mission fields they had tried out a plan whereby the colporteurs were to devote one week each year in a special effort to establish a sales record. The Spirit of the Lord was leading the brethren and it was decided to invite all of our believers to have a part in this special literature sales week and then give the proceeds to various projects in the mission field.

It was a wonderful plan and when it was brought before the Council in session it was adopted. Thus the Big Week Campaign was born. The name was changed later to the Mission Extension Literature week. The action was:

"That conference, mission, and institution workers and all lay members be encouraged to contribute a day's income to our Mission Extension offering.

"That colporteur's participate in the plan, taking part in a special literature week, dedicating the proceeds of an average day's income to the offering.

"That our entire lay forces and such

others that can do so, unite in the sale of our truth-filled literature for the benefit of the Mission Extension Fund."

This campaign has proven a great blessing to our world wide mission work. It is growing stronger as the years pass and the needs are more urgent every year. Because of your faithfulness and the part you had last year, the sum of £301 18 8 was realized.

Most of you know of the fine hospital and clinic that is now being built in Kingston. When you read this article the ward building will be in use, and the doctor and nurses will be taking care of the sick. We are surely happy for this wonderful start and we pray that God will bless the members of the staff in this humanitarian endeavour.

Surely the Lord urges us to do our faithful part during this Big Week! Before the big push in Europe was launched across the English Channel every thing had to be planned and worked out before hand. Every one knew what his work was. They faced death, yet, they were faithful to their task and many of them gave their lives. They met their enemy but were victorious. As a great Christian army, we, too, must be even more devoted to the great task before us in the saving of souls.

The Lord Jesus has given us the command, "Go Forward!" and we must not disappoint Him. We count on all of you to do your honest part. As leaders, we must take the lead and march forward to certain victory.

May this year be the best yet! Brothers and sisters, let us go forth with good courage because our dear Saviour has promised, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end." He is with us, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chron. 29:5.

May this year's Big Week not only be wonderfully blessed with funds, but may the precious truth-filled literature be a blessing in the hands of the people and be used of God in gathering many precious souls for the Kingdom.

May God bless you all in your work.

F. M. LARSEN.

#### PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

M. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

#### Big Week Appeal

In all of the churches in Jamaica a special Big Week offering will be taken Sabbath, October 6. At this time we are asking all our believers to turn in the profits of their Big Week book sales, and also as God has prospered them to make a liberal contribution to the work of God in their field. We hope that every church leader will keep this date in mind, and at least a week ahead remind their members

of the forthcoming offering.

In fields outside of Jamaica the offering will be taken on the last Sabbath of their Big Week campaign according to the date set by their local committee.

R. H. P.

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#### Your Opportunity

You would like to take a walk with Jesus by your side; wouldn't you? Certainly you would enjoy calling upon some of your friends and neighbours, presenting Him to them, as a very dear Friend of yours. It would be a very great privilege to do missionary work with Him and see hearts influenced by His sweet spirit to make decisions in favour of the truth. How happy you would feel to let Him know that you are not ashamed to walk and work with Him. Yes, you would be delighted I am sure, to show Him in a humble way how much you appreciate His great sacrifice for you on Calvary's tree.

That very same opportunity shall be yours during the week Sept. 29—Oct. 6. For this wonderful privilege and opportunity you will be indebted to the Big Week campaign.

The Spirit of prophecy assures us not only that Jesus will be close beside while you sell our literature, but that the Holy Spirit and the angels will accompany you and assist you in this pleasant task. Listen to this promise, "Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. . . . The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 40.

Notice that Jesus will teach us what to do and say, and the Holy Angels will prepare the way before us. Oh! What a privilege! What an opportunity! and to think that this promise and privilege includes even the sad and discouraged, and those among us who might be weak in faith and trust. Yes, God has given us the Big Week to strengthen us. With the heavenly intelligences doing the work and guiding us there remains nothing else much for us to do except to take the books and go out in response to the request of our Redeemer as expressed in the first book of the Chronicles, chapter 29 and verse 5, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

M. E. LOWRY.

To Build Schools  
and Churches.

Big Week Campaign

## BAHAMAS MISSION

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### Bahamas Mission News Notes

We are happy to report that the programme of the Voice of Prophecy can now be heard over our Nassau Station, ZNS, on Sunday afternoons at six o'clock. It is listed as a regular "Out-island Feature," which means that thousands more will have opportunity to listen to this inspiring programme than otherwise would be the case. The government maintains receiving sets in most of the islands. This public service is one that is greatly appreciated by the people in the various settlements of the out-islands, because very few of the homes own radios. Station ZNS would be glad to hear from every listener who enjoys and appreciates the programme. They are anxious to put on the programmes that the people want. And so, may I urge each one to assure the officials of ZNS that we like the Voice of Prophecy and want to see it continue as a regular feature.

We are glad to report that as the result of the books Brother Rahming has sold, and partly because of the influence of the *Signs of the Times* and the Twentieth Century Home Bible School work, there has been a Sabbath school organized at Moss Town, Exuma. Several adults are keeping the Sabbath there, and the interest is such that the mission is sending Brother and Sister Edwards over to hold a series of meetings and prepare these good folk for baptism. It would seem from the interest that Brother Rahming and Brother Edwards have reported on the island of Exuma, that soon we will have a Seventh-day Adventist church on that island. Let us remember these faithful workers in our prayers!

The Bahamas Mission is happy to have as its guests, Pastor and Mrs. D. V. Pond and their daughter, Marolyn. Elder Pond is the superintendent of the East Jamaica Mission. Besides visiting the churches in New Providence, Elder Pond's itinerary calls for a trip to Andros Island at which time he will visit the five churches and companies there and a trip to the island of Eleuthera. We are glad to have Elder Pond with us, and we look forward to the time when some of the other mission superintendents of our Union can come to the Bahamas also.

Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Nembhard and their two children, Leslie and Linda, will doubtless be in Jamaica by the time you read these lines. Brother Nembhard has laboured nearly a year more than was required before he would have been due a furlough. He has greatly endeared himself to the entire constituency of this Mission and we all wish him a most pleasant visit with his mother and other members of his

### Lay-Preaching in the Bahamas

Pastor M. G. Nembhard has recently made a trip to the Andros Island District and reports that our lay-preachers in that section are all carrying on to the best of their ability and that they are having results! While there he had the privilege of baptizing eight candidates who had been prepared for this sacred rite through the labours of Brother and Sister U. B. Toote, who live at Pleasant Bay.

Pastor Nembhard reports that now they are hard at work building a little chapel in which to worship. They have gotten considerable of material together; have built a lime kiln and are slacking out lime with which to build the walls. They are looking forward to a church building there soon. We are confident that the Lord will continue to bless the self-sacrificing efforts of these dear laymen and that eventually an organized church of commandment keepers will be established in that part of Andros Island.

Brother Thomas Miller has three keeping the Sabbath at Long Bay Cay, Andros. He has been conducting a series of meetings there and is looking forward to several baptisms from that settlement. Brother Leon Forbes has been conducting meetings in Kemps Bay, Andros, and reported to Brother Nembhard that one had accepted the Sabbath. And lastly on Andros Island, Brother Romulus Rahming is still carrying on at Black Point. So much for the lay-work on this island.

Over in Grants Town, on New Providence, Brother J. B. Dean has been conducting cottage meetings and as a result, seven are definitely interested. He plans to hold a public effort this fall. One man has already taken his stand this year as a result of Brother Dean's faithful work. On the other islands, others are working for souls. Brother Hezekiah Knowles, at Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera has been holding meetings in a rented church building and as a result has had the joy of seeing one man accept the truth. Also on Eleuthera another brother has been holding meetings. Brother Reginald Wood is still carrying on at Gregory Town. Over on Cat Island, Brother Hartman Strachan and Brother Joseph McDonald have been conducting an effort together at Bennett's Harbour. Brother Williams and Brother Ward are busy in the same good work over an Watling Island, and others are working in other places.

We are contemplating a banner year in soul-winning this year since so many of the laymen have joined their energies and talents with those of our regular workers. I trust and pray that every member of God's remnant church in these islands will do all in his or her power to make 1945 what it ought to be in soul-winning in this thrilling and wonderful hour!

H. D. COLBURN.

## BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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### Ingathering in British Honduras

If you could just step into the Belize church and look around for a few seconds you would feel an atmosphere of co-operation and unity as you have never felt before. On Sabbath, July 7, Elder F. M. Larsen from Mandeville, Jamaica, launched the Ingathering campaign with zeal and enthusiasm. Almost the whole church seemed to vibrate with the determination to reach the highest goal that has ever been set in the history of the Belize church. The great majority of the members and mission workers believed that by God's help the goal of \$500.00 could be reached in one week's time.

The church was divided into six bands and a goal device was set up to show the progress of each band from day to day. A model school building was nailed to the wall right over the rostrum. Six wires running from various corners of the church terminated in this school building. To each wire was attached a plane representing each of the bands: the pink, blue, red, green, gold and the school children's band. Every night during the week a service was conducted in the church to encourage every member to work and to check the Ingathering for the day. A special offering was taken each night which also went to the Ingathering.

Night after night it gave us a great joy to see the planes advancing toward their goal, the amount climbing higher and higher. Sunday night, July 15, was set aside as Victory Night when the goal of \$500.00 should be reached and the victory song would be sung.

Great was our joy, when, on Sunday night the amount raised was announced to be almost \$600.00. The victory song was sung by all with great enthusiasm.

Although the victory song was sung here in Belize, the Ingathering is not yet over. Week after week the faithful members are turning in what they are receiving.

We have not yet heard from the churches in the out districts, but we are sure that by the time their reports reach us the amount for the whole mission up to date will be over the thousand-dollar mark. This is only a prelude to better times here in British Honduras.

We greatly appreciate the help and counsel rendered by Pastors R. H. Pierson and F. M. Larsen and Brother C. O. Franz, and it is our desire to continue this good work until the end.

F. R. ARCHBOLD.

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Recent Ingathering word from Belize reports \$1200 in to date.

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**TO OCTOBER 6**

**Have YOU Done**  
**YOUR Part?**

## CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

R. J. PIERSON, Superintendent  
C. O. FRANZ, Secy.-Treas.  
Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

## Progress in the Caymans

On February 2 of this year, accompanied by my wife, I stepped on the shore of Grand Cayman, Together with Brother George Merren, the energetic, earnest and able local elder of our Georgetown church, my first work was to reorganize the churches and company on the island. I held a series of evangelistic meetings at Georgetown lasting for six weeks. The attendance and interest were fairly good, and several persons have been studying Bible truths since. Others have united with us in observing the Lord's Day, and are preparing for baptism.

The Bible Correspondence School recently introduced into this field, keeps me busy daily, and is an added impetus to the interest that was created by the evangelistic effort. To date there are over 205 pupils enrolled in the school and the majority are keenly interested in the lessons. Several call at the Mission for their lessons and also to deliver their written papers rather than wait on the post.

At East End I held meetings for few weeks but the attendance was poor. As a result, however, two souls have been won; one is a man whose wife opposed him at first, but now she, too, rejoices in the glorious Second Advent Hope.

The meetings also helped the old believers of that church by a spiritual uplift. The terrible plague of mosquitoes that scourges man and animals alike at the present time (June) is no hindrance to the zealous efforts of these believers in working toward a new temple. I am very happy to report that their plans are well under way. They are compelled to shelter in smoke from the pests while they are in the field cutting timber for the building. Still they forge ahead! They have the spirit that wins.

The believers at Bodden Town would not be outdone by their East End brethren. These dear people, since reorganization, have been enthusiastic and active along several lines of church enterprises. They acquired money and bought a most suitable site for the erection of a temple, and they are working hard to increase the amount they already have toward cost of this proposed building.

The Bible work, along with the other lines of endeavour, dispels prejudice and aids greatly in maintaining interest in Present Truth. Sister Dillon's house-to-house visits and studies are extended to believers as well as to many non-believers who will hear, and this service is appreciated by the people. Personal ministry opens doors and hearts for the message.

This mission truly appreciates the deep interest the British West Indies Union has taken in its general welfare. We look forward with eagerness to the time when the medical and the educational work shall be established.

E. C. WALTON.

## EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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## That Which Is Most Important

Never have I seen, in my five years in Jamaica, such a whole-hearted response as I have seen among our churches this year in the Harvest Ingathering. By far, more have taken a personal, active part, than ever before. Most, if not all, our leaders and officers have led the way.

Brethren and sisters of East Jamaica, I thank you most heartily for your devotion and hard work done for the Master and for His work!

But now, brethren, while I write this, I notice by the calendar that six months of the year have now passed into eternity. They have been six months for the work of God in our Mission—except for one thing, and that is—most of our churches have not made an offering of "SOULS" to the Master! This should not be.

In a remarkable way from January through June, our sixty-five churches and fifteen companies have produced the necessary work funds—as Tithes and Ingathering—for the carrying forward of God's work.

But now notice carefully the list of churches that follow. These are the ones that have not only brought to Christ their Tithes and offerings *but precious souls* that were dearly purchased by the blood of Christ!

Rollington Town,  
Morant Bay  
Lewisburgh  
Carron Hall  
Camberwell  
Comfort Valley  
Spanish Town  
North Street  
Port Morant  
Bath  
Old Harbour  
Robins Bay  
Richmond

Regent Street  
Yallahs  
Trinityville  
Linstead  
Buff Bay  
Williamsfield  
Gregory Park  
Gayle  
Bagbie  
Enfield  
Sherwood Forest  
Dignum Mountain

Do you see your church in the list? If so, thank God for it! If not—how do you think Jesus feels about it—that your church has not brought a "SOUL" Offering to Him this year? Ask God to help you to change this picture during the third quarter.

Let me ask you a question or two that may help you to "change the picture" this quarter:

1. Are you inviting our Youth—boys and girls - to enter the Remnant Church through the door of baptism? Or are you allowing yourselves to forget that Jesus died to save them too? Does your church have a baptismal class to which you often add new members? Or have you allowed it to "die" as an "unnecessary" organ of the church?

Is your church honestly trying to work for souls by one method or the other? What about it, Beloved?

As your superintendent, I appeal with all the earnestness of my soul to everyone of our churches and companies in East Jamaica Mission to make certain its "soul

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offering" to the Master this year, that when He comes for His people "He shall be satisfied then,"

PLEASE DO NOT READ AND FORGET—*BUT READ AND ACT!*

D. V. POND.

## WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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## Anywhere Provided it be Forward

The year 1945 has brought untold blessings. In six weeks the West Jamaica Mission in its Ingathering campaign collected over £1000, something unheard of in the history of our work. Not only that, but on the charts of the majority of churches and companies the theormometers for interested souls are over-flowing. To God be the glory! These interested persons, however, must be laboured with, and on the church the burden rests.

How precious in His sight is the soul of one rescued from sin, regardless of colour or race. Our baptisms so far for 1945, have not been what they ought to be. We have laboured hard and successfully in the Ingathering campaign; now I appeal to you to redouble your efforts in the campaign for souls.

Pastor Fletcher reports that his 1945 goal for souls is in sight. He has just closed a successful effort at Bethel Town, in the parish of Westmoreland. Nineteen precious souls have been baptized as a result of this effort, and many are awaiting baptism. I was very happy to assist Pastor Fletcher in organizing a new church at Bethel Town.

A few Sundays ago a vast crowd gathered at one of the tributaries of the Black River to witness the burial of many precious souls with their Lord in baptism. This was the result of the arduous labours of Layman Walcott assisted by other brethren of the Jointwood church, in the district of New Holland. Pastor Fletcher's next effort will be conducted in this section of the field. We are looking forward to a thriving church here in the near future.

E. E. PARCHMENT.



## Obituaries

Anglin, Lillian, was born 39 years ago and fell asleep in Jesus at Montego Bay Hospital on the 24th day of March, 1945. She was a member in good standing of the Amity Church, Westmoreland. Her body was committed to the grave by Elder F. Hall.—J. Hamilton.

Brown, Selwyn, of Ocho Rios Sabbath School passed away suddenly on April 14, 1945.—E. E. Parchment.

Sister Heron, a member of the Flower Hill church, fell asleep on July 6, at the age of 67 years. To her sorrowing relatives and friends we extend our sympathy.

—Mrs. E. G. Dehaney.