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"ATOMIC BOMBS"

Recently the newspapers have been filled with accounts of the Atomic Bombs dropped by the Allies upon the Japanese homeland. Perhaps no other destructive agency has come out of World War II, that so strongly bids to affect the future of the human race for weal or woe as the atomic bomb. It is another evidence of the times in which we live.

The Servant of the Lord was shown the terrible period of destruction through which we have been passing. It seems she almost must have caught a glimpse of the havoc recently wrought by the atomic bomb, the incendiary bombs, etc. Note these words written in 1906, barely forty years ago:

"Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep, but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke, and found myself at home."—E. G. White, Letter 278, 1906.

See Vol. 9, page 28: "Not long ago . . . I saw an immense ball of fire falling among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction."

In the "Jamaica Daily Express" of Aug. 24, 1945, we read: "Further testimony to the vast potentialities of the atomic bomb was given this morning when Tokyo radio said that in Hiroshima—the first city blasted by the newest Allied weapon—radio activity left by the bomb is still the cause of a rising death toll. In fourteen days after the attack, the toll has risen from 30,000 to 60,000 dead."

As God's people we ought to discern the times in which we live. We are nearing the end. More consistent Godliness is the call of the hour.

"Soon grievous times will arise among the nations, . . . trouble that will not cease until Jesus comes. As never before, we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His throne in the heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. God has not forsaken His people, and our strength lies in not forsaking Him.

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"Meet Our Workers"

From month to month it is our plan to publish the photos of our various workers throughout the Union. This will enable us all to get better acquainted with one another in our Union family.

This month we take pleasure in presenting two of our workers from the two Jamaica Missions. The one at the top is Pastor Frank Fletcher, our hustling district pastor in Westmoreland Parish, West Jamaica. Pastor Fletcher spent some years in missoin service in Central America but returned to his homeland about seven years ago and has been doing effective work here ever since.



The gentleman in the lower picture is none other than our energetic leader of youth, Pastor H. S. Walters, more af-



fectionately known to his host of friends as "Tim." Pastor Walters is at present the Home Missionary, Educational and Young People's secretary of the East Jamaica Mission. Although "Tim" comes from Panama, we feel sure he is a true Jamaican at heart.

EDITORS.

Voice of Prophecy Day

By action of the Union Mission Committee, Sabbath, October 13, has been designated as Voice of Prophecy day. The proceeds from the offering that will be received on this day will be used to further the great and good work of the Bible Correspondence schools in our Union. We now have four such schools located in the Bahamas, British Honduras, Caymans, and Jamaica. Just as the value of a soul is beyond computation so is the value of the work being done by these schools beyond calculation, for souls are being garnered in as a direct result of the efforts of this evangelizing agency.

In the four Bible Correspondence Schools we now find an enrollment of over 13,000 students. The cost of lessons, supplies, postage, labour and incidentals is not inconsiderable. Perhaps if the brethren who put this wonderful programme into operation could have foreseen the tremendous response that it would awaken in the hearts of thousands who long for Truth they might have hesitated to begin so expensive an undertaking. But we are thankful that God always provides a way to carry on His work and so it has been in this case. The offerings from our loyal church members, the donations from students and the help given us by the Inter-American Division, have combined to make possible the growth and expansion of the schools.

We now appeal earnestly to all loyal Seventh-day Adventists in the British West Indies Union to give a sacrificial offering on October 13, for the soul-saving work of these Bible Correspondence schools. Ask the Lord to impress upon your heart the amount that you should give. And please remember to pray for this branch of the Lord's work, that His blessing may continue to rest upon it, and that many may be attracted to the light of His Truth through this medium.

C. O. Franz.

Preniers Arrive

The British West Indies Union in general, and the West Indian Training College in particular are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prenier and three little daughters recently arrived in the Island. Mr. Prenier is already at work his new post as Superintendent of the College Press. The Preniers come to us from Washington Missionary College where Mr. Prenier recently received his degree

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HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

F. M. LARSEN, Secretary.

The Bible Correspondence School Wins Souls

Yes, there is work in the Bible School! We just wish that each one of you might have the privilege of stepping into the Bible School office some morning and I am sure that you would receive a real thrill when you cast your eyes upon the hundreds of letters on the desk waiting to be opened. In these letters are scores of Bible lessons. Many hours are spent in opening letters, filing record cards, typing envelopes, grading papers, and in caring for many other details.

The people of Jamaica are responding to this great opportunity for study in a most remarkable way. Reports are coming in from the Caymans, the Bahamas, and also from British Honduras, that are most encouraging. They have over three hundred enrollees in the Caymans and the school there is just in its infancy. Brother Walton, from the Cayman Islands, was in the Union office just a few days ago and told us that two persons already had accepted this Message through the study of these Bible Lessons. We were glad to hear him say that he with other workers there made it a point to help many of these students with the lessons that seem especially hard for them. They are trying to make personal contacts with their enrollees, and I am sure that it will mean souls in the kingdom. This Bible Study Programme is also being launched in the Turks and Caicos Islands and Brother and Sister Clyde Nebblett report good progress being made.

Perhaps you would be interested in just a brief statistical report from the Bible Schools.

To date there are 5861 enrollees in the East Jamaica Mission, 6775 in West Jamaica, 24 in the Turks and Caicos Islands and although we do not have the report from British Honduras, yet we know that the work has been started there and they are doing well. Already 27,697 lessons have been sent in to the Mandeville office to be graded. After completing all thirty lessons of the Course in a satisfactory manner a very attractive certificate is mailed to the student. Also in this letter he is encouraged to go all the way and accept Christ as his personal Saviour.

A few weeks ago when visiting one of our larger churches here in Jamaica, my heart was surely made glad when the elder brought to me a young lady, and when introducing her told me that she was a member of our church as a result of the Bible Correspondence Course which she had just completed. Those are the experiences, dear friends, that thrill one's soul and make him realize that this work is worth while. We surely appreciate the interest that our Mission Superintendents, Departmental Secretaries, District Leaders and Pastors, Colporteurs and our lay

members are taking in this important work. The follow-up work is a most important one and we realize that this falls upon the shoulders of these workers and lay members. We know it takes special effort and many more hours of labour, but we are sure that all will be rewarded by the many souls that are helped in making their decisions for the right.

Before closing this report I wish to share with you a few of the inspirational testimonies that have come in to us from day to day. Many prayer requests are also sent in and we are most happy for these and are very thankful for the evidencies of answered prayer. One writes: "Pray for me that I may accept this message." Another, "Pray that I may soon be numbered with your Sabbath-keepers." And others, "I acknowledge the Sabbath as God's great sign and will endeavour to keep it by His help." "I am glad to say I am keeping the Sabbath now." "About two months ago I felt like I was in a dark dungeon but thank God that He has inspired the mind of you to give unto me this wonderful message." "I am asking you to pray for me once more. I soon will become a member of the Sabbath School by the help of God." "I am enlightened on several things in the Bible and think these lessons very helping. God is working His purpose out. My hope is being built. I am yet a sinner hoping to be saved." From a sister to whom we recently sent one of the certificates, comes this encouraging note: "I have been greatly helped by this course. I have learned to trust the Lord more sincerely and I have gotten to know more of His precious promises."

We are thankful to the Lord for these excellent testimonies. Let us rededicate our lives to His work and continue to pray for definite results to be gained through this method of reaching many honest and sincere souls. The Twentieth Century Home Bible School requests your prayers and your help in the work that is yet to be accomplished.

MRS. C. O. FRANZ.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

M. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

The Power of One Tract

It was Sunday morning, and one of our part-time colporteurs was out looking for souls that she might lead to the Master's feet. That is the object that is uppermost in the minds of all our faithful colporteurs. She noticed a well-dressed gentleman standing near his parked car and felt impressed to offer him a tract. This she did. The man accepted it and put it immediately in his pocket. It was a tract on the "Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast."

Upon reaching home, the man remembered the tract, and both he and his wife read it through and then re-read it. Noting upon it an offer of more literature, they wrote for it and were soon versed in the doctrines of this message which they

accepted with all their hearts and were baptized. That was just the beginning of our story. They were wealthy people and lived in a city of some 3,000,000 inhabitants.

Next they bought thousands of tracts and employed two office girls, having them go through the large city directory and copy out of it the names and addresses it contained, mailing to these the tracts they had purchased.

This man has also given thousands of pounds to Missions. One single gift he made amounted to over 487 Pounds sterling. All this was accomplished and more too, because our colporteur had a tract to give away. It certainly pays us well to see that our colporteurs have tracts for free distribution. It is a divine plan and exactly what God has instructed us that we should do in *Colporteur Evangelist*, where on page 87, we read, "The canvasser should carry with him tracts, pamphlets, and small books to give to those who cannot buy." What a privilege is ours of having a part in that divine plan.

You want to see the colporteurs in your union supplied with tracts too. I am positive of that, for the Seventh-day Adventists that make up the membership of this Union have impressed me again and again with their willingness to make sacrifices to advance this cause we all love so dearly. That is in harmony with *Ps. 110:3*, where it says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power," and there is no doubt about our living in the day of His power right now. We should notice however, that God does not claim as His those who are not willing. They might claim to be His people, but He only recognizes the willing ones as His children. It is upon these, the willing, that He bestows His richest blessings, and it is to them that He reveals His wonderful love.

You will be glad to know that on the 6th. of October, each of these willing ones will have the opportunity of renewing their "covenant with the Lord by sacrifice." That is our Colporteur Rally Day, when a special offering will be taken for the express purpose of creating a fund from which your colporteurs in your Union will be provided with tracts for free distribution in harmony with the divine plan. Your willingness insures the success of the project.

M. E. LOWRY.

Sick Folk--Please Note!

The Andrews Memorial Clinic is ready to serve you and to help you get well. If you come in from the country you should try to stay in Kingston for two or three days if possible. Unfortunately we are not able to treat *everybody* for nothing. We have a large staff of nurses and workers to feed and house. Therefore we are asking that you plan to pay a little for your treatment and medicines. Those of our members who are absolutely destitute and

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BAHAMAS MISSION

H. D. COLBURN, Superintendent
MRS. H. D. COLBURN, Secy.-Treas.
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Bahamas News Notes

Pastor D. V. Pond and family have recently spent two weeks in the Bahamas Mission. During this time trips were made to Andros and Eletheura islands. We were very happy to have Pastor Pond and his family with us.

Plans are going forward for the construction of a school building at Kemps Bay on Andros island. Brother Deveaux has contributed a fine piece of land near the settlement for the school. On this plot of land is a partly constructed building which will be completed for the use of the Mission school.

We are happy to report that the work is going forward in a most encouraging way. Miss U. Lawrence has safely returned to the Bahamas and is busy making preparations for the opening of school, September 10th. She reports a most profitable vacation in Jamaica during the summer months.

Brother R. B. Campbell is holding an evangelistic meeting in Matthew Town, Inagua. We pray that this effort which began September 2nd, will result in greatly strengthening the work in that district.

Word has just been received that Pastor M. G. Nembhard and family have safely reached Jamaica after a very hard and trying journey by boat. He reports that they are thoroughly enjoying the furlough. We shall be glad when they return to us again. In the mean time, the members of the Grants Town church are doing their best to carry on without their pastor. The writer had the privilege of visiting this fine church last Sabbath, September 1, and was glad to see the church well filled with worshippers. He was glad too, to see the Big Week Campaign started off by the local elder, Brother D. A. McMillan. We are sure they will reach their goal even as we are confident that each of the other churches will reach theirs.

Brother and Sister Edwards have moved to George Town, Exuma. From here they will labour in the interest of the work in the Moss Town settlement nearby. We hope and pray that this effort will result in a goodly number of baptisms before the year is ended.

Brother L. R. Rahming, one of our colporteurs, and the one who has found and developed the Moss Town interest thus far, came to Nassau last week on a sail boat in the interest of the work there. He was anxious that the superintendent of the Mission visit this settlement as soon as possible for the purpose of selecting a building site for their new church. He indicated that the new believers there are anxious to start building the church and that it will cost the Mission nothing.

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

F. R. ARCHBOLD, Acting Superintendent
Secy.-Treas.
P. O. Box 170, Belize, British Honduras.

British Honduras News Notes

We were very happy to have Pastor E. E. Parchment, superintendent of the West Jamaica Mission, spend two weeks with us in the British Honduras field recently. We were glad to have our brother superintendent become acquainted with the plans and progress of our field. We feel sure that counsel and help received from him during his visit were greatly appreciated by all.

Work on the new San Pedro church is progressing nicely. The members have responded in a fine manner to the appeal for workers, and the British West Indies Union has contributed liberally financially to help out in the project. We feel sure that the erection of a new church in San Pedro will mean much to the advancement of our work in this important centre.

The Belize 4-H Academy is making good headway. Those who have visited the school recently have been impressed with the neat appearance of the newly remodelled and painted school home. Brother and Sister Crarey are working hard to build up the interest of this newest Mission institution. We solicit the prayers of our believers throughout the Mission that this institution may prove a great blessing to the work here in British Honduras. If you have children who should be attending church school, and there is no school nearby, you should get in touch with Brother Crarey who is in charge of the school.

The latest figures for the Ingathering campaign show that we are well over the \$1200.00 mark. This far eclipses anything that we have ever done in the past, and we are thankful to the Lord for His blessing upon the efforts of our church members. To all who have had a part we say, "A heart-felt thank you!"

At present the final touches are being put on the purchase of a property in Stann Creek to serve as our church home. We are anxious that all of our church organizations have representative church homes.

July 7th. witnessed an impressive service in the little Indian village of Douglas in the northern part of our field. At this time the church building was dedicated to the honour and glory of God. Present from the Union to assist in this service were Pastor R. H. Pierson and Brother C. O. Franz. The superintendent of the local Mission and Brother Waller, who is in charge of the northern district, as well as Brother F. Correa, the leader of the church, contributed much to this impressive ceremony.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

E. E. PARCHMENT, Superintendent
MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.
15 Market St., Montego Bay, Jamaica.

News of the West

On the 5th. of August, a very striking baptismal sermon was preached in the district of John's Hall. While the candidates were being immersed, a young woman who stood by and witnessed the ceremony, was so impressed by the power of the Holy Spirit, that immediately she burst out into prayer using the following words: "Oh, my God, please help and prepare me, so that I will be ready for the next baptism." On that very morning when the appeal was made ten precious souls including this young woman, took their stand for the truth.

Pastor E. C. H. Reid accompanied by Pastor E. E. Parchment, conducted a very impressive lay-stone ceremony at the Camrose Seventh-day Adventist church on August 1. Many friends who are not of our faith co-operated with us in a very interesting service. They gave liberally of their means for the laying of stones.

On the 7th. of June, a lady who was in attendance at our Sabbath service at Sandy Bay, was suddenly brought to consternation as her husband unexpectedly appeared on the scene with the wrath of the dragon, and was bent on opposing her new found Faith. He took his seat on the old church building, muttering words of threat and dissatisfaction. The members of the church commenced singing and lifted their hearts in silent prayer to God. The Lord certainly heard their prayers, and this man left the church premises in a spirit all subdued. On the following Sabbath he asked his wife if she were not going to church. Truly, prayer changes things.

Pastor E. E. Parchment who is on a business trip to British Honduras, is expected to be back in office soon. We wish him a very safe home-coming.

Committee meetings were held in Montego Bay on the 15th. of August. Brother C. O. Franz, Secretary-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union, was present with us.

We are happy to welcome to the West Jamaica Mission office, Miss Carol Parchment, who takes up an appointment as stenographer.

We are sorry to part with Miss Urceline Greene, who has been giving us excellent help in the West Jamaica Mission office for the past eight weeks. Miss Greene is returning to college to finish her course in December, and then return for a permanent post as stenographer in the office.

For years our brethren worshipped on a rented spot at Lapland, but we are glad that just over a week ago we purchased a lovely site whereon we hope to erect a monument to the glory of God.

MERTIE SHAKES.

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

D. V. POND, Superintendent
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Kingston Evangelism

We began a series of lectures in our North Street Church on the first Sunday night in January, and continued every Sunday night for eight months, giving an evangelistic sermon every week. We also laid great stress on the Wednesday night meetings, and conducted a strong Bible Class on Friday nights. This programme has been greatly blessed of God. Every member made it his duty to bring at least one visitor to the Sunday night meetings. At the close of the service I would stand at the door, and there each church member would greet me with his offering—not money—but with an individual or individuals whom he had brought to service. I was greatly impressed one night, as one sister had me shake hands with nine persons whom she had brought along with her to church.

The spiritual life of the church has been maintained and also our finances are in good condition. The crowning joy is to know that ere this reaches the VISITOR, we shall have baptized more than 100 precious souls since the beginning of the year, with a class of about fifty more awaiting the sacred rite.

To our believers in East Jamaica and in West Jamaica and throughout the British West Indies Union, I say, "Do not neglect your Sunday night meetings."

Our motto in the North Street church is "A Baptism Every Quarter," and thus far we have kept this pace for 1945. God be praised.

On behalf of Pastor Pond, the Mission Director, who is away in the States, I say, "East Jamaica moves on." Despite the fact that our working staff has diminished, we are ahead of last year's record as far as our baptisms are concerned.

D. B. REID.

East Jamaica News Notes

Pastor and Mrs. Pond and Marolyn have been absent from Kingston since August 1. Accepting the invitation of the Bahamas Mission, Pastor Pond has been visiting in Nassau and other parts of the Bahamas Mission field. Marolyn is planning on remaining in the States to complete her schooling. Elder and Mrs. Pond are expected back in the island about September 20.

Miss E. W. Parchment, who for the past two years has served as the cashier in the British West Indies Union office, has recently been appointed by the Union Committee to serve as the secretary-treasurer of the East Jamaica Mission. Miss Parchment will be taking up her new duties October 1.

Brother Clinton Hendricks, who for the past two years has been serving as the cashier in the East Jamaica Mission, has recently accepted the call to the Union office in Mandeville, where he will serve as cashier.

Brother Aston Davis, who spent some time in the Cayman Islands, is at present helping out with the work in Kingston.

We are sorry to report that Brother W. U. Campbell has been ill for some time and upon the Doctor's advice he is at present taking a month's leave from his Publishing Department duties. During his absence Brother M. E. Lowry, of the Union, is looking after his work, and Brother Ricketts is assisting. We wish for Brother Campbell a speedy and complete recovery.

A number of baptisms have taken place in the Mission during the past few weeks. Pastor Stockhausen reports a good baptism in his district. Brother Hilbert Nembhard has also had a very impressive service in Port Morant, and it is expected that soon a new church will be organized in this place. Pastor Reid has also baptized a goodly number in the Kingston district.

The Spanish Town effort conducted by Elders Laing and Walters has been signal-blessed of God. Already a large number are attending Sabbath services and many have indicated their determination to follow the Lord in complete obedience to all of His commandments.

Members of the East Jamaica Mission desiring denominational literature may have same by contacting the office in Kingston and paying the postage. A good supply is on hand, and we are hopeful that our members will avail themselves of getting a good supply of our various denominational papers.

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land. The wars and rumours of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose." *R. & H. Nov. 24, 1904. (E.G.W.)*

May God stir us with a greater sense of our own spiritual need and keep us ever in the shadow of the cross.

R. H. PIERSON.

SICK FOLK—PLEASE NOTE

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unable to pay anything at all will be taken care of free of charge if they bring a letter from their DISTRICT PASTOR stating that their financial position is such that they are unable to pay anything at all. Letters from local church leaders are not sufficient. We can only recognize letters from your District Pastor. Our work at the Clinic is growing rapidly and we are unable to meet all the calls now coming in for help. We are glad to do what we can, and we trust that the Great Physician will bless our efforts with healing and help for all who are sick. Brethren, pray for us.

C. R. ANDERSON, M.D.

Medical Director.

OBITUARY

Marson, Charlotte, for many years the faithful and devoted maid of Pastor and Mrs. Stockhausen, after a short illness, fell asleep in Jesus, on Sabbath morning, August 25th. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Stockhausen at her home in Mahoe Hill, Broadgate.

—VIOLET STOCKHAUSEN.

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Our Jamaican Brethren in America

(We know the readers of the Visitor will be interested in the following article clipped from a union paper in North America. This incident evidently took place in Colorado.)

About 150 Jamaicans have been shipped to Las Animas to help the farmers with their work. The local paper carried a news article stating that they were here to help out in farm labour shortage. However, five of the group did not work on Saturday but offered their services on Sunday.

When our attention was called to this we decided they must be Seventh-day Adventists. Mr. Christy visited their camp and learned that this was true, so invited them to church and to our young people's meeting. That was about a month ago. They have been attending all our services regularly since that time and have several times provided special music and given talks about their home-land.

Naturally we have been interested in these people, and last Sunday night several of our M. V. group visited the Jamaican camp and conducted a service for them. The meeting was held in the mess hall; every seat was filled and some were standing in the doors and hall.

Following an enthusiastic song service and special music, Mr. Christy gave a talk on Christ's second coming. The audience was very attentive.

At the close of the service, they seemed reluctant to leave and insisted that we come back the next Sunday night. This we are planning to do. They also seemed eager to receive the papers and booklets we gave them after the meeting. Those who are Adventists crowded around us, wanting us to obtain for them copies of the Bible, Great Controversy, and other publications which they are unable to get in Jamaica.

One Jamaican, though he is not an Adventist, told us that if it had not been for the friendliness of the Adventists here, he would not have liked Colorado at all. This made us happy that we had taken an interest in them.

PRENIERS ARRIVE

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from the School of Theology. He had already been placed in one of the Conferences in the States and we were fortunate indeed to secure his release. Mr. Prenier has had six years of experience in school printing during his student days, and has just finished a course at the Mergenthaler Linotype School in New York City and should feel right at home in the College Press soon. We are happy to have them with us!