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Building a Normal School at the West Indian Training College

By B. G. BUTHERUS, President, W. I. T. C.

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."—Isa. 54:13. The education of our boys and girls is more important today than it has ever been. In these days of radicalism and unbelief in the world at large, it is important, yes, imperative that Seventh-day Adventist boys and girls receive a Christian Education in our school. "If ever we are to work in earnest it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members to do their part in cooperation with God, is greater than words can express."—C.T. 165.

We at the West Indian Training College feel that God is calling on us to lead the way in the directing and the training of youth to engage in this all-important work. Our present room (a room on the ground floor of the boys' dormitory) is not large enough; equipment is meagre; and the teaching force must be enlarged. We must establish a normal school building here to train young men and women to be missionaries, to be teachers in the training of children. "Schools are needed where Bible instruction may be given to the children. The schoolroom is needed just as much as the church-building." Vol. 6, p. 109. This is our motto for the children of our Union.

The teachers, church members, and students have undertaken a project, that of erecting such a building here at Mandeville. It is to be a model church school building composed of two rooms with the necessary equipment to facilitate effective teaching for our children here in the Mandeville Church.

We are securing a Normal Director for our Normal Department in our college, one who is interested in the education of children. This teacher will also train young

men and young women in the normal methods and teachers training classes so that they may be prepared to go out into the churches of the British West Indies Union to teach church schools, being inspired to save the lambs of that beautiful flock that the Lord has given to us as parents.

Are we as teachers and parents over the Union prepared to do our part in sponsoring this project to completion? The Lord is calling upon us today to work in His vineyard. What does this mean to you fathers and mothers? The challenge is yours. Says S. J. Reid in the **Moody Monthly**: "This age is realizing that children, if well trained and wisely directed, are our greatest treasure. The church must awaken to that fact. She is discovering now that the child is the strategic power in society. We can believe that though there is but one way into the Kingdom of Heaven, God has placed every

Meet Our Workers



Here they are—the workers of the West Jamaica Mission! Look them over! Fine group, aren't they? Sitting, left to right: Elder W. H. Randle, retired pastor of the Newport church; Miss Mertie Shakes, Secretary-Treasurer; Elder R. H. Pierson, Union Superintendent; Elder W. S. Nation, Superintendent; Elder F. M. Larsen, Union Departmental Secretary; Standing, left to right: Elder E. C. H. Reid, district pastor, St. Ann; C. S. Greene, Sabbath School and Educational Secretary; Miss Thelma Rogers, Office Secretary; E. J. Parchment, Home Missionary and M. V. Secretary; Elder Frank Fletcher, district pastor, St. James; Elder M. E. Lowry, Union Publishing Department Secretary; Mrs. W. S. Nation, (in front of Elder Lowry) Office Secretary; Elder B. G. Butherus, President, W. I. T. C.; B. E. Hurst, Publishing Department Secretary; Miss Carol Parchment, Office Secretary; Elder Lee Goldbourne, district pastor, Clarendon; Kenneth Vaz, district pastor, Manchester.

toddler's feet upon it. Why should the child miss the joy of a Saviour's love to find it, if at all, much later in life? The church claims to be a missionary body, and if she is to justify herself in that calling, let her realize that her chief mission-field lies among the children."

The location for the building has been selected, the campaign started, students and teachers and parents are making plans for the further raising of funds, and over one hundred pounds is already in the treasury.

The week-end of April 6, various interesting educational features were presented at the college to launch the campaign for raising funds for the new normal school project. Friday evening Vespers and Sabbath morning worship hours were devoted to the cause of Christian education. Sabbath afternoon a special programme in the Missionary Volunteer meeting also featured this important phase of our work. Saturday night an interesting programme was presented by the normal school and college students, assisted by members of the Faculty. At the close of the programme the campaign device was unveiled and everyone was made acquainted with the programme under consideration. The Faculty, student body and Mandeville church members have been divided into five bands, each with a goal of £100. The leaders of these bands are Pastors W. A. Holgate and H. Waller, Brethren C. A. Pitter, B. R. Hamilton and W. A. Osbourne. Each band has a normal school building to build on their device. Blocks are being sold to those interested in the new project. We hope that many of our church members throughout Jamaica will respond when band members get in touch with them, asking them to have a part in the erection of this new normal school building. This normal school is to help provide better teachers for all Jamaica, and we know that one and all will respond wholeheartedly when the appeal is made to you to have a part. If we all get behind the project, this £500 can be raised in a short time. Won't you do your part?

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OUR GOAL: A Baptismal Service in
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GOLD STAR CHURCHES

(Churches Reporting Baptismal Services
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WHERE IS YOUR CHURCH?

Jamaica Workers' Retreat

The first Workers' Retreat to be held in Jamaica convened in Mandeville, May 14-16. The Newleigh Hotel had been selected for these meetings. A programme majoring in relaxation and spiritual uplift had been planned. Each morning at 8:30 the workers gathered for the morning devotional study. The balance of the morning was given over to recreation: volley ball, baseball, swimming, etc. From 12:00 till 2:30 came lunch time and rest. Each afternoon at 2:30 the workers gathered in the outside dining room of the hotel for round table discussions of evangelistic methods. A number of our evangelists from different parts of the island led out in discussing various topics on methods of evangelism.

An hour and a half was reserved each afternoon for round table Bible study. Tuesday afternoon Dr. C. R. Anderson led out in the important and timely topic, "Prophetic Development in the Near East." Wednesday afternoon Elder W. A. Holgate brought to the attention of the workers the fulfilment of prophecy by the Catholic church in his topic, "The Healing of the Deadly Wound." All of these discussions centered around these momentous days in which we are living, and we were all impressed with the nearness of the end as we discussed Bible prophecy in the light of the Spirit of Prophecy and present day events.

The evenings were given over to social programmes. We feel that such periods of rest and relaxation are most helpful to our workers, and after a busy Ingathering campaign, such a change was most welcome.

R. H. P.

Do Your Church Building and Grounds Honour God?

It is a glory to the Architect on high when His people present not only themselves "without spot," but also the house of God in which they worship Him. "His house where God is worshipped should be in accordance with His character and Majesty," we are told by the servant of the Lord.

If word were to be flashed by radio that his majesty, King George of England, would be visiting Jamaica for a survey of all the churches and surrounding grounds, would you leave your church as it is? Would you be proud of your place of worship or just a little ashamed? Would you proudly proclaim your connection with your church home, or would you be found disassociating yourself from it?

How quickly we forget that He who is "Lord of Lords and King of Kings," the Majesty of the Universe, visits us weekly and what does He see? Is it something truly "in accordance with His character and Majesty?"

We are plainly told "The house where Jesus is to meet with His people should be neat and attractive." Vol. V. p. 269. Is yours? If not, cannot things be changed?

In Britain and the United States at times there are campaigns sponsored called "Clean Up, Paint Up, Plant More Trees." Over all Jamaica and the British West Indies Union just such a campaign must now be pressed forward!

First, clean up the church building and premises both in and out; then plan with your church board and members to:

1. Replace broken doors and windows, glasses and hinges.
2. Ant-eaten walls and floor boards.
3. Improve or replace rostrum furniture as pulpit, chairs, and railings.
4. Restore fences and gates.
5. Plant trees, shrubs, grass, hedges, and flowers.

6. Paint up!

By your church doing as suggested above, God will be honoured and His work advanced! Even though you may be worshipping in a humble tabernacle or building, improvements can be made both in and out. If you need to build, plan to do so, for our counsel from heaven is, "If there are but few believers in a place, put up a neat but humble house, and by dedicating it to God, invite Jesus to come as your guest." Vol. V. p. 269.

We can erect, clean up, paint up, and plant to the glory of the Majesty on high, and He has promised us a blessing if we do. Let us gain that blessing!

D. V. POND.

HELP WANTED

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Comings and Goings in the Union

Elder and Mrs. F. M. Larsen and sons, Roy and Herbert, leave Kingston May 26 for Miami. Because of Sister Larsen's health the family is having to return to the homeland. We will all miss Brother Larsen and the energetic leadership he has given in the Union departments.

Mrs. C. R. Munroe, who has served most efficiently in the Kingston medical work for the past year, will be leaving May 19 for California. Mr. Munroe and Miss Ruth Munroe will be joining her later in the year. Miss Munroe, on loan to us, will be returning to the Far Eastern Division to continue her work in Siam that was interrupted by the war.

Mrs. H. S. Walters, Mrs. D. B. Reid and children left Kingston recently for the States. Mrs. Walters will be joined soon by Elder Walters, and they will proceed to Emmanuel Missionary College. The East Jamaica Mission has granted Brother and Sister Walters leave to complete their studies in E.M.C. Elder D. B. Reid has responded to a call to labour as pastor of the Knoxville, Tennessee, church and will be leaving to join Sister Reid the last of May. We wish all of these workers every blessing of God.

Mrs. D. V. Pond will leave Kingston May 19 for a trip to Collegedale, Tennessee, where she will be attending her daughter Marolyn's graduation. Both will return to Kingston early in June.

Elder J. N. Williams has been selected by the Union Committee to attend the Seminary in Washington this year, and he will be leaving the latter part of May for this pleasant appointment. While he is in the States, Elder Williams will attend the General Conference session.

Elder R. H. Pierson, Dr. C. R. Anderson and Elder Melvin Nembhard will attend the General Conference in Washington, June 5-15.

Elder and Mrs. Melvin Nembhard and family have accepted the call of the East Jamaica Mission to serve as District Pastor in St. Thomas. The Nembhards will be arriving in Jamaica from the Bahamas sometime in July.

Elder and Mrs. S. G. Lindo and family have accepted the call of the West Jamaica Mission to serve as District Pastor in Manchester. Brother Lindo has already arrived in the island and the family will follow shortly.

Elder O. P. Reid will arrive with his family in Jamaica in August, where they will take up their evangelistic work in the West Jamaica Mission.

Elder L. S. Crawford recently left Kingston to join his wife who has already preceded him to America. The Crawfords will be locating in the States. We are sorry that we have had to lose this good family because of health reasons on Mrs. Crawford's part.

Elder C. L. Torrey, the Division auditor, and Mr. R. B. Caldwell, the assistant auditor, arrived at the Union office the last of April in their annual visit, auditing the Union books.

R. H. P.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

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

Cayman Islands News

Leaving Georgetown on the 29th March, I landed at the Brac on Sabbath, 30th, and was heartily welcomed by the members of the Creek church. I laid plans for my effort and opened meetings on Sunday, the 31st. I was surprised to find almost empty benches night after night, even though invitations went far and near. I nevertheless continued my meetings, made visits to homes, to their church, made friends, and now we have an average attendance of about 50 persons each night. Many are interested, two are keeping the Sabbath, and we hope to have a good harvest.

Many people are reluctant to step out for they say, "Your workers come over for a few weeks, stir us up, get us interested, and then go away and leave us as sheep without a shepherd." "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth labourers into His harvest." Luke 10: 2, 3.

The Brac church has more than reached its Ingathering goal. In fact, every church in the Mission has reached its full Mission goal and gone well beyond. The total for the Mission as a whole at present is approximately £70.

The baptismal class in Georgetown is growing encouragingly. There are fifteen in this class at present. Miss Pringle is studying with them for the rite of baptism. Recently a fine programme and sale were carried on by the Georgetown church. Ten pounds was raised for church funds. The Gospel Team from Georgetown is continuing their good work in West Bay. A goodly number of papers is being given away each week-end, and meetings are being conducted in the tabernacle. The people of West Bay are very anxious to receive the papers. Pray for the work in the Cayman Islands.

CHARLES E. CLOUGH.

SABBATH SCHOOL ON CAYMAN BRAC



Our picture shows E. C. Walton with a group of Sabbath School members on Cayman Brac, taken during his visit to this island of the Cayman Islands mission, early this year.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

W. S. NATION, Acting Superintendent
MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.
15 Market St., Montego Bay, Jamaica

West Jamaica News

By the time this copy of the Visitor reaches you, our Ingathering campaign shall have been in the past. At this moment of writing our second weekly report from the churches have come in showing that they have raised over £900, unaided. Brethren and sisters, it cheers our hearts to see the ready response you have given to the call of God at this time to come up "to the help of the Lord." To Him be the glory. Now we are anxious to learn of the many souls with whom you have made contact during this campaign, and trust that you will not leave unfanned the smallest flame that might have been kindled, but will add the fuel of the Word until it blazes forth in the full light of truth.

There is always a tendency for us to "take it easy" after such a campaign, feeling that there is nothing more to strive after. But brethren, let us not forget our goal of 800 souls. Just as surely as the Lord has helped us to reach our financial goal for the Ingathering campaign, He will also help us to reach our baptismal goal, if we apply ourselves dilligently to soul winning.

The month of April saw the largest number of baptisms reported thus far this year, 70 having been buried with their Lord, but we shall have to work still harder if we are to realize our goal by the end of the year.

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You will rejoice to know that the Lord has been answering the many earnest prayers that have ascended from anxious hearts in behalf of Pastor Parchment, and he is much improved in health at the present time. The West Jamaica Committee was especially grateful when Brother Parchment felt well enough to attend a recent session in answer to our invitation.

April 14, was a day to be remembered by the believers at Jericho. After the burial of 7 precious souls in the watery grave, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. Then at three o'clock in the afternoon a stone-laying service was held that was very largely attended both by the people of the immediate district, and by the brethren and sisters from the nearby churches of Lucea, Chamber's Penn, Mt. Peace, Dias, Lances Bay and Sandy Bay. On this occasion a very prominent member of the community, not of our faith, gave a very inspiring talk in which he commended the believers for their sincerity, giving personal experiences of his contact with them, and admonishing them in the light of the crucial times in which we live to lift up Christ before a perishing world in life and doctrine.

To crown the day's efforts, a sacred concert was given that night the returns from which will also go to the church building.

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Our church construction plan in the West Mission is going steadily forward. Just now the May Pen church is making rapid progress toward completion under the direction of Pastor Gouldbourne. Our believers from the different parts of the island will certainly rejoice with the brethren at May Pen, as they pass through that town from time to time. We look forward to its dedication before the end of the year.

Elder E. C. H. Reid has worked hard with the brethren at Wakefield to bring their church building where they hope to finish up in a short while, and now he is working on the long-looked-forward-to Brown's Town church. He is determined by the help of the Lord to have a fine building in Brown's Town by the end of the year.

Space forbids our mentioning the many others that are also going forward, but we look forward to the time when all these unfinished buildings will be completed to the glory of God.

W. S. NATION.

Ingathering Flashes!!!

MISSION	GOAL	REPORTED MAY 14.
Bahamas	£ 325	£ 292
Br. Honduras	Campaign in July	
Cayman Islands	£ 50	£ 70
East Jamaica	£1700	£1451
Salt Cays	£ 10	£ 13
West Jamaica	£1225	£1000
B. W. I. Union	£3310	£2826

Cayman Islands, 4 out of 4 churches over their goal.

Salt Cays, 1 out of 2 churches over its goal.

West Jamaica, 63 out of 117 churches and companies over their goal.

East Jamaica, 66 out of 87 churches and companies over their goal.

Bahamas, 2 out of 18 churches over their goal.

What will the final record be?

BAHAMAS MISSION
 H. D. COLBURN, Superintendent
 MRS. H. D. COLBURN, Secy.-Treas.
 P. O. Box 356, Nassau, Bahamas.

Opposition Broken Through by the Medical Work

It is truly said that the medical work is the right arm of this message. In my work in the mission field I have found it true—a few experiences will serve to illustrate.

On entering my field of labour in Simms', Long Island, Bahamas, I found soon after we were settled, that a spirit of strong opposition was raised against us, but the Lord used the little that I could in bringing relief to some of those that were suffering to break the hatred that was growing.

One man on a certain occasion told me in course of conversation, "Mr. Edwards, we all have our churches here and we do not want any more. You will never get one here; we want no Adventists here." That same man has been coming to me for help several times and is decidedly more friendly.

One day two boys at the school began fighting and one began throwing stones at the other. Another little one was passing at the same time, and one of the stones hit him in the face, splitting his upper lip through and wounding the gum. There were also three more cuts under the eyes and on the cheek. I was not at home when this happened, but when I returned from visiting a man that was very ill, I found them with the little fellow at my home waiting for help. My wife had bathed the child's wounds, but did not do anything more. By the help of the Lord I treated the boy and today he is well again. This made the man who said they did not want me, change his mind and now he is more friendly and we are praying that he will take his stand for the Lord.

Another woman had her foot infected and for several months she could not get any results from anything that she used. I visited her one day and she asked me to help her. After a few treatments and prayer that stubborn infection cleared up. As a result she opened up her home for us to have Bible studies, and when I presented the Sabbath, she said, that if it was the last thing on earth she did, she would keep the Sabbath.

One night at about midnight, I was awakened by a neighbour whose nephew was suffering from a bad attack of tonsillitis. For several days he could not take any food and he could hardly speak above a whisper. They had decided to take him to the city in a sail boat for medical help but after they had travelled a little while along the shore, the captain decided that he would not take him any further for he feared he would die on the way.

I responded to the call that night and started to treat the young man. After the second day's treatment, and by the blessings of God, he was able to eat and talk

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and was cured of his tonsillitis. This man is a school teacher and some months later I was passing through his settlement, and he invited us to come and open up work there, making promises of his help in this work and showing keen interest in the things of God.

On another occasion by accident a woman in the settlement had her upper lip cut to the gum and only a strip held it together. When they called me, she could not even bear the slightest pressure on it. It was swollen to about twice its normal size. After seeking the Lord earnestly, I cleaned the wound as best I could. She almost fainted twice in the process of dressing it, but thanks be to God, she is now well and only a very small scar can be seen on close observation.

This affected the family greatly, and as a result her husband, who was largely responsible for the accident, began to follow the Lord in the extent of keeping the Sabbath before he left for another Island. We are praying earnestly that God will continue to water the seeds of truth that have been sown.

By the help that we can give in the medical line, the friendship and confidence of the people are ours to enjoy. We are still working and praying and we know that opposition has been broken down. Just as the change from unfriendly feelings to one of friendliness has been wrought, so may we see the change for the Lord and this glorious truth.

Our desire is to see many souls from this settlement saved in God's kingdom. So will you, dear reader, remember this field in your prayer?

C. F. EDWARDS.

Obituaries

Brother James Bruce, a faithful member of the Asia church for the past eleven years, passed away on February 2, 1946.

— J. A. KENNEDY.

Brother Matthias McCatty, accepted the Third Angel's Message 22 years ago in Cuba. He remained true to this Faith even unto his death in Clarendon, March 27.

— MRS. C. McCatty.

Brother Robert S. Williams, age 61 years, and a loyal hard-working member of the Marchtown church for 24 years, fell asleep in Jesus on May 4. He was a staunch supporter of Christian education. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, two sons and two daughters — one, Miss Eva Williams, of the Faculty of W. I. T. College. Funeral rites were performed by F. White, Earl Parchment and the writer.

— C. S. GREENE.

Sister Emily Moody, of the Labyrinth church, passed away April 10 in her eighty-fourth year. A faithful Adventist, she awaits the Life-Giver.

— A. J. POTTINGER.