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## Educate For Eternity

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Above the rostrum of a certain Adventist College in India are the words: "Educate for Eternity". The thought behind this motto distinguishes Seventh-day Adventist schools from the educational institutions of the world. Jesus has said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness", and our schools exist to impress upon young minds the importance of making first things first and making a preparation for the life to come while they are equipping themselves to make a living in the life that now is. Worldly institutions exist to impart knowledge that will develop lawyers, engineers, doctors, teachers, business men, craftsmen and artisans. Seventh-day Adventist schools have been established to do this — and more!

What is a "Christian Education"? To answer this question we need to know first what a Christian is, and then what an education is. But let's take the last first. The Servant of the Lord says, "True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study" — **Education, p. 13.** In other words the "three R's" (Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic) do not constitute a balanced education in themselves. It takes more than a diploma to make an educated person. I have seen — and doubtless you have too — educated fools!

The dictionary says there are two phases to education, **Instruction**, that part that furnishes the mind with knowledge and **training**, the putting into practice of the principles learned. So an education includes both **instruction** and **training**.

But there is more! We want our children to have not only an education but we want them to have a true education. Says the Spirit of Prophecy: "True education . . . means more than a preparation for the life that now is." — Ed. p. 13.

This is where the Christian education comes in — **educating for Eternity!**

We have already noted what an **education** is, now let us notice what a **Christian** education is. A Christian is one who follows Christ — a Christian education teaches the young person to follow Christ in this life so he may also follow Him in the world to come.

"True education . . . is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." Ed. p. 13.

The **harmonious** development of the physical, the mental and the spiritual powers! In other words the Head, the Hands and the Heart of the young person must each be given due consideration. **Over-development** of the Head may make a person "heady" — too "good" to do manual labour. This would be most unfortunate. **Over-development** of the Hand would also unbalance a young person — he might develop the sinews of an Atlas while his Intelligence Quotient remained very considerably subnormal. This would not do. **Over-development** of the heart, making a young person "heartly" projects them into an unreal world unequipped to face the realities of a demanding and unsympathetic world.

True Christian Education not only fills one's head, but moulds his character, develops his personality, opens his heart to Christ and prepares him for a place of service in this world and a home eternally in the world to come.

Where can our Seventh-day Adventist boys and girls, young men and women receive such an education? Surely not in the schools of the world! "In sending children to

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### Meet Our Workers



Our worker-of-the-month is Elder W. A. Holgate, Educational Secretary of the East Jamaica Mission. Teacher, pastor, good friend of the youth, Elder Holgate is well known to most of our members in Jamaica. His duties include the promotion of the Home Missionary and Young Peoples' work in East Jamaica. Until quite recently he was a member of the staff of West Indian Training College.

## WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE

B. G. BUTHERUS, President  
Mandeville, Jamaica.

### "Something Better"

"Something Better" is the watchword of education, the law of true living. Whatever Christ asks us to renounce, He offers in its stead something better. This is certainly something that all of us as Seventh-day Adventists truly believe, as we have nothing that is of greater importance than to have "something better" day by day.

Another year soon will have passed, and many difficult problems have already presented themselves before us for an immediate answer. But the quietness of eye spent with God will bring strength and courage to all who face the future with a desire to receive that "something better."

As we think of the past year that will have soon gone into eternity, we think of the many refreshing experiences that have been ours at West Indian Training College. I am very glad to report that we have enrolled the largest number of students in the history of the school. Every room is filled to capacity, with three to a room, and during the last term so many urgent requests came in to us that more than one room has four girls.

Fathers and mothers of the British West Indies Union, let me tell you that it is a real privilege for us to have this splendid group of young people gathered together in this institution in the closing days of earth's history. As I look into their faces, it brings inspiration to me to know that this splendid group of young people are here solely for one purpose, and that is to get the preparation that will "educate them for eternity".

Just a few weeks ago we had the privilege of having Pastor B. L. Archbold with us for our fall Week of Prayer, and I wish that every one of you as parents and friends could have been here to witness the Spirit of God working upon the hearts of young people and especially to see them making their wrongs right. Every student renewed his consecration to God. Especially are we grateful to report that eleven young people were baptized shortly after our Spring Week of Prayer, and now we have over twenty-five candidates in our baptismal group who will receive the rite of baptism early in the month of December.

Now, as we look to the future, we are conscious that West Indian Training College must continue to be true to her high calling as a Christian College. This is possible only as we come to the source of our power. If we would bring this saving message to a hopeless world, we must continue to train consecrated youth. The need for strong, true-hearted, consecrated youth is greater today than it has ever been.

As we look into the dim future we realize that it is necessary that our young people learn to know their God and develop

characters that will stand justified, and with clear consciences before the judgment bar. And not only this, but our youth must be ready now to meet the hurricane days that are ahead of us. Only this will justify the cost of a Christian education.

As young people of the British West Indies Union and surrounding unions, we want you to turn your eyes with great anticipation to the college as we look forward to the coming school year. The future is ours, young people; let us launch out with God's help. What will we do with our lives? Will we avail ourselves of a Christian education? Are we willing to make the sacrifice, to attend one of the "Schools of the Prophets" where we are hidden in a haven of refuge from the onslaughts of the world? Right here at West Indian Training College you'll find such a school. We realize that getting that "something better" is only possible through sacrifice.

Fathers and Mothers, what a joy it will be for you to know that you have done all that you could to save your children for God, for this is what God expects of us! Do your part by encouraging and helping your boy or girl to attend a Christian school.

You, young man and you young woman, do you have that deep longing in your heart to receive the heavenly vision as the apostle Paul received it on his way to Damascus, that your eyes may be opened to see the great possibilities that God has for you?

John the Revelator admonishes us to buy gold tried with fire that we may be rich, and to anoint our eyes with eye salve that we may see. This is the problem that we as a faculty have, to help young people that they may see the great possibilities that God has for them.

For the coming school year, we have been able to secure teachers on our faculty who can prepare young men and young women for the Senior Cambridge examinations, which has been the burning desire of many of the young people and parents of this island. Furthermore, we are also offering a two years' college training in the following lines:

Ministerial, Teachers' Training, Bible Workers, Accountancy, Secretarial, Music and Junior College.

As a matter of fact, we are offering a special course to those who are interested in getting preparation to go out and be Bible Workers, and we hope that many of you will avail yourselves of this opportunity.

The cost for the year averages in the neighbourhood of £50 or £60, but many students are availing themselves of the possibilities that we have at the college to work off some of their expenses in the industries. I must inform you, however, that if a student wishes to sit for the Cambridge examinations he cannot plan to work much during the last two years prior to the examinations.

We have four first-class industries and are anticipating establishing others as the demands increase for students who have to work part of their way. The industries we now have are: Bakery, Print Shop, Wood Shop, and Sheet Metal and Plumbing.

We could accommodate many more students if we only had more dormitory space, and we are looking forward to the time when this will be a reality. In fact more rooms are being added to both homes in the very near future.

For the coming year the Board has voted to build a Normal School building so that we may be qualified to prepare young men and young women to teach in our own church schools in Jamaica. To do this we as a college must lead the way to prepare youth for that work.

Never before has this church been more conscious of its responsibility. Never before have the cries of parents been as great as now for church schools. As I travelled over the island during the summer months, many churches asked what we can do to supply them with church school teachers. So our college Board has taken a definite step now to prepare young men and young women to undertake this all-important work of training that flock, that beautiful flock that God has given to us. Surely, there is nothing more important than the work of preparing boys and girls to work for the Master.

For over seventy years, the pattern of Christian education has been given us by the Spirit of Prophecy. Its beauty and symmetry, its value to the church, cannot be over-stated. The schools have been a treasure-house where workers have found the demand for greater activities in the Lord's vineyard, and so today, dear parents, we trust that as your boys and girls are sent to school they may be taught the Heavenly precepts and may build characters that will stand for eternity.

This preparation that is necessary can be secured in one of our own schools—church school or college. As a church, we should give this our first thought and consideration and plans for the year 1947. In this last hour, above the confusion and tumult of this world, superseding every call of the hour is: "Whom shall I send? and who will go for us?" May each one of us grasp the opportunity to prepare ourselves so that when the call comes to us we may say, "Here am I, send me".

May God help us that we may avail ourselves of the opportunity that is ours today. Let us ask Him to open ways and means whereby we may secure that education that "educates for eternity" and get that "Something Better that He is longing to give each one of us who has that deep longing in his soul.

Our new school term begins January 8, 1947, and if we can be of further assistance to you, kindly write to the President of the West Indian Training College, Mandeville, Jamaica, B. W. I.

B. G. BUTHERUS, President.

## NEW HOPE COLLEGE

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### New Hope News

New Hope College is living up to the meaning of its name by cherishing bright hopes for the near future. Pleasant surprises are just ahead, but they must remain secrets for a little while yet. Just yesterday I overheard these words, "When Adventists take hold of something they forge ahead". It was medical work that had inspired this utterance but nevertheless our educational work in this island will prove them to be equally true. "Forging ahead" is the right expression for it denotes determination in spite of difficulty, running the race with patience and pressing forward by keeping everything subsidiary in subjection.

It is no ordinary goal we are striving to reach, since Adventists have for many decades led the way in educational theory and practice. Educators can now speak quite freely of building up the personality in its three dimensions: physical, mental, and spiritual, but they have yet to realize that a great deal more is still necessary. We belong to each other and none of us can realize his goal alone. Individuality is sacred only as far as it is related to God and to other individualities. It is glorious to be a temple of the living God but it is even more glorious to be a living stone built into the temple of the church. True education fits us for a place in a temple whose builder and maker is God. We not only belong to God, but we can only fulfill the true purpose in our lives as we are closely and properly related to each other.

In this respect, perhaps more than any other, New Hope College differs from other secondary schools in the island. In which other school is active work in church life so definitely stressed? In which other school are students urged to help themselves to pay their school expenses by doing missionary work? Eleven of our students earned scholarships during the summer vacation. Many more were engaged in the Literature Ministry and so managed to pay something toward their expenses in training themselves for life's work in God's service.

To fill wisely and well a place in the society of God's children means to serve truly in the society of men. Men must be led to recognize that the highest value is to be placed on citizenship in God's kingdom, because the citizens of heaven are in the truest sense the best citizens in the countries of this world. This however, must be made manifest. Legitimate goals set by men should be reached by God's children so that a true appraisal of efficiency can be made. At New Hope we believe that government examinations have their value and we are striving to acquit ourselves worthily

in them. A score of our students will enter at the close of this year for the Cambridge University Examinations. Their goal is a proper one and their ambition is to be commended. The value of their scholarship should be understood for then will it be easier for men to appreciate better the true worth of their consecration. Our young people must occupy places of trust in the church, and furthermore they must lift the prestige of their religion by faithfulness and efficiency in the daily tasks of life. It is encouraging to hear Dr. Anderson of Andrews Memorial Hospital say, "We are glad to have your New Hope girls as nurses and we want more of them." Soon more of our girls will be entering our hospital.

These are days of opportunity and since there is so little time every day must count. God has placed in the minds of some of you young people a desire to come to school, always remember that God's invitations are enablers. He never calls unless He provides.

We want to thank all who have helped us build up a useful library. It is not very large, nevertheless the students show their appreciation by making good use of the books that are available. Again let me say thank you all who have helped us in so many different ways to carry on our school successfully. I feel, however, that more urgent calls will be made in the future for we have put our hands to the plough and to turn back would be betraying the trust that God has placed in us.

New Hope has a large family of ambitious Adventist youth who need your help and your prayers. Let us remember the deeply significant words of Sister White when she said, "No amount of mission work or church activity can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God".

STANLEY BULL.

## WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.  
Mandeville, Jamaica.

### Christian Education in West Jamaica

"A good teacher is a greater force in society than a great general. A fine school is a stronger, surer force for good than an army. There is no short-cut to intelligence in living. Education is the one sure way. The safest and shortest way is by the long, slow persistent way of education. Teach men, and they learn. Impose ideas upon them, and they fight. Instead of selfishly forcing your way, try EDUCATION!" So said Angelo Patri, one of the renowned scholars of the world.

Everywhere people are realizing that that statement is true. Seventh-day Adventists go even a step further. They pro-

mote education that trains and fits the individual for a place in the work and at the same time, for a place in heaven.

Realizing that the need for such an education was needed in West Jamaica, six church schools and two home schools have been established. These play a prominent part in the life of the churches they represent and the young people and children who attend these schools are many times baptized into the message as a result of the training that they receive. These church schools are situated at March Town, Petersfield, St. Ann's Bay, Coleyville, Bird's Hill, Jointwood, Ballimonay and Blackwoods.

The servant of the Lord says that wherever there is a church with at least six children, a school ought to be organized. In West Jamaica our goal is that every church should have a church school. Next year, beginning in January, we hope to have at least three new schools started. In most of the churches there is a growing interest in Christian education for the churches have now seen their God-given task and are rallying to the fulfillment of it.

"God has appointed the church as a watchman, to have a jealous care over the youth and children, and as a sentinel to see the approach of the enemy and give warning of danger. But the church does not realize the situation. She is sleeping on guard. In this time of peril, fathers and mothers must arouse and work as for life, or many of the youth will be forever lost." (C. T. Page 165:2.)

There is a grave danger ahead for our children unless we are determined by God's grace and power to sacrifice and establish church schools. West Jamaica Mission, let us sacrifice and give our children a Christian Education, thus saving them for time and for eternity.

S. GREENE.

### "The Bolts Slide... Easily..."

God says, "My child, I still have windows in heaven. They are yet in service. The bolts slide as easily as of old. The hinges have not grown rusty. I would rather fling them open, and pour forth, than keep them shut, and hold back. I opened them for Moses, and the sea parted. I opened them for Joshua, and Jordan rolled back. I will open them for you, if you will only let Me. On this side of the windows, heaven is the same rich storehouse as ever. The fountains and the streams are still bursting with gifts. The lack is not on My side. It is on yours. I am waiting. I am ready. Prove Me now."

Should Christians Pay Tithes, p. 8.

**BAHAMAS MISSION**

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**The Bahamas Mission**

The Bahamas Mission has recently purchased four large buildings from the R.A.F. out at Oakes Field which are to be used in the construction of the Bahamas Junior Academy building. These recently acquired buildings are twenty by one hundred feet in area, and are constructed in such a way as to make it easy to dismantle and move to our school property on Wolf Road. They are of concrete block construction with fine American lumber throughout, which includes excellent floors. The fine mill-work on windows and doors will save much in building costs.

Three of these buildings are to be used in the construction of the Nassau School and one is to be sent to Andros for the construction of the Mission school on that island. Plans for the Junior Academy have already been drawn up and submitted to the Union Committee. Provision has been made for five large classrooms, the largest of which will be twenty by fifty feet. There will also be a twenty by one hundred foot auditorium which will serve many useful purposes besides a general assembly room for the students of the school, not the least of which will be for General Mission sessions which come biennially.

Funds are coming in from all sections of the Mission and with one very large gift from one of the members of the Mission, the necessary means are now in hand to go forward with the actual building work.

Truly all will rejoice over the prospects and we would repeatedly express our thankfulness to God for making this enlarged school plant possible. It is hoped to equip the school nicely also, which will require additional hundreds of pounds. Then, after this is all accomplished, it will be only the beginning, for we look forward to dormitories and industrial buildings and teachers' cottages, etc., before we shall be satisfied. Only then will we feel that we have done all in our power to properly train a large army of our fine young people for the tremendous task of helping to finish the work in the Bahamas Mission.

The other building is to be sent to Andros where we have a fine school which has everything it needs except a building and equipment. It has the teacher and the pupils, but little else. This new building will mean much for the children of the six settlements on southern Andros which it will serve.

Miss U. Lawrence and Brother U. B. Toote have done outstanding work in carrying on these respective schools under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. Truly they are deserving of all the help possible in enabling them to carry on the important tasks to which they have dedicated their lives.

**BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION**

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**British Honduras News Notes**

Elder J. N. Williams has taken over his responsibilities as President of the British Honduras Mission. He and his wife and daughter arrived in Belize, by British West Indies Airways on October 15. Under Elder Williams' efficient leadership we are confident that the work of God will go forward in that field. We know that the Advent believers in the West Indies will remember the Williams family in prayer.

At a recent committee meeting it was voted that Pastor Garfield Newman move to Corozal and take charge of the church and district there. The church members in that part of the colony are looking forward with anticipation to the arrival of Newmans.

Friends of the Newmans will be glad to know that a new addition has come to their home. A baby daughter was born to the Newmans on October 18.

Elder W. L. Barclay spent five weeks in the British Honduras Mission in the interests of Ingathering. The church members rallied to his appeal to give every home and business in Belize an opportunity to contribute to the Lord's work through Ingathering. Nearly \$1300.00 were raised in the colony in less than two weeks.

**Bahamas Mission**

As we go forward in faith, we are confident, knowing that we are doing that which can mean only one thing: a greatly accelerated programme in this Colony for the speedy finishing of the work. May God richly bless in the carrying out of the plans thus far laid to this end.

H. D. COLBURN.

**Publishing Department Honour Roll for August, 1946**

Field	Average Hours Per Week	Deliveries
<b>East Jamaica:</b>		
C. S. Cousins	42	£23 7 6
H. A. Dawes	58	25 5 0
W. A. Sutherland	51	101 10 0
(Four hours more would have put R. A. Douglass, a student, on the Honour Roll.)		
<b>West Jamaica:</b>		
J. E. Fletcher	44	88 15 0
W. A. Sutherland	46	22 3 0

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Field	Average Hours Per Week	Deliveries
<b>East Jamaica:</b>		
C. S. Cousins	44	£24 16 9
R. Henry	70	20 4 0
<b>West Jamaica:</b>		
J. Fletcher	56	£24 2 0
W. S. Llewellyn	44	27 15 6

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the public schools parents are placing them under demoralizing influences — influences that injure the morals and habits." *C. T. p. 200.* "The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are *not* to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The moulding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehended the importance of a preparation for the life which measures with the life of God." — *C. T. 401.* "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" *Prov. 6:27-28.*

We must have our children in our own Seventh-day Adventist church schools and colleges! God requires their souls at our hands! "Lift up a standard!" (*Isa. 62:10*). *Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people.* — *C. T. p. 165.* Let us as fathers and mothers burn this into our way of thinking. This is our first work! And yet here in most parts of the British West Indies Union it has been the *last* work instead of the *first*. We have sacrificed our children upon the altar of more imposing buildings, more elaborate equipment and "better" trained teachers. Our children have been lured into the schools of the world by these false advantages. Souls are lost! We are not alarmed. Brethren, sisters, members of God's church in this Union, awake from this lethargy! Let us sacrifice and plan to get our boys and girls in church schools and our young men and women in West Indian Training College. Some day the Great Judge will ask, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" (*Jer. 13:20*). What will you answer Him?

**Have all your Big Week funds been turned in to your Church treasurer?**