

The British West Indies

VISITOR

Jamaica
Cayman Islands

British Honduras
Bahama Islands

Turks and
Caicos Islands

VOLUME IV

MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA, JANUARY, 1947

NUMBER 1

Gathering Earth's Ripened Harvest

By L. K. DICKSON *Vice-President of the General Conference*

FOLLOWING the cessation of hostilities the world over, the most solemn hour of responsibility has come to the people of God. Only a brief moment of time, as it were, remains in which to accomplish the task of gathering in the ripened harvest of earth.

This is the time of judgment for the church. Now it will be seen who are His servants and who are not. The people of God are under the severest test of all the ages. It has been left to us now to arise and finish God's work in the demonstration of His Spirit and power. God is waiting for us to rise up and, in His strength, go forth to do what no other generation of God's people has had the privilege of doing. Divine power is in readiness for our full consecration to the task.

The Claims of God

We read, "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected to answer the claims of God." — REVIEW AND HERALD, Dec. 15, 1885.

"The claims of God!" Have you contemplated, brother, sister, these claims? The church now needs to awake to the claims of God. "When the church awakes to a sense of what must be done in our world, the members will have travail of soul for those who know not God and who in their spiritual ignorance, cannot understand the truth for this time. Self-denial, self-sacrifice, is to be woven into all our experience. We are to pray and watch unto prayer, that there may be no inconsistency in our lives. We must not fail to show others that we understand that watching unto prayer means living our prayers before

God, that He may answer them." — NOTEBOOK LEAFLETS, No. 16, pp. 2, 3.

The responsibility which God has placed upon each one of us cannot in this hour be met by simply co-operating in the giving of our means and occasionally handing out tracts and handbills. There must be a personal burden for lost souls strong enough to impel us to go forth and win men and women to God and to His precious truth for this hour. This is a work that cannot be done by proxy. This is the work of every disciple of Christ. "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me," (John 12:26). If the sacrificial Christ is in your life and mine seeking to save the lost, His claims will be just as binding upon us today as ever and will be as effective in winning others to follow Him.

Reformation in Personal Soulwinning

Bearing the cross for Christ means to suffer, if necessary, that others might be saved. Some have so shunned that road that they have never met that cross. It is met only on the road of personal soulwinning.

How plain it is that there must come in among us and come quickly, a reformation in the matter of personal soulwinning. God's programme has largely been neglected. Reformation upon this point is the cross that awaits us all. There are no exceptions.

It is significant that following the descent of power for witnessing which came upon the disciples, they were impelled to go where the lost were. They did not go to some public meeting place and invite the people to come and hear; they took their testimony to the people. This every true disciple will do as he senses his personal responsibility before God for the winning of the lost.

(Continued on page 10)

Meet Our Workers



This month we are happy to present to the readers of the VISITOR the President of the Bahamas Mission — Elder H. D. Colburn. For nearly three years Brother Colburn and his good wife have been carrying on fine work in this interesting part of our Union field.

HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL DEPTS.

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary.

The Laity and Soul-Winning (A Study)

By W. L. BARCLAY

1. Whom does God call to service in soul-winning?

Answer: "Every son and daughter of God is called to be a missionary; we are called to the service of God and our fellow-men."

—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 395:1.

2. When should church-members begin to labour for souls?

Answer: "Son, go work *today* in My vineyard." Matthew 21:28. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 3:7. 3. The Lord prefaces the requirement with the endearing word 'son'! How tender, how compassionate, yet withal, how urgent! His invitation is also a command."

—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 419.

3. What kind of service does God expect from us?

Answer: "God expects a *personal* service from everyone to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighbourhoods."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 30:1.

4. What programme did God outline for church-members?

Answer: "Church-members are to do evangelistic work in the homes of their neighbours who have not yet received full evidence of the truth for this time.

"God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, and work wisely and perseveringly for the Master. To answer this call requires self-sacrifice. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope and without God in the world."

—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, 33:1, 2.

5. Is lay preaching the only kind of service open to church-members?

Answer: "Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labour, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature. A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work... in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means."

—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, 127:1.

6. What is one method that can be used successfully to open doors for Bible study?

Answer: "Lend your neighbours some of our smaller books. If their interest is awakened, take some of the larger books... and ask them if they do not want a copy... If possible, secure an opportunity to teach them the truth. Beside all waters you are to sow the seeds of truth..."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, 35:1.

7. What is one of the greatest needs of the church in these days?

Answer: "What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed,—men who will not shun trial and responsibility."

—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 547.

8. What is the link that binds us to God and to our fellowmen?

Answer: "Christ's followers have been redeemed for service... *The law of service becomes the connecting link* which binds us to God and to our fellowmen."

—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 326.

(Continued on page 7)

Interesting Figures from the Twentieth Century Bible School in Jamaica

(To December 20, 1946)

West Jamaica Enrolments	13,996
East Jamaica Enrolments	11,237
Total Enrolments	25,233
Active Students (1 or more lessons sent)	15,530
Lessons Received	144,173
Certificates Mailed	2,010
No. Indicating Belief in Sabbath Truth	1,200
No. Expressing Desire for Baptism	550
No. Already Joined S.D.A. Church	95
No. S.D.A. Completing Course	325

Let us work and pray earnestly for our five Bible Schools in the British West Indies Union.

Taking the Sabbath School to "Shut-ins"

It is a most gratifying and encouraging sight to look over Sabbath School classes at study, and note the deep interest and enthusiasm of those members who have faithfully, and diligently studied the lesson. How the conscientious teacher glows with holy zeal as the Spirit of God indicts lessons of truth upon the hearts of the

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

M. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

Publishing Department Honour Roll For November, 1946

Field	Av. Hours Per Week	Deliveries
WEST JAMAICA:		
C. H. Hepburn	40	14 16 6
R. R. Nesbitt	40	17 7 0
M. V. Smith	45	11 14 0
E. Sparkes	51	18 13 9
R. W. Spence	60	29 12 0
D. V. White	41	17 15 9
EAST JAMAICA:		
M. A. Lalor	40	27 12 10
W. A. Sutherland	41	30 14 0
BR. HONDURAS:		
S. Vasciannie	40	29 5 4

Sabbath School students. For all such, teachers and pupils alike, attending Sabbath School is an inspiration and a blessing.

Let us now turn our attention to the old faithfuls who have been going to Sabbath School for decades, but now circumstances, infirmities, and other ills of life deprive them of church privileges. They yearn for the communion of fellow believers and for the precious word of God in the Sabbath School lessons. How earnestly they wish for someone from the Sabbath School to come and share their blessings with them. They still long for oneness with the church at study. How this would brighten the days of the new week, and what added interest the daily study of the lesson would have for these dear "shut-ins".

The pleasure of studying would not be for those only, but the joy of sacred service would come to the ones who have given an hour of holy time to these dear sufferers to brighten the Sabbath day. These cheery and helpful visits are bound to bring the sweet influence of church fellowship to strengthen and encourage them in bearing cheerfully their lonely lot.

Those of us who long to be of service for God, this is a great opportunity for us to serve! How little for us to spend one hour with these neglected and often forgotten members of the church and to share with them the beautiful thoughts found in the Quarterly. The parables of our Lord will mean more than an "earthly story with a heavenly meaning" for the kingdom of God will become a reality to vitalize our Christian growth, preparing us for the soon coming of King Jesus. Let us not forget our "shut-in" members. Let us visit them frequently!

JOHANNA HAREL PARCHMENT.

Why Should We Be Soulwinners?

By R. E. CASH,

H. M. Secy., Central American Union

Here are six reasons why we should be winners of souls:

1. *All must appear in the judgment.* "In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they were coming so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 28.

2. *Cures despondency.* "It is in working for others that they will keep their own souls alive."—*Christian Service*, p. 22.

"It is those who are not engaged in this unselfish labour who have a sickly experience, and become worn out with struggling, doubting, murmuring, sinning, and repenting, until they lose all sense as to what constitutes genuine religion."—*Ibid.*, p. 107.

3. *The way to grow.* "The only way to grow in grace is to be interestedly doing the very work Christ has enjoined upon us to do."—*Ibid.*, p. 101.

"Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts fitness for participation with Him in His glory."—*Education*, p. 264.

4. *To receive the reflex blessing.* "The effort to bless others will react in blessings upon ourselves. This was the purpose of God in giving us a part to act in the plan of redemption. . . . Those who thus become participants in labours of love are brought nearest to their Saviour."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 83.

5. *Condition of receiving the Holy Spirit.* "The Holy Spirit will come to all who are begging for the bread of life to give to their neighbours."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 90.

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be labourers together with God."—*Christian Service*, p. 253.

6. *To save our own souls.* "Everyone

1947 Location of District Pastors in Jamaica

We believe that the readers of the VISITOR will be interested in knowing just where the various district pastors in the island of Jamaica are to be located during 1947. There are very few changes but we believe that we have the strongest line-up for the coming year that we have had for a long time.

In the East Jamaica Mission the line-up is as follows: District No. 1, Kingston, North Street Temple church, Elder Glenn Millard; District No. 2, Kingston, Regent Street, Cockburn Pen and Gibraltar, Elder G. A. E. Smith; District No. 3, Kingston, Rollington Town and Kencot, Elder H. E. Nembhard; District No. 4, St. Andrew, Burnside Valley and Barbecon, Elder R. E. Gibson; District No. 5, Upper St. Andrew, Andrews Memorial Hospital Dr. C. R. Anderson; District No. 6, Upper St. Andrew, including the churches in Woodford, Everton Park, Florence Hill, Dallas Castle, Castleton, and the companies of Mt. Ogle, Mt. James and Cavaliers, Brother Aston Davis; District No. 7, St. Catherine, Elder A. D. Laing; District No. 8, St. Mary, Elder A. C. Stockhausen; District No. 9, Portland parish less the churches at Manchioneal and Hector's River, Elder M. G. Nembhard; District No. 10, St. Thomas parish plus Manchioneal, Hector's River and Bull Bay, Elder E. C. Walton.

In addition to the above district pastors who will be at work in their parishes, it is planned to have a travelling evangelist who will go from one parish to another holding efforts in the country. Then also arrangements have been made for a representative of the Bible Correspondence School to hold efforts and do personal work in parts of the East Jamaica Mission where a large number of folk are taking the Bible Course. We believe that these two additional workers in direct evangelism will be able to win many souls to the truth during the year 1947, and we solicit an interest in the prayers of our believers in East Jamaica for these two brethren. The names of these two men will be announced later.

is to do to the very utmost of his ability. My brother, you endanger your own salvation if you hold back now. God will call you to account if you fail in the work He has assigned you."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 461.

With great reason, therefore, does the Spirit of God say to us, "This subject is to be considered as involving the most serious results. Our future for eternity is at stake."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, p. 431.

During 1946 the West Jamaica Mission has been labouring under great handicaps. Sickness has made serious inroads into the working staff here, and at times there were but one or two ordained ministers to carry on the work. However, plans have been laid for 1947 to have a minister in each parish, and we feel sure that the church members in the West Jamaica Mission will be happy to know of the following strong line-up for 1947:

St. Ann and Trelawny parishes, Elder B. E. Hurst; Clarendon parish, Elder S. G. Lindo; St. James parish, Elder Frank Fletcher; Hanover parish, Elder Lee Gouldbourne; St. Elizabeth parish, Elder K. Vaz; Westmoreland parish, Brother C. S. Greene; Manchester parish is to be cared for by the representatives of the Union office, the West Jamaican Mission office, and the West Indian Training College. This will give a very strong personnel for the West Jamaica Mission the coming year.

Then in addition to the district pastors it is planned that a Bible School representative should work in the West Jamaica Mission holding efforts and doing personal work in centers where there are large numbers of Bible School enrollees. With this programme functioning to the full during the coming year, we believe that 1947 will be the greatest year of soul-winning that the Mission has ever known.

We solicit an interest in the prayers of all of our believers that soul-winning may be made the paramount programme of the field during 1947. Let us all pray for our workers as they go forth to bring souls to the Master.

God Calls Laymen as Soul Winners

"God will move upon men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth. Many such will be seen hastening hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to give the light to those in darkness. The truth is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Many, even among the uneducated, will proclaim the word of the Lord. Children will be impelled by the Holy Spirit to go forth to declare the message of heaven. The Spirit will be poured out upon those who yield to His promptings. Casting off man's binding rules and cautious movements, they will join the army of the Lord."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 26, 27.

Soul Winning News from Around the Union

Soul-Winning Throughout the Island of Jamaica

We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that winning souls to the Master should be our first work, and in the two Missions on the island of Jamaica during 1947 our leaders and workers have ever sought to keep this instruction in mind. Soul-winning has, indeed, been made the first work of our administrative and office workers as well as our district pastors and evangelists, and when the records for 1946 are complete, we feel sure that the reports will reveal the largest number won to the Message in twelve months of any similar period during the history of the work on this island.

Here are some interesting facts and figures and news briefs from the West Jamaica Mission telling us of the baptisms that have been held in that field during the month of December. On Sabbath, December 14, Elder B. L. Archbold baptized 20 at the West Indian Training College. Many of these were young people who had taken their stand for the Truth during the Week of Prayer that Elder Archbold had conducted a few weeks previously. Several, however, had taken their stand for the Message as the result of the lay work of Brother Aston Mullings, of the Wood Products Department of the

College, who had been working at Royal Flat.

Over the week-end of December 21-22, Elder C. O. Franz, the Union Secretary-Treasurer, baptized 5 at Little London, and 8 at Petersfield for Brother Earl J. Parchment. Most of these folk have been won to the Message as the result of lay work. Several, however, took their stand for the truth as the result of home influences.

Over the same week-end Elder E. E. Parchment, Union Field Secretary, was busy baptizing candidates for Brother Shirleigh Greene. On December 21, an impressive baptismal service was held in Chambers Pen at which time 6 were buried with their Lord in baptism. These candidates came from the Mt. Peace, Jericho and Chambers Pen churches, and all had been won to the Message as the result of the work of church members in these three places. On December 22 Elder Parchment baptized 6 more at Lances Bay, whom took their stand as the result of the work of the church in that place.

The same day 4 more were baptized at March Town. This latest baptism brought up to 63, the number who have been baptized as the result of the effort conducted by Brethren C. S. Greene and E. J. Parchment in March Town a few

months ago. This is certainly a very splendid record.

On December 22 the President of the Mission was also out busy baptizing folk. At Campbell's Castle 3 were buried with their Lord in baptism by the President, all of whom had taken their stand as the result of church work. There were other baptisms over this same week-end, but we do not have all the reports in at present.

The last week-end of the year was another time filled with baptismal services in different parts of the West Jamaica Mission. The reports here are as yet incomplete, but we can pass on to the readers of the VISITOR a few of these interesting experiences.

On Sabbath, December 28, Elder M. E. Lowry, Union Publishing Department Secretary, baptized 2 from his Robin's Hall church in the Harry Watch church. On the same day Elder W. L. Barclay and Elder Hansen Waller baptized 10 for Brother Earl J. Parchment in Westmoreland. Five followed their Lord into the watery grave in Caledonia as the result of Sister C. W. Hewitt's work. We understand that Sister Hewitt has five more to be baptized at a later date. In Darliston five were baptized. Both of these churches are wide-awake and on the alert to find souls for the Master.

On December 29, Elder H. Waller baptized five more for Brother W. A. Osborne in Cumberland. It was my personal privilege to baptize three for Brother Osborne in the Coleyville church on December 28. On the last Sabbath of the year Brother W. H. Randle made a trip with Brother Greene to Porter's Mountain and Axe and Adze where four were buried with their Lord in baptism. Doubtless many of our other pastors in the West Jamaica Mission have similarly encouraging reports.

The West Jamaica Mission has certainly been alert for souls during 1946, and we believe that their plans for 1947 will exceed even the present year.

Two soul-winning experiences of special interest in the West Jamaica Mission indicate the influence of the Bible School and the Medical Work on the soul-winning programme in this field. In Flower Hill, Hanover, in one of the recent baptisms, one of the candidates kept talking to himself and praying with a smiling countenance. When questioned afterwards as to what he was saying, he

(Continued on page 6)



BROWN'S TOWN BAPTISM

Isn't this a fine looking group of baptismal candidates? This is part of the group that have recently taken their stand for the truth under the ministry of Elder E. C. H. Reid and the Brown's Town, St. Ann parish, church.

We want to publish a picture of baptismal candidates in the VISITOR every month. Let us have one from your district soon!

Church Building News

Do You Need a New Church?

Are you worshipping today in a booth or rented quarters? Would you like to have a new church building in which to worship God Sabbath by Sabbath? If so, and you are willing to do your part, we are willing to join with you in making this possible. We know that there are many struggling little churches who are at present worshipping in booths or rented quarters who would have great difficulty in securing sufficient funds to erect new buildings, and we want to help some of these companies.

We believe that if some little start could be given some of these newly organized churches who own their own land, they could easily prepare for stone laying services and thereby secure enough funds to raise the walls of their churches. At our recent committee meeting the following plans have been laid. Funds similar to the Church Completion Fund are being set up in the Union and local Mission offices to help some of these churches get started in their work. Five pounds will be given by the Union Mission and £10. 0. 0. by the local Mission for commencing church building projects on the following basis:

1. Only organized churches are to be eligible to receive this assistance.
2. The local congregation must be in possession of a plot of land, free of debt, upon which to erect the church.
3. The local church must have at least £15. 0. 0. in cash to match the amount appropriated by the Union and the local Mission.
4. It is understood that the local congregation will help with free labour and material to the extent of making it possible to be ready for a stone laying service with the funds provided for in Section 3. This will make it possible to continue with the building work with funds from the stone laying service.
5. That only churches that have never had stone laying services be eligible for this help.

So, brethren and sisters, if you need a church for your congregation to worship in, and you can measure up to the above specifications, get in touch with your district pastor or your Mission President immediately and counsel with him concerning the construction of your church building. May God bless you in this work.

ROBERT H. PIERSON.



BRITTONVILLE CHURCH DEDICATED

Here is a picture of the splendid group of church members and friends who gathered for the dedication of the finished church at Brittonville, Jamaica, on November 10, 1946.

It is our plan to publish the picture of a completed church every month during 1947. Let's have one from *your* district!

Church Dedications

During the months of November and December, 18 completed church buildings were dedicated free of debt on the island of Jamaica. In one afternoon between the hours of 1 and 6 o'clock 14 of these buildings were dedicated to the honour and glory of God. Two more were scheduled to be dedicated on this memorable D-Day, but rain storms over the eastern end of the island necessitated the postponement of the services in Cornwall Barracks and Berrydale in Portland parish.

Under the able leadership of Elder E. E. Parchment, Union Field Secretary, and with the splendid co-operation of the West and East Jamaica Mission officers, the building programme throughout the island has gone forward with great impetus the last three months of 1946.

Brown's Town and Brittonville

On November 10, Elder W. L. Barclay from the Union Office preached the dedicatory sermons in the recently completed Brittonville and Brown's Town churches in St. Ann parish. Elder E. C. H. Reid has done outstanding work in his district in the church building programme. Three churches have been dedicated in his district the last three months

of the year. Brown's Town set a fine record in its construction. Building operations commenced early in 1946 and now we have a fully finished building, beautifully and solidly built in one year's time. This is a splendid tribute to Elder Reid's leadership and the working spirit of the Brown's Town church membership. It is a fine example of what many of our congregations can do, if they will but set their hands undividedly to the task.

Brittonville also is a neat and representative church home, a real credit to the cause. The members here deserve great credit for they have done most all of the work themselves. It has taken some years to bring the building to completion, but the members appreciate it more now.

May Pen and Harmons

On Sunday, December 8, Elder T. J. Michael, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, accompanied by Elder W. S. Nation, President of the West Jamaica Mission, formally dedicated the neat little Harmons church and the spacious parish church in May Pen on the same afternoon.

In both places large overflow crowds gathered to witness the impressive services. At May Pen a member of the House of Representatives was present and

gave a very fine talk eulogizing the work of Seventh-day Adventists.

Long Bay and Zion Hill

On the same afternoon Elder J. C. Culpepper, Publishing Department Secretary of the Inter-American Division, preached the dedicatory sermon in Long Bay and Zion Hill in the Portland parish. Here again large crowds were present for these impressive services.

Jackson

Elder C. O. Franz, Secretary-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union, journeyed to Jackson in St. Catherine for the dedication service on that afternoon.

Huntley Castle and Amity

Huntley Castle church was dedicated by Elder M. E. Lowry, accompanied by a number of workers from the West Jamaica Mission. This same group also dedicated the new church at Amity the same afternoon.

Little London and Sheffield

Elder E. E. Parchment and Elder W. L. Barclay journeyed together to Little London and Sheffield where representative houses of worship were dedicated to the honour and glory of God in these two places.

Wakefield and Orange

Elder B. G. Butherus and Elder Stanley Bull made the trip over to Wakefield and Orange in the West Jamaica Mission, and here two more churches were dedicated to the glory of God.

Troy and Coleyville

Elder R. H. Pierson, President of the British West Indies Union, had a part in the dedication of the new churches at Troy and Coleyville on the afternoon of December 8.

Doubtless fuller reports will be available of these dedicatory services for the readers of the VISITOR at an early date.

Blue Hole

On Sunday, December 29, Elder W. H. Anderson, representative of the General Conference, visiting in our field for the Mission session, with Elder A. D. Laing dedicated the new little church at Blue Hole in the St. Catherine district.

Florence

On the same day, Elder Pierson, the president of the Union, in company with Elder Holgate and other members of the East Jamaica Mission staff journeyed to Brother Aston Davis' territory in upper St. Andrew where the Florence Hill church was dedicated.

There are a number of churches to be dedicated in the Cayman Islands and in the Bahama Islands, but at the time of writing we have not had final word as to how many of these churches have been dedicated by the close of the year. In some future issue our readers will have word concerning these dedications.

We know that our readers will be interested to learn the plans of the various committees for church completions and dedications during 1947. In the East Jamaica Mission it is planned to complete and dedicate the following churches that are at present under construction: Palm, Dignum Mountain, Broadgate, Retreat, Hunts Town, Trinityville, Morant Bay, Cornwall Barracks, Berrydale, Fruitful Vale, Bourbon, Brookdale, Regent Street and Cockburn Pen.

In the West Jamaica Mission the committee brethren have even a more ambitious programme on. They have set as their goal the completion of the following churches in their field during the twelve months of 1947: Claremont, Devon, Mile End, Vaughansfield, Granville, Camrose, Sandy Bay, Jericho, Chambers Pen, Flower Hill, Petersfield, Cornwall Mountain, Bethel Town, Mulgrave, White Hill, Newell, Bull Savannah, Harry Watch, Cumberland, Craighead, Newport, Pusey Hill, Spring Garden, Sherwood Content and Richmond Park. Just think! Plans are laid to complete twenty-five churches in the West Jamaica Mission during 1947. This does not mean, friends, that the West Jamaica Mission is planning to finance all of these schemes. It means that every member in each of these churches will be expected to do his or her full part, and we know from past experience that our brethren and sisters are going to rally to this church building programme. We know that they are as anxious as the committee brethren are that they should be worshipping in completed and dedicated buildings.

During 1947 the local missions and the Union are going to continue their plan of helping complete churches that are under construction. The local mission will give the next to the last £20 and the Union Mission will give the last £10 to enable the church to be finished and dedicated to the honour and glory of God. If your church has not been finished, won't you put forth a special effort during the coming year to help finish it up and dedicate it to the honour and glory of God?

R. H. P.

SOUL-WINNING IN JAMAICA

(Continued from page 4)

said that he was rejoicing and giving God the praise for bringing him this wonderful message through the influence of the Bible School. He said that he and his wife and four children are now rejoicing in the Blessed Truth as the result of studying the thirty lessons of the 20th Century Bible Course.

Then at Mt. Horeb while among a large crowd a certain brother who is awaiting baptism asked after the sermon that he be permitted to say a few words. His request was granted and after Pastor Waller spoke, he held up a bottle in his hand with a gall bladder stone in it, and told the people that if it were not for the Seventh-day Adventists he would not be alive that day. He greatly eulogized the work of Dr. Anderson and the staff of Christian nurses. Continuing, he said, that he had found that the Seventh-day Adventists were the only people that preached the Bible as it should be preached. He concluded his eulogy by saying that as soon as he was well enough, he too was going to request baptism.

We are happy for the parts that our 20th Century Bible School and our Medical Work are playing in reaching hearts throughout the island of Jamaica.

Over in the St. Catherine parish Elder A. D. Laing has been carrying on a fine, strong systematic, soul-winning programme during 1946. During the first three quarters Elder Laing baptized 77 in the St. Catherine parish, but during the fourth quarter this number has greatly increased, and Brother Laing reports that when he has had his last baptism on the 29th of December, his goal of 150 souls for the year will be surpassed. We greatly appreciate the strong work that Brother Laing has been doing along soul-winning lines during the present year.

Elder A. C. Stockhausen in the St. Mary parish has also been carrying on a strong soul-winning programme this year. Elder Stockhausen has been following the plan of having each church set a goal for soul-winning for the year. Then he has been following this work carefully through and arranging weekly baptisms in various places, so hardly a week-end goes by but what Elder Stockhausen has a baptism in his district in some church or another. This concentrated soul-

winning programme has been greatly blessed of God. During the first three quarters 186 were buried with their Lord in baptism in the St. Mary parish. And this total will reach up to 250 by the last Sabbath of December.

Then over in the St. Thomas parish Elder H. E. Nembhard has been hard at work. During the first three quarters 42 were buried in baptism, and this number has been increased during the last quarter of the year to 68, and we believe that this coming year St. Thomas is going to yield a far larger harvest than ever before.

Brother Aston Davis was late in getting started in the St. Andrew district, but the Lord has blessed him in his earnest soul-winning endeavours the last quarter of the year. Eighteen have been baptized in the upper St. Andrew district churches during 1946, and plans are laid for a greater work this coming year.

Now let us turn our attention for a few moments to the soul-winning programme in the East Jamaica Mission. Here the Lord has blessed abundantly, and by the close of the year when all of the reports are in, we understand that the total number baptized in this field will reach over the 750 mark. In the Portland district, despite the fact that they have been without a district pastor a great deal of the time in 1946, more than 60 were baptized during the first three quarters, and Elder M. G. Nembhard, the present district pastor, reports that this number will be up to 100 by the close of 1946.

We usually count on our North Street church in Kingston to bring in a large number of souls each year, and 1946 has been no exception. However, due to the fact that they have been without a pastor much of this current year, the number during 1946 has not been as great as in some years gone by. However, a total of 80 will have been baptized by the last Sunday evening of 1946. With the coming of Elder Glenn Millard, a strong evangelist, we feel sure that 1947 will have a different story to tell and that this number will be multiplied several times over.

In two of the other Kingston churches Elder G. A. E. Smith has been hard at work and 65 have followed their Lord into the watery grave of baptism this year as the result of Brother Smith's leadership in the Rollington Town and Regent Street churches. We should mention also that as the result of the lay work of the Regent Street church that the new church at Cockburn Pen has recently been organized.

Elder R. E. Gibson has been in charge of our work at Barbecon and at Burnside Valley in upper St. Andrew. As a result of an effort held at Burnside Valley Elder Gibson has baptized 20 this year.

Then the Kencot church should not be forgotten. Ten have been buried in baptism as the result of the faithful work of our church members here. This is a wonderful "book of acts" that has been written in the East Jamaica Mission during 1946. Seven hundred and fifty souls baptized for the kingdom! We expect that 1947 will increase this number well over the 1000 mark. Let us pray for all of our workers and lay preachers and lay Bible workers as they go forth in this soul-winning work all over the island of Jamaica in 1947. Let us not only pray, but let us every one have a part in winning souls for the Master during this coming year.

R. H. P.

A Great Sacrifice

A farmer once drove with two high-mettled horses into town. Stopping in front of one of the stores, he was about to enter when his horses took fright. He sprang in front of them, and heroically seized the reins. Maddened by strange noises, the horses dashed down the street, the man still clinging to the bridles. On they rushed, until the horses, wild with frenzy, reared on their haunches and leaping upon the man, all came with a crash to the earth. When the people came to rescue the bleeding body of the man, and found him in death's last agony, a friend, bending tenderly over him, asked:

"Why did you sacrifice your life for horses and wagon?"

He gasped with his last breath, "Go, and look in the wagon."

They turned, and there asleep in the straw, lay his little boy.

As they laid the mangled form of the hero in his grave, no one said, "The sacrifice was too great."

It was his little boy sleeping in the wagon that caused this father to sacrifice his life. He was not thinking about the value of the team or the wagon, but about his boy. He was entirely oblivious to danger, and willing, if necessary, to die to save his little boy, sleeping in the straw. Did he make too great a sacrifice?

— Selected.

LAITY AND SOUL-WINNING . . .

(Continued from page 2)

9. What does God do for those who engage in soul-winning work?

Answer: "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as we put the armour on."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 333.

10. What limits are placed on our service to God?

Answer: "There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 250:4.

11. What assurance of co-operation does the active layman receive from God?

Answer: "Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its reviving, sanctifying power. As they go forth to the day's duties, they have the assurance that the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit enables them to be 'labourers together with God.'"—*Acts of the Apostles*, 56:2.

12. How does God look upon those who are inactive in His service?

Answer: "Everyone who is not for Christ is against Him. Inactivity is registered in the books of heaven as opposition to Christ's work, because it produces the same kind of fruit as positive hostility. God calls for active workers."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 35.

13. How does refusal to have an active part in soul-winning affect our Christian experience?

Answer: "Those who reject the privilege of fellow-ship with Christ in service, reject the only training a fitness for participation with Him in His glory. They reject the training that in this life gives strength and nobility of character."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 264.

14. What does the Servant of God tell us about the results of our labours?

Answer: "Work in faith, and leave the results with God. Pray in faith, and the mystery of His providence will bring its answer. At times it may seem that you cannot succeed. But work and believe, putting into your efforts faith, hope, and courage. After doing what you can, wait for the Lord, declaring His faithfulness, and He will bring His word to pass. Wait, not in fretful anxiety, but in undaunted faith and unshaken trust."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, 245:2.

BAHAMAS MISSION

H. D. COLBURN, President.
MRS. H. D. COLBURN, Secy.-Treas.
P. O. Box 356, Nassau, Bahamas.

Bahamas Mission

It is not too early to begin to plan for the biennial Mission session in Nassau which will convene January 29 to February 2. Not only should the delegates look forward to enjoying this convocation of God's people, but all of the members of the Remnant Church should do everything possible to be present. Regarding such an important meeting, surely the command of God in Hebrews 10:25 applies! None can afford to miss the spiritual feast to be served during this meeting.

I am glad to be able to announce that we are promised the most help yet for this gathering. Elder W. L. Barclay, Departmental Secretary of the British West Indies Union, Elder W. H. Anderson, veteran missionary from Africa, Elder A. H. Roth, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Inter-American Division and possibly Elder H. M. Blunden of the General Conference will be present to contribute to the success of the General Meeting.

At this time the election of officers will take place and such other business as should come before the Bahamas Mission in session will be conducted. All delegates should plan to be present at the first meeting and remain throughout. While there will be business to transact, yet the daily programme will provide adequately for sermons and Bible studies which will prove helpful to all.

All of our young people will be happy to learn that we will be holding a "Youth's Congress" for the first time in the history of the Mission.

Elder Roth will be present to lead out in this important gathering of our young people and none will want to miss these meetings. All young people are urged to attend from every section of the field. While the Mission cannot assume any financial obligation, or provide entertainment for the youth, yet we feel to urge all who can, to come. The Youth's Congress will convene January 24-26. Any others desiring to come in for this meeting are invited to do so. Come a few days before the General Meeting and enjoy this gathering also.

Between the Youth's Congress and the General Meeting, on the 27th and 28th of January, a Lay Preachers' Institute will be conducted by Elder W. L. Barclay,

Departmental Secretary for the British West Indies Union. You will all profit from this meeting. All who desire to become more efficient in soul-winning should plan to be present for this meeting!

At the time of writing I am attending the year-end committee meetings of the British West Indies Union. Strong plans are being laid which should contribute greatly to an enlarged soul-winning programme in all sections of the Union. While much has been accomplished for God during the year that will soon slip into eternity, these accomplishments must not be used as a "yard stick" for future work.

With the new school and the medical work to be opened up in the Colony, and with a consecrated ministry and laity, there should be unprecedented progress in our field during 1947! If all catch the vision of the possibilities under God, surely a new day will dawn for the Bahamas and that which is being done here in Jamaica will be done in our own field!

May our kind heavenly Father richly bless each member of the Mission during the new year, that it may be the most fruitful of our lives! Remember our appointments —

Youth's Congress January 24-26
Lay Preachers' Institute January 27-28
General Mission Session, Jan. 29-Feb. 2!
We will be expecting you!

H. D. COLBURN.

Bahamas Mission News

Elder Colburn has been attending the British West Indies Union Council in Mandeville, Jamaica, for some days during the month of December.

Elder and Mrs. W. E. Keuster are expected to arrive in Nassau soon after the New Year. Elder Keuster, who has accepted our call to the pastorate of the two Nassau churches, comes to us from the Antillian Union. For some time Pastor Keuster has been in Home Missionary and Sabbath School work both in America and in the Antillian Union. We feel sure that the Keusters will receive a royal welcome from the believers in Nassau and that their presence in our midst will prove a great blessing to the work here.

The President's report to the British West Indies Union Committee recently, contained the following interesting information that we believe our members throughout the field will be glad to hear:

"We now have 17 organized churches in the Mission with 536 members. In our 27 Sabbath schools, 638 members are enrolled.

"Our tithe for the first ten months of 1946 totaled £1484, with Sabbath school offerings of £245.

"The 1946 Ingathering total of £325 exceeded the previous year's offerings by £120.

"Your response to the 'Famine Relief' appeal was most heartening — this offering amounted to £27.

"For the first ten months of the year 37 had been added to the church by baptism and on profession of faith, while 17 others were looking forward to church membership as early as a minister could reach them for baptismal services.

"The new church on Exuma Island is rapidly reaching completion and should be ready for dedication in the not-too-distant future. This new building twenty-two feet by thirty-eight feet inside measurement, is one of which we can be justly proud. Brother Edwards is doing a good job in this building work.

"The believers on Exuma are looking forward to the arrival of a fine organ that has been promised them by a church over in the States.

"Brother and Sister U. B. Tooté are continuing to render yeoman service on Andros Island both in school work and in soul-winning endeavour. They have 104 students enrolled in the Andros Mission school this year. Sister Tooté has won twelve souls this year and with the aid of a number of these new members has built the walls for a church at Pleasant Bay.

"Brother B. A. Ricketts is having outstanding success in his colporteur work. During the month of October alone he delivered £160 of literature! Brother Ricketts is averaging £80 a week in orders and is also training others whom he has recruited.

"The new academy building on Wulf Road is taking shape and soon we hope to have a building providing six large class rooms, a principal's office, a locker room, rest rooms and a fine auditorium."

Elder and Mrs. J. H. Nylander recently paid us a visit in Nassau. Elder Nylander is the pastor of the Savannah, Georgia church and he and his wife came over to spend a few days with the Colburns.

Brother and Sister Waldo from Miami are expected shortly after the first of the year to take up colporteur work in Nassau temporarily. The Waldos have been outstandingly successful in their literature contacts with wealthy and influential persons in the States, and we believe God has a great work for them to do here on New Providence.

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

J. N. WILLIAMS, President.
IVY USHER, Secy.-Treas.
P. O. Box 170, Belize, British Honduras

British Honduras Mission News

Elder J. N. Williams, our president, has recently returned from a two weeks visit to the Union headquarters in Mandeville, Jamaica, where he has been attending Committee and Board meetings. Unfortunately Brother Williams was ill some of the time he was abroad but was able to receive treatment at the Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Creary and infant son recently returned to their homeland in Jamaica.

We understand that Brother Owen Holness, graduate of the West Indian Training College, and a worker in the East Jamaica Mission for the past two years, has accepted our call for an evangelist and will be arriving in British Honduras sometime during the month of January. Brother Holness has been engaged in both evangelistic and Publishing Department work in Jamaica and his arrival in our colony should prove a great boon to the work here.

Elder C. O. Franz, Secretary-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union, is expected to pay a visit to our field early in February. Elder Franz is coming to attend the annual budget meeting of the British Honduras Mission Committee and to give counsel concerning work in the field during 1947.

Although Elder Williams has been in the field only a comparatively short time, he has visited nine of the fourteen churches in the Mission, and by the time this report appears in print, he will have visited several more.

In our president's report to the Union Committee are a number of items that we believe will be of interest to our believers around the mission:

"For the first ten months of 1946 our tithing income has been \$6,449.70 as compared with \$5,802.93 for the same period of 1945.

"The growth of our Harvest Ingathering has been most encouraging. From 1942, \$322.58; 1943, \$471.18; 1944, \$641.23; 1945, \$1224.00; 1946, \$1308.88.

"We have only one regular colporteur in the field and he is doing a fine work. He told me that he believes that the field is capable of supporting four or five regular colporteurs. The mission goal for 1946 was \$3,500, and up to the end of October, \$4,744.50 of literature was sold.

(Continued on page 10)

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

D. V. POND, President.
E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.
176 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica.

East Jamaica Laymen at Work

"What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed,—men who will not shun trial and responsibility; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ is formed 'The hope of glory', and who, with lips touched with holy fire, will preach the word." *Gospel Workers*, p. 505.

East Jamaica has not been indifferent to this counsel. Throughout the field there has been an army of one hundred and eighteen laymen who have been actively engaged in preaching the message. Many of these have, under the blessing of God, been very successful in their soul winning efforts.

Shortly after attending the Lay Preacher's Institute which convened in January, Brother Douglas, an enthusiastic lay preacher of the North Street church went to Red Hills, a village in the foothills of upper St. Andrew, eleven miles from Kingston and in company with Elder Gibson, began holding meetings. He erected a booth, and held meetings every night for six weeks. At the end of this period twenty-eight enrolled in the baptismal class. Fourteen of these were baptized in October. Brother Douglas lives in Kingston and spends two days each week in Red Hills conducting Bible studies and cottage meetings.

When the call came for farm workers to go to the United States, some of our zealous laymen responded. It was not long after their arrival in the United States before reports began to come through to us of their missionary activities abroad. Brother Blake of Bellas Gate was asked to speak at a certain meeting. The audience was so pleased with his discourse that they decided to take up an offering for him. When the amount collected was offered to Brother Blake, he declined it, stating that he could only accept the donation if they would be willing to use it in purchasing a Stereopticon Machine to be used by the East Jamaica Mission to assist the lay preachers in giving the message. The congregation gladly responded to this proposition. Brother Blake left the United States before the machine was received, but it has now

arrived and is in the Mission office. We intend that Brother Blake shall be the first lay preacher to use this new machine.

In various sections of Jamaica the Government has been buying large properties and opening up the land to the peasants. This situation is bringing into existence the development of new villages. Our laymen are entering into these openings. In a letter just received from Pastor Stockhausen he writes:

"Hezekiah Moore has been travelling miles and miles each week to build up work at Heywood Hall, a Land Settlement district about five miles from Highgate. Seven have already been baptized at this place, and I am to have another baptism there on the 22nd inst., when three or four more are to be baptized. We hope to have a church organized in this settlement early next year."

In describing the work of another of our successful lay preachers, the District Pastor for St. Mary writes:

"Harold Fletcher of Annotto Bay has done a real good work this year. I have had four baptisms already with nineteen souls baptized. I am to have a fifth baptism at this church and I expect that there will be at least six more baptized to reach the goal of twenty-five."

Coming back to the Corporate Area we find Brother Kelly of Regent Street leading out in a strong effort at Cockburn Pen. He had hoped to get a tabernacle to work at Whitfield Pen, one of the suburbs of Kingston, but these plans did not materialize. At the same time Brethren Bruce and Robinson of the same church had a desire to work for the Indians living around Cockburn Pen, a village on the Spanish Town Road, two miles out of Kingston.

They decided that the best way to approach the situation was to start a school for the children; consequently they built a booth for this purpose but were not successful in obtaining a teacher. Brother Kelly therefore thought it would be a good idea to start meetings in the school house. With the help of members from Regent Street he carried on for six weeks. Brother Kelly then began to hold Sabbath services there. Ten decided to stand for the truth. In the first baptism there were three, including an Indian. In the second baptism there were four and in the third six. The Sabbath school membership now stands at sixty-three. On the 27th of this month Cockburn Pen was organized into a church, with thirty-six members. The company is now busy collecting funds to erect a church building.

W. A. HOLGATE.

BR. HONDURAS NEWS

(Continued from page 9)

The sale for 1945 was \$2,957.12, 1946 (ten months) \$4,744.50, a gain over the same period of \$2,354.88.

"No major evangelistic efforts were conducted during 1946. Brother Carey held a six weeks' series of meetings at Rock Stone Pond following an interest started by Brother Hamilton, a lay preacher. Elder Archbold baptized eleven from this work.

"We have recently organized the Belize church into eleven bands. On Wednesday nights a prayer and Missionary meeting is conducted. The last week I attended this meeting, seven of the bands reported 52 people not of our faith attending the different cottage meetings held the past week. Belize is the capital church, and I believe that whatever is being done in Belize will be followed by all the other churches and companies in the field.

"The 20th Century Bible Correspondence School is playing a very important part in the finishing of the work. We have made hundreds of friends throughout the field. A young man, Catholic, has already decided to cast in his lot with the people of God after taking the Bible Course. He has also made application to the West Indian Training College to go to school the coming year. Two soldiers visited our church in Belize Sunday night, October 17, and they told me that it is the Bible Correspondence School that has brought them to the church, and they are convinced that we are the only Bible church."

And so the work is onward in British Honduras. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth more men and means to help us press the battle to the gates.

GATHERING EARTH'S HARVEST
(Continued from page 1)

Too much of this soul-winning work is left to pastors and evangelists. They are not appointed by God to be merely professional soulwinners in order to relieve the church of further responsibility. We might regard them as a sort of spiritual generalship to organize the members of the church for soul-winning service. They are to call forth a great company of those who will put sacrifice or the lost before every other consideration. The reason that the world is not attracted more strongly to the truth and to the work of the church, is that the world has much the same attitude that Thomas had toward the testimony of the disciples as they came back from

meeting Jesus on the way to Emmaus, when he said: "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails. . . . I will not believe." The evidence of our sacrifice for the salvation of others must be visible before men are likely to believe in us, and they must believe in us before they will pay much heed to our message. We place ourselves where men will believe in our message the moment we commit ourselves to life-long sacrificial service for their salvation.

A CONSECRATED, TRANSFORMED CHURCH

The world needs to see again, and very soon, the alluring wonder of a consecrated church going forth with great power to win men to Christ. Such a transformed church will not be filled with timid and fearful men and women, but rather with those whose lives have been radiant and filled with a humble boldness born of the possession of the Spirit of God. Such a transformation is now due and must come. There is no time to lose. Doors miraculously opened by God through great and mighty world events are already closing.

As we look around us and realize how few, comparatively, are coming under the spell of present truth, can we fail to hear the summons of God to every blood-bought soul to go forth in His name and spread the light of truth everywhere? And is it not true that in every time and in every place where Christianity has been manifested in purest form and has revealed itself as the greatest transforming and sin-conquering power, the people of God have increasingly manifested in their lives that the great purpose of Christ's dying on the cross is imbedded in the very center of their minds and hearts? Without exception this has been true.

Think for just a moment. Think soberly. Think of the men and women all around you who are living indifferent, apathetic, unresponsive, and callous lives so far as Jesus Christ is concerned. Think of those who are living narrow, contracted, shriveled, withered lives. Think of those who are living burdened or perhaps, overburdened lives, who are bearing impossible burdens, unspeakable burdens, and breaking under the strain. Then think of those who are living fiercely tempted lives, with burning passions within and incitements from without, who are struggling with fearful undertow and crosscurrents, who are being swept under, engulfed, and drawn down to perdition. Think, too, of those who are living lonely, sorrowing lives. Does it matter to you? How much does it matter? Is there an

The British West Indies Union
Visitor

Robert H. Pierson Editor
Clyde O. Franz Asst. Editor

Official Organ of the
BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION MISSION
of Seventh-day Adventists
Post Box 22, General Post Office, Mandeville, B.N.
UNION DIRECTORY

Robert H. Pierson President
Clyde O. Franz Secretary-Treasurer
Clinton Hendricks Accountant & Cashier

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES
W. L. Barclay, S.S., Home Miss., Y.P.M.V. Temperance
M. E. Lowry Publishing
B. G. Butherus Educational
E. E. Parchment Field Secretary
Clifford Anderson, M. D. Medical
Robert H. Pierson Religious Liberty
C. H. Parchment Manager, Book & Bible House

inner urge impelling you to spend and be spent that these conditions may be changed and harassed lives lightened and brightened by a living knowledge of Christ and His truth? If so, then remember the words of James the apostle: "He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." We need to localize and personalize our thinking as did Christ, and if we do we shall find that either we have to be hypocrites or follow the Master into effective soul-winning evangelism.

The whole situation, with unwarned multitudes around us, demands that we come out of the zone of compromise and apathy and lack of warfare, into that of aggressive hatred of sin and all-consuming, sacrificial love for human souls. Fresh tides of life — yes, sacrificial lives — must now be set surging in the church, that the waiting task may be performed.

WE MUST FACE THE ISSUE

In every truly Christian heart there is an inner urge, driving him forward in spite of physical weakness, personal timidity, fear of man or any other handicap, to service for the Master. That urge will allow only a temporary satisfaction in any inactive pursuit. That inward urge of the twice-born life will lead its possessor to yield whatever is necessary in order that others may find Christ and be saved through his ministry.

Unless, therefore, we are to become a mere travesty on the religion of Jesus Christ, we must face the issue and give ourselves unreservedly to personal responsibility in soulwinning. Never was the time so opportune as this great crisis hour. Never was the importance of quick action so necessary on the part of every child of God. Let us therefore cast off our inertia and casualness, our indolence and indifference and, giving ourselves anew to the real discipleship of Christ, go forth to finish the task for God.