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## Beware of False Teachers

By Robert H. Pierson

The Word of God tells us that in the last days false teachers shall arise from amongst us who will seek to turn away God's people "from the truth . . . unto fables." (II Tim. 4:3-4.)

This prophecy is being fulfilled very subtly here in our British West Indies Union. Agents of so-called "new light" called the "Shepherd's Rod" are at work surreptitiously in some of our churches attempting to tear down the church of God by sowing seeds of suspicion and discord. They come with a very sanctimonious air "deploring" the spiritual declension in the church and glibly quoting (or misquoting) the Spirit of Prophecy, in an attempt to support fantastic interpretations of prophecy that are neither Biblical nor in harmony with the writings of Sister White.

By methods, fair or foul, they secure names and addresses of Seventh-day Adventist church members to whom will be mailed large quantities of their pernicious literature. The main burden of their message is a subtle attack upon the leaders of the movement, and crafty insinuations against the church as a whole. This they do under the guise of being good Seventh-day Adventist church members.

The Lord tells us that their evil work is but a sign of the last days in which we live.

It is Satan's work to bring discord and trouble into the ranks of God's church at a time when we ought to be getting ready to meet the Saviour ourselves and also be working untiringly to give this

Third Angel's Message to the unwarned world about us.

### God's Church Precious to Him

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye." (Zech. 2:8.)

### Meet Our Workers



We are happy to introduce to our British West Indies Union family Elder J. I. Crawford, principal of the Kingsway High School at 12 Osborne Road, Kingston. Elder and Sister Crawford and little Judy joined us early this year coming from the Caribbean Training College in Trinidad. The Crawfords come originally from Canada and are graduates of Emmanuel Missionary College.

From this we understand clearly God's high regard for His church on earth. "The pupil or aperture, through which rays pass to the retina, is the tenderest part of the eye; the member which most sedulously guards from hurt as being the dearest of our members; the one which feels most acutely the slightest injury and the loss of which is irreparable." *Jamieson, Fausset & Brown, Commentary.*

"The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warn'd, and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard." — *Test. to Ministers, p. 49.*

### Satan's Attempt to Destroy the Church

Since the church is the object of God's supreme regard, and since the church militant is soon to become the church triumphant, it is little wonder that in these last days Satan is making the church the object of his dastardly assaults. Notice from the Word that these deadly attacks will come subtly and from within.

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (Acts 20: 29, 30.)

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;

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## HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL DEPTS.

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary.

### "The Lord Looked Down from Heaven... to See"

By W. L. BARCLAY

It's a striking thought, isn't it? So much of the time we forget that God is constantly watching His children, and often His heart is grieved because He sees that we are so forgetful of His love for us. But He never forgets us, and He is always working for our eternal welfare.

In His wisdom He planned that those who became His children through the blood of Christ would be much happier if they were helping others to know Jesus. He knew also that if His children were busy they would be less subject to the temptations of Satan, and would the more surely enter the eternal kingdom; so God planned.

His plan was that the gospel was to go to all the world, and He gave the responsibility to men. First, Christ came and paid the price required for our redemption. Then the commission was given to the disciples and they zealously worked for the Master. As their numbers grew, churches were established. Through the centuries the church had its trials and problems. It was always noticeable that when the church was least spiritual, heresies and false teachings came into the church and the people lost sight of God's plan. The dark ages followed.

In Psalm 14:2 we read: "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand..." And early in the nineteenth century He saw a little group struggling to bring the Truth back to a sin-darkened world.

Through the guidance of His Holy Spirit, He led this group step by step to understand His plan to take the gospel to all the world. Many methods were devised to speed the gospel story, until today the little group has grown to a mighty army that keeps the "Light" shining in 412 countries and islands. "One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions." *Christian Service*, p. 167. Since the establishment of this campaign, millions of dollars have been raised to further God's cause, and thousands of souls thus have heard the gospel story. Many of them will be in the Kingdom.

But the unsettled conditions of the world today have caused some to forget that they are included in God's plan for

winning souls through Ingathering. Too many think that they are excused from this particular phase of soul-winning. They think it is the work of the ministers and a few select laymen. Perhaps the importance of Ingathering was not too clear to them. Perhaps they don't quite understand! Today, as in the days of David, "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand..."

Dear friend, as He looks down and sees you, does He find that you understand that you also must do your part in the Ingathering so that souls will have an opportunity to enjoy the blessings of salvation? Are you fully acquainted with God's plan? Is your first and greatest interest in life to win souls, or do you let other things come first? Are you using, to the best of your ability, every plan God has ordained to finish His work? Does He find you doing *ALL YOU CAN* to make Ingathering a success? As God looks down from heaven upon you, *WHAT DOES HE SEE?*

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## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. R. HAIG, Secretary

### Publishing Department Honour Roll for February, 1947

Field	Average Hours Per Week	Deliveries
East Jamaica:		
D. A. Sterling	45	£28 15 0
W. A. Sutherland	41	33 12 0
West Jamaica:		
C. H. Hepburn	41	13 15 3
Bahamas:		
L. R. Rahming	43	38 12 9

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### Publishing Department Honour Roll for March, 1947

Field	Average Hours Per Week	Deliveries
East Jamaica:		
H. A. Dawes	41	£36 10 9
Samuel Horne	44	24 1 6
J. S. King	54	15 4 0
G. Wilson	42	21 16 6
West Jamaica:		
A. A. Cameron	52	31 0 6
J. Clarke	48	11 12 0

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"Well may every one feel an individual responsibility in this (colporteur) work. Well may he consider how he may best arrest the attention; for his manner of presenting the truth may decide the destiny of a soul. If he makes a favourable impression, his influence may be to that soul a savor of life unto life; and that one person, enlightened in regard to the truth, may enlighten many others." —*Testimonies Vol. V, p. 405.*

## God's Answers to Man's Excuses

**EXCUSE:** I operate a cultivation and do not keep separate account of all items; such as milk, eggs, crops, etc., but lump them all in together. If there is anything left at the end of the year, after paying bills, I tithe that; otherwise I do not pay tithe. It is too much work to keep account of the milk, eggs, garden produce, etc., my family consumes. We simply cannot be bothered with such items, but throw them all into the general items and let it go at that. What my family consumes is a small matter, so why try to keep track of such things with the idea of tithing them? Since hardly any cultivation makes a profit these days, why should I be expected to pay tithe? The brother in the city church can pay tithe because he earns a wage each week, but the poor cultivator doesn't make anything, consequently he has nothing to tithe.

**ANSWER:** There was a time, years ago, when the cultivator was the main financial support of this cause. While profits in those days were never large, nevertheless nearly every cultivator among us found a way to keep an account of his earnings and pay an honest tithe upon the same. We never heard it said in those days that the cultivator could not tell what his profits were, neither was it said that we did not make anything, consequently had not tithe to pay. We have deep sympathy for our brethren on cultivations in these times, but while that is true, surely in every case there must be some income. Everything is not a loss. Many of our brethren on cultivations are faithful tithe payers and keep an accurate account each month of their dairy income, crop incomes, fruit income, poultry, etc.. They have no difficulty in knowing what is expense and what is net income after expense has been taken out. When they use for themselves milk, eggs, and vegetables and fruit they can readily place a market value upon these things that they consume upon their tables. Surely those things used in the home are a part of the income and should be as faithfully tithed, as I am supposed to tithe the income from any garden I might plant.

There is a real danger that too many of our brethren may be inclined to offer excuses in this matter that God will not accept. The Lord will prosper the Seventh-day Adventist cultivator who faithfully pays his tithe. He will not bless the one who offers excuses for non-tithe paying. I verily believe more of our brethren would be blessed in the money

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## Beware of False Teachers....

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whose end shall be according to their works." (II Cor. 11:13-15.)

Satan came to Adam and Eve in the form of a beautiful serpent, not as the great destroyer that he is. He does the same thing today. Note the following warning from the pen of inspiration:

"It will be found that those who bear false messages will not have a high sense of honour and integrity. They will deceive the people, and mix up with their error the 'Testimonies' of Sister White, and use her name to give influence to their work. They make such selections from the 'Testimonies' as they think they can twist to support their positions, and place them in a setting of falsehood, so that their error may have weight and be accepted by the people. They misinterpret and misapply that which God has given to the church to warn, counsel, reprove, comfort, and encourage those who shall make up the remnant people of God." By this misusing of the "Testimonies", souls are placed in perplexity, because they cannot understand the relation of the "Testimonies" to such a position as is taken by those in error; for God intended that the "Testimonies" should always have a setting in the framework of truth.

"Those who advocate error, will say, 'The Lord saith,' 'when the Lord hath not spoken.'" *Test. to Ministers*, pp. 42, 43.

"Be it known that these men are on the side of the great deceiver. Believe them not. They are allying themselves with the enemies of God and the truth. From such turn away, have no fellowship with their message, however much they may quote the 'Testimonies' and seek to intrench themselves behind them. Receive them not; for God has not given them this work to do." *Id.*, pp. 51, 52.

"But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favour of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility." *The Great Controversy*, p. 587.

### ATTACKS UPON THE LEADERSHIP

Notice what the Servant of the Lord has to say about attacks upon the leadership of the movement:

"Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon minds to excite

jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition." *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V., p. 672.

It is not contended that all of our ministers and leaders are perfect. We are all sinners saved by grace, with Paul struggling toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. With the apostle we all say:

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:12-14.)

### NEW LIGHT WILL COME THROUGH THE DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The Lord has made it abundantly clear through His Servant that when new light comes to the Advent people that it will come through the proper channels—the denomination. He will not raise up some stray individual to head some fanatical offshoot. Note well these words:

"God has not passed His people by, and chosen one solitary man here and another there as the only ones worthy to be entrusted with His truth. He does not give one man new light contrary to the established faith of the body. In every reform men have arisen making this claim.

"Paul warned the church in his day, 'Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them'. The greatest harm to God's people comes through those who go out from among them speaking perverse things. Through them the way of truth is evil spoken of."

*Test.*, Vol. 5, p. 291.

### HOW TO RECEIVE MESSENGERS OF ERROR

When these false teachers come with their subtle doctrines how shall we receive them? How shall we know how to recognize them?

First we can examine books and tracts carefully to determine their origin. All of our Seventh-day Adventist literature has the imprint of our own Publishing Houses. All of our members will recognize these immediately. If you receive some tracts with fantastic symbols and printed in Waco, Texas, or Mt. Carmel, Texas, claiming to contain "new light"

you will know that this is spurious! The Lord tells us plainly how we should receive agents who seek to interest us in such:

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 9:11.)

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Rom. 16:17)

"God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. . . While false doctrines and dangerous errors are pressed upon the mind, it cannot be dwelling upon the truth which is to fit and prepare the house of Israel to stand in the day of the Lord." *Early Writings*, pp. 124, 125.

These are not my words—they are the inspired words of God through the apostles and His servant to the Remnant Church! Let us heed His instruction!

### CALL TO UNITY

In these last days God calls for unity in the ranks of His people. "Let each one who claims to follow Christ, esteem himself less, and others more. Press together, press together! In union there is strength and victory; in discord and division there is weakness and defeat. These words have been spoken to me from heaven. As God's ambassador, I speak them to you." *Test. for Church*, Vol. V., p. 428.

We have a great message to give to the world. We must not be turned aside by "offshoots". God is leading a people and not stray offshoots. Let us press together to finish the work of God in the world!

Let us stay by the old ship Zion and our heavenly Pilot will take us safely through. Let us study God's word more earnestly than ever before. Let us study the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy more than ever before, living every day as though it were our last. Then God will give us a part in the glorious triumph of the Advent movement when His Son comes in the very near future.



## Sabbath Keeping

R. A. Nesmith, M.V. secretary for Illinois, gives these suggestive quotations on Sabbath observance from *Testimonies to the Church*, by Mrs. E. G. White. They are so helpful that we pass them on just as they appeared in his news-letter, "Illinois Wings":

1. "We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath."—Vol. 6, p. 356

2. "Remember that every moment [of the Sabbath] is consecrated, holy time."—*Ibid.*

3. "Welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind."—*Ibid.*

4. "Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be expelled from the soul [on the Sabbath]."—*Ibid.*

5. "The mind [must] be disciplined to dwell upon sacred themes [on the Sabbath]."—Vol. 2, p. 703.

6. "It means eternal salvation to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord."—Vol. 6, p. 356.

7. "Before the setting of the sun, let the members of the family assemble to read God's Word, to sing and pray."—*Ibid.*

8. "Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed."—*Ibid.* p. 357.

9. "On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early."—*Ibid.*

10. "As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours."—*Ibid.* p. 359.

11. "All Heaven is watching to see who is keeping the Sabbath."—Vol. 2, p. 704.

12. "Special light and health are promised to those who keep the Sabbath holy."—*Ibid.*, p. 705.

13. "On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed."—Vol. 6, p. 375.

14. "On Friday . . . let the boots be blacked, and the baths taken."—*Ibid.*

15. "Before the setting of the sun, let all secular work be laid aside."—*Ibid.*

16. "On Friday . . . see that all the clothing is in readiness."—*Ibid.*

17. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."—Ex. 20:8.

18. "All through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind."—Vol. 6, p.

19. "The Sabbath is a golden clasp that unites God and His people."—*Ibid.*, p. 351.

## ERRORS IN THE TEACHING

1. The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy teach that "the Harvest" spoken in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew is the end of the world. The Shepherd's Rod says, No, it is the loud cry of the third angel's message.

*The Bible:*

"The harvest is the end of the world."

Matt. 13:39; See also Rev. 14: 17-20.

*The Spirit of Prophecy:*

"The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time."

"The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest, the end of the world."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 72 & 75.

2. "The Shepherd's Rod" states that the separation of the tares and the wheat comes "at the commencement of the harvest" or "the loud cry". The Spirit of Prophecy states that the separation takes place *after* "the work of the gospel completed".

*The Spirit of Prophecy:*

"When the mission of the gospel is completed, the judgment will accomplish the work of separation . . .

"Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for a final separation.

"Again, these parables teach that there is to be no probation after the judgment. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 122, 123, (old edition).

*The Shepherd's Rod:*

"The harvest is the loud cry of the third angel's message."—*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. I., p. 104.

*The Shepherd's Rod:*

"The wheat gathered at the commencement of the harvest and at the separation from the tares in the church is called the first fruits of the harvest."—*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. II., p. 102.

"The harvest is the loud cry of the third angel's message."—*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. I, p. 104.

## Excerpts from Letters to the Bible School

"Ever since I was a child I have been connected with the Baptist denomination and have always been a Sunday keeper. In the month of August, 1946, I worked very hard on Saturdays with the intention to rest on the Sundays following. When I went to bed I would be troubled as to what day I should be keeping or resting from all work.

While in my sleep one particular night, I heard a voice say, "Saturday is the Sabbath. Thou, nor thy man-servant, and not even an animal is to do anything on the Sabbath Day. In the morning when I awoke I told it to quite a few

people. Since that experience I realize that Saturday is the true Sabbath and have stopped working on that day."

"I can now stand up to almost any question that anyone should ask me. My friends chide me continually about going to join the Seventh-day Adventists, but praise God, I feel proud to stand such little mockery for God. I mean to stand by God's help to any thing that might rise up."

"Right now, I am being tried by the members of other denominations but I praise God because it puts a little more zeal in me to carry the Word of God to my friends in school, chiefly, and other people. I am proud of my certificate, and I hope that the star on it is an im-



## OF THE SHEPHERD'S ROD

3. "The Shepherd's Rod" sets a time for the commencement of the sealing work. The Spirit of Prophecy states emphatically that we should not set times for such events.

### *The Spirit of Prophecy:*

"Let all our brethren and sisters beware of anyone who would set a time for the Lord to fulfill His word in regard to His coming, or in regard to any other promise He has made of special significance."—*Test. to Ministers*, p. 55.

"Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test."—*Early Writings*, p. 75.

4. "The Shepherd's Rod" declares that the proclamation of the 144,000 is the great message of the hour. The Spirit of Prophecy says we are not to waste our time in speculation as to who compose this great number.

### *The Spirit of Prophecy:*

"Christ says that there will be those in the church who will present fables and superstitions, when God has given grand, elevating, ennobling truths, which should ever be kept in the treasure house of the mind. When men pick up this theory and that theory, when they are curious to know something it is not necessary for them to know, God is not leading them. It is not His plan that His people shall present something which they have to oppose, which is not taught in the word. *It is not His will that they shall get into controversy over questions which will not help them spiritually, such as who is to compose the 144,000.* This those who are elect will in a short time know without question. (Italics ours.)

### *The Shepherd's Rod:*

"Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God, or be cut down by the destroying weapons. If we were to mark out the exact time of the beginning of this sealing, we would say it began some time during 1929."—*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. I, p. 32.

### *The Shepherd's Rod:*

"If the ministry can prove us wrong on the 144,000, which is the message of the hour, or even on any one topic in our publications, we agree to retract our position and destroy all of our three volumes."

—V. T. Houteff.

tation of the stars that will be on my crown when I get to that blessed abode."

"When I mailed the last two lessons to you, I was glad, yet sorry that my task did come to a close so quickly, and even at present I wish I had another course to continue. The lessons are so appetizing that they give me great pleasure to do them."

"I am only sorry that I was not a Seventh-day Adventist before this, for though I was a member of the Church of God I did not know anything about the Bible. Since I have become a Seventh-day Adventist I know things in the Bible that I did not know before."

"It is the greatest pleasure of mine to inform you that at present I am a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Though born in the message it is only due to your timely admonitions that I was made to realize that there is great danger in delay and that the greatest of all joy that could come to my heart was to follow my Lord in baptism."

"True character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within. If we wish to direct others in the path of righteousness, the principles of righteousness must be enshrined in our own hearts."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 307.

## SALT CAYS MISSION

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It is with praise to God that we see new activities in the Salt Cays Mission. On the thirtieth of March the writer and his family arrived at Grand Turk to take up the duties of the President of the Mission. With the help of the Lord and the prayers of all the readers we anticipate great things for the year 1947.

The Mission has already launched the Ingathering Campaign with fair success. The people are very well impressed with the work we are doing, yet because the Salt Industry is shut down for the third year, money is quite scarce. At the present time there are five million bushels of salt to be shipped and no prospects of shipping it this year. In spite of all obstacles the people are willing to help all they can. With the help of the Lord we plan to reach our goal this year.

We are making preparation for holding Evangelistic Meetings here as soon as possible. There are several who are interested and as soon as work is established, I am sure that we will have a good church organized in Grand Turk. We have already purchased a suitable property, with the building that can be renovated for a church. This step has done wonders to establish the work here.

In Blue Hills we have secured the materials to put the roof on the church and make it available for worship. We have ten strong believers there and Bro. Nebblett is studying with ten more for baptism this year. Also Bro. Nebblett plans to hold more meetings at Five Cays, a settlement near Blue Hills.

The interest is great throughout the field and we believe that where we now have two churches, by the end of the year, there will be four. God's hand is definitely leading in the progress of this field and we feel that many honest hearts will be drawn to His Kingdom this year.

G. M. PREMIER.

"Jesus did not contend for His rights. Often His work was made unnecessarily severe because He was willing and uncomplaining. Yet He did not fail nor become discouraged. He lived above these difficulties, as if in the light of God's countenance. He did not retaliate when roughly used, but bore insult patiently."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 89.



## BAHAMAS MISSION

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### Bahamas Mission News Notes

The Colporteur work in the Bahamas is going forward by "leaps and bounds" and our faithful ministers of the printed page are meeting with real success these days! God is blessing the three regular Publishing Department representatives not only with large orders and deliveries but with many interesting experiences.

Brother and Sister D. P. Waldo have only been in the Bahamas a short time, but it has become most evident that the Lord has called them here for they are having unusual experiences almost every day as they labour among the rich in the interest of our books and periodicals. The following is just one of many stories turned in by Sister Waldo:

#### *Ships that Pass in the Night*

"One day while I was down on the wharf I met a lady who came here on the New York boat. She had just been dismissed from a New York hospital and had been here a week for a rest.

"I thought she looked tired, so I invited her to my car to sit down. Of course the conversation drifted to world conditions and soon I was showing her our book *Bible Readings*. She ordered it in the best binding and told me it was just what she had been wanting. She gave her check and wanted the book right away as she was leaving the next day on that boat for New York.

"She told me the people in the house here, where she was stopping, were very worldly and that it was refreshing to meet someone so wholesome! She said: 'Why haven't I met you before?'

"She seemed lonely and wanted to talk more about the Bible. So I took her to our home for lunch and the time was well spent. She requested me to autograph her book and as we parted she said: 'Who knows but the Lord sent me, way down to the Bahamas to meet you and to get this book!' (Who knows!)

"Someway I feel that we shall meet again on the wharf when our ships have anchored on the shores of eternity! Who knows?"

During the month of March our three colporteurs delivered books amounting to £155. 12. 9 and took orders in the amount of £413. 4. 1.

Good reports are coming in from our other workers also. Here are a few excerpts from Brother Paul Ward's recent letter which indicate how the Lord is blessing the efforts of our people in that

district:

"I thank the Lord for a profitable visit in the Landrail Point (Crooked Island) District recently. Brother Frank Scavella and I visited three other settlements where we spent four days. We had meetings every night in the school room, and during the days we visited every home in these settlements, giving Bible studies. The people were anxious to hear the message. I never met people before so eager to hear the Word of God.

"When I arrived Sunday afternoon in one of the settlements, one of the Baptist ministers told me that if I were not successful in getting the public school house for meetings, I could have the use of his church during my stay. We were successful in getting the school house for the services, however, but he attended each one.

"I do hope and pray that we may be able to hold a public evangelistic effort in the near future in this area for the door is open for us and what we have to do, we must do quickly!

"The Landrail Point church is running fine... and the building is now very attractive. It can't be beaten! Brother Frank Scavella and those other brethren who helped to build and re-model it deserve credit, for it is a modern church and very neat in every way.

"While I was there, the Baptist minister in Landrail Point was converted and took his stand definitely for the truth. After thoroughly instructing him, the church voted to accept his application for membership and he was later received into the church on profession of faith. His wife also took her stand. She is awaiting your next visit at which time she desires baptism and membership in the church there."

The Mission has fallen in line with the rest of the Union in observing the Wednesday morning eight o'clock special prayer season for the unreached and unconverted. It is also singing: "Lord Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart" and this is having its effect for good, as more and more take an active part in soul-winning work. Another baptism was held for the Nassau churches on Sunday morning, the 2nd which makes two baptisms in the Shirley Street Church for the first quarter and one in the Grants Town Church for the same period. Many are calling for the rite to be administered throughout the Mission. Surely this is the time to work as never before for the Master, whether it be the colporteur work, the ministerial effort or whatever it may be. This can and must be our best soul-winning year!

— H. D. COLBURN.

## BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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### A Wireless Message

Origin of Message: HEAVEN.

Sender: JESUS.

Time: 11th HOUR, 1947.

To: ADVENTISTS, BR. HONDURAS.

Message: WHY STAND YE IDLE ALL THE DAY? GO WORK TO-DAY IN MY VINEYARD.

The above was the wireless message received in this field at the beginning of the year. Many were not only idle, but were sound asleep. When the signal to awake was given, and the message was read, many were startled and rallied to the call of the Master, confessed their sins of idleness and indifference toward the Lord's work. A goodly number responded, and started off to the vineyard. Since then I have been receiving good news from the field, that there are seventeen cottage meetings and five lay efforts that are being conducted each week. This is really good news, but I am wondering what has become of the others. Have they slipped out of the Lord's vineyard, and are gone back to the market places to waste away their time? If so, let me inform you that I have received another message for you, which reads: "We should all be workers together with God. No idlers are acknowledged as His servants." *Review and Herald*, Feb. 15, 1837.

"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee and His glory shall be seen upon thee."

Let us hope that before long no idlers will be found loitering around the market places in British Honduras, but that all will find a place in the Lord's work. We solicit an interest in your prayers for the work in this field.

— J. N. WILLIAMS.

### Welcome to Brother and Sister B. A. G. Woodburn.

We were very happy to welcome Brother and Sister Woodburn to this field, Wednesday morning, April 8, as they landed from the S. S. Camanian. After spending a few days in Belize, they were taken to their field of labour. Stann Creek was overwhelmed with joy, that for the first time they had ever had a resident minister. Brother Arnold, the local elder, and the other brethren planned a very fine reception for them.

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**EAST JAMAICA MISSION**

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**WEST JAMAICA MISSION**

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**Church Dedications in Portland**

To many of us Portland proverbially means rain, and rightly so, because we were washed out of our dedication on two previous occasions. On Sunday, March 23, even nature seemed to indicate that it was the day for the dedication of our two newly constructed churches, Cornwall Barracks and Berrydale.

At the hour appointed there could be seen people from the surrounding hills wending their way to our most attractively decorated Cornwall Barracks church. For the opening ceremony there were prominent individuals, such as Mr. H. A. Munroe, a Justice of the Peace of Port Antonio, who opened the main door. Also present was Mr. Murray, a retired school teacher, and many other prominent citizens of the district.

With Pastor R. H. Pierson, our esteemed Union president, were Pastor and Mrs. Crawford of the King's Way High School and members of the medical staff of the "Andrew's Memorial Hospital." A well balanced programme was presented, consisting of choir selections, recitations, the act of dedication by Pastor Crawford, and a very inspiring address by Pastor Pierson, outlining the world-wide mission programme of Seventh-day Adventists and calling each one to dedicate his life to God's service as well as the building. A vocal trio was rendered by Pastor and Mrs. Crawford and Nurse Ziprick. At Cornwall Barracks Brother Owen Holness and the writer, the district pastor, assisted in the service.

As the sun was about sinking behind the western hills the party arrived for the dedication of the Berrydale church. A similar programme to that of Cornwall Barracks was followed at Berrydale with Pastors Pierson, Crawford, and Nembhard officiating. There were present members from the other sister churches, Olive Mount, Brookdale, Bourbon, and Stanton, and their leaders willingly consented to open some of the windows of the beautiful little church. As this last service came to a close, we all dispersed, feeling that we had reached another mile post of progress in the onward march of the message in the Portland district.

—M. G. NEMBARD.

**Items of Interest from West Jamaica**

All honour to our godly, successful laymen who are really the backbone of our soul-winning work in the West Jamaica Mission. These men are truly modern heroes who are doing exploits.

Here is a report from the layman's movement of the Mount Carey church which should be an inspiration to those who are taking an active part in finishing the work of God in the earth in this generation. This is what Brother Brown writes:

"Just to let you know the work for quarter ending March, 1947. Mount Horeb school stands at 67 in membership, and out of that we have baptized 10 on March 30, making a total baptized of 21, with 14 more in the baptismal class to be baptized in June. The tithes and offerings from this school amounted to £15 14 7.

"The membership of the Cambridge Sabbath school is now 21. We have rented a place to keep our school. Since working here we have kept only three meetings and one family decided to join the Sabbath school and many others believe the truth. Their offerings amounted to £1 18 9.

"The Rohampton Sunday school's membership is 40 and we have already baptized one from this place."

If the laymen in every church would be as energetic as those of the Mount Carey church, the work would be quickly finished. These brethren have to travel 15 miles for one visit to either Cambridge or Mount Horeb.

The response of the people at Mile Gully to the Advent message is truly wonderful. This being an entirely new place for the message it is indeed a fulfilment of the Lord's promise to pour out His Spirit upon His people. The work that has usually taken three months to accomplish has been done in one month. A definite evidence that God is cutting short His work in these last days.

The meetings were started on the 9th of March and on the 5th of April they had their first Sabbath services when 120 new believers attended Sabbath school and other services, 90 remaining until the close of the Sabbath.

The members of the Bible class number 400, and at 6:30 each evening they eagerly gather to drink deeper of the wonderful truths presented.

A gentleman who has never attended one of the meetings because of illness, but lives near enough to hear the singing, was so impressed that he voluntarily offered an acre of land in a very important part of the district for a church spot, and has also promised to give lumber to help build the church. Another man has offered a cedar tree, and the believers are so anxious to have a church building that they have actually started collecting funds for this purpose.

Pastor Haig and Sister Pringle have found it impossible to answer the many calls that are coming in from adjoining districts.

Pastor Lindo reports a very good interest at Kellits, where he is also conducting an effort in a new place. We hope that before long a church will be raised up in this place.

This month being the time for our Ingathering campaign, all our ministers have throttled down their evangelistic efforts to two or three meetings per week so as to help put the campaign over the top. Brethren and sisters, let us pray earnestly that God will send forth labourers into His harvest, for the time is short.

W. S. NATION.

**God's Answers**

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returns from their crops if there were a greater desire to render to God His own, the tithe of their income. We have no right to expect the Lord's blessing upon our land or any other business enterprise while we continue to rob Him in tithes and offerings. To the brother who will religiously practise faithful tithe paying, God makes a wonderful promise. Here it is:

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10.

"And I will open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:10, 11.

With such precious promises of heaven's blessing upon the faithful tithe payer, it is hard to see why anyone would want to fail to return to God His own.



## Soul Winning Progress By Missions

Mission	1st Qr. Goal	No. Baptized & Prof. faith 1st Qr.	% of Goal Reached 1st Qr.	Half Year Goal
W. Indies Mission	7	10	142%	12
East Jamaica Mission	225	210	93%	630
Bahamas Mission	12	6	86%	22
Cayman Islands Mission	7	6	50%	35
West Jamaica Mission	200	45	23%	500
British Honduras Mission	10			30
<b>Union Totals</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1229</b>

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." It is not the magnitude of the of the matter that makes it fair or unfair. As a man deals with his fellow-men, so will he deal with God. He that is unfaithful in the mammon of unrighteousness, will never be intrusted with the true riches." — *Testimonies Vol. IV, p. 311.*

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## Woodburn Welcome

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A very pleasant social evening was spent with the brethren and the friends who came to welcome them.

Brother Woodburn is now in the front line of the battle, and is very enthusiastic and hopeful that a strong work can be built up in that town, which is a stronghold of Roman Catholicism, and where people are taught that it is a sin even to look across to the Seventh-day Adventist church while their meetings are in session.

Already, Brother Woodburn is finding openings to sow the seed of truth. From his letter I quote:

"As I told you, we are divided into three bands, and we are planning some real aggressive work against the enemy. We are having cottage meetings three nights per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Monday night I opened a meeting in the home of a very influential man. He invited all his immediate family and a few friends. He did the inviting. The following night, Tuesday, we went to another home, the man of this home, if he should accept the truth, he would make a very powerful leader. Before we began the study, he went and called his friend, the gentleman of the former home, who was privileged to study the word of God again.

"The other experience I would like to mention, is that of a Carrib woman, whose husband is a cousin of the priest here. She used to be an enemy of Seventh-day Adventists. She asked that I come and study the Scriptures with her.

"I had another cottage meeting planned for seven o'clock that same night, so I told her that I could come at eight o'clock if it would be alright for her. She accepted my suggestion, so at eight o'clock I was at the appointed place. I must call her Mrs. Nicodemus, because she did not want us to study in the day, and even in the night, she arranged that we study in another home."

We can see from the foregoing that Brother Woodburn is having some very precious experiences to make him happy in his new field of labour.

The work, on the whole, is moving slowly but surely. Early in January we organized our forces; since then we have conducted six lay efforts and fourteen cottage meetings. Most of these are still in progress. The results are not as readily seen in this field as in some other fields, but by patient labour, we hope to see many taking their stand with the people of God.

We have two church buildings completed, which will be dedicated within the near future. We are of good courage, and solicit an interest in your prayers in behalf of this field. — J. N. WILLIAMS.

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## Jamaica Bible School

## Cumulative Report to April 30, 1947

## Enrollment:

East Jamaica	13,918
West Jamaica	16,055

Total Lessons Received 172,006

## Certificates issued:

East Jamaica	966
West Jamaica	1603

## Of the 2569 Receiving Certificates:

1677 believe the Sabbath
871 desire baptism
178 have already been baptised

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## The British West Indies Union

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## When We Do Our Part

When you and I have done our part  
The Lord will surely come,  
But we must have a pure, clean heart  
If we with Him go home.

How easily we turn to sin,  
How hard to turn to God,  
Yet He controls us through His love,  
The devil with a rod!

Sin has never cleansed a heart,  
The world can't make us pure,  
Only the cleansing blood of Christ  
Can make salvation sure.

Now, let us turn this day from sin,  
Let Christ come in our heart  
And live with Him just day by day,  
And we will do our part.

W. L. BARCLAY.

## Obituaries

Sister Hazel Walters-Webb, a faithful and very active member of the Chapelton church, fell asleep in Jesus on March 7, 1947, leaving to mourn their loss, her husband and infant son. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor W. S. Nation.

— W. S. NATION.

On March 20, 1947, Sister Sarah Kelly of the Geddes Mountain church passed away after a long illness. To witness the funeral services was a gathering of her many friends. — A. G. THORPE.

Awaiting the call of the Life-Giver is Sister Alice Boyd, age 82 years, who died on March 21, 1947. She has left many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, at Bonny Gate.

— V. MORNAN.

We regret to announce the death of Sister Rebecca Clayton of the Hope Bay church, which took place on March 7, 1947. She was a faithful member ever since her baptism in the year 1942, by Elder D. B. Reid.

— S. C. MYERS.

Sister Jane Montieth, a faithful member of the New Market church for the past twelve years, fell asleep in Jesus on December 22, 1946. She accepted the Advent faith under the labours of Pastor A. R. Haig. She awaits the Life-Giver's call.

— JAMES A. RICHARDS.