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## "Whatsoever Ye Would That Men"

By Robert H. Pierson

LATE in the summer of 1944 a very severe hurricane swept over the island of Jamaica leaving broken homes, bleeding bodies, and the dark spectre of want in its wake. With many of our churches destroyed or badly damaged, the island of Jamaica held out her hands to the fields beyond for help. Clothes were needed. Food was needed. Churches were needed. Funds were needed.

That plaintive cry for help did not fall upon deaf ears. God in Heaven, His dwelling place, heard and spoke to the hearts of the Advent people in many parts of the world. From America, from Europe, and from our neighbours in Central America a generous response came in the form of both cash and kind. Clothing came by the barrel and funds to assist personally and for the reconstruction and repair of demolished churches was provided liberally. Our brethren in other lands helped to bind up the wounds of Jamaica in the hour of her distress.

Practically every field in the British West Indies Union to some degree has suffered the devastating effects of hurricanes and each in turn has received some help when appeals came. So, brethren, really all of us are "debtors"—are we not—both to those who have helped us, and also to any of our brethren and sisters in other parts of the world who may, because of warfare and famine, be in great distress!

At this time there come to us the piteous appeals of men and women, boys and girls—fellow believers in the Advent Message—whose homes have been destroyed by war, whose relatives and friends have been

ruthlessly killed on the field of battle or in the concentration camp and who are slowly but surely starving because they do not have sufficient food. It is now our turn to help!

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," is the command of Our Saviour. If you had no food in the home to give starving children, if you had no shelter over your head to protect your

exposed little ones, if you had no clothes with which to cover yourself or your babies, what would you want your brethren and sisters in other lands to do for you? That, Jesus declares, is what we should be doing for those who are in this condition in Europe and other war-torn parts of the world today. What will you do about it?

Speaking of Europe's inability to cope with the tremendous problem before them W. E. Nelson, Treasurer of the General Conference writes: "In studying the outlook for the winter of 1947-48, we can clearly see that further aid both in clothing and food will be necessary for our people in Poland, Germany, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Rumania. In Germany alone millions of Germans formerly residing outside of their homeland have been returned. This has proved to be a very heavy tax on the food raised within the country. Prior to World War II less than fifty per cent of the food consumed in Germany was grown within its borders. During the war hundreds of square miles of fertile land was reduced to desert waste. With the millions of people who have been added to the population of Germany, and the lack of funds on the

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### Meet Our Workers



Our worker for the month of August is well known to many of our believers especially those living in the East Jamaica Mission. Pastor Stanley Bull served as Headmaster of the New Hope College from early in 1944 until the end of 1946.

Pastor and Sister Bull have been transferred to the West Indian Training College where Pastor Bull heads up the Bible Department, and Sister Bull is in the Department of English.

# CHURCH BUILDING NEWS

## Our Church Building Programme

Among the missionary activities of the British West Indies Union for the year 1947, the church dedication and stone laying plan for our churches throughout the Union stands out very prominently. We are very happy to say that this phase of our missionary endeavour is making rapid progress. Already several churches within the Union have been dedicated, and a number have had their stone laying.

At the beginning of the year, we set a goal for thirty churches to be dedicated for the year 1947, and we are glad to inform our readers that we are well on the way to this goal. We are however, not feeling satisfied with the progress that has been made in some of our buildings for God. We are very anxious to see every unfinished church in the Union doing all that they possibly can towards their completion. We realise that there are various problems to be solved especially that of providing finances for the completion of these buildings. You will not forget, however, that the investment plan that was launched at the beginning of the year for the church buildings, if rightly carried out will assist wonderfully in solving our financial problems.

Many of the churches have sent in glowing reports of the success that they have had and are having. How about your church, brother? If you have not had your stone laying yet, why not work hard on the investment plan thus reaching to the place where you can get your commencement help from the Mission and the Union. This will help of course to put in your foundation, and then prepare for stone laying. Usually, a stone laying programme if rightly conducted will bring in a number of pounds. This applies also to the church dedication. Work hard on your investment plan so that you can raise enough to bring your church to the place where it will only take the completion money that is being offered by the Mission and Union to finish your church and have it dedicated. Do not let us waste a moment of time, but let us work hard and carry out our plans so that your church will not be behind in this good project. If there is any counsel or advice which we can give further, we will be very happy to do so.

We trust that the Lord will continue to open the way whereby all sanctuaries can be erected and completed to the glory of His name. — E. E. PARCHMENT.



THE BLUFF, BAHAMAS, CHURCH DEDICATION

Picture above in the neat little Bluff church on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas that was recently dedicated to the honour and glory of God in that community.

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## Church Completion Honour Roll (Dedicated in 1947)

Moss Town, Bahamas Mission  
The Bluff, Bahamas Mission  
San Pedro, British Honduras Mission  
Georgetown, Cayman Islands Mission  
Berrydale, East Jamaica Mission  
Cornwall Barracks, East Jamaica Mission  
Linstead, East Jamaica Mission  
Harrywatch, West Jamaica Mission  
Craighead, West Jamaica Mission  
Vaughansfield, West Jamaica Mission.

Will your church be on the Honour Roll next month?

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## Church Dedication Dates Set

Sandy Bay, West Ja. Mission,	Aug. 3
Jericho, West Ja. Mission,	Aug. 3
Boston, British Honduras,	Aug. 10
Fruitful Vale, East Ja. Mission,	Aug. 17
Trinityville, East Ja. Mission,	Aug. 31
Kitzon Town, East Ja. Mission,	Nov. 30

Why not set a tentative date with your District Pastor for the dedication of your unfinished church and work zealously toward the successful completion of your building programme? If you have a definite date toward which to work, it will be an inspiration and a stimulus to every member of your church to have a part in finishing. Set your date soon! — R. H. P.

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## A Challenge in Church Completion

At the beginning of the year every field in the British West Indies Union enthusiastically launched into good strong church completion programmes. We want neat representative houses of worship, fully finished and painted in which to worship our heavenly Father.

The various committees concerned, in counsel with district pastors and church leaders, voted to complete and dedicate the following church buildings during the first six months of 1947. Please go through the list and see if you are on time in the schedule. If not, get in touch with your district pastor and Mission President and in earnest co-operation with them and all of the church members see if you can't fully succeed before the year closes!

*East Jamaica Mission:* Berrydale, Cornwall Barracks, Linstead, Kitson Town, Camberwell, Broadgate, Trinityville.

*West Jamaica Mission:* Claremont, Vaughansfield, Cranville, Camrose, Sandy Bay, Chamber's Pen, Jericho, Mulgrave, White Hill, Newell, Harrywatch, Cumberland, Craighead, Newport, Spring Garden, Sherwood Content, Richmond Park.

*Bahamas Mission:* Tarpum Bay, Millerton, Bahamas Junior Academy, Moss Town, and The Bluff.

*British Honduras Mission:* San Pedro, Boston.

*Cayman Islands Mission:* Georgetown, The Brac.

The schedule for the third quarter of the year envisions the completion of the following additional churches and their dedication by October 1!

*West Jamaica Mission:* Devon, Flower Hill, Petersfield, Bull Savannah, Pacey Hill.

*East Jamaica Mission:* Fruitful Vale. How is your church building work progressing? — R. H. P.

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## Are You Up to Date in Church Commencement?

Below are listed the churches throughout the British West Indies Union that were scheduled to have corner stone laying services during the first six months of 1946. Go through the list carefully. Has your church kept up to date?

*East Jamaica Mission:* Woodford, Burnside Valley, Bellas Gate, Old Harbour, Williamsfield, Bartons, Dignum Mt., Retreat, Annotto Bay, Hampstead, Richmond, Comfort Valley, Lewisburgh, Buff Bay, Ythanside, Port Antonio, Bourbon, Olive Mt., Port Morant, Lloyds, Cockburn Pen, Kencot.

*West Jamaica Mission:* Mile End, Lewis, Bamboo, Lapland, John's Hall, Somerton, Lances Bay, Dias, George's Plain, Sav-la-mar, White House, Balaclava, Johnson, Siloah, Spalding, Campbell's Castle, Robin's Hall, Retirement, Duncans,

Jackson Town, Duan Vale, Croft's Hill, Chapelton, Blackwoods, Hayes.

*Cayman Islands Mission:* East End.

*Salt Cays Mission:* Blue Hills.

Then you will be interested in the programme for the third quarter of this year. The following were voted by the controlling committees:

### THIRD QUARTER

*Bahamas Mission:* Pleasant Bay.

*East Jamaica Mission:* Bog Walk, Bonny Gate, Labyrinth, Hope Bay, Brookdale, Olive Mount, Bath, Seaforth.

*West Jamaica Mission:* Lottery.

The year is slipping rapidly by. Many of the above churches have not qualified for help from the Church Commencement Fund. Many more have not arranged for their stone laying services as yet. Let us all as members do our best in gathering materials and funds to commence our building programme. — R. H. P.

### ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

C. R. ANDERSON, M. D., Medical Director  
R. E. GIBSON, Business Manager  
27 Hope Road, Kingston, Jamaica.

### The Andrews Memorial Church Investiture

On Sabbath afternoon, July 4, an investiture service was held at the Andrews Memorial church. After the opening hymn, "Oh Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the End," Dr. Druitt led in prayer. Then Pastor Crawford sang that beautiful selection, "My Task." Pastor Holgate introduced the Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the British West Indies Union, Pastor W. L. Barclay, who presented a stirring message with a call to service, not only to the candidates to be invested, but to everyone present that evening.

Pastor Holgate then called for the sponsor of the candidates, Mrs. Pleasants, to present the different classes, and examine them. Of course, you enjoyed listening to the Bible verses recited by Gail Pleasants, and the lovely story of Queen Esther as told by Carolyn Luce. These were the two Builders. Then the four Friends repeated in concert the Junior Pledge and Law, and each explained two points of the Law. You no doubt recognized the four Friends as Betty Gibson, Grace Williams, John Williams, and Lloyd Dayes.

Then the overhead lights were turned out, and the Solar System glowed and seemed to revolve in space before you as Mrs. Rashford named the planets and told some interesting facts about them.

You imagined yourself looking at Saturn's beautiful rings through a telescope, or counting Jupiter's moons, or watching Venus glow near the horizon just before daybreak as the Morning Star, or hover in the western sky, just after sunset as the Evening Star. Mrs. Rashford and Mrs. Gibson, with others, are working to complete their Master Comrade requirements by the next Investiture Service, but at this time these two had completed the Companion requirements, and were candidates for investiture in that class.

You could not fail to enjoy the beauty and the majesty of the 19th Psalm, as it was recited to us by Miss Gertrude Watt, in the subdued light cast by the illuminated picture of the solar system. She was the Comrade candidate.

In the Master Comrade group, we were honoured to have Pastor Holgate as one of the candidates. He had not had the opportunity previously, of being invested, and so we were more than glad to list his name with those of the other five Master Comrade candidates: Mr. Luce, Mr. Pleasants, Mrs. Luce, Miss Samuels, and Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Luce spoke briefly but enthusiastically about the Nature Study and Story Telling phases of Master Comrade work.

After the candidates had presented these various items, Pastor Harold C. Brown, of the Inter-American Division, invested them with their insignias, as Pastor Holgate read the names, and they stepped forward by classes. Miss Edna C. Parchment and Mrs. Pleasants assisted in presenting these pins and neckkerchiefs. Then Pastor Holgate spoke briefly about our Example, the Great Master Comrade, who called Himself the Light of the world. From Him we draw our little light with which to carry hope to a sin-darkened world. To remind all present of this fact, each candidate, holding a candle of the proper class colour, stepped forward to light his or her candle from the large square candle wrapped with the colours of the different classes, and then stepped back, to receive from Pastor Brown the solemn Charge to live up to the standard held by these classes. He followed this by the Consecration Prayer.

The service ended with the singing, by the candidates, and the Master Comrade Guard of Honour, of the hymn, "I Will Be True," and with the benediction offered by Pastor Crawford.

If you were present that Sabbath evening, you surely found in the Investiture Service inspiration to go forward in fuller service for the Master, and a desire

to prepare yourself more fully to help our youth and Juniors in the Progressive Classes and in other soul-winning branches of the Missionary Volunteer work.

If you were not there, we trust that this little report may encourage you in your Missionary Volunteer projects. Our young people like *positive* activities, in nature study, healthful recreation, Bible study, and other lines. Progressive Classes offer to them this *positive* endeavour. — MRS. J. C. PLEASANTS.

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### Here and There in the Union

Elder Pierson has recently returned from holding an evangelistic effort in Grand Turk and since has been busy itinerating in East Jamaica and attending board meetings and church dedications and stone laying services. Elder Pierson plans to visit the British Honduras Mission early in August.

Elder Franz left the island July 1, for Nassau, where he spent a fortnight auditing the Bahamas Mission books. Elder Franz and his family are spending a few weeks in the States on holiday. During their travels they plan to visit our young people from Jamaica who are attending some of the Colleges in the States. Brother Franz will be back in the Union office about the middle of August.

Elder Parchment has just returned to the office after a trip to the British Honduras Mission where he spent about three weeks itinerating with Elder Williams throughout the colony. Elder Parchment will be spending the next few weeks in the two Jamaica Missions pushing the Church building projects and fostering the interests of the Bible Correspondence School.

Elder Barclay has also just recently returned from an Ingathering journey to British Honduras. Since his return he has been attending Lay Preacher's Institutes in both the West and East Jamaica Missions. Elder and Mrs. Barclay leave us early in August for a three months leave in Scotland. We all wish the Barclays a very pleasant trip.

Elder Haig, our new Publishing Department Secretary, is now on the job in the Union office. Brother Haig has already led out in a Student Colporteur Rally and Institute in the West Indian Training College. After getting acquainted with things in the office, Brother Haig will no doubt be visiting the Publishing Department leaders and their Colporteurs in all of the local fields as early as possible.

### BAHAMAS MISSION

H. D. COLBURN, President.  
MRS. H. D. COLBURN, Secy.-Treas.  
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#### Bahamas Mission

On Sabbath, June 7, another church was dedicated in the Bahamas Mission. This time it was the attractive building recently completed by Elder C. F. Edwards, District Pastor of Exuma and Long Island.

This church is located in the settlement of Moss Town, Exuma. Its construction began over a year ago and its completion represents a great deal of labour on the part of Brother Edwards and those who assisted him. It is a credit to the Bahamas Mission and reflects quite a degree of craftsmanship on the part of those who built it.

The interest in this settlement was first discovered and fostered by Brother L. R. Rahming, one of our colporteurs, who had frequently visited this section of the island and had sold many of our books to the people there. About two years ago while in this settlement, he organized a Sabbath School of twenty-six members. Later, in response to his appeal, the Mission Committee asked Brother and Sister Edwards to move to Moss Town and further develop the interest.

In a few months he had gathered in a number who had accepted the Truth fully and were received into the church by baptism and on profession of faith. The church building was also started soon after their arrival. The work went steadily forward until its completion a couple of months ago.

Those who were present from the Mission headquarters for the occasion of the dedication of this church were Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Keuster, Mrs. Colburn, and the writer. All were impressed with what we saw; the building, the landscaping, the pews and the simple, but impressive decorations. We could not help but rejoice with the new members because of this monument to the truth which seemed to indicate permanency to our work there.

Another contribution to the church was a very good organ which had been donated by friends. This instrument, played by the able fingers of Sister Edwards, contributed much to the meetings during our week-end visit, and it will continue to bring blessing to the members as they worship from time to time.

The dedication took place on Sabbath afternoon at four o'clock. A blue ribbon held back a large crowd who had gathered

in front of the church for the occasion. After a few remarks by the Mission President, while the organ played softly in the background, he cut the ribbon and invited all who desired to worship Jehovah to enter. The pews were quickly filled and then the choir marched slowly in and took their places and lastly, the ministers present entered.

All appreciated the decorations of palm and oleander. These contributed much to the beauty of this new house of worship about to be dedicated to God. The service was in charge of Pastor W. E. Keuster. Special music was provided by a well-trained choir, a violin solo by Sister Keuster and selections from the organ by Sister Edwards. Brother L. R. Rahming told of his work in the settlement and the discovery of the interest. Pastor C. F. Edwards gave the history of the building of the church and Pastor H. D. Colburn preached the dedicatory sermon. The entire congregation took part in the act of dedication after which the church was presented to the Lord in the dedicatory prayer.

We are indeed grateful to God that another lighthouse, as it were, has been built and we feel confident that the light from it will illuminate the path of many a soul in that vicinity who is "looking wistfully to heaven" and wanting to know the way of life. We are sure that heaven's blessing will continue to rest upon the efforts of the Edwards as they carry on there helping other interested persons to know the Truth. We are looking forward to the time when this fine company will be organized into a church.

After the Sabbath, a large crowd again assembled in the church to enjoy a sacred concert which had been prepared by quite a number of the people of Moss Town. The programme was rendered in such a way as to make the evening one long to be remembered by all who were privileged to be present.

A number of baptisms have taken place recently in the Mission. In company with Brother Paul Ward, I recently was privileged to visit the churches in Cat Island with the exception of the one at Devil's Point. On this itinerary seven candidates were received into the church by baptism and on profession of faith. Then more recently Elder W. E. Keuster, District Pastor of New Providence, baptized eleven young people who had been attending his Bible classes in the two Nassau churches.

At the present time we are glad to have with us Pastor C. O. Franz, Secretary-Treasurer of the B.W.I. Union.

—H. D. COLBURN.

### BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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#### Itinerating in British Honduras

The sun was high in the sky as our plane landed at the airport in Belize, British Honduras. Elder Williams, the Mission President was there to greet me and soon I had cleared customs and we were travelling by car from the airport to the city, ten miles away.

It was Ingathering time, and a very busy programme was planned. All the church members in Belize were ready to begin the campaign and were waiting for the sign to go. That night the Ingathering rally was held in the church, and next morning the work began. Each night we met at the church and reported the progress for the day, then the singing band went out and sang the good old Gospel Hymns that touch the hearts of men. Large crowds of people would gather around the singing band, and word would pass along from street to street, "The Adventists are singing for us again." How the people appreciated it! Before the campaign was over every home and business place in Belize was visited by an Ingathering solicitor.

On Sabbath, June 7, Elder and Mrs. Williams, Miss Usher, and the writer, went to Boston for the church dedication service that was to be held there. A fine little church building had been constructed by the members there, under the leadership of Brother Harding. We were disappointed when we arrived to find that the letter sent to Brother Harding, telling him the date we were going to be with him, had not reached him and there was no one at the church that afternoon. Word was soon carried to the available church members and we had a fine meeting with those who could come, but it was decided to postpone the dedication until most of the members could be there.

The following week, Elder Williams and the writer made a trip to Cayo, near the Guatemalan border, in the interests of Ingathering and also to check on the possibilities of opening up the work there. Brother Rainey and his wife are the only Adventists in that part of British Honduras. Already, however, some of our literature has been scattered over that territory and a part-time colporteur has been working there. We are looking forward to the day when a worker can be sent to Cayo to establish a church there.

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### EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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#### News from East Jamaica Mission

Sunday, June 22, Pastor Glenn Millard from Kingston assisted Pastor Laing in the corner stone laying service at Dignum Mountain. A good attendance is reported and the service was a success.

Elder Arthur L. White, grandson of Sister E. G. White, spent about a week in our field the latter part of June. Elder White's studies on the Spirit of Prophecy in the North Street church, Kingsway High School and the Andrews Memorial School of Nursing were greatly appreciated.

Sunday and Monday, July 13 and 14, Pastor W. U. Campbell conducted a lively colporteur institute with the student colporteurs of Kingsway High School. A goodly number of our East Jamaica Mission students both from Kingsway High School and West Indian Training College are in the field this summer.

Sunday, July 13, the Linstead church was dedicated. Pastor A. D. Laing, the district pastor, was in charge of the service, and Pastor R. H. Pierson preached the dedicatory sermon. Pastor G. A. E. Smith offered the dedicatory prayer. The little church looks very nice with its new coat of paint, and a large crowd was on hand to make the service a truly successful one.

Our East Jamaica Mission lay preachers' institute was opened in Kingston Monday evening, July 21. About thirty of our laymen were invited in for the occasion. Elder W. A. Holgate was in charge and Elder Harold C. Brown, from the Inter-American Division, and Elder W. L. Barclay, from the British West Indies Union, were in attendance to assist with the instruction.

Pastor W. U. Campbell reports a lively interest in Bull Bay, where he has been conducting evangelistic services for sometime. Pastor Campbell has erected a very neat little booth at Bull Bay, and we hope that the work will continue to develop until we have a full fledged church in this community.

Brother Aston Davis has been conducting an effort in Woodford and a goodly number have already joined the Bible class. Brother Davis is also planning with the Woodford church for an early commencement of building activities. The stone laying service will be held in Woodford in the near future.

Brother Owen Holness, the Union Bible School representative in the East

Mission, is conducting an effort and following up the Bible School interest in Mt. James, in the upper St. Andrew district. Brother Holness reports a good interest in the message in this community, and we are hoping that the Mt. James company will be developed into a full fledged church as a result of Brother Holness' effort.

Our Mission travelling evangelist, Brother Harold Fletcher, has been conducting an effort in John's Hall, Portland parish, for the past two months. Brother Fletcher reports a goodly number in the baptismal class, and the interest in this place, where the message was first preached many years ago, is good. We hope to re-establish a church in John's Hall in the near future. Brother Fletcher will be moving to St. Catherine district for efforts at Linstead and Bog Walk during the course of the next three months.

Elder M. G. Nembhard has been busily engaged with his soul-winning and church building programmes in the Portland district during the past month. The foundations have been put in for the Hope Bay and Buff Bay church buildings, and stone layings have been held in Olive Mount and Bourbon. The Fruitful Vale church will soon be ready for dedication.

Pastor E. C. Walton reports 22 baptized at Bath Sunday, June 29. These are the first fruits of Pastor Walton's recent effort in this community. The brethren in Bath have also laid out their new church and actual construction work will be under way by the time this VISITOR reaches the field.

The baptisms in the East Jamaica Mission have been most encouraging, for the first six months of 1947. All of our workers have been wonderfully blessed of the Lord in their soul-winning endeavours. The numbers reported by each of the district pastors are as follows:

M. G. Nembhard	152
E. C. Walton	72
A. C. Stockhausen	70
Owen Holness	56*
A. D. Laing	53
Glenn Millard	30
H. E. Nembhard	24
A. B. Davis	24
Harold Fletcher	21*
G. A. E. Smith	18
Dr. C. R. Anderson	10
R. E. Gibson	5

(Note: \* Also included in the District Pastor's total.)

Sunday, June 29, Pastor A. C. Stockhausen presided over the stone laying service of the new Annotto Bay church. The Custos of the parish, the Honourable

### WEST JAMAICA MISSION

W. S. NATION, President  
MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.  
Mandeville, Jamaica

#### Items of Interest from West Jamaica

**STONELAYING:** The 29th of June was indeed a joyful time for the believers at Johnson, when they celebrated their stonelaying service to which they had been looking forward for many months. The believers from Lapland, Mulgrave and Jointwood very heartily co-operated by their attendance as well as their gifts. In spite of the heavy showers of rain, the occasion was a successful one and the means that have come in will certainly give the Johnson church building a good push forward.

**DEDICATIONS:** The month of June saw the dedication of two of our churches namely: Craighead and Vaughnsfield. We were privileged to have Pastor R. H. Pierson deliver the dedicatory sermon at the former and Pastor A. R. Haig at the latter.

It was very interesting to note that the work at Craighead was started nearly forty years ago by two laymen, one of whom, Brother Joseph Mitchel, is alive and still taking an active part in the work of God in another locality. The history of this church, as in so many others is that of a series of seeming defeats and triumphs, and today there stands on the hill a neat little structure completed to the glory of God.

The Vaughnsfield history is another triumph of faith, showing God's continued watch-care over His work. "In the year 1898, Brother James Hines, then a member of the Maldon Baptist church, attended a teachers' meeting of that body. The minister addressed the teachers gathered, and in his address stated that there was a sect of people going about called Seventh-day Adventists. They are right according to the Bible, he said, but the Baptist church has done a good work and is still doing a splendid work, and therefore, there is no need for anyone to follow the example of the Adventists. This statement made Brother Hines curious,

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C. M. Pringle, and Mrs. Pringle and other leading persons of the community were present for the occasion, and Mr. Pringle expressed great personal satisfaction with the work of Seventh-day Adventists in Jamaica. Pastor Pierson preached the sermon of the day, stressing the fact that Seventh-day Adventists in building upon Christ, our Chief Cornerstone, seek to build upon Him both in precept and example.

## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. R. HAIG, Secretary.

### Preparing for the Literature Blitzkrieg

We hear then still—those clarion calls. Listen; God is speaking: "Scatter them like the leaves of Autumn! Let the cry ring throughout the churches summoning them to universal action. The work (Publishing) will go like wild fire in the stubble. More than a THOUSAND will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first conviction to the reading of our PUBLICATION."

In the face of overwhelming evidences that this is the end—this is the last generation, many are asleep so deeply that the Saviour cries out through His Spirit in deep anguish of soul. (He seems to say) "But my people do you not know that Our Publishing Houses are God's appointed centres and through them *is to be accomplished a work*, the MAGNITUDE of which is yet unrealised?" . . . Vol 7:144 Again the Spirit speaks with groanings: "A Message MUST BE GIVEN that shall STARTLE them (the world), from the lethargy which enchains their senses . . . THE ATTENTION of the people must be arrested." Vol. 7:155.

Lord, are there many to save? Let us take very, very careful note of the answer of the Holy One: "Multitudes are in the valley . . . a VOICE should be heard crying, 'If the Lord be God follow Him; but if Baal be God, then follow Him'". 1 Kings 18:21. Vol.7:155. And when and how shall the call be sounded as millions dream on at last to die without hope if we win them not? He answers: "Go out in the highways. Go out in the byways, in the streets and lanes and from house to house and COMPEL them to come that my house may be full!" What is the only means God has given whereby such a stupendous task may be done and finished quickly? Is it not the Literature Ministry—books, books and more books: Tracts, magazines and more magazines? What must we first do before we can launch God's holy Blitzkrieg? We must gather a mighty spirit-filled army. Of what must the army be made up? They must be made up of all young people. Who must train and lead them into battle? A spirit-filled ministry in pulpit and in department combined with those veteran members of all our churches who have been called and chosen of God.

God wants a new and more powerful literature Blitzkrieg. He knows if His commandos with books and magazines— from our biggest volume to our smallest

Present Truth are thoroughly trained and then led into action they will hold the ground of the world for God and millions will accept or at least hear the Message and bring about a world-wide Spiritual revival that the U. N. O. or the Federation of nominal churches will and can never accomplish—yea verily but with God and His Advent army alone can make possible. Yes, and God is waiting in the shadow.

We your fellow pilgrims of the Publishing Department of the Union pledge our continued whole-hearted support of soul, heart, brain and muscle. We realise the task is no more yours to do than it is ours. We know further, if we do not lead and show the way the church of God in the British West Indies Union will NEVER follow. God helping we shall be with you in the mud and grime and fox-holes of the battle. God helping we shall not fail or falter until the last vantage point is reached and we win or warn for God the last sinner enchained by his vices or by his ignorance.

*Veterans and Commandos on the Job.* Even now as I write this my first message of goodwill and of challenge, a mighty veteran and student-commando army is storming at the battlement of the Devil and of his son, Sin and of his grandson, Death without-hope. There are no murmurings or complainings. Often the line is broken: often our forces are held: but no sooner has faith reclaimed our hearts; no sooner are the hands of united endeavour upheld by life and voice and prayer, we go forth and God performs His miracles Himself.

*Thrilling News.* Three months ago, only the Advent books and magazines were speaking and persuading hearts in the little village of MILE GULLY. Faithful Brigade workers and students from our College as well as faithful veteran colporteurs had united to lay God's Time-Bombs there. Today over one hundred and twenty five are walking with their Lord in Sabbath observance. What if we had chilled the ardour of our student colporteurs? What if there were no regular colporteur-army?

*Truth.* Most of the devoted and more intelligent class among the believers there are those who had read our books and our magazines FIRST and listened to the voice from the pulpit afterwards. What a power there is in our Advent Literature? Let us unite Brethren, let the Literature Blitzkrieg roll on and on and on! Let not the Jehovah witnesses lead us in zeal and fervour. Let us lead them instead and God will continue to lead us into undreamed of heights of soul-winning if, yes, if we wield our mightiest SWORD—the sword of His Word—the sword of

the PRINTED PAGE!

"Silent messengers, go ye forth,  
From ocean to ocean,  
From south to north.  
Seed of the Word,  
It shall not be sown in vain."

A. R. HAIG.

## HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL DEPTS.

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary

### "AND YE SHALL BE FISHERS OF MEN"

Ever since our Saviour made that promise to His disciples the true Christian has been pressing forward to finish the work of God on earth. As we are nearing the end of this world's history there is a great need for more "fishers" to "launch out into the deep."

The following statement from the servant of the Lord should be a challenge to us:—"What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers 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 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'. For want of such workers the cause of God languishes, and fatal errors, like a deadly poison, taint the morals and blight the hopes of large part of the human race." *Counsels to Teachers*, Page 547.

We are happy for the good experiences of the laymen in the British West Indies Union who have answered that challenge, and under the blessing of God are bringing hope to the human race. The two letters below should be a source of inspiration to all of our believers in this field.

Orange  
Sign P. O.  
6-5-47

Dear Brother Barclay,

Your letter has come to hand and I am glad for the experiences given. As we know the effects of good news, I started a Sunday School some weeks ago and after making contacts with some of the parents, we decided to conduct an open-air service which was well attended. Many stood after an appeal was made to walk more closely with Jesus. After the close of the meeting many determined to come back the next night and invite others. In one area we established another Sunday School, and one family of six, a mother and five children, took their stand for the truth and has kept the third Sabbath now. She expressed her

wish to be baptized. We expect good results from the meeting. Pray for us as we launch out in this great missionary programme. Satan is wroth more than ever. Because we were somewhat backward in the past it pleases his satanic majesty to taunt us but now he is surprised as we are on the alert and bringing souls out of the fire. We know we are kept on the wings of prayer. We are in the Master's hand and by God's grace we shall succeed.

Yours in Christ,  
John A. Downer  
Buff Bay P. O.  
22-5-47

Dear Brother Barclay,

With much pleasure I am writing you these few lines. Your letter reached me and I was glad to hear from you and learn of the progress that is being made in the work to hasten the day of the Lord. . . . It was in February that I went from my home six miles to a district named Tranquility in company with Brother Cummings. I preached my first sermon in a series of evangelistic meetings which we planned together to conduct for six weeks. At the beginning it seemed impossible as the roads seemed so rough and many times I had to go on foot. The Lord gave us strength and we conducted the meetings. A fair interest was created among the people here. Some nights we had over eighty people in attendance. These meetings were held in a thatch booth built by a brother living about a mile from the spot. As the devil saw what we were about to achieve he stirred up trouble. . . . yet God never finds Himself in trouble and He made a way out for us and we continued even though the interest was chilled. At the end of six weeks the work was fully revived and we were compelled to hold on. Now we have a Sabbath school with a membership of 23 and a Baptismal class of 15. This is a large district and last Sunday I went to the upper section and conducted open air meetings with good success and returned preaching in the Sunday night service. So far as I can see, with the many visits made from house to house coupled with other meetings we look forward to see quite a few souls take their stand for the truth. We also have a bright Young People's meeting conducted on Sunday evening. There are many who have joined this meeting, whom are not yet members of the Sabbath school. We hope to have them in our Sabbath school before long. . . .

Yours in the Master's service,  
L. A. Dormer

Many more of our lay men have written concerning their wonderful experiences and from time to time, we will print our letters under the column — "And ye shall be fishers of men." Dear readers, you too can have thrilling soul winning experiences. God has a wonderful work for each one of us to do and He assures us of success. Why not join the ranks of Lay Evangelists of the British West Indies Union and in counsel with your Pastor and your Church Board, start a series of Bible studies, Cottage meetings or a Lay Evangelistic effort? Soon probation will close and Christ will come. What we must do we should do quickly.

W. L. BARCLAY

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**Miscellaneous — Too Late to Classify**

Sunday, July 6, Pastor E. C. H. Reid baptized 25 candidates for Brother Shirleigh Greene in Petersfield, Westmoreland. This brings to 51 the number baptized from Brother Greene's Petersfield church effort.

Sunday, July 20, was a high day in the Asia, West Jamaica Mission church. Pastor E. C. H. Reid baptized 18 candidates for Brethren Earl Parchment and B. R. Hamilton. These are the first fruits of the effort held by these two brethren for the past two months in the Asia church. There is still a large number of candidates in the Bible class and it is planned that a second baptism will be held in August. Pastor W. S. Nation, President of the West Jamaica Mission preached the sermon for this outstanding occasion.

We have just learned that the Bourbon Stone Laying scheduled for July 13 and mentioned elsewhere in this issue was rained out on the day planned so will have to be held later.

The East Jamaica Mission reports 501 added to their churches by baptism and profession of faith for the first six months of 1947.

**Church Commencement Honour Roll (Stone Layings 1947)**

- Lances Bay — West Jamaica
- Dignum Mt. — East Jamaica
- Spaldings — West Jamaica
- Annotto Bay — East Jamaica
- Johnson — West Jamaica
- Hampstead — East Jamaica
- Olive Mount — East Jamaica

*Stone Laying Dates Set*

Retreat (East Jamaica)	August 3
Williamsfield (East Jamaica)	" 3
Buff Bay (East Jamaica)	" 3
Somerton (West Jamaica)	" 10
West Indian Training College Normal School (West Jamaica)	August 17
Hope Bay (East Jamaica)	" 24
Dallas Castle (East Jamaica)	Sept. 14

How is your church coming with your plans to start building a suitable house of worship? — RHP.

*Church Dedication — San Pedro,*

*Ambergris Cay, British Honduras*

San Pedro, Ambergris Cay, is a Maya Indian Settlement, about thirty-six miles North-East of Belize, with a population of about 300 Spanish Speaking people. When the message was first preached on the cay, the people responded heartily, but being a Roman Catholic community, persecution ran so high, the new believers were altogether boycotted. Not even food was allowed to be sold to them. As a result, many moved away to the mainland, and some to Mexico, while some became discouraged and gave up. In spite of bitter persecution, the Lord still maintains a remnant on the cay who stood defiantly against the enemy as witnesses of Present Truth.

Last year from help received from the Harvest Ingathering and hurricane relief fund they were able to erect a neat little church building, nicely painted with very comfortable seats. Last month, the 12th of June, Pastor Barclay and the writer and a goodly number of our brethren from Belize, in the early morning, started out in a motor boat to attend the dedication of this new church building, which was scheduled for 11 a.m. The morning was bright and the sea very calm, which made the trip a very pleasant one. At the appointed hour we were in our places, ready to begin the service. Brother Felipe Tapia, the local elder gave the history of the beginning of the work in San Pedro. Pastor Barclay then preached the dedicatorial sermon. He gave some practical examples of the characteristics of those who constitute the membership of the church of God. In conclusion he urged that those who worship in the little building at San Pedro should not come short in any of the qualifications cited. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the writer.

— J. N. WILLIAMS.

## "WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN"

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part of the people with which to buy food, the situation there next winter will be very serious. The situation in Rumania is even worse than it is in Germany."

From this it is plain that all of us in lands where war has not wreaked its havoc must come to the aid of our unfortunate needy brethren and sisters and give our shillings and pounds to buy them food to keep them from starving. In order to provide the necessary funds a world-wide offering is to be taken in all of our churches to raise sufficient to send food to Europe's starving. In the British West Indies Union the General Conference and the Inter-American Division has asked us to raise £853 in this offering to be taken *Sabbath, August 9*. This has been divided among the fields by the Union Committee on the percentage of tithe income basis as follows:

Br. Honduras Mission	\$175.00
Bahamas Mission	£ 67 0 0
Cayman Islands Mission	11 0 0
Salt Cays Mission	14 0 0
East Jamaica Mission	411 0 0
West Jamaica Mission	307 0 0

If we all respond as Mission workers and church members these goals can be reached and surpassed! I appeal to all to give not liberally but in a spirit of sacrifice—not grudgingly, but as you would want the peoples of Europe to give if the tables were turned and our field had come under the withering fire of the invader!

The native believers in one Mission over in New Guinea, even though they had suffered cruelly during the war themselves recently collected among themselves £10 to go to help their brethren in Europe. E. A. Boehm, our missionary in that field, in sending in the offering writes as follows:

"This represents an offering given by the Bisiatabu church to send food or other assistance to needy Adventists in Europe. About a week ago our Sabbath school lesson dealt with the believers in Antioch sending food to the hungry of Jerusalem who had sent to them the gospel. The suggestion was made to the natives here that this lesson be applied in a practical way, and that they might like to show their sympathy for those in need and at the same time render thanks to God for the bountiful supply of good food available here. The natives themselves agreed to the taking of the offering, and this cheque is the result."

If the poor believers in New Guinea

can respond so generously, we here in the West Indies surely cannot do less! If we do not have the cash when the offering is taken Sabbath, August 9, let us give all we can then, and pledge the balance giving a little month by month!

Let us all remember in our giving: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them!"

## West Jamaica

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and he questioned as to what should be the Christian's guide. All present admitted that the Bible should be the guide. He decided then and there that the Bible would be his guide, and at the end of that week he kept his first Sabbath. He afterward got in touch with the Seventh-day Adventist organization and wrote to Pastor A. J. Haysmer, who promised to pay them a visit. He was not able to go himself but he sent Elder W. W. Eastman who baptized nine candidates and organized them into a church. In 1900 Pastor Richards visited the church and baptized thirteen more, thus making a membership of twenty-two.

The first church building was erected between 1902 and 1909 under the pastorate of Pastors Hall, Becker, and Rashford.

Sad to say, but in 1915 the church became extinct. There were, however, a few believers who remained faithful to the Message, and in 1922 a Sabbath School was started in the home of the late Sister Coleman.

In 1924 Pastor M. Jones reorganized the church and baptized six souls. Four years later it was decided to move the building to a more suitable location, and an exchange of lands was made. On this new piece of land a coconut booth was built.

In the year 1933 we started to erect another edifice to the honour and glory of God. Two years later this building was too small so ten feet was added to the length. In 1939 the building was again too small and plans were made and submitted to the Jamaica Conference for its enlargement. The present design was accepted and we started to work with all our might, but our means were soon finished and consequently the work stopped. We started to work again with a will in 1946 and to God be the glory we have at last reached our goal; that of finishing our church."

**BAPTISMS:** During the past six months of this year God has blessed us in giving us three hundred and thirty-five souls as a result of our labours here in West Jamaica. There are many more who are awaiting baptism.

W. S. NATION.

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## Itinerating in British Honduras

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Thursday, June 12, was a holiday and the Mission Officers decided to combine business with pleasure. A new church building was to be dedicated at San Pedro, on Ambergris Cay. This church was built during Elder Archbold's administration, and now the debts were all paid. More than a week before, word had been sent to the believers in San Pedro, by a fishing boat captain, since there is no regular mail service. The Belize church members were invited to go to the dedication, so a boat was chartered and twenty of the members went with us.

After a four hour sail we reached Ambergris Cay and found a number of the church members waiting on the jetty for us. The letter that had been sent more than a week ago had just reached them the night before. Since they did not know we were coming until then no announcement had been made about the meeting the previous Sabbath, and the result was that a number of the men were off the island. It was decided, however, that since it was difficult to reach the island, and transportation was so uncertain, we should go ahead with the dedication service, and it was the writer's privilege to bring the message of the hour, after which the church was dedicated and Elder Williams offered the dedicatory prayer. We rejoice with the believers of San Pedro for the beautiful church they have established as a lighthouse for God among the Maya Indians of Ambergris Cay. We pray that God will bless the efforts of our believers there to win many others to Christ.

Under Elder Williams' leadership the work of God is going onward in British Honduras, but there still is much to do and the time is short. The field needs workers, funds, and our prayers. Let us remember this field at the Throne of Grace each day.

—W. L. BARCLAY.