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“How Much Owest Thou Unto My Lord”

By A.C. Stockhausen

LUKE 16 1-5. The rich man in this parable clearly represents God, our heavenly Father; the Steward represents the members of His church; while the time to which the parable refers is the accounting time—the judgment—or the days in which we are living. One of these days—and it cannot possibly be far off now—our heavenly Father is going to say to each one of us, “Give an account of thy stewardship.”

In looking at the question “HOW MUCH OWEST THOU UNTO MY LORD?” two other questions immediately present themselves. First—What has God done for us? No man can begin to count the mercies of God toward him—they are past finding out. The Apostle Paul, speaking to the Athenians, summed them up in one sentence: “He giveth to all life, and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25). He gives us life, strength, and health; our sight, hearing, speech, and reason are renewed every day. He gives us food, and drink, clothing and shelter. How great are His mercies. Oh! how much we owe unto Him.

The second question is — “What does God require of us in return for all that He has given?” What did God require of Adam and Eve when He placed them in the garden of Eden and gave them all that He had created? Just one thing — that they would acknowledge Him as their God, and the owner of all that He had created. That is what God requires of you and me today. Adam and Eve failed to recognize God’s ownership—they took and ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree, and for that, they were deprived of their Edenic treasure. If we do not recognize God’s ownership today we, like our forefather

Adam, will be deprived of our heavenly treasure. Instead of hearing the words of commendation, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant,” we shall hear from His lips the words of dismissal, “thou mayest be steward no longer.”

How does God require His church to show recognition of His ownership in these days? The tithing system was instituted to take the place of the forbidden tree. This is clearly stated by God, through His messenger to the Remnant church:

“The Lord created every tree in Eden pleasant to the eyes and good for food, and He made Adam and Eve freely enjoy

His bounties. But He made one exception. Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat. This tree God reserved as a constant reminder of His ownership of all....

“So it is with God’s claims upon us. He places His treasures in the hands of men, but He requires that one-tenth shall be faithfully laid aside for His work. He requires this portion to be placed in His treasury... it is sacred, and is to be used for sacred purposes, for the support of those who carry the message of salvation to all parts of the world... By faithfully obeying this requirement, we acknowledge that all belongs to God.” *Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 386.

When a member of God’s church takes one farthing of God’s tithe, to use for his own purposes, his act is exactly comparable to that which Adam and Eve did in Eden—he is touching the forbidden tree. He may not be turned out of the church—he may, like Achan, think that his covetousness and theft is not known, but he will as surely

Meet Our Workers



This month we take pleasure in introducing to our VISITOR readers Elder Glenn Millard, pastor of the North Street Temple church in Kingston, East Jamaica. Elder and Mrs. Millard spent a number of years in evangelistic service in the Caribbean Union, and came to us the beginning of this year from pastoral work in Chicago, Illinois.

lose heaven as Adam and Eve lost Eden. Here is God's message on the point:

"The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent." *Gospel Workers*, p. 227. Could God turn Adam and Eve out of the first dominion for failure to recognize His ownership, and take you and me into the restored dominion when we wilfully and knowingly commit the same sin that Adam and Eve committed? What would the inhabitants of the rest of the Universe think of such partiality on the part of God?

We come back to the question—What does God require of us? The answer is—The Tithe—one-tenth of all that He gives us. "Thou shalt truly (honestly) tithe all the increase of thy seed, that thy field bringeth forth year by year." *Deut. 14:22*. Not merely one-hands, but *one-tenth of everything that God gives us—one-tenth of the yams, breadfruit, oranges, tomatoes, eggs, and whatever else we take from our kitchen for family use—one-tenth of that present that God has given through a friend.* "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee" was the promise of Jacob. *Gen. 28:22*.

THE TITHE IS JUST AS HOLY AS THE SABBATH

In Exodus 20:8-11 we read that the Sabbath is the Lord's, and it is His holy day. In Lev. 27:30, 32, we read that "the tithe is the Lord's", and that "it is holy unto the Lord." God promises a blessing—Eternal Life—to those who keep the Sabbath holy—*Isa. 56:1-5*, and the loss of heaven to those who desecrate it—*Heb. 4:4-6, 9, 11*. The same promises are made with regard to the tithe. "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse . . . and I will pour you out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. . ." "Those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure."

How great is the promise—"I will open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it." The following conversation once took place between a brother and the writer:—

"Elder, I have made up my mind that I am not going to pay any more tithe."

"Why, brother, what's the matter?"

"The matter is just this, Elder, God has not fulfilled His promise to me."

That's interesting, brother. Which of His promises has God failed to keep to you?"

"He promised that if I would bring Tithe into the storehouse, He would pour

me out a blessing that there would not be room to receive it."

"You are mistaken, my brother, God never made such a promise to you or to anyone else."

"Oh yes, He did, Elder, I have read it in the Bible."

"Where did you read such a promise?"

"Right there in the third chapter of Malachi."

"No sir, you never read any such promise in the book of Malachi."

"Oh yes, Elder, I am sure of it, and for many years now I have been bringing tithe into the church and I have not received the blessing. I am not going to bring any more tithe for the Lord has not kept His promise."

"Brother, the Lord did not make the promise that you say He did. The Lord has promised that if you will bring ALL the tithe, He will pour you out a blessing. Have you brought *all* the tithe or only some of the tithe? You say that you have faithfully brought a tithe of all the money that you have received. Have you brought to God a tithe of those things that you and your family have used on your dining table?"

"Well, Elder, I never looked at it in just that way."

"My brother, I would advise you to go and do what God tells you to do and see if He won't make good His promise toward you."

Note that little word, "ALL."

"Bring ye *ALL* the tithe. . . ."

"Thou shalt truly tithe *ALL* the increase of thy seed. . . ."

"*ALL* the tithe is the Lord's. . . ."

"*ALL* the tithe is holy. . . ."

"Of *ALL* that Thou givest, me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

My brother, my sister, are you bringing all the tithe into God's storehouse? Or, are you feasting on the fruit of the forbidden-tree? Figures, which are hard facts, show that many of God's people are not faithful. To illustrate: In the year 1945, the tithe of a certain church worked out at less than five shillings per member for the whole year, which means that if a faithful tithe had been paid, the average income of each member of that church was fifty shillings for the year, or less than one shilling per week per member. After studying the question with that church, the tithes increased from five shillings to twelve shillings per member in 1946. But what does that mean? That the average income per member was six pounds for 1946, or two shillings and four pence per week—far less than the average day's pay of a man in these days. Another church showed an average income of one shilling and

nine pence per week for the whole year.

Let us remember that when we rob the tithe, we are not only robbing God but we rob ourselves. Tithe withheld does not make us richer than if we had paid it. On the contrary, it makes us poorer.

"It is not returning to God His own that makes men poor: it is withholding that tends to poverty." *Testimonies*.

The gates of pearl stand ajar, and Jesus is soon to say to the faithful. "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom"—those mansions that He went back to heaven to prepare. But, those who are withholding the tithe are not walking the path to the mansions of glory. They are on the road that leads straight to the poor-house. And they are bringing God's curse upon the church which they profess to love.

"For one man's sin the displeasure of God will rest upon His church till the transgression is searched out and put away." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 497.

"One sinner may diffuse darkness that will exclude the light of God from the entire congregation." *Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 265.

HOW MUCH OWEST THOU UNTO MY LORD? This is a serious question, but there is another which is even more serious in view of the fact that the Rich Man is soon to call His stewards to give an account of their stewardship. It is, ARE YOU GOING TO PAY WHAT YOU OWE? How does one get forgiveness from sin? "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." But, this is not so with the sin of tithe stealing.

"Prayer offered ever so often and ever so earnestly will never be accepted by God in the place of our tithe. Prayer will not pay our debts to God." *Messages to Young People*, p. 248.

We must bring back the forbidden fruit that we have taken, and in future, leave the tree alone. It is God's mercy that, like Achan, we have not been destroyed. Shall we wait until God says: "Thou shalt be steward no longer unto Me."

"Bring ye *ALL* the tithes into My storehouse . . . and all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."

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CHURCH BUILDING FLASH!

Why not set a tentative date with your District Pastor and Mission President for the dedication of your unfinished church? If you set an objective toward which to work, and bend every effort, the Lord will help you finish your building, too.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. R. HAIG, Secretary.

Our Vanguard — His Spirit and the Printed Word

"Call us, Lord, and use Thy people still, as Thou did'st send and use them in the days of old. Let us, everyone, feel Thy hand upon our arm and hear Thee say, "Beloved, 'twas for you."

Even in the preface of our books Jesus speaks to us. Listen to Him: "What hope could we have of warning the world, of giving the third angel's message TO ALL MEN IN THIS GENERATION were it not for the PUBLISHING WORK?" The Publishing Department Story, Page 7. Fellow ministers! We upon whom holy hands were laid, do we believe it? Brethren all— young men and children, do you believe it? Believe what? That there would not be the slightest hope to hasten the coming of our Blessed Lord, were it not for the POWER behind and within the PRINTED PAGE? Shepherds of the flock, may the Spirit remind, may He suggest that the best way to establish the believers and then send them forth as the vanguard of the saints is by PERSONALLY SELLING to them our heavenly appointed and heaven-blest BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. Do you recall our Lord says, "All our ministers should feel free to carry with them books to dispose of wherever they go? Wherever a minister goes, he can leave a book in the family where he stays, either selling it or giving it to them. Much of this work was done in the early days of this message. Ministers acted as colporteurs, using the means obtained from the sale of the books to help in the advancement of the work in places where help was needed. These can speak intelligently in regard to this method of work, for they have had an experience in this line.

"Let none think that it belittles a minister of the gospel to engage in canvassing as a means of carrying truth to the people. In doing this work he is labouring in the same manner as did the apostle Paul, who says, "Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptation which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews; and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward

God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20: 18-21. The eloquent Paul, to whom God manifested Himself in a wonderful manner, went from house to house in all humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations." C. E. p. 15, 16.

Let us acquaint ourselves and our laity, as well as the rest of the public, with our beautiful bouquet of our assorted literature!

IT REALLY HAPPENED. Not so long ago a certain Auxiliary worker (Brigade) was selling magazines in the city of ———, and invited one of our ministers to purchase a copy of the "Message" magazine, that new meat we have now, and which has come to us in due season. He confessed to me that although he was impressed with the courteous approach of the girl and with the appearance of the magazine, made especially to appeal to the coloured peoples, yet he bought it, not knowing it was our own paper!

Aside from personally placing our books, Bibles and magazines into the hands of our own people as well as into the hands of those of our country's most influential leaders in public and private life, what else does the Lord expect us ministers to do? Answer: Make the selling of our literature a regular part of our promotion in every church and company. Proof: "In the service of the Lord, there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood, as well as priests of various orders, bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to rise and shine, because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us.

Why are we not more wide-awake? Each worker may now understand his special work, and receive strength to take hold of it anew. Distinct and peculiar development of the boundless glory of God will bring tributary offerings of varied kinds to the feet of Jesus. Every new disclosure of the Saviour's love turns the balance for some soul in one direction or the other; for the end

of all things is at hand. The men of the world are rushing on to their ruin. Their schemes, their confederacies are many. New devices will continually be brought in to make of no effect the counsel of God. Men are heaping up treasures of gold and silver to be consumed by the fires of the last days."— C. E. pp. 30, 31.

Stagnation: By the grace of God we shall refuse to stagnate. We shall encompass this mountain (personal opinion, etc.) no longer. We, God helping, will go and must go forward. This is imperative in this our last challenging hour. To work NOW before the night cometh is vital.

Have you ever thought of it? What? —that we have some of the most successful evangelists in the British West Indies Union? That hundreds and thousands of souls are brought in every two years, but that for almost a decade the membership in our large churches have remained about the same, and it has not been necessary to enlarge many of our churches? Have we noticed that the membership of many of our once sturdy rural churches are dwindling alarmingly? Is there a solution? Yes. Solution one is representing Jesus in all our relationships with our people; solution two is training them through the continuous effort of blood, sweat, and tears to be soul-winners themselves WITH A NEW VISION—a perpetual and growing vision; solution three is finding the way somehow to saturate our laity with our books and magazines for their own strengthening; and solution four is having them lighted afresh by the Holy Spirit, whereby they will testify,—"Woe is me if I SELL NOT THE VESTMENTS OF THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE,— our heavenly appointed and heaven-blest magazines and books.

Let us unite on this common battleground of our new and final defence, and continue to win souls, KEEP THOSE WE HAVE WON, and they with us in the grand blitzkrieg of a stupendous forward movement in literature evangelism will usher in the coming of the Lord and Saviour IN THIS GENERATION.

Take the sword to the prisoners of hope, ye heroes, and as we go, let us sing:

Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.

—A. R. HAIG.

BIG WEEK COMING
Nov. 2—9
Begin Planning NOW!

BRITISH WEST INDIES

First Six

		Bahamas Mission	British Honduras Mission	
No. of Churches	1945	18	13	
No. " "	1946	17	11	
No. " "	1947	17	11	
Membership	1945	501	420	
"	1946	544	489	
"	1947	578	479	
Baptisms & P. Of Faith	1945	17	3	
" " " "	1946	32	33	
" " " "	1947	32	3	
Baptismal Goals	1947	24	20	
Tithe Income to Date	1945	817 5 11	685 14 3	
" " " "	1946	979 13 2	634 4 2	
" " " "	1947	1013 1 7	499 18 9	
Tithe Goal	1947	1168 0 0	812 0 0	
Sabbath School Offering	1945	139 7 10	152 8 10	
" " "	1946	160 7 9	145 18 7	
" " "	1947	153 1 5	116 9 4	
Sabbath School Offering Goal	1947	228 0 0	112 0 0	

British West Indies Union Progress Report

Eight months of 1947 have slipped into eternity and the results of our first six months labour are now available. Every worker and lay member will be interested in the Progress report on this page. It will be of value for each of us to study the figures carefully, and then pray and work most earnestly that the weaker places may be strengthened.

The report reveals that there have been 13 new churches organized since the middle of last year. Six of these were in the West Jamaica Mission, six more in the East Jamaica Mission and one in the Salt Cays Mission. There are quite a number of good sized companies in several of our missions that, with a little special concentrated effort, could be built

up into good strong church organizations. As leaders, let us study this situation, carefully selecting the most promising in our fields and concentrate on their development as planned in our year-end meetings.

Our Union membership has climbed by 1,315 during the past twelve months. This is encouraging, but the bright picture is darkened by 110 apostasies in the second quarter of 1947 alone. Are we doing all that we can to win back those who, for one reason or another, have wandered away from the fold? In many of our churches the Reunion Day Programmes have helped to warm cold hearts. How about your district? Are there not some churches that would benefit from such a special Sabbath service? It will take a little extra effort and

planning, but it may save some souls eternally.

The Lord has blessed our workers and members in their soul-winning endeavours the first six months of the year. Only one field reports a loss over 1946 and most fields show substantial gains. The East Jamaica Mission with 501 baptized and added upon profession of faith has reached her full six months goal. Carefully planned and frequent baptismal services have helped, under God, to reach this figure. Our district pastors have made first things first and soul-winning should continue to hold first place in the programme of every worker in the British West Indies Union.

The report of Tithes and Offerings should be studied carefully by each worker and member. God expects us to

ION PROGRESS REPORT

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Islands	Salt Cays	East Jamaica	West Jamaica	B. W. I. Union
on	Mission	Mission	Mission	
	—	67	90	192
	2	74	92	200
	3	80	98	213
7	—	5402	4778	11178
9	15	5937	5239	12303
4	26	6539	5878	13618
	—	223	236	479
	—	360	247	676
2	10	501	320	857
	14	500	450	1000
7 2	0 0 0	5347 15 10	4121 19 10	11125 3 0
0 10	214 7 7	5734 0 3	4568 16 1	11247 12 1
2 8	No Report	6234 4 5	4307 11 4	12243 1 6
0 0	294 0 0	6330 0 0	5470 0 0	14278 0 0
1 4		800 3 11	745 2 4	1854 4 3
5 7	0 8 6	909 13 7	804 2 8	2024 17 8
7 3	No Report	1015 14 10	798 9 9	2116 12 7
0 0	48 0 0	1402 0 0	969 0 0	2797 0 0

all be faithful in our giving in these last days that the work of God might be carried forward with great impetus to a victorious conclusion.

May I take this opportunity of thanking every worker — administrators, departmental secretaries, district pastors, evangelists, office and institution workers and every active church member for the work you have done to make this good report possible. May God continue to richly bless you in your service for Him. Let us all join hands the last four months of 1947 to make this year the greatest mile-stone in the history of our work in every field of the British West Indies Union! May God bless and keep and prosper each and every one of you!

— R. H. P.

SALT CAYS MISSION
G. M. Premier, Pres. & Treas.
Grand Turk, Turks Island, B.W.I.

The Salt Cays Mission has been pretty well cut off from the world for the past six weeks. During that period the *Kirksons* — Grand Turk's main link with Jamaica — has been off on a trip to America, so communications have been pretty well cut off during that time.

But now the *Kirksons* is in again and encouraging word from the Premiers and Nebbletts has come through.

Writing of the building work in Grand Turk where a recently purchased building is being remodeled for the church, Brother Premier writes:

"The church really does look beautiful

inside. The roof is on, and the walls have been plastered and white washed. We had our first meeting Thursday night. The church only needs a new floor and some mason work in front and then the washing of the outside."

The Nebbletts have returned to the Caicos Islands to work. They had the unfortunate experience of having many of their household things stolen while they were absent on a trip. Brother Nebblett is continuing the work on the Blue Hills Church building and also doing some evangelistic work in that community. They are meeting with some opposition, but the Lord is impressing hearts with His truth for these times. In one Caicos community the minister of another denomination has read himself into the message.

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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**A Pleasant Visit to
British Honduras**

Arriving in British Honduras Aug. 5, it was my privilege to spend a very pleasant week visiting our work in the British Honduras Mission. Elder J. N. Williams, President of the Mission, had a well planned programme outlined and we were "on the wing" every minute of the seven days.

Our first visit was to Stann Creek where we met with the believers in an evening service. Brother and Sister Woodburn, recent recruits from Jamaica, have been hard at work for the past two months here in Stann Creek. Their labours have been greatly appreciated by the members both here and in the Stann Creek Valley. Brother Woodburn has been giving many Bible studies and though there has been much opposition to his work the Lord will help him gather out the honest in heart. At the time of our visit Brother Woodburn was down in bed with a persistent attack of Malaria.

The following morning Brother Williams and I took a sixty-mile Jeep ride to visit the believers up in the fruitful Stann Creek Valley. We found all here of good courage and determined to press the battle to the gates.

Returning to Belize by boat we made preparations Friday to spend the Sabbath in the Central district and then leave for the Northern District Sunday morning. Friday evening and Sabbath morning services were conducted in the Belize church. Our hearts were encouraged with the fine response to the appeal for reconsecration in the latter meeting. The Spirit of God was very near to us for this service.

Sabbath afternoon in company with Brother and Sister Hugh Flowers we paid a visit to one of the newest companies in the Mission—Rock Stone Pond. Here we found a fine group of Sabbath keepers who will one day soon be organized into a full fledged church. Returning home we stopped to have sundown vespers with the members in Boston.

Sunday was a busy day. Elder and Mrs. Williams, Sister R. P. Smith, Rosa and I, left early in the morning for the dedication of the Boston church. Here Brother and Sister Arthur Harding have laboured most faithfully the past few years sowing the seeds of truth that have now sprung up into the Mission's

newest church organization. Brother and Sister Harding and the other members, with some help from the Mission had constructed a very neat little house of worship that we all joined in dedicating to the glory of God in this little community.

Brother Garfield Newman—W.I.T.C. '45—pastor of the northern district, was just preparing to open an evangelistic effort in Orange Walk that evening so we stopped by and did what we could to help launch the campaign. A large crowd overflowed the little meeting place and thronged the main street in front. Brother Newman and Sister Romero expect to spend at least three months in this new center. Let us pray the Lord will help them establish a good strong work in this important community.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PRAYER APPOINTMENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER CIRCLE

Pray for the soul winning efforts being put forth by all of our workers and lay preachers throughout the B. W. I. Union.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Fourteen thousand praying Seventh-day Adventists at work in the B.W.I. Union can move mountains of difficulty and win victories for God. Pray!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m.

Monday we held an early morning meeting with the members in Corozal and then journeyed on to Calcutta for a meeting there. In Calcutta Elder Williams united Mr. Ramcharan and Miss Struther in marriage following the preaching service. Leaving Calcutta we stopped by for a brief visit with the Spanish believers in Concepcion, where plans were laid to erect a booth and organize the eleven Sabbath school members into a regular Sabbath school. From Concepcion we journeyed over to the border of Mexico for a meeting with the church in Douglas. After this service we headed southward to Belize, stopping to visit interested persons and isolated believers enroute.

All in all it was a most pleasant and profitable trip. During my stay we visited all but two of the churches in the Mission. Elder and Sister Williams are doing a good work in British Honduras. They have had many problems and some very discouraging circumstances to meet since their arrival, but they have met the issues in a realistic and Christian way,

and the Lord has helped them through many difficult times.

Now the gleams of encouragement are streaming through the clouds and the Lord has good things in store for His work under Elder and Sister Williams' consecrated leadership. Careful soul-winning plans that include entering some of the unentered communities are part of Elder Williams' programme for the months to come. Strengthening of the Sabbath School department is inevitable with Sister Williams giving this important work her characteristic enthusiastic support. Brethren Vasciannie and Cojulan are being blessed in their literature work and 1947 should be a banner year for the publishing department when the records are closed this year end.

Both Brethren Newman and Woodburn are of good courage and working hard in soul-winning endeavour. I was glad to find Miss Dorothy Campbell building up a very enviable reputation in the Belize church school. Everyone is happy to have Miss Campbell in Belize, and the prospects for the school are bright. Miss Ivy Usher, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission, is doing good work in looking after the finances of the field. Good days are ahead for British Honduras. Let us all pray for Elder Williams and his workers and lay members in this important field.—R. H. P..

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

K. S. CROFOOT, President & Treasurer
Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

**Cayman Islands
Mission News Notes**

We are happy to report that Dr. and Mrs. Cafferky and family are now nicely settled in their home in Georgetown. Dr. Cafferky's offices are located in what was the radio building of the American Base. The coming of the doctor to Grand Cayman is evidently appreciated by more than just the Adventists, for the doctor's patient list is ever widening, and now numbers several hundred. He has already performed a number of major operations, all with good success; and has had a wide variety of cases under his care. Recently at the urgent request of a mother on Cayman Brac, Dr. Cafferky and his nurse, Miss Sailman, took a very rough trip on a small vessel to treat a small child suffering with double pneumonia. While at the Brac, the Doctor also saw a number of other patients; several of these have come to the Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston for further attention.

Elder and Mrs. Crofoot have gone to Mandeville, Jamaica, for a vacation

during the month of August. They expect to be back at work when the "Caymania" sails the first week in September.

Recently a large addition has been built on to the School Building in Georgetown. The addition will give almost 50% more room inside for school children. At the same time that this was done, the thatch building was torn down, and the mission property surfaced with fresh sea sand. The resulting large play-ground is a wonderful improvement both in appearance and in efficiency for the school. A large increase in attendance at the school is expected in September. Already many parents have spoken to Mrs. Crofoot about sending their children.

Saturday evening, August 2, a large group of young people gathered in the school building for a farewell party for Mary Merren, daughter of Brother George Merren, elder of the Georgetown church. Mary left the next day on the "Caymania" for Jamaica where she made necessary arrangements to go to the United States. Mary is to attend the Forest Lake Academy in Maitland, Florida, next year. The prayers and best wishes of the young people of Georgetown go with Mary.

There have been two baptisms already as a result of the Savannah meetings. Three individuals were baptized in each baptism. The present church membership is now 11; with a Sabbath School membership of 19. The members in Savannah are working hard on a building fund, and hope to start on their church in the near future.

The members of the Boddentown company were greatly encouraged by the meetings conducted by Elder Crofoot; and we are confident that several will be baptized as a result later this summer. Some new faces are seen in Sabbath School each Sabbath. There has been bitter opposition to the Truth in both Savannah and Boddentown, but the Message is winning souls in spite of everything done against it.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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

News Notes from West Jamaica

STONELAYINGS

On the 3rd of August the stonelaying service for the Water Works church was celebrated. The Petersfield church has now outgrown its building, but a large percentage of the members of this church are really from the adjacent district of Water Works. These believers have, therefore, decided to build in their own

district and thus spread out the work instead of concentrating at Petersfield. Accordingly they secured a plot of land and started their building, and from the returns of their stonelaying hope to make a good move forward. Thus in the near future we hope to have two churches in this area instead of one.

On the 10th of August the Somerton church had their stonelaying service, which was very nicely supported by the brethren of the Vaughansfield and Montego Bay churches. This church is pre-eminently a colporteur church. In the first place the work was started in this district by Colporteur C. H. Hepburn, and from its membership five colporteurs are now in the field. Two stones were laid in honour of the colporteurs of St. James and St. Ann, which seemed to be a unique circumstance. On this occasion we were privileged to have with us Brother Alwyn Parchment, a student of the College of Medical Evangelists, who very ably presented the sermon.

DEDICATION

We certainly rejoice with the brethren of Jericho who have so faithfully applied themselves to their church building programme. These brethren set themselves a goal and they along with their untiring district pastor worked day and night in order to be ready for dedication on the 10th of August. It was very interesting to learn the history of this church, how one sister from Mt. Peace bore witness

for the Master in this district while visiting a friend. The seed sown found fertile soil in the heart of Brother Ferdinand Bingham who visited Mt. Peace church and by learning the Message more fully through reading the book "Bible Footlights" stepped out to obey God under great persecution. Like the disciples of old, he brought two other brethren with him, and they in turn brought three others. Finally a Sabbath School of forty members was organized in 1935 by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, who further organized them into a church of twenty-seven members the following year. Today their fine church building houses sixty-six members, and there are nineteen in the baptismal class as a result of evangelistic meetings recently held by Pastor Gouldbourne. It is surely a joy to see one more building completed to the glory of God.

We are happy to have Pastor Hurst back in his district, his health being much improved. He reports a fine interest at Retirement where he is holding a series of meetings.

Pastor Lindo reports a good interest at May Pen where he is at present conducting an effort in the church.

Brethren Earl Parchment and B. R. Hamilton, our departmental secretaries, recently held a four-week effort at Asia, at the close of which seventeen were buried with their Lord in baptism and a larger number are continuing their instruction before receiving the sacred rite.



MILE GULLY EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

The picture above shows the fine group of earnest believers assembled for the first Sabbath service of the Mile Gully (West Jamaica) evangelistic campaign conducted by Pastor A. E. Haig, Publishing Department Secretary of the British West Indies Union. To date 86 persons have been baptized as the result of this fine effort. Pastor Haig was ably assisted by Miss B. Pringle, Miss E. Benson, and Brother G. Alexander. A number more are preparing for baptism at present.

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News Notes from Portland

Throughout the previous week Portland lived up to its reputation for rain, but on Sunday, August 3, it seemed that even nature went out of its natural course. This was indeed a high day for the members of the Buff Bay church as the day's programme began with a baptismal service. These candidates with the exception of one were the first fruits from an effort conducted by Brethren Dormer, Cummings and White of the Buff Bay church. These meetings were conducted at a district called Tranquility, and the message really brought tranquility to their hearts. Following the baptism we re-assembled for the ordinances of the Lord's house.

With eager anticipation the many invited guests came at the time appointed to the stone-laying service. The tabernacle was woefully inadequate to seat the large crowd that gathered at the time appointed. We had persons from St. Mary, as well as a number from some of the churches in Portland, and the church was pleased to have some of the prominent citizens of the town.

Seated on the platform were, Brother Dormer, the assistant leader of the Buff Bay church, Brother B. R. Hamilton, from the West Jamaica Mission, Pastor A. R. Haig, of the British West Indies Union, Brother W. J. Miller, of the Port Antonio church, and Pastor M. G. Nembhard, the district pastor.

The service opened with that immortal hymn, "The Church Has One Foundation." After the scripture reading, given by the district pastor, Brother B. R. Hamilton invoked God's presence. The rest of the programme consisting of two anthems by the choir, a recitation by Mrs. Lumsden and a solo by Brother Harold Fletcher, "Open the Gates of the Temple," were highly appreciated by all.

The main speaker of the evening was Pastor A. R. Haig. He held the audience in rapt attention as they listened to his address on "stones" and their spiritual meaning. He invited the congregation to consecrate their lives for the spiritual building of God's kingdom.

The last feature on our programme was the laying of the stones by those who were appointed to do so. Fifty-two stones were laid on this memorable occasion, and at the close of this interesting part of the evening's activities, the entire congregation assembled at the entrance of the new building and sang the doxology. The benediction was pronounced by the district pastor.

M. G. Nembhard.

MANCHIONEAL BAPTISM

Sunday, August 3, was a real day of rejoicing for the believers of Manchioneal. At 6:30 a.m. we started out for the usual place where baptisms are being held, and on arriving there we found a preacher of a strange type with candidates and a large crowd of people. We then decided to seek another spot. One was found about a half mile away. Very soon after reaching there we discovered that almost all the people seen at the previous spot came to watch our baptism.

We give the Master praise for the 13 precious souls which were buried in the watery grave. Twelve were added to the Manchioneal church and one to the Hector's River church.

An appeal was made at the water's side and several showed their desire to follow their Lord in baptism by the showing of their right hands.

From the place of baptism we went to the Manchioneal church where another happy time was spent by observing the Lord's supper. We had a full house.

Please pray for the Manchioneal church.—E. C. WALTON.

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CHURCH BUILDING NEWS

Church Completion Honour Roll

(Dedicated during 1947)

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

These thirteen churches are justly proud of their neat, fully finished church buildings. It was hard work for them to finish up, but they are happy they put forth the effort. Why not put forth a special effort and complete your house of worship? The Mission and the Union will help with the last £30 to prepare your church for dedication.

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Church Dedication Dates Set

Trinityville,	East Ja.	Aug. 31
The Brac,	Cay. Islands	Sept.
Pahn,	East Ja.	Nov. 9
Dignum Mount,	East Ja.	Nov. 23
Kitson Town,	East Ja.	Nov. 30
Sherwood		
Content	West Ja.	Nov. 30
Spring Garden	West Ja.	Nov. 30
Sandy Bay,	West Ja.	Dec. 7

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Church Commencement Honour Roll

(Stone Layings During 1947)

Lances Bay, West Jamaica Mission
Dignum Mountain, East Ja. Mission
Spaldings, West Jamaica Mission
Annotto Bay, East Jamaica Mission
Johnson, West Jamaica Mission
Hampstead, East Jamaica Mission
Olive Mount, East Jamaica Mission
Williamsfield, East Jamaica Mission
Buff Bay, East Jamaica Mission
Retreat, East Jamaica Mission
Somerton, West Jamaica Mission
Water Works, West Jamaica Mission
Mile End, West Jamaica Mission.

Have you set your Stone Laying Date?

Have you laid your plans definitely to commence your house of worship? The Mission and the Union will help those churches, which have qualified, with £15 to prepare for the Stone Laying service.

Why not set a tentative date with your District Pastor and your Mission President for the dedication of your unfinished church? If you set an objective toward which to work and bend every effort the Lord will help you finish your building, too.

Stone Laying Dates Set

Hope Bay,	East Jamaica	Aug. 24
Dallas Castle,	East Jamaica	Sept. 14
Bourbon,	East Jamaica	Sept. 14
East End,	Cayman Islands	Sept.
Bath,	East Jamaica	Sept. 21
Old Harbour,	East Jamaica	Sept. 28
Port Morant,	East Jamaica	Oct. 5
Woodford,	East Jamaica	Oct. 26
Bellas Gate,	East Jamaica	Nov. 2
Yallahs,	East Jamaica	Nov. 30

Have you set your stone-laying date.

Until He Comes

Brother George Hall, of the Chapelton church, accepted this truth in 1937, and fell asleep in Jesus July 30, 1947. He awaits the call of the Life Giver. The funeral rites were performed by Pastor S. G. Lindo.

Sister Catherine Ennis, of March Town, embraced the truths of the Advent Message in the days of the pioneers of the work in Jamaica. For many years the leader of the church, she carried her responsibilities faithfully. She lived to see the membership of her church increase to 214 before she passed away on July 31, 1947. She was laid to rest by Pastors W. S. Nation, E. C. H. Reid, and L. A. Gouldbourne, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.