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Taking Men Alive

By Robert H. Pierson

WOULDN'T you like to learn one Greek word? Let me teach you a very important one for every Seventh-day Adventist to know. It is *zogreo* and it means "to take alive."

The Bible teaches us that every judgment bound man or woman born into this world of sin is going to be "taken alive" by someone. Notice by whom.

"Zogreo" appears only twice in the whole of the New Testament. Let us read both of these references. They should make a deep impression upon your heart and life.

First, turn to *1 Tim. 2:26*. Here Paul says, "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." Here the word *zogreo* is translated "taken captive". It means literally "taken alive". Here is depicted the great portion of the human race who will be "taken alive" or "taken captive" by our adversary the devil—trapped in his clutches, lost—eternally lost!

In *1 Peter 5:8*, Satan is described as a "roaring lion" out seeking whom he may take alive and devour. Now we are told by those who have traveled in Africa where there are many lions that these great beasts will not pass fires built around camps at night. They will pace back and forth, their eyes blazing like balls of fire in the night, but they will not venture to cross the fire line that protects the travelers.

The Prophet Zechariah describes our God as "a wall of fire round about" safety against the attacks of Satan, that roaring lion seeking to take us alive,

is in keeping the fire of God burning brightly about us. He cannot pass that wall of protection with which the Lord surrounds His people.

From these texts it is proof plain that many will be "taken alive" (*zogreo*) by Satan.

On the other hand, let us turn to the one other place in Scripture where the word *zogreo* is used, and note its connection there.

"And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." *Luke 5:10*.

Here again men are taken alive, but in what a different manner and for what a different purpose! This time it is the King of Glory who declares that you and I have been selected to take men alive for eternal life! What a glorious privilege!

"God could have proclaimed His truth through sinless angels, but this is not His plan. He chooses human beings, men compassed with infirmity, as instruments in the working out of His designs. The priceless treasure is placed in earthen vessels. Through men His blessings are to be conveyed to the world. Through them His glory is to shine forth into the darkness of sin. In loving ministry they are to meet the sinful and the needy, and lead them to the cross." *A. A.*, p. 330.

What an honour heaven has bestowed upon each one of us—hunters for souls—workers together with God to take men and women alive for Him!

Solemn thought—every person born into this world will be taken alive by one of the great fishers of men—either Christ or Satan! All will be taken alive unto death or taken alive unto

Meet Our Workers



One of the recent additions to our British West Indies Union worker family is Brother Owen Jones, Principal of the Bahamas Mission Academy in Nassau. Having graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College, Brother and Sister Jones and son, Billy, responded immediately to our call to head up this rapidly growing institution in the Bahamas Mission.

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Soul Winning News from The Bahamas

Sabbath morning, November 21, I left Nassau on board the M. V. "Gary Roberts" for a two weeks' itinerary among the churches and companies on the island of Andros. After two days of average sailing weather in waters smooth and rough, I arrived at Kemps Bay where a goodly number of our people were waiting to greet me. Soon each one, so far as the pieces of baggage and equipment would go around, was carrying my things into the settlement from the beach and a little later I found myself settled in a house which had been made ready.

The next eight days I spent holding meetings in our church building and in visiting with our people. I also spent quite some time in visiting the Mission School. At all of our meetings, the attendance was good and the Lord blessed with good gatherings which proved profitable for all.

It was a source of real inspiration to hear the children of the school sing and recite their drills and lessons. Brother U. B. Toote, our teacher, is to be commended for the good work he is carrying on!

The following Tuesday, four of our brethren from Black Point came in two small boats for my things over there. The weather had been so rough that it wasn't until their third attempt that they were able to get through. Another house had been made ready and here I again set up house-keeping.

It was also a joy to meet with our believers here and our nightly attendance to the meetings conducted in the Black Point Church was even larger than at Kemps Bay. Each night the building was well filled with earnest and attentive listeners. Seldom have I been privileged to hear more enthusiastic singing than at this meeting.

On Thursday, December 9, in company with Brother Romulus Rahming, Brother U. B. Toote, and Brother Thomas Miller, I made the trip by sail boat to Pleasant Bay where I had the privilege to witness what God has been doing through Brother and Sister Toote for the upbuilding of His work in that section of the island. I was happy to see a fine church building up to the belt course, as well as a room for the children's Sabbath school division. There were six ready to be taken into the church who had been prepared for baptism by this couple and the rite was subsequently administered. We are hopeful that soon we shall be able to organize another church as well as to dedicate a new building in this place.

Returning to Black Point by foot, we were privileged to visit with a number of our isolated believers along the way. Sabbath, December 13, was a day which will be remembered for a long time by all the believers in that entire area who gathered at the Black Point church for an all day meeting. At the close of the Sabbath, ten more candidates were baptized. These, including one taken in on profession of faith, were the fruits of the labours of three of our lay brethren, namely, Brother Romulus Rahming, Brother Thomas Miller, and Brother Walter Rahming of Black Point, Kemps Bay and Deep Creek respectively. One other was received into the Black Point church on Profession of Faith, making a total of fifteen new members for that area. We are grateful for the faithfulness on the part of these laymen, which resulted in these additions.

SOUL WINNING



NEWS

At this writing, January 11, Elder W. L. Barclay, Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Young People's Secretary of the Union is with us. He has been assisting in the Ingathering and the Lord has blessed our efforts. The goal for the entire Mission is almost in hand, and we are expecting a good overflow.

Pastor and Mrs. Keuster have recently returned from their visit with their people in Florida and we welcome them back after a much needed rest from their strenuous activities connected with the carrying on of the work here in Nassau.

— H. D. COLBURN.

Soul Winning in Southern British Honduras

It would appear as if the work of God in this section of the world's harvest is just getting started. In the Stann Creek area we have not had a baptism for over three years. One soul is very precious here. To break this monotony on Sunday, November 30, three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

In the Stann Creek Valley church they have not had a baptism for a number of years also. Today, after some revival meetings, a baptismal class has been formed and early in 1948 these candidates will be going forward in that sacred rite.

In the Monkey River area the brethren are working faithfully to revive the work. It has been planned that in the early part of this year an effort will be held in this district to climax the work that our faithful lay preachers are doing. Already they have a baptismal class, most of whom are juniors. These young ones are very zealous. A few adults have also started keeping the Sabbath. Pray for our work in the southern districts of British Honduras.

— B. A. WOODBURN.

Soul Winning in Northern British Honduras

Thursday afternoon, just as the sun was slipping behind the western horizon, the members of the Corozal church came together to welcome the new year, to give expression of gratitude to God and to make New Year's resolutions of deeper consecration to God and to His cause. Just after this service, Brother Garfield Newman, the pastor of the district, and I went out to San Adres, where a quiet wedding took place between David Brown and Sarah Phillips.

New Year's morning was one of joy and gladness for the churches of Corozal and Calcutta. They met part of the way between the two churches to have a joint baptism by the seaside. Seven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism to rise and walk in newness of life. On the afternoon of the same day, we went by motor car thirteen miles to Santa Clara to unite a couple in holy wedlock. This brother had been keeping the Sabbath for sometime, but he was not married and could not be united with the church; the woman being opposed to Seventh-day Adventists, wanted to be married by the Roman Catholic church. The brother on the other hand was determined not to have anything to do with the priest. Because of their little girl nine years of age, he did not want to make any rash move, but was determined that if he could



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Are You Unemployed?

Thousands of people reading that question would probably answer 'Yes.' Possibly you are among that number. What a wonderful thing it would be if there were no more unemployment. Then we would be happy, because our employment would enable us to buy the food we need to build healthy, strong bodies and minds. We would be able to buy the necessary clothing for our families, and we would rejoice in the knowledge that they also would be happy.

How I wish it were possible for me to provide employment for every idle Adventist in the British West Indies Union. If I just had a large plantation I would say to every Adventist: "Go work in my field today," and I am sure that all who were idle would be glad for the opportunity to go to work.

But wait, I do have a large field, and I do need workers in that field. And I am offering the best pay that it is possible for man ever to receive. That field is the territory that comprises the British West Indies Union. Within the boundaries of that territory there live approximately a million and a half people. Only about fifteen thousand of them are preparing for the coming of the Lord. The rest are drifting along, indifferent to the fact that soon Christ will come, and the Lord wants us to go into the highways and the byways and bring them into His fold. The time to finish the work is very short, and every moment of delay may cost some soul the eternal kingdom. "The perils of the last days are upon us," the pen of inspiration records. Now is the time to rise to the challenge of the greatest hour in history.

This is no time for any Adventist to be idle in the Lord's service. The servant of the Lord admonishes us that "It is not the Lord's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seed of truth. Men who are not called to the ministry are to . . . labour for the Master according to their several ability. Hundreds of men and women now idle could do

acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their friends and neighbours, they could do a great work for the Master." *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 21.

Are you unemployed? The Lord is waiting for you to go to work, and the need for active laymen is greater today than it ever was in the history of this movement. Thousands in the West Indies have been students in the Bible Correspondence School, and they are anxious for a more personal acquaintance with the children of God. The field is ready for harvest, and the labourers are few. You, by your activity, can help to reap this harvest. YOU, by your inactivity, can be held responsible for those who are lost. The old story is familiar to us: for want of a nail the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe the horse was lost. For want of a horse the soldier was lost. For want of the soldier the battle was lost. For want of the victory the kingdom was lost. We can paraphrase it simply: For want of active laymen souls will be lost for the Kingdom of God.

There is no need for anyone to be unemployed in the work of the Lord today. There is a place for all who will step out in faith to do His work. And the wages that God pays feeds and strengthens the soul, and provides the robes of Christ's righteousness to clothe us. The wages—Eternal Life! The happiness that comes from service to God is unsurpassed by anything in the world. ENLIST IN THE RANKS OF THE LAY PREACHERS of the British West Indies, today, and share your Christian hope with others.

— W. L. BARCLAY.

Spearhead Evangelism

At the Autumn Council in Michigan a few months ago a new type of Evangelistic effort was born. It has been called the Spearhead effort.

This new plan encourages our regular Mission Workers to hold short campaigns for the purpose of securing names for personal follow-up work to be done by our lay workers.

Under this plan the church or the company where the effort is to be held will prepare the field well first by a thorough, systematic literature distribution programme. Week after week members will visit friends and neighbours and others each time taking them a tract on the message. These tracts are so selected that they will create and progressively develop an interest in the truth.

Prayer bands will be organized in the church or company and earnest intercessory prayer will ascend on behalf of unbaptized juniors and young people of Adventist homes, unconverted husbands and wives, sons and daughters of members and interested persons. These prayer bands should meet regularly and pray definitely for certain individuals by name who are on their prayer list.

Then the worker will come to commence the effort. He will spend a week or ten days getting the meetings well under way and assisting lay workers in their plans to keep the interest burning brightly. He will conduct a class on "How to Give Bible Studies" with prospective lay Bible workers. He will help the Lay Preacher or Preachers who will continue the effort to plan their subjects and carry the meetings on through in a good strong way. He will preach most of the sermons this first week of the effort.

The prayer band will continue. As the minister visits in the homes of interested persons he will take the lay workers with him thus enabling them to learn helpful lessons in visiting, praying, and studying the message with such persons.

When the minister leaves, the lay workers will continue the meetings as many nights a week as agreed upon. The lay preachers will preach and lead out and the other lay workers will help in the visiting, the Bible Studies and other phases of the meetings.

When it is time to present the last eight or ten subjects of the effort the minister will return and help the lay workers bring interested persons to a

not be married by the Seventh-day Adventist church, he could see no other way out, but separation. He won the victory and they were married accordingly. This brother will be baptized at the next baptism. We are hoping and praying that his new wife will also be won to the faith. We already have five Sabbath keepers in Santa Clara, also a small Sabbath school. We are hoping that before long a church will be organized as a monument of truth to the Lord in this place.

On the way home to Belize, we stopped off on the Orange Walk Road, where Ezekiel Jones and Dianah Halland were united in marriage. Four of the newlywed brethren and sisters are candidates for baptism.

— J. N. WILLIAMS.

Baptismal Services for January

WEST JAMAICA:

Elder Frank Fletcher—Orange, 3;
Vaughansfield, 6.

Elder Shirleigh Greene—Sheffield, 5.
Brother W. A. Osborne—Coleyville, 7.

Elder E. E. Parchment—Newell, 6.
Total for West Jamaica, January—27.

EAST JAMAICA:

Elder M. G. Nembhard—Berrydale, 1.
Elder A. C. Stockhausen—Jacks River, 6; Guy's Hill, 1.

Total for East Jamaica January—8.

Editor's Note: It is planned to report all baptismal services in the Union each month as per above. We will greatly appreciate the District Pastors or Mission Presidents dropping us a card with this report. We hope every church will plan a baptism every quarter.

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The Last Hour

The sunset burns across the sky;
Upon the air its warning cry.

The curfew tolls, from tower to tower,
O' children, 'tis the last, last hour,
The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving Name
Ye must, in fervent haste, proclaim.
The fields are white to harvest. Weep,
O' tardy workers, as ye reap.

For wasted hours that might have won
Rich harvests ere the set of sun.

We hear His footsteps on the way!

Oh, work, while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
O children, in this last, last hour!

— CLARA THWAITES.

Profession vs. Expression

P rivilaged as we are in
R eceiving Christ as
O ur Saviour, we often
F ail to do the things
E xpected of Christians.
S ome of us seem to be
S astified to have our names
I nscribed in the church books.
O ur interest for others
N ever is shown.

E very one who enjoys a deep
X perience in Christ
P roves it by carrying on a
R egular missionary programme
E very day of the week,
S eeking for as many
S ouls as possible to
I ntroduce to Christ.
O pportunity to help others is
N ever neglected.

DO YOU PROFESS OR EXPRESS?

— W. L. Barclay.

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!*

Notes and Notices

The Mount Carey church would like to know the whereabouts of Mr. Edgar Guthrie. Anyone knowing of this brother please communicate with the leader, Rupert Fray, Anchovy P. O.

The Petersfield church would like to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Linda McLaren, and Miss Beatrice Humphrey. Anyone knowing of these parties please communicate with the leader, John Haye, Petersfield P. O.

Help Me, Lord, to Win Just One

Far and near I hear them calling;
From all climes beneath the sun.
Hear my prayer to answer quickly—
Help me, Lord, to win just one!
Here's a brother, there's a sister—
Here's a neighbour to be won!
Stir me now with zeal to labour,
Help me, Lord, to win just one!
Thousands may not hear my preaching,
Masses may my witness shun,
Give me then the single sinner,
Help me, Lord, to win just one!
Millions calling! Few to answer!
Souls in darkness—lost! undone!
Burden down my heart within me—
Help me, Lord, to win just one!

— R. H. PIERSON.

When Should a Child be Baptized?

This is a question that has not been fully settled in the minds of many of our believers. There are those who reason that one should not be baptized until he is in his middle or late teens; but according to the inspired word this belief is unfounded.

In *Mark 16:15, 16* we have the plain instruction of the Master, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Peter says in *Acts 2:38* "Repent and be baptized." In *Volume 6 of the Testimonies*, pp. 93 and 94, we read: "Religious instruction should be given to children from their earliest years. When the happiest period of their lives has come, and they in their hearts love Jesus and wish to be baptized, then deal faithfully with them. Before they receive the ordinance, ask them if it is to be their first purpose in life to work for God. Then tell them how to begin. . . After faithful labour, if you are satisfied that your children understand the meaning of conversion and baptism, and are truly converted, let them be baptized."

Now the question arises, at what age is a child responsible for his wrong doings? Do parents wait until their children are in their teens before they hold them responsible for wrong acts? Surely they do not.

The laws of the land do not provide that persons must be grown men and women before punishment is inflicted for violation of such laws. Why then should they wait for carrying out of the instruction of their Lord, when they fully comprehend what is right?

Let us ponder the words of the wise man—"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If the child has been

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decision and organize a baptismal class. This last week or ten days the minister spends with the effort will be a real training period for the lay workers in the fine art of gaining decisions for the truth.

The baptismal class will continue to be instructed by the lay workers until they are fully prepared to follow their Lord into the watery grave of baptism.

This new plan presents a fine opportunity for real teamwork on the part of our lay workers and Mission ministers in soul winning. Already 33 such efforts have been planned for the island of Jamaica for 1948. Let us pray that God may abundantly bless and that hundreds of souls may be won as the result. If your church is interested in conducting such an effort, write your Mission President and see if it can be arranged.

—R. H. P.

What Can I Do to Help Win Souls?

Jesus said, "I have left you an example."

Christ Jesus, the greatest of all ancient and modern evangelists, has set forth successful methods of soul-winning. These cannot be improved upon. His methods were—preaching, teaching, healing, visiting homes, talking to individuals by the wayside or by the well. Every contact was an opportunity for service and ministry.

"Those who, in response to the call of the hour, have entered the service of the Master Worker, may well study His methods." *P. K.*, page 73.

PUBLIC EVANGELISM

"The Lord has given to some ministers the ability to gather and hold large congregations." *G. W.*, p. 345. Not all, however, are endowed with this gift; some may be only capable of holding small gatherings. Perhaps to you, dear reader, the Lord has bestowed the ability to preach. Will you not consecrate your talents to Him and start a lay effort of your own? Begin today by getting in touch with your district pastor and your Mission Home Missionary Secretary, who will be glad to help you.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

"Let the workers go from house to house opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls." *Vol. 9*, p. 123.

"House-to-house labourers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of Bible truth. Singing and prayer and Bible readings are needed in the homes of the people." *C. T.*, page 540.

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

"Let literature be distributed judiciously on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails." *G. W.* p. 353.

"The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way." *Vol. 6*, pp. 315, 316.

The Lay Preacher

From every walk of life he comes
To serve his Lord and Saviour,
He leads men to the throne of Grace,
To share with him God's favour.
We find him in the cobbler's shop,
And down in the plantation,
His greatest burden in this life,
To help men find salvation.
Bakers, plumbers, farmers too
They've heard the call for reapers,
They've recognized the Saviour's word
"You are your brother's keeper."
The work he's done is oft unsung,
To him it does not matter,
He's interested only in one thing,
The plan of sin to shatter.
Our hats are off to you, good friend,
Our prayer, that God will bless,
Press forward in the battle now,
To you God gives success.

—W. L. BARCLAY.

Is Tithe Paying Related to Soul Winning

Thirty-five years ago the world membership of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination stood at 98,044 members. At the close of 1946, the latest date at which figures are available, the world membership totaled 598,683. Thus, in such a comparatively short period of time, the net increase in the ranks of God's remnant people has been more than 510%!

To what factors may we credit this phenomenal growth? Is it the result of superior talent or ability on the part of our ministry and laity? Is it because the pioneers were men of great wealth? Is it due to an abundance of equipment and facilities? We believe that the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist church is due to none of these factors. Instead it has resulted from faithful adherence to the "blue-print" that God has given to the remnant. This "blue-print" includes such major points as true Sabbath observance, tithe-paying and the proclamation everywhere of the judgment hour message to a dying world.

Indeed, these are the things that set us apart from the rest of the world. Men marvel that we are able to keep the Sab-

bath, refraining from gainful employment on the day that Satan has caused to be the real "bread and butter" day of the whole week. They are amazed to find a people who, in the midst of the greed and covetousness of a world, almost wholly given over to self-serving, are faithfully returning to God's treasury the tenth of all their income. Here is the testimony of one author, not of our faith, on this subject:

"So far as known to the writer, there is but but one evangelical denomination in the world which accepts the tithe as a church tenet and belief, and regards the law of the tithe as of the same binding force as the law of the Sabbath. I refer to the Seventh-day Adventists."

Then this writer ascribes to this faithfulness in tithe-paying and Sabbath-keeping the tremendous growth of our evangelical work.

Dear brother or sister, do you see the connection between faithfulness in these two great commands of God and the tremendous work of evangelism that has been done by Seventh-day Adventists?

Have you caught a vision of the greater work that might be done if every member were faithful in keeping the Sabbath and paying his tithes? If your answer to these questions is negative, we plead with you to get down on your knees and pray for a "heavenly vision" before the door of probation closes. God promises faithfully to open the windows of heaven and pour out a marvelous blessing when you and I do our part. This blessing will not only be seen in our personal lives and experiences, but in the prosperity and growth of the church. Let us, brethren, first examine ourselves and then each encourage his neighbour to greater faithfulness to the end that, under the blessing of God, many of the honest-in-heart may yet be garnered in.

—C. O. FRANZ.

Official Report on Baptisms and Additions by profession of Faith

Bahamas Mission	63
British Honduras Mission	34
Cayman Islands Mission	19
East Jamaica Mission	931
Salt Cays Mission	16
West Jamaica Mission	734
B. W. I. Union Total	1797

Until He Comes

Agustus Richards of the Florence Hill Church passed away on the 13th of December, 1947. Body was committed by Colporteur J. M. King. He leaves to mourn his wife, one daughter, and many friends.

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Upon the shoulders of all of these brethren appointed to serve in these posts of great responsibility rest heavy burdens. We solicit the prayers of all our members throughout the B. W. I. Union that God may guide each one aright, and that all may join hands and hearts for the early finishing of the work of God in our beautiful island field.

OUR GOAL FOR SOULS 1948

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Let us set as our objective

One Baptism in Every Church

Every Quarter

God Will Help Us!

SOUL WINNING HONOUR ROLL CHURCHES

Our Goal: 2000 Baptisms in
The B. W. I. Union in 1948
Our Aim: A Baptismal Service in
Every Church Every Quarter

GOLD STAR CHURCHES (Churches Having Baptismal Services Every Quarter During 1947)

Church	Minister	Church	Minister
Georgetown	Cay. Is.	Morant Bay	E. J.
Grantstown	Bah.	Blue Hole	E. J.
Shirley Street	Bah.	Old Harbour	E. J.
Caron Hall	E. J.	Wartermount	E. J.
Highgate	E. J.	Riversdale	E. J.
Port Antonio	E. J.	Asia	W. J.
North Street	E. J.	May Pen	W. J.
Mill Gully	W. J.	Mount Carey	W. J.
Petersfield	W. J.	Gayle	E. J.

SILVER STAR CHURCHES (Churches Reporting Three Baptismal Services During 1947)

Church	Minister	Church	Minister
Annotto Bay	E. J.	Montego Bay	W. J.
Somerset	E. J.	Mount Horeb	W. J.
Camberwell	E. J.	Retirement	W. J.
Bamboo	W. J.	Spalding	W. J.
Brown's Town	W. J.	Bourbon	E. J.
Buff Day	E. J.	Itzeng Street	E. J.
Coker	W. J.	Huntley Castel	W. J.

BLUE STAR CHURCHES (Churches Having Baptismal Services Two Quarters During 1947)

Church	Minister	Church	Minister
Savannah	Cay.	Yallahs	E. J.
Blue Hills	Salt Cays	Zion Hill	E. J.
Belize	Br. Hon.	Claredonia	W. J.
Corozal	Br. Hon.	Camp Savannah	W. J.
Berrydale	E. J.	Claremont	W. J.
Brookdale	E. J.	Cumberland	W. J.
Enfield	E. J.	Spurth	W. J.
Everton Park	E. J.	Flower Hill	W. J.
Florence Hill	E. J.	Goshen	W. J.
Glengoffe	E. J.	Granville	W. J.
Hampstead	E. J.	Jericho	W. J.
Hector's River	E. J.	Little London	W. J.
Hope Bay	E. J.	Lucas	W. J.
Hunt's Town	E. J.	Mandeville	W. J.
Mt. James	E. J.	Mill End	W. J.
Port Maria	E. J.	Mt. Providence	W. J.
Robin's Bay	E. J.	Newell	W. J.
Raffington Town	E. J.	Ramble	W. J.
Seaford	E. J.	Robin's Hall	W. J.
Spanish Town	E. J.	Sav-la-mar	W. J.
Stanton	E. J.	Sheffield	W. J.
St. Margret's Bay	E. J.	Somerton	W. J.
Williamssfield	E. J.	Vaughanfield	W. J.
Woodford	E. J.		

RED STAR CHURCHES (Churches Having at Least One Baptismal Service During 1947)

Church	Minister	Church	Minister
Grand Turk	Salt Cays	Campbell's Castle	W. J.
Stann Creek	Br. Hon.	Chamber's Pen	W. J.
Kemps Bay	Bah.	Chantilly	W. J.
Deep Creek	Bah.	March Town	W. J.
Black Point	Bah.	Margotby	W. J.
The Buff	Bah.	Lincoln	W. J.
Moss Town	Bah.	Lapland	W. J.
Pleasant Bay	Bah.	Jackson Town	W. J.
Riding Rock	Bah.	Jointwood	W. J.
Landrait Point	Bah.	John's Hall	W. J.
Industrious Hill	Bah.	James Hill	W. J.
Knowles	Bah.	Hayes	W. J.
Old Bleat	Bah.	Harrywatch	W. J.
Rock Stone Pond	Bah.	Harmons	W. J.
Calcutta	Br. Hon.	Grove Town	W. J.
Andrew's Memorial	E. J.	Green Castle	W. J.
Bazbie	E. J.	Friendship	W. J.
Bartons	E. J.	Duncans	W. J.
Bellas Gate	E. J.	Downs	W. J.
Burnside Valley	E. J.	Dias	W. J.
Bog Walk	E. J.	Devon	W. J.
Broadgate	E. J.	Coleville	W. J.
Castleton	E. J.	Croft's Hill	W. J.
Comfort Valley	E. J.	Craighead	W. J.
Cornwall Barracks	E. J.	Charlie Mount	W. J.
Dignum Mt.	E. J.	Chapelton	W. J.
Fruitful Vale	E. J.	Porus	W. J.
Geddes Mt.	E. J.	Orange	W. J.
Guy's Hill	E. J.	Ocho Rios	W. J.
		Newport	W. J.

Church	Minister	Church	Minister
Kencot	E. J.	Bird's Hill	W. J.
Labyrinth	E. J.	Bull Savannah	W. J.
Lloyds	E. J.	Newmarket	W. J.
Manchioneal	E. J.	Race Course	W. J.
Olive Mt.	E. J.	Santa Cruz	W. J.
Port Morant	E. J.	Richmond Park	W. J.
Retreat	E. J.	Wakefield	W. J.
Richmond	E. J.	White House	W. J.
Stanberry	E. J.	Troy	W. J.
Trinityville	E. J.	Scarsfield	W. J.
Heywood Hall	E. J.	St. Ann's Day	W. J.
Amity	W. J.	Spring Garden	W. J.
Askenish	W. J.	Springfield	W. J.
Auchtembeddie	W. J.	Spain	W. J.

Church Building News



Church Buildings as Soul Winning Agencies

A neat, well-kept church building will definitely help in winning souls. People are attracted to a tidy place of worship that is kept up in good condition. They are impressed with a religion that honours God with a representative temple in which to worship Him. A painted completed church with the church yard kept clean and well landscaped with flowers and and bushes bears a mighty testimony for the truth that lifts men up from the gutter of sin. It attracts men to the church and to the message the church preaches.

Recently I was visiting a certain church group still worshipping in a booth. The soul winning programme in this particular place was not looking too bright. "Elder", the leader explained, "people don't want to come to our booth. As soon as we get our new church built they will come and worship with us."

Of course, those of us who have been longer in the message feel that honest hearted folk ought to obey God and worship Him in any sort of a building. It is true that the spirit of worship matters more in God's sight than the place of worship, but as long as men and women are weak and human they are going to feel the way they do about coming to booths and half-finished church buildings.

A completed church breathes an air of permanency. Those not of our faith will be convinced that we are in the district to stay when they see us so really in earnest as to erect a neat house of worship. They do not wish to ally themselves with any "fly by night" religion that may be gone tomorrow!

So, brethren and sisters, a representative house of worship, fully completed and dedicated to the glory of the God of the Advent Message, will definitely help our soul winning work. If you are limping along in a booth or in an unfinished church trying to win souls under adverse circumstances, won't you determine to do your best under God, to finish up your church building so you can have a place

of which you will be justly proud to invite your friends to worship?

—E. E. P.

God Still Delivers

A few weeks ago a sister in one of our churches in East Jamaica began to drift from the message. At night she had communications from "spirits" and was given various instructions that she was to carry out or harm would come to her. When she failed to follow the directions of her nocturnal visitors she was suddenly possessed of an evil spirit that sent her barking like a dog continuously for days and foaming at the mouth as one mad.

This continued for sometime when her husband, a loyal member of the church sought out his elders and deacons imploring them to come and pray for his wife. Friday evening, as one Sabbath last month began, the brethren went to the home of the unfortunate sister. They found her in a most distressing condition apparently entirely under the control of the evil spirit.

The brethren spent sometime singing and then fell upon their knees in a season of earnest prayer for her deliverance. The Christ of the Gadarenes heard their fervent petitions. The spirit, at His command, left the woman leaving her weak and shaken asking for a drink of water. After further ministration the sister was restored fully to her normal health and strength.

Today she is back in church again thankful to God for His miraculous deliverance and determined with His help not to permit her connection with Him to be broken again. —S. C. MYERS.



Pictured above is the recently completed neat little church building in Jericho, West Jamaica. It is a real credit to the district. During 1948 we hope to complete many more such representative edifices.

Take Men Alive

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eternal life. This means every man, woman, and child, rich or poor, of high or low estate, in your district! Perhaps the eternal destiny of some near your home rests with you.

How carefully we should live, how earnestly we should work to assure that those with whom we come in contact are taken alive for Christ! Are we doing all that we should, all that we can, all that we must do in this midnight hour of earth's history to "take men alive" for the Saviour?

"We have but a few days of probation . . . We have no time to waste." *Page 342.*

May God make us truly fishers of men!

When Should a Child be Baptised?

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taught the way of God, to know the right from the wrong, so that when he commits a wrong, he is sorry and repents, why then should the third step be withheld? Baptism, as we know, is the gateway to eternal life. To repent and believe is no more important than to be baptized, to the one who knows, God requires of us to go the whole way in all His commissions.

Again there are those who think that a child should know and understand all there is of the Advent Message, before baptism. This certainly is an unreasonable position to take. Many of us who are advanced in years are still lacking in knowledge of some of the technical truths concerning our Message. When one accepts the Message under a Pastor or Evangelist, that one is not asked to wait until he fully understands every technical phase of the truths we teach before baptism is administered, then why should we make such requirements of children. They should have sufficient knowledge of the Third Angel's Message at the age of ten to be able to make decisions for right.

Statistics reveal the following facts:—

There were actually more children baptized at the age of seven, than the age of twenty-three.

There were three times as many baptized at the age of eight, as at the age of twenty-two.

There were five times as many baptized at the age of nine, as at the age of twenty-one.

There were six times as many baptized at the age of nine, as at the age of twenty.

There were nine and one half times as many baptized at the age of eleven as at the age of nineteen.

There were seven times as many bap-

tized at the age of twelve, as at the age of eighteen.

There were four times as many baptized at the age of thirteen, as the age of seventeen.

There were two times as many baptized at the age of fifteen, as at the age of sixteen.

Many of us can testify to the truthfulness of this report, probably in our own experience. In this age of the world's history, when Satan is bidding for the souls of our youth, let us grasp every opportunity that comes in saving the youth and children of the church. Let every Adventist parent encourage the children to go forward in baptism at an early age. Let the leaders of our churches take the same stand. Let us all as workers in the Advent Cause encourage the youth to make his vows to God by following the footsteps of Jesus in this solemn rite. Is not this one heaven-sent means of saving our youth from drifting into the world?

E. E. PARCHMENT.

A Fever Rebuked

For some years the members of our Hope Bay, East Jamaica, church had been giving literature to a prominent member of one of the other churches in the community. His response was indifferent. However, a few months ago this gentleman went to the United States for several months. While there he began to take the Voice of Prophecy Bible course and soon became convinced of the truth. He wrote home to the leader of the Hope Bay church expressing his conviction and requesting baptism for himself and his wife upon his return to Jamaica.

Recently this man returned to Hope Bay and began to plan for baptism. The date — an early Sunday morning in December — was set. Sabbath he and his wife attended all of the services of the day. But in the middle of the following night he was stricken with a raging fever. When day dawned he was no better. The wife sought the leader of the church who came to see the sick man. Prayer for his relief followed but the fever clung tenaciously. However, so determined to follow his Lord in baptism was the sick man that he decided to have the brethren help him to the river and be baptized regardless of the burning fever.

Even by the river side the fever continued to possess him. Then he and his wife went down into the water for immersion. When Brother Jackson came up from the water his fever was entirely gone. God had honoured his faith. He

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was completely healed. Later in the day he was back at his work. Today Brother and Sister Jackson rejoice in the blessed third angel's message.— S. C. MYERS.