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The Goodness of God

By Robert H. Pierson

ANOTHER YEAR is about to slip into eternity — how much we here in the beautiful British West Indies Union have to be thankful for! God has been exceedingly good to us!

The Psalmist invites us to "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Psalm 34:8. The word good means "sufficient or satisfactory for its purpose." How true Our Heavenly Father is "sufficient" for our every need. At this year end we ought to pause for a moment and count our many blessings thanking God for all that He has done for us the past twelve months.

What have we to be thankful for?

Many things we just take for granted because we enjoy them continuously!

1. We should be thankful for life and health and strength. All three are direct blessings from above! "I am the Lord that healeth thee," He says in Exodus 15:26. The Apostle John wrote under inspiration, "I Pray you may prosper in every way and keep well." III John 2 (Moffatt's translation). Many of us enjoy good health and take it for granted instead of thanking the Lord for it. Next to the loss of a person's soul the loss of his health and strength is one of the greatest catastrophies that can fall upon him. Thank God for your health and keep it by obeying the instructions of His Word.

2. We should thank God for food, clothing and shelter! Our resources may be small and we

may not have much but think of the poor people in some parts of Europe and other war ravished countries. Thousands there are absolutely without

all three. Countless numbers have died and more are dying from the lack of nourishment and exposure under terrible circumstances. Here in our part of the world we have our few hills of yam, our breadfruit trees, our pears and other foodstuffs with which the Lord has so abundantly blessed us! We have no cruel cold winter weather to which we are exposed and the Lord has blessed most all of our folk with a shelter over their heads. Truly, we have much to be thankful for!

3. We should be thankful for the sunshine, the rain, for the very air we breathe. God provides these essential elements without which we could not exist. Shut off our air and we die! Yet how rarely do we thank God for the air we breathe!

4. We should thank God for religious freedom. Wherever the "Union Jack" flies men and women are free to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. What a great blessing! How much we ought to thank God for a government that makes this possible! Many of our believers in some other lands do not have this great freedom. Let us thank God that we can worship Him without fear of molestation from any police force.

Meet Our Workers



We take pleasure in introducing to the readers of the VISITOR our new Union Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Elder H. D. Colburn. Until recently Brother Colburn was the President of the Bahamas Mission, but he has now accepted the invitation of the Union Committee to take over the departments left vacant by Elder Barclay's resignation. We welcome Brother and Sister Colburn to the Union Office Staff.

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"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your
Union President)

The Word of God tells us that in the last days false teachers shall arise from amongst us who will seek to turn away God's people "from the truth . . . unto fables." (2 Tim. 4 : 3,4.)

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

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

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

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

Here are some of the discrepancies between the teachings of the Shepherd's Rod and the Inspired writings of God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy. Study them carefully and use them if any representative approaches you:

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

a. *The Bible:*

"The harvest is the end of the world."
Matt. 13 : 39; See also Rev. 14 : 17-20.

b. *The Spirit of Prophecy:*

"The tares and the wheat are to grow

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

c. *The Shepherd's Rod:*

"The harvest is the loud cry of the third angel's message."—*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, p. 104.

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

a. *The Spirit of Prophecy:*

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

"Both the parable of the tares and that of the net plainly teach that there is no time when all the wicked will turn to God. The wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest. The good and the bad fish are together drawn ashore for a final separation." "Again, these parables teach that there is to be no pro-baptism after the judgement. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows the separation between the good and the evil, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 122, 123, (old edition).

b. *The Shepherd's Rod:*

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

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

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

a. *The Spirit of Prophecy.*

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

"Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test."

—*Early Writing*, p. 75.

b. *The Shepherd's Rod:*

"Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God, or be cut down by the destroying weapons. If we were

to mark out the exact time of the beginning of this sealing, we would say it began some time during 1929."

—*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. I, p. 32.

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

a. *The Spirit of Prophecy:*

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

b. *The Shepherd's Rod:*

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

HERE AND THERE OVER THE UNION

Another new church has been organized in the East Jamaica Mission. On Sunday, October 3, Elder K. S. Crofoot, President of the Mission, officiated at the very impressive service which brought into existence this new church group. The service was held in the little booth in which the brethren of John's Town had been worshipping. The attractive little booth was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a fine programme was rendered by the members and friends of the new church. We welcome this new group into our family of British West Indies Union churches.

Under the capable direction of Pastor Walters the East Jamaica Mission Big-Week Campaign was launched October 9. Many churches have sent in urgent messages to the Mission Office asking for more books. The early response revealed an

unusually fine interest and co-operation on the part of the whole constituency.

Pastor A. B. Davis, who had been in charge of the Upper St. Andrew District left the island, September 28 to further his studies in the United States. We wish Brother Davis heaven's blessing as he prepares for wider service in the Cause of God.

The North Street Temple Church in Kingston celebrated their 40th Anniversary the week-end of November 28. Special services were held all during the week.

On October 10 a large crowd gathered to witness the gate opening ceremony of the Rollington Town, Kingston, Jamaica, Church. This new gate certainly adds to the appearance of the church.

We were very happy to welcome back to Jamaica Pastor Harold E. Nembhard and family of the South Caribbean Mission who has come on a few weeks vacation. We trust that they will have a pleasant and profitable time.

Pastor C. F. Edwards and family of the Bahamas Mission recently returned to Jamaica where he will be taking up his new duties as a District Pastor in the East Jamaica Mission. The British West Indies Union extends to the Edwards a hearty welcome.

October 26 was a high day for the Pleasant Bay Company of Andross Island in the Bahamas Mission. On this day the company of believers was organized into a full-fledged church with 20 members. The work was begun in Pleasant Bay some years ago when Brother Paul Ward came in contact with U. B. Toote and his wife who were teaching school in Pleasant Bay. Brother and Sister Toote later accepted the message and have since been zealous workers for God. It has been largely through their influence that the Pleasant Bay Church has been raised up.

Pastor H. D. Colburn the retiring President of the Bahamas Mission had charge of the program and Elder Pierson preached the organization sermon.

We regret to announce that Miss Dorothy Campbell will be returning permanently from her work in British Honduras due to ill health. Miss Campbell has done a very fine work in building up the Belize Church School and the workers and believers in Belize feel very sad to lose her.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Luce of the Andrew's Memorial Hospital have accepted a call to Shanghai Sanitarium in China and will be leaving Jamaica December 1st. en route to do work in the Orient.

The Inter-American Division Council is being held in Santa Clara, Cuba. December 7-21. The delegates from the British

West Indies Union are:

C. O. Trauz	A. R. Haig
A. D. Laing	Dr. Nigel Druitt
J. N. Williams	C. G. Greene
B. R. Hamilton	W. A. Holgate
E. C. H. Reid	R. H. Pierson
M. G. Nembhard	E. E. Parchment
G. M. Premier	K. S. Crofoot
H. D. Colburn	Orville Schneider
W. S. Nation	R. E. Gibson
A. S. Stockhausen	B. G. Butherus

L. A. Morrison

From the pen of the President of the British Honduras Mission comes the following news:

"We are happy to report to the readers of the VISITOR, that we are of good courage, and that the work is on the aggressive, moving slowly but surely. We are expecting to baptize twice as many as were baptized last year. Our tithes and offerings all show an increase over the same period of last year.

"Elder Haig is at the present time visiting the Colony. He is scheduled to remain three weeks in the field, during which time he is to visit the northern, Central and Southern ends of the Colony. He will help in the organization of the church at Rockstone Pond and the dedication service of the new church buildings at Stann Creek Valley and Monkey River. We have also secured a plot of land on the main street in the town of Stann Creek. We are hoping that before the end of the year we will begin the dismantling of the building which was purchased on one of the swampy back streets, to rebuild it on this new lot.

"The 3rd of October was a happy day for the company at Rockstone Pond. Though the morning broke with heavy dark clouds and heavy showers of rain, nevertheless, over thirty of us from the Belize church ventured to leave on a truck, nicely covered to attend their Harvest Festival service. Although it rained until early afternoon, we had a very successful meeting. Many were the gifts given to aid in the proposed church building at this place. Brother W. C. Wright is giving very strong leadership to establish the work between Cow Head Creek and Rockstone Pond. The believers in these two places are very happy for the help he is giving. The following is a letter I received from the sister that was leading out at Rockstone Pond:

"Brother Wright is doing his best to uplift and to build up the work. We have not tongue enough to thank God for His leadings.' There is a very bright prospect in these parts of the field, and with the blessing of God, we expect before long to see a strong church at Rockstone Pond.

"It was my privilege to attend another Harvest Festival at Corozal on October 17th, where Elder Newman is labouring. The meeting-house was nicely decorated and the gifts were so numerous, that we were reminded of the experience of Moses when he gave order that the people should bring no more for the work of the Sanctuary for the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much Ex. 36:6, 7. In this case the meeting-house was almost too small to hold the many cart-loads of things. Sister A. Gill, our school-teacher and her children took a very active part while Sister Newman led the choir in very appropriate songs. The meeting-house was filled to capacity. "The Final Harvest-Day" was the subject presented by the writer the same night to a representative gathering.

"I am also glad to report that the Cow Head Creek Church, which was once defunct, has revived and regular Sabbath services are being conducted each week.

"Brother Woodburn is giving strong leadership in the Southern part of the field. He and the faithful brethren of Stann Creek Valley and Monkey River have worked hard in getting their church-buildings ready for dedication. Our people are demonstrating that willingness that the prophetic word declared we would experience in the last days. I am glad to inform you that as a small group of workers in this field, we are united as one man for the finishing of the Lord's work. Please remember the work of God in British Honduras."

—J. N. Williams.

I am very happy to be back home again in Jamaica after spending six enjoyable weeks in the Salt Cays Mission. I spent four weeks on the island of Blue Hills where Brother and Sister Nebblett have been labouring for the past three years. It was my privilege to help Brother Nebblett bind off his work in this little island.

We had meetings nearly every night in the neat little church erected there to the glory of God. The attendance was very good; On Sunday nights especially there wasn't even standing room. Not only was the attendance good, but the response was excellent. Many who were the greatest opposers of the truth have now decided to keep the Sabbath.

On the last Sunday morning I spent on the island I had the privilege of burying nine precious souls with their Lord in baptism. There are many others who are in the baptismal class preparing to be baptized. Brother Nebblett is still there

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Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig
Secretary

The Bible House Our Arsenal

Every Mission should thank God for their Bible House. It is a servant of all. Without it all our evangelism, direct and through our departments, would slow down and stop. It supplies the sword (Bible) without which it is impossible to fight. Tracts, "Testimonies", Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer literature, etc., come through its ministry. All our Missions should deem it a sacred duty to appropriate some token-fund of appreciation and thus help it over tight financial spots annually.

God bless our Bible House personnel; devotedly they are serving the Union. Dear missions, let us resolve to show our sympathetic appreciation for our Bible House like that Chinese philanthropic-minded peasant who, on passing the widow who had lost ALL in a fire, gripped her hand and leaving something in it said: "Me sorry for you. Fifty Pounds (£50)."

The Bible House has good plans ahead to serve you better in the immediate future.
—A. R. HAIG.

Student Colporteur Reunion.

The week-end of October 8 to 9 will be long remembered by the students of the West Indian Training College.

Vesper hour on Friday found the chapel modestly decorated with books and assorted magazines. After the Misses Bell, Fletcher and Greene of our Union staff rendered beautifully the song, "I Will Pilot Thee", Pastor W. S. Nation brought us the message. He left us with the thought provoking question: "Did you represent the Christ this summer?". It was a good message. Nearly all the student-colporteurs testified. As we departed, the softly played music reminded us of the fact that often, down here, we sit in Heavenly places with Him.

The Sabbath morning broke clear and sunny. Our guest speaker was Pastor Clyde O. Franz. Isaiah 6:8 and other Kindred texts refreshed the hearts of all. The students were made to see how valuable and precious they are in the eyes of

the Lord and of His church. The choir under the baton of Dean O. S. Rugless and assistant music teacher, Miss Myrtle Nembhard, rendered with feeling and good expression, "Now Thank We All Our God" and "Praise Ye Jehovah". A solemn awe brooded as we worshipped Him.

At 4:15 p.m. the song service was under way. After the publishing officers and their guest speakers were seated, the Union Publishing Secretary stepped forward and welcomed the colporteurs as they slowly filed in. While Miss Nembhard played softly at the piano, the voice of the Pastor rose above the melody. Listen to some of what he said: "Welcome noble warriors of the Printed Page! Believers, students, see them come. Behold your leaders of tomorrow. May God bless them all."

And now, the memorial service in honour of the late Laird Cooper former student-colporteur who was killed in Spanish Honduras this summer, is under way. The opening hymn is, "Faith Of Our Fathers" and Pastor S. Bull prays for courage to follow in the martyr's train. There is a miniature grave. It looks real—hedged in green. Miss Nembhard is now playing the Dead March and as the Pastor reminds that never again will Colporteur Cooper carry his books, student-colporteur Mc. Clery dressed in his R. A. F. uniform slowly bears two packages and rests them on the grave. Next comes student-colporteur Joe Fletcher with handbag and prospectus and placed them on the grave. It is indeed a solemn scene. Many eyes are wet with tears. Then silently, Miss Marion Pasard appears. She is dressed in white and is slowly bearing a wreath of white dahlia and asparagus fern. Above the dirge-like notes of music she raises her sweet voice. Listen: "I lay this wreath on behalf of the mother of Laird Cooper and of the Adventist students all over the world. Requiescat in Pace." She now takes up her position between the two young men and holding hands together they unite in saying: "God helping, the colporteurs of Jamaica will follow in his train."

The preacher announced his text—Matt. 5:12 (1st. clause). "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." We were taken on the wings of imagination to the bier of the martyred one and we entered into the anguish and tears of the mourners. The speaker brought out the following thoughts why our Lord would have us rejoice when youth make the supreme sacrifice in battle.

First, because his personal salvation is settled and sealed. Secondly, because millions of pagans accepted Christianity

when youthful martyrs of the early centuries faced the lions and the stake and the rack of Rome, and thirdly, because the greatest inspiration to go all-out for God comes to youth and old age around the dead bodies of those who go down in glorious martyrdom for the implanting of Righteousness in the hearts of men.

Other features of the service were the sounding of the "Last Post" and the reville. The hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee" closed the memorial service.

At this juncture, Pastor W. U. Campbell took the chair and guided them through a very inspiring Symposium. It was revealed that the students both of Mandeville and Kingsway, who worked in the East Mission delivered over £1,400 and those who laboured in the West Mission, over £1,200. Let it be made clear that over one-third of the above figures were delivered by students who made time to do some work in the evenings of this school-year and special honour goes to the students of Kingsway and their leaders—Pastor W. U. Campbell, Miss V. Walker and Mr. I. Benson.

After the students inspired us with their experiences, Mrs. C. O. Franz and Miss O. McCartney (accountant of the Bible House) presented gifts and pinned our very nicely finished colporteur pins on to the lapels of our young men and to the dresses of our girls. An extra feature to this was that Pastor W. S. Nation, President of the West Jamaica Mission also received a pin because he had actually sold books during the summer.

As the sunset glorified the west, strains of "Thanks be to God" sung by Mrs. E. J. Parchment, took us away from the trite and the earthly to wish that we were in Heaven. Truly it was good to have been there.

In the evening the present and past student-colporteurs were entertained by their Publishing Secretaries who were helped by Mrs. D. Rodrigues, Miss A. Parchment and Mrs. A. R. Haig.

Our colporteurs do a great work every year. May God bless them all. We must be patient with them and hold up their hands. The servant of the Lord wrote these words of inspiration: "The Lord has appointed the YOUTH to be His helping hand." Vol 7, p. 64.

Colporteurs' Report

Summary for September, 1948

Missions	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas	468	£2497 1 4	£1824 11 11
Br. Honduras	160	1228 9 7	826 14 1
Caymans		851 13 2	617 10 6
St. Kitts	100	4 14 8	4 14 8
East Jamaica	5727	NO REPORT	
West Jamaica	7952	47 6 5	47 6 5
TOTALS	13807	£ 264 17 6	£ 829 6 3



Home Missionary Dept.

Home Missionary Flashes

We have been greatly cheered by the fine reports that keep coming in from the British Honduras lay workers. Elder Williams, President of the Mission and Home Missionary Secretary of the field, has been working hard to organize the laity of that colony for service. We have been so cheered by these good reports that we want to share the latest one with our VISITOR readers. It comes to us from the pen of J. N. Williams as included in his last fine little bulletin "The Layman":

"Brother George Cox visited the office this week full of courage. He has brought his boat to take back with him Deacon George Clother and at the same time to secure ammunitions (small books, tracts and other reading matters) to invade Crooked Tree. Brother Cox feels that by the end of 1948 we should have witnesses to God's last message of mercy at Crooked Tree. Let us remember these brethren in the effort they are putting forth to advance the cause of God.

"Sunday the 3rd instant, broke with heavy dark clouds and showers of rain. Nevertheless, over thirty of us from the Belize church ventured to leave on a truck nicely covered to attend the Rock Stone Pond Harvest Festival. Although it rained until early afternoon we had a very successful meeting. Many were the gifts given to aid in the proposed church building at this place. Brother Wright is leading out in a strong way to establish the work between Cow Head Creek and Rockstone Pond.

"Sister Victoria Gibson and Sister good work. She is sponsoring the 20th Century Bible Correspondence School and is coaching over twenty students to go through the course, besides she is conducting a Bible Class in her home each Sabbath afternoon.

"Brother Ernesto Rivero is conducting Bible Studies on Sundays, and up to fourteen people are attending these meetings.

"Sister Victoria Gibson and Sister Mildred McCoy are doing a strong work for the Bible School. They are following closely to those whom they are helping in the Bible Course.

"Brother Hubert Nembhard from Stann Creek, on returning from the Air Field where his brother lives, reported that he had spent half of the night studying with his brother and wife. The Lord has brought conviction to their hearts and they have promised to have their business so arranged that they may be able to cast in their lot with God's people.

"We have recently reorganized the missionary bands in Belize. The leaders are getting busy organizing their forces to make a strong attack during the closing months of this year.

"Sunday night the 10th inst., we expect to have a baptism in the Belize Church. Six of our candidates will go forward and be buried with their Lord in baptism."



H. D. COLBURN, *M. V. Dept. Secretary.*

Help Our West Jamaica Youth

Those of you who were at the last Mission Session and also at our recent Youth's Congress, will remember Brother Davy's plea for helping our poor young people to obtain a Christian education.

We are heartily in favour of this unanimous plan and will do our part in supporting it. If you are willing to do your part, pass in your 1/- or more to your church treasurer for the DAVY STUDENT AID FUND. The treasurer will give you a receipt and the money will be sent in to the mission to be kept for this special purpose.

— W. S. Nation.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of West Jamaica,

To us have been given many bright and talented sons and daughters to train for God, to be useful men and women here in His service, and also to have the higher joy of living with Jesus on high.

Now, in order for this to be really possible, an education is essential. But there are some of our boys and girls whose hopes are bright, whose ambitions are high, but alas, they are poor in this world's goods and unless someone helps them they will remain dormant, and the work of God will not be advanced. Therefore, in order to help such ones, I have arrived at a plan that every member in West Jamaica rally to the help of these nice young people by giving at least one shilling each year to start some on their way. This one shilling when given by each member, will give us £250 per year. This £250 will enable us to give 10 students £20 each as

a help to enter the college. The other £50 will be kept in hand to help emergency needs of some students already in college.

My brethren, think of it, just one shilling paid in will help more than 10 young people each year! What a joy that will mean to us. Your boy may be in that number. Your own darling girl may have a chance.

Then as the Spirit of God breathes upon us, I know we will give many times more, and each shilling given will be a helping hand to aid another child of the great West Jamaica Adventist family. We dare not slight the opportunity. We dare not refuse to help, because this very work has been appointed us by God through His messenger, Mrs. E. G. White, more than fifty years ago. I quote from *Volume 6*, page 213:

"The churches in different localities should feel that a solemn responsibility rests upon them to train youth and educate talent to engage in missionary work. When they see those in the church who give promise of making useful workers, but who are not able to support themselves in the school, they should assume the responsibility of sending them to one of our schools. There is excellent ability in the churches that needs to be brought into service. There are persons who would do good service in the Lord's vineyard; but many are too poor to obtain without assistance the education that they require. The churches should feel it a privilege to take a part in defraying the expenses of such."

Let us therefore, brethren, open our purses and help our own boys and girls. It won't be long when money shall entirely lose its value, and having this 1/- per year or more we will have the joy of meeting many of these poor students in the kingdom of God, all saved because of our love demonstrated in helping them to go to school where they obtained a Christian education.

I am,

Yours for advancing the glorious message;

William Davy.

MISSION SESSION COMMITTEE AND INSTITUTIONAL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR END

East-West Jamaica Colporteur Institute	Dec. 23 - 30
B. W. I. Union Committee	" 29 - 30
West Jamaica Mission Committee	" 31
West Jamaica Mission Session	" 31 - Jan. 5
East Jamaica Mission Committee	Jan. 6
East Jamaica Mission Session	" 7 - 12
Andrew's Memorial Hospital Board	" 13
West Indian Training College Board	" 14
Kingsway High School Board	" 16
Bahamas Mission Committee	" 26 - 27
Bahamas Mission Session	" 28 - Feb. 2
British Honduras Mission Committee	" 27 - 28
Cayman Islands Mission Committee	Feb. 10 - 11
Salt Cays Mission Committee	" 16 - 17
Salt Cays Mission Session	" 18 - 23



**Medical
Dept.**

C. R. Anderson
M. D.
Secretary

**New Hospital Nearing
Completion**

At long last after four years of waiting our new hospital building at Hope Road, Half Way Tree is near being finished. Shortage of building materials and lack of the necessary funds have drawn out this building programme until the patience of all concerned have been strained to the utmost. Earnestly have the Administration and the members of the Board sought the help and counsel of God, and time after time what we have asked for has come in. At the recent Autumn Council sufficient funds were sent us to get the central block and the surgical wing on the west in operation. We still need several thousand pounds worth of equipment, but at least we can make a start with what we have.

Our readers will be glad to know that we now have two Doctors' Offices in the new hospital building at Half Way Tree, including a Laboratory and Dispensary. We also have six beautiful private rooms and five other semiprivate rooms well equipped with suitable furniture made by the West Indian Training College. Within a few weeks we hope to announce the opening date, but in the meantime we are using the place to some extent in spite of the noise still going on in the finishing of the building.

This main unit of the Andrews Memorial Hospital on Hope Road, located within half a mile of King's House and within two miles of the new University College of the West Indies, is a real monument to the cause of God. It is constructed throughout of solid concrete and is very beautifully finished with well proportioned architectural lines and attractive Spanish arches. Its long lines fairly gleam with new paint and simple but attractive furnishings. The grounds are being landscaped to make the building one of the outstanding landmarks of the city of Kingston.

It is our hope and prayer that multitudes may have their eyes opened to the great message that we bear to the world because of our medical missionary work done in this place. May all who come to seek help and healing find their way to the Great Physician through the humble

and unselfish service of all who serve Him in this beautiful monument erected to the glory of God and the uplift of humanity.

Clifford R. Anderson, M. D.
Medical Secretary

**Another Andrew's Memorial
Capping Ceremony.**

On Sunday night, October 24, another class of student nurses formally entered the Andrews Memorial School of Nursing after completing their Pre-Nursing work and their probationary period of four months.

A very pretty setting was provided for this happy occasion. Rain had fallen frequently during the day, preventing the function being held on the lawn as had been planned. So the seating was neatly arranged in the beautiful lobby and halls of the new hospital building. Hundreds of relatives and friends and patients came to witness the ceremony and to wish the young ladies the best of success in the days to come. Those who received their caps, thus becoming full-fledged first-year student nurses were:

Lucille Boyd	Dorothy Grant
Edith Hemmings	Alice Josephs
Yvonne Mair	Veda Riley
Carmen Rudder	Maisy Sailman

Doctor R. A. Cory, president of the British Medical Association in Jamaica, who is also Chief Medical Officer of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Hope, gave a very thought-provoking address. Miss Marjorie Whitney presented the class who were to receive their caps and Miss Ruth Mitchell, the matron, lighted the pretty Florence Nightingale lamps that the girls held in their hands. Special music was provided by Miss Florizelle Wilson on the violin and Miss Kathleen Morrison at the piano. This is the fourth of such happy occasions when our student nurses have received their nursing caps as a symbol of the confidence placed in them for full training by the Faculty and the Administrative Board.

The Andrews Memorial School of Nursing has already graduated one class of nurses after almost four years of professional training as nurses at the Hospital and Clinic. This very fitting ceremony was held last June and was attended by a crowd of nearly two thousand patients and friends and well-wishers. The function took place in the large tent at Half Way Tree which was kindly lent for the occasion by Doctor Glenn Millard, who was holding a public effort there at the time. The names of those who have completed their full course of training and who received their graduate pins were:

Helen Hall	Erline Nation
Mildred Richards	Lily Sailman

Carmenta Samuels Doris Phillpotts

Of these, Miss Hall and Miss Samuels are carrying graduate nursing responsibility at the Clinic, while Miss Nation is at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles doing post graduate work in Surgical Nursing and Operation Theatre Technique. Miss Phillpotts, Miss Richards and Miss Sailman are all taking the regular six months midwifery course at the Jubilee Hospital in Kingston where their services are much in demand.

We are glad to report that on the whole our students in all classes did well in the recent examinations set by the Island Medical Authorities. The education of our young people for service is proving valuable in making contacts with all types of men and women who need to know the way of health and happiness. It is our hope that this training school may develop many workers to meet the challenge of these last days.

—Clifford R. Anderson, M. D.

Pre-Nursing At Mandeville.

A recent action of the Andrews Memorial Hospital Board has brought about certain changes in the curriculum of our Nurses Training School. Heretofore, the Pre-Nursing Course has been given at the Hospital in Kingston. Young ladies were required to have obtained the Senior Cambridge certificate or at least its equivalent and then were given one school year of Pre-Nursing training before entering the regular nursing course. The next Pre-Nursing Class, however, will meet at the West Indian Training College in Mandeville, January 1949. Miss Marjorie Whitney R. N., B. S. who joined the faculty of the Nursing School early this year will lead out in the Pre-Nursing Training in Mandeville. Only those who have completed this course of Pre-Nursing Training at the West Indian Training College will be accepted in the next class of nurses at the Andrews Memorial Hospital. The date for the next class to be accepted by the Nursing School will be January 1950. Young ladies desirous of being trained as nurses at the Andrews Memorial Hospital and Clinic are therefore advised to direct their inquiries to The Registrar, West Indian Training College, Mandeville, Jamaica.

—Clifford R. Anderson
Medical Secretary.

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Sister Doris Biggs kindly inform the Hope Bay Church through Brother S. C. Myers, Mt. Olivet, Hope Bay P. O.

Here and There Over The Union.

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reaping the harvest from the seeds he has been sowing for the last three years, but he will be returning to Jamaica at the end of the year.

Not only did I enjoy the four weeks spent at Blue Hills, but also the week and a half I spent at Grand Turk, the capital of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Brother Gordon Premier, the president of the Salt Cays Mission, is leading out in the work at Grand Turk. We had meetings every night and the interest was very good. Each night when there is no meeting at the church he holds cottage-meetings in the homes of the people.

In spite of severe opposition from the other churches in these islands, the message is going by leaps and bounds. I believe that there are bright prospects for the work of God in the islands of the Salt Cays Mission. There are many islands that are calling for the message—but there are no workers to answer the calls. Indeed, brethren and sisters, the harvest is ripe but the labourers are few, therefore, let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth reapers to garner in the sheaves from that isolated part of His vineyard.

—Earl Parchment

A few weeks ago Pastor Frank Fletcher began evangelistic meetings in the quarters where the few believers at Cambridge were conducting their meetings, but found it inadequate to accommodate the crowd, so he obtained permission to use the market-place for a couple of weeks. During this time the attendance sometimes reached 1,000. The tabernacle was quickly transferred from Balaclava and set up at Cambridge to house the people, and now Pastor Fletcher tells us that 98 have joined the Bible Class and 78 have already signed the Covenant Cards to keep all God's commandments, there are around 200 interested ones desiring personal visits and Bible study. Brother Cyril Newman has now joined Pastor Fletcher, but finding the harvest so great they are still anxious for more reapers. Let us pray that God will reap a rich harvest of souls from this effort.

Pastor Lindo reports a Sabbath school of over 60 at Race Course. He expects about 25 for his first baptism early in December and that many more later on. Sister Amy Dillon has been helping Pastor Lindo at Race Course.

Pastor Greene is having a good interest at Townhead, where he is now conducting a spearhead effort, and Pastor

Gouldbourne is looking forward to a large baptism at Sheffield in December as a result of meetings held recently in that place.

Through the lay-efforts of the brethren of the Springfield church a Branch Sabbath school has been raised up at Berkshire, and now Pastor Vaz is holding a spearhead effort there in response to the brethren's appeal for help.

Although Pastor E. C. H. Reid's effort at Rio Bueno has been somewhat hampered by the recent rains, he looks forward for good results in souls for the kingdom of God.

We are happy to welcome Pastor Earl Parchment back from the Turks & Caicos Islands after spending six weeks in that field helping Brother Nebblett bind off his effort. He reports a stirring in those islands which shows that God has set His hand to recover His people in that corner of the vineyard also.

We rejoice with the brethren of White House that at last they have had the courage to start on their permanent house of worship. These brethren have been meeting in a small temporary structure all these years, but on the 7th of November they actually celebrated their stonelaying service for their new building. We feel sure that they will go forward with rapid strides and complete their church building in a short while. The service was a very inspiring one. The Petersfield brethren co-operated by rendering special music for the occasion and also giving a sacred concert that same night to help in the worthy cause. Pastor Bull of the West Indian Training College gave a very stirring sermon which appealed to the visiting friends as well as to the believers.

—W. S. NATION.

Greetings from the Salt Cays Mission! I am sure the VISITOR readers will be glad to hear a little about the progress of the work in this remote part of God's great vineyard.

The Lord certainly had a hand in working it out for Elder Earl Parchment to come to the Caicos, and now as we have come to the climax of these soul-stirring meetings we have seen the visible manifestations of God's spirit at work.

Everything was in our favour. The attendance was good throughout all the meetings except one or two occasions when the weather hindered. Not only was the attendance good, but God's spirit was near as the testing truths for these last days were presented night after night.

On one occasion when an altar call was made eighteen honest-hearted souls came forward thus signifying their determination to follow in the foot-steps of Jesus and keep all His commandments. Early in the meetings a Bible Class was organized which was well attended each day. In this class truths were presented which because of lack of time could not be thoroughly presented in the meetings. And now we have reached the end. Our hearts are made glad to report that on the beautiful Sunday morning of October 24 nine precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was indeed a solemn occasion and the large crowd was well behaved. Among those baptized was an influential family of the community, which will mean much to the growth of God's work on these islands. Already members of this family are interested in attending the West Indian Training College to receive an education that will fit them for service in the cause they have learned to love. There are many others who were not privileged to go forward on that occasion that are anxiously planning to unite with us shortly.

Blue Hills is ablaze for God and this is only the beginning for we believe that the seeds of truth sown in tears and watered with sincere prayers will, according to God's promises, bear a bountiful harvest. These are only omens of a new day for God's work in Blue Hills.

C. C. NEBBLETT.

Dear Fellow Believers:

The Bible House is extending to you the Season's Greetings. As we take a retrospective view of the year 1948 we may observe high grounds gained in our Christian experience, but there may be places where we have failed. We must pray harder and endeavour to put our hands to the plow in a more definite way for the year 1949.

Have you been strengthening your Christian experiences by reading the books outlined for your upbuilding and improvement?

I am happy to tell you that the Sabbath School Lesson-help for the last part of 1948 and all of 1949 will be the book "Patriarchs and Prophets". I shall be glad to send you a copy upon the receipt of 15/-. I also have a fair stock of communion glasses at 5/- per doz. Let the Bible House serve you. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

B. R. Hamilton

Book & Bible House Manager

The Goodness of God

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5. We should be thankful for the daily protection our Heavenly Father vouchsafes to us. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Ps. 91:1, 2. In the earth made new no doubt we will learn of scores of times that the Lord threw His protecting arm of love about us and saved us from destruction. Let us thank God each night for His protecting care over us.

6. Most of all we should be thankful to our Heavenly Father for the Spiritual blessings that are ours.

- a. The gift of His Son. John 3:16
- b. Pardon. Isa. 43:25
- c. Acceptance. John 6:22
- d. Cleansing. Isa. 1:18
- e. Victory. I Cor. 15:57
- f. Peace. Phil. 4:7
- g. Joy. I Pet. 1:8

In all of His giving there is a blessed "much-moreness" that fills our cup to overflowing. He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Eph. 3:20.

I shall not want for FOOD. "I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger."

I shall not want for DRINK. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

I shall not want for REST. "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

I shall not want for GUIDANCE. "I am the way; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

I shall not want for COMPANIONSHIP. "I have called you my friends, Lo, I am with you always."

I shall not want for JOY. "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

I shall not want for HONOUR. "If any man serve me, him will my Father honour."

I shall not want for COMFORT. "Let not your hearts be troubled. He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever."

I shall not want for any GOOD THING. "If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it. No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

I shall not want for LIFE. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

I shall not want for POWER OVER DEATH. "Whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, believest thou this?"

I shall not want for LIFE ETERNAL. "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

— World Crisis (Boston, Mass.)

Little wonder that the Psalmist who advises us to "Taste and see that the Lord is good" cries out himself, "I shall not want!" Ps. 23:1. He knows from experience that He will supply your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Yes, Friend o'mine, "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" "Try the Eternal" for yourself as the Weymouth translation renders Psalm 34:18.

"How shall we know for ourselves God's goodness and his love? The Psalmist tells us—not, hear and know, read and know, believe and know; but—'taste and see' that the Lord is good." Instead of relying upon the word of another, taste for yourself." Vol. 5:221.

Yes we do have much to thank God for this year end! Shall we not be more grateful and more faithful in our service to Him this coming year?

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Missions	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas			
Rickets, B. A.	192	191 1 0	260 18 0
Other Canvassers Brigades	278	73 16 6	67 4 8
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Br. Honduras			
Vasclannic, S.	149	34 15 3	34 15 2
Brigade	20	12 11 3	12 11 3
East Jamaica			
Cummings, S.	126	82 7 9	12 14 6
Duncombe, Peter	152	33 16 9	22 9 0
Gerrison, A. A.	146	35 4 0	11 3 6
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Moore, H. N.	199	26 16 6	3 1 0
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Other Canvassers	2072	315 10 6	170 12 10
Magazine Workers	317	35 11 6	51 17 3
Brigades	637	85 18 11	86 17 8
Students	1505	237 16 3	219 3 3
West Jamaica			
Carnegie, R. K.	262	54 9 9	9 13 9
Gilling, F. L.	174	8 10 0	2 2 6
Gaynor, Elsie	132	5 10 0	16 6
Gooden, Epsie	123	5 15 6	7 11
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Lawrence, V. A.	179	27 15 3	1 10 6
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Lunan, I. B.	228	49 4 0	10 18 9
Maxwell, D. E.	195	18 18 6	3 11 0
Morgan, C. H.	200	76 14 0	6 3 0
McDonald, J.	193	42 2 5	4 14 4
Nesbitt, E. R.	118	31 16 0	10 14 0
Plummer, H. L.	181	39 15 3	6 14 9
Smith, Mrs. B.	100	10 10 6	6 1 0
Stewart, H.	181	12 4 6	2 16 0
Tharpe, C. H.	121	12 9 0	32 19 9
Wallace, R. B.	132	60 9 0	15 19 6
Bigby, D. A.	172	24 19 6	2 19 0
Campbell, M. E.	157	8 19 0	5 19 0
Donaldson, S.	225	132 5 0	40 13 0
Special Workers' Drive			17 19 6
Students	2466	203 12 6	407 0 0
Other Canvassers	2766	368 8 0	176 6 6
Brigade			14 19 6

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Interesting Facts And Figures.

UNION MISSIONS OF THE WORLD

Number of Churches:	
Philippine Union (Far Eastern Division)	472
British West Indies Union (Inter-America)	328
Caribbean Union (Inter-America)	171
Indonesia Union (Far Eastern)	181
Antillian Union (Inter-America)	154
Membership:	
Philippine Union (Far East)	26,209
British West Indies Union (Inter-America)	15,931
Antillian Union (Inter-America)	14,786
South Brazilian Union (South-America)	13,407
Caribbean Union (Inter-America)	13,217

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Membership:	
British West Indies Union	15,931
Antillian Union	14,786
Caribbean Union	13,217
Mexican Union	10,602
Central American Union	6,799
Colombia-Venezuela Union	3,649
I. A. Division Total	63,887

Number of Churches:	
British West Indies Union	328
Caribbean Union	171
Antillian Union	154
Mexican Union	148
Central American Union	116
Colombia-Venezuela Union	85
I. A. Division Total	841

Baptisms to June 30:	1947	1948
British West Indies Union	827	749
Antillian Union	487	696
Central American Union	440	389
Caribbean Union	403	349
Mexican Union	357	218
Colombia-Venezuela	98	90
I. A. Division Total	2,612	2,494

BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION

Membership, Sept. 30, 1947:	
East Jamaica Mission	7187
West Jamaica Mission	6576
Bahamas Mission	617
British Honduras Mission	510
Cayman Islands Mission	114
Salt Cays Mission	27
Union Total	15,031

Baptisms (Third Quarter):	
West Jamaica Mission	194
East Jamaica Mission	139
British Honduras Mission	8
Bahamas Mission	0
Salt Cays Mission	0
Cayman Islands Mission	0
Union Total	332

Apostasies (Third Quarter):	
West Jamaica Mission	40
East Jamaica Mission	29
British Honduras Mission	6

Baptisms (Three Qrs., Jan. 1 - Sept. 30):	
East Jamaica Mission	650
West Jamaica Mission	442
Bahamas Mission	34
Cayman Islands Mission	19
Salt Cays Mission	10
British Honduras Mission	8
Union Total	1173

Ingathering (Sept. 30 Figures):			
Mission	1947	1948	Goals
East Ja.	£1772 2 1	£1713 1 5	£2250
West Ja.	1463 14 5	1406 0 3	1750
Bahamas	503 16 6	559 5 9	500
Br. Hond.	264 17 7	262 1 11	360
Cayman Is.	48 3 11	42 7 6	75
Salt Cays	25 11 4	25 0 0	25
Union Total	£4078 5 10	£4007 16 10	£4960