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God's Purposes for His Church

By W. E. Murray

LIKE THE STARS in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God's purposes know no haste and no delay." God has a definite plan for the redemption of man. This plan has numerous aspects and parts. What a wonderful thing it is to know that the project for redeeming the lost race is definitely and precisely determined. We need never be overcome with the fear that God's plan is left to hit and miss circumstances. It is inspiring and encouraging to be aware that the main enterprise of God is to be carried through on time.

In the Scriptures there are clear statements indicating that certain events are timed to occur at given points. When Jesus set out to preach He said: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." It is clear from the Scriptures that John the Baptist was to come before the Master, and before Him he came, showing the planned order. The apostle Paul is witness to the unfailling plan of God when he states: "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son." Again in the Epistle to the Romans, Chap. II, the apostle inserts in the 25th verse, this clause: "Until the fulness of the Gentiles is come in." In the prophecy of Jesus in the 21st chapter of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus Himself refers to

the times of the Gentiles being fulfilled.

This all is convincing evidence that God not only has a plan for His work in its different aspects and events, but that the events are timed to a certain schedule.

When the children of Israel came out of Egypt the preciseness of the fulfilment of the plan is seen in the expression of the sacred writer: "And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord, went out from the land of Egypt." Ezra recognized that God had a plan that worked on time as he records the return of the captives from Babylon by stating as reason for their going "that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled." He was referring to the 70-year period in which the children of Judah would be in captivity. By one of the greatest prophecies given through the seer Daniel, the appearance of Jesus Christ was predicted, as well as a large number of connected events which have been proved by history. These are all evidences that the Lord God of heaven has a definite, precise plan which is being developed through the years, of which we are witnesses.

There have been times in the history of God's people when

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Meet Our Workers



It is a real pleasure to introduce Pastor and Mrs. Numbers, and their two children, Carolyn and Ronnie, to our VISITOR readers.

Pastor Numbers, who arrived in Jamaica on July 17, has already entered upon his strenuous duties as President of the British West Indies Union. He has visited in both the East and West Jamaica Conferences and plans to spend a few days in each of the other fields shortly. We cordially welcome Elder Numbers and his family to the British West Indies Union.

"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your Union President)

It is a real honour to be adopted into the Inter-American family and especially do I consider it a real privilege to labour side by side with the brothers and sisters of the British West Indies Union Mission.

With the Apostle Paul I want to say, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." *Rom. 1:8.*

Your consecration, your self-denial, your deeds of heroism in planting the banner of truth among the strongholds of Satan have inspired me as well as countless others to "put on the whole armour of God" and wage a relentless warfare against the enemy. We determine with you not to cease the struggle, until at last we shall see our Saviour face to face.

The Prophet Isaiah in speaking of that time says, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." Not until the conflict of six thousand years is over and the redeemed are gathered around the throne of God will Jesus be completely satisfied. We rejoice over the victories of the past and thank God for His providential leadership. In humility we bow before Him from whom all blessings flow, but we cannot and must not let ourselves be satisfied until our work is finished.

There are yet thousands to be gathered into the fold of safety before probation closes. Many who are in the fold are weak and sick, almost ready to die, and need the healing balm of Gilead to strengthen them for the crisis ahead.

Men of science are accomplishing tremendous things in a few months these days. New methods and tools are being used for mass production. Nations are learning they cannot isolate themselves from a great world problem. Today, as children of God, we must greatly expand our vision both in relation to our work and to the mighty power of God. The message of course is the same but the power of God must be poured out as in the early church. Our eyes must be taken from ourselves and placed on the fields which are white already for harvest. Larger and ever larger gains must be made for Prince Emmanuel. Time is short and the night soon cometh.

Already we see dark clouds on the horizon and fear for the salvation of those who have put off the day of full surrender to God.

"A storm is arising that will wrench and test the spiritual foundation of every-

one to the utmost. Therefore avoid the sandbed, hunt for the rock; lay your foundation sure. Build, Oh, build for eternity! Build with tears, with heart-felt prayers." *Vol. V, p. 129.*

As Mrs. Numbers, the children and I come to you, we come desiring to labour with you in building up the beautiful structure which under God you have so nobly begun. With "tears and heart-felt prayers" we shall build for eternity.

— R. W. N.

Here and There Over the Union

Elder and Mrs. E. E. Parchment returned to Jamaica from the Caribbean Union about the middle of July. Elder Parchment was invited by the Caribbean Union to spend approximately three months in that field in the interest of their church building programme. Mrs. Parchment was privileged to visit her homeland, British Guiana, and to renew acquaintanceship with friends and relatives whom she had not seen for many years.

The British Honduras Mission Office has been moved to a new location, and is now nearer to the centre of the city of Belize than formerly. Elder J. N. Williams, President of the Mission, writes that they have been able to secure a very fine two-story building. The offices will be on the main floor, while the upstairs apartments will be used as a home for certain of the mission workers.

Have you been following the reports of the Publishing Department of the Union in recent issues of the *Visitor*? If so, you have undoubtedly noticed that our loyal colporteur force is distributing an ever-increasing volume of literature in the field. As these notes are being written, Pastor A. R. Haig, Union Publishing Department Secretary, is assisting the student colporteurs in the East and West Jamaica Conferences. All of the Publishing Department leaders are putting forth a mighty effort to insure the success of our student and full-time soldiers of the printed page.

Pastor R. E. Gibson, President of the Bahamas Mission, writes that the soul-winning programme in that field is moving along with continued and increasing success. He states that Brother Ralph Dorsett has a very fine interest in Tarpum Bay, and that a full scale effort is to commence on August 14 in a very thickly populated area in Nassau. This latter effort will be conducted by Elder Gibson and Brother Owen Jones.

Work on the main hospital building at Andrew's Memorial Hospital is just about completed. The greatest need at the hospital now is for equipment, and if there are those who feel impressed to send a donation, large or small, for this purpose, we assure you that such gifts will be greatly appreciated, and will be judiciously used for the building up of the medical work.

Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Waller sailed from Nassau on August 11 for their new field of labour in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Pastor Waller is the newly appointed president of the Salt Cays Mission.

On July 10 the Dallas Castle church in the East Jamaica Conference was dedicated. Pastor A. R. Haig preached the dedicatory sermon to a large and attentive congregation.

Kingsway High School in Kingston, which for several years has been under the supervision of the Union Committee, has now been turned over to the East Jamaica Conference. This step has been taken in view of the fact that the East Jamaica field has accepted conference status, and because it was felt by the Union Committee that the Board of this important institution should largely consist of members who are resident in Kingston and who know the peculiar problems of the school. Elder Holgate, Headmaster of the school, and his loyal associates, are doing a fine work at Kingsway.

God's Answers to Man's Excuses

EXCUSE: I am engaged in operating a business enterprise of my own, where there are many legitimate expenses involved in conducting this business. It is not all profit by any means and since it is not always an easy matter to keep an accurate account of everything without employing a bookkeeper, I really do not know each year just how much of the money should be tithed, because I do not know exactly how much is actual profit. I pay tithe more by guess than by actual knowledge and surely God will accept my honest intentions in this matter.

ANSWER: I have known persons here and there among our people who do not pay a real tithe because they claim they have no accurate account of what the business turns up as a profit. Does it seem that any Seventh-day Adventist in this age of careful accounting of expenses and income in business would be willing to run his affairs in such a careless manner that he is not concerned about his income? Everyone in business these days is certainly anxious to know how much he clears each year above his expense. We would hardly feel to excuse anyone for not paying tithe because he claimed he could not tell how much profit he made in the year. Truly it does seem that a man could find a way to keep account of his income if he really were anxious to pay his tithe. We do not see how God would excuse anyone for carelessness in a matter of this kind. If it were an actual fact that a person did not have an accounting of his profits, he nevertheless would have some idea of what his business had earned for him and should make an estimate and pay tithe upon that, rather than pay no tithe at all.

BAHAMAS MISSION

R. E. GIBSON, President
MRS. OWEN JONES, Secy.-Treas.
Box 350, Nassau, Bahamas.

Bainstown Effort

The theme for the Bahamas Mission during 1949 is *Evangelism*. Immediately after the Mission Session a hall was located in the Bainstown area and a series of meetings was conducted by Brother Owen P. Jones. The attendance the first Sunday night was a bit discouraging, but ever after it was most satisfying averaging between 85 and 100 persons.

This effort continued for six weeks and the interest shown was most gratifying. On April 24th as the sun arose above the sea, fifteen souls were buried in the watery grave with their Lord. Of these, thirteen were a result of the meetings held.

As in many other instances when new ones are coming into the church, problems arise that must be solved one way or another. One of our dear sisters had some difficulty with her employer. However, she decided that she was going to keep all of God's commandments. She had explained her new-found faith but was told she could not have the Sabbath off. Sabbath morning came and found this good sister in church. Sunday morning she went back to work and was asked why she hadn't come. After giving her reason she was paid and dismissed. This sister was not discouraged but trusted in the Lord, and now after being out of work for about three weeks she has a job with the Sabbath off. Truly God never allows His children to be in want, and always rewards His faithful.

— R. E. GIBSON.

Ingathering

Immediately following our Mission Session we launched our Ingathering Campaign for the Bahamas Mission. We were fully organized at the session and although some local leaders felt that the goals set were far beyond anything that could be raised, all pledged themselves to do their best to get every member to do something.

We approached our task feeling our own weakness and our total dependence upon God. Soon the reports began coming in from the Out-Islands, and with very few exceptions each church was sending to the office the whole church goal in cash. Shirley Street church organized singing bands that were very effective, and under the fine leadership of Elder W. H. Waller this enthusiastic church of 90 members has raised over £185-0-0 (\$740.00). Grants Town, with a membership of about 115 in the same short three weeks has surpassed their goal of £115-0-0. And I might add their territory is in a very poor section of the city which made work more difficult, requiring much effort to raise this heavy goal. God has richly blessed our faith and diligence.

With our ex-president (now Union Home Missionary Secretary) to lead out in such a strong way for the first week of the local solicitation among the business men of the city, we were able to quickly go "over the top." Elder H. D. Colburn has laid well the foundation for our work here and to him goes much of the credit for this generous spirit we find among the public today.

Our goal was set at £600-0-0 (\$2400.00) for the mission (an increase of 20% over last year) and to date we have raised over £650-0-0 (\$2600.00) or about £1-1-0 (\$4.20) per capita for our entire member-

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BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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News from the Northern District

For it must be the breaking of the day. We can clearly see the indications of the dawn. Signs in the religious world speak no less forcefully than any other. Many new missionaries of varying persuasions fully equipped for the diffusion of their erroneous doctrines have been recently entering this stronghold of Catholicism. It becomes us, although far behind in material equipment, equipped as we are with the truth, to be no less vigilant and active than the others. For this reason we have been steadily moving forward in faith, against opposition on every side, for the promulgation of the truth.

We have just closed a series of meetings held here in Corozal in the English language. Some interest has been manifested. Two days ago Brother Francisco Clarke brought to a close a series he had been holding in Concepcion. Already we have gotten started with another at Calcutta. The attendance so far has been gratifying. We hope to reap a harvest of souls from these efforts.

Last Sunday a party of us visited one of the far off Indian villages where possibly no other religion but Catholicism has been preached since the days of the Spanish occupation. We invited the people to meet with us for service but they were mostly all exceedingly reluctant. We were informed later that the priest had warned them that if and when we should come they were to have nothing to do with us. However, we were of good courage and although no one came to hear us at the time appointed, after waiting for more than two hours for someone with whom to study the word, we started singing some of our beautiful Spanish songs, telling of the love of Christ. How happy we were when in a short while not only was the room we occupied filled, but the doors and windows were all crowded with a well-behaved and attentive audience. A timely message was delivered, and the indications are that when we find it possible to return we shall find a more responsive group, their prejudice and fears having been allayed by the Lord.

We especially seek an interest in your prayers, brethren and sisters, that God will provide the means, the courage, and the faith for the promulgation of the work in these many unentered Indian villages.

— GARFIELD NEWMAN.



BAINSTOWN, BAHAMAS BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES. Pastor R. E. Gibson is on the extreme left, Brother Owen Jones on the extreme right.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

W. S. NATION, President.
MRS. D. RODRIQUES, Secy.-Treas.
Mandeville, Jamaica.

Items of Interest from West Jamaica

During 1948 the spirit of progress took hold of the members of the Bryant Hill church and they grew dissatisfied with their old church building. Immediately they set to work to replace the wooden structure with a larger and more lasting building of stone-nogging. The second day of January, 1949, witnessed their stone-laying service, which gave them impetus to push forward, and on the 24th of July we had the pleasure of dedicating their neatly finished building to the glory of God. The Bryant Hill church thus had the honour of being the first to be dedicated by our new Union President, Elder R. W. Numbers.

On Sabbath Morning, the 6th of August, Pastor W. S. Nation accompanied Elder Numbers on his first trip to Montego Bay. After an interesting Sabbath School hour, Elder Numbers brought a stirring message to about 500 present at the tent; no less than 130 of these being new believers who were out for their first or second Sabbath. In the afternoon Pastor Parchment went with us to Mount Horeb where we found a congregation bursting out the walls of their little meeting house. Words of encouragement were spoken to these believers and we proceeded to Cambridge to find another fine group of believers eagerly awaiting their turn to meet us. To close a full day's programme, we enjoyed the vesper hour with the brethren at Mount Carey.

Immediately upon his return from the United States, Pastor Holness launched out upon an evangelistic effort at Amity. Their newly dedicated church building proved altogether inadequate to accommodate the crowds, and so the brethren constructed a booth alongside of the church. The interest continued through the months until on the 7th of August 34 converts were baptized, leaving about 30 in the class who plan to go forward in the sacred rite later on. Sister Dorothy Somers has been a great help in bringing these folk across the line.

We were highly privileged to have our Union President, Elder R. W. Numbers, with us on the occasion of this baptism, and he presented a very appealing sermon at the river side, after which several hands went up signifying their desire to follow their Lord through the watery grave at some future time. We enjoyed the better portion of the day in the services that followed the baptism and left Amity with the assurance that God is doing great things for His people in that locality.

Our largest evangelistic effort for this year has been in progress at Montego Bay for the last eight weeks under the able leadership of Pastors H. S. Walters and

E. J. Parchment, assisted by brethren O. Gordon and A. Westney. These brethren entered upon this effort by inviting the church members to join with them in an all-night prayer meeting, and their first indication of success was the whole-hearted way in which these brethren responded, no less than 300 taking part in that consecration service.

The marked blessing of the Lord has been manifest from the very first meeting when it was conservatively estimated that upwards of 2,000 were in attendance. The interest has never lagged but kept up steadily, and for the past two Sabbaths they have been holding services in the tent with over 120 new believers attending.

Because of the large number of interested persons to be visited, the staff has been increased by three: Sisters Amy Dillion, Jean Mullings, and Brother Douglas.

Brother and Sister G. L. Alexander, formerly of the West Indian Training College, have now taken up residence at Jackson Town, and will be caring for the parish of Trelawny. We welcome these workers to this needy parish.

On the 22nd of July, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Owen Holness to the island as well as to the corps of workers in West Jamaica. Mrs. Holness is from the Caribbean Union, but comes to us from New York.

Our baptisms reported to the first week of August amount to 382.

SALT CAYS MISSION

W. H. WALLER, President
Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands

News from Grand Turk

Mrs. Gordon Premier reports that the Norfolk and Western Railroad in the United States has donated a bell to the Grand Turk Church. This bell, which is of bronze, has a very lovely tone. The Grand Turk Church expects to build a tower in which the bell can be installed, but until then, it is hanging in the basement of the church. Shortly after the bell was placed in the church basement, the sexton of the church could not resist the temptation to ring it for the Sunday night service. So just about an hour before service, he rang the bell, and it was heard all over the north end of the island. The Grand Turk church has written the Norfolk and Western Railroad thanking them for this very fine gift.

After spending nearly two and one-half years in the Salt Cays Mission, Brother and Sister Premier and family have found it necessary to return to the United States. The British West Indies Union Mission Committee has appointed Pastor W. Hansen Waller to the presidency of the Mission. Pastor and Mrs. Waller will be arriving in Grand Turk very soon.

First Impressions of Jamaica

The work throughout Jamaica is going forward under the able leadership of enthusiastic and consecrated conference officers and district pastors. The institutions are under the direction of Godly men and women who are doing their part to hasten on the coming of the Lord. During the first three weeks of my work in "the Land of Sunshine" I have had the privilege of meeting with hundreds of our faithful members in both the East and West Jamaica Conferences. In the faces of both old and young I witnessed the love of Christ and felt the warm welcome which radiates from a child of God.

My first important meeting was with Pastor Lindo at the dedication of the Bryant Hill church. Pastor W. S. Nation, President of the West Jamaica Conference, and Pastor E. E. Parchment were also present to take part in the well-planned programme. We wish Pastor Lindo much success in his large district.

On July 29 I received a most friendly welcome at the Andrew's Memorial Hospital. Donald Hamilton introduced me to the Missionary Volunteers on Friday night. After meeting with the young people of the Hospital, I was eager to become acquainted with the five thousand Missionary Volunteers of the Union.

Sabbath morning, July 30, Pastor M. G. Nembhard took me on a flying trip to visit the Kencot and Trench Town churches and then landed at North Street Temple church in good time for the Divine Service. In the afternoon we were happy to meet with the Regent Street and Rollington Town churches. At the latter we found the Missionary Volunteers in a most interesting "Share Your Faith" programme. We expect to see some good workers coming from the Rollington Town church. Congratulations to the leaders and may God continue to bless the young people.

It was a real thrill to meet with Pastor Walters Sabbath morning, August 6, when one hundred and thirty new believers met with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the big tent for the first time.

In the afternoon Pastor Earl Parchment and Pastor Nation took us to Cambridge, Mt. Horeb, and Mt. Carey, where we met a large gathering at each place.

Sunday morning was a "high day" at Amity. Upon our arrival at about eight o'clock Brother Holness was just finishing a testimony meeting after a thorough instruction period which had begun at 6:30 in the morning. The booth was full with many standing on the outside while hundreds were already down at the river waiting for the baptismal service. Thirty-four precious souls were baptized. The ordinances were celebrated at the booth after the candidates had been taken into church fellowship. Twenty-five or thirty are preparing for the next baptism. We are praying for you, Brother Holness.

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Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig
Secretary

Christ for the Union and All the Union for Christ

"Low aim is crime" said one. The gates of heaven and beyond must be our aim, and we must be there with sheaves—human grain for the garner of the King.

Spear-heading the battalions of God everywhere are the Commandos—our literature evangelists. In Jamaica alone over five hundred full and auxiliary warriors blasted away at Satanic gates. What an army! Here before me on the desk is the biennial report of the East Jamaica Conference. Here it is in part: "During the year 1948, there were 43 full-time colporteurs, 57 part-time, 25 church auxiliary groups totalling 214 individual workers; 40 students and 16 magazine workers, making a total of 370 all together. In 1947 there were 307 workers." Surely we must veil our faces and cry, "What hath God wrought!" Farther along in the report is this thought-provoking statement, "More and more the church auxiliaries are experiencing heaven's divine approval."

"With the other soul-winning agencies, the publishing department has done its fair share. Thirty per cent of our converts trace their first conviction to the reading of our books. . . During the past two years, speaking very conservatively, eight souls were won by our colporteurs."

"In 1947, nineteen students received scholarship benefits amounting to £212-0-0." Thus 59 students in East Jamaica alone benefited to the God-sent help of £590-0-0. If I were reading this before the needy parents of these brave young people, who face everything with a smile and a tear, a tear and a smile, they would say "Amen." Elder Campbell reports that for the biennial period our students working in the East delivered £2584-4-10, most of which was sold in the city of Kingston. Surely a rich harvest of souls await the city evangelists.

In 24 consecutive months the students and magazine workers assisted our regular colporteurs in selling nearly 1000 subscriptions for our magazines—*Life & Health*, *Message*, *Canadian Signs* and *Our Times*. They also helped to distribute 30,544 single copies valuing £2087-9-10. Since the last East Jamaica Mission

Session, 4,487 more large books, 8,159 small books, 2,117 Bibles, 780 subscriptions and 30,544 magazines were scattered. We may think of the prophetic words: "Scatter them like the leaves of Autumn." Vol. IX, p. 72. In 1948 alone £8200-0-0 were delivered making a total for the two years of £15,789-9-10. We are sure that as the East Conference delegates heard this heartening report envisioning what is ahead, they were greatly thrilled. Grateful, also, were the faithful colporteurs and colporteur leaders both in the office and out in the mud and grime by the sides of our literature HEROES.

A number of colporteur families were sent to sister missions and all did their share. We trust that the Lord will open the way for many more colporteur missionaries to enter our four sister missions in the Union. A number of our student-colporteurs are doing splendidly as they canvass in the United States of America.

As strange as it may sound, yet it is true, a military campaign loses much of its sobering and satisfying influences if no warriors fall in glorious battles. The story of the three hundred Spartans who held back two million Persians at Thermopylae will never die. Even so, the daring exploits of our colporteurs the world over will live on because none were afraid to pay the supreme price. Two of East Jamaica's colporteur-warriors laid down their lives in battle. May God help us to protect their surviving children and other relatives.

In the challenge and inspiration of the above exploits we humbly face the future with confidence. Nothing but SIN can stop the colporteurs. With sin dethroned, the bulwarks of hell will tremble in 1949. Dear Colporteurs, as we go let us cry, "Christ for the Union and all the Union for Christ."

—A. R. HAIG.

First Impressions .

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The Walters-Parchment-Gordon evangelistic group were well rewarded for their faith Sunday night when between two and three thousand people gathered to hear Pastor Walters speak on the subject "The Seal of God." Hundreds came early to join the Bible Class and hundreds stayed after the evening sermon to receive special help. There seemed to be as many people gathered on the outside of the tent as the inside. Angels from heaven have surely joined our ministers and laity in giving Montego Bay the last Warning Message.

We appeal to our believers throughout the Union to join in prayer for all who are working for the salvation of souls.

—R. W. NUMBERS.

COLPORTEUR REPORT SUMMARY FOR JUNE, 1949

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission	269	£ 143 17 0	£ 47 15 0
Br. Honduras	112	53 19 0	53 19 0
Caymans			NO REPORT
Salt Cays			NO REPORT
East Jamaica	10255	1699 8 9	1303 11 3
West Jamaica	6015	937 15 2	534 16 7
TOTALS	16651	£2834 19 11	£1940 1 10

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Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission:			
Burke, B.	179	£128 4 0	£30 19 8
Other Colporteurs	90	15 13 0	16 16 9
British Honduras Mission:			
Vasciannie, S.	112	38 0 0	38 0 0
Colporteur Brigade		15 19 0	15 19 0
East Jamaica Conference:			
Anderson, A. A.	130	3 8 6	4 13 4
Athias, Lucilda	162	51 15 0	32 4 8
Blake, W. E.	193	65 16 0	15 0 0
Bignall, Mrs. K.	101	12 5 0	9 0 0
Bogle, Daphne	171	34 18 0	25 19 0
Burke, Violet	150	66 0 0	
Cousins, C. S.	185	43 15 6	24 17 0
Curling, M. G.	132	26 12 6	9 5 9
Davidson, L. H.	236	42 8 0	51 2 2
Duncombe, Peter	188	31 11 0	14 8 6
Foster, Mrs. D.	209	41 1 0	41 18 5
Ferguson, A. L.	162	15 8 0	7 6 0
Gerrison, A. R.	122	43 18 0	40 12 6
Graham, Doris	112	1 8 6	8 14 0
Hill, Victor	145	16 8 3	5 12 0
James, Miss M.	175	23 19 0	14 8 6
King, J. M.	212	31 2 0	34 1 0
Lalor, M. A.	385	11 15 0	11 7 0
Lindsay, C. E.	144	44 16 0	4 1 0
Marcus, Mavis	138	9 8 6	2 0 0
Moore, Gwen	246	17 11 6	7 13 8
Moore, H. N.	143	31 17 0	14 6 6
Pitkin, Miss M.	102	9 18 0	2 1 6
Provost, Mrs. C.	124	15 14 3	5 3 10
Purville, Edna	135	32 17 0	3 0 7
Randall, Walter	190	7 16 0	2 11 6
Rose, Florence	187	11 9 9	6 8 7
Satchell, M. A.	122	108 18 0	43 2 5
Savizon, Nellie	118	20 3 7	2 4 8
Scott, Elkanah	198	82 17 0	17 3 9
Simmonds, W.	196	26 3 6	10 7 5
Stirling, D. A.	156	7 15 0	11 0 0
Thompson, Daniel	215	12 6 6	6 6 0
Thompson, M. T.	132	21 19 0	22 1 6
White, Mrs. R.	121	13 4 0	8 7 3
Wilson, George	178	11 5 0	82 14 5
Wilson, Mrs. E.	135	9 13 0	13 5 3
Wright, Rudolph	123	34 15 0	14 0 9
Whyte, Adina	144	42 8 0	6 7 0
Other Colporteurs	2413	368 13 2	308 19 4
Magazine Workers	454	46 18 0	144 4 7
Students	580	112 10 6	45 6 9
Brigades	470	35 2 3	93 3 1
Miscellaneous			100 0 0

West Jamaica Conference:

Brown, V. A.	151	1 16 0	1 5 6
Brown, V. E.	165	23 10 0	5 8 7
Campbell, M. E.	220	25 14 0	9 12 0
Coley, C. G.	131	16 8 0	
Dillon, Leslie	137	52 3 0	52 3 0
Doekery, E. E.	129	16 17 0	3 4 9
Glenn, R. L.	124	24 8 0	8 10 6
Guthrie, Ira	153	3 12 8	4 18 0
Hart, Mrs. H.	224	51 6 0	21 5 0
Hepburn, C. H.	196	29 15 6	15 9 0
Kent, Rudolph	136	10 3 0	8 12 0
Lawson, Joseph	228	30 5 0	3 18 0
Maxwell, D. E.	193	12 0 0	3 12 6
Martin, G.	141	8 5 0	
McDonald, J.	149	21 4 0	5 15 6
McLeod, W. B.	219	45 2 0	5 11 0
Plummer, H. L.	149	12 16 0	10 18 0
Smith, Mrs. B.	120	58 6 0	12 3
Smith, M. V.	199	30 12 3	55 7 3
Stewart, H.	176	22 16 6	7 4 6
Thorpe, Noel	140	25 15 0	8 8 9
Topper, Beryl	117	34 1 0	1 14 0
Topper, Louise	176	55 15 0	1 14 6
Williams, M. M.	225	28 7 6	17 4 4
Other Colporteurs	1637	270 11 6	194 12 9
Students	50	11 16 3	23 4 5
Brigades	300	14 8 3	14 8 3
Miscellaneous			50 0 0

In order to be a regular colporteur you must put in at least 120 hours per month and women must put in at least 100 hours monthly.

God's Purposes for His Church

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outward appearances induced many to believe that the plan of God would be defeated. God is prepared for all this. In the times of the judges in Israel there were many sad chapters. One of the darkest chapters was the day in which Gideon lived. Israel was impoverished. The people cried unto the Lord in their trouble. The Midianites did not molest the Israelites in the planting season of the year but ruthlessly overran the land in time of harvest. One day Gideon was threshing grain in a hidden spot by a winepress. His family needed bread. The Israelites had been beaten, conquered, and absolutely subjected. If this state of matters had continued their very existence would have been in jeopardy. It looked dark for the people of God, that nation which had been chosen through whom the Lord Jesus was to descend. What did God do? He took Gideon, apparently just a farmer. By Gideon's own confession his family was poor. He was the least in his father's house.

God found a man where the nation could not find one. God found a brave, faith-filled man where the world saw none. He led Gideon to one of the most marvelous victories in Israelitish history. In the darkest times God brings victory to His people. God's plan moves through the most distressing times toward its grand and glorious fulfilment. "God's purposes know no haste and no delay."

At other epochs, God has had the co-operation of those who professed to be His followers. Jonah was sent to Nineveh to preach. The idea was disliked by him. Instead of going on his God-appointed mission he went off in another direction, Tarsus. Jonah was thrown overboard. He was swallowed by a great fish. After three days he was thrown up on the shore. Then Jonah was ready to go to Nineveh. His preaching was accompanied by power and great was the effect on the inhabitants "from the greatest of them even to the least of them." How wonderful does God work in the face of frustration! Through circumstances men come to recognize that co-operation with the plan of God is inescapable.

In the times of Ahasuerus of the Medo-Persian empire, God's plan was threatened. A royal decree had gone out. The Jews were to be destroyed. But Queen Esther was "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." In the darkness of discouragement and confusion God had one, unperceived at first, to work out His plan. Esther graciously intervened. She stood firm for her people. And a way was provided for the saving of the chosen ones. God always finds the right person to carry on His work. In that faraway time, God had a way of following on with His plan, and today He carries forward His plan by means which are at times unperceived. "In

every difficulty He (God) has His way prepared to bring relief."

The time of the end is one of the most wonderful epochs of this history of the people of God. The Scriptures tell us that the enemy of God is come to make war with the remnant church because he knows his time is short. The Gospel is to be carried to all the world in this period. The final movements are to be rapid ones. We shall undoubtedly have dark places in our paths. There will be times when appearances will lead many to think defeat is inevitable. That will be the time to remember that God's purposes "know no haste and no delay."

When difficult times arise we are to remember that the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob still lives. Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is the same today, yesterday, and tomorrow.

Word from The 20th Century Bible School

"If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it..." This precious promise indeed found its fulfilment in the following heart-warming experience given by one student who has been taking the 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course. After reaching the 25th lesson which dealt with the tobacco habit, he was convinced of the evils of this noxious weed, and resolved to overcome this practice. I think that his experience can better be given in his own words:

"You must be concerned because I have not sent up these sets of answers, but the fact is that I was a tobacco smoker and after studying this lesson I decided not to send them up until I got the mastery over this bad habit. I had a hard battle, and praise God, He granted me the grace to overcome a twenty-year habit. This is how it happened: I prayed earnestly to God stressing the twenty years indulgence. The first twenty-four hours the desire to smoke almost crazed me, but I wouldn't touch it. Then I eventually tried one cigar and it made me as sick as when I smoked my first. Since then, I cannot stand even the smell. I am now free! Glory be to God!"

We cannot but conclude that God is abundantly blessing this important work, and the far-reaching results of these helpful lessons may never be known until the hereafter, when these precious souls, who are won through the medium of the 20th Century Home Bible Correspondence School, shall be gathered around the great white throne. We solicit the prayers of our faithful believers throughout the British West Indies Union.

— A. W. SANGSTER.

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Ingathering

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ship. We are laying plans to promote the "Minute-man goal" next year in our city churches. We are so thankful for God's providence as urgent calls from all over the field are coming into our office, and our present budget is too small to begin to meet the demands.

I truly believe that many times we limit God by lack of faith and confidence in His promises. Our world work is being finished; God has promised; let us believe and go forward in faith and see the power of God.

— R. E. GIBSON.

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Miss Heroline Forbes and Miss Adwiner Gordon, please communicate with Mr. Ivan Plummer, March Town P.O.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

SHAW — Priscilla Shaw was born in Christiana, Manchester, in the year 1849, and was united in marriage to Joseph Harriott in 1883. She accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1915 and for years was a faithful member of the Coleville church. In her active years, she was a faithful missionary worker and even as her health failed, she constantly expressed her firm hope in the Second Coming of Christ. As a result of living close to the Lord, she was fully prepared for her end which came on the 20th of May, 1949. We believe that she sleeps in the Lord and not as others who have no hope. She is survived by three sons and nine grand children, who mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor E. C. H. Reid at Claremont where she spent the last few years of her life.

— W. S. HARRIOTT.

EWIN — Brother Robert Ewin, aged 101, (1848-1949) passed away June 18, 1949. He was a faithful deacon of the Sav-la-mar church, and is survived by his wife, one of the present deaconesses, and also by a son residing in the United States. The Message of the Blessed Hope was his theme and song to the end. Another Patriarch sleeps awaiting the Great Call!

DOCKERY — Earnal Dockery, born on the 2nd of November, 1936, at Malvern (son of Brother Elliston E. Dockery, leader of the Coker S. D. A. church) a member of the said Sabbath School, came to a tragic death, drowning on the 3rd of June in the Black River, between Coker and Maggoty.

The funeral took place the following day, and was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large audience comprising the members of the Coker church and citizens and members of the Siloah and Maggoty churches. It is our hope to meet him on the Morn of morns.

— E. R. A. ANDERSON.