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God's Personal Call to His People

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isa. 26:20.

Is it not time for the church as one man to draw under the shelter of His wing? Jesus appeals to us today as to the Jews of old. He would gather us and our children together, "even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings." Oh may it not be said of us as of them, "Ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate." Matt. 23:37.

On Christmas Eve Pope Pius XII will officially proclaim a Holy Year for 1950. Would it not be fitting for us as members of the Remnant Church to pray for a marked outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the year 1950? Let ministers, church leaders and every consecrated layman double his efforts for souls during the coming year. Lay your plans *now* so there will be no delay in giving twelve full months to the largest harvest of souls in the British West Indies Union. Every Watchman must be on duty. To be found sleeping at this critical hour would be high treason against the government of heaven. A united attack must be made by young and old. Plans are now being laid to recruit our youth throughout the Union for the greatest "Share Your Faith" programme ever launched in this field. We believe that hundreds of our youth can be won by our youth, besides a rich harvest from those not of our faith.

We believe that God's personal appeal is for larger evangelistic plans by all of our Conference, Mission, and Church Leaders. Every man, woman, and child must have the opportunity of hearing this glorious Third-Angel's Message before the end.

"Let us keep our souls in the love of God. The note of warning must be given,

By R. W. Numbers

The truth must not languish upon our lips. We must rouse people to immediate preparation, for we little know what is before us. My faith is as strong as ever that we are living in the last remnant of time." *Evangelism*, p. 217.

The world stands stunned with the threat of an atomic war. We are told that at this very moment Russia is working feverishly on plans for an atomic showdown. She has, it is said, the most extensive anti-aircraft system in the world. Although we have heard a great deal about our preparedness for any eventually, one writer recently states that the fact remains that we are not prepared. To really appreciate the significance of these facts, let us turn our minds to the words of Christ.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

The economic situation has already brought perplexity to many of our people and especially to our faithful colporteurs. This too is a sign of the approaching end. Notice the following statement from the pen of inspiration:

"Poverty is coming upon this world, and there will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. There will be wars and rumours of wars, and the faces of men will gather paleness. You may have to suffer distress; you may go hungry sometimes, but God will not forsake you in your suffering." *Evangelism*, p. 241.

The urgency of the task before us calls forth a deeper consecration on the part of every child of God. Problems of unprecedented magnitude press heavily upon the church. We must enlist the support of every member in a spiritual revival for

1950. The searchlight of God must be allowed to play upon our characters and find in them all that defiles.

On a recent visit to a certain city noticed the searchlights constantly playing back and forth in the heavens, ever on the alert for an enemy plane. With David we must pray.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23, 24.

As we try, by God's grace, to put out of our lives all those things that would prevent us from being like Christ we are at the same time putting out of our lives those things which would prevent us from being at one with our brethren. While we are being drawn into a close embrace in the arms of Jesus, we, at the same time are coming closer and closer to our brethren. This relationship ultimately prepares us for translation. Oh how we long for that glorious day when we shall be ushered into the courts of heaven, to realize that the days of sorrow and disappointment and woes are forever over. The days of eternity will stretch out before us ever bringing us into closer fellowship with the family of heaven. The redeemed will be without sin for they have permitted the searchlight of heaven to point out every unchristlike trait in their character.

There are none of us so close to Him, but that we may be nearer, and the secret of our daily Christian life is all wrapped up in that one word which is scarcely to be called a figure, "coming" unto Him. We know not how close to His heart we can lay our aching heads. We know not how near to His fullness we may bring our emptiness. We have never yet reached the point beyond which is possible no closer union. — *Alexander Maclaren*.



H. S. WALTERS, M. V. Dept. Secretary

Bahamas Youth's Congress

In response to the urge on the part of youth to have a share in the finishing of the work, the young people of the Bahamas Mission met on September 22, 1949, for their Youth's Congress. They came with anxious hearts and the determination to dedicate their lives in sharing their faith.

The Congress was opened by the Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary who reminded them that God is depending on them in this sunset hour of earth to form the advance guard that will bring about the mighty revival which will usher in the coming of the Lord. At the close of the first meeting, the young people all dedicated their lives to play their part in the final stage of the conflict against sin.

Many were the instructions and inspiration received from Elders Haig, Gibson, and Jones. On Sabbath afternoon the young people took part in a very enthusiastic "Share Your Faith" rally and many went out to "share their faith." On their return, they brought good news of the contacts they had made and of how thrilled they were in sharing their faith.

On the closing night of the Congress a "Youth for Christ" evangelistic service was held and our young people went out and invited many other youth. As a result of the blessing of the Lord and the hard work and sacrifice that was made by our people, a number of young people determined that they would forsake the world and follow Jesus.

As the young people bade goodbye, all united in saying that this was a wonderful time. Let us have one every year.

Youth's Congress in British Honduras

From all sections of British Honduras young people came for the celebration of their first Youth's Congress which convened October 28-30, 1949. They came from the valley, they came from the plains, they came from the hills; from all walks of life they came with the determination to know how to help in the finishing of the work.

The ground work for the Youth's Congress was laid in a very efficient way by Elder and Mrs. Williams and the other workers of the British Honduras Mission and at the appointed time, with the church crowded inside and outside, everybody joined in singing to begin the Congress:

"We have heard Thy call Lord Jesus, And our hearts respond with joy."

As a keynote to the Congress, the speaker pointed the youth to the fact that

time is short and it is now time to share their faith. In response to the challenge thus given the young people assembled, all stood and dedicated their lives anew for greater vision and greater zeal to accomplish the task.

On Sabbath, we had the unusual privilege of having in our midst the President of our Union. His rallying call to the youth left the lasting impression upon their hearts that the Lord is in need of their services today. The Spirit of the Lord was felt and its manifestation seen as a result of the message presented.

All the workers of the British Honduras Mission lent their efforts for the success of this Congress. Elder Newman, from the south, was there with his youth; Brother Woodburn, from the north, was there with his youth and our lay preacher from Jamaica, Brother Wright, was also present with us. Throughout the Congress a very high standard of music was presented. Sisters Usher and Williams and Brother Clayton and their choir did a very splendid job and our young people will never forget the choruses, the anthems and the Missionary songs that they sang and listened to from time to time.

To bring our week-end to a close, the young people went out on Sunday sharing their faith and inviting individuals to attend our closing meeting. The love of Christ was portrayed in a very vivid and impressive way and the large audience listened attentively. As the appeal was made, several took their stand for God for the first time. Our young people were very enthusiastic and they determined to go forward for God.

They are pleading and asking for a Congress every year. Under God, let us continue to be of greater service to this needy army of youth throughout the field.

Camp Hackman 1949

The second chapter of the book "Happy Camp Memories in Jamaica" was written during the last week of August, 1949—compiled, I say, by every Missionary Volunteer who attended Camp Hackman, 1949.

From 6:15 Reveille, till 9:15 taps at night, every moment of the day was crowded with interest for 49 girls, 33 boys, and 11 counsellors. Camp life provided for almost every phase of life. The spiritual was by no means neglected, for was not that the primary object for our camp—to draw nearer to one another and to God? Morning devotion with our prayer bands was indeed a blessing to each camper.

The Sabbath at Camp was a blessed day. New thoughts gathered in the Sabbath School were supplemented by the timely admonitions given by Pastor Nation in the Divine service. Who can forget that sermon? "Prepare to meet thy God,

Oh Israel." At Missionary Volunteer meeting we viewed anew our task—"The Advent Message to all the world in this generation." How our hearts burned within us as we listened to stories of those who sacrificed their all to proclaim this message. With all sincerity each pledged anew, "Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to do all I can..."

Kindly instructors guided us in nature studies, straw work, leather craft, and picture framing. Each camper could take home some article he had made as an evidence of his industry.

All healthy young people love physical exercise, so at the sound of the whistle—10:00 a.m.—those girls interested in swimming could be seen hurrying to the pool with their buddies for one hour's frolic in the water, but all too soon a long blast of the whistle put an end to their fun, for at 11:00 a.m. all the boys must have their swim. The afternoon games, soft ball, volley ball, croquet, and ping pong, absorbed the attention of all. Games were lost and won as the spectators cheered heartily.

Camp fire sessions entertained visitors as well as campers. Pastor Haig, the young peoples' friend, was young again as he planned the nightly programmes of films, marches, and concerts.

But to everything an end must come. Tuesday morning, August 30, and Missionary Volunteers with sober faces but with a firmer determination to be true to God, bade good-bye to Camp Director H. S. Walters and his faithful assistants whose untiring efforts made such a wonderful week possible.

And that, Missionary Volunteers of Jamaica, is the second chapter of our new book. If God wills it, won't you help us to compile the third chapter by planning to attend Youth's Camp in 1950?

We are looking for you all!

—LIZETTE HALL.

Give the Child A Chance in January

Within a few weeks the doors of our educational centres will be reopened and we have been thinking of the thousands of boys and girls around the Union who should be in our schools. Every parent who has accepted the call of Revelation to come out of Babylon should now be laying plans to place his or her child in a Seventh-day Adventist school.

It is no longer safe to expose the precious heritage of God to the corrupting influences of the world. Our children and youth are the only possessions we have today, that we will be able to take to our Father's house in that day when God shall ask, "Where is the flock, thy beautiful flock?" Throughout our Union there are a number of elementary schools where our boys and girls should be found when school reopens in January. If there is no school in your church, now is the time to call this

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British Honduras Mission

Pastor Newman held a series of meetings at the Calcutta church where such an interest was created that the meeting house was inadequate to accommodate the attendance at the Sabbath services. The demand for more space was so urgent that immediately they had to start reforming and lengthening the building which has a far more dignified appearance now that it is replastered and repaired. Brother Ramcharan, the local elder, told me that he has over thirty candidates in the baptismal class. During the time of my visit, Pastor Newman had a baptism in the sea, on the way between the Corozal and Calcutta churches. Seven candidates from Calcutta and one from Corozal were baptized. There was a large gathering who had come to witness the rite. The message was given by the writer, based on the "New Birth."

Sabbath morning, September 24, we visited Douglas. Sister Alida Delgado, a Mexican public school teacher, and a member of one of our churches in Mexico, was transferred to a school only three miles from Douglas. It was the first Sabbath she spent at this new place, but she made it possible to be in the Sabbath School. The Douglas church is on the bank of the Rio Hondo, which serves as the border line between British Honduras and Mexico. She wants to be a member of the Douglas Sabbath School, and will make the trip each Sabbath morning by boat. There is no border line for the Advent message.

New life has come to the brethren on the banks of the Sibun River. The company at Mountain Cow Creek, which had been a family Sabbath School for many years, has been organized into a Sabbath School of eight members. On the 8th of August, a sister from this company received the rite of baptism. There are others in the baptismal class, and we hope they will be ready before the end of the year. The company is under the leadership of Brother Richmond Fitzgibbons.

Brother Harold Hamilton is rounding up all the scattered members of the Lewis Canal and New Home, and has reported a Sabbath School of five members. Congratulations to you, Brother Hamilton. We are hoping that these small Sabbath Schools will grow into strong churches.

—J. N. WILLIAMS.

Only when we come to the end of self do we find the beginning of God. A man's poverty of spirit, sorrow for sin, and utter self-renunciation are the condition of God's conscious power and presence.

—Andrew Murray.

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News Notes

The third quarter's reports for the East Jamaica Conference have now been compiled. Our hearts have been cheered as we realize the great work that is being done. The number baptized is the largest of any quarter since the beginning of '49. Both Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Departments have moved forward inasmuch as many more churches merited the "A" grade. Enrolment in the church schools exceeded that of the previous quarter. The Treasury and Publishing Departments recorded gains up to the end of the third quarter. Indeed we can say from the depths of our hearts, "Thanks be to God for His blessings."

The season of the year upon which we are now entering is a time of goodwill—a time when we express our love to our friends in a tangible way. It is also a time when our minds go back to the first Christmas when wise men from the East sought the new-born King and presented Him with tangible gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Someone has given us the beautiful thought that the gifts brought by these wise men to Jesus were emblematic of three things: "The divinity, the royalty, and the manhood of our Lord. They offered Him incense as their God, gold as their king, and myrrh as united to a human body subject to suffering and death."

We of the East Jamaica Conference could well be called wise if at this season of the year we express anew our devotion to the blessed Master in a tangible way by giving freely to His cause. If we do not have of our own to give, may we not return to Him that which is His so that the knowledge of His presence might be carried to those who know Him not? May our experience at this season be as expressed by the angels—Peace with God and goodwill toward men.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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Flashes from West Jamaica

"Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

The words of the Master to His disciples nearly two thousand years ago are just as true today of the field of West Jamaica as they were then of the particular field to which attention was called.

This fact is proven by every consecrated colporteur, layman, or evangelist who unites his service with that of the Master.

The brethren of the Newell Church have been working diligently and untiringly in several districts adjacent to their home church, and many souls have responded to their invitation to obey the admonition of the Lord, "Come out of her, My people." However, it was their special joy to see the work at Great Bay sufficiently developed to allow the organization of an independent Sabbath School a few weeks ago, by Elder E. E. Parchment. Thus another light has been kindled in South St. Elizabeth, this time just by the seaside. We trust that before long a full grown church will be the result.

Another evidence of the results of the work of the layman can be found at Pleasant Valley, in Clarendon. Here Brother Arthur Baker has been labouring for many months to bring the light of the Three Angels' Messages to the people of that quiet valley; and what has been the result? Eighteen precious souls already baptized and still others studying the truth, and now an organized Sabbath School.

Still a third Sabbath School has been organized recently, this one away in the fastnesses of the Dry Harbour mountains of St. Ann. Through the consecrated labours of colporteurs C. H. Morgan and C. H. Hepburn, the flame of truth was lighted in the District of Madras, and now Pastor E. C. H. Reid reports his joy in being able to organize a group of ardent believers into a full-fledged Sabbath School. These new believers are ardently working to bring in their friends and acquaintances to the "ark of safety" and are succeeding too, for Pastor Reid tells us he has planned another baptism at Madras for the end of the month.

Lastly, Brother and Sister G. L. Alexander have reported a new Sabbath School at Samuel-Prospect, in Trelawny. Here the Lord led these workers to concentrate their labours and a very promising interest has been awakened. The second Sabbath of their meeting together there were over twenty adults and several children in attendance. Surely, God has set His hand to finish His work.

In their first baptism from the tent effort in Montego Bay, Brethren Walters and Parchment had the joy of leading fifty-eight precious souls through the watery grave, and before this copy of the VISITOR reaches your hand their second baptism is scheduled to come off when sixty-three others are to follow; but even that will not be the end for there are quite a few others who require a longer period of preparation.

Reader, what are you doing to bring souls to Christ? Remember, there will be no starless crowns in heaven, but everyone must enter there as a soul-winner. Will you not ask God to show you how you may begin today to work for someone, if you have not already done so?

—W. S. NATION.



Sabbath School Dept.

H. D. Colburn
Secretary

Sabbath School

In thinking of this particular period of the year, I am reminded that it will soon be time for our annual Sabbath School Investment programmes. The various projects of our thousands of members in our two hundred sixty-three Sabbath Schools will soon be yielding rich dividends to their investors. These programmes will demonstrate again what can be done when we invest for God! These annual services also provide incentives for others to "go and do likewise" the following year. All should bear in mind that any investment for God will yield to the "share holder" rich dividends throughout eternity!

The Servant of the Lord has well said: "The free-will offering of the humble, contrite heart, He will receive, and will reward the giver with the richest blessings. He receives them as the sacrifice of grateful obedience. He requires and accepts our gold and silver as an evidence that all we have and are belongs to Him." *Test.* Vol. II, p. 653.

— H. D. COLBURN.

Give the Child a Chance

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to the attention of your conference president and local educational secretary. I am sure that these godly leaders will be willing to join hands and hearts with you as you seek to bring the facilities of Christian education within your doors. Do it today. Probation is closing. Tomorrow may be too late.

To our youth who desire secondary or college education, Kingsway High School and West Indian Training College are at your service. Today the work of God moves forward in the British West Indies Union as a result of the blessing of the Lord and the consecrated efforts of the young men and women who once sat at the feet of the godly teachers in these institutions. Let every one who desires a Christian education write today to Pastor V. A. Holgate, 12 Osborne Rd., Halfway Tree P.O., or to Pastor B. G. Butherus, West Indian Training College, Mandeville. It is time to save our youth!

— H. S. WALTERS.

Jamaica Sends Two Workers to Africa

We are told by the prophet Isaiah that "the isles shall wait for His law." This period of waiting, so far as Jamaica is concerned, has long ago ceased and for many years workers have been going out from Jamaica to carry the good news of salvation to other parts of the world.

At the present time we find several of our folk from Jamaica labouring in British Honduras; others are in the Bahama Islands and the Turks Islands. A family from Jamaica is holding up the banner of truth in far-off British Guiana, and so it goes. This is the spirit of the Advent Movement. Having freely received we desire to freely give.

The latest missionaries to go out from Jamaica are Brethren Levi Davidson and E. L. Brown who have accepted a call to connect with the Publishing work in West Africa. These brethren left Kingston in a huge Constellation plane of the Royal Dutch Airlines on October 22. They arrived at Accra, Gold Coast, just four days later, having enjoyed short visits enroute at Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Paramaribo in Surinam, and at Dakar on the West coast of Africa.

Brother Davidson writes as follows regarding their trip and reception in their new field of labour. "This is just to inform you that we have reached our destination safely. We arrived at Accra at 2:26 a.m., Wednesday. Our plane travelled at 310 miles per hour, and at an altitude of 15,000 ft. We could see clouds hundreds of feet below. We are indeed grateful to God for His guiding hand and His protecting care over us in landing us safely at our destination. We called to see Pastor Henneberg at Curacao. He is about four miles from the hotel where we stayed. We went to church Sunday night. Brother Henneberg is having an effort. Brother Brown was asked to pray and I sang a song.

"We are now staying at the Union President's home until such time as we will be sent to our place of labour which will be Cumasi. The place is nice, and the climate just like Jamaica."

May God abundantly bless these brethren who have willingly sacrificed the comforts of home to answer the Macedonian call to pioneer the literature work in a new field.

— CLYDE O. FRANZ.

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Home Missionary

We are happy to report that one hundred and thirty-one souls were baptized during the third quarter as a direct result of the labours of our Union-wide army of two hundred and sixty-four laymen. This is an increase of forty conversions over their achievements for God during the second quarter. It represents a marvellous accomplishment! Now, what will the fourth quarter yield for the sacrificial labours of these men?

I would point out that many of our laymen have not found it possible to hold public efforts as yet due to circumstances beyond their control. It is possible for you too, to be successful in reaching and surpassing your goals for souls this year by engaging in house-to-house work. Sister White has left us this encouraging note: "Of equal importance with special public efforts is house-to-house work in the homes of people. In large cities there are certain classes that cannot be reached by public meetings. These must be searched out as the shepherd searches for his lost sheep." *Test.*, Vol IX, p. 111. This counsel applies equally to any territory, city or country. Why not bend every effort during the remaining weeks of 1949 to reach those who would accept the Message if it were brought to them!

— H. D. COLBURN.