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## Turning Your Eyes Upon Jesus For 1950

Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace."

May this be our theme song for 1950 throughout the B. W. I. Union. All the common annoyances, the little trials, jealousies, the pull of the world would soon lose their bewitching power if our eyes were on Jesus. We need to study daily the Pattern that we may imitate Him in every respect. If we are to follow the path of Jesus we will be led through great tribulations that our robes may be washed white in the blood of the Lamb, prepared to sit in heavenly mansions.

We may be called to climb to dizzy heights or "walk through the valley of the shadow of death." The cup of sorrow may be placed to our lips by One who did not fail to drink the cup for us. The path He marks out for us may lead us through narrow, stony ravines which will try our souls to the utmost. By some, our work will be appreciated and, by others, it will be misunderstood. Some will be called upon during this year to lay down their lives until the resurrection morn. Others will be used by God as special channels for the out-pouring of His Holy Spirit.

It may be that your experience will be like David's. He was hunted, hated, and despised, a lonely wanderer, yet the chosen of God among his fellows. He became so discouraged that he finally cried out, "No man cared for my soul." During the months ahead we will see men and women who are burdened down with life's problems and need a sympathetic, understanding friend. Some will be veterans of the Cross; others will be little known, but all will be members, or candidates of the royal family of heaven. A thoughtless word, a careless act or expression is often left to pierce the already fainting, trembling heart. Sleepless nights follow a harsh, unchristian, uncalled-for rebuke. Do we

By R. W. Numbers

brother or sister carry his heavy load, remember the words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"?

"I saw that all the religion a few poor souls have consists in watching the garments and acts of others, and finding fault with them. Unless they reform, there will be no place in heaven for them, for they would find fault with the Lord Himself." *Vol. I, p. 245.*

There is so much good in our brothers and sisters that it seems strange that we should feast on the husks of criticism.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Like the prodigal, we need to come to ourselves, and realize we have wandered far from home. The accuser of the brethren is Satan, and those who volunteer their services to him have wandered far from Christ.

Each day this year we must endeavour to draw closer to Jesus by: meditation, feasting on His word, working for Him, sacrificing, speaking and singing of Him. Meditating on the closing scenes of the life of Christ each day will lift us above the common drudgery of life and place a zeal in our hearts that will urge us on to unexcelled heights. Feasting on the Bread of Life will give us the mind of Christ and will ultimately bring us into that oneness for which Christ prayed. To keep a song in our hearts will ever draw us into that atmosphere of heaven and lighten the load which it is our lot to carry. Working with Him will exalt our daily task and prepare us for a place at His side in the earth made new. Giving weekly of our tithes and offerings will ever remind us of the infinite gift He has given in our behalf. Daily our lives must testify for Jesus that others may see Christ in us and thus glorify the Father in Heaven.

Let us determine before God to be loyal to our Heavenly King, to the Church, to the great world organization of which we are a part. May God give us victory in the greatest conflict ever fought—the battle with self. May we figure out ways and means of giving more and more to others while forgetting self in our zeal for those beyond our own little circle.

Shall we not resolve to spend more time talking with God and then letting Him talk with us than in any previous year? If we must whisper to someone about someone, let it be of the Saviour's love for us. Let us pray that God will make us tolerant enough to always see the other side. May we find our heavy load some

We wish  
for all of you  
A Prosperous  
and  
Happy New Year

*R. W. Numbers Editor*

*C. O. Franz, Asst. Editor*

## A Unique Story

A most interesting and unique story featuring Adventists' belief and practices has just gone out in THE WINDOW SEAT, a clip sheet issued here in Washington by Attorney W. D. Jamieson, former Iowa Congressman. Mr. Jamieson publishes paragraphs of attractive items about Washington happenings that he thinks newspapers especially will reproduce, and sells the service in his sheet. He says it is a hobby of his. About 1000 copies go out.

The item in this October 14 issue referred to has a bold headline and tells an interesting story. Here it is:

### AT "SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH"

That's where Rena and I went last "Sabbath"—most folks' Saturday. Likely you've guessed where. You're right—Seventh-day Adventist—our first time—note the name.

"Seventh Day" means they follow the Fourth Commandment—keep the Sabbath holy— "Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God"—no work. Reasonable?

Catholic church heads changed it to Sunday on account of Christ's having risen on Sunday, and the Protestants followed suit.

"Adventist"—they believe the second advent of Christ will be soon. Great force to keep believers in the straight and narrow. If you thought you'd give an eternal accounting soon, wouldn't you go straight?

These people and these services bring this Bible verse to mind: Matthew 5:16:

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven."

Almost every member, if able, goes to S.S. and church. This church has 1700 members—average attendance about 2,200.

They bring their Bibles and know them.

Report for last Sabbath showed two classes with "perfect" records—every one of the perhaps 30 in each class attended, and each one had studied the lesson each day.

Young, old and children crowded the five Sabbath School departments. Wonderful sight. If all children would learn, WITH their parents, fifty selected Bible verses—learn them so well they become a very part of the children when young—no juvenile delinquency likely there.

Church service was dotted with children and every one behaved without trouble.

They, like Mormons, give 10% of their incomes, and many give an extra 10%.

Minister gave us a down-to-earth sermon.

A bank cashier out in Takoma Park, where they are, says never a loss on their loans.

Their youngsters are practically never arrested on any crime charge, and no juvenile delinquents, even if some may backslide.

For some years I was a director on a building and loan association here—a loan presented by one of them was always sound and safe.

They use no tobacco nor beverage liquor.

Any wonder they grow and are cheery?

What a world of happiness we would be in if every church and every church member had such a record of faith and works! Do you?

—Contributed by J. R. Ferren.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
PRAYER APPOINTMENT**

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**Every Wednesday Morning  
Prayer Circle**

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Pray for the Soul-Winning  
Efforts being put forth by all  
our Workers and Lay Preachers  
throughout the B. W. I. Union

PRAYER CHANCES THINGS!

## Week of Prayer at W. I. T. C.

The Week of Prayer just ended at West Indian Training College will long be remembered by the students and friends who were privileged to attend the solemn meetings. There was a capacity audience in the chapel on Sabbath, November 5, and every evening and morning after, during that week.

Pastor R. W. Numbers, President of the British West Indies Union Mission, undertook the prodigious task of preaching at every meeting in the chapel, besides speaking each day in the Normal School, as well as taking the worship period alternately with the lads and lassies.

The studies led everyone step by step to the point of surrender and complete consecration. They were very illuminating, doctrinally and ethically sound, a feast of good things, and a source of joy to all. God's love and righteousness by faith were the basis of every theme. The Holy Spirit through the Sacred Word and the human agent roused all to sense their need of a close relationship to Jesus and His wonderful message which transforms the worst into the best.

Scores of persons including youth and children made confessions and covenanted to walk with God in prayer, study and live continually—many for the first time.

The musical items were feelingly rendered, although there was an absence of excitement. Surely God is good to Zion.

## Let Us Watch and Wait Upon the Lord

In the first verse of the second chapter of Habakkuk we have a picture of the prophet waiting for a message from the Lord. He says, "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved." It is a most important matter that we shall humbly wait upon the Lord. This verse suggests that the prophet not only waits but even finds the most advantageous place in which to wait upon the Lord. He says, "I will set me upon the tower," and we might suggest that the prophet has found from experience that that particular place is where he is most likely to receive the message from heaven. All of us recognize that God speaks to us by His word. We must also recognize the fact that God will speak to us through His Spirit, providing we will "watch to see what He will say unto me." All too often we impatiently go forward in our own wisdom, when, had we waited patiently for the message from heaven, we could have been guided by the unfathomable wisdom of the Almighty. In the secret chamber of prayer; in His House of Worship we often receive the light we need from heaven. Let us never neglect the opportunities we may have to commune with Him.

Often incidents will occur that will cause us to doubt concerning the methods God is using with His church today. Many times we are tempted to believe that God has rejected His church and His people. We must stand upon the watch against such temptations! We must set ourselves upon the tower, to see if we can discover that which will silence such temptations. With the Psalmist (Psalm 77:6) we must make diligent search that we may understand the ways of God with His people. We must never give way to our doubts, but patiently wait for the Lord to show us His mighty power.

In this passage of scripture the prophet reveals the fact that he must depend upon the Lord for the proper answer to those who reprove, or, as the margin says, argue with him. It is an all too common failure among us that we depend upon our own wisdom to answer those who would strive against the truth. In our own wisdom we can but fail; with His guidance there can be only glorious victory.

With the prophet Habakkuk, let us set ourselves upon the tower, watching, patiently waiting, that we may receive from God the message He has for us, a message that will explain His working in our midst; a message that will guide and direct us as we deal with those who would destroy His work upon the earth. May God help us as we watch, and wait, and speak only as He reveals His word to us.

—K. S. CROFOOT.

## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

K. S. CROFOOT, President.

MISS E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.  
176 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica.

### News Notes

The geographical contour of the East Jamaica Conference with its beautiful coastline and rugged mountains fittingly provides for the fulfillment of the assertion of the Lord in Jer. 16:16, where He says He will send for many fishers and they shall fish them and for many hunters and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill and out of the holes of the rocks.

Our largest fishing centre since the year began is Greenwich Town Bay, Western Kingston, where the gospel net was cast some nine weeks ago. Indications are that when the net is finally hauled in there will be a great harvest. For three Sabbaths the new converts have been assembling themselves, showing that they have taken in the importance of the truths presented to them. Every Sabbath the attendance is constantly on the increase. Last Sabbath, December 3, we had as many as 120 adults and 60 or more children from the homes of the new believers. The attendance at the night meetings is very good, and we are confident that a new lighthouse will be established to lighten the dark corners of Kingston.

Our most successful lay preacher hunter for the year is Brother C. L. Clarke of Labyrinth, St. Mary. The territory he chose was in the fastness of Stewart Mountain, and already nineteen have been baptized. On Sunday, December 4, Pastors Crofoot, Stockhausen and Walton organized this group of believers into a church of twenty-seven members. In spite of the bad weather, many visitors and members from the neighbouring churches came out. Immediately after the organization, the ordinance of the Lord's House was celebrated. The Lord is willing and ready to bless the efforts of everyone, and what a wonderful harvest could be gathered in from this fertile field if all our lay preachers earnestly and self-sacrificingly dedicated some of their time to the work of the proclamation of this wonderful message.

Five ministerial students of West Indian Training College along with their sponsor, Pastor C. S. Greene, visited Kingston, Sabbath, December 3. Six of the city churches were happy to turn their pulpits over to these visitors whose presence was most welcome. At the North Street Temple the combined group gave an inspiring programme during the Young People's hour.

Under the leadership of Pastor R. H. Robertson a group of believers was organized into a church at Yallahs, St. Thomas, in the year 1940. Since then the

members have been meeting in a tabernacle, and praying for a permanent place of worship. Sunday, November 20, marked the beginning of an answer to their prayers, for on that date quite a crowd gathered together to witness the stone-laying ceremony. Pastor C. F. Edwards, minister in charge of the district, passed over to Pastor H. E. Nembhard the steering of the evening's programme. Guest speaker was Pastor M. G. Nembhard, who in his address laid emphasis on the thought that the stones that would be laid should be emblematic of consecrated lives so that in years to come their influence would continue to be felt. He reminded the congregation that every day they were laying stones in their character building for eternity. This enjoyable programme served as an inspiration to the members to continue the good work just began.

## SALT CAYS MISSION

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

### News Notes —

#### Salt Cays Mission

On the morning of October 9 the Blue Hills church membership, with a very large crowd of observers, gathered on the seashore in front of our very fine church building to celebrate another baptism. Brother Gray had everything properly arranged and it was my happy privilege to bury five candidates from Blue Hills and four from Kew on this occasion. We are

sure that this impressive service is going to have a lasting effect upon the many spectators, for one of these began recounting the great difficulty that Brother Nebblett had when he first located in this little settlement. At the conclusion of his discussion he was heard to say, "The other churches are dying out, but the Adventist church is living and growing".

The truthfulness of the preceding remarks was verified in the Communion service which followed. Every member bore testimony to their living faith. Each one was determined to live the life and to bring one soul to Christ within the next year. It was with a feeling of blessed nearness to the Saviour that we all stood in consecration to God.

Already we are receiving a good report from Brother George Capron, who was one of the candidates on October 9. He reports a very live interest in both his Sabbath services and Sunday night meetings. His letters are most earnest, and he is determined to have some candidates ready to follow the Lord in baptism at Kew in the near future.

Brother and Sister Gray are now in Jamaica spending a brief holiday in the homeland. We feel sure that their friends and relatives rejoice to know that Brother and Sister Gray can have a brief but, I am sure, pleasant time at home. We wish them a pleasant voyage and an early return to their post of duty.

— W. H. WALLER.

"The Bible is an anvil that has worn out many hammers."



Accompanied by the new Hammond Electric Organ, the choir of the North Street Temple Church sings. The organ was dedicated at a special service on August 21.

## CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

O. V. SCHNEIDER, President  
George Town, Grand Cayman

### News Notes—

#### Cayman Islands Mission

Our hearts are cheerful as we see the progress of the work for souls. The Holy Spirit is still speaking to the hearts of men and women today. Before the close of the first six months of this year we had reached more than our goal for souls for this year, for which we praise God. Although we had planned to double the souls baptized during the first six months, the weather has not permitted us to hold another series of meetings as planned.

The brethren at Savannah have just finished putting on the doors and screens on their beautiful new church there. It is a beautiful imposing structure in a well-chosen location, and the community of Savannah is begging for a series of meetings. The church will provide a meeting place.

When we see souls today take their stand for Christ, regardless of threats, we know there is real love in such hearts. We thank God for one such sister, who came to our church at East End. She has never attended a series of meetings, but has taken part of the Radio Bible Correspondence Course. She wanted her picture taken with the rest of the baptismal class. On the day of baptism she was there ready to be baptized. Though she isn't very well and strong, yet she is strong in the Lord. Every Sabbath you will find her at the organ playing for the Sabbath services at East End. Letters from her husband said she must choose between him or the Adventist Faith. She hated to give up the only support she had in this world, but she decided she couldn't give up her Saviour, the best support. Today she is a faithful member getting ready for translation.

We have just finished an outstanding week here in the Cayman Islands Mission. Because of my absence from the office for several weeks our Big Week was postponed. Then we had a very special week from November 12-19. For us that was Week of Prayer, Big Week, and Week of Sacrifice. It was a week of heart-searching and work for the Lord. The Lord richly blessed us.

Brother Eric Wright came to the Cayman Islands this year to do colporteur work here. We are glad to have gospel literature sold here among the people of Cayman. Brother Wright is our only colporteur, and we are praying for his success. He with his faithful wife, formerly Mrs. Ida Thompson, have made their home at The Creek, Cayman Brac.

— O. V. SCHNEIDER.

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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

### News Notes from West Jamaica

Pastor Owen Holness is now conducting a very successful evangelistic effort at Burnt Savannah in Westmoreland. He is meeting with much opposition, but this is the means of strengthening his work in winning more souls for the Master in that vicinity. He expects to have a large baptism soon.

We regret to say that Pastor K. G. Vaz, of the Hanover District, has been ill for the past few weeks. We wish for him a speedy recovery, and solicit the prayers of all our believers on his behalf.

On the afternoon of December 4, the little district of Resource in Southern Manchester had a very pleasant function in the form of a stonelaying at the Seventh-day Adventist church. The function was largely attended, and the address for the occasion was given by Pastor George Smith. The brethren are working hard to have their building completed in a short time.

November 20 marked the stonelaying ceremony of the Royal Flat Seventh-day Adventist church. Pastor H. D. Colburn, Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary of the British West Indies Union, gave the sermon. Many well wishers were present.

Pastor B. G. Butherus, President of the West Indian Training College, was guest speaker at the stonelaying ceremony of the Mt. Horeb Seventh-day Adventist church. Many outstanding citizens were present to lay stones at the request of the brethren.

On the 4th of December, the Montego Bay church witnessed a large baptism conducted by Pastors H. S. Walters and E. J. Parchment. On this occasion thirty-five precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

On November 27, a large gathering of people sat in a semi-circle in front of the Santa Cruz Seventh-day Adventist church to participate in, and to enjoy a remarkable programme at the stonelaying ceremony. The new building has its foundation already laid around the present church building, and plans are being made to raise the building within the next month. Santa Cruz has been one of Jamaica's first established churches, and although the building is still standing and useful, the members have caught the vision to have a larger and more stately edifice. Pastor R. W. Numbers, President of the British West Indies Union, gave the sermon for the occasion and President W. S. Nation was chairman for the ceremony. The town's people and church members are responding with great interest and soon we will have another monument to the glory of God.

## BAHAMAS MISSION

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Box 356, Nassau, Bahamas.

### Bahamas News Notes

The Share Your Faith "seeds" sown during our recent Youth's Congress are still growing and we pray that they will bear much fruit. The third Sabbath of each month has been set aside by our Shirley Street and Grant's Town M. V. Societies as a "Share Our Faith Day." The young people of both churches unite for this event and heartily join in singing the many lovely choruses taught to them by Pastors Walters and Haig. They get all the literature that is available and spend approximately twenty minutes or more in distributing it to the homes in the vicinity of the church.

Brother Arnold Burrows informs us that with a little help the church building at Little Creek, Andros, will soon be completed and ready for dedication. Thus far the entire structure has been erected by Brother Burrows and Brother Roberts and their families. These faithful brethren and sisters are anxiously awaiting the completion of their house of worship.

Our Bahamas Junior Academy under the able leadership of its principal, Miss U. Lawrence, has opened its doors to another record-breaking enrollment. This year over 167 students have enrolled, thus almost filling our school to capacity. Brother Charles Burke finds little idle time as he endeavours to teach the little ones their A B C's, while Mrs. R. E. Gibson has charge of the three intermediate grades. Miss Lawrence is kept equally busy with the upper grades plus all the administrative responsibilities. We are praying that soon the Lord will open the way for us to purchase much needed school equipment which will enable us to do a more effectual work through the medium of our fine Christian school.

Brother J. B. Dean, our faithful lay preacher in Nassau, is holding a series of meetings in Englestone. He reports a steadily growing interest and has four already preparing for baptism. Surely the Lord is blessing every effort put forth in His Name.

Our Publishing Department is glad to extend a most hearty welcome to a veteran colporteur of many seasons, Brother J. S. King. We are only sorry that Sister King and little daughter have been delayed in coming, but are happy to know that they will be arriving in the very near future. Brother King has already distinguished himself in the short period he has been with us and we are anticipating and looking forward to a long and happy fellowship with him and his family. Welcome again as members of our Bahamas Mission family.



## Sabbath School Dept.

H. D. Colburn  
Secretary

### Sabbath School Department

"The Sabbath School should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—C. S. p. 10. It is most evident therefore, that to accomplish this, those who have accepted positions of leadership throughout the British West Indies Union in its two hundred seventy-seven Sabbath Schools for the year 1950 must give most careful attention to every phase of this important department of our work.

We would welcome each officer who has volunteered to give unselfishly of his time during the coming fifty-two weeks! All are grateful that you are willing to serve God in these capacities. Yours is an honour which those who are desirous to work for the Master might well covet. But with your offices and the privileges they include, go also great responsibilities.

Your first concern should be in making sure that every member of the church is a Sabbath School member. Secondly, you will want to know that each member of the Sabbath School is attending regularly, for otherwise, your school will do him no good. Not only is he then missing vital spiritual help, but the more he is absent, the more his interest will wane. Eventually, he will lose out altogether and become one who will increase the appalling number of apostasies which is causing such great concern at this time. This responsibility you will want to share with your Sabbath School Council as well as with every teacher.

At the end of the third quarter of 1949 our average attendance was four thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight less than our Sabbath School membership! While it is difficult for us to believe this picture is one hundred per cent accurate, yet it does reveal a trend that should be viewed with alarm. It presents a tremendous challenge to all of us!

Every Conference Sabbath School Secretary and local Sabbath School Superintendent, with every other member of his officer personnel, should do all in their power to bring these figures up to where they should be. What a marvellous opportunity for soul-winning this is for 1950!

—H. D. COLBURN.



## Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig  
Secretary

### Church Auxiliary Colporteurs of B. W. I. Union

Two things are bringing the Youth into line:

1. The world's disdain. (Rarely will the world respect youth's religious convictions.)

2. The urge of the Spirit to Youth to warn their fellows in this generation.

The growth of our Sunday Colporteur Brigades is the result of the voice of God speaking directly to hearts made prepared by a previous experience—an experience of Grace. "Send us more colporteurs into our territory," the regular Bookmen cry. "We cannot take care of the many calls and the various needs."

Their testimony is a sign of the end. A few short years ago, the natural human expression was—"The Islands are too small; two colporteurs are sufficient for a parish; Jamaica is overstocked with our literature—our leaders are dreaming." But today, what do we find? Almost every well-thinking soul desires to sell some piece of literature or at least to hand a tract! Praise the Lord, for this is as it should be. (Read *Vol. VII*, p. 49; *E. W.*, pp. 85 and 86.)

So many believers are selling literature at the present time that it is humanly impossible for the Literature Department of the Conference to give them—each one—the instruction and the counsel and the field help they ought to have; and yet they carry on and go and keep on going! This is the work of the Spirit and this also is as it should be. (*Vol. VII*, p. 425.)

To assist the mission to keep track of the exploits of the Brigades throughout the field, many workers are giving valiant service. In East Jamaica we have Brethren W. U. Campbell, C. Nebblett, Vinette Walker and over a score of volunteer workers—nurses, carpenters, dressmakers, and teachers. In West Jamaica Brother B. E. Hurst, Miss Annie Parchment and a galaxy of lay workers including masons and tailors are holding the lines. Over in British Honduras Sister Vida Williams, wife of the president of the mission, assisted by Colporteur Sydney Vasciannie are in the thick of the battle. A new day is dawning in British Honduras. In the Bahamas Brother Owen Jones, assisted by the Burke Brothers and veteran Colporteur J. S. King (all of Jamaica) are firing away. In Grand Turk the Wallers are doing their bit, and in the

### Colporteurs' Report Summary for October 1949

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission	275	£ 640 10 0	£ 68 9 9
Caymans Mission	120	16 0 0	16 0 0
East Jamaica	5645	739 6 2	434 16 1
West Jamaica	3343	527 18 7	215 10 11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9383</b>	<b>£1923 14 9</b>	<b>£734 16 9</b>

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>Bahamas Mission:</b>			
Burke, B. E.	178	£280 10 0	£ 4 5 0
Other Colporteurs	97	360 0 0	64 6 9
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<b>Caymans Mission:</b>			
Wright, Eric P.	120	16 0 0	16 0 0
<b>East Jamaica Conference:</b>			
Athias, Lucilda	102	7 15 6	4 2 9
Anderson, M.	142	32 7 8	11 10 10
Blake, W. E.	138	48 17 0	8 15 0
Cousins, C. S.	120	4 4 6	21 7 0
Duncombe, P. S.	122	11 0 6	15 6 6
Ferguson, A. L.	226	2 8 0	1 0 0
King, J. M.	125	1 17 0	17 16 0
Neale, Eric	124	54 0 3	4 1 6
Parkinson, Mrs. R.	100	11 0 0	9 8 0
Purville, Edna	230	24 10 0	8 0 6
Randall, Walter	343	6 5 0	13 5 8
Rose, F.	141	23 3 0	12 13 0
Samuels, Mrs. L.	146	8 8 0	8 14 0
Thompson, D. E.	147	7 2 0	1 10 6
White, George	142	15 7 0	17 11 0
Wilson, A. S.	138		20 16 0
Wilson, Mrs. E.	702	10 4 0	1 14 6
Magazine Workers	122	3 16 8	6 12 8

Students:	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Campbell, Esme	134	15 18 3	3 6 6
Other Students	850	139 13 1	87 7 6
Brigades	206	17 15 6	17 15 6
Other Colporteurs	765	293 13 3	142 1 2

West Jamaica Conference:	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Campbell, M. E.	128	26 10 0	6 7 0
Guthrie, Ira	187	50 19 7	3 12 7
Glenn, R. L.	126	15 8 0	2 19 0
Dockery, E. E.	136	21 9 0	9 16 0
Hart, Mrs. H.	108	58 4 6	1 17 0
Kent, R.	149	18 11 6	3 14 6
McDonald, J.	141	13 6 0	6 4 6
McLeod, W. B.	138	14 13 0	12 14 0
Plummer, H. L.	131	9 19 0	15 19 0
Smith, M. V.	135	63 3 0	4 19 0
Students	55	2 15 9	9 16 6
Brigades	190		9 0 0
Other Colporteurs	1769	232 19 6	127 11 10

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

Cayman Islands Veteran Colporteur Eric Wright (of Jamaica) is doing a fine work. We know the Brigade will be revived in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brae.

On February fifteen, 1942, the Brigade Colporteurs or Church Colporteur Auxiliary Plan was launched in Kingston, Jamaica for the first time. Since then, groups have been organized in the Caribbean Union and North America. In a future article we shall tell of known accomplishments of many of our members of the Brigade Colporteurs.

The members of the Brigades meet in Church on Sabbath afternoons or Sunday mornings for prayer and the procuring of books and tracts, then they storm the city or village. They work four hours every Sunday. You should see their faces when they come in! Tanned, yes—ruddy, yes—and adorned with smiles of satisfaction for having endeavoured to perform readily and well some little deed of love for Him and for others.

Our prayer is that the same fire which lighted the hearts of the young people of the Sunday Colporteur Brigade in 1942 will light the hearts of thousands of young men and young women throughout all our churches in the Union and the world over.

—A. R. HAIG.



## Home Missionary Dept.

H. D. Colburn  
Secretary

### "Were You Playing?"

Sir Michael Costa was once rehearsing with a large orchestra, accompanied by hundreds of voices. Amidst the thunder of the mighty organ and scores of other instruments, the player of the modest little piccolo said to himself: "In all this din, my little instrument doesn't matter," and he stopped playing. Soon afterward the conductor raised his baton high and the music was brought to a dead stop. "Where is the piccolo?" he demanded. His trained ear had detected its absence, making the orchestration incomplete. The player of the humble instrument thereafter felt a new surge of pride in his accomplishment and contribution.

We rejoice that so many were engaged in the great concert of missionary activity during 1949. The following figures give some idea, at least, of the faithfulness of our believers during the twelve-month period ending September 30, 1949:

204,926 Bible readings and cottage meetings conducted.  
208,828 Missionary visits  
193,534 Pieces of literature distributed  
302,677 Persons given needed help  
1,179 Souls won to Christ.

This splendid record was accomplished by an average of 6,040 of our adult and Missionary Volunteer members. We cannot but wonder what it would have been had everyone been doing his part. The figures no doubt would have been doubled or even trebled!

The year 1950 stretches before us. It will be unique in many ways, but the most significant fact of all is that it still finds us here on this planet. It should have found us in heaven, having already begun our work in connection with the judgment of men and angels. The new year finds us here because we have not finished the work the Lord has given us to do.

Everyone has a responsibility at this time. We can explain the delay of His glorious appearing only in the light of unfaithfulness on the part of each member of the Church who has not done his full share in the Master's vineyard. Remember, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." Vol. IX, p. 117.

Believing that "It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," (C. O. L. p. 69.). I am sure that every one of our sixteen thousand members throughout the British West Indies Union will want to re-dedicate his talents to God during this new year with the one thought in mind of personally "hastening" the coming of Jesus.

Dear fellow believers throughout the length and breadth of our Union territory, may I remind you that the Master Conductor is depending on everyone who professes His Name; whether you play the modest little "piccolo" or the "pipe organ," you are duty bound under the watchful eye and tuneful ear of the Master Musician to "keep playing" until every soul has been warned in your section of the vineyard. Shall we not make 1950 our very best year for Him?

— H. D. COLBURN.

### Miscellaneous

The matter of writing to the General Conference or other organizations in the United States for assistance no doubt results from a misunderstanding on the part of a very few, of the functions of these bodies. The work of these brethren is clearly outlined to them as in the case for every worker, whether it be in the local church or some other phase of our world-wide organization. When matters are presented to them which do not come within their sphere of activities, they are routinely forwarded to the organization to which the responsibilities do properly fall.

Personal requests for assistance in one form or another are therefore automatically forwarded to the Union from whence they originate. Frequently I receive letters from the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference or from the same department from Local and Union Conferences in the United States with letters enclosed from some section of the British West Indies Union territory. These are forwarded to the local Conference or Mission Home Missionary Secretary, who in turn sends them to the District Pastor or the one in charge of the local church to which the individual is a member, where the need is investigated and the help is provided. The church's first responsibility is to look after and provide for its own members and where it cannot do it, it is privileged, through its official channels, to present the problem to the next higher organization.

It should be understood that failure to receive the help requested, from our brethren across the seas does not mean they are uninterested. They are continually contributing to the great over-all programme, but through authorized channels. Only those who are closest are

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in a position to determine the merits in the case and deal intelligently with the problem. These men are charged with the solemn responsibility of providing for the "widows and orphans."

Much time and effort will therefore be saved as those in need appeal to their local churches for assistance.

— H. D. COLBURN, Secretary

### NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following, please communicate with H. M. Williams, Trinityville P. O.

Mrs. Sarah Smart  
Miss Joyce Nemard  
Mrs. Catherine Taylor  
Mr. D. Spence (Colporteur)

Thank you.

### UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

**MALCOLM** — Sister Ursella Malcolm accepted the Advent Message in 1948 under the labours of Pastor L. A. Gouldborne, and was a faithful member of the Flower Hill church until she fell asleep on the 15th of October, 1949. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Caleb Hudson and the Honourable J. Z. Malcolm, M. H. R.

— ELIZABETH HUDSON, Church Clerk.

**WILLIAMS** — Brother James Williams of the Asia church fell asleep in hope of hearing the first call of the Life Giver, on the 9th of October, 1949. Funeral services were conducted by Brethren Palmer, Bernard, and Crawford.

— L. WILLIAMSON, Church Clerk.

**NASMYTH** — Brother John Nasmyth was born in the year 1869. He accepted the Advent Message at the age of 54. He worked faithfully to bring others to the Master and succeeded in raising up the Lances Bay church. He also served as leader of the March Town church at different times. In full and certain hope of the first resurrection our brother fell asleep on the 23rd of October.

— I. C. PLUMMER, Church Clerk.

**BURRELL** — Sister Mary Burrell, age 84, a member of the Bartons church died on the 22nd of August, 1949. She accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1942 and lived faithfully until her death. She awaits the voice of the Life Giver. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor L. A. Gouldborne.

— RICHARD BURRELL.