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## When The Bridegroom Comes

By R. W. Numbers

All eyes were fastened on the Bible Teacher as the little class breathlessly waited the answer to one of their most important questions. The classroom was the great out-of-doors on the Mount of Olives, the teacher was the Master Teacher, and the students were the twelve disciples. The question asked that day has ever been one of deepest concern to the followers of Christ: "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

The false Christs and false prophets, the wars and persecution, the twelve hundred and sixty years of tribulation are all familiar signs to every Seventh-day Adventist. Will Christ come in this generation? Do we manifest by our zeal and godly life that we believe He will come in this generation?

"I have been shown that God's people who profess to believe present truth are not in a waiting, watching position. They are increasing in riches and are laying up their treasures upon the earth. Their works show the character of their faith and testify to those around them that the coming of Christ is not to be in this generation." *Vol. II, p. 196.*

"This generation" is growing old. Will Matthew 24 be fulfilled and this one verse fail? The Lord answers this question in the very next verse: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

We have an interesting commentary on this verse in *Desire of Ages*: "At the close of the great papal persecution, Christ declared, the sun should be darkened, and the moon should not give her light. Next, the stars should fall from heaven. And He says, 'Learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that He is near, even at the door.'" *Matt. 24:32, 33.*

"Christ has given signs of His coming. He says of those who see these signs, 'This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled!' These signs have appeared. Now we know of a surety that the Lord's coming is at hand. 'Heaven and earth shall pass away,' He says, 'but My words shall not pass away.'" *Desire of Ages, p. 632.*

fullness, heralded to the world will be the last generation. It is of interest, however, to note that some who were living when the stars fell are still with us today.

On a recent trip to Grand Cayman, Elder O. V. Schneider, Mission President, took Elder Colburn and me to see an old lady who is one hundred and eighteen years old. According to the official government records which we saw, she was born in 1832, one year before the stars fell. She is the only survivor of the old slave days. She is still very spry and lives with her daughter who has been an Adventist for about thirty years. The first thing we saw on entering the home was the latest edition of the *World Review*.

Another report comes to us of one who is one hundred and fifty years old. Let none worry about how God's prophecies are going to be fulfilled. If He desires to preserve some who were living when the last of the great signs were seen in the heavens He is well able to do it. May God grant that we shall not become so absorbed in studying our preconceived ideas that we should neglect the work God has given us to do at the very close of this generation.

The ten virgins were all sleeping when the bridegroom came. All were satisfied with their preparation. Peacefully they slept. The hour of the bridegroom's coming was hastening on. The virgins who had tried to keep themselves pure doubted not that they would all soon join in the festive occasion. Suddenly, unexpectedly the cry is heard, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." All ten respond to the announcement, but alas half the waiting number are not ready. As far as can be seen they are all ready and will soon join the bridegroom. Outwardly there is no difference, but they lack that one essential — the oil.

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In this quotation Sister White refers to those who saw these signs. We must also remember that one of the signs given was that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." *Matt. 24:14.*

The generation that has seen the Third Angel's Message, or the gospel in all its

## BAHAMAS MISSION

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### Report of Colporteur's Institute February 12-16

On that memorable morning of February 12 at 9:00 a.m. a goodly number of young people gathered in the Grants Town church to dedicate their lives in carrying the printed page from house to house. Strong cries mingled with faith ascended to God asking for passion for souls and perseverance. Taking hold of the assurance of God's promise as is recorded in John 16:23, we were positively sure that our cries had been heard.

Elder Haig, our Publishing Secretary, very ably conducted the institute. He impressed upon our hearts the fact that there is but a little time left in which a great work is to be done. We long for God's will to be done in earth as it is in Heaven, and so with His help we are going forward to do exploits for God.

Our full time colporteurs: namely, J. S. King, B. H. Burke, P. Dean, and M. Pasard, attended the meetings regularly. They are doing marvellously well and their untiring efforts in taking the printed page to our Bahamians are greatly appreciated.

The third night of the institute, we had a social evening together when it was announced by Elder O. P. Jones that a week ago a Colporteurs Club was formed of which Brother King was president.

Attending the social evening were Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Gibson, Pastor and Mrs. O. P. Jones and our dear Elder Haig. They all gave thrilling experiences that were theirs while they witnessed for God and the blessings that they received both financially and spiritually. We had a few games, then refreshments were served.

"Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" was sung, and the benediction brought another profitable day to a close.

A new day has dawned here in Nassau. Already our new recruits have gone out with magazines and small books. You ask, "Are they witnessing for Jesus?" I say, "Yes, you should hear their wonderful experiences." They are certainly blazing the trail. May God continue to bless them.

—D. STRACHAN.

(A soul-stirring report of his conversion and work for over thirty years in the Islands of San Salvador and Cat Island as given by Brother Paul Ward at the Mission Committee Session is as follows:)

### Story of My Conversion

By PAUL WARD

Sister Somellian came to my home on a Sabbath day and as she studied with me, and everything was made clear, I decided to keep the Sabbath. At that time my wife and family were in the kitchen getting ready for Sunday. I went to the kitchen door and stretched my hand across the door and said, "No more work in here from today."

When I started to work on Sunday my wife was sick in bed and my eldest daughter went into the house and told her that I was working while church bells were ringing for church on Sunday morning. Then she called me to her bedside and caught hold of me and asked me what I meant to do, "Church bells are ringing, what would Father Cooper think of you?" She said that I must be crazy. So I told her, "Your Bible says the Seventh day is the Sabbath and I am going to keep it, and I will do everything I can for you." I pulled away from her. Thank God the next Sabbath she was just as "crazy" as I was. The entire family was keeping the Sabbath.

I went and worked with one of my brothers and he and his entire family accepted the truth. I then went and worked with my company boys, and two of them accepted the truth. Then I started to build a lime kiln for the church; it was only my brother and I. We had everything ready but we could not get anyone to build the church, so we decided to build it ourselves.

After finishing the church I volunteered myself along with one of my eldest daughters and went to Cat Island and

raised up a company. A church was then organized with twenty-three members, and I started to lay a foundation for that church on the 12th of August. On the 9th of October, we had services in it. After finishing that church we went to Old Bight, and my brother and I organized a Sabbath School.

From there we went to Knowles and built a church, and also one at Devils Point. I then went to Industrious Hill and there built my last church; there still remains at this place a very interesting group of people only waiting for someone to gather them in. I am praying that the Lord will somehow send someone in the near future.

### God Answers Our Excuses

EXCUSE: When I accepted this truth, I owned valuable property and also had cash in the bank. I am willing to pay tithe from the time the truth came to me and afterward, but why should I be expected to pay tithe on my property and cash in the bank that I owned before I ever heard of tithe paying? Why should God require the tenth on what I possessed when I was in the world and knew nothing of the tithing system?

ANSWER: God claims the tenth of the possessions that have come to us as His own, for the advancement of His work in the earth. Jacob recognized this when he said, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God; and this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house; and all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." (Gen. 28:20-22). The ancient Israelites were plainly told to pay a tithe of their herds, fruits, etc., which constituted in those days their substance. (Lev. 27:30, 32, 33.)



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### Bellas Gate Stone Laying April 2

In spite of a heavy shower of rain right at the most inopportune time, a very profitable Stone Laying was conducted at Bellas Gate in Saint Catherine. Because of the rain, the need of a new church building was doubly emphasized. A portion of the large crowd that gathered for the occasion tried to crowd into the present church building. All of the benches had been removed, so everyone had to stand, but even standing as tightly as they could be packed, there was not enough room for all who were present.

This occasion, under the direction of Pastor Gouldbourne, District Pastor, and ably assisted by Brother Blake, the local leader, was one that was long-looked-for and long-to-be-remembered. Pastor A. C. Stockhausen represented the East Jamaica Conference and Pastor H. D. Colburn represented the British West Indies Union. A large number of friends and visitors came to give encouragement to the church members of Bellas Gate on this occasion.

### Kingsway High School Celebrates Its Seventh Anniversary

The Seventh Anniversary Celebration of the Kingsway High School was conducted on the grounds of the institution on Tuesday afternoon, April 4. Very careful preparations had been made by the faculty and student body, so that the hundreds of visitors might enjoy this opportunity to encourage Kingsway in its noble aims of providing a Christian education for the young people of the corporate area.

As one entered the grounds, the beautiful music provided by Pastor Colburn announced to all the festive spirit of the occasion. At suitable locations on the school grounds were located booths which offered for sale the numerous articles donated by various business firms in Kingston as well as many, many churches from East Jamaica.

The large, main classroom in the building, which had been very beautifully decorated, offered tastily-prepared food served by a number of the ladies donating their time for the day. In fact, all the services for the programme were donated by members from the nearby churches, both men and women.

About four o'clock the programme, under the chairmanship of Pastor M. G. Nembhard, commenced and the functions of the day were explained. Several speakers congratulated the Kingsway High School on its marvellous progress. Various speakers were: Pastors R. W. Numbers, H. S. Walters, W. S. Nation, K. S. Crofoot,

H. E. Nembhard, E. E. Parchment, B. G. Butherus, and W. A. Holgate.

At the close of the programme Pastor Walters urged everyone to empty his pockets to purchase the articles offered for sale so that Kingsway might receive the benefit. Following the programme, various sports were offered, including a lively volley ball game between the Kingsway High School and West Indian Training College. Several foot races were run and a very profitable afternoon was enjoyed by all who visited.

A climax to the programme, however, came after sunset when the Jamaica Military Band entertained the large crowd present with a number of very fine selections. Also offered as part of the musical programme were numbers by the Kingsway Choir.

All who attended this Seventh Anniversary Celebration noticed several things: (1) The marvellous spirit manifested by the faculty and students of Kingsway; (2) The fine cooperation on the part of the nearby churches; (3) The excellence of the programme as offered to all the visitors present.

Under the enthusiastic and very capable leadership of Pastor Holgate, Headmaster of the School, Kingsway has made marvellous progress during the last few years. This is evidenced not only by the improvement in the school plant, as was witnessed by all present, but also by the amazing increase in the student body, as well as the improved financial status of the school, and its standing in the community. April 4 will long be remembered by the friends of the Kingsway High School.

— K. S. CROFOOT.

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

W. S. NATION, President.

MRS. D. RODRIQUES, Secy.-Treas.  
Mandeville, Jamaica.

### News Notes

The departmental secretaries of the Conference have been busy for the first quarter holding joint conventions. The first joint Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer convention was held at Southfield on the 5th of February. The brethren from that part of the field showed a very lively interest in the day's programme.

The convention of the Manchester District was held at Coleyville on the 12th of February. Here also our brethren turned out in large numbers and the church was filled to its capacity.

On Sunday, the 19th of February, an inspiring convention was conducted in the May Pen Church. From every section of this field where Elder and Sister Lindo are labouring believers came to join with Elders H. D. Colburn and E. E. Parchment of the British West Indies Union, and workers of the Conference in this convention.

Next was the visit to the St. Ann District where the largest crowd ever seen at a convention was present. Valuable help was given by Pastor H. S. Walters, and Elder and Sister Colburn of the British West Indies Union.

The convention for the Northern St. Elizabeth District was held at the Jointwood Church on February 28, and this also proved a great success.

That for the Hanover District was held at Lucea on the 28th of March. Here a large number of believers from the surrounding churches met and made plans for more aggressive work during the remaining portion of the year.

The last of these conventions was held in the Darliston Church. From the very beginning there was a spirit of enthusiasm not evidenced too frequently. With these conventions over, and our departments well organized and moving forward, we look forward to great achievements during 1950.

Pastor E. C. H. Reid reports that his evangelistic effort in the District of Madras, St. Ann, is proving a great success. He now has twenty-five in the baptismal class, and the attendance is still good. Pastor Reid has answered a call to the District of Salem, and he looks forward to success in this district as the interest is high.

The work in Clarendon moves on, and Pastor S. G. Lindo is now holding an effort at Bryant Hill; many have taken their stand. He looks forward to a rich harvest of souls in this district.

Pastor E. J. Parchment held an effort at John's Hall and as a result he now has a baptismal class of fourteen in that church. He is now holding meetings at Windsor Castle and the prospects are good.

### Cote Savannah Effort

For years Sister Coote of Coote, Savannah, Westmoreland, had been inviting workers to her district to hold an effort, as she was the only Seventh-day Adventist in that district. Pastor Holness responded to this invitation, and with the help of Brother Reuben Douglas, Brother Leslie, and brethren of the Town Head Company, held an effort. As a result of this effort forty-six precious souls have been baptized, and at the baptism thirty took their stand. Brother Muttra, an Indian brother, who was recently baptized, has already won his wife, his daughters, his daughter-in-law and his son to the message. The Coote sisters have given an acre of land on which to erect a church building, and so we look forward to having a new church at Coote Savannah early.

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OUR DELEGATES TO THE 1950 CAYMAN MISSION SESSION HELD AT GEORGETOWN.

### The Creature Perfect

Christian culture has as its aim, the possession of perfection. The possession of that perfection presupposes the love and study of perfection. It draws into play a force that impels one to strive, to seek, and not to make an end. The humanity in in man looks outside of himself, to observe in the universe about him a peculiar order and perfection that is not in his immediate possession. He knows that to bring seeming order about him with things of his relation he needs to be engaged in some form of activity. By the analogy of his performance he captures the idea that it took an agent to outlay the orderliness and perfection that he senses in the universe about him. Within him grows a desire to come in closer connection with that agent of his wonderings.

Here is where Christian culture comes in to acquaint the man with the object of his contemplation, and call Him God. Once this essence of culture takes hold of the man, it makes the intelligent being more intelligent and creates a passion to diffuse its findings. As a moving force, it is not only religious but scientific, moral, and social, and tends to make pure reason and the Will of God prevail.

Perfection as is sought by Christian culture presents a two-fold field. In the first place, so high above the wondering creature is his Creator that he sees in Him an "absolute" perfection, far removed from man. But here is his problem, "Be ye perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Since culture is for bringing out the good and best in man in every place, the observer sees that God must do His good and best in His every place. Therefore, he concludes that his perfection must be met by doing his good and best in every place. His field which is narrower than that of God must be better off for his good and best performed

in it. The end of this, he terms perfection; but of a different tint from that which is "absolute." This he calls "relative" perfection.

This relative perfection can and must be reached by those possessed with a spark of Christian culture. Culture will activate the faith and ardor to widen the spiritual and intellectual horizons, and broaden points of view around us to flourish in. Christian culture objects to the close and bounded horizons within which we have lived and moved too long, as if to shut out the light of pure reason and the will of God. No true culture will entertain the christening of pet routines as the pure reason and the will of God. The good for mankind everywhere with a complete loss of self in serving, learning, and seeking still to serve radiates the Christian culture, and strives toward that relative perfection, ever widening the sphere, incorporating what is good and accepting the ideas, methods, and means that will make the will of God prevail.

The manifestation of this drawing toward a perfection may be taken in the light of the Greek realization of intellectual betterness. It must be first trained in and be within. That is, the light of God's truth revealing, must be in the exponents thereof. Religion culminates in the agreement that "the kingdom of God is within you," and Christian culture places human perfection within, as the growth and predominance of our humanity, of our fine higher attitudes as distinguished from our animality. The growth of wisdom by the Grace of God as a general and harmonious expansion and development of all the thoughts, feeling, and dignity as becometh a Christian — is the pursuit of perfection.

The pursuit of perfection, therefore, is the greatest effort by which the race can manifest its impulse to reach up to God by that deep mystical voice of human experience. It does not only enjoy and

sanction the aid of Christian culture — the possession of "perfection"—but works to see that the perfection prevails. It is this passion calling us to come to a "perfect" man that should burn in the inward parts of every God-child, till we see the dawn of human happiness upon a "new earth."

— MILTON MCFARLANE.

### He Would Not but the Voice Kept On

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with your broken-legged donkey on which you carried kerosene boxes for hampers (containers). Your canvass caused us to think and the books we bought brought us the Light. May God bless you, Brother Archay, may God bless you."

As the colporteur sped away in his car the strains, "God be with you till we meet again, keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threatening waves before you; God be with you..." thrilled his soul, and the bookman said with a choke in his voice, "I thank God for that day when I decided and dedicated my life to a TASK and not to a salary."

— A. R. HAIG.

### News Notes from Grand Turk

Pastor W. H. Waller writes that he is glad to be back at his post of duty in Grand Turk. Sister Waller is still in Florida receiving treatment for her eyes and wishes to thank the many friends who have been praying for her recovery.

Brother Felix Clayton, who had been working in Grand Turk until Elder Waller returned, has now moved to the Caicos Islands. He is planning to start a series of meetings at Kew after Ingathering.

### Finish Thy Work

No other hand thy special task can do,  
Though trivial it may seem to thee.  
Thou canst not shirk  
God-given work  
And still be blest of Heaven, from sin  
be free.

O idler in life's ripened harvest-field,  
Perform thy task, that rich thy work may  
yield!

Ah, sweet the thought that comes at set  
of sun,

If finished is the work of that one day.  
But O the joy  
Without alloy,  
Awaiting him who at life's close can  
say,

"I'm ready, Father, to go home to Thee;  
The work is finished which Thou gavest  
me."

— Selected.

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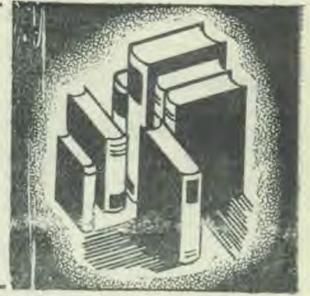


# Publishing Department

B. W. I. Union Secretary — A. R. Haig.

LOCAL CONFERENCE SECRETARIES:

East Jamaica Conference — W. U. Campbell. West Jamaica Conference — B. E. Hurst.



## He Would Not But the Voice Kept On

The young man stood and gazed, and from the unbroken silence and stilly twilight of the place, there came from across the darkening heavens a challenge, a mighty challenge—the challenge of the centuries. "Whom shall I send," it said, "and who will go for us"? Another pause; a solemn hush; and, as he waited with bated breath, the symphony from the mystic realm swung into focus and fired his soul first with music, and then with irresistible assurance:

"There's a place for every bookman,  
in the service of the Lord,  
Where with all our powers united, we  
can toil with one accord,  
There are weary hearts now waiting,  
for the help which we can give;  
Let us guide them safely onward; let  
us show them how to live."

The bookman bowed his head, and clasping his trembling hands replied, "Is there such a place? O, may I find it, where my mission I can fill; Be it humble or exalted, may I hold it with a will, and help to serve my generation." Then lowering his clasped hands he concluded, "Help me, Lord, from this time onward, find and occupy my place."

This, fellow bookmen, was the vision that came to Comrade Archay as he stood alone in the twilight and by the sea. Launching out in the name of his God, he blazed a new trail where the need was great. There was not a single S. D. A. church in the circle of a hundred miles; nor was there one Seventh-day Adventist! Brother Archay prayed with the people; he sold them Bibles and books; he held cottage and open air meetings; he assisted Pastors Smith and Fletcher. Eventually, he attended college. Last month he happened to cover the same hundred-mile circle and what did he find? Literally hundreds of believers and hundreds more in branch Sabbath and Sunday schools! He found and visited churches and companies in Bartons, Bellas Gate, Blue Hole, Duxes, Lluidas Vale, Watermount, Kitson Town and Old Harbour. And what a reception he got! Hand clasp and embraces were given by scores! O, we shall never forget those days when you came our way, Brother Archay. We recall your boyhood days when you trekked across our hills

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## Report of the Publishing Department of the B. W. I. Union February, 1950

Bahamas Mission:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Burke, B. E.	139	£187 2 0	£ 20 4 0
Other Colporteurs	192	311 0 0	154 1 0
Miscellaneous Sales			17 4 0
Colporteur Brigade			28 8 0
British Honduras Mission:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Vaschanic, S.	120	50 3 6	50 3 6
Colporteur Brigade		5 15 10	5 15 10
East Jamaica Conference:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Athias, Lucilda	108	45 3 0	0 8 6
Bignall, Mrs. K.	148	14 16 0	6 0 0
Blackman, H.	126	69 6 0	2 16 0
Blake, W. E.	174	32 17 0	10 0 0
Delophina, Mrs. M.	121	20 16 0	1 13 0
Duncombe, P.	187	92 1 0	29 15 6
Ferguson, A. L.	197	10 2 0	1 5 0
Ferguson, M.	122		14 13 6
Garrison, A. R.	196	58 4 0	34 12 0
Hill, Victor	150	78 11 0	6 9 0
King, J. N.	167	78 1 0	23 16 6
Lindsay, C. E.	789	116 12 0	3 14 0
Murrah, Luther	141	42 18 4	12 11 6
Moore, Gwen. E.	123	28 5 3	7 3 3
Moore, H. N.	142	22 9 0	27 13 6
Neale, Eric	131	89 6 0	6 17 6
Panton, D. E.	131	8 9 0	3 0 0
Parkinson, Mrs. R.	303	12 16 6	2 5 6
Reid, Cynthia	240		8 11 6
Rose, Miss F.	104	11 6 0	6 7 0
Samuels, Mrs. L.	102	6 9 0	6 16 0
Scott, Elkanah	180	47 16 0	
Sterling, M. G.	178	54 3 0	21 9 10
Stirling, D. A.	172	12 9 0	13 3 6
Thompson, D. E.	187	53 19 6	10 14 0
Walton, L. H.	140	87 7 6	33 5 6
White, George	130	23 18 0	9 13 0
White, Mrs. R.	143	21 1 0	8 4 0
Other Colporteurs	2672	662 9 10	138 2 4
Magazine Sales			89 11 0
Auxiliaries	602	33 0 4	35 12 4
Students:			
Campbell, Esme	161	38 16 0	4 19 6
Morris, L. A.	126	95 14 0	11 16 4
Wilson, Kenneth	178	53 3 0	
Other Students	580	327 3 7	173 2 6
West Jamaica Conference:			
Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Campbell, Mrs. M.	109	43 8 0	16 7 6
Dillon, Leslie	164	813 4 0	84 7 0
Dockery, E. E.	185	36 15 0	
Forbes, Miss I.	100	20 0 0	
Grant, Mrs. A.	125	49 19 0	6 10 0
Hill, H. W.	166	19 12 0	
Hart, Mrs. H.	172	33 14 0	24 14 0
Hepburn, G. H.	170	36 7 3	18 14 6
Kent, Rudolph	120	20 10 3	10 18 9
Morgan, C. H.	161	47 13 6	2 4 0
McDonald, J.	146	39 7 3	5 17 3
Plummer, H. L.	183	115 6 0	13 11 0
Tharpe, C. B.	169	39 19 0	12 15 0
Tharpe, Noel	143	14 14 0	74 2 3
Wallace, R. B.	151	39 15 0	3 2 6
Moyatt, Mrs. L.	249	55 4 0	1 7 0
Reid, Miss C.	100	34 0 0	19 6 0
Samuels, Mrs. A.	138	32 17 0	4 13 0
Savizon, Miss N. A.	106	12 8 0	4 10 6
Wilson, E.	133	18 12 0	
Other Colporteurs	1221	183 16 4	34 7 10
Miscellaneous			4 7 4
Students	122	70 14 8	0 6 0

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

## Summary for February, 1950

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas	331	£ 448 2 0	£ 219 17 0
British Honduras	120	55 19 4	55 19 4
East Jamaica	8467	2347 8 10	643 3 3
West Jamaica	5048	1925 18 1	310 10 7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14061</b>	<b>£4777 8 3</b>	<b>£1229 10 2</b>

## Letters from Our Colporteurs in Africa

Doubtless our VISITOR readers would be glad to learn how our two colporteurs that went over to Africa are getting on. The following is a copy of letters that have recently been written by them to Pastor Haig:— Ed.

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P. O. Box 480  
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Gold Coast.

Pastor A. R. Haig  
B. W. I. Union  
Box 22  
Mandeville, Jamaica.

Dear Pastor Haig:

I am sending you an account of our Colporteur Institute as it took place February 9-16, 1950.

On one of the highways leading to the Northern Territories about 23 miles from our Mission Headquarters, is situated what is termed in the Gold Coast, a town. Here the first Seventh-day Adventist missionaries on their arrival, not less than forty years ago, gained a foothold and established the work. On this spot is to be found a lasting monument to the Third Angel's Message—the old Mission House and the larger of our two Senior schools. It should not be strange, therefore, that this very spot witnessed the scene of the first Colporteur Institute to be held in the Gold Coast for history is in the habit of repeating itself. Doesn't it?

There in that spacious church building at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, could be seen thirty-one bright faces plus those of our mission workers who were invited to assist in the effort anxiously waiting to know just what it was all about. At 7 o'clock, came "O" moment when we started, not across the English Channel

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## Letters from Our Colporteurs

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for bloodshed and natural devastation by the destructive weapons of carnal warfare, but across the channel of "Salesmanship" to lead men on the battlefield of darkness and superstition to wage successful warfare with the cunning rulers of the underworld.

"Put away the strange gods from among you," Gen. 35:2, 3, was the message of the hour by the writer. An half-an-hour was thus well spent and everyone left the room with open minds and hearts to grasp the lessons to be taught and to receive of the Spirit of God.

At the devotional hour on Friday morning, Pastor McAdams addressed the same group who was just as eager to drink in his message of a deeper and fuller spiritual need before embarking on such an undertaking. At the close of the eight days' instruction, all, both workers and prospective colporteurs, were fully satisfied and felt pretty sure that they were equipped and well able to accomplish the purpose that had brought them together.

On Thursday the 16th, at noon, twenty-two men left Agona, our historical spot, with heart, mind, and hands filled with the supplies needed to batter at the strongholds of the enemy and to demolish his foundations of Jujism, Mohamedanism, Catholicism and all other "isms" which contribute to a darkened continent's calling out for liberators.

The work goes on to a triumphant finish, but workers here are so few. Our endeavour is, by the end of 1950, to be able to enlist ten times as many as we have started with by God's help. To this end we need your prayers.

Yours for service,

(Signed) E. L. Brown.

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Dear Pastor Haig:

I have received your letter and I was indeed glad to hear from you. Out here in the mission field when I receive a letter from the homeland, it is like a cup of cool water to my thirsty soul. I appreciate very much your timely encouragement. I shall not fear while Jesus lives.

I notice how the book work is climbing in Jamaica. I WISH I HAD 100 JAMAICAN COLPORTEURS OVER HERE. For the first three months since our coming here the Mission sold nearly £500 worth of books. When we came here they were having camp meetings all over the Gold Coast where our work reaches, and we were asked to travel with the office

staff to enhance the book work. This we did and quite a number of folks gave their names to take up this work. As a result, we planned a Colporteurs' Institute and now we have placed twenty-two men in the field—fourteen full-time and eight part-time. The Mission has asked me to take care of them. I can assure you that this is no easy task. Gold Coast is about fifteen to seventeen times the size of Jamaica with a population of over four million with about 95% of them illiterates. It seems as if it would take the next 100 years to finish the work here and there are some parts of the field that are worse.

I was sick for about ten days while I was in the height of my planning for Institute. Pastor Gibson left for Accra to attend Union meetings and left everything in my hands. Men from the General Conference and others from other parts of the field were coming to attend this Institute and right then and there I went down. Mrs. Gibson did all she could to help me. She said they couldn't afford to have me sick at such a time, but things were more than she could manage and she sent me to the hospital with a sorrow of heart. I spent five days in the hospital and when the men came to Kumasi, they came to the hospital every day to see me. I WAS NICELY TREATED in the hospital by the doctor and the staff. After the Institute was about four days old I jumped out of the hospital one morning and rushed up the Mission office just as the men were coming through the gate to go to the meeting. They were glad to see me and I got in the car with them and drove twenty-eight miles to the place where the Institute was kept. As I reached, the weight of everything was just helped down on me and I took sick again in the midst of it but I tried my best as I could and the Lord helped me and I held out. Well, I am feeling much better now and so I am hard on the job.

I am really thinking hard about my travelling in this country in order to reach the colporteurs in the different parts of the field. Travelling here is quite different from Jamaica. One has to encounter with a lot of dust and the distances apart are quite a number of miles—some three to seven hundred miles and more. It will take me sometimes two days or more to reach where I am going. The means of transportation in this country are trains, and lorries. A few buses run in the town places.

Brother Brown is all right. He is not yet placed but he is still canvassing and he is making good progress.

Well, I hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) L. H. Davidson.

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## When the Bridegroom Comes

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Long has the church waited for the coming of Christ. Outwardly there may be seen little difference between the members of the church. All are doing missionary work; all seem to love the thought that soon the trials of life will be over; but in the heart of one is a love of the world while in the other is the presence of God's-holy Spirit, which is the oil of God's grace. The difference between the wise and the foolish, the one who is ready and the one who is not ready, is the presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart.

It is not essential that we know the exact time of Christ's coming. The Lord has hid this from His church for an all-wise purpose, but He does want to find His people ready when the hour of probation closes. The sands of time have about run out, and soon, very soon, we shall see our Saviour face to face. Let us with renewed courage press on until the Bridegroom comes.

## Until He Comes

**HERON**—Sister Mary Heron, a member of the Axe-and-Adze Church passed away on the 8th of March, 1950. Her sincere Christian life was a witness to the community. Left to mourn their loss are a faithful husband, four sons, four daughters, and many grand children. Funeral services were conducted by Brethren A. W. Heron and E. A. Spence.

**BARRETT**—Sister Rosa Barrett was ushered into eternity on the 23rd of March, 1950. She was baptized in 1937 by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen. The influence of her life still lives. Funeral service was conducted by Brother A. E. Lewis.

**WRIGHT**—Sister Annie Wright, a faithful and beloved member of the Buff Bay church fell asleep in Jesus, December 9, 1949, after a long illness. She accepted the Third Angel's Message sixteen years ago, under the labours of the late Pastor Hubert Fletcher, and leaves to mourn their loss, five daughters, two sons, forty-three grand children, and one great grand child. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor A. D. Laing.

**MOORE**—Sister Plasefa A. Moore, an ardent member of the Buff Bay church, departed this life on March 7, 1950. Born in the year 1910, she accepted the Advent Message and was baptized by Pastor A. C. Stockhausen in 1937. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, the present assistant church leader; seven children, and a host of loved ones. The funeral rite was conducted by Pastor A. D. Laing in the midst of a large gathering.