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"Go Forward"

By H. D. Colburn

"And the Lord spake unto Moses saying... Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward!" Ex. 14:1, 15.

At the time when these words were spoken, Israel faced a situation that seemed most forbidding and impossible. Determined Egyptians pursued a seemingly defenseless people. Liberty and life itself, apparently hung by a mere thread. Before them was the well-armed host of Pharaoh. Their case seemed hopeless!

A mighty cry ascended to God. The people crowded about their leader, who looked helplessly toward heaven. What should they do? What could they do? But at the moment of extreme crisis, there came from the clouds over their heads the voice which pointed the way out! From His lofty dwelling place, He Who controls the destiny of all men, directed the appointed leader of Israel to "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward!"

Moses gave the word, and the people thrilled at the holy command. Unbelievable and impossible though it seemed, they were to go "Forward!" (God never orders His people to retreat. There are never crises with Him. Man's extremity is God's opportunity!" "All His biddings are enablings!")

What was Israel's response to this command? Dared they venture forth into the seemingly impossible? All the world knows that glorious story; how that howling winds piled high walls of water in congealed form on either side to form a royal passage across for a brave people who were determined to obey God. It is a story that is particularly significant and which has a timely lesson in it for us.

God's command to His people today, who apparently stand on the brink of disaster from the powers of hate and bondage, is identical with the command to Israel of old. "Forward" is His command to modern Israel! It should be our Watch Word; our Motto; our Battle Cry!

On every hand we see mountains of difficulty, armies of resistance, and "Red Seas" of apparently impossible circumstances surrounding us. Today, as then, God's people, marching like a mighty army, are moving forward to glorious victories. Onward moves the Church of God from one achievement to another; from one triumph to another!

The thrilling reports that have been streaming in from all parts of the British West Indies Union, wherever the Mid-Century Ingathering Campaign has been launched, has brought increasing evidence that God is in this work and with His people. Every man in his place has moved forward under Heaven's command, and triumphantly turned into the Conference or Mission treasures, larger amounts than ever before. Truly we have been made conscious of the fact that in these days of God's preparation, His, are a "willing people!"

In spite of economic recessions and other obstacles that would overwhelm the weak-hearted, our believers have gone forward in the direction God has indicated, and have been thrilled as they have witnessed the "pillar of cloud" closing in behind them and the "Red Sea" opening before. Many have gone over on "dry land" reaching the other side in perfect safety, laden with the "wealth of the Gentiles," which is dedicated to the uplifting of humanity. To God be the glory!

In every field where the Campaign has been officially launched, our people have entered enthusiastically into this greatest of all Home Missionary projects, with astounding success. They have found numerous friends more eager to listen to their reports of the progress of the work and more generous in their giving than ever before.

As a result of the enthusiasm, earnest-

ness, faith and perseverance on the part of our members, standing loyally by their leaders, we are happy to note that the Bahamas Mission has gone well beyond their goal of £725-0-0; the Cayman Islands Mission has exceeded its goal of £50-0-0 and the Salt Cays Mission has nearly doubled its goal of £25-0-0. It has been equally thrilling to watch the two large Jamaica Conferences as they have gone into action for God. Never have they gathered so much in so short a time. Cables from the Bahamas, the Caymans, the Turks and Caicos and from the churches throughout Jamaica have told of having reached their goals and of the fact that they were still working. At the close of the first week of the Campaigns in Jamaica, approximately £1,000-0-0 had been reported by each of the Conferences. Letters following have revealed wonderful stories from new and old contacts and of generous responses to the appeals made. Truly as our people have "Moved Forward" into the providences of God, we have witnessed miracles no less amazing than those recorded on the pages of sacred history!

The challenge of the 1950 Mid-Century Campaign is still before many who have not as yet taken an active part with their brethren. In this momentous time God speaks again! His command rings to each of you: "Go forward!" Are you ready? The hour has struck! It is time to assert yourselves! Past achievements will not suffice. God asks you to "Go forward" too! Those of you who have begun, it is needful that you continue. Thrilling echoes have been coming in from all parts of the Union and you will want the same rich experiences others have been having.

Hundreds have already received their attractive 1950 Ingathering Award Pins for the splendid part they have played. A large number have reached the "Minute Man" goal of £6-0-0. Hundreds have

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BAHAMAS MISSION

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Brief Report on

Andros Island Mission School

Educate your child in a Christian school. "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his soul?" "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, for it is written, He that taketh the wise in their own craftiness!" I Cor. 3:19.

"Unto man He said, Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Job 28:28.

Our church schools are provided to teach faith in Christ the Creator, and in His divine word as our guide through life. Every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl should have some way provided whereby he can attend a school in which faith in God's word is taught and practised.

"Every deed of kindness done, joy will bring to you." Such a timely quotation is truly attributed to the great work of our good former Mission President, Elder H. D. Colburn, and his devoted helpmeet. They were responsible for the establishment of this timely school in Sept., 1944.

This school is kept in a thatched-roofed house, one panel of partition being taken out in order to increase space. It is a fairly good dry weather house, but when the rainy seasons come in, well, you know what happens. I need not explain.

This building serves as the home of the teacher as well till each weekend. This building was loaned by a kind Brother, Ronald I. Deveaux. It is very congested during the summer months. Many are the awful days when we are compelled to carry on an open-air school under nature's trees. Nearly ninety students is an impossible lot to handle under such trying and unavoidable circumstances. This school serves three of our organized churches and two companies. The pupils from Black Point and Little Creek settlements walk three and one-half to four and one-half miles every school day making a total of seven to nine miles to and fro. How these children make it is a mystery to me. The children from Black Point have to climb five steep hills. Truly these parents are very loyal and interested ones. Sister Edna Carey, a devoted and sincere widow of the Little Creek company is a true sacrificing example for all as she sends her children to this school over the longest road of crowded weeds and heavy sand.

Sister Toote is a never failing supporter of this school—a backbone of this little institution—although she has not a child in this school. She cheerfully says that we must bear one another's burden.

Elder E. E. Parchment of the British West Indies Union Office, made the school a present of £4-4-0 as payment for a monitor or helper for one year (7/- per month). How heaven looked upon such a great offering! He'll be rewarded soon for such a noble act!

There are a total of eleven grades in this school, including three helpers, but owing to insufficient inducement we have to amalgamate the majority of classes for a short cut work. As a rule, and according to educationalists, no class should be left without a teacher. Divided attention mars the work or progress of a straight course. After all what can we do? A pioneer has always been slated for the bulk or brunt of any new work or organization. So why should I grumble or make excuses? There is only one way for me to eat the food of the land and that is I must be willing and obedient. A brave soldier adapts himself to any environment and lets down his bucket on the spot.

Our school choir is still going strong. Let Elders H. D. Colburn, R. E. Gibson and all visitors tell you how our school choir sing for joy. The staff and Tonic Sol-fa method in music is taught with success.

The Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements are still progressing. It is a splendid movement throughout the entire world. (This is our Missionary Volunteer Society Movement.) We have five drums, three fifes, two bugles, one boys' banner, one girls' banner, one Union Jack, and regalia for the band major. Again, consult the above-mentioned Presidents and visitors for the rousing welcome that they had received. Uniforms—boys dressed in khaki shorts and girls in blue trimmed with white.

There was a time when not a book was to be found in this school. But thanks be to God through the able leadership of our present Mission President, his father, mother, aunts, and brothers shipped us one dozen boxes of excellent books of every necessary description. We shipped five boxes to the Bahamas Junior Academy. Surely there shall not be room enough to receive it! Little children of the State of Ohio saved their nickels and dimes and sent us a most wonderful globe—a very large one direct from a famous factory in Chicago. That's wonderful! Even the children did not see it. It cost \$8.50. Just think how heaven feels at the self-sacrificing spirit of such good little children unknown to us. The godly parents of our Mission President, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gibson, even helped the school financially. Good Brother J. P. Simms gave the school over Three Pounds worth of good books and pencils in 1946.

It is true that our Heavenly Father works miracles still as in days of old, but we must be tested and tried—sometimes very severely, but let us not forget the imperative mood used by the sweet singer of Israel: "Wait I say, wait on the Lord."

Now we have enough books of all kinds till the consummation of all things.

The attendance is very regular and punctual. Heaven alone knows how many of these poor parents keep their children going all the time. Not less than 90% of their farms are solid rocks, yet they eke out a living just the same. Yes, the promise is sure.

About the progress or success of this school under the present circumstances, I will not tell you anything, but the judges are our Mission President, the parents, and the general public. Seat work done by the children is sent up to the Mission President quarterly.

A greatly needed school building and teachers' quarters will be erected soon. The school lot has already been purchased, cleared and stones gathered. The swamp has been reclaimed and filled in with humus for growing bananas, plantains, sugar canes, potatoes and vegetables of various kinds. Five coconut trees have already been planted along the front line. A fairly good crop of Indian corn was produced this summer. Tithes and seeds for planting was saved. The children had an excellent feast with the residue. The school lot is 240 feet by 198 ft. What a day of rejoicing that will be when the building shall have been completed!

Children from the public school are constant visitors to our school. They seem to want to take away the school from our children, but they are hampered. Now I can fully realize that the prisons and reformatories in this world are not filled with children are in this school. I might be wrong, but I am always impressed that Seventh-day Adventist children not found with pupils nor adults from our school.

Ninety-five per cent of our S. D. A. in our schools and their parents have a strong leaning post for Sunday worship irrespective of attending Sabbath services. It is always proven that children in our schools throughout the world are not fickle-minded as children of the worldly schools.

Last, but by no means least, some day I hope to entertain some of the VISITOR readers as my first-class guests in a boat ride from Pleasant Bay (my home town) to Kemp's Bay where our school is located a distance of not less than fourteen miles travelling both ways and walking whenever the boat is unable to stand on sea. Frightful waves and wind and rainstorms are very troublesome occasionally. I have to pole my boat when the calm storm sets in. The sail is then useless. Let Elders H. D. Colburn and R. E. Gibson tell you about their first boat ride to and from our mission school. Once a rainstorm came on. Immediately I dropped sail and anchor. We all scrambled for shelter and space as if for our lives. After Elder Gibson had spread himself nearly all over the 9 ft. 6 ins. dinghy boat, there was hardly space for Sister Toote, our dear little Fattie baby and me. Our mission president is an awful size, you know.

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BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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Convention at Douglas

Sunday, April 9, by 8:30 a.m. we had made the trip from Belize to Douglas, a Maya Indian Village, where we have a small church.

Already Pastor and Mrs. Newman were on the scene. Shortly after a truck load of believers and bicycle riders arrived, coming from the following churches and companies: Corozal, Calcutta, Pembroke

Douglas is the seat of Roman Catholicism and so you can imagine the prejudice, Hall, Concepcion and Santa Clara.

annoyance and fear of the people seeing so many Seventh-day Adventists joyfully singing the songs of Zion and performing the rites of the church, and they could do nothing to restrict our freedom. Many would not even venture to look out of their windows at our services, while others could not resist the temptation of denying themselves of such a rear scene.

By nine o'clock there were from two to three hundred people on the bank of the "Rio Hindo" (deep river) which forms the border line between British Honduras and Mexico. The writer preached the baptismal sermon, then Pastor Newman administered the rite of baptism to eight precious souls.

The church building at Douglas was altogether inadequate to accommodate the delegates, so we secured a spot nicely shaded by the foliage of the trees. With benches from the church and other improvised seats, we were ready to begin a Home Missionary and Laymen's Convention, which took the morning and part of the afternoon. The rest of the day was given to the Sabbath School work, led out by Mrs. Williams.

Brother W. C. Wright, our self supporting and outstanding layman, accompanied us on the trip and gave very valuable help.

While we were engaged in the Convention, Miss Ivy Usher, our faithful Secretary-Treasurer, spent the time auditing the treasurers' books which were brought by the treasurers of the different churches.

It was announced that before the opening of the night meeting slides of British Honduras and Jamaica would be shown. This was offered as a bait to interest those who would not come to hear the gospel. Quite a crowd came, but they were very shy. We urged them to come up near enough that they could appreciate the pictures. After the pictures were shown we had a good meeting. The message of a soon coming Saviour was presented.

All were satisfied that a profitable day was spent and the churches requested that similar meetings be conducted once or twice each year.

—J. N. W.

The Gospel of Health

"To make plain natural law, and urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the Third Angel's Message to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord." Vol III, p. 161.

No preacher of the Advent Message has rightly discharged his duty until the principles of health are also presented. The people should be taught how to eat, what to eat, and when to eat. They should also be taught how to make use of the simple remedies nature has provided to alleviate pains and other irregularities.

The following experiences will prove the blessing the Advent Message carries with it wherever it goes. Some years ago an epidemic broke out on the island of San Pedro, Ambergis Caye, British Honduras. The disease began with an infection of the bowels. The Government summoned the few available physicians who fought heroically the malady, taking all kinds of sanitary measures until it was brought under control. Within a few days twenty-nine persons died, but not a single Seventh-day Adventist died.

This week I received a letter from Sister Tapia, our church school teacher on the island. She reported that the Senior Medical Officer and the Sanitary Inspector visited her school, examined her children and told her that they were all in good health and needed no medicine. In comparison to the other school only a few were not in need of medicines for sores, worms and poor blood. It does pay to eat right, drink right, and live right.

"Nature's God will not interfere to preserve men from the consequences of violating nature's laws." *Counsels on Diet and Food*, p. 29.

"He who remains in willing ignorance of the laws of his physical being, and who violates them through ignorance is sinning against God." *C. O. L.*, p. 348.

—J. N. WILLIAMS.

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reached the £1-0-0 figure. To all who have attained an early victory, we hereby extend our whole-hearted congratulations! and bid those who are just now launching out in the programme to be of good cheer, for victory is sure to come.

With all forces properly organized, territorial assignments thoroughly understood, and with courage in our hearts, let us press our Ingathering work forward to an early and triumphant finish! "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward!" What is *Your* response?

SALT CAYS MISSION

W. H. WALLER, President

Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands

News Notes

I am happy to be back at my post of duty and let me express our sincere appreciation to our many dear friends and fellow pilgrims who have felt so deeply our sorrows and have prayed so earnestly for the recovery of Sister Waller. We have not been able to understand why such affliction is permitted to come to one of God's children, but we are trusting Him in the shadows as well as in the light.

The most recent report from her is: "The doctor says, 'She is doing well. I am pleased with her progress.'" The final results is yet unknown and must be left in the hands of an all-wise and loving Heavenly Father who hears and answers prayers in a manner that is best for us. He will do what is best.

We thank God that He always fills the gaps. When we were forced suddenly to abandon our plans to return to the field in January because of illness, God furnished the man in the person of Brother Felix Clayton. I am pleased to report he has been doing a very fine job, assisted by Brother and Sister Lee. They have worked hard at Grand Turk and the interest is high. Several young people have been attracted to the M. V. meetings because of the fine music, and we trust that they will some day follow the Lord all the way.

We were made sad when we had to say good-bye to Brother Clayton when he left his appointed district in the Caicos Islands. For some time the members of Blue Hills have been anxiously awaiting the moment when they could welcome their new worker. Their eagerness was expressed by one a few days ago who said: "The other two workers got away from us, but you'll not be able to get away like they did."

Reports from Blue Hills indicate a forward movement. Led by Brother Stanley Rigby and others the church is advancing. Although they have been without a pastor for the last six months they report several who are definitely preparing for baptism.

Kew had been silent for some weeks, but silence isn't always a sign of drowsiness. Brother George Caperton reports that they are still busily engaged in working for souls. Although they have had to give up the place in which they used to hold their meetings the Lord has opened another place for them. They have done some repairing to the building and are going strong. We thank God for our laymen who are working for God in such a self-sacrificing spirit.

—W. H. WALLER

MID-CENTURY INGATHERING

BAHAMAS



GOAL £725
RAISED £750

BRITISH HONDURAS



£200
£ 11

CAYMANS



£50
£71

We truly rejoice for the blessings we have received in our Ingathering Campaign this year. We have found a most generous spirit among our old friends and have made several very profitable new contacts. Our Ingathering this year has been most pleasant. The Mission has thus far raised the largest amount in its history and we are happy that, with the Lord's signal blessing, we have gone beyond the £725-0-0 mark which the Mission Committee had set for the 1950 field goal.

Our churches have also assumed larger goals than before and have been working faithfully to do their part in this annual campaign. The two Nassau churches are to be commended for the good work they have done. No less faithfully have the members worked in the out-island churches. Altogether our membership throughout the entire territory of the Bahamas are entitled to honourable mention for the part they have played in making another success story possible!

We have every reason to believe that when our final report is in, our goal for the Mission will be exceeded by a very substantial amount. God has truly blessed our united efforts and we have seen evidences on every hand of the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

— R. E. GIBSON, *President Bahamas Miss. of S. D. A.*

While a number of churches have begun work in the interest of the "Mid-Century Ingathering" campaign in the British Honduras Mission, conditions have been such as to make it seem advisable to conduct the principle effort in the Belize area a little later on in the year. There are a number of reasons for this decision. We feel confident, however, that in spite of these certain situations existing in the Colony during the past few months which have made this postponement of the official starting date necessary, when the "Green Light" is finally given, a very substantial sum will be again realized. God's people are willing in every part of His vineyard today, and are ready to follow their leader in service.

The members making up the constituency of the British Honduras Mission, under the leadership of the Mission President, Pastor J. N. Williams, have always given a good account of themselves. We have no doubt but that they will again be successful when the campaign is officially launched. We shall watch with interest the progress of this important endeavour and shall be praying for the success of the effort.

— Union Home Missionary Dept.

During the Cayman Islands Mission Session held in Georgetown, Grand Cayman, last March, the delegates voted the highest Ingathering goal of their history. In doing this, they were giving evidence of the enthusiasm which had been increasing as the important meetings continued. They did it, recognizing fully well the obstacles with which they would be confronted during the entire campaign.

Their faith has been abundantly rewarded, for they have not only reached the £50-0-0 goal which they had set for themselves, but have gone beyond! The membership throughout the field rejoice in what God has enabled them to do. They are happy for the assurance that additional funds have been made available through this means which will result in the strengthening of God's work which is so dear to their hearts.

We here in the Caymans gratefully acknowledge the manifold blessing of God which has attended us this year and give Him all the thanks for what He has done through us.

— O. V. SCHNEIDER,
President Cayman Islands Mission of S. D. A.

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UNION GOAL £5,000 — TOTAL

June, 1950

HERING CAMPAIGN

EAST JAMAICA



£2,300
£1,300

WEST JAMAICA



£1,800
£1,700

SALT CAYS



£25
£35

As the 1950 Ingathering Campaign begins we are again led to recognize the marvellous power of God in causing men and women of the world to give to this great cause we love so much. The only explanation we have for the way the money comes in is that God is leading and guiding men and women to give that His work may go forward.

In my visits around a large number of the churches of East Jamaica, I have been very impressed with the marvellous spirit manifested in everyone of the churches. It is very evident that God's people have a mind to work in this the day of His power.

We have all been surprised again and again at the wonderful generosity of various businessmen. Many of them, we know, are not making very much money, but they are glad to give their contribution for this cause. We know that God takes notice of their gifts. We know also that He takes notice of the faithful efforts of His children. He that never forgets will surely reward those who have done their best for Him.

—KENNETH S. CROFOOT,
President East Ja. Conf.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Truly, this is the day of God's power. Never before have we seen such a willingness, yea, such an eagerness on the part of God's people to do service for Him as has been manifested in this Ingathering campaign.

There are members that have walked over twenty miles to do Ingathering. No wonder they were happy to send us telegrams telling that their churches had reached their goals in one week with an overflow. Twenty-five churches reached their goals in the first week, and this is not all, for one church in Clarendon doubled its goal.

The Ingathering brings an opportunity for visiting in the homes of the people and praying with and for them, which can never be overestimated. People all around us are just longing for something better than they possess; they need the strength and stability which comes only by trusting in Divine guidance. Thus every Seventh-day Adventist has a wonderful privilege of bringing light and hope to every home and every individual they contact for Jesus.

—W. S. NATION, *President*
West Jamaica Conference.

Readers of the VISITOR will welcome the news that the Salt Cays Mission can report that the goal set for this little island field has been reached. Actually, we have gone beyond the £25-0-0 figure which had been our main objective and it is with a sense of gratitude to God that we pass on this good word!

The economic conditions of the islands isn't all that we could wish for by any means. Many are unemployed, and money is not circulating as freely as it is in other parts of the world. Nevertheless, there has been a good response to the appeals which have been made and the totals have steadily climbed until we have had the joy of singing the "Victory Song" here in the Turks and Caicos.

We desire to register our thanks to a kind Providence Who has blessed us and helped us in the 1950 Ingathering Campaign. Without His signal blessing, we could not have been successful. We too, want to acknowledge the loyalty of our members who have taken an active part in the effort. Truly we are witnessing the day of God's power when, because His people are "willing," the wealth of the Gentiles is flowing into God's treasury!

—W. H. WALLER, *President*
Salt Cays Mission.

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EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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MISS E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.

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News Notes

There was a reason for rejoicing at the Conference Office on Orange Street a few weeks ago. As all of the workers from East Jamaica gathered in a Workers' Meeting, we learned that during the first quarter there were two hundred and fifty-three precious souls baptized and admitted as members of the churches of the East Jamaica Conference. Never have so many been baptized during any first quarter in the history of our work in Jamaica. We must give God the glory for this wonderful manifestation of His love and grace. From every parish of East Jamaica there came thrilling stories of conversions, victories and marvellous blessings. There are yet hundreds in the baptismal classes of the churches throughout the Conference, and we know that the second quarter will also bring a thrilling story of baptisms.

The hearts of all the members of the Kencot church were thrilled when on Sunday night, April 30, the newly finished baptistry of the church was used for the burial of eight candidates who presented themselves that night. Everyone who has seen the Kencot church with its lovely tiled floor and beautifully designed and finished platform and unusual glass-front baptistry has made very complimentary remarks. The members of the Kencot church are now happy to invite all of their friends and neighbours to attend all the services of the church. The night of the 30th there was a capacity crowd with many standing. Between four and five hundred attended this historic occasion, and congratulations go to the Kencot church for their sacrificial labours and careful, efficient work as they move along towards the completion of their church building.

—KENNETH S. CROFOOT.

"WE"

Dear Believers and Friends Everywhere:

This is the first of at least two articles we plan to send to you.

This is the end of the seventh week of the evangelistic effort here in Spanish Town, and it is to continue for at least five more weeks. Continue to pray for us.

From the first night we have had in a very marked way, the help, blessing and favour of Heaven. We have had fair evenings and excellent attendance. Men and women are hungry. Let us give them the Word everywhere.

Yesterday, our new believers' Sabbath School Class had a membership of 75—15 of whom were visiting believers. A better group of converts is hardly seen these days. Look! There is a fine Senior Cam-

bridge student—Miss ——— age 17. Persecution is sending its piercing fangs and from her own household. Pain and biting disappointment are hers to endure, but she radiates the smile, serene and calm, of the Blessed Hope. Her actions say, "I shall not be moved." There is Sister ———. She has been beaten thrice—*yea* more than seven times. For weeks she has fled from her husband and is sleeping on a hard bench in the church. Yesterday as she related her tale, a pall of joyful sadness pervaded the tent and we felt that we were ready to pay the supreme price. We were prepared to die. There are two officers from the Prison. On their faces is the look of calm decision. Let Caesar roar or bend to conscience; the two soldiers of Jesus Christ are not mindful to hear the King in this matter. Like Esther, they declare, "If I perish, I perish." Truly, the days of heroism for Jehovah are still with the church. Sitting in the class is a Church of God pastor. We are proud of him. "And many priests believed on His name," declares the Record.

Last Sunday morning I baptized another minister of ———. You should have heard his testimony as he and two of his former converts followed him for the second time, beneath the briny waves. Yonder sits a cultured and educated linguist of Jewish descent. She and her five lovely children comprise a bouquet we gladly present to the Lord. We see in our mind's eyes young, prospective evangelists, teachers, nurses, and doctors sitting there. Her first test was to reject Christ and to accept the Jewish faith—she refused. Her next test invited her to reject all religions (though she rarely worshipped with the Roman Catholics) because to her religions were only organizations of exploitation. No wonder, she is the centre of the gossip of the town.

Since the effort commenced, I baptized an Indian young lady who formerly worked in the Bank and it was Elder Haig's happy privilege to baptize thirteen in the Home for the destitute and afflicted. Truly, he felt as if he were obeying his orders, "Call the lame, the halt, and the blind."

Roman Catholic, Anglican, Wesleyan, Church of God, and Pentecostal members are accepting the Message. Truly, it is amazing and inspiring. We are also studying with Hindus and Mohammedans.

Our Bible Correspondence School enrollment is growing and we expect at least 50% to finish the Course. We require every new believer to take the Course.

As you have observed, the title of this article is "We." This has certainly been a "we" effort and not an "I" effort. It has been a "we" effort in a way never approached and attempted in Jamaica. Not one of us can boast. Most of our major subjects and largest-attendance nights were covered by visiting evangelists.

First on the list is young Evangelist H. S. Walters, M.V. and Educational Secretary of the B.W.I. Union; next

associate Evangelist Lee Gouldbourne, District Pastor; then Bible Instructors Clough and Sister E. Cole of Lawrence Tavern and Blue Hole respectively; added to this list is the Union Staff and many of the East Jamaica Pastors.

We hope to conduct our first baptism in June and our goals are to see evidence of a complete surrender and to thoroughly indoctrinate every candidate.

Signs of Divine Intervention

We hope that we have almost completely won the confidence of our congregation because just a few questions are put in the question box, and most of them by children. Recently, a woman in the audience became angry when quotations from certain religious books were read. She talked loudly and used profane language. That night she was smitten with a stroke on the right side and her right hand is almost useless. Next morning we were sent for to pray for her and she confessed. We understand another person has been struck dumb.

We cannot cope with the interest for there are hundreds who sign up and request Bible Studies and who we will never reach. Oh, that we had a corps of twelve field workers instead of just two.

The effort in Spanish Town will be long remembered. With you, our battle cry is, "Evangelize! Evangelize!"

—LEE GOULDBOURNE.

Farmers or Colporteurs

An amusing little story is told of a farmer and an advisor to farmers. Here it is: "A counselor on farming was talking to a tiller of the soil about improved farming methods. After listening for a while, the man of the soil drawled, "All them things you have been telling me wouldn't do me no good, because I ain't farming now half as good as I already know how!"

The farmer might be able to subsist on what he could raise without farming "as well as he knew how." But can you, dear colporteur, afford to visit judgment-bound souls, using only one-half the ability and wisdom that you possess? Are you working a full eight hours each day tactfully, earnestly, and enthusiastically in order to direct sinners to the Saviour of mankind?

A knock on the door of the lowly hut, or a ring of the doorbell of the elegant mansion, may be the bridge that spans the chasm of destruction between the end of time and the beginning of eternity for some soul. Such, is the call of the ambassador of truth, the Colporteur Evangelist! Every hour of every day, as you ring doorbells for God, *do your best!*

The Master is only interested in your best—be it much or little. The Christian is desperately concerned with a life beyond this one. As colporteurs, we cannot neglect, as did the farmer, to do our best. As Christians, *we must always do our best!*

—J. C. CULPEPPER.

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

The Largest Bible Class in The Island of Jamaica

Bahamas Mission:

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
King, J. S.	136	£144 18 0	£234 16 0
Deane, P.	154	154 16 0	75 4 0
Parard, M.	132	277 1 0	34 19 0
Burke, W. E.	193	159 10 0	69 17 0
Colporteur			8 11 0
Magade	95	38 12 0	32 10 0
Miscellaneous Sales			

British Honduras Mission:

Vassilantia, S.	120	71 4 7	71 4 7
Brooks, Lydia	170	51 5 3	51 5 5
Colporteur Brigade	15	8 8	15 6 8

East Jamaica Conference:

Anderson, A. A.	147	25 8 0	1 12 6
Blackman, H.	127	50 5 5	4 6 0
Blake, W. E.	137	14 12 0	7 6 0
Brooks, Renella	108	47 0 4	10 2 0
Cousins, C. S.	164	22 16 0	33 4 6
Carlins, M. G.	163	28 12 0	24 17 8
Duncombe, Peter	138	91 11 4	80 8 0
Delophina, Mrs. M.	141	10 10 0	1 15 0
Ellis, Claire	121	12 4 0	2 16 0
Farr, Z.	122	14 15 0	4 17 6
Ferguson, M. C.	122	6 0 0	
Ferguson, A. L.	177	10 12 0	12 12 6
Graham, Doris	154	6 15 0	9 14 0
Hill, Victor	149	49 4 0	6 0 6
James, Miss M.	146	17 18 0	5 10 0
King, J. M.	146	9 7 0	30 12 0
Labor, M. A.	300		56 2 0
Marrab, Luther	143	58 18 0	15 12 0
Moore, G. E.	125	24 17 0	5 13 10
Purdie, Edna	177	14 18 0	5 18 0
Parkinson, Mrs. B.	191	10 0 0	2 15 0
Rose, Florence	154	11 9 0	5 6 0
Scott, Elkanah	161	47 15 0	16 5 0
Stetham, W. G.	131	48 8 0	27 5 0
Thompson, D. E.	184	39 0 0	8 13 0
Wheaton, L. H.	167	37 19 0	34 11 0
Williams, S.	148	60 19 0	14 0
Wright, Ema	108	19 10 0	4 17 0

Students:

Campbell, Esme	129	26 6 6	2 4 6
Wilson, Kenneth	151	46 9 6	6 4 0
Other Students	425	137 4 3	55 5 1
Auxiliaries	789	35 7 10	40 4 4
Other Colporteurs	2,687	560 1 10	241 18 2
Miscellaneous			
Deliveries			56 17 1

West Jamaica Conference:

Coleman, Manley	251	92 2 0	67 6 6
Coley, C. G.	175	41 12 0	14 13 0
Campbell, M. E.	163	21 15 0	7 4 0
Dockery, E. E.	218	36 11 0	4 10 0
Forbes, Miss I.	112	18 16 0	13 5 0
Guthrie, Ira	245	34 12 0	51 6 9
Hart, Mrs. H.	103	23 0 0	6 13 6
Hepburn, C. H.	166	31 14 3	17 16 6
Hall, Z.	203	16 13 0	8 2 6
Lawson, Joseph	137	38 16 0	1 1 6
Lyle, Lewis	176	51 12 6	66 1 0
Morgan, C. H.	194	64 7 9	18 1 0
Maxwell, D. E.	165	19 7 0	3 18 0
Mowatt, L.	173	31 13 0	6 18 6
McDonald, J.	179	46 7 3	7 4 3
McNab, F.	176	11 11 0	18 5 0
Plummer, H. L.	196	43 11 0	47 7 0
Ramsay, A. L.	288	73 7 0	3 4 0
Samuels, A.	176	12 8 5	7 14 0
Smith, M. V.	153	31 1 9	37 7 9
Spence, G. M.	139	24 18 6	29 18 6
Tharpe, C. H.	144	26 6 0	7 13 0
Tharpe, Noel	223	32 14 0	40 8 6
Topper, Louise	170	85 17 0	3 18 0
Wallace, R. B.	147	11 17 6	40 7 0
Other Colporteurs	1625	609 16 3	88 6 5

Students:

Hill, H. W.	170	30 6 0	10 1 6
Other Students	166	45 1 0	15 9 3
Auxiliaries	59		4 9 4

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 March, 1950

Bahamas	709	£ 770 2 0	£ 455 17 0
Br. Honduras	296	137 16 0	137 16 6
East Jamaica	3,469	1,650 11 5	803 5 6
West Jamaica	6,492	1,607 15 2	648 6 3
Union Total	15,966	£4,166 5 1	£2,045 5 3

The Twentieth Century Radio Bible School, Box 22, Mandeville, moves on steadily and triumphantly. May it not be that the servant of God saw not only the radio but also the Radio Bible School as agents for the spreading of the Third Angel's Message when she was given a vision of the following:

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest." *Test.*, Vol. IX, p. 126.

Surely this is what the Bible Correspondence Course is doing in Jamaica. We are also told that the work of God will never be finished in the earth until the laity join with ministers in proclaiming the message.

We, the officers of the Radio Bible School, wish to express our gratitude to our workers, Bible representatives, church leaders, and members for the valuable help that you are rendering which has given added success to the results that we are having in the Bible School. We are told in *Desire of Ages*, p. 678, that "when men are bound together not by force of self-interest, but by love, they show the working of an influence that is above every human influence." It is the love for souls that burns within your heart why you go over hills, plains and valleys, cities, towns and villages to enroll the 55,087 who have expressed their desire to study God's Holy Word, and surely you ought to be encouraged when you know that out of these, 2,239 have desired to be baptized as our Saviour was; 643 of these have been baptized and 793 of our church members have also taken the course. These thirty lessons are being offered to the students free, providing that they are not already baptized Seventh-day Adventists.

Certainly it brings courage and strength to the hearts of those who have laboured to see that their labours have not been in vain. For the past four months of 1950, you have enrolled not less than 1,800 students in this greatest Bible class there is in Jamaica. Think of it, loved ones, that these are studying the last warning message to the world. Surely we must conclude that the Radio Bible School is one of God's great agencies for the finishing of His work.

We are told by the Pen of Inspiration that multitudes will come into the Truth in one day, that "among earth's inhabitants scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed their knees to Baal. Like the stars of heaven which appear only at nights, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people."

I quote from *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 188, "God has in reserve a multitude of chosen ones." In the *Review and Herald*, June 29, 1885, we have this statement, "Pentecost will be repeated; three thousand and will be converted in one day." We do not know as yet of all the methods that the Lord is going to use to accomplish this, but He is certainly using the Radio Bible School as one of the means of giving the message and bringing souls to His Kingdom.

We wish to solicit the further cooperation of all our faithful believers, and we will be very happy for you to write to us asking for enrollment cards and passing on to us experiences that you have gathered, either personally or from students. For lack of space we can only quote a few encouraging words that have come in from some of our students.

One writes: "I have been a victim of the tobacco habit for the past twenty-five years, but thanks be to God after receiving the Bible Correspondence Course, I have put it aside, and I am now a candidate for baptism."

Another brother writes: "I thank you for the six cards that you have sent me, and you will be glad to know that of the six students enrolled in this school, three have been baptized and the other three are in the Baptismal Class."

Another student writes: "I am a student of the Radio Bible School, and I have now reached my 12th lesson. I have decided to be a Seventh-day Adventist, and I am now offering you a hall if you will come or send someone to conduct some meetings."

Still another writes: "I wish to thank the Bible School for these valuable lessons. They have opened my eyes to the Truth of God's Word. I have accepted the message and I am now preparing for baptism."

These are just a few of the experiences that are coming in to us from some of the students that you have enrolled. You will also be happy to know that arrangements are being made for the Voice of Prophecy messages to be broadcast in Jamaica which we hope will start within the near future, thus giving a chance to those who have radios to listen to these powerful messages given by the Voice of Prophecy and reaching the class who perhaps would not be very anxious to leave their homes to hear it otherwise.

Should we not all join in prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper this, the Radio Bible School, with other mediums, in the sounding of the last warning message. Please join with us every Wednesday morning in your devotions by asking God's blessing upon the broadcast for the Radio Bible School.

Weary pilgrims, soon our journey will be ended, soon the work will be finished, and soon we will receive a full reward for all that we have done. May God help you to be faithful.

— E. E. PARCHEMENT

**Miss Eileen Robson —
Acting Treasurer, B. W. I. Union**

By the time this issue reaches our churches, Elder and Sister Franz with their two children, Charles and Sue, will be back in the United States commencing their six months furlough. The Colburns will be following the last of June. We will all miss these two families from the Union Staff, but will pray for their return in December.

We are grateful to the General Conference for sending Miss Eileen M. Robson to serve as Acting Union Treasurer during Pastor Franz's furlough. Miss Robson has had many years of active service in the Australasian Division. Beginning in 1919, she served for seven years in the South New Zealand Conference Office. From 1926 to 1929 she was accountant at New Zealand Missionary College and headed the secretarial and business teaching. She also served this same department for a number of years at the Australasian Missionary College (Avondale). *The Signs* Publishing Company, Warburton, Australia, was happy to have her services as accountant from 1935 to 1938. For a number of years Miss Robson served in our Sanitarium Health Food Company in Australia and New Zealand. From 1945 to 1948 the Australian Division Office was grateful for her efficient service in the Audit Department. Miss Robson now comes to us direct from the General Conference Purchasing Department in Washington.

We welcome Miss Robson and trust the Lord will greatly bless her six months stay in the B. W. I. Union.

Bookmen, To the Gap!

Great men prove themselves in times of adversity. Khartoum discovered a Kitchener. Trafalgar immortalized a Nelson as well as the signal that helped save religious liberty. Waterloo placed Wellington in the hearts of millions, and the free men of America produced a Washington, marking his resting place with an eternal shaft.

Egypt in defying God, brought forth a Moses and a Miriam against them and finally lost the flower of their army in the depths of a briny vengeance.

The alters of ancient Babylon crumbled before a Daniel, and modern Baal's shrine was exposed by an Ellen G. White, a James White, and a Joseph Bates.

Lucifer's rift in the clouds of heaven's peace, gave us the gift of the Eternal Sacrament—the Redeemer and Saviour who is Christ the Lord!

And today, and NOW, noble colporteurs, Jehovah requires that you **PROVE YOURSELVES!** Let the poet, the peasant, and the great extol the NAME OF THE MOST HIGH! Let them see more clearly for the rest of 1950 that the mes-

sages of God are more than a match for all opponents. Gentlemen, we shall not fear the battle. Pagan mercenaries shall march in vain against the bookmen of the Lord, for, He who is invincible is their shade by day and their fire by night. Therefore, remember now, and forever, that His marching orders are "GO YE," and "DO IT AGAIN."

—A. R. HAIG.

Andros Mission School

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I could go on writing many many sheets of writing on the hard words, hard blows, sufferings and ups and downs with this school; yes, many ugly scenes from within and without and from high and low, but it wouldn't pay. It would be rather destructive than constructive. Our God does not want stubborn and grumbling men in his work; men and women that are greedily seeking riches and honour mar the work of God.

I have carried on this school for nearly six years now, and should conditions get worse one thousand times, by the grace of God, I must stand in my lot and not forget that heaven saves by quality and not by quantity. May we all be found faithful to the end. Pray for me!

—U. B. TOOTE.

**Report on Churches and
Companies in Southern Andros,
Bahamas Mission**

As District Leader of our four organized churches and two companies, I visit and encourage them all I can. Any disputes or burdens brought to my attention are settled by the Book of books.

Sisters Olean Rolle, Rebecca McPhee of Black Point church, and Sister Toote of Pleasant Bay church are all doing excellent medical work. One hundred per cent of all the members of one of our churches have been won to the truth by nothing else than the medical work and outstanding sacrifices of one of our most faithful sisters who has completely sold out for the cause of God. This faithful sister was threatened by a non-Adventist lady not to continue giving alms, nor singing for her aged, infirm and widowed mother.

Our sister had previously laid plans to take the old woman in her own home and patiently care for her. Her daughter and her preacher who were very jealous of these acts of kindness told the police to inform our sister not to enter her mother's home another minute; if so she would take a stick and break the sister's neck. Our sister did not resist, but she continued sending alms for the old lady. Then she gave the case to God in prayer and fasting.

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Recently an arson case came on in which the old woman's daughter was charged with the crime. She asked me to stand £25-0-0 bond for her, till supreme court was called. I stood.

Space does not allow me to tell you here the amount of authority this good daughter has given our sister over her mother's home with prayers, singing, weeping, etc. This once furious and unreasonable daughter is now a regular and punctual attendant at every service.

Brethren Ornard Burrows and Arthur Roberts are doing great self-sacrificing work in the Little Creek church. Their wives and children including faithful Sister Edna Carey and her children are also doing excellent work. This church will be ready for dedication soon.

—U. B. TOOTE.

NOTICE

The Alpine Club of the Seventh-day Adventist church, May Pen, is kindly reminding those who have been written to asking their aid in the building of their little pavilion.*

The deadline for collection will be June 30, 1950. Whatever it might be, won't you please send in your donations?

V. FENTON,
President.

UNTIL HE COMES

GISCOMBE — Brother McNeil Giscombe, a member of the Hope Bay Church, departed this life after a few months illness on the 15th of April, 1950, leaving his wife, a brother and a sister to mourn their loss. He accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1942 and was baptized by Pastor D. B. Reid. Brother D. Cohan, Leader of the Hope Bay Church, and Brother V. O. Brown, student from Kingsway High School, conducted the funeral service in the midst of a large gathering.

—S. C. Myers.