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"I Come Quickly"

AS THE delegates took their seats in their assigned section of the arena in the large auditorium in San Francisco, all eyes fell on a large clock which had been painted and hung at the back of the platform facing the audience. The hands pointed to five minutes to twelve, and across the middle of the face were the words of Christ which are recorded in Rev. 22:7, "I Come Quickly".

This solemn message from the Lord was the keynote throughout the whole Session. The songs, the prayers, the sermons, the reports and the resolutions were vibrant with the proclamation of the Saviour, "I Come Quickly."

The newly elected President of the General Conference, Elder W. H. Branson, in his acceptance speech said:

"My chief burden shall be the winning of souls. This, I believe, should be our greatest of all goals. Our chief business as a church is to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. We must lose no time in accomplishing this solemn business for God. Everything else in the world is ready for the end. Heaven will be made up of people. The only possessions we can take with us to heaven are those whom we can save from the waves of sin, and this gathering of the people can be done only under the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit. We must now receive this pentecostal power, and lay plans throughout the whole world to get the people ready. The hour is growing late. The night is falling. There is not an hour or a day to lose."

Elder N. C. Wilson, President of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference in his morning devotional study said:

"We need a mighty revival of the preaching of the soon return of our Lord." "Nothing makes such a change in people's

By R. W. Numbers

The Lord Is Coming

*The Lord is coming! let this be
The herald note of jubilee;
And when we meet, and when we part,
The salutation from the heart.*

*The Lord is coming! sound it forth,
From east to west, from south to north;
Speed on! speed on the tidings glad,
That none who love Him may be sad.*

*The Lord is coming! saints, rejoice!
We soon shall hear His glorious voice,
Majestic, uttered from afar,
As on He hastes His conquering car.*

*The Lord is coming vengeful, dire,
Are all His judgments and His ire,
And none can hope to escape His wrath,
Who walk not in the narrow path.*

— Author Unknown.

lives as LOOKING for and WAITING for the Saviour's return."

From the pen of inspiration Elder Wilson gave the following quotations:

"The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message." Vol. VI, p. 406.

"Time is very short, and all that is to be done must be done quickly. The angels are holding the four winds, and Satan is taking advantage of everyone who is not fully established in the truth. Every soul is to be tested." Vol. V, p. 573.

"Slowly but surely the wheel of Providence is turning. We know not how soon our Lord will say, 'It is done!' His coming

is drawing nigh. Soon our opportunities for work will be forever past. Only a little while longer shall we be permitted to labour." Vol. VII, p. 235.

Dr. T. R. Flaiz in his morning devotional study also stressed this cardinal truth. We quote two paragraphs:

"Peter, in his epistles, gave great emphasis to the day of the Lord. Not only did he strongly emphasize the certainty of the event, but he described something of the nature of that fateful day. After fascinating us with his dramatic description of the world's dying agonies, he directs our attention to what to him seems of greater significance than the mere fact of the end of the world. 'Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?'"

"What a pertinent question! How very directly related to our situation in these times of crisis! Yes, what manner of persons ought we to be? What is the significance of Peter's question in this connection? Will our attitude toward the coming of the Lord have any bearing on the type of persons we will be? Will our conduct be in any way affected by our thinking on this matter? Will our life purposes, our pursuits, our talents and potentials be in any way related to our thinking on this question?"

The call of the hour is for Spirit-filled men, women, and youth who will put on the full armour of God and go forth into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in for "all things are now ready." Thousands are waiting only for the invitation. It was stated by the President of the General Conference that if we were permitted to come together again four years from now, our membership ought to be twice what it is at present.

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Facts of Interest from the General Conference Session

Southern Asia Division:

Pastor R. H. Pierson, former President of the British West Indies Union, was elected President of the Southern Asia Division.

Pastor W. L. Barclay was asked to serve as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

South American Division:

Pastor W. E. Murray, who has served as Secretary of the Inter-American Division, was elected President of the South American Division.

Inter-American Division:

Pastor A. H. Roth, former Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary of the Division, was asked to serve as Secretary of the Inter-American Division.

Pastor V. E. Berry of the Central American Union Mission will take Pastor Roth's place as Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary of the Division.

Pastor W. A. Wild of the Antillian Union Mission will take Elder Wesley Amundsen's place as Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Temperance Secretary.

Pastor W. Amundsen was chosen as one of the Associate Secretaries of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference.

Russia:

"In my village at least 75% of the population are Adventists, and in many villages up to 50%. Many are being baptized. They are loosely organized. It is practically impossible to effect any kind of organization."

Rumania:

"The Rumanian church has doubled its membership since the close of the war. This has been possible because our members, though harassed with perplexities, have worked unceasingly to win souls. In recent years 2,378 people were brought to baptism through laymen's efforts. A Rumanian Government official, who recognized the good the Advent Movement is doing in his country, said: 'The achievements of the Seventh-day Adventist Church recall most singularly the sixteenth-century Reformation.'"

Italy:

The Italian churches adopted as their motto, "I Seek My Brethren." "Our Italian believers are seeking their brethren still outside the fold. As a result, the church membership of Italy has trebled in the span of a few short years."

Spain:

"In Spain a young man belonging to the Catholic Action was sent by this organization to observe the youth activities of the Adventists. He sat in on the youth meeting, once, twice, three times. 'I was thrilled,' he told us, 'by the programme of these young people, and after attending the meetings a fourth time I decided to join them. I reported back to the Catholic Action, 'I am joining the Seventh-day Adventists. They have the truth.' Today

this young man is one more Missionary Volunteer, and one of more than five hundred faithful members added to the church in Old Spain since the end of the civil war.'" (Last three quotations from W. R. Beach.)

China:

"Every union and local mission and every institution of which we still have control throughout all China is functioning as before, but entirely under Chinese leadership."—W. H. Branson.

Sabbath Afternoon:

"One of the most thrilling programmes ever presented to a Seventh-day Adventist congregation was conducted Sabbath afternoon in a pageant of missions entitled 'From Every Land.' The great Civic Auditorium was crowded to the doors when the long parade of missionaries and nationals began. At the sound of the trumpet and the organ, in they came, with banners bearing the names of the country each group represented. As they marched up one aisle and down another to the platform, two large spotlights played upon the colourful national costumes which they wore. It was a most inspiring picture of what God had wrought among many kindred, tongues and people in fulfilment of His prophetic Word."—Frederick Lee.

This great march of the "United Nations" was led by Pastor H. S. Walters of the British West Indies. B. W. I. Union must always lead.

Christian Education:

"The elementary schools during the past four years have recorded 7,550 baptisms among their boys and girls. So effectively are spiritual values emphasized on this level that, of the entire number of children between the ages of seven and twentyone from Adventist homes, 75.3 per cent are baptized before reaching academy age. The academies have recorded 1,453 baptisms, thus helping to raise the baptized to 95.5 per cent of the seven to twenty-one age group."

"A survey made in 1949 of the children from Adventist homes shows that in the United States 58.7 per cent of the children attending elementary schools are in church school. The corresponding figure for the secondary level is 61 per cent in the academy; and for the college-age group, ages nineteen to twenty-two, of those attending school, 79 per cent are in our colleges."—E. E. Cossentius.

Membership:

The Seventh-day Adventist membership in 1863 at the time of organization was 3,500. At the end of 1949 our world membership was 716,538. The population then in 1863 was one billion but now it is two and a quarter billion.

Sabbath School:

During the last four years the Sabbath School membership has had a gain of 201,392. A new Sabbath School of 138 members was organized each and every day of the 1,461 days of the quadrennial period.

Home Missionary:

Each week for the past four years the church has distributed a million copies of literature. A MILLION A WEEK.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

K. S. CROFOOT, President.
MISS E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.
176 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica.

Evangelism in East Jamaica

Practically all of the pastors of East Jamaica are continuing the evangelistic programme started at the beginning of this year. Pastor Hilbert Nembhard conducted an effort at Regent Street with remarkable results. Already a large number have been baptized and there is still a fine baptismal class awaiting another baptism later in this quarter. Pastor M. G. Nembhard conducted an effort at Rollington Town that has not only brought a fine large group of new members into the baptismal class but has stirred the whole church.

Pastor Gouldbourne started what was to have been a revival for the church members of Old Harbour, but such tremendous crowds started to attend the meetings that it has developed into a full-fledged effort. The members of the Old Harbour church are giving very valuable assistance in these meetings. The writer has attended a number of times and has always found nearly as many waiting outside unable to get in as were seated inside the church. A large number of new faces are seen every Sabbath at the church services.

Brother David McCalla of the Upper St. Andrew District has had unusually fine results from his meetings at Devon Pen. This is a very isolated community between Castleton and Broadgate and Brother McCalla found a number of people awaiting the preaching of the Third Angel's Message. It is very obvious that a new church will have to be organized here this year.

Pastor Walton held an effort in the Clermont church with unusually fine results. Again the members contributed very materially to the success of the meetings by their faithful visiting and diligent efforts to bring visitors to the meetings.

Other efforts have been and are being held around the conference. It is very evident that the third quarter will also have a very fine record of baptisms. Pray for these evangelistic efforts in the East Jamaica Conference.

—K. S. CROFOOT.

Church Completions

The Lewisburgh church is announcing its dedicatory programme for August 13. The members of the Lewisburgh church have done remarkably well in the completion of their church. A few months ago all one could see on the site was the bare foundation, but behind the scenes the

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WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

W. S. NATION, President
L. A. MORRISON, Secy.-Treas.
Mandeville, Jamaica.

Tidings from the Battlefield

It was my privilege after careful reconnaissance of the enemy's stronghold to marshal my forces, and in the name of Prince Emmanuel, the Great General, launch an attack against the enemy in that part of the battlefield called Porus. I was able to take the offensive from the very first week, and despite increasing attacks and counter-attacks by the forces of the arch rebel, we were able to maintain the offensive and consolidate our position. As we bombarded the enemy's positions, night after night our camp was filled to the overflowing with interested visitors and those who were leaving the ranks of the enemy. Our camp became too small to accommodate them. The campaign continued for nine weeks. Now at its close we have over thirty new recruits who have fully joined the army of Prince Emmanuel and many others who contemplate doing so. All honour and praise to the Great Captain of our salvation through whom this victory was made possible!

The mopping-up process is still going on and many are leaving the rebel army and coming over on our side. We are also glad to state that some, who years ago deserted the army of Prince Emmanuel, are returning to fight side by side with His soldiers.

This is just a little report in military language of the effort that was held in Porus some weeks ago. For years the work went very slowly there, and there was little or no evidence of growth. The church was reduced to just a few members. Thank God the hard fallow ground is now broken.

Pastor Nation, our President, personally supervised the removal of the little church building from the spot it had occupied for years at one end of the town and brought it closer to the populated area to a spot generously given by Brother Luther Daley. It was enlarged and converted into a small tabernacle so that more people could be accommodated.

The meetings were well attended from the outset and continued unabated until the close of the series. I was not well when I started the meetings but God strengthened me and I was able to continue without missing one single night. In addition to the evangelistic sermons a Bible Class was conducted every night for half an hour from the third week, with an average attendance of over one hundred. We were also able to enroll over sixty in the 20th Century Bible Correspondence School. Over one hundred persons signed the Covenant to keep the Sabbath. There are at present over thirty in the baptismal class and others hope to follow soon.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the help given by our Union President who despite his busy programme

found time to speak for us on several occasions; also to Pastor G. A. E. Smith who willingly contributed his quota. I cannot close without mentioning the students of the West Indian Training College who on different occasions contributed items in songs etc. and the members of the ministerial class of the college who particularly during the binding-off stage willingly assisted whenever their busy programme made it possible. Brother Irving Smith has been engaged for the past several weeks in Bible work there and is doing splendidly. Continue to pray for the work in Porus and in the District of Manchester.

— FRANK FLETCHER.

Colporteur Evangelists Move On

The Colporteur Evangelists of West Jamaica have been going forward under God. The report of the first six months of 1950 has so far been encouraging, and we look forward to greater endeavours in the coming months.

Since the beginning of the year many souls have taken their stand for truth through the effort of our colporteurs.

The summer vacation has brought added strength to our working force. Twenty-one student colporteurs have joined with the regulars for the summer offensive. We sincerely pray that God will bless the efforts of our students with scholarships and soul-winning experiences.

— I. B. BENSON.

West Indian Training College News Notes

West Indian Training College still stands; and, after five weeks of Summer School, students and teachers are now in the throes of hard work. There are over 100 students who are spending the Summer here and it is only to be regretted that our water supply is so low!

There has been much speculation as to prospective building plans on the Hill. The first Campus Cottage, formerly the Bulls' Home, is being remodeled and is so improved in appearance as to be much talked about.

Pedestrians especially have been gratified in watching an asphalt driveway wind itself up from the gate and is now passing the chapel. This affords quite a relief to leather soles and rubber tyres!

"The most important moment of her life" was reached at 5 p.m., August 9, when in the presence of a fine gathering of relatives, friends and admirers, Miss Ethline Lindo, Acting Dean of "Jamaica Hall" and teacher, became the bride of Mr. Cyril Baker of New Jersey, U. S. A. The ceremony presided over by Pastor W. S. Nation was solemnized in the College Auditorium. The College gives its best wishes to this couple.

Miss Dell Brodie now assumes temporarily the position of Acting Dean of "Jamaica Hall."

The College welcomes to its staff Pro-

fessor S. O. Beaumont, M. Sc., who arrived from the U. S. A. a few weeks ago to take up duties as Science Master.

Pastor W. A. Osborne, Business Manager, now acts as President in the absence of Pastor B. G. Butherus on furlough.

And thus, West Indian Training College proceeds in her monstrous strides forward.

— E. H.



Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig
Secretary

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

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission:	330	£199 12 6	£194 7 0
British Honduras Mission:			
Brooks, Lydia	120	9 12 2	9 12 2
Vasciannie, S.	120	37 1 6	37 1 6
East Jamaica Conference:			
Blake, W. E.	162	14 12 0	3 15 0
Duncombe, P.	137	70 9 0	24 17 6
Delophina, M.	146	12 6 0	8 17 0
Eccles, Ecton	194	75 2 0	18 4 0
Ellis, Claire	126	4 8 0	8 0 0
Facey, Zephaniah	124	20 15 0	3 15 0
Ferguson, M. C.	182	22 18 6	19 5 0
Gerrison, A. R.	126	36 12 0	
King, J. M.	151	37 10 0	19 17 6
Lindsay, C. E.	136	23 6 0	3 19 6
Moore, G. E.	142	18 7 0	4 3 0
Purville, Edna	197	49 10 0	13 1 3
Phang, William	257	68 16 0	7 14 6
Plummer, Mrs. L.	116	8 11 0	7 9 0
Scott, Elkanah	136	41 8 0	1 4 0
Thompson, D. E.	173	23 18 0	4 4 6
White, George	125	30 18 6	2 7 0
Williams, S.	134	3 10 0	1 15 0
Smith, C. J.	124	42 17 0	3 13 0
Other Colporteurs	2,687	639 18 11	238 12 6
Miscellaneous			101 12 0
Students:			
Campbell, Esme	103	4 10 6	11 9 6
Williams, T. M.	125	73 12 0	8 11 4
Wilson, K.	140	56 5 0	9 5 8
Other Students	269	92 9 10	43 8 2
Auxiliaries	202	639 18 11	32 15 6
West Jamaica Conference:			
Campbell, M. E.	162	11 0 0	3 18 0
Dillion, L.	226	363 0 0	31 4 0
Gooden, Epsie	122	35 16 0	4 13 0
Hart, Mrs. H.	157	97 1 0	23 17 0
Hepburn, C. H.	165	60 1 3	9 5 0
Kent, Rudolph	127	31 7 3	16 14 3
Morgan, C. H.	184	51 14 0	8 5 0
McDonald, J.	160	27 18 0	3 17 6
McNab, F.	184	36 12 0	12 4 0
Plummer, H. L.	140	12 4 0	12 18 0
Samuels, Mrs. A.	132	10 19 0	2 3 6
Wilson, Mrs. B.	131	8 18 0	3 11 0
Other Colporteurs	2,010	486 1 6	228 15 10
Miscellaneous			51 4 0
Students:			
Hill, H. W.	139	4 10 0	10 0 6
Thomas, Clinton	250	93 3 6	16 0 0
Other Students	150	63 5 0	66 13 0
Auxiliaries	49		1 14 0

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

Summary for June, 1950

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission	330	£199 12 6	£194 7 0
Br. Hon. Mission	240	46 13 8	46 13 8
East Ja. Conf.	6,701	1,505 2 9	600 17 3
West Ja. Conf.	4,660	1,471 17 6	516 6 7
TOTALS	11,931	£3,223 6 5	£1,358 4 6



**MEDICAL
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A. W. Drnitt,
M. D.
Secretary

do what He has promised to do through the mighty inworking of the Holy Spirit. The Government will help us through its mail service. Thousands more must be enrolled in the Bible Correspondence School; our colporteurs must sell the books which will bring the truth forcibly to the readers; our teachers, doctors and nurses must see in every student and patient a soul for whom Christ died; as ministers and laymen we must double and triple the time spent in communion with God that our labours might be twice as effective. We need funds, but funds will come from unexpected sources when we follow God's Divine pattern.

Who in Israel will consecrate himself fully to the Lord this day? With Isaiah we must say, "Here Am I, Send Me."

Hospital News

Furlough time has come for Miss Ruth Mitchell, Matron of the Andrews Memorial Hospital and Clinic, since 1946.

Furloughs are times to look forward to by overseas workers giving them a chance to visit their loved ones in the homeland, but they are times not appreciated too much by those who are left to wonder if the individual will return or be called to labour elsewhere in the Lord's vineyard.

Miss Mitchell will not be returning to this island and has already had several calls to connect with other of our medical institutions. Our loss will be some other institution's gain.

No one will ever know how much Miss Mitchell has done for the Hospital and for the nurses and staff connected with it—no one will ever know, except the good Lord Himself.

I personally have been associated fairly closely with her through the rough times as well as the smooth times and know considerably more than other staff members of her accomplishments, but I know there are many untold stories about which I know nothing: Stories of a nurse in need, her need supplied; of the one who accidentally broke her spectacles and needed new ones; of others who needed motherly advice; of the church building that needed a loan to complete it; and a multitude of other incidents.

We cannot see the Lord's working in every matter, nor yet why certain decisions have to be made, but we can extend to her our very grateful thanks for her untiring service and for the days, nights, and many, many extra hours spent on duty, apart from her usual work, and wish her God's great blessing in her future work.

I feel that the Andrews Memorial Hospital owes a big debt of gratitude to her for unstinting service that she has so willingly given.

Thank you, Matron, and may God bless you!

— A. W. N. DRUITT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Medical Director.

"I Come Quickly"

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Can we double our membership in the B. W. I. Union in the next four years? It means we must reap four or five times the harvest we are now reaping each year. Yes, it can be done and WILL be done IF self is set aside and God is permitted to

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ATTENTION!

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Brother James Morrison and Sister Isadore Grant, members of the Hope Bay Seventh-day Adventist church, last heard of in St. Thomas over a year ago, please communicate with L. C. Guscott, Hope Bay P. O.

Church Completions

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members had been preparing for the time when they could go ahead with the building. Trees had been cut down, timbers had been prepared, all the wood work for the church was completed and ready before the building operations commenced. After very careful study of the situation in St. Mary, it was decided that Lewisburgh should be given money from the Church Completion Funds. With the large quantity of material prepared and the funds available, the members of the Lewisburgh church were able to completely finish the building. It now stands ready waiting for August 13 when it will be dedicated. All are invited to this special function.

The last two months have been very busy for the Morant Bay church. A crew

of workmen have been working steadily, finishing the outside of the church, plastering the inside, painting it and getting it ready for the dedication tentatively announced for September 10. The Morant Bay church was the one chosen in St. Thomas to be completed with Church Completion Funds for 1950. The Morant Bay church is a very beautiful church indeed and one that we can be very proud of as we pass by on the main road in Morant Bay.

K. S. C.

OUR HOPE

By Mary E. Welch

Over the hills the trumpet is sounding,
Sounding the beautiful song,
Jesus is coming, soon He is coming
Though He has tarried so long.
While we are hoping, watching and waiting,
He is preparing a place,
Yes, He is coming, soon to receive us,
In His dear loving embrace.
Wonders and signs all tell the glad story,
Jesus is coming again,
Coming to reign in honour and glory,
Our waiting will not be in vain.
Over the hills the trumpet is sounding,
Valleys re-echo the strain,
Watchmen in Zion proclaim the glad story,
Jesus is coming again.
Though He is pleading still with the
Father,
Soon He is coming again;
Soon will His pleading cease and for ever,
For He is coming to reign.
Jesus come quickly, still we are crying,
While the time seemeth so long,
Trusting the promise, still we are waiting,
Singing the beautiful song.

UNTIL HE COMES

McPHERSON—Sister Martha McPherson, a member of the Cornwall Barracks church, departed this life on the 18th of July, 1950, leaving her husband, sons and daughters to mourn their loss. Sister McPherson has been a faithful Seventh-day Adventist for over twelve years. She now awaits the call of the Life-Giver.

MORGAN—Sister Elizabeth Morgan, a member of the Hope Bay Seventh-day Adventist church, died June 26, 1950, after a prolonged illness. She accepted the Third Angel's Message and was baptized by Pastor D. B. Reid in 1942. Funeral rites were performed by Brethren D. A. Coball and V. S. Norris amidst a representative gathering. As a faithful member, she now awaits the Life-Giver.