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By R. E. Gibson, President
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we as parents, as churches, as missions, as conferences, as divisions, yes, as a world people awaken to the potentialities of our youth and save them for the church, the problem of increasing membership will be greatly minimized.

Well aware of the urgent need facing us here in this scattered island field, with a rapidly increasing population, we face a most challenging task. Our work of the past has been done among the very poorest classes, and today, these people with large families are having their attention called to their duty to these precious children. They in turn look to the mission for buildings, teachers and equipment, that their children may be trained and saved in the kingdom. Are not the sons and daughters of our own laity of as much value as those grown neighbours who know not God? We spend thousands of pounds evangelizing souls steeped in sin, souls whose lives have been spent in the pleasures of the world, and yet we neglect our own little tender budding lives with all their vigour and energy still unspent, lives as pliable as the clay in the hands of the potter. We baptize the hardened sinner whose heart has been moved by the influence of a persuasive speaker, and he gives his remaining years to God, or as is too often the case, he serves for a short time, then returns to the weakness of the flesh. The next church leader following the evangelist has the unpleasant task of "cutting out the dead branches."

But let us look at the brighter picture, the vision of everyone of our own children

and youth in homes that start the day with all the children gathered around the family altar in prayer, for guidance or protection, in renewed daily dedication. Then, the children are sent off to a church school where the fundamentals of Christian education are taught by consecrated, self-sacrificing teachers. Here the true principles of the rules of life are being instilled into the very fabric of their being and the nature of this growing, maturing life. A character is being formed after the Divine Pattern. The image of God is being daily molded and formed a little nearer akin to the great loving Father. When the age of accountability is reached, this soul is ready to accept life's tasks and dedicate the well developed talents entrusted by the Lord, to a life of active service for God. The foundation

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STOP PRESS!

I am writing an article for the VISITOR concerning Brother Gallimore and his faithful efforts in the Campaign. He alone raised £75 0 0. His largest offering was £7 0 0, with eight £1 offerings, the rest varied from 1d. up to 18/-. He filled up ten solicitors cards; made 458 contacts, not including those that didn't write down their names or his solicitation card.

—O. P. JONES, H.M. Secretary,
Bahamas Mission.

ATTENTION!

Be sure to read the article entitled DORCAS SOCIETY PLAN OF OPERATION on page 3.



Home Missionary Dept.

A. C. Stockhausen,
Secretary.

In West Jamaica there are 109 Lay Preachers, who are conducting efforts at least three nights per week, and they are gathering a harvest. The last two days it was my privilege to attend two conventions in this field. At the convention on Sabbath, (April 7) in Southern St. Elizabeth, six churches were represented, and we listened to the most thrilling reports given by eighteen Lay Preachers, who have an aggregate goal of 229 souls. One of these laymen, who can neither read nor write, takes another brother along to read the Scriptures for him while he preaches. He has recently won a public school teacher and his wife, who were both in the church on Sabbath. This lay-brother has a goal of fifty souls for this year.

At another convention held in the parish of Westmoreland (April 8) there were twenty-one Lay Preachers present, five of whom were sisters. One of these sisters, Mary Campbell by name, started to hold house-to-house meetings in a district a few miles from her home. Very soon an interest developed, and she began to conduct public meetings. She brought to the convention fifteen adults, one of whom is a public school teacher, that are attending the baptismal class she is conducting.

One church in the city of Kingston with a membership of 252 is conducting thirty branch Sabbath and Sunday schools with over 500 in attendance. One week ago, eighty persons were present at one of these branch Sunday schools.

—A. C. STOCKHAUSEN,
H.M. & S.S. Secretary,
British West Indies Union.

Division Home Missionary Secretary Endorses British West Indies Union Ingathering Drive

I am sure that it needs no words from me to commend to the generous and sympathetic consideration of the British West Indies Union church membership the Annual Ingathering Appeal.

Every year the members of our churches show their sense of solidarity and their Christian spirit by participating willingly and generously in this great annual campaign. Their co-operation has made it possible to expand the educational and medical facilities at our command and without it nothing could have been accomplished in the way of offering Christian education to our young people, nor to care for the less

fortunate which were stricken with sickness and disease and have found succor and relief and health.

In doing our share in this great annual campaign, gathering funds for an ever-increasing and larger work for God, we are not only working for a better world but we are also contributing considerably to the stability of the cause of God everywhere.

The cause of God must have greater assistance in 1951 and during the years to come than in 1950. This is in line with the proposed rebuilding programme of the West Indian Training College at Mandeville, Jamaica. I am convinced that our solicitors will keep this situation in mind and will, where possible, stress to the donors the urgency of increasing their donations. The primary object of this campaign is of course to give the public a report of the work we are doing and to call their attention to the need of reserving a little of their time to the spiritual activities of each soul.

By helping to gather the needed funds to achieve our plans for Christian education and medical service we are striking a blow for democracy and freedom and the liberal way of life.

—W. A. WILD, H. M. Secretary,
Inter-American Division.

With Our Believers at March Town

On Friday, February 16, Brother Joe Fletcher and I packed our belongings and a portable electric plant into the gospel car and we headed West for the Parish of Hanover. Our destination was March Town. After a few hours driving we arrived safely and on sabbath the 17th we made our plans with the church for a revival campaign of two weeks duration. Our objective was to bring back into the fold backsliders, encourage faithfulness among our believers and also to bring new ones into the fold of safety.

Meetings were held every night at the church and each night the church was filled to its capacity. On Sunday nights many had to be satisfied with standing space.

During the days, our programme included intensive and extensive visiting of our believers. We are happy to report that although time did not allow us to visit every member, yet we can report that 114 families were visited. We wish we had space to tell about these visits. Every one thrilled our souls and we became more cognizant of the fact that a shepherd must of necessity visit his flock, if he would receive the best results from his preaching.

Listen to some of these experiences:

We visited a blind sister and after talking with her, we asked if she would not like us to sing her favourite song. She answered, "Yes", and what song did she choose? Here it is, "When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way." As she sang this song we couldn't help but say —yes, blind she is physically, but praise God, spiritually she can see.

We found a brother in the fields. He

was busy looking over the various sections of the farm, but he stopped long enough for a little talk and prayer together. When we were through he shook our hands and then replied, "Oh, how refreshing these little visits are to me." I can tell you, it was mid-day in the plains, but it seemed as if a heavenly breeze blew over our souls as this good brother made those remarks.

We entered the room of a bed-ridden sister. For years now she lay on her sick bed "just waiting," as she puts it, "for the call of the Lord." She didn't recognize us for a while, but as we talked on she said, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds to the believer's ear," then she broke out in singing, "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

We prayed for her, celebrated the Lord's Supper and left her confident that our little visit with her was like a balm in Gilead, and for us it was a real spiritual refreshing.

But we must come back to the revival. Results—many back-sliders returned; members confessed sins and reconsecrated their lives; over fifteen joined the Bible Class.

This revival terminated on Sunday, March 4, at which time a baptismal service was conducted, and six persons were buried in the watery grave. A convention of the churches of Hanover also took place on that day and one of our elder ministers remarked that it was the best convention he had ever attended.

An evangelistic service held that night in the church and conducted by Elder A. R. Haig saw the church packed and as many more standing outside as there were inside. When an appeal was made for a decision to follow the Lord, the entire congregation stood to their feet like one man.

—C. S. GREENE, H. M. Secretary,
West Jamaica Conference.

Let Us Go Forward

The events of our time have brought us face to face with a mighty challenge. Hundreds of young people throughout Jamaica would like to attend the West Indian Training College, but because of the lack of accommodation they have been turned down. Many have turned their faces to worldly institutions and are now feasting on the theories which are corrupting their souls, making them callous and indifferent to the appeal of the Message.

These young people must be gathered from these worldly schools, protected and kept pure for the Kingdom of God. With this in mind, the General Conference in Washington, D.C. has decided to stand two-thirds the cost of rebuilding the West Indian Training College in order to make accommodation for these boys and girls who are desirous of obtaining a Christian education.

We here in West Jamaica are called upon to raise a portion of the remaining amount. This is our opportunity to prove

that we desire these young people to be kept from the demoralizing influence of the world. This is the movement for us to sacrifice and give liberally so that the heritage of God will be saved for the cause.

On April 29 begins our Ingathering Campaign. We take this opportunity of appealing to our members throughout the length and breadth of West Jamaica for help in this Campaign. Let us organize every church to climb over the hills, descend every valley and traverse every plain until in God's own way we have reached our goal with a large overflow for the rebuilding of the West Indian Training College.

For every shilling required in the rebuilding of this institution, the General Conference has decided to give us eight pence. This is to say that we in Jamaica are only required to raise four pence in every shilling that is needed to rebuild this institution of learning.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

H. D. COLBURN, President.
MISS E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.
176 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica

Jets of Light

"I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and

This is our Institution and our brethren in America have decided to give more for our boys and girls than they are asking us to give. Let us not fail them. God is depending on us. As we go forth in this task we shall be blessed of heaven and the generation to come shall arise and call us blessed.

—H. S. WALTERS, President,
West Jamaica Conference.

Dorcas Society Plan of Operation

VOTED That we adopt the following resolution covering the operation of the Dorcas Welfare Association for the Island of Jamaica:

WHEREAS Many contributions of used clothing are being sent by our brethren from abroad for free distribution among the needy in this Island, and

WHEREAS, The Dorcas Welfare Association of Seventh-day Adventists has been organized for the purpose of distributing these articles of clothing among the needy, and

WHEREAS, Arrangements have been made by our organization with the Government of Jamaica, whereby this Association is recognized as a legitimate Welfare Agency, thus permitting the imposition of these supplies free of import duties when duly certified that they are for free distribution, and

WHEREAS There have been many complaints that these privileges have been, and are being, abused, and

WHEREAS It seems advisable, in order to effect an equitable distribution of these supplies, an impartial Board should be authorized to administer the operation of all Dorcas affairs in this Island, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,—

1. That one only General Dorcas Welfare Association of Seventh-day Adventists be recognized, and that it shall be under the direction of a Board of five (5) members, of whom the Home Missionary Secretary of the British West Indies Union Mission shall be one and serve as its chairman, the Dorcas Federation Leader of the East Conference, the Dorcas Federation Leader of the West Conference, and two other individuals, one from the Andrews Memorial Hospital and one from the West Indian Training College, these last to be appointed annually by the British West Indies Union Mission Executive Committee.

2. That all other Dorcas Societies in the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the Island of Jamaica be considered as its subsidiaries, and work the time and place designated by its chairman, for the purpose of planning in co-operation with the General Dorcas Welfare Association.

3. That the Executive Board shall meet at least once each month, at the time and place designated by its chairman, for the purpose of planning for the work of the Association, distribution of supplies to the subsidiary organizations, and such other matters as may rightfully come before the association.

4. That all shipments of clothing and/or supplies from abroad for free distribution, consigned to the Dorcas Welfare Association of Seventh-day Adventist, be considered as the property of said organization, and available to them for distribution as they see fit.

Note: This Board for distribution of clothing will not deal with any individual person or local society in either East or West Jamaica. If a package is marked "East" or "West" or it is known that such was the intention of the sender, it will be turned over to the Federation leader of the designated Conference and she will distribute the clothing in harmony with the Local Conference policy; otherwise, all clothing received will be pooled and divided by the Board.

All individuals will work through their respective societies which in turn, will work with their Federation Leader.

East Jamaica — Mrs. H. D. Colburn
West Jamaica — Mrs. V. S. Bent
West Indian Training College — Miss L. Marr
Andrews Memorial Hospital — Mrs. Albert Auld

the low places of the earth: God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. —*Ibid.* Vol. 9, pp. 21, 29.

"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. On every side doors were thrown open..." *Test.* Vol. 9, p. 126.

The Western churches of Kingston have caught a glimpse of this fact as they launched out in a systematic campaign of Bible school classes. From an appeal made to Regent Street, Trench Town, Greenwich Town and Cockburn Pen church, fifty-four volunteers came forward and pledged to organize and conduct regularly classes of six to twelve students. On Sabbath, March 31, eighteen classes were reported begun with an enrolment of one hundred and forty-two students and the others were prospecting for students with which to study God's word. Recognizing the power in such work and the need for a closer connection on the part of those who teach these truth-filled lessons, we have set apart Friday night, April 13, for half night prayer on the success of the school and the following Sabbath to be spent in prayer and fasting for the increase in souls from the course.

The Sabbath schools are marching strongly too. One Sabbath school (Trench Town) has thirty Sunday and Branch Sabbath schools in its territory. A remarkable one in the East Indian settlement has an attendance of one hundred recently and the teacher reports a growing request on the people's part for studying of the word of God. It certainly thrills the heart to go from one meeting place to another and see the little bands as they gather around their teachers.

As God's people become willing we hope to see more and more manifestations of His power in this day and age.

—C. F. EDWARDS.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

H. S. WALTERS, President.
L. A. MORRISON, Secy.-Treas.
Mandeville, Jamaica.

Something Has Happened

As we travel throughout the length and breadth of our field, we are impressed that God's Spirit is being poured out upon our people at this time. Reports coming into the office from time to time reveal that we are on the threshold of a new experience. The church of God is now in the process of casting off its work of darkness and being clothed in the armour of light. This is the moment we have sacrificed for. This is the time we have longed for. Indeed, this is the experience that we have dedicated our lives for. Let us, therefore, arise and lay hold upon the glorious opportunity granted to the church by the Lord of the Harvest.

Each week, there are over 60,000 people who are listening to the Advent Message preached by Adventist preachers in West Jamaica. For the month of February, over 200 souls took their stand with God's commandment-keeping people. We know that this onward march of the work of God is not being accomplished by the schemes and plans of men, we are confident that it is the Spirit of God, and as a result of this outpouring of God's Spirit, SOMETHING IS HAPPENING.

Our ministers, lay preachers and the rank and file of our membership, are all out on the ironline pressing the battle to the gates. One hundred and eight lay efforts are now in progress with twelve major efforts being conducted by our ministers and workers. The field is on fire for God. Let every man, woman and child who has not been starved by the inspiration of His Spirit, go into fasting and prayer and ask God to lay on his or her heart a burden for lost men and women.

My earnest appeal today is for more aggressive evangelism. Let us evangelize in our homes; evangelize at our work; evangelize on the buses and on the trains; evangelize until Jesus the Master Evangelist grants us the eternal reward.

—H. S. WALTERS, *President.*

District Conventions

District Conventions bring INSPIRATION. Thousands of our believers and friends scattered throughout the length and breadth of our Conference have been inspired during the months of March and April, as a result of the district conventions that were held in each district.

Whenever these conventions were held, it was evident that the Spirit of God was being poured out upon His people in a marked way. One of the most impressive scenes at these gatherings was the symposium by the lay preachers. From their reports we were convinced that the work of God on earth will be finished, not by the might of men, but wholly by the Spirit of God.

Elder C. S. Greene, the Home Missionary Secretary of our Conference, is charged with the responsibility of leading these consecrated lay preachers into aggressive evangelism for the Master. Only eternity will reveal the good that these self-sacrificing lay preachers are accomplishing under God.

Conventions were held in the following districts:

Hanover — at March Town on Sunday, March 4.

St. James — at Montego Bay on Sunday, March 18.

St. Ann — at Claremont on Sunday, March 25.

Trelawny — at Falmouth on Sunday, April 1.

Southern St. Elizabeth — at Newell on Sabbath, April 7.

Westmoreland — at Darliston on Sunday, April 8.

The following individuals attended and assisted in the Conventions:—

BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION:

Elders R. W. NUMBORS, A. C. Stockhausen, E. E. PARCHMENT, O. V. Schneider and A. K. HAIG, Misses Pearl Bell, Corneille Greene and Annie Parchment.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE:

Elders H. S. WALTERS, C. S. Greene, B. E. HURST, L. A. MORRISON, Joe Fletcher, Keouen DOUGLAS, Misses Valerie Ryan, Cynthia Fletcher and Sybil Moncreiffe, Mesdames V. S. Bent, C. S. Greene, L. A. MORRISON and E. E. Parchment.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE:

B. G. Butherus.

At the close of each Convention our believers returned to their homes overflowing with inspiration and courage to carry on the work of God until Jesus appears in glory.

YOUTH BAPTISMS IN WEST JAMAICA

"To save from sin and guide in service" is the main objective of our Missionary Volunteer movement. This aim can best find fulfilment in as young people we join in the Conference-wide movement for the baptism of 500 souls in Montego Bay on the last Sunday of June. From every corner of the Conference they will come. We want our young people, not only to follow the movement, but the vanguard of the mighty spirit of Evangelism. Let me admonish each leader to encourage all young people who are not yet baptized to prepare themselves for baptism now. Send now and let me know how many will be in readiness for that date.

—J. E. FLETCHER, *M.V. Secretary,*
West Jamaica Conference.

Five Hundred Baptism — June 24

Under God, June 24 promises to be an outstanding day in the history of the West Jamaica Conference. Five hundred candidates from all over the Conference will assemble at Montego Bay for a mass baptism. At the present time throughout our churches, our ministers, church leaders and lay preachers are co-operating in preparing these individuals for this event.

We have certainly reached the time in which we see the outpouring of God's Spirit upon our field. This is the day that the prophets and the patriarchs have prayed and looked for. This is the hour when the Son of Man shall be glorified. In order that this event will be one that will glorify the Name of the Lord, we are now soliciting the prayers of all our believers that God will direct in the affairs so that thousands of people will be influenced by this ceremony and take their stand with the Advent people.

God is waiting to pour out His Spirit upon us. Let us humble ourselves daily, so that we will enter into this time of refreshing.

The Publishing Work moves on!

The valiant army of colporteurs of the West Jamaica Conference has fittingly taken this slogan, "More of His Spirit in this mighty hour," to evangelize for Christ in 1951 through the medium of the printed page. This has been demonstrated through the result of their earnest work by not only doubling their financial goal and going over, but by also making steady progress in soul-winning. Reports from the field indicate a rich harvest of souls to be garnered soon.

The following is a Comparison of the deliveries for the first quarter of 1950 and that of 1951:

Months	Deliveries	Months	Deliveries
January 1950	£330 6 8	January 1951	£632 5 3
February 1950	310 10 7	February 1951	850 10 0
March 1950	648 3 6	March 1951	1518 0 0
Total	£1289 0 9		£3000 15 3

The deliveries for the first quarter of 1951 show a gain of £1711 11 9 over the same period last year.

We have proved that we cannot limit the boundless resources of God, so Ministers of the Printed Page, March On To Victory!

—B. E. HURST,
W. J. Pub. Secretary.



Leader in Tithe

Well done! Southern St. Elizabeth! This month we take our hats off to Elder E. E. Parchment, the district pastor, for leading the Conference in tithe for the month of February. Indeed, we can see that the Spirit of the Lord is moving on our people in Southern St. Elizabeth. Keep it up! In the distance we can see "the gleams of the golden morning" and the eternal victory that will be ours.

Leader in Baptism

Congratulations for the leading field in baptisms for the first quarter of the year go to one who has just united his efforts with the working force of the West Jamaica Conference; that is, has come to us since January of this year. We speak of none other than Brother Harold Fletcher of the Hanover district. We know that under the leadership of Brother Fletcher, the Hanover district is going to do great things for God in 1951.

Each One Win One In '51.

What Has God Wrought

Baptism

211 Baptized in the First Quarter

Pastor	District	No. Baptized
O. U. Holness	Westmoreland	12
Harold Fletcher	Hanover	55
E. E. Parchment	Southern St. Elizabeth	17
G. A. E. Smith	Northern St. Elizabeth	29
E. C. H. Reid	St. James	11
John Palmer	St. James	9
K. G. Vas	Clarendon	12
S. G. Lindo	St. Ann	24
F. H. Fletcher	Manchester	36
A. Westney	Trelawny	6

Churches that had Baptisms in First Quarter

TRELAWNY

Spring Garden

WESTMORELAND

Cave Coote Savannah

HANOVER

Caldwell Camp Savannah
 D.as Jericho
 Flower Hill Lances Bay
 Lucea March Town
 Mount Peace Sheffield

SOUTHERN ST. ELIZABETH

Downs Belvue
 Bull Savannah Newell
 Southfield

NORTHERN ST. ELIZABETH

Auchtembeddie Johnson
 Maggoty Santa Cruz
 Slipe Springfield
 White Hill

ST. JAMES

Cambridge Lapland
 Granville Montego Bay
 Mount Carcy Salt Spring

ST. ANN

Bamboo Claremont
 Clover Hill Crofts Hill
 Devon Kellits
 Lincoln

MANCHESTER

Caledonia Coleyville
 Craighead Grove Town
 Harry Watch Pusey Hill
 Resource Robin's Hall
 Spaldings

CLARENDON

Bird's Hill Bryant Hill

The Proper Foundation

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properly laid is ready to support a noble edifice to the glory of God. Where was the Lord's money best spent, on the wasted life of the helpless little, innocent child who received a little notice yesterday?

It was D. L. Moody that aptly observed, "Save an old man, you save a soul, save a child and you save a soul plus a life of service." We of the Bahamas Mission have set out to provide adequate facilities to care for our own children as the most



Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig
Secretary

A Diadem of Souls Plus £6,000

Yes, dear VISITOR Readers the world over, we want you to rejoice with us. Little Jamaica, better known as "The Rock" because of her economic hardships, refuses to furl the literature banner. The first quarter of 1951 has made history along the publishing trail also. Our first quarter deliveries in the Union in general and in Jamaica and the Bahamas in particular, may not be surpassed in a hurry. Grand total in hours of blood, sweat, and tears, were 45,567 and Union deliveries thus far were £6,000. Truly our hearts rejoice as we exclaim with the prophet, "What hath God wrought!"

Souls are rolling into Bible schools, baptismal classes and the church as a result of colporteur ministry. Nurse M. E. Campbell of the Sav-la-mar church (West Jamaica) has earned a number of scholarships for her two children now attending the West Indian Training College and the Andrews Memorial Hospital respectively. She has 25 souls to her credit. Last Sunday, 15 stood up in the Darliston Convention signifying that they were the fruits of colporteur M. E. Campbell's labour.

West Jamaica Conference keeps in line with her faithful and strong ally, East Jamaica. For the month of March, West Jamaica passed all previous one month deliveries with the splendid delivery of £1,500. Humanly speaking, that is unbelievable. That mile stone was reached in spite of strikes, drought and delay in the arrival of books. Surely, she might have reached the £2,000 mark were all things equal. But all things shall never be equal until man crosses the Great Divide.

Colporteur Sister Bogle has organized a company in St. Thomas with a Sabbath school membership of ten adults and fifteen children. A total of thirty souls have been reported won by the East Conference colporteurs. It is impossible to separate our colporteurs of the East and West from personal soul winning.

From East and West the colporteurs call, "Send over ministers and laymen to follow up the interests. Send us also more Bible School enrollment cards."

Many of the new recruits of West Jamaica are doing exploits and so are a number in the East. Anywhere you meet Brother and Sister Lyle, Brother Stanley Fowler, James Clarke and J. M. Hylton, give them a firm handshake and say, "God

bless and keep you." Be sure to do that on behalf of the Conference and the Union. Greet similarly the Misses Olive Dawkins, Beryl Topper of West Jamaica, Doris Graham, Ena Wright, Locketa Shaw and Greta Thomas of East Jamaica.

NEWS FLASH: Pardon me, I must answer a phone call. "Hello, hello. Yes, Sister Bent, what may I do for you? I cannot hear, speak louder. What? Speak louder please. Did you say West Jamaica has delivered in the first quarter one half of her delivery goal for 1951? Thank you very much. Accept the thanks of the Union and the angels of the Lord." Truly the Holy Spirit is falling on our colporteurs.

Brethren Leslie Dillon of West Jamaica and J. S. King of the Bahamas lead in deliveries by hundreds of pounds. Truly the Lord provided a call to the ministry to every Seventh-day Adventist. Truly the time has come when every believer should be on the full or part time payroll of heaven, and heaven pays the highest salaries.

With the publishing departments of our conferences and missions and all our colporteurs and brigaders, we your servants in the Union office join in the eternal song: "Ride on King Jesus, In majesty ride on."

—A. R. Haig, Publishing Secretary,
British West Indies Union.

THANKSGIVING

Father in Heaven; for our Lord Jesus and the Spirit and the fourth angel's Message (Rev. 18:1), we thank Thee

For the realization that TODAY and NOW is our greatest opportunity to do or die, we bow our heads.

For the larger per capita deliveries, we rejoice and are glad.

For the discovery of new methods of selling we re-dedicate our minds and our lips.

For the privilege of hiding the truth in GREAT CONTROVERSY, THE BIBLE SPEAKS and THE LADIES' GUIDE where it can and it last work out and be made manifest, we sing the "Magnificat".

For loyal and selfless leaders in the Publishing Department also, we lift up our hearts to Thee.

For the undying love and loyalty of our colporteurs,—regulars, part timers, and students, and auxiliaries and magazine workers, we magnify Thy Holy Name.

For the army in our Publishing and Book & Bible Houses who tirelessly labour to make the Time Bombs and to ship them out to us, we re-dedicate our hearts, hands and our feet.

For our accountants and stenographers who keep our accounts straight and send us words of cheer, thus engendering courage and spreading goodwill, we offer a prayer.

For planes, ships, trains and buses to bring our books and for cars and other

urgent business before us. By properly educating and training this little army in our midst, we shall have reserves ready to pass on to schools of higher learning. Without these reserves the need for the higher centres of learning will have vanished. Our Bahamian youth have been neglected for fifty years, for at present we have but one partly finished, very poorly equipped, school building serving Nassau and its environs. New equipment has been provided for in this year's budget.

The first forward step has been taken to meet the crying need of proper education for our many out-island churches. We are happy to report that our first out-island school building is well on its way to completion. This will serve five churches and one company of South Andros. This building, 24 by 40 feet, is now under construction at Kemps Bay, and will soon be occupied by nearly 100 students who have been faithfully meeting for recitation each day of sunshine under the coconut palms as class rooms. The little thatched roof, abandoned dwelling being occupied as headquarters by our faithful teacher, Brother U. B. Toote, is no longer a protection from the elements.

Last year, out of the twenty-one baptized in this district, eighteen were students from this school. We know of no better way to evangelize the Bahamas than to build on properly educated youth of our own church families. Eventually we will have adequate national workers to man our own field. Today we have had to import eighty-five per cent of the workers manning this field. These facts speak for themselves of the crying needs for making better schools in this field. Our field is scattered, our people are poor, the needs are great, but we are of good courage, and the entire staff is pledged to do their utmost to solve this educational problem.

We are greatly encouraged to see the steps being taken to provide adequate facilities for advanced training for those who will be able to go abroad to better prepare for service. West Indian Training College has had a part in the training of nine of our sixteen mission workers. Thus the Bahamas Mission is already deriving benefit from this Christian educational centre. With these close home ties and the self-sacrificing spirit of our own loyal people we feel confident that we can raise the amount requested of us to assist in this much needed and long overdue rebuilding of the physical plant at West Indian Training College. Our prayers and our efforts are united with those of all members of the British West Indies Union in the successful completion of the entire task.

—R. E. GIBSON, *President Bahamas Mission.*

Thanksgiving

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means by which we deliver them, we sing, "We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time."

For the mighty and glorious signs that

show His coming near, and for the courage to tell without fear of death, we reconsecrate our wills to Thee, Thou Father of Lights "with whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning." Amen.

The Onward Move of the 20th Century and the Voice of Prophecy Bible Schools

We, the members of the staff of these schools, are very happy to pass on to the readers of the VISITOR a brief report of what is being done by these schools for the furtherance of the Gospel Message in our beautiful Island of Jamaica.

First of all, we must pay tribute to our workers, colporteurs, church leaders, Bible representatives and members and students who have contributed so largely and loyally to the success of these institutions. Surely, a faithful record of your labours is being kept in the courts of Heaven.

Our enrollment for the first three months of 1951 and the number of lessons received and corrected are the highest that we have ever had for years. The offering received by these schools, however, has not improved in proportion, for which we are sorry. The number of souls baptized who have taken these courses has accumulated to 1,020. We turn our eyes heaven-ward and, like Nebuchadnezzar, we bless the God of Heaven. Surely, dear readers, your labours have not been in vain.

We have written to all our churches and companies throughout the Island of Jamaica and have sent them a number of enrollment cards, and have asked them to report back to us whether that amount was sufficient or not, on a monthly basis. Some of the churches have responded but the majority have not. We are asking our church leaders and Bible representatives to take up this matter with the churches at a very early date and report to us. We have a file for every church and I know that you would not want to see your church lagging behind.

Years ago, the Servant of the Lord saw you in vision going from house to house opening before the people the word of God. We are thankful that we are living in the days of the fulfillment of this vision. 1951 promises to be the golden year for the winning of souls and the furtherance of God's Message in Jamaica. Let us, one and all, do our part, however small it may be, and thus gain God's approbation.

Please join with us every Wednesday morning at eight o'clock in prayer to our Heavenly Father for these thousands of students who are studying His holy Word, many of whom are passing through severe persecution and are being harassed by the enemy of all righteousness.

We will be glad to hear from you, and please let us know of any experience which you or any of the students you have enrolled are passing. May Heaven's richest blessing rest upon you.

Yours for the 20th Century and the Voice of Prophecy Bible Schools,

—E. E. PARCHMENT, *Radio Secretary, British West Indies Union.*

UNTIL THE DAYBREAK

Brother Peter Nooks was born in 1870 and died January 13, 1951, at the age of 81. He accepted the message in 1905 and raised up a company of believers at Florence Hill, of which he was a faithful leader for years. Under great persecution, he was often stoned, he laboured ardently in the districts of Bronsgate, Castleton, Brandon Hill and Glengoffe, and witnessed hundreds accept the message. He was a faithful witness for Jesus to the end. He leaves to mourn their loss two sons, four daughters, twenty-eight grand and great grand children and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother David McCalla and Brother C. E. Clough.

Sister Mary Terrelonge, a member of the Florence Hill S.D.A. church, departed this life on the 26th of October, 1950, leaving her husband, twenty children and grand children and a host of others to mourn their loss. She awaits the call of the Life Giver. The funeral service was performed by Brother C. E. Clough.

Brother Alfred Nicholson, a member of the Florence Hill S.D.A. church, fell asleep in Jesus on the 12th day of February, 1951, at the age of 42. He was a faithful treasurer of the church and is survived by his wife and two children and others. The funeral service was performed by Bro. D. McCalla and Brother C. E. Clough.

—Charles Gordon.

Sister Louisa Dixon was born in the year 1867 in the district of Mahoe, St. Elizabeth. In her early twenties she married Joseph Dixon of Caribbrook, a nearby district. Her life was blessed with ten children. For many years she was a member of the Moravian Church, but as an earnest seeker for truth, she accepted the Message in 1922 and was baptized. She was a faithful member of the White Hill Church until the time of her death, March 10, 1951. She leaves to mourn six children, twelve grand children, ten great grand children, a brother and a sister and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Brother P. D. Clayton.

—S. Z. Dixon.

"When tragedy struck he was prepared." On the 10th of April, 1951, while on his way to work, Brother Leonard Edwards was knocked down by a motor bus and died the same afternoon, leaving to mourn their loss a son, a daughter, many relatives and a large circle of friends. Born 55 years ago, he accepted this message in 1923 and through his 27 years of actual church membership he occupied several offices in the church. Up to the time of his death he was a deacon in one of our churches. Because of his devoted life and the promise made by our Saviour, we look forward to welcoming Brother Leonard Edwards on the resurrection morning. Funeral rites were performed by Pastor C. F. —C. F. Edwards.

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