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## *Why Are S. D. A's. So Zealous?*

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A leading minister of another denomination was sitting beside me one evening at a banquet. He had one question he wanted to ask me—Why did Seventh-day Adventists give so liberally to their church? He had recently read a comparative report of the average offerings given by the various denominations. He had also come in contact with some of our laymen who seemed to have a holy zeal which had taken possession of their whole life. This minister had been a leader of men for many years but could not get his followers to sacrifice as willingly and wholeheartedly as Seventh-day Adventists. I told him that our members give of their time and their means with such earnestness because they believe the promise of Christ, that He would return just as soon as His followers have finished their work.

Yes, as Seventh-day Adventists, we long to see Christ and enter the home He has prepared for the faithful. Herein lies the reason for our undying zeal for the church. We are not working merely for an organization or denomination but for a personal friend, Christ Himself, whom we long to see. As soldiers on the battlefield, we long to finish the work and go home.

As Samson was robbed of his strength, by the deceitfulness of Delilah, in having the Philistines shave him, so we as a people would be left as weak as other people if deprived of the blessed hope of Christ's soon return. One of the saddest pictures of the Bible is that of Samson, God's servant, sleeping while his enemies robbed him of his physical and spiritual strength. The divine record

says, "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him." Judges 16:20. God forbid that the enemy of our souls should cause us to sleep just before the Bridegroom comes. Many, who have united their lives with the world as did Samson, although still claiming to be God's chosen ambassadors, will suddenly awake and think to go out as at other times, and will know not that the Lord has departed from them.

We must ever be on guard against the first signs of the enemy's approach. Are we spending less time in private devotions? Do we let our business interests crowd out the time for our former missionary programme? Do we give less of our means to the work of God? Do we criticize the leaders of the church? Do we talk about going on a strike because the tithes and offerings are not used as we feel they should be used? Do we excuse ourselves from services because sinners are in the church? All these questions remind us of the words of Jesus, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." Luke 14:18. And such excuses are poor indeed.

In order for one to hide behind a hypocrite he must be smaller than the hypocrite behind which he hides. Such members wist not that the Lord has departed from them. They pride themselves on the superior knowledge of right and wrong. Like the Pharisees of old, they pull their supposed righteous robes around themselves a little closer so they

will not be contaminated by the Publicans and Sinners. To such Christ says, Depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you.

There are others who complain of the sacrifice they have made for the Cause of God. These dear souls are losing their hold on Christ. We must never forget that "It was through inexpressible suffering that our Redeemer placed redemption within our reach." Vol. 3:480. Have we, as workers in the cause of God and members of the household of faith, who have redemption within our reach, ever really suffered for Christ as He suffered for us?

Notice the following quotation from the servant of God. "Those who have any just sense of the magnitude of salvation, and of its cost, will never murmur that their sowing must be in tears, and that conflict and self-denial are the Christian's portion in this life. The conditions of salvation for man are ordained of God. Self-abasement and cross bearing are the provisions made by which the repenting sinner is to find comfort and peace. The thought that Jesus submitted to humiliation and sacrifice that man will never be called to endure, should hush every murmuring voice." Vol. 3:431.

Unless the motive one has for service in God's Cause is inspired by unselfish, Christlike zeal, his work will seem to him as menial, below his dignity and rightful position for which he has qualified himself, by his own might and power. Men of God are needed today who will work as Christ worked. Men, whose eyes, though many times blinded by tears will ever see clearly the cross of Calvary

on the horizon and the eternal home of God just beyond.

Soon, we shall see, according to the Prophet Jeremiah, "All the cities broken down at the presence of the Lord and by His fierce anger." At that day we will be glad we are different and entirely separate from the world. Then we will want not praise but protection, not riches but righteousness. We will boast not of degrees but God's protection from degrees. We will not boast of prosperity and power but purity and peace.

I thank God for the army of consecrated men and women in the British West Indies Union and pray that God may send a double portion of His Holy Spirit to rest upon His people as they press forward in the various phases of missionary endeavour.

### M.V. Week a Success in Nassau

M.V. Week, March 8 to 15, was celebrated in the churches here in Nassau with great interest. Services were conducted in the evenings at six o'clock in the Grants Town Church and at seven o'clock in the Shirley Street Church.

The week end activities took on a very high spiritual approach and a number of the young people who attended signified their intention of following the Lord more closely.

Elder Roth, from the Inter-American Division office in Miami, was with us for a very enjoyable joint service on Thursday night, March 13, at the Grants Town Church; and on Friday night the young people of both churches came together for a consecration service at Shirley Street. On Sabbath, March 15, Divine Service was conducted at Grant's Town, and a well-attended M.V. Rally took place in the afternoon. High lights of the afternoon programme included the Scripture Reading, which was given in five languages, a March Past of Missionary Volunteers, "Share Your Faith" Reports, and a lively panel discussion on "What Manner of Persons Ought Ye To Be," with Elder Roth as Moderator.

The last service was conducted on Sunday night in the Shirley Street Church with an evangelistic approach but especially timed for the Youth. This service was also well attended.

On Saturday night the groups from both churches came in trucks and cars for a big and never-to-be forgotten social at the Bahamas Junior Academy.

The Youth of the Bahamas are on the March for God and Humanity. Your prayers are solicited.

—C. S. GREEN, *M.V. Secretary, Bahamas Mission.*

### What is Your Motto?

Once again the opportunity and privilege comes to us to labour for, and with, the Lord in the great work of showing to our neighbours and friends what God is doing in preparing a people to meet Him, and of soliciting their financial aid.

God has so richly blessed us and fulfilled His promise of Isaiah 60:5, "the forces ('wealth', margin) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee," through the forty-five years that we have been doing this work, that we can look forward to In-gathering time with pleasure. More than eight million pounds have already been received and we believe that there are many millions yet to come.

Think what would be accomplished in the British West Indies Union this year if every baptized member would bring in a minimum of ten shillings (10/-). There were 18,521 members at the end of 1951 and nearly 1,000 more have been baptized in the first quarter of 1952. This makes a total of 19,500 in round numbers. At ten shillings per member £9,750. 0. 0 would come in, and what a work such a sum would do! There are many besides the workers who will bring in many times ten shillings. Is ten shillings per member too much, under God, to strive after?

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**Presence of mind and courage in distress  
Are more than armies to procure success.**

—Dryden.

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In ancient Israel there were two groups and each had a motto of four words. One motto was, "We are well able;" the other was, "We be not able," Numbers 13:30, 31. Those who said, "We are well able" reached the promised land; while those who said, "We be not able" died in the wilderness.

Ancient Israel is a type of modern Israel. The same groups exist today in the Remnant Church. Someone has said, "If we can, we can, and that is the beginning of it; but if we can't, we can't, and that is the end of it." To which group do you, dear reader, belong?

God has promised to give His people the wealth of the Gentiles but, "That thou givest them they gather." Psalms 104:28. Who then will arise this day and prove that "We are well able" to bring in at least ten shillings in the 1952 Campaign? Dedicate yourself to the task and you will be surprised at the blessing you will receive.

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

### Greatest Gains

A series of important District Conventions have been held throughout the East Jamaica Conference during the first quarter of 1952. Each one proved a real blessing to the parish in which it was held. Our people came out in gratifying numbers to receive the inspiration that comes in a large annual gathering of God's people.

Due to the expense involved in coming together it was felt best to invite all of our Departmental men to be present and promote the various phases of the work which they represent. There was therefore a great deal crowded into each short day.

We were fortunate in having for our Devotional speaker Evangelist R. L. Boothby, whose messages brought great encouragement and inspiration to all in attendance. We also had a strong Union representation at all these Conferences.

It was interesting indeed to learn from our Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edna Parchment, that during 1951 one thousand one hundred three additions to the Conference membership were recorded and that tithes in the amount of £14,846 was turned in by our faithful workers and laity.

We were happy to learn, in spite of the devastating hurricane, that brought such destruction and hardship, that the greatest gains in soul-winning and tithes and offerings in the history of the Conference had been made. During these Conventions plans were laid, after enthusiastic promotion by the leadership, for an even more intensive programme during the remaining part of the year and we firmly believe that 1952 will be as it should be, an even better year than 1951. We thank God for His signal blessing and are happy to move forward in the wake of His providential leading.

H. D. COLBURN, *President, East Jamaica Conference.*

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ton, Talbert Shaw, Miss Inez Waldrow, Mrs. Richardson and a number of laymen who donated their time and effort, all of which likewise contributed to the success of the Campaign.

Throughout the entire series of meetings the Spirit of God was manifestly present. Earnest appeals for surrender to Christ were made frequently throughout the meetings and there was always a splendid response. The method of preaching for conversions before the distinctive doctrines of the church were presented proved in a most convincing way that such procedure had the approval of heaven. The two hundred sixty-three candidates who were baptized on the three last Sunday nights of the meeting represent only the first fruits of this important Evangelistic Crusade. More than three thousand interested people are being visited by our Ministerial Internes and Bible Workers. From these names added harvest will be reaped. By means of transcriptions the Evangelist's soul-stirring messages continue to be heard each morning over Radio Jamaica. The meetings also have resulted in a great revival among our own people.

We in Jamaica are deeply grateful to the Potomac Conference for loaning Pastor and Mrs. Boothby to the East Jamaica Conference for this important meeting. We also desire to record our sincere gratitude to God for His abundant blessing which, coupled with the human instruments, have made possible the success of this campaign.

—H. D. COLBURN, *President,*  
*East Jamaica Conference, S.D.A.*

In an unprecedented service held in the North Street Temple Church on Sabbath afternoon, April 5, two hundred sixty-one new believers received the right hand of fellowship by a group of ministers and local corporation leaders. After a sermon on the Rise, Progress and Future of Adventism, by Pastor H. D. Colburn, the new believers were formally received into the Church and handed their Baptismal Certificates. The church was packed to its peak capacity and all were inspired by the long line of new believers which represented the first fruits of Pastor Boothby's recent effort. We are sure this heralds a new day in soul winning for East Jamaica and that growing out of this Evangelistic Crusade the membership along with the newly baptized believers will be working even more diligently for lost men and women and as a result of this impetus similar meetings will take place in the future.

H. E. NEMBARD, *Pastor,*  
*North Street Temple Church,*  
*East Jamaica Conference.*

#### INFORMATION PLEASE!

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of: Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Aaron Myrie, Miss Monica Simms, Mrs. Daisy McDonald, Mrs. Mavis Cheddar, please communicate with: Zephaniah Facey, Church Clerk, Albany P.O.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of: Miss Emelyn Young and Miss Martha Llewellyn, please communicate with: Mrs. L. B. Ellis, Dignum Mountain, Spanish Town P.O.

#### Another Monument in East Jamaica

Throughout the annals of both sacred and secular history we have recorded the many monuments that have been raised up either to commemorate the introduction or passing of some event or person. In Gen. 31:45-53 we have mentioned the monument set up by Laban and Jacob introducing the idea that neither would cross beyond that point in an effort to do the other harm. II Samuel 18:17 mentions the monument of stones raised over the body of Absalom bringing to an end his career of shameful wickedness.

We have not outlived the age of monuments. In January of this year the East Jamaica Conference had the privilege of raising up a glorious monument to the cause of Christian Education.

During the hurricane of August 17, 1951, the building used by the North Street Church as a church school was demolished. Temporary measures were taken in the erection of three tents in which classes were conducted for the remaining months of 1951.

The problem of a suitable school building was a heavy burden to all concerned. Many earnest prayers were offered inviting the Omnipotent One to lead and direct. He did, and, as a result, we secured a fine two storey building in Kingston Gardens, where 275 boys and girls are enjoying the privilege of a Christian Education as they sit at the feet of four godly teachers preparing themselves for service in this world and for a sphere of wider service in the world to come.

Yes, thank God, East Jamaica has raised up another monument to the cause of Christian Education. Under God we shall continue to raise other such monuments until the majority if not all, of our children are given the opportunity of attending a school of His planting

—O. E. GORDON, *Educational Secretary,*  
*East Jamaica Conference.*

#### Evangelistic Crusade Big Success

On Sunday night, January 13, Pastor Robert L. Boothby began his Evangelistic Crusade in the city of Kingston, Jamaica. Thirteen weeks later, after a most intensive campaign, two hundred sixty-three additions to the church membership were recorded.

During this period of time the daily broadcast over Radio Jamaica made it an Island-wide Crusade. Elder Boothby's spirit-filled messages not only reached the thousands assembled in the North Street Temple Church and adjoining Open Air Auditorium, but also took his sermons into the homes of the people throughout the colony.

The attendance was good throughout the entire series of meetings. Two services were conducted on Sunday nights. Modern equipment provided full sound coverage, making it possible for all to hear even though the large crowds outside could not see the speaker. A most efficient group of ushers served the needs of the indoor and outdoor audiences splendidly throughout the entire effort.

Associated with Elder Boothby were H. E. Nembhard and C. F. Edwards, pastors in charge of the churches in Eastern and Western Kingston respectively. Under the direction of Oswald Gordon, excellent music was provided. Supporting him was the North Street Temple Choir, as well as choirs from other churches who served on various nights. He also drew on a large variety of musical talent from various parts of the Island. At the Hammond organ Misses Hall and Gibson provided excellent accompaniments, offertories and background music. Doctor Alwyn Parchment of the Andrews Memorial Hospital gave timely and helpful health lectures.

Other members of the Evangelistic team were Linval Fleetwood, Kenneth Samuels, Arthur Lawrence, Edmund Ful-

