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CHRISTIAN life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist wholly in gentleness, patience, meekness, and kindness. These graces are essential; but there is need also of courage, force, energy, and perseverance. The path that Christ marks out is a narrow, self-denying path. To enter that path and press on through difficulties and discouragements, requires men who are more than weaklings.

Men of stamina are wanted, men who will not wait to have their way smoothed, and every obstacle removed, men who will inspire with fresh zeal the flagging efforts of dispirited workers, men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are strong to do their Master's work.

Some who engage in missionary service are weak, nerveless, spiritless, easily discouraged. They lack push. They have not those positive traits of character that give power to do something—the spirit and energy that kindle enthusiasm. Those who would win success must be courageous and hopeful. They should cultivate not only the passive but active virtues. While they are to give the soft answer that turns away wrath, they must possess the courage of a hero to resist evil. With the charity that endures all things, they need the force of character that will make their influence a positive power.

Some have no firmness of character. Their plans and purposes have no definite form and consistency. They are of but little practical use in the world. This weakness, indecision, and inefficiency should be overcome. There is in true Christian character an indomitableness that can not be molded or subdued by adverse circumstances. We must have moral backbone, an integrity that cannot be flattered, bribed, or terrified.

God desires us to make use of every opportunity for securing a preparation for His work. He expects us to put all our energies into its performance, and to keep our hearts alive to its sacredness and its fearful responsibilities.

Many who are qualified to do excellent work accomplish little because they attempt little. Thousands pass through life as if they had no great object for which to live, no high

standard to reach. One reason for this is the low estimate which they place upon themselves. Christ paid an infinite price for us, and according to the price paid He desires us to value ourselves.

Be not satisfied with reaching a low standard. We are not what we might be, or what it is God's will that we should be. God has given us reasoning powers, not to remain inactive, or to be perverted but that they may be developed to the utmost, refined, sanctified, ennobled, and used in advancing the interests of His kingdom.

None should consent to be mere machines, run by another man's mind. God has given us ability to act, and it is by acting with carefulness, looking to Him for wisdom, that you will become capable of bearing burdens. Be no other person's shadow. Expect that the Lord will work in and by and through you.

Never think that you have learned enough, and that you may now relax your efforts. The cultivated mind is the measure of the man. Your education should continue during your lifetime; every day you should be learning, and putting to practical use the knowledge gained.

Remember that in whatever position you may serve, you are revealing motive, developing character. Whatever your work, do it with exactness, with diligence; overcome the inclination to seek an easy task.

The same spirit and principles that one brings into the daily labour will be brought into the whole life. Those who desire a fixed amount to do and a fixed salary, and who wish to prove an exact fit without the trouble of adaptation or training, are not the ones whom God calls to work in His cause. Those who study how to give as little as possible of their physical, mental, and moral power are not the workers upon whom He can pour out abundant blessings. Their example is contagious. Self-interest is the ruling motive. Those who need to be watched, and who work only as every duty is specified to them, are not the ones who will be pronounced good and faithful. Workers are needed who manifest energy integrity, diligence, those who are willing to do anything that needs to be done.

Development and Service

BY
ELLEN G. WHITE

A Great Power of Evangelism

"The publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our power". *Life Sketches*, p. 446, 447. A teacher stimulates his student to learn by certain ambitious ideals in teaching, but the teacher cannot "learn" the student anything. The student must enter in the actual experience himself in order to gain the hidden benefits in learning. In much the same manner we will gain that power promised to us if we enter the work and put into practice what we believe. Says the servant of God, "I was shown God's people waiting for a change to take place — a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, they are wrong. They must act. They must take hold of the work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of the work". *Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 261.

It is quite all right to believe that there is great power in a certain machine, but the belief will become a thrilling reality when "I" prove the power in that machine by actual experience. To say "I" heard that sugar is sweet without tasting it does not prove that sugar is sweet. God's counsel to His people is no less powerful and less serious now than when it was given in the beginning of this glorious Advent message. The pioneers believed God and acted upon the plan revealed, thus bringing great blessing to us. Were it not for the faith of our fathers, then thousands now rejoicing in the light would still be under the black banner of the arch deceiver.

I want to keep before my brethren God's burden to give them power through the literature ministry. He is calling on every member of the Advent circle to act now in giving the light to others as contained in and through our message-filled books. "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time." *C. E.*, p. 5. This is how most Seventh-day Adventists will become strong. This is how many will develop mentally, spiritually and no doubt physically. The direct counsel from heaven can serve as a stimulus to teach us through our own experiences, if we are so humble as to heed and act upon this astounding light. "Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help someone more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling books. Thus they will help others and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they

are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them teaching what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted." — *C. E.*, p. 140:

Why should the spirit of prophecy state that this branch of our cause has much to do with our power? The facts revolving around the question are obvious. The first point to note is that the literature ministry is one of the greatest keys to stabilize converts in the church. Of those who read themselves into the message, at least 87% remain true. The message gets in them. Dear reader, probably you got your first impression of this great "John the Baptist" message through reading a book. Then it stands to reason that you can take the message to your neighbours and friends through the same medium. "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word". — *Christian Service*, p. 146.

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An Accident

Brother Kenneth Samuels, who has been serving in the East Jamaica Conference for the past year, received a broken leg in a motorcycle accident on Sunday afternoon, March 15.

After a twenty-four hour stay in the Port Antonio Hospital, he was brought to Andrew's Memorial Hospital where he is now convalescing. He had been most active in soul-winning work since his graduation from West Indian Training College in the class of '51, and had made many friends in Kingston, St. Mary and Portland.

Brother Samuels had been asked to connect with the work in Portland, which is under the direction of Pastor W. H. Waller. He will be greatly missed during his absence, which will be a number of months while the bones are in the process of knitting together.

We wish to assure our faithful young worker that the prayers of the workers and constituency at large are that the Lord will quickly heal him, and that he will soon be able to be back on the Portland front again.

— H. D. Colburn

President East Jamaica Conference.

Report from Clarendon

"A year of precious blessings and glorious victories won." Truly, that is the sentiment of our hearts, for God has indeed blessed the work in Clarendon during the past year. In fact the past two years have been days of victory.

In January 1951, my wife and I were asked to return after an absence of six years. We were glad to renew the fellowship of old believers, — souls we had laboured for, and to rectify the mistakes so often committed by young workers as we were.

Clarendon suffered severely the ravages of the August 17 hurricane. Seven chapels were damaged, one completely destroyed — Bird's Hill. However, recovery has been phenomenal, for by the end of the year all buildings were temporarily repaired and Bird's Hill was completed, except for painting.

The year 1951 closed with a good increase in tithes and offerings over the previous year and 146 souls baptized.

1952 dawned with bright prospects as additional help had been granted in the person of Brother Benson to supervise six churches in the Northern section, and Brother Boyd to assist in evangelism. We soon organized for an effort at Rock River where the work was started in 1905 by Elder W. E. Strickland, but opposition was so strong that the message has only been represented in that vicinity through the years by one lone sister who died around three or four years ago. With the blessing of God a church of 40 members was organized at the close of a hard fought campaign.

Moore's too has been conquered for Christ and a church organized on December 14 with 22 members. On the same day the Hayes company was also organized with a membership of 21, while the St. Toolies company had been previously organized in September with 23 members.

On the 31st of August one of the most beautiful S. D. A. buildings in Jamaica was dedicated to God — Bird's Hill Church — a fitting climax to an heroic effort.

On September 2 our Youth's Crusade was launched, and the fruitage was evidenced on Rally day and after, when 50 young people were baptized.

Special mention should be made of the Ramble church whose membership stood at 21 at the beginning of 1951, but now stands at 70, their membership having been more than tripled in two years,

May Pen church has also added 60 to their membership in two years, and Bird's Hill has added 32 in the year 1952.

I wish to pay tribute to Brethren Benson, Boyd and Smith who have worked to place Clarendon on the soul-winning page of West Jamaica Conference, as with their help and God's special blessing we have baptized 256 in 1952, thus bringing up the total for the two years to 402. "To God be the glory!"

The prospects for soul-winning in 1953 were never brighter. Going forth in the strength of Prince Emmanuel, we hope to see even greater victories won this year.

— K. G. Vaz.

Gleanings from Northern Manchester

Since the beginning of the year 1953 it has been my privilege to be in charge of our work in the Northern section which comprises twelve churches.

Viewing the district as a whole the thing that would impress you most is the great work that is to be done for the salvation of souls. In order to accomplish this task it necessitates the united efforts of the lay members, and so I have been concentrating on organizing an army of lay workers whose work cover the phases of literature distribution, cottage meetings, house to house ministry and lay evangelism.

It is yet early to say much of such a programme, but there are a few experiences that are worthy of notice. The brethren of the Coleyville church, led by Brother Lucas Hall, have been doing outstanding work at Lorrimers, a village three or four miles from the church. These meetings convene on Sunday evenings, and the interest is very good. For a few weeks now they have been having opposition by the religious sect, Church of God, who would go ahead in trucks to the appointed spot of our brethren with the intention of diverting the attention of the people. With their drums and cymbals they attract a large crowd, and when their meetings are over, our brethren are then able to conduct their meetings, thus a large percentage of the crowd remains to the advantage of our meetings.

The Mile Gully brethren, led by Brother White are doing a good work at Grove Place. Brethren Davey and Mitchell with the co-operation of our beloved

church members are blazing the trail at Spaldings and Harrywatch.

Example is better than precept, and with this motto in mind I have been doing my part to enhance this soul-winning programme. The effort which has been held at the Robin's Hall church gives a fine yielding. People travel as far as three and four miles to attend these meetings. After the Sabbath truth was presented in the fifth week, fifty souls took their stand to walk with the people of God.

We know that the enemy of righteousness has been always opposing the work of God wherever the truth is presented. He has been opposing the work at Robin's Hall. I would like to mention here two experiences that I believe will encourage us to pray more earnestly for those that are persecuted.

A lady and her children made an outward manifestation of their belief and desire to obey God's truth and invited me to visit with them; but before the proposed visit, she attended another night's meeting. When she returned home her husband gave her a flogging and two of the children decided to leave home. On my way to visit them the next day, I was advised not to approach the house because of the rage of the husband.

In another family who stood for the truth the husband is bitterly opposed. They were about to attend Sabbath services for the first time when he stood in the way and threatened so that none would attempt to leave the house.

In spite of all the opposition the work of God moves on in Northern Manchester, and by God's intervention we look forward to a rich harvest of souls for His kingdom by the end of the year. We are soliciting the continued prayers of our brethren in behalf of the work in this section of the field, and also in behalf of the persecuted ones at Robin's Hall.

— R. Douglas.

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following individuals kindly inform the clerk of the Bleauwearie S.D.A. Church, Flower Hill P.O.:-

Clementina Tulloch

George Coke

Vivian Tulloch

District Conventions

A series of conventions have recently been held throughout the East Jamaica Conference, Beginning at Port Antonio on February 22, each Sunday since the conference officers and departmental secretaries have been meeting with large numbers of our believers in the various districts of the field.

These conventions were attended by larger numbers than ever before, and in each session it was apparent that everyone was eager to receive in order that he might go back home and give. After spending the day listening to reports and to the presentation of plans, and more important than everything else, to excellent sermons by visiting ministers, our people returned greatly refreshed to their various churches. A great deal of enthusiasm was observed on the part of the membership which came together in these important annual meetings. It was apparent from the very first meeting on through to the last that much good was being accomplished in these meetings, and that the sacrifice involved on the part of all was more than justified when compared to benefits received. The trends indicated in every district that gains in the right direction had been made, and as everyone returned to his particular community or church, it was apparent to all of us that they had been carrying with them the inspiration of the meetings. We have felt after the close of each session that because of the growing enthusiasm we would be seeing larger efforts put forth in the various phases of the work to assure greater soul-winning achievements during the year 1953.

The presence of Elders R. W. Numbers, president of the British West Indies Union Mission; S. E. White, secretary-treasurer of the Union; A. C. Stockhausen, Home Missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Union, and A. R. Haig, Publishing secretary of the Union, contributed much to the success of the meetings. The timely messages or words of encouragement and counsel were deeply appreciated by all.

We are grateful for the very fine help which was given by the conference secretary-treasurer, Miss E. W. Parchment, and the local departmental secretaries.

As we come to the close of the 1953 conventions and reflect on these profitable Sundays which we spent in the field with our people, we cannot help but realize

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E. W. DUNBAR.

A Message From Our World MV Leader

Missionary Volunteers of Inter-America, your eager and ready energy is prized and needed by the cause of God. Seize the inspiration and challenge of the Pan-American Youth Congress for eternal personal decisions and noble achievements. This is the day to which we have looked. We have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. Let nothing hinder you from attending the Pan-American Youth Congress in San Francisco, June 16-20. Here you will find full fellowship with youth who are answering the call to go forward to share their faith. The brightest days are before us. We are depending upon the youth of Inter-America!

— E. W. Dunbar,
MV Secretary, General Conference.

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Stands for

PAN-AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS

to be held in

SAN FRANCISCO

JUNE 16 — 20

But to those who attend it will mean
PENTECOST
AND YOUTH COMBINED.

Messages From Our Inter-American Division Leaders

One of the greatest denominational events confronting the youth of the Western Hemisphere is just before us. I refer to the Pan-American Youth Congress scheduled to be held in San Francisco June 16—20. I sincerely hope that every MV member in Inter-America could be present, for I know that the inspiration they would receive and that which they would carry back to their people would prove to be a tremendous influence on the lives of others. I know, however, that it is impossible for all to be there, but I do hope that every effort will be made by the societies and the churches and the missions to send a good strong delegation to be present. I can't urge this too strongly for I believe that in this late hour the need of doing all we can to save our youth is paramount.

—Glenn Calkins,
President, Inter-American Division.

The Pan-American Youth Congress is taking shape rapidly. It promises to be one of the most outstanding gatherings ever held by Seventh-day Adventists. The Missionary Volunteer Department brethren have wonderful plans on foot and the Advent youth who attend these meetings and those who imbibe its spirits from those who are present as witnesses will be greatly benefitted.

— Arthur H. Roth,
Secretary, Inter-American Division.

I believe that this meeting is going to be one of the greatest youth meetings which has ever been held in our denomination. Although the congress of 1947 was good, I believe that the objectives of this congress are even better and that with the Lord's help, and with the enthusiasm of our MV men, it is going to be a great spiritual rallying point for our youth. The emphasis is going to be on spirituality and therefore I am sure it will be a success.

— David H. Baasch
MV Secretary, Inter-American Division.



O. V. SCHNEIDER

A Message From Our Own Union MV Secretary

The Pan-American Youth Congress to be held in San Francisco in June promises to be a bright light to lead the faithful Missionary Volunteers into greater united action to prepare others for the coming of Jesus and to prepare themselves for translation.

What a thrill it will be to meet and pray with thousands of young people who are preparing to leave this world for a better one. The inspiration of this congress will no doubt change the whole future for many young people. Won't it be possible for you to be there too?

—O. V. Schneider,
MV Secretary, British West Indies Union.

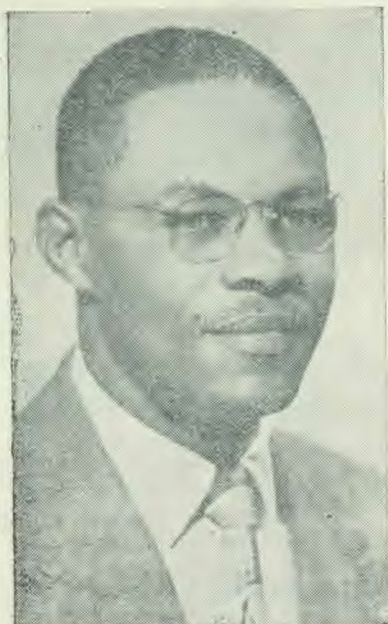
A Message from our Union President

Thousands of youth are enthusiastically preparing for the Pan-American Youth Congress, which we believe will be the greatest of all youth gatherings in the history of the Advent movement. When unlimited, consecrated energy is concentrated in one place we can expect a release of power that will set in motion a great chain of reaction around the world.

The British West Indies Union Mission will be represented, and we ask that YOU support them with your liberal offerings and earnest prayers.

— R. W. Numbers, President, British West Indies Union Mission.

What the Pan-American Youth Congress Means to You



O. E. GORDON

"Needs Your Liberal Contribution"

Six years ago the youth of North America met in San Francisco to lay plans to quickly finish the work of God. From that meeting came the slogan "Share Your Faith" which has gone around the world challenging the youth to arise to the possibilities of the hour.

Today the eyes of hundreds of thousands are being turned again to San Francisco where the Pan-American Youth Congress will be held June 16-20. Without doubt this is scheduled to be the largest gathering ever staged for our Advent youth. From Punto Arenas to Alaska, from Hawaii to Bermuda, from Mexico to Trinidad 130,000 Missionary Volunteers will be sending delegates to attend this outstanding congress.

East Jamaica must be also represented. Plans are being laid to send a Missionary Volunteer to bring back the inspiration that will be received which we hope will spread through the conference.

On May 9, 1953 each member is asked to contribute at least 1/- to help in sending one of our youth to represent us. Jesus is expecting every man to do his duty. You will do yours, won't you!

— O. E. Gordon,

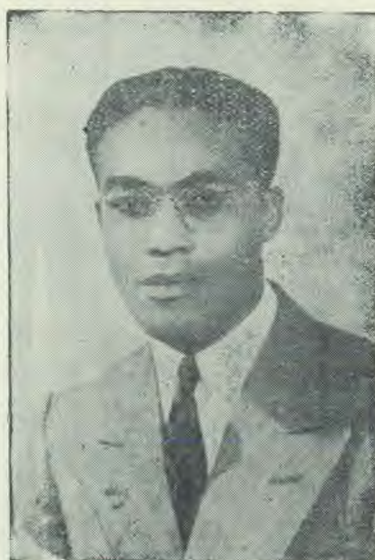
MV Secretary, East Jamaica Conference.

"Inspiration of a Lifetime"

"When thou shalt hear a going . . . thou shalt bestir thyself." There is indeed a going in the Missionary Volunteer ranks, as the Western Hemisphere prepares for the greatest event in MV history—the Pan American Youth Congress. West Jamaica must be represented! West Jamaica must share in the inspiration of a lifetime. I appeal to every one to give liberally to help us send a delegate to this congress. We are depending on you. We will be successful by your support and the congress will be effective by your prayers.

— Joe E. Fletcher,

MV Secretary, West Jamaica Conference.



JOE FLETCHER

Thrilling M V Milestone

Be There Yourself!

Help Send Your Delegate!

San Francisco June 16 - 20

**Pan-American Youth
Congress**



"Light a Fire That Shall Never be Put Out"

The fast-fulfilling prophecies of the Word of God speak in trumpet tones that this is earth's sunset hour, yet to the youth of the Advent church it is to be the finest hour and the greatest hour of opportunity. The coming Pan American Youth Congress will point the youth of the Bahamas to the certainty of the end. It will give him courage to face the future with God and yet challenge him to lift up the trumpet and with no uncertain tones to tell other youth that this is God's hour. Yes, God's hour for youth to live for Him; God's hour for youth to work for Him:

You, the members and friends of the Bahamas, will help the youth of your field to catch an inspiration which will light a fire in the souls of our young people of this field that shall never be put out. This is the greatest reason why you should give liberally to support the programme of sending a local delegate to the congress. When the cause of youth is supported it is not alone for time, but for eternity.

—C. S. Greene,

MV Secretary, Bahamas Mission.

A Great Power of Evangelism

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Secondly, our literature carries with their pages current information that will keep your eyes open to the sophistries of the devil, and opposition to that divine light that supercedes the most subtle delusion of counterfeit religion. There are thousands of honest-hearted people who read our truth-filled literature and are graciously impressed by its intrinsic value. The benefits derived by believers and others are a constant source of invaluable encouragement. The variety of testimonies borne as to its worth witness to the guiding hand of Providence, not computing the continuous increase of sales year after year and the rich harvest of souls.

Thirdly, our literature forms the very life of the message. Basically, it stands as the great hub around which the message started. Printing the message preserves and propagates the message and its very essence to the far regions of the earth. "The press is a power says the servant of God. Again she states that it is largely through the publishing houses that the earth will be lighted with the glory of that other angel of Revelation 18:1. This can only be done by the whole body of Adventist believers giving their fullest support and heartiest endeavours to plans which will insure the scattering of our message-filled literature as the leaves of autumn.

—A. A. Morgan,

Acting Publishing Secretary, East Jamaica Conference.

Laymen on Their Mission

In these closing hours of the gospel dispensation, the plan of "Every member Evangelism" is still heaven's chosen means of spreading the gospel. Indeed the lay men of East Jamaica are scattered in every village preaching the Word of hope.

Of the two hundred lay preachers listed, sixty-five came together for a short Refresher's Course February 19-22. These brightened up with holy joy in every session as Elder Stockhausen of the British West Indies Union spared no pains in



SOME OF EAST JAMAICA'S LAY MEN

giving up-to-the-minute instruction on lay-evangelism. Elder H. D. Colburn, our president, very effectively deliberated on the organization of lay efforts. Elder D. C. McCalla gave a simple, but unique study in public speaking, while Elder Waller broadened out on denominational history and Spirit of prophecy.

It was his last day in Jamaica, yet Elder O. P. Reid breathed inspirational blessing as he brought them to see the

value of following the Man of Calvary. Others present were: Pastors E. C. Walton, C. E. Edwards, C. C. Nebblett, A. D. Laing, B. A. Woodburn, J. N. Williams, O. E. Gordon and S. E. White. Gratitude must be recorded for the valuable help each one gave during this heart-warming convocation.

Like warriors these men have gone forth together to gather souls for the kingdom. Among them are:

Anderson, J.
Bailey, S. A.
Blake, C.
Brown, E. C.
Brown, J.
Brown, S.
Brown, R. O.
Burrell, R.
Cameron, E.
Cameron, E.
Campbell, E.
Campbell, S.
Case, J.
Chambers, T.
Clarke, G. L.

Clarke, L.
Clayton, F.
Clough, C.
Cole, J.
Collins, G. A.
Davis, A. B.
Dennis, K.
Deslandes, C.
Duhane, V.
Edwards, J. N.
Evans, P.
Fenderson, E.
Gordon, C.
Grant, J.
Guscott, L. C.

Hall, M.
Henry, O.
Hurlock, G.
Lake, S.
Langley, A.
Marshall, R.
McLeod, E.
McLeod, L.
Melville, G.
Mitchell, I.
Morgan, A.
Morrison, S.
Murray, E.
Nelson, V.
Nugent, V.

Passley, S.
Planto, G.
Ramkinson, H.
Robinson, M.
Russell, I.
Smith, A.
Smith, J.
Smith, M.
Smith, R.
Stewart, J.
Spyke, R.
Thaxter, R.
Thomas, H.
Thompson, M.
Weir, G.
Wright, J.

Already reports of baptisms are coming. Alas, the climax will be by heaven's order. Let us pray God that they will

be accepted, appreciated, and be rewarded in eternity.

—W. U. CAMPBELL, *Home Missionary Secretary, East Jamaica Conference.*

To Western St. Mary in East Jamaica the precious gift of a daughter, **MIS- SIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIAL OR- GANIZATION**, on the 26th of March, 1953. Mother and baby well.

No baby born ever seemed more wanted. Preparations for her arrival were carried on both day and night weeks in advance of her coming. Able men, men of good report, from the tribes of Gayle, Stewart Mountain, Labyrinth and Jeffrey Town engineered and made a road over most precipitous territory, which apart from a few graceless curves, was in itself a masterpiece and testified to the worth of the workmen. Over that road even the most aged among us could walk with safety to the celebrations by the river side, — the riverside whose clear, sparkling, sweet-voiced waters are rapture-filling.

In the last week of happy expectation were packed some most pleasant and heart-warming occasions, like the Tea Meeting of the 24th for instance. There used to be in the old days, as we are told, Tea Meetings. Exactly how such meetings were carried on the old folk might know, but ours of the 24th was unique and most interesting. It was then that our two-roomed bath house was constructed beneath the spreading bamboo shade above the river then our ablemen shaped and wattled, and our ladies plaited thatch for the smart looking and perfectly lovely bath house; there the glow of our camp fires shone above the moonlight, the crackling of the fire coming in sharp contrast to the gentle voice of the river and the intermingling of both serving as rich and refreshing music to the ears of the tired but mirth-filled workers. The ladies prepared delicious tea over the crackling embers and the feeling of fellowship and good will were warm and aglow as the firelight.

Thus the days and nights were filled to overflowing with preparations for the coming of the M. V. S. O. Her coming should bind our hearts together in closer bonds of friendship, sympathy and love; provide opportunity for regular social contacts and proper recreation, and work toward that mutual fellowship of friend with friend, or each with other members of one large family. It should provide for cultural instruction and all-round good will, improvement and enjoyment.

And so, with river and bath-house ready; the big green Gayle common clean and ready with cricket pitch, volley ball court, base ball, soft ball, and accommodations for other games all waiting for the hour; ice cream and other refreshments on the grounds; the standard for each church set out in straight rows waiting to be occupied, and Roche Hall ready for the evening's show, buses, cars, and shanks ponies brought members and friends from the tribes of Gayle, Guy's Hill, Jeffrey Town, Carron Hall, Springfield, Bonny Gate, Hunts Town, Stewart Mountain, Labyrinth and Retreat, to the celebrations of the birth of the M.V.S.O.

At 2.00 p.m. the celebrations started and after prayer members were decorated with their badges and instructions given. Then all were free to participate in the games, and ladies and girls had the option of enjoying the lovely swimming pools and shallows for the first hour and a half, leaving the way clear in the second hour and a half for men and boys.

After the preliminaries, Elder Colburn and brother Gordon arrived and with his quickest maneuvering Elder Colburn had music in the air. With his jolly spirit and co-operative and taking manner he added much to the afternoon's enjoyment, and Brother Oswald Gordon also spread enthusiasm in the camp as he led out most ably and enthusiastically in many of the games.

As the shadows of evening gathered gently around the happy family, the hub of activity was shifted to the Town Hall, where a crowd much too large to be housed in the spacious hall had gathered to see the very special picture for which all were clamouring. Alas, many had to stay outside and peep and hope to get a chance at some future date to see it.

What more fitting climax could Western St. Mary have after being wrapped for weeks in the intriguing garb of expectation of the birth of the M.V.S.O. — yes, what more fitting climax could anyone ask than the soul-stirring picture which our president brought us! — **THE BIRTH OF A NEW WORLD?** Fitting indeed! May God grant each member of the M.V.S.O. a berth in the New World.

Centre No. 2 will meet at Port Maria and be comprised of the tribes of Port Maria, Hampstead, Heywood Hall, Islington, and Geddes Mountain and will have similar facilities as Gayle, minus the river plus the sea and rowing facilities.

—From our correspondent, *Lucky Hill*.
(Pastor W. A. Holgate)

A Modern Miracle

I was graduated from the West Indian Training College, having finished the ministerial course. Would one of the local conferences employ me? I thought. The West Jamaica Conference sent me good news, so I accepted the invitation to join its band of workers.

Having been accustomed to the busy life in school, and to living among hundreds of students, the village of Springfield seemed lonely and uninviting on that first Monday morning. Nevertheless, Brother Joe Fletcher, Elder Smith and myself organized the Springfield church school with 28 enrolled. School started immediately after the inaugural address by Elder Smith. My first duty was directing in the conversion of the church into a school by moving church benches to make space for desks, tables, chairs, blackboards and easels.

I learned to like Springfield. The Bromley family with whom I stayed made me comfortable; the people were most pleasant; the church members were thoughtful; the parents brought in the fees; the school was encouraging; the children co-operative; the atmosphere gleeful, and the enrolment increased to 61 within six months. What more could a teacher want?

At last I got my cherished desire, when the conference officials directed me to Seaford Town to start a series of meetings among the Germans for the six weeks summer vacation period. A booth made of bamboo and thatch was erected for the purpose and I now entered upon a second type of work which like my first was hitherto entirely unexplored by me.

Although Seaford Town is one of the strongest Catholic settlements in Jamaica, and a place where morals are low, the meetings were lively, the people interested, God was present and the devil was with us too. A certain young man joined the baptismal class and came to Sabbath school against the orders of his Catholic father. On returning home he found his suitcase thrown down outside, and were it not for the love of his sister who rescued his belongings from the recent shower, every piece of garment would have been drenched. The enraged father exiled his boy from home and the lad departed from a father's care to dwell with strangers who called him "brother."

To make a long story short the father became ill; his wife asked me to come over and pray for him; the son was taken back home.

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A Modern Miracle

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One day a lady in the baptismal class came to me. She said: "Mother is ill in the hospital and she wants to see you now as tomorrow might be too late." I immediately cycled the twenty-five miles to Montego Bay as there was no bus service at that time of the day. At the hospital I was directed to a certain room in which I found the woman. She was thin and pale, fretful and concerned, and one could readily see she was in a very low condition, after having undergone two operations. She told me the Catholic priest had just left her. He had come to pray for her, but she said to him "I'm no more a Catholic, and moreover I've sent for the Seventh-day Adventist pastor." She continued to speak in a weak voice. "Pastor if the Lord heals me, I'll be baptized and serve Him". I prayed for her, and the very next morning the woman walked to the door to meet the doctor, who after being told of the divine rescue, declared it to be a modern miracle.

On that November morning hundreds witnessed her baptism in a group of 25. Among the group was also her son and two daughters. All has been accomplished through the power of God, so we sing. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

— Lloyd Binns.

District Conventions

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how strong the tie is which binds our hearts in Christian fellowship and love, and we look forward to another outstanding year in service for the Master as we carry out the plans which were outlined during these important meetings.

H. D. Colburn, President, East Jamaica Conference.

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Until the Day Break

ISABELLA ELIZABETH LUMLEY-REID, was born October 27, 1885 at Bigwoods in the parish of Westmoreland and died March 30, 1953 at Anchovy in the parish of St. James. She was the daughter of the late Frederick and Frances Lumley, and as a child she had the advantage of being reared in a devout, Christian home, for her parents were members of the Moravian church.

When the Advent message came to the island her parents were among the first ones who accepted its teachings, and she with them looked forward to the time when the message would be carried to every village in the island, and to this end she devoted all her energies.

After finishing her education she taught in public school in Jamaica and also at the church school in Kingston. Realizing the need of greater preparation to serve the cause of God effectually, she left the shores of Jamaica for the United States of America where she continued her training at Emmanuel Missionary College as a teacher.

In 1911 she entered the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital in California, and from this institution she graduated as a nurse in 1914. Her ambition was to serve the cause of the Truth, where the need was greatest, and so she returned to her homeland in 1920 and entered upon her ministry of missionary nursing, bringing relief and cheer to hundreds.

In 1923 she was married to Egbert Reid and together they upheld the torch of truth. Her husband entered the colporteur ministry, and as a devoted and understanding companion they laboured together until he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1945. Her sphere of labour took her to various sections of the West Jamaica Conference — St. Ann, Manchester and St. James, where her home was an oasis to many.

It was in April 1952 while she with her husband were under appointment to the Cayman Island Mission that symptoms of her illness were noticed. In humble submission to the leadings of an all wise Father she resigned her will to His leadings. She bore her suffering with Christian fortitude, with a sure and certain hope that God's way is best. She is survived by her husband, Elder E. C. H. Reid, five sisters, three brothers, and a host of nieces nephews and a wide circle of friends both here and abroad. Truly she rests from her labours and her works do follow her.



A. C. STOCKHAUSEN.

We take pleasure in announcing our newly elected President of the British West Indies Union, Elder A. C. Stockhausen. Having been Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Union for the past two and a half years, Elder Stockhausen needs no introduction to this field. We wish him God's special blessings as he takes up his new responsibilities.

*"Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion
Where with our loved ones we'll weep
no more;
In that fair homeland we'll know no
parting
Beyond the sunset forever more."*

Funeral services were conducted by Elders E. E. Parchment and A. C. Stockhausen, assisted by Elders R. W. Numbers, D. McCalla, A. D. Laing, W. U. Campbell and O. U. Holness.

— L. Walters.

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