



ELDER A. C. STOCKHAUSEN

To the Workers and Fellow Believers in the British West Indies Union

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

As you were informed in the last issue of the VISITOR, I have been asked by the Inter-American Division Committee to take Pastor Numbers' place as leader of this Union. This word came to me by cable a few hours after landing in Grand Cayman to assist Pastor Hurst with Ingathering in that field, and was a great surprise to me as it has been to you all.

Like Moses when he was called to lead Israel, I say, "who am I that I should lead this people?" and have only accepted this responsibility because I have the same assurance that was given to him, "certainly I will be with thee."

I have always looked upon Jesus as the real and only Leader of modern Israel; whether as leader of a church, conference, union, division, or General Conference, and the human agent as simply the humble instrument whom He uses. Looking at it this way we have had one and only one Leader from the beginning of the Movement, and will have none other till it triumphs in glory.

Brethren, I want to assure you that I am your humble servant even as I am His, and solicit your prayers for grace, strength, and courage to perform my duties to His glory and the salvation of those who are yet in the pit of sin.

We all have a work to do, namely, to finish the work that has been committed to us by saving the lost. Let us unitedly address ourselves to the task and hasten the day when we can sing together the victor's song on the sea of glass.

Sincerely yours in the Master's service,

—ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN



ELDER H. D. COLBURN.

hausen is the senior minister within the territory of the Union.

To fill the vacancy created by Elder Stockhausen's leaving the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Department, the Union committee has placed a call for Elder H. D. Colburn to once again serve in this capacity. We welcome Elder Colburn back to the Union office staff and feel sure that our members will be happy to once again meet him in this broader sphere.

The president of the Division, Elder Calkins, has given the assurance that the Division committee will do everything possible to secure a fully qualified leader for the work in the East Jamaica Conference.

S. E. W.

Changes in Leadership

At the time of the recent Division committee meeting held in Puerto Rico the latter part of April, Elder A. C. Stockhausen was appointed president of the British West Indies Union.

Elder Stockhausen takes up his duties after having served approximately thirty years as a minister in Jamaica. We feel sure that our members and workers will be happy to see a Jamaican appointed as head of the organization here in the British West Indies Union. Excluding those who are on sustentation, Elder Stock-

NEWS FLASH!

Ingathering Receipts:

Bahamas	£1,062. 11. 0.	East Jamaica	£2,900
West Jamaica	£3,400	Total	£7,362. 11. 10

A Parting Word

Through the medium of the VISITOR I wish to tell each worker and member in the British West Indies Union how much I have appreciated working with you for the past four years.

I have been thrilled and inspired at your conventions, baptisms and worker's meetings. Your zeal for God's work, your sacrifice and labour of love have painted a brilliant picture in memory's halls that will not fade until our appointed work on earth is finished, and with the ransomed of all ages, we are welcomed home into the kingdom of God.

Although our paths have parted for a time, our earnest prayers and good wishes will ever be with you, and we trust you too will remember us in prayer as we endeavour to do God's bidding in another part of His vineyard.

To our ministers, office workers, board members, teachers and colporteurs, and the twenty thousand members who have in turn upheld our hands, I wish to express my deep appreciation for your loyal support. May God bless you one and all in your onward march to the heavenly home.

—R. W. NUMBERS.

A Tribute to our Ex-President

On Sunday May 10, Elder Numbers and family, who have served the British West Indies Union faithfully and well for the past four years, left by British Overseas Airways plane, by way of the Bahamas, for their home land.

Elder Numbers has done much to build up the work within the British West Indies Union during his period of service here. Our baptized church membership has had a net increase of over 5,000 during his term of administration. In addition to pushing a strong evangelistic programme, Elder Numbers, in his capacity as chairman of the West Indian Training College Board, has been responsible in no small degree for securing the funds and getting underway a building programme that fills a very long over-due need for proper buildings for the West Indian Training College. His faithful wife contributed much to the work as she led out in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. All who have come in contact with the Numbers family recognize that they are sincere Christians through and through. As they leave us to take up

other assignments, we wish them much of God's blessing in all that they may have to do.

—S. E. WHITE, *Secy-Treasurer,*
British West Indies Union.

BAHAMAS MISSION

President R. E. Gibson
Secretary-Treasurer Eric John Murray

Bahamas Junior Academy in Action

The first term of school year 1953 has marched past so rapidly that we can scarcely realize that it is gone. In reflection we must confess that God is blessing His educational programme throughout the world. Oh that we might appreciate and respond with faithfulness to His many blessings.

January fifth, which was registration day, found 160 new and old students registering for another school year. Activity reigned supreme. Mrs. Liske was there to welcome the fifteen shy beginners, and show them to their rather old and worn benches. (I might say here that 40 new and modern desks with individual chairs have replaced the old benches). Miss Olive Nation had not arrived so her students had to hold back their curiosity as to their new teacher for a few days. Mrs. Gibson could be seen busily arranging her room to suit her needs. Mr. Liske was giving instructions to the boys to how to set together the desks that had arrived from Miami Junior Academy, beside answering questions from teachers and students on every side. Yes, another school year had begun.

Next morning, school books which had come from Canada, England, Jamaica, and the United States, were ready to be sold to the students, and how they anxiously leafed through them to find how difficult or easy their studies were to be!

Things then settled down to a more even pace, but the following events stand out as highlights. There was the election of officers for the Pathfinder Club. David Collins drew the most votes and became president. Leslie McMillan followed and became vice president. I cannot help mentioning the Pathfinder programme under the sponsorship of Miss Nation, when each room gave three musical renditions.

We cannot forget February 24, Ingathering field day, for certainly it was a highlight. The day before cans were carefully labelled and handed out to volunteer solicitors. To our dismay the supply of cans ran out. We had under-

estimated the response. Homes, business places, and people on the streets of Nassau were canvassed by the students as well as the teachers. (We were sorry that Mrs. Gibson was in Jamaica at the time and could not join us on that day). The next morning the pennies, shillings, and pounds began to roll in. By ten o'clock we had the last money counted, and how everyone rejoiced when the sum of £57 was announced. More came in later. This sum was beside what the young people did for their respective churches. Immediately some said, "I know we can do better next year." Surely the Lord helped in the Ingathering field day, and may His blessing rest on the workers, the gifts and the givers.

We are fortunate to have Miss Olive Nation, from Jamaica, on our faculty this year. Officially we want to welcome her through the pages of the VISITOR. Already she has won our admiration and stolen into our hearts.

Although sickness has at times thinned the ranks of students and teachers, school still goes on. We are indebted to Elder Gibson and Miss Violet Shakes, who assisted a number of days, also to Elder Numbers, who spoke at our worship periods during the Spring week of prayer.

Now, as a new term opens, may God help us as students and teachers to be faithful stewards so that we may hear the "Well done" when Jesus comes.

—W. W. LISKE.

Ingathering in South Andros, Bahamas

In the book of Judges chapter 20 and verse 11, attention is called to the united action of the children of Israel. They had a difficult work to do for God. Their enemies were powerful and skilled men, for we read in verse 16: "Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded, every one could sling stones at an hairbreadth, and not miss." Verse 11: "So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man."

One thing should be noticed about these men thus standing together, the enemy cannot strike all at once, and by the time he reloads his sling he can be pounced upon and defeated.

The 1953 Ingathering goal was the largest given to the South Andros district in all its history. It came at a time of stress and strain among our believers.

Brother Romulus Rahming, our pioneer worker here for 32 years, was breathing his last, and the affection with which he was regarded held a lot of our people at his bedside night and day. However, we did not wait for the enemy to strike. On Sabbath, January 17, 1953, we launched out taking the offensive. Every man, woman and child moving together as one. The donations were very small. The majority consisted of pennies, penny-half-pennies, and three-pennies. Some members travelled by foot and crossed creeks in canoes for a whole day, rested during the night, did Ingathering on the second day, and on the third day started home again.

When the district was thoroughly covered, about one quarter of the goal was reached. The members next wrote letters to the men who had left home for work elsewhere. This brought in about another one-quarter of the goal. They then got into their own barns and made self-sacrificing offerings from their meagre supply of corn and peas. When this was sold and the returns brought to the house of the Lord, the district had reached over 100% of its goal. Of the six churches every one went over the top, and one church reached 420% of its goal.

Brother Rahming died in the midst of the battle. Today we march forward for the greatest ingathering—a baptism in every church in May. "The line shall not break where we stand."

—C. J. BARNES.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

President H. D. Colburn
Secretary-Treas. Miss E. W. Parchment

Gleanings from Eastern St. Mary

It is God's plan that His people should be scattered among the people of earth, but with a definite programme. "The lay members of our churches can accomplish a work which as yet they have scarcely begun. None should move into new places merely for the sake of worldly advantage; but where there is an opening to obtain a livelihood, let families that are well grounded in the truth enter, one or two in a place, to work as missionaries. They should feel a love for souls, a burden of labour for them, and should make it a study how to bring them into the truth. They can distribute our publications, hold meetings in their homes, become acquainted with their neighbours and invite them to come to these meet-

ings. Thus they can let their light shine in good works." *Vol. 3*, p. 245. Nothing will arouse a self-sacrificing zeal and broaden and strengthen the character, as to engage in work for others."—*Vol. 2*, p. 115.

Brother Robert Thomas, of Annotto Bay, went to Dover, a land settlement centre just over a year ago. He started a little Sunday school on his verandah with a few children, while he made friendship with the neighbours. Very soon after he was actively engaged in giving readings in the community. An interest was created, and before long he organized a Sabbath school, with Brother Wilfred Watson, the local elder of the Annotto Bay church, who co-operated with Brother Thomas by visiting Dover every other week-end. In the last quarter of 1952 Elder Waller visited Dover and baptized seven candidates, and in the first quarter of 1953 it was the privilege of the writer to baptize six more candidates. Formerly Dover was a cocoa plantation, and one of the houses used to cure the seeds is now loaned by the administration to the brethren as a meeting house. We are hoping that before long we will have an organized church at this place. We solicit an interest in your prayers in behalf of Dover.

—J. N. WILLIAMS.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

President H. S. Walters
Secretary-Treasurer L. A. Morrison

God's Hand Over Trelawny

Although today mankind is rushing with a feverish speed and with profound prodigality into the stupendous conflict that we now see, still there are honest souls, yes, thousands of honest souls who are seeking for the Christ of the cross. These souls with the help of the divine hand must be saved, and God is stretching forth His hand to claim his own.

That divine hand is stretching forth over Trelawny and is working marvelously in leading hearts to Christ before that final midnight cry, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." (Matt. 25:6).

The magnetic pull of the unseen hand was felt in a very outstanding way at the close of last year, 1952, over in the dis-

trict of Retirement. When I started keeping meetings there, the ministers of another religion went around with a loud speaker warning the people about a false prophet, the Adventist preacher. This, although it made things very hot, only caused fruits to develop more quickly. The fruits are twenty-one precious souls won for Christ, and a church building started.

With the results from the Retirement effort, and the encouragement of our conference president, I got new enthusiasm for another battle, and started praying for a place to run another effort. My prayer was answered when I met Brother Arnold Dixon from the Troy church at the beginning of the year. He told me about the district of Wilson Run, with a fairly good population and no Seventh-day Adventist, and asked that I come and see for myself. This I did, and on the day of my visit a place for an effort was found.

Before going to that district, the word Adventist was a synonym of evil. Now, thank God, to many, Adventism means hope, light and future glory.

The first night when I started my meetings in the month of February, the people came in large numbers; some for mockery. At the close of the meeting the story took a different side: "We want to hear him again", they cried, and they have been hearing me since.

The ministers of the other denominations represented in the district organized themselves against the preaching of truth. I never had it in mind to attack, but having heard of it, I invited every one in the vicinity to a special meeting, offering any one who could find a text from the Bible to prove that the first day of the week is God's Sabbath, a reward of £200.

The long expected night came, and many came for the cheque. After preaching on all the texts about the first day of the week, and coming to my climax, those mighty ones who came to claim the cheque withdrew themselves with extraordinary haste. The people realizing what had happened, asked that the Sabbath be kept the following week, and glory to the Master, we have been keeping God's Sabbath every week along with a strong and growing Bible class.

This I can say, not by might or by power, but by the hand of the Infinite One, Trelawny for God and God for Trelawny. And by that hand a new church soon will join the ranks of churches in the West Jamaica Conference.

—BASIL L. HENRY.

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The West Indian Training College

Nearly all of the many readers of the VISITOR have a general idea of the West Indian Training College, but very few are sufficiently acquainted with its functions, its advantages, and privileges, and also with its progress. It is, therefore, the purpose of this article to present a short account of the work of the West Indian Training College, and also to express appreciation for the support that the readers of the Visitor have given to the progress and advancement of this school through the years.

Ideally nestled among the hills of South Manchester, two miles from the resort town of Mandeville, and boasting perhaps of the best climate in the Caribbean, the West Indian Training College represents to its 250 students, gathered from many countries and islands, the physical realization of the condition when nature and revelation unite in education.

For over 30 years the school has championed the cause of truth. Men and women from many lands have entered and left her halls and are today carrying the torch of truth lit by the instruction of consecrated and informed teachers to all parts of the world. Of these, the West Indian Training College is duly proud. So long as time lasts, and opportunity permits, this college will continue to be a light house for, and a citadel of, truth.

During the last few years, the institutional growth of the college has been phenomenal. The enrolment has more than doubled itself, and today we find ourselves in need of accommodation for our students. The waiting list of students is long and large. To many of these young people we have to say, "We have no accommodation, we have no space for you". This is discouraging to many an ambitious and enterprising youth who is knocking at our doors for the chance of receiving a Christian education. We can only work and pray that funds will be made available so that we can build new dormitories and classrooms to accommodate these worthy young people. I am sure the readers of the VISITOR will continue to help us in an effort to expand for service.

While we make it our primary ambition to educate our youth for service in the Cause, we also give them training equal to the standards required by the local educational authorities and the local government. The percentages of our successes in examinations have been encouraging, and we are working toward maintaining this high standard. It is becoming more and more evident that the education that counts today is the edu-

cation which prepares the youth to live, performing skilfully and magnanimously all the offices of church and state, both in peace and war. The school will continue to give that type of education which will enable the youth to fit well into his own surroundings, and to contribute to the local needs, keeping uppermost the training of good men and women who will serve God, and live, love and labour for others.

In its effort to serve, the West Indian Training College needs the help and support of all the readers of the VISITOR. You can help by praying for the school and its building programme; you can encourage and work with those who have left her halls in their efforts to teach and live the truth; and you can encourage worthy students with a future to seek a Christian education; and you may contribute by donation to the present building and expansion programme which is in urgent need of your help. May the Lord continue to bless and direct you in your service for Him.

—S. O. BEAUMONT.

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Until the Day Break

Brother Romulus Rahming of Black Point, Andros, Bahamas, passed peacefully to rest at the setting of the sun on Friday, March 6, 1953. He was born in 1833, 1919 Nathaniel Higgs travelled to the United States, accepted the Sabbath truth, and sent Brother Rahming a tract. On reading it he accepted the message, became the pioneer to Andros, and champion of the cause for thirty-two years. He was better known to his people as "the prophet of Black Point."

Our hearts go out to his wife, Firstina Rahming, and his four sons and four daughters who now mourn their loss.

On Sabbath, March 7, he was laid to rest in the Deep Creek public cemetery. Funeral service was conducted by the writer in the presence of the inhabitants of three neighbouring settlements, who turned out in full to pay him their last respects.

—C. J. Barnes

CHARLOTTE DUHANEY was born in 1880 and died February 23, 1953. Her entire life was spent in child training. She accepted the Advent message at New Rochelle, N.Y., and was a very active member of the Shiloah church, Chicago. From her return to Jamaica in 1929, she worked arduously and faithfully at the Hector's River church, serving in every department of missionary endeavour, as well as in the Social Welfare organizations of the community. She now rests in the blessed hope of the resurrection. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

—C. C. Neblett.

SISTER LEONORA SHAKES, of the Huntley Castle church, fell asleep in Jesus on the 26th of February, 1953. She accepted the message during Brother J. Palmer's effort at Ginger Hill in 1951, and was baptized in August of that year. Funeral services were conducted by Brethren J. Stevens, O. and C. Blackwood.

—M. Martin, Church Clerk.

BROTHER REGINALD GLENN, a member of the Dias church for 13 years, fell asleep in Jesus on the 6th of October 1952. He was a very faithful member, holding different positions of trust in the church until his death. We hope to meet him in the morning. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Harold Fletcher.

—Ivy Forrester, Church Clerk.