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We take very great pleasure in presenting to the readers of the VISITOR the new Administration building, Chapel and Classrooms of the West Indian Training College. This is the first unit in the effort to rebuild the whole school plant, under a five-year building programme. These are the buildings that you have been working for in Ingathering, and we feel sure that as you look at the picture and visit the College, you will feel assured that the money has been well spent and we have a set of buildings that we can be proud of.

## God's Appeal

"Educate for eternity", is God's appeal. Parents, elders, teachers, and youth, have you heard it? And if you have, what is your response? The hour is "later than we think." The sands of time have almost run out. Youth are the sons and daughters of God; and He fore-ordained that through CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, they should ever remain—"His cherished possession."

### The Master Plan

Our Lord realized that because of the terrific onslaughts of demons, a counter-attack, relentless and enduring, was both essential and very vital. He named the campaign SALVATION, and the basic training, Christian education. The BLUE PRINT of His Master Plan Jesus gave to Israel, as well as to the remnant church. These flawless masterpieces of love and wisdom are the strongest bulwarks against evil and the down-road to eternal death. Let us then take a firmer hold on the Bible and the dedicated Testimonies called the Spirit of Prophecy.

Here is one of God's most profound predictions. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6. We need to pray more concerning the implications in that axiom. There are, and should be, no "ifs" and "buts" about it.

The educating of our children is to prepare them for the duties, joys and privileges offered in this life, but more so for the greater service awaiting them in eternity. Proof: "Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a HIGHER AIM. True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." (Note carefully:) "It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."—Education, p. 13.

In the light of the revealing and awe-inspiring counsels and information given above, can we afford to let God's heritage run loose in nominal schools and semi-pagan institutions of learning? Are we sure that we have an excuse to permit such tragedies whereby we lose the flower of our youth and declare afterwards, "it was not our fault, the way of the advent church of the Lord is not equal?" (Ezek. 19:29). Parents and pastors, we have a solemn duty to perform. We may have to give an account in the judgment. God and His enslaved youth are waiting for a VOICE to cry aloud and without apology set them free.

What stories we could tell of the rewards enjoyed by pastors and mothers who obeyed God and not man in this matter! Think of those two washer-women who appealed for a teacher to train their three boys and found one, who though qualified with degrees, came and taught for room and board and \$5.00 per month! What vision! Today all three boys are mighty in the pulpit, in the art of healing broken minds and broken bodies.

Thank God, we have such mothers and teachers in the British West Indies Union also. But we need thousands more!! O God, shake Thy people, both in the ministry and the laity, to wake up and save the youth. Help us to know more fully the value of a child in Thy holy sight and kingdom, and in our plans give him attention *first place* and not last.

### Eternal Monuments to Christian Education.

When mothers, teachers, and priests hewed to the line without question or compromise, a youthful Abel continued to worship and died as the first glorious martyr. (Gen. 4:8): Abraham escaped the stains and stench of a licentious Babylon and became the friend of God, (2 Chron. 20:7), and the father of the faithful. (Gal. 3:9): Moses "refused" and he is still the greatest lawgiver, (Deut. 5:1): Joseph, Ruth and Esther set the example in leadership, culture, and also in virtue, and a Daniel came to judgment. (Ruth 1:16-19; 3:4-13. Esther 4:13-16. Daniel 2:15-49; 6:1-3). It is God's plan that our sons and daughters take up where they left off and carry on gloriously.

### Gratitude

To our Alma Mater, West Indian Training College, and to those who made her a reality; to Bahamas, Kingsway, Branson, Harrison, and our church and home schools and their devoted teachers, and to God, the Union say, "thank you and God bless you all."

Our daily prayer for you is that you will sail ever forward till in the kingdom your laden barks shall anchor with "all the children in."

—A. R. HAIG, Educational Secretary, B.W.I. Union.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

You are cordially invited to the East Jamaica Conference-wide Dorcas exhibition and sale, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1953, to be held on the Kingsway High School grounds, 12 Osbourne Road, Half Way Tree.

This promises to be an outstanding event in the history of Dorcas Federation. Lady Sylvia Foot, the wife of His Excellency the Governor, will be present to declare the function open.

## BAHAMAS MISSION

Pres. .... R. E. GIBSON

Secy.-Treas. .... MISS O. MCCARTNEY



Bahamas Junior Academy

## Bahamas Educational Programme

In presenting the educational programme in the Bahamas Mission, I want to let the teachers and students speak. However, I am sorry that there wasn't sufficient time to contact Sister C. J. Barnes, who is the headmistress of our school at Kemp's Bay, Andros. Recently Elder Stockhausen, Elder Gibson and the writer visited Andros, and we were pleased with the good work of Sister Barnes and Brother Toote, her assistant. Some of the 69 students enrolled walk up to 6 miles to school every day over rocky bush paths. Already the parents are saving their pennies so that they will be able to buy books for their children next year. This will be a great help, and parents and teachers are to be commended. We are looking forward, and expecting students from our Andros school to help fill the Bahamas Junior Academy in Nassau.

We are happy for those students from the islands who are attending our school now. We have two from San Salvador one from Grand Bahamas, one from Andros, and one from Cat Island. We would encourage more to come so that these can return and be a mighty factor in finishing the gospel in these scattered islands.

Recently while reading "Fundamentals of Christian Education" I came upon a statement that urged the establishment of vocational training in connection with our schools. Reading the statement at this particular time while we are planning vocational courses to be given at Bahamas Junior Academy, it struck home anew with great force.

"Young girls should have been instructed to manufacture wearing apparel,

to cut, make, and mend garments, and thus become educated for the practical duties of life.

"For young men, there should be establishments where they could learn different trades, which would bring into exercise their muscles as well as their mental powers. If the youth can have but a one-sided education, which is of the greater consequence, a knowledge of the sciences, with all the disadvantages to health and life, or the knowledge of labour for practical life? We unhesitatingly answer, the latter. *If one must be neglected, let it be the study of books.*" —*Fundamentals of Education*, p.41

To balance our educational programme, thereby following the above instructions, the Bahamas Junior Academy is introducing vocational training. Already a vocational arts building is under con-



struction to be completed during the month of September. We will need equipment, and more teachers, but in faith we are launching out in this programme. May the Lord lead and grant His blessing in this new step forward.

—W. W. LISKE, *Educational Secy., Bahamas Mission, and Headmaster, Bahamas Junior Academy.*

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### SANCTIFIED TEACHERS

God has given us as teachers a solemn responsibility. At a Teacher's Institute I attended some time ago, one of the speakers asked us to memorize John 17:9: "For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." He asked us to stop, repeat this verse, and offer a short prayer each morning as our hand grasped the door-knob to enter our classroom. How important it is that a teacher's life be in harmony with heaven, if he would have his pupils learn to love God and the truth.

Jesus the master teacher has promised to be with us in our task. "If you leave Him out of the question, seeking not His aid, hopeless, indeed is your task. But in His wisdom and strength you may nobly

succeed." *Counsels to Teachers*, p. 167.

For the sakes of the children who have been entrusted to our care, let us as teachers sanctify our lives, and bring them in harmony with the Great Teacher.

MRS. W. W. LISKE, *teacher, Bahamas Junior Academy.*

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### A NOBLE WORK

One of the greatest joys in a teacher's experience is to see his Christian influence being lived out in his children.

In the Bahamas Junior Academy a teacher has a broad field for missionary work. In my room there are thirty-three children, and only three of these are from Seventh-day Adventist families; so we have the opportunity of molding these young lives for Christ. Although we only have the children during the days, we still feel that we help in training them in the right way, knowing that when they are old they will not depart.

How comforting is the assurance that, "He who co-operates with the divine in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work."

—OLIVE NATION, *teacher, Bahamas Junior Academy.*

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SAVES SOULS

On September 7th, approximately 175 students representing eight different denominations entered the doors of Bahamas Junior Academy to complete the school year which began in January. We are happy to see that parents in various other churches recognize the high standards and principles upheld at our schools.

Our purpose in accepting students of other denominations is not only to teach "Jesus and Him Crucified", but also to teach the "Third Angel's Message." This can hardly be attained through the elementary years alone. Consequently, we strive to instill into the hearts of these young students the importance of higher Christian education. Thus, we recommend to them our various other schools and colleges.

This summer a young man visited in our home who had part of his elementary training in our school in Nassau, and his senior year at Forest Lake Academy. During his visit we were happy to learn that he is to be baptized soon, even though his father is a Methodist minister. We have had reports of others who are already baptized as a result of the right "seed sowing" during the formative years.

—Mrs. R. E. Gibson, *teacher Bahamas Junior Academy.*

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## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. .... R. E. DELAFIELD

Secy.-Treas. .... MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

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## Kingsway High School

*What it means to the Community it serves.*

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord. . ."

Wherever there are children the need for a school is imperative. The school may be located in a home with one or two children, or it may serve many homes in a humble hamlet or crowded city. Whatever its size, equipment or resources, if it includes among its aims the desire to instill in the hearts of boys and girls the fear of God and the noblest ideals known to men, it is rendering service of the highest order, without which there can be no genuine progress. Such a school is not only one of democracy's most dynamic arsenals of defence; it is God's greatest ally on earth in His struggle against the forces of evil. "In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one." —*Education*, p. 30.

Such a school is Kingsway, significantly called "New Hope" when it was established eleven years ago. Since then it has been a great blessing to hundreds of boys and girls. Many have passed from its portals to take their places in several fields of service; in the gospel ministry, in the teaching and nursing professions, in the civil service of the country, in senior colleges and universities abroad, students are doing remarkably well. They are doing more; they are demonstrating to all the wisdom of the founders, the men of faith and vision who saw what a blessing the school can be to those who seek a place in which to prepare themselves for service.

Kingsway has always sought to maintain an environment in which this idea of service might prevail. Its objectives include the highest spiritual and intellectual ideals, and students are led to see that these must be maintained by those who would effectively enter into the furrows of the world's need. In chapel and class rooms the vision of service is made vivid and clear to young minds which can easily be corrupted by current and outworn scholastic objectives.

It is a matter of regret that as yet we have no industries. Our efforts reach the head and heart, but have not yet touched the hand. It is our hope, however, that with our prospects for improvement, the day is not far distant



*Faculty and Students of Kingsway High School*

when our activities will include at least one industry which will help in developing some occupational skill while helping some needy students to pay their way through school.

With the loftiest aims, Kingsway has had to remember that it is operating in a community which rates the efficiency of a school by a single factor — success in the Cambridge Examinations. While it has never regarded itself as a mere "cram shop" striving to produce certificates, yet year by year it has maintained a high percentage of passes in these examinations. Whatever may be said against these external examinations, this much can be said in their favour, they demand thorough and proper preparation from both teachers and students.

Perhaps in no circumstance is Kingsway so blest as in the type of teachers selected to serve in it. Our teachers are Christian men and women who have dedicated their lives to the service of youth. That their work has the stamp of divine approval is seen in the continuous growth and consistent record of achievement in the school. Our present enrolment of

220 students is the highest we have had. The increased attendance has, however, created the need for more class room space. Our buildings, built for other purposes, soon will not be able to accommodate all who apply for admission. More and more parents and guardians are coming to realize that what the school has to offer is what their children need. It is our hope that soon Kingsway will be physically big enough to satisfy the needs of all who seek in it an avenue to wider fields of service and achievement.

—V. H. PERCY, *Educational Secy., East Jamaica Conference and Headmaster, Kingsway High School.*

### A Student's Testimony

"He shall make a man more precious than the golden wedge of Ophir."  
—Isa. 13:12.

Living in a world distraught with perplexity and fear, youth are wondering how they may know the way out of the prevailing gloom and darkness. I am grateful to God that through the medium of its educational institutions the Advent Movement has provided vantage points, standing upon which, its youth may acquire a true perspective of life.

After standing for two years on one such vantage point, namely the Kingsway High School; two years of tremendous personal import, two years in which I virtually rediscovered my latent capabilities; I am strongly induced to liken that stay in the modern school of the prophets to the Nebo experience of Moses. There I stood, while God opened to me the promised land of His opening providence and opportunities. There I resolved to stretch every nerve to make the necessary preparation for playing my part in the final triumph of the cause of God on the earth.

—ORVILLE N. HARRIS.

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. .... H. S. WALTERS

Sec.-Treas. .... L. A. MORRISON

### The Fight Is On

To our VISITOR readers everywhere we present in this issue our educational programme with the hope that everywhere a new flame might be kindled, and that a general interest might be aroused in that which is the surest hope of survival for the flower of the advent church — its young people.

Here in West Jamaica the struggle has not been an easy one, but under God we have been able to hold the line, and we are glad to report that amidst the darkness the light can be seen. There have been many great attacks by the enemy, but our fortresses (schools) have held firm. Today our generals (teachers) walk proudly on the walls of their experiences and shout victory for God.

Our schools at the present time are twelve in number: one high school with an elementary department, and eleven regular elementary schools. Speaking of the Harrison Memorial High School, the plans were laid and the school opened amidst great obstacles, but thank God it is proving a great blessing to the community and it has been a financial success. Its teachers are energetic, God-fearing, and ready. Its pupils are proud and loyal. See them on a typical school day in their fine green uniforms, with smiles of gratitude, and you will agree with me that a Christian education, ("A thing of beauty") "is a joy forever."

Now spend a while with me in our regular elementary schools. Here our Godly teachers are straining the last effort to keep up with their daily tasks. In each one the candle is being burnt at both ends. However, there isn't a sacrifice that does not bring its measure of success, and everywhere our schools are progressing nicely. Our enrolment is at an all-time high of nearly 1,000.

One reason for the rapid growth in enrolment lies in the fact that we now have one of the finest groups of teachers in the history of our school work in this conference. Their efficiency is of a very high level and they are doing their utmost to build solidly for the future.

Another reason for this high enrolment is the fact that all our teachers are now tutoring pupils for the Jamaica Local Examinations. In the past year our success in these examinations was very good and in the recent examinations nearly forty pupils sat for the first, second and third year examinations. We look forward to an all-time record in passes.



*Faculty and Students of Harrison's Memorial High School on Opening Day  
January 12, 1953.*

We solicit the prayers of our VISITOR readers everywhere that God will help us to carry on with increasing determination and courage until total victory shall come to the ransomed of God.

—JOE FLETCHER, *Educational Secretary, West Jamaica Conference.*

### Harrison's Memorial — The School of Promise

After many months of praying and planning and well nigh frustrated hopes, our first secondary school in West Jamaica Conference was opened in Montego Bay on January 12, 1953.

There is an interesting sequel to the name "Harrison Memorial". The first person to embrace the advent faith in Jamaica was one Mrs. Harrison, who first became interested in the message through some papers that were given to her by a certain doctor. With the light of this newly found faith burning brightly in her heart, she left for the United States and encouraged the leaders of our work to send down missionaries to start the work out here. Thus Mrs. Harrison was not only the first Seventh-day Adventist in Jamaica, but the first active agent in getting others to start the work here. Incidentally, one of Mrs. Harrison's sons was headmaster of Munroe College for many years. Thus in naming our school after her, we do so in memory of a very worthy pioneer in the cause of Present Truth in Jamaica.

When our school opened on the morning of January 12, twenty-three students presented themselves for enrolment, but at the end of the second term this number increased to about fifty. This school shows much promise of growth in this important centre of Tourism, and before long we hope to see the present enrolment doubled.

Our new school building, which is half-finished, is now in use. We hope that very soon the entire structure, which consists of five class-rooms and an office, will be completed, thus affording the needed accommodation to those who desire to attend.

The teachers comprising our school staff are doing a very fine job, and already a good school spirit exists. With God's blessing and guidance we are confident that this tiny seed will grow into a mighty tree, providing shelter and inspiration to the youth of this field.

At present we prepare students for the Senior Cambridge examinations, but at the same time emphasis is laid upon the spiritual outlook that will give the best preparation for their lifework.

We are, therefore, counting on the loyalty and faithfulness of the parents throughout West Jamaica, to make Harrison Memorial indeed "The School of Promise."

For further particulars about the school please write to 30 Church Street, Montego Bay.

—I. B. Benson, *Headmaster.*

## W. I. TRAINING COLLEGE

Pres. .... M. J. SORENSON

Treas. .... MISS E. C. PARCHMENT

## W. I. T. C. Marches On

1953 has been a memorable year in the history of a school that is accustomed to great achievements. Growth and progress are evidenced on every hand. The College industries have been kept humming with capacity production. That means a maximum amount of labour for needy students. Rates of pay for student labour has also been increased.

The new Administration building is rapidly nearing completion. For some months the new office buildings have been in use. At the opening of the second semester the new, well-lighted, well-ventilated, spacious classrooms were moved into: students and teachers welcome the change, and a new impetus has been given to the process of learning.

Through the picture windows on the second floor of the new building, the rolling hills, the green mountains and fertile valleys of Manchester unfold a scene of unsurpassed beauty and splendour. Nature and revelation provide a unique environment apart from the corruption of the world, for the sons and daughters of Jamaica to drink at the fountain of learning.

W.I.T.C. is never satisfied with past achievements. Already our dreams are moving on for a new ladies' residence hall and likewise a new men's dormitory. These are "musts" in our expansion programme. When these new buildings are added, the hilltop itself will put on a new look that will dominate the surrounding landscape,—truly a light set on a hill that cannot be hid.

What are the factors that are making the dreams of years a reality? It is the loyal, faithful efforts of our dear people in raising their Harvest Ingathering goals. Tribute is also due to a friendly and favourable public in Jamaica who have contributed so generously to our building fund. As soon as we have raised our quota the General Conference has stood ready to match every pound raised with two pounds. We believe the same spirit of loyalty, harmony, and self-sacrifice will carry through to successful completion the two remaining units of the project.

We know the patrons of the College look forward to the day when their sons and daughters will be comfortably housed in more modern and adequate quarters. Let us not grow weary in well-doing. No investment that we can make will bring

more satisfying and lasting dividends than investments in the future generations of Adventist youth. Let us join hands, hearts, and prayers that our dreams for a bigger and better W.I.T.C. may become a reality.

M. J. Sorensen

## Onward in Service

Arise, O ye Jamaicans! Give heed to the call of Christian education. The world field rejoices in your evangelistic successes. Twenty thousand Seventh-day Adventists on an island the size of Jamaica is a wonderful achievement to be recorded in the heavenly records. Beware that you do not fold your arms and sit back in smug complacency. Has your task been fully accomplished? You dare not rest until these thousands of new believers are trained for life and service.

Your West Indian Training College has been divinely appointed for service for just such an hour as this. First of all your college has a faculty that has been trained to give your youth a Christian education. You will not be disappointed in their spiritual and intellectual standards. Your sons and daughters need that education that will give them an "ornament of grace and a crown of glory."

The physical plant of your college has been greatly enhanced by the new Administration building. This building is a masterpiece of modern school architecture. The walls, roof, floors and steps have been made of reinforced concrete. The auditorium with its high Gothic arched roof extends to every visitor an invitation to worship. The spacious, well-lighted library will make study a pleasure. Then there is the suit of rooms used for the offices of your staff and their assistants, also thirteen commodious class rooms for study and recitation. These are ample for the secondary and college classes. Lastly, this citadel of Christian education is surrounded on both floors by a wide inviting verandah. Truly you will find it difficult to leave when you visit your new Administration building.

Make certain that your sons and daughters have the privilege of a Christian education. Do not delay; write today to President M. J. Sorensen and make reservation for the new term.

Finally, brethren, I beseech you to WORK, SACRIFICE and GIVE until the West Indian Training College has been completely rebuilt to serve the youth of the island of Jamaica.

—R. M. MOTE.

## In This Hour of Need

Seventh-day Adventists are a people of prophecy; essentially so. We believe that which we believe and teach concerning the will of God for humanity, because the prophetic declarations of HIS Word have brought us to such a time as this, when there must be "repairers of the breach; restorers of paths to dwell in." Prophecy after prophecy is being fulfilled in our eyes and the attention of men and women is being turned to the good Book. One of these prophecies says, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, . . . and your young men shall see visions." —Joel 2:28.

Never in the history of the world, nor in the history of our educational work, has there been a greater demonstration of the fact that young men and women see visions. They see visions of the unfinished task; of souls perishing in ignorance, in blindness, in indolence and carelessness, in hunger and thirst for the bread of life, and like Saul on the Damascus road offer themselves saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And the Lord says, Go to West Indian Training College in Mandeville, at a place called "Coolsworthy", and there it shall be told thee what thou mayest do. And thither the applications come; but alas! no room! There is bed-space for a comparative few of those with willing hearts, minds, and hands to be trained for the last mammoth drive in the drama.

What has West Indian Training College meant to Jamaica, to the world, to the cause of God? Young men strong in character, consecrated to the task of lifting humanity from a pit of ruin, resolute in purpose, uncompromising and indefatigable.

The need of more men and women of this type in the cause of God and in the world is evident to every judgment-bound soul. One consecrated young man, or young woman, can save thousands from eternal loss. But alas! No room!

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power"—in the days when "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh", (those who build the dormitories and those who dwell in them) "and your young men shall see visions."

Would you share the reward of souls saved through consecrated youth: doctors, ministers, departmental workers, stenographers, nurses, colporteurs, teachers, etc? Help us to build new and larger dormitories.

"Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

O. S. RUGLESS.

## Through the Preceptress' Eye

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity of greeting parents, guardians and well-wishers of W.I.T.C. through the medium of the VISITOR. We here at the College want to thank you all for the interest and support you have so generously given us. Were it not for your boys and girls, this school could not function. We have found joy and satisfaction in helping to train them for the future.

Although every year graduates leave us to enter fields of service, yet we are not satisfied with what is being accomplished. We wish it were possible to accept every applicant, but it is impossible. Annually, scores of students who apply expressing their need for a Christian education have to be reluctantly placed on the waiting list, because there is no dormitory space. Many of these get discouraged by long waiting and have gone out into the world never to return. What a tragedy for young people who form the life and light of the church! But what can we do?

A picture of the present condition may give a better knowledge. The girls' dormitory was made to house sixty, but because of the increasing demands from the field we have been compelled to go beyond the limit and pack eighty-eight girls in the same space. Many have been sleeping two in one bed since the beginning of the year. Coupled with this congestion is the age and emaciated condition of the building which has been weather beaten and storm tossed for many years. It is so old that it is beyond repairs. The termites are extremely busy in their work of destruction, and keep reminding us that what we fail to do in times of peace we will be compelled to do in times of war.

The only way to remedy this perplexing situation is to tear down and build a new dormitory, large enough to accommodate all our earnest young people who have been anxiously waiting for many years. But how can this be done when there is no money? The administration building is not yet completed; the funds in hand will be just enough to do this, then we will have to begin anew to collect money for the dormitory.

From the needs presented we hope that you will be spurred to action and exercise every effort and energy in the work of gathering funds for this immense project, so that the youth of Jamaica may be trained in this school of the prophets. Remember, every pound raised makes it possible for the entrance of another student to be sheltered from the dangers of a non-Christian education.

We earnestly solicit your continued prayers and effort so that in a couple years the anticipation of a new West Indian Training College may be a dream realized in detail.

—L. G. Marr.

## Quit Ye Like Men, Be Strong

It gives me profound pleasure to greet the teachers and students of West Indian Training College through the columns of this valuable paper.

The twentieth century moves on apace! Each succeeding year presents greater demands, bigger responsibilities and more perplexing problems. Strange and confusing events are transpiring in the world. Mighty men with giant intellects are baffled, dazed, and bewildered as they peer into the unknown path ahead. Most world leaders believe that we are standing on the threshold of another global war. The war clouds are still hanging overhead. The nations are still girding themselves for the conflict.

Someone has said that when historians attempt the task of describing the age in which we live, there will be no better epithet to use than the "Age of Fear." In this tremendous hour the challenge goes out to every alumnus and student of West Indian Training College—irrespective of his calling, profession or social position—to exert his influence to the full to help salvage the world from moral and spiritual chaos. There is but one answer to the crying need of mankind; there is but one way to a better world—the answer and the way is —J E S U S.

How I thank God for the West Indian Training College—my dear Alma Mater. For over a quarter of a century W.I.T.C. has been providing noble workers to proclaim the glad tidings of great joy to men. May she ever continue to prepare men and women of character; men and women with a clear grasp of the right principles in their conduct; men who are the ripe fruit of a true Christian education.

It is indeed gratifying to see the amazing progress being made in an attempt to build a new college. The Administration building, which is almost ready for dedication, is a credit to the cause of God. Hats off to the men of vision who know how to begin a job and see it carried clear through to a successful end.

I pause to pay tribute to the noble pioneers who through pain and sacrifice laid the foundation of W.I.T.C. As Dr. M. J. Sorenson and his faithful staff of educational architects continue the good work begun by their predecessors, I wish them heaven's choicest blessings.

To the students—the future leaders of the Advent movement—I urge you, "Quit ye like men, be strong!" Fear *nothing* but *sin*! Remember, it is easy to run with the crowd, to be a coward when you ought to be brave, to whisper when you ought to shout. Learn to think for yourselves, and in the fear of God give to men great and small, high and low, rich and poor, a reason for

the hope which is within you. God expects it of you, do not disappoint Him.

"He's counting on you  
His story to tell  
His scheme of redemption to men.  
He's counting on you  
He's counting on me;  
The Master has no other plan."  
H. Edison Nembhard

## Reminiscences

*"Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight."*

Bring back to me the scenes and experiences of the pioneer days of West Indian Training College.

How well I recall the drive from the iron gate with the turnstile for pedestrians and to keep out the cattle from the big yard! The lovely shade trees and pimento groves! The only building, a massive stone structure after the style of slave architecture! What renovations and transformations this historic building passed through until its original identity was completely lost! Dormitory, class rooms, chapel, business office, and whatever was required for academic ministrations. That trite saying "Necessity is the mother of invention," has proved to be absolute truth in the furnishings and fittings. The dining room was the Principal's quarters. Servant rooms became the Normal building and after a time rose to prominence as the Music Hall. Sanitary conveniences were nil. Baths were at a premium; the young men learned to manipulate a kerosine pan of water with marvelous ablutionary skill. Those were days that brought out inherent capabilities. Every drop of water from the tank had to be pumped and carried to the wash house and kitchen. Pumping was recreation for some of the girls and a splendid opportunity for the boys to show their chivalry. No doubt many romances started there.

Laundering was a problem—how the girls hated that—but as the school was established on the ideal plan of every one putting in two hours free labour in every department, teachers' and students' prejudice for domestic work was broken down in time.

Faculty meetings were regularly kept every Sunday morning, when several pages of the Testimonies were read and some of us kept our interest awake by watching the older ones nodding and yawning. Chapel talks based on every phase of the "dignity of labour," or "blessed be drudgery." I can see the students boldly, not shyly, g'ancing at the clock in sheer boredom at these talks, wishing for 10:20 to come quickly.

Farming was the biggest project. There was a time when the science of agriculture was a high grade subject for graduates. The whole school was fed from the pro-

ducts of the farm. We boasted of having thirty-six varieties of farm products at our annual closing exercises.

Industries—farming, baking, plumbing—how we all worked to make these departments a success. What displays of our products on Commencement Day! Then one good critic remarked that it was an industrial school and not a college. So the next year, we had note books, maps, drawings and what not on display. No products of any kind. Few, very few looked at the library displays, but wended their way to the bakery and farm to see what was going on there.

"Goolsworthy"—the original name of the property—faded out of existence when the bold letters proclaimed to all the world that this is WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE. In like manner the old buildings are being replaced by bigger and better ones, but the objective of W.I.T.C. remains the same—to train for Christ and eternity. —MRS. E. E. PARCHMENT.

## WITC News Briefs

Wedding bells rang for Miss Edna-Mae Clarke, one of our English teachers, and Mr. Ivan Benson, principal of the Harrison Memorial High School, Montego Bay, on July 22. A large number of the sons and daughters of W.I.T.C. witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. Stanley Bull left us in June and is now studying for her Master's degree at Pacific Union College. She hopes to return to us in June 1954.

Are goodbyes contagious? Well Mr. D'Andrade also left us in June for Washington on a six months study leave.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Professor and Mrs. R. M. Mote to our college staff, September 4. They come to us from the United States, Professor Mote to assist in the Theological department, and Mrs. Mote in the English department.

A hearty welcome to Pastor H. E. Nembhard and family who returned to the island for their three months furlough.

A new addition to the college buildings is a red-roofed cottage over on a ridge near by Pimento Cottage.

A rhythmical sound is heard down by the farm, what is it? That is the latest addition to our industries, the Concrete Block Making Department, turning out thousands of blocks per month.

New arrivals! A baby girl to Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Parchment, and another boy to Professor and Mrs. Beaumont.

The farm is proud, and justly so—it boasts a pair of twin calves—

August 21 and 22 were great days of inspiration on the hill. Our souls were thrilled and inspired as Elder Colburn, Elder and Mrs. Haig, Mr. Joe Fletcher and the Misses Kerr and Taylor brought back glowing reports of the Pan-American Youth Congress held at San Francisco. The moments lived again as Elder Colburn gave us recorded music from Congress.

It is really satisfying to see the exquisite blooms in front of the business office. Thanks to our treasurer, who is the horticulturist.

Hats off to our noble student colporteurs who have come back from the firing lines with marvelous success. Some have even gained two scholarships in just one summer alone. Bravo!!

## Will Any Run the Risk of Holding Tithe as His Own

"The Lord has specified: The tenth of all your possessions is Mine;" your gifts and offerings are to be brought into the treasury, to be used to advance My cause, to send the living preacher to open the Scriptures to those who sit in darkness.

"Then will any one run the risk of withholding from God His own, doing as did the unfaithful servant who hid His Lord's money in the earth? Shall we, as did this man, seek to justify our unfaithfulness by complaining of God, say, 'Lord, I knew Thee that Thou art an hard man, reaping where Thou hast not sown, and gathering where Thou hast not straved; and I was afraid, and went and hid Thy talent in the earth: lo, there Thou hast that is Thine?' Shall we not rather present our gratitude offerings to God?" (MYP,308) *Youth's Instructor*, Aug. 26, 1897.

## The Joy of Christian Service

On Sabbath, the 3rd of October, I attended the regular monthly missionary service at the Mandeville church. A splendid programme had been arranged by the Home Missionary leader, Brother Ivan Walters, which followed closely the denominational blueprint. Many things were said which served to encourage all present to engage in missionary work in one category or another. There is, however, one experience in particular which has remained with me and which I would like to pass along to you.

The speaker was Sister Watson-Reid, formerly of Cuba, who closed her re-

marks with an appeal to more earnest work for the Master, and it had a profound effect on all present, particularly because it followed a personal experience of hers in soul-winning work. Her father was a colporteur and he had sold a copy of "The Marked Bible" to a shopkeeper. Sister Watson-Reid, who was then a girl of eighteen, was sent to the store one Friday afternoon to purchase groceries before the Sabbath. Entering the store she noticed the little book on the counter and enquired whether he had read it. Learning that he had, she next asked if he believed its message. The young customer then asked what he was going to do about it, whereupon the shop keeper replied; "How can I, a merchant, keep the Sabbath?" She immediately responded: "Close your store from sundown tonight until sundown tomorrow."

Next morning she and her parents were thrilled to see the merchant in church. His shop was closed. It has been closed, she said, every Sabbath since, and he has been a faithful member all through these years.

Many years ago the messenger of the Lord wrote: "God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy—the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice—we must participate in His labours for their redemption." —*Desire of Ages*, page 142.

Is your church conducting the regular first Sabbath Missionary Service? As Home Missionary Leaders, are you too endeavouring to make this service the most interesting of the month? Are you, as a church member, participating "in His labours for their redemption," and thus entering into His joy,— "the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice?"

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