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Australasia Calls

H. D. COLBURN,

Home Missionary & Sabbath School Secretary.

During the third quarter of 1951 the attention of the world was focused on Inter-America, and particularly Jamaica, through the Sabbath School Mission quarterly. Messages direct from this field were brought to the attention of thousands of our people in their Sabbath school programme. When the offering was taken it proved to be the second largest in the history of our denomination and Jamaica benefited by many thousands of dollars. Today these dollars have been converted into splendid buildings on the campus of the West Indian Training College.

During this quarter the eyes of the world have been particularly directed to the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, and we have been made to understand that their needs are just as great if not greater than were ours. The following are three paragraphs taken from a letter which we recently received from the Treasurer of that large field. They read as follows:

"The eyes of the Sabbath Schools all around the world will be turned towards our Australasian field, and in a special way towards the territory of New Guinea, during the remaining weeks of the year 1953. The next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow will be devoted to consolidating and enlarging the educational work in New Guinea.

"Today we see being fulfilled in the long-forgotten territory, the things which the prophets were shown in vision thousands of years ago. Here, across the vast swampy coastal plains and among the towering jungle-clad mountains of the Owen Stanley Range and through the vast valley areas of the Central Highlands, the shepherds of God are seeking and finding the sheep which were 'scattered upon every mountain in the cloudy and dark day'.

"Because of the wide-spread opportunities which have developed recently, the task of training a great army of national workers faces us with a tremendous challenge. The Lord is indeed pouring out His Spirit upon the long-lost peoples of New Guinea in a new and remarkable man-

ner. Consequently, large numbers of national evangelists, pastors and teachers are required urgently to meet the many calls."

I am sure that after reading the above excerpt and hearing the messages from Sabbath to Sabbath from this important field, each one who reads these lines will put forth an earnest effort to insure the largest Thirteenth Sabbath overflow ever, thus making possible the projects which these workers are so interested in.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !!

What? Graduation Day,

DECEMBER 20!

Extra Special Features:

Mrs. Jones' Concert 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dress Circle 7/6

Front Seats 5/-

Back Seats & Porch 2/6

(Same prices for children)

(We may repeat it 6:00—7:30 p.m.)

Senior Class Programme

2:00—3:00 p.m. (Free)

Commencement 8:00 p.m.

A VISIT TO GRAND CAYMAN

B. E. Hurst

On the 25th of August four of us boarded the S/S Caymania en route to the Cayman Islands. A friendly conversation with the mate resulted in an invitation to conduct a meeting on board that night. As our sound system refused to work we postponed the meeting until the following night, when the engineer, who is becoming interested in the truth, helped us out with our machine so that it worked without sound. Elder Stockhausen narrated on the film

that was shown. Everyone enjoyed the proceedings and we were indeed happy for the opportunity to witness for God.

We stopped at Cayman Brac and visited with the believers and held a meeting with them.

Thursday morning we arrived in Georgetown, Grand Cayman and soon decided on the procedures for the week-end. "Share your Faith" seemed to be the watchword as Elder White stayed at Georgetown, Elder Stockhausen at Savannah, Elder Morrison at the East End, where he found the Nosworthys, and I at West Bay. Friday night found us separating again: Brother Stockhausen to West Bay, Brother White to Bodden Town, Brother Morrison to Georgetown and I to East End.

A convention had been planned for Sabbath in the town hall and almost every believer on the island attended. We could feel the Spirit of God moving with that gathering during the entire day. I must make special mention of the meeting following a rousing song service at 2:30 p.m. when the people sat still for nearly three and a half hours drinking in the precious promises of our Lord. At the close of the spiritual feast Brother Nosworthy made an appeal for funds to help erect a church at West Bay, and many hands signified liberal offerings.

Early on Sunday morning we gathered on the white sands a few miles from Georgetown to bury ten precious souls in the placid waters of the Caribbean. Among those who thus followed their Lord was one Sister Jackson who had never spoken for the fifty-five years of her life; but although deaf and dumb, within the recesses of her heart there was a desire to serve God.

We had the privilege of dedicating two churches to the glory of God, one at Savannah and the other at Bodden Town. The edifice at Bodden Town is indeed an emblem of self-sacrifice. Brother C. R. Wood, one of our devoted leaders in Grand Cayman, pooled money,

talent and time in order to effect its speedy completion. That night at Georgetown in the closing meeting my heart was thrilled to its capacity to see young men and women surrender their all to Christ.

On Monday morning we were privileged to see a certain section of the country known as "Hell". On either side of the rocky expanse were verdant meadows, which presented a spectacle of serene beauty. Yet in the centre was the jagged, precipitous, rocky tract looming up like a serpent out of the grass. As I gazed on this scene I thought of the tempter's snares — surrounded with beauty yet disastrous within.

Recalling the events of that week-end, one instance of the wrath of the enemy stands out prominently. Sister Jackson, a new convert, stepped into her automobile, drove a few chains, then came to the astounding realization that the machine was falling apart. This was due to the presence of a valve grinding compound which had been introduced into its delicate mechanism. Her attitude on this occasion was like the patriarch Job — "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken; blessed be the name of the Lord." — Job 1:21.

Space forbids further details of this trip, but I must say that the time spent with the two colporteurs in Grand Cayman was very enjoyable and profitable. They, as well as Brother Nosworthy, are of good courage in their work. Unite with me in prayer for the work there.

BAHAMAS MISSION

Pres. R. E. GIBSON
Secy.-Treas. MISS O. MCCARTNEY

Radio Brings Results

About four years ago a school teacher, and his wife, was appointed to the position of headmaster of a school on little Mores Island of the Abaco group in the Bahamas, by the government. There are hundreds of these small islands comprising the Bahamas, and wherever there is a settlement, government school teachers are provided. Mores Island has about five hundred inhabitants, but as far as our records show no colporteur or worker has ever set foot there.

However, radio knows no bounds, and the school teacher had his own battery set radio. He was of a religious nature and he loved to listen to religious programmes. He soon found an impelling urge to listen every week to the Voice of Prophecy programme. He and his wife would listen carefully and discuss the various programmes, sifting truth from error.

At first he was rather skeptical over Advent doctrine, as he had been reared in the Baptist faith. But the power of

the Word of God began to grip his heart and soon he found himself defending the teachings of the Voice of Prophecy. His wife felt that he was being misled as she was very sure that his parents were very godly people, and they had lived their whole lives in the same church. But they continued to listen and study together.

Then they began to listen to our local broadcasts, and this made them aware that Adventists were a going concern right here in the Bahamas. As they studied, their conviction deepened. However, they had never met an Adventist, and they hesitated to contact them.

This summer all government school teachers were called to Nassau for summer school. This interested brother began to attend Sabbath services without revealing his interest, and for three Sabbaths he worshipped with us, being treated as any visitor. He was deeply impressed by the services and felt the power of the Holy Spirit present. His wife did not attend, but he reported to her of his impressions.

About four weeks ago while I was in the Post Office registering a letter, a young man stepped up to me and asked if I were Pastor Gibson. He then introduced himself and said he hardly knew where to begin, but he wanted to join our church, and what would he have to do in order to qualify. I was a bit taken back for it was so unusual an experience for one to be approached in such a manner. Then he related his story of what radio had done for him and how he was anxious to become one of us. He stated his conviction that the advent message is not only the truth, but the only message of hope for this time. We made an appointment to meet in my office the next day, and at 10:00 a.m. he came and for over two and one half hours we studied the Scriptures. He was eager to learn, and we cleared up many questions he had in mind. I found him exceptionally well acquainted with our message and in full and complete harmony on our great fundamentals. He was fully determined to be baptized and come into full membership.

We continued our studies with him and his wife until they returned to their school in Abaco. He had been a habitual smoker for several years, but as we studied he asked that special prayer be offered that the Lord would give him power to overcome. We both prayed and from that moment the craving left him.

In last week's mail I received a most inspiring letter from him, stating his joy in complete victory. Sabbath, September 5 his wife took her stand by his side and they both spent the sacred hours of the Sabbath in study and prayer. They are both planning on being baptized during their next visit to Nassau.

Truly God is using radio to evangelize the Bahamas. In addition to our weekly Voice of Prophecy paid broadcast, we present many fine live programmes over our local station. Our September time was as follows:

One-quarter hour every Thursday evening—"Twilight Reflections."

One hour old favourite hymns with appropriate script, by church choir, (this is a monthly programme).

One-quarter hour for Morning Devotions six consecutive mornings (every eight weeks).

One hour Evangelistic Service Broadcast from our church on Sunday night from 7:30-8:30 (every eight weeks).

One hour Divine Service from Studio, Sunday 11:00-12:00 a.m. (every eight weeks).

Our workers are so few that 10 of our 13 districts are not supplied with a worker, but God has given us favour with the station manager and His message is covering the Bahamas. Pray for us that we may be able to reap the harvest.

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

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. R. E. DELAFIELD

Secy.-Treas. MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

The Approach to Higher Education

"Let those who have been in school go out into the field, 'as canvassers' and put into practical use the knowledge they have gained . . . The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education." —*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 34. In fact, that is the fundamental objective of education: to teach people how to live amicably with each other.

Why is the canvassing work—the regular or student colporteur going from door to door—the approach to higher education? The answer and proof are self-evident. It is one of the acid tests of individual strength and ability to rise above problems and overcome them, thus using obstacles as stepping stones to success and progress. When a student colporteur, the writer knew what it was to remain calm in the face of strange turns to failure until success mounted the horizon. Defeat, embarrassment and disappointment were all thrown off the pathway without much anxiety, except as I forgot that heavenly intelligencies were my companions and counsellors.

The young man or woman who has the ambition to succeed in the Advent church "will combine the work of selling books with personal labour for the people, and their talents will be increased by exercise." Here is a concrete example of what higher education means. It is the ability to render a service that demands success. i.e. Seventeen student colporteurs of West Indian Training College for a period of ten weeks of mid-summer this year received for their efficient service to the public £969. 4. 9, and a similar sized group of the Kingsway High School for the same period £540. 0. 0. It is gratifying that of the 34 students who worked, 23 earned

scholarships to continue their college programme. This approach to a God-given assignment is positive and practical to the commendation of administrators and a challenge to the fearful wishers.

The approach to higher education, by those who may be benefitted, means longer and harder yet pleasurable working hours, deeper and concentrated thoughtfulness to those whom they serve, and profound technical knowledge in dealing with human nature. Hence, if in ten weeks 34 students—in East Jamaica—devoted 7,196 hours taking £4,155. 3. 3 worth of orders and delivered £1,490. 13. 3 worth of truth-filled literature, then here is a true indication of the possibility for God through men to "cut the work short in righteousness." With an army of youth trained to do house to house labour, how soon might the work be finished, how soon might the work be finished, how soon will the gospel of a soon-coming Saviour be carried to all the world!

—A. A. MORGAN, *Publishing Secy., East Jamaica Conference.*

M.V.S.O: Festival

The Western St. Mary district of the East Jamaica Conference celebrated a unique function on September 2. It began with a mammoth Harvest Festival in which the fourteen churches of the district united, each having its separate beautifully decorated stall, the combined effect giving the appearance of a flowering garden filled with all manner of delights.

Besides the Harvest stalls above mentioned there were refreshment stalls which were also attractively arranged and decorated. Especially appealing was the Supper stall, housed in a large, neat tent on which was written with ferns: "Come to Supper."

The big pavillion booth, 50 x 130 feet, in which the congregation assembled, was itself a thing of beauty. Enclosed by neatly plaited coconut boughs which, beginning to whither, gave a rich profusion of colour and covered by fresh, green boughs resting on lattice-work of bamboo, with bamboo seats and iron chairs in perfect rows allowing three aisles leading down to the spacious rostrum, the audience found rest and comfort while they listened to the excellent programme rendered during the course of the day. Under the beautiful spreading guango, breadfruit and mango trees on the common bamboo seats were also arranged for the comfort of all.

"What a Friend we have in Jesus" rang out through the air as the opening song of the Harvest Service. Pastor Stockhausen was the principal speaker. In his sermonette he drew beautiful lessons from the harvest and also pointed out the fact that the proceeds from the Harvest stalls would be used by the churches to begin their church clean-up programme recommended by the Conference.

Rich and melodious music floated through the air, flooding the hills and val-

leys as Elder Colburn set his electrical equipment in motion. Brother O. E. Gordon assisted by Brethren Herbert Fletcher and Keith Boyd and Pastor David McCalla kept the young people busily engaged in a variety of games.

The Stony Hill Band arrived at 2:00 p.m. and quickly got in action. As the Band struck up the crowd rushed to the pavillion, filling it to overflowing. It was inadequate to accommodate all. The Band number prepared the way for Doctor Hoehn and his group from the Andrews Memorial Hospital who gave practical health demonstrations and valuable counsel, which if followed, will enable us to live longer and happier. A short intermission, and again the Band played, this time initiating a splendid half-hour programme given by teacher Percy and his students from the Kingsway High School. At 4:00 p.m. the Band gave its real performance—a Band Concert. At 5:00 p.m. the West Indian Training College, under the direction of Doctor M. J. Sorenson in company with teachers and students from the school rendered their programme. Some wished there was a Joshua to stay the sun for it seemed as though such a wonderful day was rushing too fast to its close.

As twilight drew nigh Brother Fothergill's voice was heard over the microphone requesting that all Tilley lamps be lit. At the same time Pastor Colburn, who had electrically wired the stalls, inserted bulbs. All was in readiness to flood the grounds with light. With the lowering curtains of night businessmen and others who could not be out during the day came in to enjoy the beautiful Coronation and

other films which were shown from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Thus came to its close this historic M.V.S.O. Festival at Gayle. We take this opportunity of thanking all who contributed in any way to the success of the day's activities.

—W. A. HOLGATE.

A Soul Winning Agency

There are indications of people in Jamaica who are accepting the truth fully through the Voice of Prophecy. With all my heart I want to boost and encourage our beloved people to get Voice of Prophecy enrolments for our free Bible Course in Mandeville.

A very touching letter has reached me today from a young person, Delsadis Fisher, of Yallahs Bay. This letter clearly states:

"I have taken the Junior Course from Mandeville, and I have got a *Marked Bible* and read it and would like to get a next book to read. I took the Junior Course from Mandeville and it has done great things for me. I am keeping the Sabbath and will soon get baptized. After I get baptized my mother will keep the Sabbath. Please pray for me."

This letter has touched my heart. I am sending a little book to this little girl and have requested the district pastor to visit her and her mother and prepare them for baptism. Oh, may God stir us all to work for souls as we have never done before.

—R. E. DELLAFIELD, *President, East Jamaica Conference.*

ANNOUNCING! BIG M. V. S. O. FUNCTION UNIQUE, INSPIRING, DELIGHTFUL 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

AT GAYLE, SAINT MARY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1953.

SPECIAL FEATURES:—

1. BAPTISMAL SERVICE at newly acquired M.V.S.O. resort, 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.
 - (a) 100 candidates
 - (b) Four pastors from Kingston & Mandeville officiating
 - (c) Rich recorded music at riverside
2. COMMUNION SERVICE in new, big Pavillion, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 - (a) Reception of candidates
 - (b) 14 churches break bread together
3. GRAND SACRED CONCERT, 3:00—4:30 p.m.
 - (a) Rendered by best talents from 14 churches
 - (b) Golden Melody Quartette, Kingston
4. SACRED BAND CONCERT, 6:00—7:00 p.m.
 - (a) Stony Hill Band
5. HOUR OF CHARM, 7:30—8:30 p.m.

ONE ADMISSION CHARGE COVERS BOTH CONCERTS.

ADULTS 1/6, CHILDREN 9d.

We Cordially invite ONE AND ALL to
GAYLE, SAINT MARY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27.

W. A. Holgate

East Jamaica News Notes

Pastor R. E. Delafield administered the rites of baptism for the first time since taking over the leadership of the East Jamaica Conference on the morning of September 27 when 5 precious souls from the Gretna Green Church were buried in the sea at Hunt's Bay.

That same afternoon he buried 4 more at Bangor Ridge in the parish of Portland, and by nightfall he was at the Spanish Town Church where he presented the message of the hour and Elder E. C. Walton performed the rites of baptism for another group.

A Missionary Volunteer Youth Crusade, which continued through the month of October, was opened at the North Street Temple on Friday evening, October 2. Our president, Pastor Delafield gave a very stirring message encouraging the youth of Eastern Kingston to dedicate their lives to God and go forth to win other youth for Christ.

—VINNETTE WALKER.

LET UNPAID TITHE BE PAID BEFORE THE YEAR CLOSES

"Let the neglected tithes be now brought in. Let the new year open upon you as men honest in their deal with God. Let those that have withheld their tithes send them in before the year 1896 shall close, that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed of God. Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain 'Thus saith the Lord'. Elders of churches, do your duty. Labour from home to home, that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 306. (Message written from Australia, Sept. 10 1896.)

Until the Day Break

AYER—Emmanuel Elisha Ayer was born 1880, accepted the third angel's message in 1939 and joined the Regent Street Church where he served as deacon for many years. He was always a friend of the children. He passed away peacefully on September 18, 1953, and we believe he sleeps to await the call of the Life-Giver.

—Pastor C. F. Edwards.

BENNETT—Sister Almira Bennett, a faithful member of the Broadgate Church, departed this life on June 27, 1953, at the age of 71. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, three sons, (one the leader of Devon Pen S.D.A Church) and fourteen grand children, all rejoicing in the truth.

—Norman Bennett, Church Leader.

BERNARD—Brother R. S. Bernard of the Mount Carey Church departed this life on the 31st of May, 1953. He followed his Master for about 42

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS

Sec.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

Evangelism at Brandon Hill

"The Master's message must be declared in the Master's spirit. The only safety is the keeping of our thoughts and impulses under the control of the Great Teacher. The angels of God will give to every true worker a rich experience in doing this. The grace of humility will mold our words into expressions of Christlike tenderness."

With these thoughts in mind I started evangelistic meetings at Brandon Hill in the month of July and continued for twelve weeks. Our tabernacle had to be extended twice to accommodate the crowd, as people came from up to a distance of eight miles.

It would do your heart good to see the Bible Class of 95 young people studying their Bibles. Our baptismal class stands at 35, and we are looking forward to our first baptismal service on November 29, when fifteen precious souls plan to follow their Lord through the watery grave, and we expect a similar number to follow on December 27.

We hope to have a duly organized church at Brandon Hill early in the new year, also a church building for which we are now selecting stones.

Pray for the work at Brandon Hill.

—I. FRANKLIN SMITH.

—NOTICE—

The clerk of the Granville Church, Mr. Harry Stephenson, 5 Barracks Road, Montego Bay, desires to know the whereabouts of the following individuals:

Beryl Blair
George Vassel
Enos Blake

in the full confidence of seeing her on the morning of the first resurrection.

—L. Ennis, Church Leader.

CAMPBELL—Sister Tatlin Campbell of Newmarket Church embraced the advent message in 1943, and faithfully walked in its light until the 25th of March 1953, when she laid down life's burdens to rest until awakened by the Life-Giver. Her husband and five children are cheered by the blessed hope of the soon-coming Saviour.

—M. W. Richards, Church Clerk.

McBEAN—The Kellits Church lost one of its loyal members, when Brother Robert McBean fell asleep in death on the 23rd of July 1953. His wife and seven small children are left to mourn their loss.

—M. Hutton, Church Clerk.

SPENCE—Brother James Zechariah Spence, a very faithful and energetic member of the Axe and Adze Church for 50 years, laid down his armour in death on the 28th of September, 1953. His wife and nine children, all in the advent faith, look forward in full assurance to meeting Brother Spence on the resurrection morning.

TOWNSEND—Brother Frederick Townsend, a member of the Santa Cruz Church for 54 years, fell asleep in Jesus May 21st, 1953. His wife and four children mourn but not without hope, cheered by the promise of Him who said, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

—M. Townsend, Church Clerk.

WAITE—Sister Advirah Waite passed away on the 11th of August, 1953, at the age of 41. She accepted the advent message only a year before under the labours of Brother John Palmer, but was faithful until death.

—Lascelles Blake, Church Clerk.

WARNER—Sister Edna Warner of the Santa Cruz Church passed away on August 26th, 1953. She served as clerk of the church for many years. Her husband, mother and brothers look forward to the glad reunion day.

—M. Townsend, Church Clerk.

WILLIAMS—Our late Brother Joseph Williams went to rest on the 27th of July, 1953. Born the 6th of December 1882, he accepted the advent message and was baptized by Elder Rushford in May 1930. As a member of the Newell Church he laboured faithfully for the upbuilding of the cause he loved. We feel confident that the reward of the faithful awaits him. His bereaved wife and daughter, Miss Andita Williams of Branson Academy, are comforted by the promises of God.

PALMER—Brother James Palmer of the March Town church was born in the year 1878, was baptized in 1901—a half a century's walk with God. He was faithful to the end which came peacefully as he cried, "Father I stretch my hands to Thee" on the 26th of October, 1953.

—H. H. Fletcher.

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