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## Arise and Build!

Eric E. Parchment, Union Builder.

Among the many instructions given by God to Moses is one to be found in Exodus 25:8: "And let them build me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."

No less instruction is needed today to modern Israel in order to provide places of worship where God can meet with His people. This need has rested heavily upon the hearts of the believers throughout the British West Indies Union for the past ten years, and as a result we have carried forward an accelerated church building programme. But although much has been accomplished, yet with a constant increasing congregation the need is greater today than ever before.

At this time of writing there are over one hundred and five churches under construction in Jamaica alone, and these must be completed. As our faithful laymen and workers launch out for souls in 1954, this number will increase considerably, thus presenting a still more serious problem. But we are not discouraged and we will not fear the future, except we forget how God has led us in the past.

We are very grateful to the General Conference, the Inter-American Division and the Union for the valuable assistance they have given from time to time, and especially for 1954. These organizations have made available for church building in 1954, an amount far greater than has ever been made in the past. But this is not enough by any means to complete all of the churches under construction; it will greatly assist. As part of a several-year programme to try and change the deplorable situation that so many of our churches find themselves in, these funds will be distributed, I believe, first of all to those who do the most to help themselves.

If you are in an incomplete church building, or are meeting in a booth, the more efforts you put forth to help yourself by raising funds and gathering materials, the more hope you will have of receiving an appropriation to complete



E. E. PARCHMENT

your church building. May we not therefore count on every church leader and every church member to do his or her utmost in raising funds and gathering materials for your church building now!

The Lord tells us in *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume VI, pages 101, and 102, that "In none of our buildings should we seek to make a display; . . . We should employ methods of work that are not transient. Everything should be done solidly, for time and for eternity."

Again we read in Volume 5, page 268: "The house where God is worshipped should be in accordance with his character and majesty." Over and over again we are admonished to make the house where Jesus is to meet with his people neat and attractive.

The conferences and missions stand ready to do all they possibly can in th's

building campaign, and we feel sure that our faithful members and workers throughout the union who have sacrificed so much for this Cause will continue to do so during 1954.

It is our plan, by God's help, to complete and dedicate no less than thirty churches within the union this year. Under God we know this is possible, so let us one and all go forward in faith, believing that the time is just ahead of us when there will be no more calls for church buildings, but a gathering of God's saints together who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

### You and God's Heritage

Listen to God's mighty VOICE! It rolls with dignity, solemnity, authority, and cadence across the centuries. "Children are an heritage of the Lord." (Psalm 127:3)

In the original the statement is more soul-striking and thought provoking; it suggests and reminds that ownership of the child is dual; he belongs to God, but he also belongs to me. God and I must train him for the joy of service in this life, but I with the help of the Lord must prepare my child for heaven and for eternity.

Too often we hastily place our offspring's training upon the shoulders of the Lord and of others, while like the ostrich with his head alone in the sands of blasphemy we think we are safe and we are free. How grievous this attitude has been to the leaders of the church and to God only eternity will reveal. Parents and youth leaders, we "better mind!" Many parents and leaders will hear the words, "I never knew you . . . depart," because we refused to go the other mile or more to hold our youth for God and the right.

Today millions of derelict youth strew the seas and oceans of life. Drunkards and sots at ten and fourteen; profligates



and drug slaves at sixteen and gangsters and murderers as teenagers. Visit the pubs or bars of any city; go to homes for youthful delinquents; visit the courts or flogging trellises of our jails and whom do we find there?—Somebody's darling of yesteryear: children who once were as fair as the morning dew and sweet as a baby's breath.

"O God, wake up the nation; and if Thou canst not, then wake up the church. Help us to build a fence around the cliff and not place an ambulance down the valley."

For centuries the cry of the innocents for moral and spiritual friends to rescue has ascended with the groanings of the Spirit. Yes, for the delinquents and for those at home and in the church, Jesus shed his blood. Through and down the lanes of the centuries Jesus has called parents and youth leaders to help Him save the youth and a Daniel responded, yes, and a Dorcas sewed garments. Today Jesus calls again. He calls for a new and more sincere offensive. "Close the breach!" He cries, "though you must, even with your dead bodies. Close it well and strong so that the lambs might be kept safely within."

Such a challenging call God's leaders in the General Conference and her Divisions have heard and they have responded. "Let's call it," they say, "the Pathfinder's Movement. And let's cry to God for men and women, strong and clean, who love children—the flower of the land—and who will go all out in a mighty crusade to keep back the tide of ignorance and vice and hold our heritage in."

In many parts of the world field the response has been gratifying and amazing has been the results. Thousands of youth are being kept; thousands are reclaimed and hundreds have been transformed into youthful messengers of the King. One such youth in the British West Indies Union has already won sixty souls, while others humbly report winning or helping to reclaim their fives and tens. One youth on being told by his infidel teacher that according to history Constantine changed the Sabbath, refused to break another Holy day, and quietly defied his father, left the worldly college and hitchhiked to the West Indian Training College. Today he sits in cleaner halls of learning where prayer opens the session.

To save other thousands like the two mentioned above, the British West Indies Union is about to launch her little bark, the Pathfinder. Thousands of youthful passengers are invited to make the trip to the shores of the out-of-doors, where nature will teach us; to moonlit bays where the stars will tell; to the bench and the counter where, like Jesus, we shall learn to use our hands; and to God, where we shall hear "Well done." (Matt. 25:23)

Our godly and beloved General Conference and Division leaders, L. A. Skinner and David Baasch, will soon be with us to help our Pathfinder ship get underway.

After Youth Congress in East Jamai-

ca, January 27-31, and three MV Rallies in West Jamaica, January 21-24, we plan to meet on the East Jamaica recreational grounds located at Gayle, St. Mary. There through the courtesy of the friend of youth, Elder Alston Holgate, and the united front of East Jamaica Conference officers, and youth leader, it has been decided to invite twelve carefully chosen youth leaders—six from each field—to come together February 1-3 for special training. Remember them and us as we meet in the Pathfinder workshop.

Long live the Pathfinder Club!

—A. R. HAIG, *British West Indies Union MV Secretary.*

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## BAHAMAS MISSION

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

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## Cheering News From the Bahamas

On January 5, the writer, accompanied by Miss Ena Nooks and Miss Gwendolyn Parchment, arrived in Nassau where these two young ladies are to take up work as teachers in the Bahamas Junior Academy.

We found all the workers in Nassau, where they had been called in from the out-islands for a two-day workers' meeting. We are happy to state that we found them all of good courage and it was thrilling to listen to their reports of the progress of the work in this scattered island field.

Brother Binns reported keen interest on the Exuma Cays, and Brother Hepburn, one of the colporteurs, told of the urgent calls for a worker to be located on the islands of Abaco where we have no church members, and yet a large proportion of the children attending the Bahamas Junior Academy come from these islands. At a mission committee meeting held following the workers' meeting, plans were laid to send a worker there in the near future.

The two churches in Nassau at Shirley Street and Grants Town are both packed to capacity on the Sabbath days, and on Sunday the 10th it was my privilege to participate in a baptismal service when 9 precious souls, gathered in through the labours of Brother Nairn a young Bahamian worker, were buried with their Lord.

Recently a new building was constructed on the lot on which the Bahamas Junior Academy stands. This will mean an advanced step for this school, as it is planned to start a vocational arts training for the older students in this building.

In addition to the young ladies mentioned at the beginning of this article, another young man who is a Bahamian with training in the Bahamian Government College, was added to the staff of the Academy. A Bahamian young lady is also employed in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, and two or three are taking their places in the colporteur work. This

is a step in the right direction, as this field has been almost entirely manned by foreign workers. We look forward to the day when more Bahamians will be carrying the responsibility of giving the message to their own people.

We believe that 1954 is going to be a great year in this part of the British West Indies Union.

—ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN.

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## O SOLEMN THOUGHT!

*O solemn thought! and can it be  
The hour of judgment now is come,  
Which soon must fix our destiny,  
And seal the sinner's fearful doom?  
Yes, it is so; the judgment hour  
Is swiftly hastening to its close;  
Then will the Judge, in mighty power,  
Descend in vengeance on His foes.*

*He who came down to earth to die,  
An offering for the sins of men,  
And then ascended up on high,  
And will ere long return again,  
Is standing now before the ark  
And mercy seat and cherubim,  
To plead His blood for saints, and make  
The last remembrance of their sin.*

*The solemn moment is at hand  
When we who His name confessed  
Each in his lot must singly stand,  
And pass the final searching test.  
Jesus! we hope in Thee alone;  
In mercy now upon us look,  
Confess our names before the throne,  
And blot our sins from out Thy book.*

*O blessed Saviour! may we feel  
The full importance of this hour,  
Inspire our hearts with holy zeal,  
And aid us by Thy Spirit's power,  
That we may, in Thy strength, be strong,  
And brave the conflict valiantly,  
Then, on Mount Zion, join the song,  
And swell the notes of victory.*

—R. F. Cottrell.

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## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. .... R. E. DELAFIELD  
Secy.-Treas. .... MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

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## God's Two-fold Work

God's work today is two-fold, and that work is shared by ministers and people. First the members of the church are to prepare themselves spiritually for the end of the world. Second, the members of the church, ministers and people alike, are to work to warn the world of its impending doom. We live in the time when the message to the church of the Laodiceans is applicable. It is little short of a tragedy that the Laodicean condition is one of



spiritual lethargy, blindness and back-sliding. How sad that many of us as God's people today may be in such a luke-warm condition. The Lord, tells us, "The people slumber on in their sins." Vol. 3, page 254. Sister White says, "I have been shown that unbelief in the Testimonies of warning, encouragement and reproof is shutting away the light from God's people. Unbelief is shutting their eyes, so that they are ignorant of their true condition." Again the True Witness reveals the fact that "a terrible deception is upon our people which makes it necessary to go to them with warnings to break their spiritual slumber and arouse them to decided action." Over and over again God through the Testimonies warns us of our condition as a people, of our deficiency in spiritual life and of our being in the greatest need of the grace of God and spiritual discernment.

"Thou knowest not" is God's indictment of His people. The fact that we leave the world, the cinema, the dance, the card table and pork and come to church on Saturday instead of Sunday means very little to God if our hearts are not in constant contact with Jesus Christ. The Lord has told us the greatest reason that His people are now in this state of spiritual blindness. "I have been shown that the greatest reason why the people of God are now found in this state of spiritual blindness is that *they will not receive correction.* . . . The True Witness condemns the luke warm condition of the people of God, which gives Satan great power over them in this waiting, watching time." The Lord does *not* tell us our true condition to *discourage us, but to arouse us to action* in putting away all sin and working to warn the world. This is not a flattering message it is true, but it is the message we believe God would have His people hear in order that we do not longer slumber on in sin and indifference. He says, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and repent." Yes, we as God's people need to repent, and praise God we have been brought from darkness to light. Yet with that light comes corresponding responsibility.

It is a sad thing that we refuse the Lord's corrections. He corrects us by reproofs and warnings from the Spirit of Prophecy, but we are told "many have despised the reproofs and warnings given them."

As we enter 1954 may we do so as earnest Christians abiding in the vine as living branches. To be in Christ means that we will be obedient to Him as faithful Sabbath keepers, health reformers, and tithe payers. There is to be a more decided preaching of Sabbath reform as we near the end. God's people need to take a far more serious look at the teaching of health reform which God in His mercy has given to us in the Word of God and in the Spirit of Prophecy. There is much light in the Testimonies for God's people now pertaining to everyday living, eating, drinking and dressing and all our



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habits of life. "God has given us great light upon the health reform which He requires us all to respect. He does not send light to be rejected or disregarded by His people without their suffering the consequences." Vol. 3, page 311.

Yes, and by all means every believer in the soon coming of Christ should be faithful in his tithes and offerings. Sister White says, "Many who profess to be keeping the commandments of God are appropriating to their own use the means which the Lord has entrusted to them and which should come into the treasury. They rob God in tithes and offerings. I saw that many souls will sink in darkness because of their covetousness."

Dear brothers and sisters in East Jamaica, let us separate sin from us. We must view sin in its real sinful character. The Lord is coming very soon and He has told us in *Testimonies* Vol. 3, page 260, "The people of God must see their wrongs and arouse to zealous repentance and a putting away of those sins which have brought them into such a deplorable condition of poverty, blindness and wretchedness. I was shown that the pointed testimony must live in the church. This alone will answer to the message to the Laodiceans. Wrongs must be reformed, sin must be called sin and iniquity must be promptly put away from us as a people." Dear brothers and sisters, God wants to send the Pentecost of power upon ministers and people, and Pentecost will come again as we pray and confess our sins. Why not begin to do just that today as you read these solemn

words. God wants us to see our true condition. Let us not refuse correction from our loving Father. Every church should have a set of the Testimonies. Really, every Adventist home should have the Testimonies.

We appeal to all to give ourselves up completely to the control of the Holy Spirit of God. As we do this we will be filled with His presence, and with a deepening spirituality of heart and life we can go forth to our neighbours and the 660,000 souls in East Jamaica who need the warning to escape for their lives.

That brings us to the second point as we start off January 1 on the "Twice as Many" plan during the next four years.

*Twice as many for thee dear Christ,  
In the next four years for thee.*

*Each member win one in four years;  
Help us do it dear Lord for Thee.*

Let us, dear fellow ministers, and church members in East Jamaica join hands together with Christ who is soon to come, and let us labour for Him and for the salvation of our loved ones, our friends and our neighbours, not ceasing day or night in the next four years until we have brought someone definitely to the baptismal waters for that soul to be buried with Christ and to rise to walk in newness of life with Him. May God be with you, my beloved brothers and sisters through '54 as we remember our motto, "MORE THAN BEFORE IN '54" for our loving and precious Lord Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,  
R. E. DELAFIELD



## East Jamaica News

For many years we have wrestled with the problem of having perfect order and reverence at our baptismal services. The first of the new plan of an elevated baptism was put in operation at the Gretna Green Church on Sunday, December 27, when they held their first baptismal service in the church. There was perfect order and reverence as each one kept his seat during the service. Pastor B. E. Hurst presented the message of the hour and in response to the appeal 51 souls took their stand for the Lord. The membership of this church is increasing steadily.

The East Jamaica Laymen's Congress convened at the Kencot S. D. A. Church December 29 to January 4. In connection with this a two-week revival beginning December 27 was conducted in the church, partly to strengthen the spirituality of the members and to demonstrate in a practical way to the laymen the procedure and technique of an evangelistic campaign.

On Sabbath morning great inspiration was brought to the church during the Home Missionary period when short soul-winning experiences were given by a layman from each district. Then followed a group song presenting the challenge of the last days: . . . "The day of God is breaking . . . gird the armour, clasp the Spirit's mighty sword and press the battle for the Lord."

The New Year has brought new life to the districts of the East Jamaica Conference. A new feature is more district leaders and smaller districts, and we are sure that with this closer supervision the work will soon be finished and Jesus will come.

A new membership drive is being sponsored by the Missionary Volunteer department of East Jamaica. It is their plan to reach a 25% increase in the membership of the society by the end of June.

On January 7 at the quiet and restful seaside resort of Doncaster the workers of the East and West Jamaica Conferences met together for a day of relaxation and recreation. They were following the instruction of the Master, "Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest a while."

### 1954 CORONATION YEAR in East Jamaica Conference

Every "Ingatherer" shall take part in this unique coronation activity. Special information will soon reach the churches. Watch! Listen! and GET READY to start February 28, 1954.

—VINETTE WALKER.

Into 1954 we go together in Christ. January 16 is the day of solemn fasting and prayer throughout the field. We shall pray for one another for a deeper spirituality and the "E" Day, January 17, when

each church in East Jamaica launches standing evangelist and his co-workers to advance His cause. *Onward with Christ in 54.* The year 1954 has dawned upon us with glorious opportunities to witness for our Lord and Master. At our workers' meeting which came on December 30 the workers of West Jamaica dedicated their lives anew for an all-out invasion on the citadel of sin during 1954. Their first objective is for the Lord to complete His work in their lives, then they will be fitted to carry the news of salvation with compelling power to those who stand in darkness.

We shall not fail to pray for our sister conference in the West, nor for the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands. Remember our goal for Christ is:

Twice as many for Thee O Christ,  
On a four-year plan for Thee  
Each member win one in four years;  
Help us do it, O Lord, for Thee.

On Sunday, December 20, Miss Parchment and I were present at the dedication of the Kitson Town church. Many had worked to get the building along, having been started by Brother O. E. Gordon. Pastor Walton with the members finished the building.

We learned that a Brother Cameron came to Kitson Town doing house to house work. The church was organized in 1940 with 20 members. There are now 40 members, but by God's grace on January 1, 1958 there will be at least 80 members.

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

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

*Pres.* . . . . . H. S. WALTERS

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

## Items of Interest From West Jamaica

*Jointwood Evangelistic Effort.* On Sunday, November 29, hundreds of people from northern St. Elizabeth gathered at Magotty to witness one of the largest baptismal services ever conducted by Adventists in that part of the country. Over 90 candidates were buried with their Lord in baptism. This large fruitage was the result of an evangelistic effort conducted by Brother Palmer, assisted by his dear wife and Sister Robinson. Throughout the campaign the officers and members of the church gave Brother Palmer their full support.

The Lord has used Brother Palmer in a very marked way. The interest was so great that he had to conduct meetings both at Cedar Spring and Jointwood. At the present time the accommodation at both places are unable to take care of the large number that has turned up. Within a few weeks another baptism will be conducted when we expect around 40 more to be baptized. On Sunday, January 31 will be the organization of the Cedar Spring church.

Elder Palmer reveals that he has big plans for an effort in the near future at Elderslie, where the churches of Mulgrave, Jointwood and Johnson will join in a mass invasion of the area. Let us remember this endeavour in our prayers as the Lord continues to lead this out-

*Lay Efforts.* Under the leadership of Elder Harold Fletcher over 200 lay efforts are expected to be in progress by January 31. The Lord has blessed the endeavours of these faithful brethren through the years. During 1953 over 700 individuals took their stand as a result of these faithful laymen. These consecrated warriors constituted the advance guard of an all-out evangelistic endeavour within the conference.

Our workers are making preparation for major efforts to be started throughout the conference on Sunday, February 7. Many of our large towns will have the glorious opportunity of hearing the message presented. We are praying that, under God, a large number will take their stand.

We wish to appeal to every member in West Jamaica to endeavour to make this year one of outstanding missionary work for God. On every hand we see the forces of evil consolidating for the last onslaught on the church of God. It is now time for us to cast off our lethargy, re-arm our spirits and capture our vision. The church of God has never seen an hour like this. This is the moment for us to strike and never turn back until victory is achieved.

### *District Conventions.*

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| St. James             | Sunday, January 24 |
| Clarendon             | " February 7       |
| Trelawny              | " " 14             |
| St. Ann               | " " 21             |
| Southn. St. Elizabeth | " " 28             |
| North. St. Elizabeth  | " March 7          |
| Manchester            | " " 14             |
| Hanover               | " " 21             |
| Westmoreland          | " " 28             |

*Lay-preacher Campbell Returns.* Lay-preacher H. S. Campbell who inspired thousands at Montego Bay last year July will be returning to Jamaica. During his visit here Brother Campbell will be visiting every district in our conference. Mass evangelistic rallies will be conducted. Plans are being laid so that thousands of people will have the opportunity of listening to this outstanding lay-preacher. In the next issue of the VISITOR further information will be given concerning his visit. Let us all work, pray and plan that God will have His way during the visit of this outstanding layman.

*News Flashes.* West Jamaica extends welcome to Mrs. Ivan Benson who has joined the staff of Harrison Memorial



High School. After a number of years in the Government School, and also head of the English department of the West Indian Training College, Mrs. Benson comes to our school with experience in the teaching profession and an exemplary Christian life. Her addition to the staff will add to the stability of this progressive institution.

Brother Alvin McLean, recently of the Harrison Memorial High School, has been appointed pastor of the western Hanover district. We are certain that under his leadership the Lord will continue to bless that section of the field. During the year's that he has been in the educational work he has found time to conduct evangelistic efforts at Slipe, St. Elizabeth, and Auchtembeddie, Manchester. The brethren in the churches welcome him with open arms.

Recently at our committee meeting, Brother Basil Henry was appointed pastor of the churches in central St. Elizabeth. Brother Henry for the last two years has been in evangelistic work in the parish of Trelawny, having conducted efforts at Warsop, Retreat and Wilson's Run. A church was organized at Wilson's Run as a result of the evangelistic effort conducted there. We wish Brother Henry abundant success in his new field.

At a recent meeting of the Union committee a call was extended to Brother Cyril Newman to connect with the Cayman Islands Mission. We have greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Newman and his wife in the West Jamaica Conference. We are very sorry to lose them. We are sure the Lord's blessing will attend his efforts in his new field of labour.

Brother N. Nosworthy has been asked to take the responsibility of pastoring the churches in northern Westmoreland. Brother Nosworthy has laboured in St. Ann and the Cayman Islands. We wish to extend to Brother Nosworthy and family a hearty welcome as they assume responsibility in that section of the vineyard.

Brother Silburn Reid who has been connected with our publishing work for over two years is now pastor of the northern Manchester district. Brother Reid has done outstanding work in our publishing department. The Lord has blessed his ministry in a very marked way. For some time Brother Reid has felt the urge to enter into evangelistic work. At a recent meeting of our committee it was decided to ask brother Reid to take charge of this district. Elder Douglas who has been in northern Manchester has assumed the responsibility of the work in southern Manchester. We wish these brethren abundant success in their endeavours.

*Wedding Bells.* On the 20th of December colporteurs M. D. Coleman and D. S. Sweeney were united in marriage at the Blackwood church. We trust that their home will be a lighthouse for God, and that their united labours will bring strength to the colporteur army.

—H. S. WALTERS, *President*,  
West Jamaica Conference.

#### NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following individuals kindly communicate with Mrs. Vida Melbourne, Church Clerk, John's Hall P.O.:

Mr. Leonard Rose,  
Mrs. E. Clark,  
Miss Eva Barrett,  
Mr. Manasseh Carty,  
Miss Wilhel Allen.

### 1954 Lay Evangelism Drive in West Jamaica

Realizing the magnitude of the task given to the church to warn the world of the soon coming Christ in this generation, and before the freshness and challenge of the new year is dried from our hearts by the scorching cares of self-centered living, we send forth the call for every church and company in West Jamaica to draft every member in support of the greatest layman's movement yet seen under God.

Our war cry is, 300 lay efforts in operation by January 31!!! Already some of our valient lay preachers are in the firing line. Souls purchased at so great a cost must be warned and won now.

We are about to see one of God's greatest moments. If you are not joining in the fray you are a stumbling block. "Heaven expects every soldier of the cross to do his duty." Let everyone of us with renewed courage "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

—HAROLD FLETCHER, *Home Missionary Secretary*.

### West Indian Training College

On January 5, the West Indian Training College entered upon another school year with an enrolment of over 300. The blessing of the Lord was manifested in the bountiful showers of rain which filled up our tanks, thus giving a good water-supply to begin with.

In order to make room for more girls the teachers' cottage next to the girls' dormitory was made available to them. To help accommodate the large student body, a large number of homes in the vicinity have opened their doors to students, and still a goodly number had to be turned away to await their turn for admittance, while our new class rooms being filled almost to their capacity indicate that some day they will of necessity have to be extended.

Elder Bull has left for the United States of America on study leave, thus joining his wife who preceded him six months ago. We look forward to their return to us in a few months. In the mean time Pastor Nation has joined the faculty, thus aiding in the Bible department. Mrs. S. Beaumont, and Mr. Silva,

a former student teacher, has joined our faculty, and we welcome these teachers.

Miss Olive Edwards of the Caribbean Training College has accepted our call to be dean of girls, but will not arrive before the end of March, and so Miss Gladys Brodie is acting dean for the time, while Miss Verna Barclay deputizes for "Aunt Glad" in the culinary department.

We are also happy to welcome Brother D'Andrade, who was away on six months study leave, back to the print shop.

Aside from our scholastic programme, Elder Mote is leading out in an Evangelistic campaign which will be very beneficial to the young men of the ministerial course, and we are sure will help to arouse the spiritual energies of the church on the hill. We solicit your earnest prayers.

—LAUREL MARR.

### The Alumni Association Speaks and Plans

*"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said  
When wondering on a foreign strand,  
This is my own my native land,  
If such there be, go mark him well."*

Far and near the sons and daughters of mother W. I. T. C. are scattered. Some growing old with the passing of the years and some young and inexperienced. But wherever we are and whatever our experience there is a tie that binds our hearts together; there is that undying sentiment, that filial gratitude that makes us say at all times, "This is my own" dear mother.

It is a real pleasure to greet all fellow alumni on behalf of the Alumni Association of W. I. T. C. As your officers for 1954 we have pledged our all for untiring service. Our purpose is to make the Association an instrument of power and an organ of goodwill to every alumnus everywhere. Here are your officers:

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| Vice President  | Mrs Lucille Walters   |
| Secretary       | Miss Sybil Moncrieffe |
| Asst. Secretary | Mrs. Joe Fletcher     |
| Treasurer       | Mr. Cyril Tennent     |
| Asst. Treasurer | Mrs. Admah Rugless    |
| Alumni Editor   | Mrs. Pearl Nation     |
| Parliamentarian | Mr. S. O. Beaumont    |

The office of Alumni Editor is a new one in the Association. This need was met at a recent meeting of the Association when an amendment to the bye-laws of the constitution was carried out.

Here are a few of our plans for 1954. We first of all want to bring as many of our members as can make it possible together for a day of recreation and enjoyment at some place easily reached by all. Secondly, we plan to hold our annual banquet in the last quarter of the year. Our third big plan is to launch a fund for the purchase of an electrically operated screen for the new auditorium of the College. From time to time we intend



to send you information through this source, direct communications and any other source available to us.

In order for us to make this Association live, and make it meaningful, we will need the interest and co-operation of everyone concerned—everyone in whose veins is passing the red blood of faithfulness. Your annual fee is 5/., but in opening the fund for the gift to the College we are asking each one to subscribe 2/6.

So as to keep down expenses we have decided to send out membership cards duly signed by the president and the treasurer, upon receipt of which we are asking you to send to the treasurer, Mr. Cyril Tennent, West Indian Training College, Mandeville, 5/- for annual fee, plus 2/6 for the gift.

Let us make this fee campaign like the old campaigns of the U. S. A.

We your officers pledge our service and ask your support.

*"Oh, the beautiful Training College  
On the hilltop bright and fair,  
Where the pine trees verdant beauty  
waves majestic through the air,  
Thy scenery, oh, so glorious  
Greet the dawn and setting sun,  
So we'll love thee, oh, our college,  
'Till our earthly race is run."*

—JOE FLETCHER, President.

"What an argument in favour of social connection is the observation that by communicating our grief we have less, and by communicating our pleasure we have more!"

### Family Worship

Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day. A little thought given to preparation for it will enable you to make it full of interest and profit. From time to time let the service be varied. Questions may be asked on the portion of Scripture read, and a few earnest, timely remarks may be made. A song of praise may be sung. The prayer offered should be short and pointed. In simple, earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for His goodness and ask Him for help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer.

"Eternity alone will reveal the good with which such seasons of worship are fraught."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, pages 43, 44.

## Andrews Memorial Hospital

The holiday season was celebrated by the staff of Andrews Memorial Hospital in the form of a dinner which is destined to become an annual event.

Dr. M. R. Hoehn, as chairman for the evening, extended to all a hearty welcome and an invitation, though premature, to be present at next year's banquet.

Morning Watch calendars from the institution and cards from the British West Indies Union served as place cards at the table.

Among the speakers for the evening were Dr. Clifford Anderson. He reiterated some of the experiences of the early days of "Andrews". Everyone joined lustily in the singing of Christmas carols, led by Elder and Mrs. S. E. White. Mrs. R. E. Delafield rendered a Christmas reading.

Miss Whitney, the matron, on behalf of the staff, surprised Dr. M. R. Hoehn by presenting him with a glass-covered, two-tone mahogany tray.

Balloons and small bags of candy were distributed to the children of the workers present.

Another few Christmas carols, and an appreciative speech by Mr. Curtis Parchment, the business manager, for the loyalty of the workers, and the evening's festivities drew to a close.

—MRS. E. HOEHN.

of New York University for a number of years. Since embracing the Advent message upwards of ten years ago the Cause has been blessed with his capabilities.

Dr. and Mrs. Sorenson met the Suhries at the airport and took them around the island.

## Until The Day-Break

**BALFOUR**—Brother Josiah Balfour, a late member of the Devon church for thirteen years, died on the 8th of December 1953, after being knocked down by a vehicle and taken to hospital, where he lived but a few hours. Of a very humble and quiet spirit, he was beloved by all. His wife and fifteen children mourn, but not without hope, for they look forward to meeting him again when the trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall arise.

**BLAKE**—Sister Eppie Blake had been a devoted and faithful member of the Aughtembeddie church even since she accepted the third angel's message in 1926. She was superintendent of the Sabbath school and clerk of the church at the time of her death, October 19, 1953. She leaves her husband and seven daughters, two of whom are attending the West Indian Training College, to mourn their irreparable loss, but they are confident that they will meet her again at the sound of the first trumpet.

**BRODERICK**—After a very short illness of two days, our late Brother Daniel Broderick fell asleep on the 2nd of October, 1953. He was a faithful member of the Devon church since 1913. To his wife and eight children we commend the love of God and the fellowship of the Saviour.

**HARRISON**—The late Sister Rosy Harrison, a member of the Santa Cruz church, fell asleep on November 27, 1953, after a long period of illness. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband and eleven children. She awaits the call of the Life-giver.

**McNISH**—Our late Brother Eric McNish accepted the Advent message under the labours of brethren Daniel Dunn and J. Picart in their lay effort at Ruthven, and passed away on November 12, 1953. He was the first leader of the leader of the Ruthven company and stood firmly for his Lord until his death. His widow, Sister Clarice McNish, and two small sons are cheered by the blessed hope of meeting their husband and father on the resurrection morning.

## News Notes - British West Indies Union

Elder W. A. Wild, Home Missionary Secretary of the Inter-American Division, spent about a week in Kingston where he and Elder H. D. Colburn, our Union Home Missionary Secretary, united with Elder W. U. Campbell in a very profitable and inspiring layman's institute.

Our Union President is at the present time visiting in the Bahamas Mission where he plans to spend around ten days.

Miss Ena Nooks and Miss Gwendolyn Parchment, graduates of the West Indian Training College, left Jamaica on January 5 for the Bahamas Mission to join the staff of the Bahamas Junior Academy.

Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie, Resident Educational Consultant for Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, accompanied by his wife, paid a three-days' visit to Jamaica the first weekend of January. He spoke at the West Indian Training College Friday evening vesper service, and at the Montego Bay Church on Sabbath morning. Dr. Suhrie has been in educational work for 62 years, having served as president of the teaching college

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