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A Message From Our New Home Missionary And Sabbath School Secretary E. H. Schneider

The *British West Indies Union Visitor* arrived in today's mail and was immediately read from cover to cover by your humble servant. The first article by Elder Colburn was of profound interest to me because of the delineation of the work of Ingathering, in which I will be engaged next year in the British West Indies Union. Having had a brief visit in Jamaica last year, I am thrilled to know that next year I will have the privilege of working with you and in your beautiful land. My thoughts are continually on the work there.

I do hope the people of Jamaica will adopt me and my family as one of them, and together we will labour for the finishing of God's work there and in all the world. What a thrill it will be when our blessed Saviour says, "It is done." What a greater thrill it will be when he says to you and to me, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

I am looking forward to my work there with all of you, but I am looking forward with even greater anticipation to the day when the Saviour will welcome all of us into His kingdom.

Elder Delafield's article also emphasized Ingathering as did Elder Walters' article. As yet I have not had the pleasure of meeting Elder Delafield, but I am looking forward to our first meeting together. I will never forget the enjoyable Sabbath spent with Elder Walters in the West Conference. We really had a sample of Jamaica that day. After a fine service at Montego Bay, and an excellent lunch provided by Sisters Walters and Morrison we ran into a Jamaican thunderstorm. We had three flat tires that day, and one of

them in the midst of that torrential down-pour. I will never forget how that tire was changed during the storm! If you would like to know the details, ask Elder Walters.

The article concerning the soldier boy who changed his religion from Roman Catholicism to Seventh-day Adventism as a result of the witness of a faithful girl in Trinidad reminded me of the change I had to make one day some twenty years ago. Yes, I enjoyed the *Visitor*. As I read it, I again was in Jamaica living with your wonderful people and enjoying your beautiful land. That is going to be my experience in the near future. And, in just a little while beyond that you and I with our loved ones will be welcomed into that land that the Lord has gone to prepare for us. And we will be with our loving heavenly Father and King Jesus, our Saviour. What a privilege! May the Lord grant that all of us will be faithful and be there.

Farewell! and Welcome!

Just about a year ago we had the privilege of welcoming Elder H. D. Colburn back to his old post of duty as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the British West Indies Union.

At the present time Elder Colburn has left for a short vacation in the States before taking up his duties as president of the Bahamas Mission, having answered an urgent call to lead out in that Mission for another term of service (he had served as president of that field from

1944-49) so he and his good family are still a part of our Union.

We are happy to introduce to the members of our Union, Elder E. H. Schneider as our new Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary. As pastor of the Greater Miami Temple Church, Elder Schneider has distinguished himself as a worker of high spiritual attainment and we count ourselves fortunate indeed that he and his good wife and daughter have accepted our call to join us here in this section of the vineyard.

A little less than a year ago Elder Schneider spent a few days in Jamaica and fell in love with its natural beauty as well as its people, so that when our call went to him he could not easily turn it down. At the present time he has relinquished his position in Miami and is getting ready to join us here immediately following the General Conference Session. We are sure that our members will welcome the arrival of this family, feeling sure that God will be able to use them to great advantage in carrying forward the work in our field.

—EDITORS.

Church Building Progress



E. E. PARCHMENT

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"LET them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." This is the divine command and we are confident that God's people will carry it out.

We have just received word from Pastor McCalla and the church members of Yallahs in St. Thomas that they are trying hard to finish their building in order to have it ready for dedication in July.

News Flash! —

Latest Ingathering Report

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Pastor Holgate and the members of the Carron Hall church are putting forth desperate efforts for the completion of their building during the third quarter.

Pastor Williams tells us that the Comfort Valley church will be completed in the third quarter if a little more sacrifice and financial help can be obtained. We feel sure that God will open a way where-by it can be accomplished.

The walls and roof of the Middle Quatrers church in St. Elizabeth are now up.

We hope that the enthusiasm being manifested by these dear brethren and sisters will be imitated by others who have not yet finished their task of completing their church building, so that much more will be accomplished in '54 in providing places of worship for our dear believers.

—E. E. PARCHMENT.

Medical Needs in Central America

Mrs. E. G. White has very appropriately stated that the medical work is the right arm and entering wedge of the gospel message; however, the work in Central America, after more than sixty years of having been established, can count only one Seventh-day Adventist doctor in the seven countries that comprise the Union. When one realizes that the medical work is the greatest single agency for breaking down prejudice and opening the hearts of the people for the message that is to be preached in all the world, it is easy to appreciate something of the handicap under which our work is being carried on in these countries that have been steeped in religious prejudice and beliefs that are antagonistic toward the Advent message for many generations.

On the other hand, the lone Seventh-day Adventist doctor and medical institution operating in Nicaragua constitutes a most encouraging example of what true medical missionary work can accomplish in these countries. Religious prejudice is practically non-existent in the areas affected by the work carried on at the Adventist hospital of Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. Letters of highest commendation from government officials, and a general spirit of favour and approval have become the accepted attitudes manifest toward this small hospital and the personnel that are associated with it. Not only that, but a general feeling of favour is shown toward all Adventist activities in practically all parts of the republic and Adventist workers and believers are generally received with respect and appreciation by important people throughout the country.

But what about the other six countries of the Central American Union where there is no medical work established? The workers of the Union feel that God has

prospered the Nicaragua Clinic with the purpose of showing the great asset the medical work will be to the evangelistic programme in all parts of the Union and that He is definitely pointing the way to the means of expanding and finishing the work that has been assigned to our people.

It is with this clear conviction that the Central American Union has asked for and been granted a share in the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow of the second quarter of 1954. It is the desire of those charged with directing the work in this great field, to establish small, inexpensively equipped clinics in the different countries of the Union, possibly even in rented quarters, with the purpose of providing medical care in accordance with gospel principles and practices for those who can avail themselves of such benefits. Judging by what has happened in Nicaragua, the workers expect in each case to see an ever widening influence emanate from such clinics, resulting not only in the relief of physical suffering, but also in a more favourable attitude and response toward the message of salvation as it is presented through literature, schools and personal as well as public evangelism.

The workers of the Central American Union are thankful indeed for the prospects that they see before them as a result of sharing in the forthcoming Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering, and they earnestly pray that the Lord will make the hearts of His people liberal throughout the entire world, so that there will be sufficient means not only for the medical programme that they have envisioned for their part of the great world field, but also for the other projects that are to benefit from this important offering. These workers unreservedly dedicate themselves to the finishing of the great task before them, even as they dedicate the means entrusted to them to the establishment of an active medical programme in the fields where they have been called to carry forward their part of fulfilling the Gospel commission.

—C. G. GORDON,

BAHAMAS MISSION

President H. D. COLBURN
Secy.-Treas. OLIVE McCARTNEY

Church Won by Radio

Truly, the medium of radio is proving a real blessing in reaching the scattered inhabitants throughout the islands of the Bahamas Mission. Our territory extends from West End, Grand Bahama, south eastward to Turks and Caicos Islands

just north of the Dominican Republic. There are approximately 6,000 islands and cays in this group scattered over an area of about 75,000 square miles of ocean territory. Only about 35 of these islands are inhabited by large enough settlements to have postal service. There are nearly 200 villages with 200 or more inhabitants. Only about one-half of these receive weekly mail service by our out-island mail boats. With only one ordained minister and three other ministerial workers, two of whom are interns, one can see at a glance the tremendous task facing the staff in warning such a field.

Practically every settlement has several battery radio sets, and the government schools have recently been provided with wind charger delco battery radios. These sets are carefully listened to all the time, as they are the one source of daily news. The Lord has also given us much favour with our local radio station. In addition to the regular weekly paid Voice of Prophecy broadcast we are now being given much free time. During 1953 we were given free time for 103 live broadcasts with a total of 37 hours. This, along with 52 one-half hour Voice of Prophecy transcribed programmes, gave us a total of 155 programmes amounting to 66 hours on the air for the past year. God had opened the way for us to reach the entire field with the limited staff available. This programme has been in full operation for the past two and one-half years and we are now seeing some very definite results.

In the fall of 1950 Alston Rolle of Mount Thompson, Exuma, enrolled in the Twentieth Century Bible Course then being offered. As he continued to study he enrolled several of his friends and neighbours and finally encouraged his wife to take the Voice of Prophecy course which was introduced over the air about six months later.

Convictions came to the hearts of this family and soon they found themselves keeping the Sabbath without having the help of a worker. We kept in touch with them from the office and explained our methods of carrying on Sabbath school and church services. We sent them the necessary supplies and immediately they began paying tithes and offerings.

They organized a Sabbath school of about 8 adults and 20 children in the home of the first enrollee. Some others became interested in this new found faith and it was my privilege to visit this company about 18 months ago. I found them well grounded in the message and very zealous for the Lord. We spent some time with them and plans were formulated for the erection of a church building in this community; the members were encouraged to burn lime and gather stones and sand for the project. In a little while this was done then two of the brethren came into Nassau to plead for a worker and for help in erecting the building. So urgent was their appeal that the Mission Com-

mittee was constrained to re-appropriate available funds so as to give assistance to this company of believers. Thus with a minimum amount of lumber and roofing materials they put up a fine stone building, working with a determination and zeal that only the new believer knows. With their little church completed now came an appeal for a worker to train them as well as others in the message.

We were happy to secure the services of a consecrated young evangelist who was teamed up with an intern and these two men were sent into this community to hold the first Adventist effort there. The meetings were well attended from the start and after four weeks the leader and owner of the largest church in the community gave his heart to the Lord and desired to cast in his lot with us. He immediately offered his church to the denomination.

On the 20th of February our Union Home Missionary Secretary and I visited Mount Thompson, at which time it was my privilege to receive a "fee simple deed" to this fine church building located on about one acre of ground right in the centre of this out-island community. Both the donor and his wife and several members of their family, along with 15 or 20 other candidates are planning on going forward in baptism around the middle of April, at which time we plan to hold a combined baptism and church dedication, followed by the organization of a new church.

As a result of the spiritual awakening other villages are requesting that workers be sent to them, and just this week it was our good pleasure to send another young man to join with this evangelistic team in order that they may continue to carry on in this community as well as answer at least one of the calls of nearby settlements.

The Lord is truly working in the Bahamas. Calls are coming to us from nearly every one of our out-island districts and we have no more workers to send. We ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord will send strong, consecrated young men into the field to answer the urgent calls for help. Life is rugged in these rocky islands, but the great commission says, "Go ye into all the world" and we thank God for the blessed privilege of serving in this challenging little corner.

R. E. GIBSON

Bahamas News Notes

The Bahamas Mission welcomes Brother Victor Griffiths who has joined our small staff of workers. He comes to us as an intern having recently graduated from the West Indian Training College. Shortly after his arrival Brother Griffiths proceeded to the island of Exuma to join Brethren Binns and Nairn in their evangelistic campaign.



Elder Gibson receiving deed from donor of church in presence of Evangelists Binns and Nairn and two other members.

After serving faithfully for the past five years, Elder Gibson and his family have accepted a call to join the Columbia-Venezuela Union. The Gibsons will go on furlough after attending the General Conference session, after which they plan to go to Aruba where Elder Gibson will serve as president of the Curacao Mission. We bid these dear ones adieu with a heavy heart, but are cheered to know that that they will still be working with us in the Inter-American Division.

Somehow our sorrows are always tempered with joys by our loving Heavenly Father. While saying goodbye on one hand, on the other we have the pleasure of saying welcome to our old friends Elder and Mrs. Colburn who left us five years ago. The Bahamas Mission rejoices in the decision of these faithful workers to return to us and lead out in the Mission once more. We are glad to welcome their son and daughter, Jimmy and Shirley, with them.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. R. E. DELAFIELD

Secy.-Treas. MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

Sabbath School Convention

I hear the beautiful song,
*"Jesus is coming in clouds of pure white
 To take His children home;
 I must be ready when Jesus comes
 To take His children home."*

Elder and Mrs. Wild lead in the song while Miss Meyer of the General Conference Sabbath School Department is at the flannelgraph board putting up the pictures of Jesus coming with His angels, and the boys and girls looking up and waiting for Him.

What a Sabbath School Convention on child evangelism in the North Street church, Wednesday through Sabbath March 10-13!

The emphasis throughout was for the cradle roll and kindergarten divisions, ages one to seven. Miss Meyer emphasized two points mainly throughout her timely counsel based on the Spirit of Prophecy:

- (1) The first seven years training mean more than all the following years in a person's life.
- (2) Everything in the Sabbath school must be Christ-centered. This includes finger-plays, songs, illustrations, stories and everything in the little tots' division.

What a thrill it has been to see our dear leaders of the Sabbath school work, including Elders Colburn and Campbell, laying an earnest burden on the hearts of our Sabbath school superintendents and division leaders to bring to their children's divisions the solemn importance God attaches to them.

As Elder Campbell leads the conference programme in over 100 Sabbath schools may the Holy Spirit stir and teach and help the local church Sabbath school leaders to work for the interest and salvation of every boy and girl in our ranks.

When we think that we are losing over 50% of our children to the world, let us concentrate in East Jamaica on child evangelism. Let us train them in their earliest years to work for God. They can attend baptismal classes and many will be won for Christ. "You must work for them, save them and keep them in the church", were the closing words of Miss Meyer of the General Conference.

—R. E. DELAFIELD.

Progress in East Jamaica

The work in the East Jamaica Conference is moving forward. Comparisons with the first quarter of last year reveal a gain in every line.

During the period under review, the first quarter of 1954, 247 individuals were baptized. This number gives a gain of 90 over the same period of last year. Experiences in connection with the winning of these souls are moving. Everywhere were found men and women hungry for truth, waiting to be shown the way.

The faithfulness of our members is revealed in the tithe turned into the treasury. There is a gain of over £400. We hope and pray that everyone will continue to be faithful in this line and thus receive God's blessing.

Prospects for the future are bright. Efforts are being held as follows:

Worker	Place
C. F. Edwards	Regent Street
D. McCalla	Morant Bay
O. E. Gordon	Gretna Green
T. O. Snaw	Eurton
L. H. Fletcher	Islington

Attendance at these efforts is very good and the numbers registered in the Bible classes are encouraging.

Our workers are all of good courage and are determined by God's help to reach the goals set at the beginning of the year. This same spirit prevails among the members and is being evidenced by the number of lay efforts now in progress. Pray for the work in East Jamaica.

—W. U. CAMPBELL.

It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience to see hundreds gathered around the water at March Town, Hanover, where 80 from the district of Pastor Greene and Brother McLean were baptized.

Over 300 have been baptized this first quarter, though all reports have not yet reached the office, but while this report is being written many of our largest baptisms which were put off to meet the visit of Brother H. S. Campbell have come off.

The church is moving on to her supreme hour. We praise God for the showing of His mighty arm. Declares the pen of inspiration: "So mightily can God work when men give themselves to the control of His Spirit. To us today as verily as to the first disciples the promise of the Spirit belongs."

H. H. FLETCHER,
Mome Missionary Secretary.

Vitamins — the Sparkle of Youth — 1

Vitamins are chemical substances which are present in food in very small amounts and which are very necessary in our diets. They are not needed in large amounts nor do they in themselves give energy to the body or provide building material for the body. They are necessary, however, in adequate amounts so that the body can properly digest and use the energy foods and the building foods that come from other sources. There are several Vitamins and all are necessary for one cannot replace another. The main ones to be considered are Vitamins A, B1, B2, (or G), C, D, E, and K.

VITAMIN A.

Functions:

- Maintains healthy skin and soft tissue;
- Combats night blindness;
- Combats infections of the mucous membranes such as is found in the nose and mouth;
- Increase life span;
- Necessary to normal development of the teeth.

Sources:

- Green and yellow fruits and vegetables such as citrus, mango, paw-paw, bananas, callalu, beet greens, carrots, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, corn;
- Butter & Margarine;
- Egg yolk.

Vitamin A. is not destroyed by ordinary cooking. Be sure to eat your green and yellow fruits and vegetables every day.

(To be continued)

—M. R. HOEHN, M.D.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS
Sec.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

Evangelism in West Jamaica

Even now God is using weak and unworthy instruments to do a great work. If we were prepared for the "power" we would not now be seeing the "drops" but "showers" of Pentecost.

Truly there is "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." A mighty upsurge in lay evangelism led by a main effort by almost all our district pastors has set the hills and valleys of West Jamaica echoing, not only with songs of praise, but also with rejoicing and thanksgiving as scores of men, women and children respond night after night to the call of the Spirit.

It is impossible to answer the calls that come in from our lay-preachers for visits to their efforts. Over 300 have been organized for service. I had the pleasure to attend the lay effort with the brethren of Bird's Hill, Siloah and Lewis. Then last Thursday night in company with the President and Brother H. S. Campbell, the forceful and zealous layman of U.S.A., I visited Brother Nunes' effort at River Head, near Moneague, where a large crowd awaited us. We were happy to have Brother Campbell with us and do appreciate the inspiration he has brought to our lay-preachers. He gave the message and some of his experiences in winning souls. At each of the foregoing lay-efforts there were large crowds and a good interest in the truths presented. We are assured of a large harvest in our second quarter.

Brother Hyatt's effort at Vaughansfield in drawing hundreds every night and out of all the gifts that had been brought, upwards of 100 have signified their intention to obey the truth, the night that I visited.

West Jamaica News Notes

All records were broken when over 2,000 were present at the March Town Convention on the 21st of March. Early that morning there was a baptism at the river when 80 precious souls were buried with their Lord. The devotional sermon was delivered by Brother H. S. Campbell, the flying layman of the United States. All were filled spiritually as thrilling experiences were told by Brother Campbell of how men and women have sacrificed their all and taken their stand with God's commandment-keeping people. Every one returned to his home feeling refreshed and with a determination to do valiant service for the Master in 1954.

Sunday, the 21st, was really a banner day. After the baptism and convention at March Town, 29 were baptized at Roehampton in the afternoon. Later that evening 16 were also baptized at the Montego Bay church. We give God the glory for the addition of these precious souls to our churches.

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This week (April 17) will find all the members of the West Jamaica Conference sending up their first shout of victory—for indeed VICTORY IS IN SIGHT. The £3,000 mark has been reached in our 1954 Ingathering campaign!

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The district of Westmoreland turned out with flying colours to their convention at Savanna-la-mar. All returned home with new zeal to make real the slogan — MORE THAN BEFORE IN '54.

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A very successful Harvest Festival was held at the Mandeville church on Sunday, April 11. Elder S. E. White, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, delivered a most inspiring address. A lovely programme followed and the evening's activities were crowned by a complete sell-out of all the gifts that had been brought.

—VALERIE RYAN.

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