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Were employing 20,278 workers in 139 countries  
in 394 languages.

The organization included 478 conferences, 682 in-  
stitutions, and 6,557 churches.

Number baptized, 1929, 29,371. This is an average  
of 80 each day. The net gain, 1929, 14,262.

Sabbath-school membership, December, 1929, 358,-  
844.

Donations in North America were \$8,837,788.47.  
This averages \$75.04 per member.

Donations outside North America were \$3,983,403-  
.87. This averages \$21.91 per member.

Total offerings, 1929, \$12,821,192.34.

Literature sales, 1929, \$4,939,917.08, in 141 lan-  
guages. To buy one copy of each book published  
would cost \$1,746.29.

Our educational work consists of 1,971 Primary  
Schools, 204 Intermediate and Advanced. Total,  
2,175 schools and colleges. Enrollment, 89,833.

**A Happy New Year to You All!**



### JAMAICA CONFERENCE SESSION

The 20th session of the Jamaica Conference was held at Kingston, November 20-30, in the North Street Church. The attendance and interest was the best ever known in Jamaica. God blessed His people as they came before Him day by day, from early morning until the closing service at night, with one continual stream of blessing.

The business of the conference passed off very harmoniously, Pastor H. J. Edmed being re-elected as President with Bro. J. W. Grounds as Secretary-Treasurer. Pastors L. L. Hutchinson, H. Fletcher, Geo. A. E. Smith, L. Rashford, and Dr. H. Johnston were chosen with the President and Secretary-Treasurer as the Conference Committee.

Rupert Harriott was elected Secretary of the Book and Bible House. The other Departmental Secretaries chosen were, Pastor B. A. Meeker, Home Missionary and Y. P. M. V. S. Secretary; Miss Violet Peake, Educational, W. S. Nation, Field Missionary, Mrs. H. J. Edmed, Sabbath-school, and H. J. Edmed, Religious Liberty.

With this strong staff of leadership we feel confident that the work will move forward in the Jamaica Conference with even greater success than in the past.

The reports given by the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and each Department leader showed a good onward and upward advance during the past biennial period. During the years 1928-1929 there were 865 persons baptized. The Tithes and offerings, Harvest Ingathering, Sabbath-school, and other offerings all showed encouraging increases.

The Church membership has now reached nearly 3,500, and the last Sabbath-school membership report was 4,240. We expect before many quarters pass to see it reach 5,000. It would be fine, I think, to see 5,000 Sabbath-school members wending their way to Sabbath-school in Jamaica each Sabbath day.

All in attendance at the Conference were very appreciative of the general help provided in the persons of Pastor Andross, our Inter-American Division President, Pastor G. W. Wells, one of the field Secretaries of the General Conference, Professor W. L. Adams, the Educational Secretary of the Division, and Sister Andross, who gave such valuable and appreciated help to our young people in their meetings.

The Sunday evening meetings were held in the Ward Theatre, and the last Sunday night an overflow meeting was also held in the North St. Church. Both buildings were filled to capacity, with many turned away. It is estimated that fully 2,000 persons were in attendance at

the closing service held in the two places.

We believe that this conference session will mean much for the onward advance of the work. A greater spirit of love, unity, and co-operation on the part of every member will mean the ingathering of multitudes of souls for the soon coming Kingdom. May God greatly bless all the dear brethren and sisters in the Jamaica Conference that they may respond to the call of the Spirit of prophecy: "Press together, press together, press together," and thus be prepared for the coming of Jesus as one band of believers.

A. R. OGDEN.

### The Conference

It has not been our privilege to attend a conference meeting in Jamaica before, so we cannot compare the session just closed with previous meetings. But we have greatly enjoyed the ten days of heart searching, and deeply spiritual instruction, and the sweet fellowship of the 174 delegates representative of all our churches and companies throughout the Island besides the 43 delegates at large.

In another place, Pastor A. R. Ogden has listed the names of the visiting brethren from the General Conference, whose studies and sermons were a series of uplifting and soul stirring refreshing. Hearts were moved with conviction and surrender, and many precious victories were gained that must affect many lives for good.

The meetings began a week beforehand, it being felt that we should spend time seeking the Lord in preparation for the meeting of the Conference. Night services were held in the North Street church building, and from the first their popularity was assured and emphasized by the splendid congregations that met, as well as the spirit of consecration and love that characterized them.

The shipping schedule necessitated the arrival of the General ministers in time for these good meetings, and they entered into them with zeal and spirit, and their efforts were rewarded by a touching and general response. Pastor Ogden had been on the ground for several weeks, and joined in the ministry with his usual fervour.

Erstwhile, Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith was busy searching for suitable housing accommodation for the delegates—a by no means easy task that he so willingly undertook. Pastor H. Fletcher, with the assistance of Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, Brethren Wilde and Lynch and a party of willing workers transformed the Taber-

nacle and yard into a combination meeting place for the Young People, and a dining place for the guests

Brother R. Harriott also was joined by Brethren W. S. Nation, Collin Pitter, and E. Hinds, fitting up a large corner of the schoolroom for a Publishing House display which did them great credit. Another corner was decorated by the Sisters Peake and Gordon, and some of the College students, with samples of student work, some of which was of great merit. A large patchwork quilt, and three pictures by an eighth grade pupil were much admired.

Inside the Church Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson assisted by several willing hands, transformed the building interior into a very pleasing appearance. At the back of the rostrum was a large "WELCOME" in white, decorated with green, and hanging streamers adorned the face of the gallery. Vases of flowers livened the platform so soon to be the scene of many sacred feasts.

Unfortunately, Miss M. Wright our office stenographer had to be in the doctor's hands during the preparations, but Miss Miriam Wilson and Miss L. Smith very kindly came to our rescue, so that all our official reports were ready on time.

To the following committee, appointed beforehand by the Executive Committee, we place the credit for the very satisfactory management of these matters:

#### HOME COMMITTEE

Pastor Geo. A. E. Smith, R. B. Campbell, Misses E. Williams and A. W. Sangster.

#### COMMISSARIAT COMMITTEE

Pastor H. Fletcher and Pastor A. C. Stockhausen.

#### DECORATING COMMITTEE

Sisters Hutchinson, Evans, Midnight, Grounds, and Masiass.

#### CAMP COMMITTEE

Pastors L. Rashford, H. P. Lawson, and Bro. Uri Morgan.

#### BOOK COMMITTEE

R. Harriott, W. S. Nation, and E. Hinds.

Other Committees were appointed for various responsibilities connected with the actual running of the Conference, as follows:

#### REPORTING AND ADVERTISING

R. Harriott, Miss L. Smith, and Pastor A. R. Ogden.

#### MUSIC

Bro. D. Walker, Conductor, Miss Rose Harrison, and Mrs. B. A. Meeker.

#### USHERS

Bros. W. S. Nation, A. Haig, and the

Colporteurs, as well as the deacons of the North Street Church.

#### SEATING OF DELEGATES

Pastors H. P. Lawson, W. H. Randle, and L. Rashford.

It will be easy to understand how well regulated the proceedings would be with such a staff of workers, and without stopping to particularize, suffice it to say that every one acted his part with efficiency and satisfaction to all.

#### An Act of Courtesy

The Conference Committee invited the following persons, as veterans from the ranks who are highly respected to be the special guests of the Conference:

Pastor M. Jones, Sister Fletcher, and Bro. H. J. Townsend. Unfortunately the two last named were unable to attend, but greatly appreciated the honour thus conferred upon them; while our dear Pastor Methuselah Jones occupied a place of honour at all the Conference meetings.

#### THE SABBATH DAYS

These were real feast days. Solemn, reviving, converting, and victorious—these meetings will never be forgotten. It was a wonderful sight to see the crowds of believers that filled every nook and corner of the large building, and thronged the grounds around. The choir filled their seats, and in front of the pulpit, there solemnly sat the fine line of Jamaica's best ministers of the Gospel. Behind the pulpit six of the leaders in Israel held up the speaker's hands by prayer. Every sentence in the addresses seemed to lift us a step higher. There was no excitement, but a quiet and sober realization of our need for deeper and more thorough heart work moved all until the response to the call for renewed consecration became spontaneous. We truly believe that every heart was stirred to a convicting sense of our need for more genuine repentance that will leave lasting effects upon our lives.

The afternoons were like the mornings. Different speakers only served to help us see spiritual realities from different and new angles. When the days were over we had rested in the sabbath rest, and carried peace and rest into the week before us.

We must not pass by the Sunday night meetings, for which we secured the great theatre building. Pastor Andross gave an exhibition of moving pictures showing our mission work among the Indians of the Inter-American territory. The pictures also of the recent General Conference attracted much attention. He then delivered his Message of present truth. The building

was packed until even the aisles were thronged with standing persons. Yet hundreds were turned away unable to gain admission. The last Sunday night, an overflow meeting was held at the church as well, and both the theatre and the church were crowded. Pastor Wells spoke at the overflow meeting, which was followed by a touching baptismal service, in which twenty-five persons were united to the Remnant Body. How wonderful it all seemed. Over two thousand must have attended these two meetings, and a deep impression was left on many minds.

It was remarkable to witness the keen interest of the public to hear our Leaders speak of the Second Coming of Christ, and the Sabbath Question. Long before the time announced for the night meetings, the church was packed, and the Messages given were full of light and power. The great audiences maintained their numbers night after night. Indeed the public appeared to be as much concerned in the success of the meetings as did our own members. Many new thoughts on these subjects will also prove a blessing to those who have long known the truth.

Thus we have outlined the proceedings briefly. Their real enjoyment and profit had to be witnessed to be appreciated, and we feel sorry that all our dear people could not attend. The Lord promised showers of blessings, and they fell copiously every day. We feel sure that the Delegates and friends who came will carry to their churches many pleasant and profitable stories of one of Jamaica's greatest gatherings.

H. J. EDMED

#### The Music

A splendid choir contributed to the interest of the great meetings. This was formed of: the combined talent of the North St. Choir, the Spanish Town Choir, and musicians from the country. The anthems were fine. The "Spiritual"—"Swing Low Sweet Chariot"—of the Spanish Town Choir, was heart melting. Bro. Lee Fletcher drew some sweet melody from a saw that usually irritates, and the solos of the Misses McCatty, Sasso, and Sisters Meeker, Lurch and Bro. Stanford, added interest to the programmes. Miss Fanny Burke, Miss Rose Harrison, Miss Hogg and Mrs. Gordon made the musical instruments speak to us; and Professor Dunn's trombone solo delighted us. Bro. Campbell's deep base voice gave strength to the music, and his reciting powers pleased us. There were others too numerous to mention. We appreciated them all.

#### The Daily Programme

We began each day with a devotional service led by one of our Jamaican ministers, whose studies warmed our hearts and prepared us for each day's earnest thinking. We wish we could give the studies, but they would require much space. We must ask them to repeat them among the churches, for they were well worth hearing.

At nine o'clock a Bible study was conducted by Pastor Wells, and Pastor Andross. Pastor Wells led us through green pastures of soul-saving truth, along the lines of personal victory over sin and the precious gift of God's righteousness. Every study sunk deep down into the corners of our hearts, and disclosed the sin that so easily besets us. In a kindly if pointed manner he showed the exceeding sinfulness of malice, criticism, fault-finding, and other kindred wrongs, and showed the way to escape from them. The forgiving, helping and sustaining, love of God were greatly magnified in each of these studies.

Pastor Andross dug deep down into the truth about the gift of prophecy, the character of the remnant church, and the organization of the church. His clear pronouncement of Bible teaching on these themes cleared up many mysteries and answered many questions, until it seemed as if the whole camp had been brought into a state of unity and love like unto that of Pentecost.

At 10:15 and at 3:00 the Conference business was transacted. Each day had its specific order and subject.

Friday, Nov. 21, the Conference was organized, and the President presented his report.

Sunday, 23rd, was Y. P. M. V. S. day. Monday, 24th, was ministers' day, and all the ministers presented their reports.

Tuesday, 25th, educational day, was occupied with our Mandeville faculty and the church school teachers.

Wednesday, 26th, the Sabbath-school Department took precedence. Thursday, 27th, the Home Missionary Department presented its attractions, and Brother Nation added his report, so that Friday, 28th, the colporteurs held the floor.

Sunday, 30th, was the last day. Remnants of business were finished up, and a splendid meeting in which harmony and love seemed to dissolve into a stream that flowed through every heart in grateful consecration for another term.

#### Feeding the Multitude

Meal times were full of interest. The Tabernacle was fenced from public view, and the seats occupied by the young peo-

ple in their crowded meetings were replaced by long tables covered with white marble oil-cloth. On the eastern side were the cooking range and the serving stand, from whence well cooked and wholesome food sustained the delegates during their stay. The Misses A. M. Dillon, Olive Fletcher, B. Alexander, and J. Mais were Pastor Fletcher's first assistants in this department. Superintending the tables were Mrs. Walker of Guy's Hill, and Brethren Strother, Stevens, R. Hurst, and Harold Fletcher.

This arrangement being in the Church yard, the delegates were saved wearing walks in the heat of the day, and the attendance was all that could be desired. Our visiting friends from the country, who shared in the results of this, expressed great satisfaction. To the promptness and efficiency of this corps of workers we owe much.

#### The Following Standing Committees Were Appointed

Nominating Committee: Pastors E. E. Andross, G. W. Wells, A. R. Ogden, L. Rashford, A. C. Stockhausen, Brethren D. Walker, E. E. Parchment, H. Troupe, L. A. Barnes.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: Pastors H. J. Edmed, H. Fletcher, M. Jones, G. A. E. Smith, W. H. Randle.

Committee on Resolutions: Prof. W. L. Adams, Pastor B. A. Meeker, Mrs. E. E. Andross, Pastor L. Hutchinson, Mrs. H. J. Edmed, Professor Shafer, Miss Violet Peake, Brethren W. S. Nation, R. Harriott, J. W. Grounds.

Committee on Constitution: Pastors E. E. Andross, A. R. Ogden, H. J. Edmed.



#### THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FEAST

The young people were given earnest consideration, and prayerfully-laid plans resulted in a soul-stirring programme for them each day. Two services were held in the Tabernacle separated from the seniors, and these were well attended.

Mrs. Andross was with us and her words and influence will long bear fruit in our lives. We all enjoyed and appreciated the privilege of her work.

It was the aim of those in charge that our young people should be helped spiritually, and to this end the morning meetings were specially helpful. They were times of refreshing. Angels that excel in

strength seemed to be in our assemblies with mighty power. The Holy Spirit manifested His presence by bringing conviction to many hearts, so that we were led earnestly to seek and find renewed strength for the conflict.

From the beginning, the PRAYER-BAND idea was carried out. Little groups were arranged and organized to unite in special prayer for the success of the meetings and the conversion of souls. As a result of personal work and all the other spiritual influences twenty-five surrendered all to Jesus, and were baptized, a large per cent. of whom were young people.

The evening meetings were taken up with topics of interest in the departmental phases of the Y. P. M. V. S. work. Over seventy names of young people were added to the list of those who are planning to read the Bible through during 1931. Others are looking forward to Home Study, and to taking the Standard of Attainment examination. These are anxious to learn, and to improve their talents.

The first Sunday of the Conference was given to the M. V. Department—thus taking precedence over all other Conference business. Doubtless this demonstrates the importance which our Executive attaches to this work and our youth. During the day a report was given by the Secretary of the Department. Papers were read setting forth the virtues and importance of Our Motto, Our Aim, Our Pledge. Some touching words were spoken by our leading brethren, and the President of the Conference, and a very profitable time was spent. The delegates were delighted with the onward advance of the work of our Y. P. M. V. S. members throughout Jamaica, for which we are thankful to the Lord.

It was a touching sight to look into the faces of so many of our youth, and inspiring to think of them as the coming men and women upon whom the heavy burdens connected with the finishing of God's great work must fall in the near future. They manifested a keen interest in all the proceedings of the Session, and despite the noise of sportsmen nearby, they did not fail to hear the Holy Spirit speaking to their hearts.

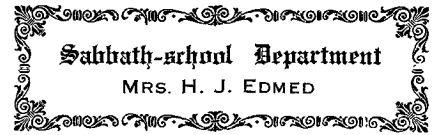
As our young people returned to their homes at the close of the Conference, they carried with them the song—

"Oh happy day that fixed my choice  
On Thee, my Saviour and my God.  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice  
And tell its raptures all abroad."

To the hundreds of our youth in the Jamaica Conference who did not enjoy the privilege of this gathering, we send greetings. We ask you to join us in a

heart and soul surrender to God. We invite you to unite with us in preparation for active service, and then join us in a great campaign of soul winning for 1931. Sister Andross told of her heart burden for the young people of Jamaica. Let us respond to the call of God and be faithful to our trust.

BYRON A. MEEKER



#### OUR SABBATH-SCHOOL SESSIONS AND CHILDREN'S MEETINGS AT THE CONFERENCE.

The Sabbath days began with a good attendance at our teachers' meetings which were held at 8.45 a. m. Prof. W. L. Adams, the Educational and Sabbath-school secretary for our division conducted the lesson study in an able and interesting manner. Promptly at 9.30 the Sabbath-schools in the different divisions began their work. Pastor A. C. Stockhausen was the Superintendent in the senior division where there were 758 present on the first Sabbath. Bro. L. Morrison led the school in prayer. Pastor H. P. Lawson led out in the Youth's division in the tabernacle, and Bro. R. B. Campbell and Sister Dunn acted as secretaries. Sisters Hutchinson and Rashford took charge of the children's divisions which numbered 247, giving us a total of 1187.

Our visitors from oversea gave valuable aid. Pastor Andross held the audience spell bound during his mission talks. He told how Bro. Ellis had won the hearts of several Indian chiefs in the Panamanian republic, and when he was brought before the authorities and his work questioned, they in defense of him, declared that he had healed their sick and was their best friend. Through this means God worked for His servant and permission was given him to carry on his mission. He also told of the progress that was attending the work at Mt. Roraima. There were now 884 Indians keeping the Sabbath.

Pastor Wells, conducted a review of the lesson on "The standing of humanity before God." He gave us food for serious thought. Mrs. Andross reviewed the youth on "Establishing the Law" and showed clearly the place of the law and the place of Christ in the plan of redemption. Elder A. R. Ogden, held their interest in his mission talk on "The Giver's Reward." Others who took part were Professors Adams, Shafer, Crawford and Dunn, also Pastors G. A. E. Smith and Randle, all of whom assisted in making the Sabbath-school time a very interesting and profitable one.

Miss W. McCatty, Mrs. B. A. Meeker, and Miss E. Hogg were the soloists. Their songs were greatly appreciated. The choir of North St. rendered some stirring selections while the offering was being taken.

In the children's rooms Sisters Hutchinson and Rashford had the assistance of Miss Peake, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. J. W. Grounds, Miss Escoffery, Miss Williams, Miss Sangster, and Miss V. Ebanks. As we passed through and saw the many hands raised in response to the questions put to the children, we are sure the lessons taught were making an impression on their little hearts. They had a beautiful Goal device for their offerings, which was prepared by Sister Hutchinson. It was a church on a hill in which Pastor Hutchinson was preaching. It was nicely decorated and comfortably seated. There were eight steps to this pretty church and it attracted the attention of ten persons down in the valley. For each sixpence the children gave, one person ascended a step, for their Goal was 2 Pounds. The money provided (one Pound eleven shillings five pence farthing) afforded five persons the privilege of entering the church and listening to the sermon. The remaining five were near the entrance, but as the gifts from the children lacked eight shillings six pence three farthings of their goal (due no doubt to the smaller attendance on account of the rain) the others were not able to enter. We congratulate the children on the amount they reached. This device and the sand table prepared also by Sister Hutchinson were of great interest and enjoyment to the children.

The goal set for the Conference sessions of the Sabbath-school for all divisions was 20 Pounds, or 10 Pounds per Sabbath. We went over it by twelve shillings six pence half penny the first Sabbath, but owing to our reduced attendance through the rain, we were not able to reach our goal the second week. The total offering for the two Sabbaths was 18 Pounds 6s. 1d.

#### The Children's Meetings

These were held each Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Sisters Hutchinson, Crawford, and Rashford were in charge. Very interesting lessons were given illustrated by black-board drawings which held the attention of the children.

At 2 o'clock each afternoon during the week they were busy with their hands making suitable souvenirs of the happy time they had during these meetings.

On the last Sabbath morning the presence of the Holy Spirit was specially felt in the meeting, and when a call was made for those who wanted to give their hearts to Jesus to come forward, thirty Juniors responded. God bless our children!

M. R. EDMED, *Conference Sabbath-school Secretary*

#### List of Churches Admitted

By Pastor Fletcher: Port Maria, with 19 members; Water Mount, with 20 members; Ocho Rios, with 18 members; and Brittonville, with 14 members.

By Pastor M. Jones: Springfield, with 25 members.

By Pastor W. H. Randle: Campbell's Castle.

By Pastor A. C. Stockhausen: Cornwall Barracks, with 28 members; and Dallas Castle with 13 members.

By Pastor H. J. Edmed: Rollington Pen, with 39 members.

#### Officers of Conference Elected

President, Herbert J. Edmed.

Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. Grounds.

Executive Committee; Herbert J. Edmed, J. W. Grounds, L. L. Hutchinson, H. Fletcher, L. Rashford, G. A. E. Smith, and Dr. H. Johnston.

Secretary, Book and Bible House; R. Harriott.

Home Missionary and Y. P. M. V. S. Secretary, B. A. Meeker.

Field Missionary Secretary, W. S. Nation.

Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. M. R. Edmed.

Educational Secretary, Miss Violet Peake.

Medical Secretary, Dr. H. Johnston.

Ministerial Credentials (to be received from the Antillian Union) were granted to Pastors H. J. Edmed, L. L. Hutchinson, B. A. Meeker, M. Jones, H. Fletcher, L. Rashford, W. H. Randle, A. C. Stockhausen, G. A. E. Smith, and H. P. Lawson.

Honorary Ministerial Credentials, F. Hall.

Ministerial License, F. O. Rathbun, E. E. Parchment.

Missionary License, J. W. Grounds (per Antillian Union), Mrs. H. J. Edmed, Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. B. A. Meeker, Mrs. J. W. Grounds, Mrs. F. O. Rathbun, Miss E. M. Edmed, Mrs. Peake, Miss V. Peake, R. B. Campbell, R. Harriott, W. S. Nation, Dr. H. Johnston, L. S. Crawford, Mrs. L. S. Crawford, R. E. Shafer, Mrs. R. E. Shafer, L. Dunn, Mrs. L. Dunn, Miss R. Harrison, B. Hamilton, Miss F. Morgan, Mrs. E. E. Parchment.

Church School Teachers, M. A. Dillon, A. W. Sangster, E. Kissendall, E. E. Williams, Mrs. S. N. Gordon.

Honorary Missionary License, Miss Mymis Randall.

J. W. GROUNDS, *Secretary*

"In these days much is said concerning the nature and importance of 'higher education.' The true 'higher education' is that imparted by Him with whom 'is wisdom and strength;' out of whose mouth 'cometh knowledge and understanding.'"

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

##### 1. Thangsgiving to God

*Whereas* The prospering hand of our Heavenly Father has been over the workers and laity comprising this Conference, sustaining and preserving them from threatened destructive visitations, and from marks of His displeasure notwithstanding our many weaknesses and failings; therefore

RESOLVED That we record our deep sense of His unfailing love, our joy in His salvation, our gratitude for His many mercies, and our renewed allegiance to His Majesty; and that we individually reconsecrate our lives and all that we have to His service for the finishing of His great work.

##### 2. Resolution of Loyalty to the King

To His Excellency, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K. C. M. G., Governor and Commander in Chief, Jamaica, British West Indies.

May it please Your Excellency, We, the Officers and delegates of the Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, assembled in Kingston at our Twentieth Biennial Conference, this 26th day of November, 1930, beg the honour of expressing through Your Excellency our respectful and loyal homage to His Most Gracious Majesty, King George V., whose recent recovery from a long and serious illness, and whose continued presence upon the Throne of our vast Empire have awakened feelings of special thankfulness and joy among His Majesty's widespread peoples and in which we most heartily share.

As a Body of Christians, we are glad to recognise the hand of God in the appointment of our rulers as affirmed by the Holy Scriptures, and to humbly accord them respectful fealty while rendering such allegiance and honour as may be demanded for the maintenance of their high station.

We are proud, Your Excellency, to be a part of the British Empire, whose flag is at once a symbol of liberty and power, believing that the Empire's greatness is largely due to the principles announced in 1859, by her Most Gracious Majesty, the late beloved Grandmother of our Sovereign, Queen Victoria, which we will humbly ask Your Excellency to allow us to quote:—

"Firmly relying ourselves on the Truth of Christianity, and acknowledging with gratitude the solace of religion, we disclaim alike the right and the desire to impress our convictions on any of our subjects. We declare it to be our Royal will and pleasure that none be in any wise favoured, none molested or disquieted, by reason of their religious faith or observances, but that all shall alike enjoy the equal and impartial protection of the law; and we do strictly

charge and enjoin all those who may be in authority under us that they abstain from all interference with the religious belief or worship of any of our subjects on pain of our highest displeasure."

These principles, Sir, have bound His Majesty's subjects to his throne and person, lifting him far above the ancient monarchs whose empires now lie buried in the dust.

Your Excellency, we would further record our high appreciation of the helpful and sympathetic administration of your Government, as well as the benevolent activities of Lady Stubbs in many branches of our social life.

We believe that the prosperity and peace of this Island is due very largely to the wise and judicious, as well as impartial policies that have characterized Your Excellency's administration.

Permit us, Sir, to emphasize our sincere desire that Your Excellency and Lady Stubbs may long remain as His Majesty's highest representative in Jamaica, and we shall ever pray, God Save the King.

We have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's humble and obedient servants.

### 3. Sabbath-school Standards and Consecration Day

*Whereas* The holding of consecration services in our Sabbath-schools has been the means of encouraging our children and youth to decide for Christ, therefore

**WE RECOMMEND** That these services be held in our Sabbath-schools in Jamaica once or twice a year, and that the first consecration service be held on the last Sabbath of the Week of prayer.

**WE RECOMMEND** That our Sabbath-school standards be held high, and that Honour Cards be issued only for perfect attendance without tardiness and for daily study with a ten-minute minimum as the time of study: the only exception to the standard being for absence due to most unusual storms, circumstances which no forethought, preparation, or adjustment could have avoided, such as serious illness, or an act of Providence, as in case of cyclone, earthquake, unusual storms, etc., and that perfect attendance cards be issued to such members, family or group, if they have faithfully carried out the Sabbath-school programme and rendered a written report to the secretary of the Sabbath-school, giving daily study and offering items.

### 4. Sympathy To Bereaved

*Whereas* The hand of death has been laid upon many of our brethren and sisters, whose long faithfulness has been in evidence among us, and who rest from their labours till Jesus comes, therefore

**RESOLVED** That we extend to all the families who have been thus bereaved our sincere sympathy, assuring them of our determination to remain faithful with them in the hope of meeting these dear ones soon in the kingdom of God.

**THAT WE Recognize** especially the bereavement which has come to Elder M. Jones in the death of his beloved wife, to Elder W. H. Randle and family in the death of his sister and his father-in-law and to Elder Lawson and family in the death of his sister and to Elder Fletcher and family in the death of his father.

### 5. Our Church Schools

*Whereas* The Lord has repeatedly called upon us to separate our children from the schools of the world, and place them in an environment that is conducive to their spiritual growth, therefore

**RESOLVED** (a) That we reaffirm our position in the maintenance of our denominational educational system.

(b) That every church wherever possible organize and maintain a church school in its midst.

(c) That the Conference Committee organize and maintain a department of education in the Conference.

(d) That the financial maintenance of church schools be upon the following basis:

1. That the Conference apply the regular portion of the Harvest Ingathering Fund as heretofore.

2. That this fund be augmented by a collection taken in all the churches once each quarter, both of which shall be held in the Conference treasury to be disbursed at the discretion of the Conference President, the Secretary Treasurer, and the Educational Secretary.

3. That the local church school funds be received and disbursed at the discretion of the local church board, and that it be on the following basis:

1. By Tuition or fees from those who attend.

2. By pledges from members of the church.

3. By programmes, and from produce sales locally.

(e) That the church board be responsible for the prompt and regular payment of the teacher.

(f) That the basis on which the teacher is paid be the same as that of other Conference employees.

### 6. Sympathy To Santo Domingo Believers

*Whereas* On September 3 our sister Island of Santo Domingo was devastated by one of the most terrible hurricanes ever known in the West Indies, destroying life

and property with appalling severity, and

*Whereas* Our mission and brethren suffered much loss in the catastrophe, therefore

**RESOLVED** That we extend to our Col-leagues and members in that Island an expression of our deep sympathy, while at the same time praising the Lord for the preservation of the lives of His people; and that we request the Treasurer to send through the regular channels, the sum of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to help replace the losses sustained.

### 7. Gratitude for Financial Assistance

*Whereas* The work of God in this Island has for many years been liberally assisted by the gifts and offerings of our brethren in other lands, and especially in the United States of America, therefore

**RESOLVED** That we place on record our hearty appreciation of the many sacrifices our dear brethren have made, assuring them of our determination to honour their benevolence by making every endeavour to co-operate with them in hastening the coming of our Lord.

Since the General Conference has made several special contributions from the Missions Extension Funds in addition to the regular Budget appropriations, and we have received appropriations out of the usual order from the Inter-American Division and the Antillian Union, aggregating over two thousand Pounds, therefore

**RESOLVED** That we place on record an expression of our appreciation of these gifts, and that the Conference Secretary write a letter to the Secretary of each of these bodies, conveying our special thanks.

### 8. Election of Church Board

Recognizing the importance of church missionary activity, and in order to facilitate such work by the church,

**WE RECOMMEND** That the Church Board be composed of the pastor if one, the Leader, Deacons and Deaconesses, Church Treasurer, Clerk, the Sabbath-school Superintendent, Missionary Leader, Missionary Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Leader, and the Principal of the church school, and that this shall constitute the Missionary Committee of the Church; if a larger committee be desired, that they be elected at the regular annual election of church officers.

### 9. Missionary Leader

*Whereas* The work of the Church Missionary Leader calls for the fullest exercise of time, talent, and energy, therefore

**WE RECOMMEND** That in each church the most capable person available be elected Missionary Leader.

**10. Resolution of Harvest Ingathering**

*Whereas* The Harvest Ingathering campaign has proved a many-sided blessing:

(a) In making known by personal contact the spirit and character of our members and the extent of our mission work,

(b) In placing in the hands of the public by photos and reports practical demonstrations of our methods in conducting our missions,

(c) In offering the public an opportunity to become linked up with our Missionary activities,

(d) In providing the means needed to meet the many calls for new missions, schools, and church buildings, therefore

**RESOLVED** (a) That we endeavour to strengthen our grasp of those promises of God which assure us of financial aid from those not of our faith, and that we strive to master the ways and means by which the highest efficiency may be reached in this work, and that we also endeavour to enlist every member and the children in an intelligent and steady appeal to their friends and neighbours.

**FURTHER** That we hold to the goal of making this Harvest Ingathering campaign a soul-winning endeavour.

(b) That we give to every donor some literature enlightening them upon points of Bible Truth.

(c) That the success of our Campaigns be sought by deeper consecration, and well organized endeavour.

(d) That our individual goal for 1931-1932 be a minimum of ten shillings per member,

**11. Resolution of Big Week**

*Whereas* a sum of money, aggregating approximately Five hundred thousand Pounds in the last decade has been raised by the united efforts of our world-wide membership in the annual Big Week Campaign, providing many medical, educational, and publishing facilities and institutions in all parts of the world, and

*Whereas* The Jamaica Conference has already benefited far beyond its own contributions to this fund, therefore

**RESOLVED** (a) That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during Big Week to the sale of literature, and to apply all profits to the Extension Fund,

(b) That Colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of their biggest day's sales,

(c) That the Conference and Institutional workers join in the Extension Fund by selling literature during Big Week, applying their entire profits to the Fund, in addition to their personal income for one day,

(d) That in the case of inability to de-

vote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members, institutional workers, and Conference labourers make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

(e) That our schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week,

(f) That the Book & Bible House close one day in Big Week to enable the employees to contribute an active part to the success of the Extension Fund.

(g) That on no account may books be sold for the Extension Fund on credit, but all books unsold be returned and the cash with the profit for those sold be sent to the office within one week of the date on which the Campaign closes.

**12. Churches Request for Visits from Ministers**

**RESOLVED** That our workers and Churches when making their plans, study the most stringent economy, and that to this end, our Church co-operate with their District Superintendents in arranging for work which necessitates the presence of the Minister, by holding their business meetings, baptisms, Quarterly Meetings, and other meetings, during the time of the Superintendent's visit, thus relieving him of the necessity of covering the same ground more than once each quarter **AND** that our ministers arrange their itineraries in such a way that their stay with each church shall be consecutive, and extend long enough to fully meet the needs of the Church they are visiting.

**13. Sabbath Missionary Program**

Since Missionary activity for the winning of souls is the chief business of the church, and

*Whereas* The fulfilment of this aim requires plans for co-operative efforts, therefore

**WE RECOMMEND:** (1) That our churches adopt the Church Missionary service:

(2) That it be held each Sabbath, except Home Missionary Day, beginning immediately after Sabbath-school and lasting for not more than ten minutes:

(3) That this service be devoted to the securing of Missionary reports, announcing plans for Missionary activities—such as Harvest Ingathering, Big Week: and

(4) That the Missionary Leader and Missionary Secretary be responsible for the conduct of this brief service, under the supervision of the Church Committee.

**14. Local Church Funds**

*Whereas* Plans for raising money for various local enterprises, such as lands and buildings, and other purposes which often have to be dealt with by the Conference Executive in after years, need very

careful recording in some permanent form, therefore

**RESOLVED** That all moneys raised by any Church or Company other than those usually disbursed as Local Church Funds (such as Poor Fund, Church Expense Fund, Supplies, Etc.) be paid and disbursed through the Conference Treasurer, it being understood that the said officer will not allow the funds to be used for other purposes than those for which they are raised and that moneys distributed to the authorized representatives of the Church by a written order, shall be accounted for by the return of a detailed account of the use of the said funds within one month: this account to be held in the Conference Treasurer's files for future reference.

**15. Our Denominational Periodicals**

*Whereas* Our denominational papers, such as the Review and Herald, The Youths' Instructor, The Little Friend, Life and Health, etc., contain matter of the greatest importance and interest to our people, reports of Missions work, and splendid reading for youth and children, therefore

**RESOLVED** That our workers and Church officers regard themselves as agents and endeavour to induce and arrange for our people to subscribe for these papers regularly.

**16. The Jamaica Visitor**

*Whereas* our local Conference paper furnishes the most economical and useful means of communication between our Churches, and the Conference departments and our laity, besides enlisting the interest of the youth and children, therefore

**RESOLVED** That our workers and Church officers make constant efforts to create a subscription list of one thousand minimum.

**17. The Regular Distribution of Tracts**

**RESOLVED** That as a means of spreading the Truth among our neighbours and friends, each Church undertake to render a programme each year, in addition to the regular Home Missionary programme, the proceeds of which are to be used for supplying tracts to members for distribution.

**18. Home Missionary Calendar**

*Whereas* The Missionary Calendar keeps before our people the Missionary Schedule of special days, offerings, and campaigns, and is a great factor in their spiritual life, therefore

**WE RECOMMEND** That they be encouraged to provide their homes with this valuable help.

### 19. Standards for Colporteurs

*Whereas* The work of the Colporteurs is work of the highest missionary activity, and a great soul-saving agency, and

*Whereas* We desire to show special appreciation of those who now labour diligently and sacrificingly in this department of work, therefore

RESOLVED (a) That when a colporteur averages 1000 hours for the year, and delivers sales amounting to 200 Pounds minimum per annum, he be granted a Colporteur's License, providing he is in harmony with the faith of this Body, and is free from debt, and that his life is in keeping with its holy principles.

(b) That before entering under designation of a Regular Colporteur, the worker must work the average of not less than fifteen hours per week, deliver a minimum of 15 Pounds retail value of our large books per month, and be free from debt.

(c) That regular colporteurs fulfilling the foregoing condition enjoy the courtesies of the Conference in attending Colporteurs' Institutes and Conference Sessions.

(d) That in cases of those desiring to enter the colporteur work, and attending Institutes to receive the necessary instruction, a deposit of one Pound sterling be required, which shall be refunded after one year's standard Regular Colporteur's work has been reached, or forfeited as payment for the Institute should the minimum not be attained.

### 20. Standard for Young Workers

*Whereas* The work of God in this generation calls for workers whose respectability and education will qualify them to reach the people of higher as well as the lower circles of society, and

*Whereas* There appears to be a current of interest in the Truth for this time among the educated classes, therefore

RESOLVED That in selecting workers it be our policy to give preference to such as have taken at least the Mandeville College Course, or its equivalent, and that we urge those who desire at some time to enter the ranks of Conference workers in any line to complete the fourteen-year Course.

### 21. Conventions in Churches

*Whereas* The plan of holding occasional Institutes at various centers of the Island has proved a great blessing, and the symposium program provides instruction in all lines of Church activity, as well as raising the spirituality of the members, therefore

RESOLVED That this plan be followed in the coming years as often as can be arranged by the Conference Committee.

### 22. Transfer of Church Membership

*Whereas* A large per cent. of the membership of our churches are not careful concerning the matter of their church membership when moving from one church to another, which causes in many cases a duplication of church membership, and in some cases the church membership is lost altogether, therefore

RESOLVED That we adhere to the instruction given by recommendation of the General Conference to the effect that when a person goes from one place to another where there is a church, he have his church membership removed to the new place of residence, and that in no case may one be accepted into a church without the letter of transfer, blanks for which are furnished by the Conference.

### 23. Evangelism

Believing that the time has come when a greater spirit of evangelism should prevail among our churches, in our ministerial force, and in the ranks of our office workers,

WE RECOMMEND That our Conference give diligent study to this end to the following items:

(a) That we give earnest and definite instruction according to the Spirit of prophecy concerning this work of soul-winning in and about the church.

(b) That our young ministers give themselves to the work of soul-winning among those who do not know the truth, rather than to be kept at the work of pastoring the churches; thus giving them the opportunity to develop their powers as evangelists.

(c) That our churches be so instructed that leadership be more thoroughly developed in the local church, so that our ministers may be relieved of much of the detail of handling the problems of the church, thus giving them more time for evangelism outside the membership of the church, and at the same time allowing our lay members the opportunity of doing aggressive evangelism in the church.

(d) That the Conference Committee select in the churches those who may be qualified as lay preachers and Bible workers, encouraging them to engage in the work of teaching this message at their own charges, and in their own time, in their homes, on the streets, in schools, halls and churches, or wherever else opportunity makes this possible, associating with them in this endeavour as many of their brethren and sisters as possible, to the end that the entire membership of this Conference may become engaged in a mighty evangelistic forward movement for the finishing of the gospel work on earth, and that we hold institutes as far

as possible in our churches when special instructions will be given concerning this work of evangelism, and in winning souls to Christ.

(e) That we seek to organise our force of labourers in this field so as to include administrative, departmental and pastoral workers, as well as those who are engaged in evangelistic endeavour, in an effort to combine all our workers without neglecting their appointed duties, in a supreme endeavour to preach the great three-fold message of the gospel to all the world in this generation.

### 24. Census of Young People in the Conference

In order to strengthen the great army of Missionary Volunteers in our Conference,

RESOLVED (a) That we endeavour to secure and to keep a reliable census of our young people between the ages of six and twenty-five;

(b) That we endeavour to enroll every Christian young man and woman in our senior Missionary Volunteer Societies;

(c) That in our large churches, where suitable leadership can be obtained, our boys and girls who really love Jesus be organized into Junior societies;

(d) That every Missionary Volunteer, senior and junior be urged to study daily to become a stronger worker; and

(e) That every Missionary Volunteer, senior and junior, be urged to make it a rule of their lives to do something for Jesus every day, and then to report their missionary work for the glory of God and for the encouragement of others.

### 25. Object of Missionary Societies

*Whereas* The youth are of vital importance to the Church of Christ, and

*Whereas* The chief aim of the Missionary Volunteer organization is the salvation of souls, therefore

WE RECOMMEND That, in every society and in every church, earnest and continuous effort be put forth to win the youth for Christ.

### 26. Morning Watch Calendar

*Whereas* The Morning Watch Calendar has proved a spiritual blessing to our people and to many others, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND That Conference workers, church officers and all others who know the value of the Morning Watch Calendar, do what they can to encourage its use in the observance of the Morning Watch, especially among the youth.

### 27. Missionary Volunteer Meetings

*Whereas* There is a tendency in many places for the Missionary Volunteer meet-



ings to drift into simply literary programs, therefore

WE RECOMMEND That all leaders aim at spirituality, devotion, and missionary activity, rather than at entertainment; and that in harmony with this aim, we term our weekly meetings the "Weekly Devotional Meetings" building the program around the prayer and social service; and

WE RECOMMEND That every society be divided into service bands, and that the leader of each band have the opportunity to report at each society meeting.

### 28. Standard of Attainment

Whereas The Standard of Attainment is intended to make our people intelligent with reference to our Denominational History and Bible Doctrines, therefore

WE RECOMMEND That conference workers and all other church members become Members of Attainment as soon as possible; and that our young people become rooted and grounded in the truth by pursuing the Bible Year.

### 29. Reading Courses

Whereas much good accrues from constant and steady reading of good books, therefore

RESOLVED (a) That we encourage all our members to take part in the various Reading Courses of the Denomination, and to study our Denominational books.

(b) That we give special attention to the work of educating our young people and children to the habit of reading good books, such as lives and travels of Missionaries.

### 30. Thanks to the Gleaner Co.

Whereas, the Gleaner Co. has very courteously given publication to the reports of our Conference meetings through the columns of their journal,

RESOLVED That our written appreciation of this courtesy be forwarded to them.

### 31. Thanks to Railroad

Realizing that the financial depression all over the island would tend to prevent many of our people from attending this Session of our Conference unless aid of some sort could be given them,

RESOLVED That we send a letter of appreciation to the Railway department thanking them for the concession on fares granted those who have used their lines.

### 32. Thanks to Kingston Church

RESOLVED That this Conference express their gratitude to the Kingston church for handing over their church to facilitate the convening of conference meetings, and to those members of the Kingston Church who have provided for the comfortable housing of delegates and visitors

to this Conference and in other ways contributing to the comfort of the attendants.

### 33. Of Appreciation

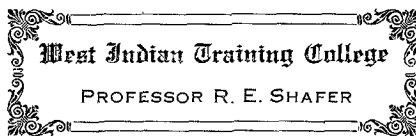
Whereas This Conference has derived much spiritual benefit from the arduous and faithful labours of our visiting brethren, whose untiring labours and earnest studies have proved a source of light and blessing to us all, therefore

RESOLVED That we extend a hearty vote of thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Andross, Pastor G. W. Wells, Professor Adams, and Pastor A. R. Ogden, for their faithful labours.

### 34. Gratitude to God

Having enjoyed many blessings during the Conference session, and realizing that all blessings come from God,

RESOLVED That we at this last meeting of the 20th Conference session, express our gratitude to God for the spiritual feast spread for us each day and for His loving kindness revealed to us; and that we reconsecrate our lives anew to the finishing of His work.



West Indian Training College

PROFESSOR R. E. SHAFER

### Stop! Look! Listen!

These words are familiar to us as we are confronted by them at nearly every railway crossing. The governments of the world, as well as corporations and individuals, are very solicitous regarding the safety of their physical life, but many are neglecting the weightier matter, that is to say, the spiritual life. Parents, are you making this mistake by not giving your sons and daughters the proper environment and training? Are you holding them back from a Christian education in order that you and they may have more comforts for their physical life which is perishable? If you are not putting forth every possible effort to give them that which their souls need, then how are you going to answer this question in the end, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

The Lord has given us this word through His servant, "In this time of special danger for the young, temptations surround them on every hand; and while it is easy to drift, the strongest effort is required to press against the current. Every school should be a 'city of refuge' for the tempted youth, a place where their follies shall be dealt with patiently and wisely."—Education, p. 293.

"Let the youth be placed in the most favourable circumstances possible; for the company they keep, the principles

they adopt, the habits they form, will settle the question of their usefulness here, and of their future, eternal interests, with a certainty that is infallible."—Testimonies, Vol. V, p. 545.

Parents, friends, in view of these solemn statements what about that son, that daughter, niece or nephew, brother or sister, that should be at the WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE receiving a preparation for the life to come?

December 9 saw the return of Professor and Mrs. Rathbun to the college after their furlough spent in attending General Conference and visiting relatives and some of our colleges in the States. From the time they landed in Kingston, several days before, the dwellers on "the hill" had been filled with eager expectancy and preparations to welcome them were joyfully made.

Wednesday night the school family gathered in the dining room for the formal welcome which took the form of a social evening. Speeches of welcome were interspersed with appropriate vocal and instrumental music and then the evening was devoted to games which were heartily entered into.

Early the morning after his arrival Prof. Rathbun was busy unpacking the supplies of type and materials that had come along with our new printing outfit, and the very same day saw a portion of the conference number of THE JAMAICA VISITOR set up.

We are certainly happy to have Professor and Mrs. Rathbun with us again, and we pray that they may be preserved in health and vigour to devote many more years to the upbuilding of the work of the West Indian Training College.

West Indian Training College has cause for gratitude to the Big Week plan, the appropriations from which have done so much for the institution. Just now a gift from the Extension Fund has made possible the erection of a neat little cottage for the use of our President. The work on the foundation is under way and we hope the cottage will be ready for occupancy soon after the re-opening of school.

Almost daily applications are coming in from those who desire to enter school and the prospects are good for a large enrolment for the 1931 school year opening January 6.

### THE COLLEGE PRINTERY

Elsewhere in this VISITOR mention is made of the generous gift from the Extension Fund for the purpose of starting printing as an industry at the West In-  
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### THE NEW YEAR

On the threshold of a new year let us pause to exchange good wishes with our dear brethren and sisters throughout this Island field. We cannot recall the past—our ledger account in Heaven cannot be altered, except as we confess and forsake our sins and Jesus blots them out with His precious blood. But the Lord has graciously brought us to 1931, and its issues lie before us. "We spend our years as a tale that is told," (Ps. 90:9) and in order that our story may be a good one, may the Lord so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

"At this time, before the great final crisis, as before the world's first destruction, men are absorbed in the pleasures and the pursuits of sense. Engrossed with the seen and transitory, they have lost sight of the unseen and eternal. For the things that perish with the using, they are sacrificing imperishable riches.

"We need to study the working out of God's purpose in the history of nations and in the revelation of things to come, that we may estimate at their true value things seen and unseen; that we may learn what is the true aim of life; that viewing the things of time in the light of eternity, we may put them to their truest and noblest use." Education, pp. 183, 184.

Character is the only thing that counts with God; and character is developed and established by service. Let us make the coming year one hundred per centum conformable to our Lord's purpose. "Watch and pray." "Study to show thyself approved unto God." "Neglect not the gift that is in thee"; and the God of all peace shall shortly bruise Satan under our feet, and bid us enjoy the pleasures and pastimes of the land that is fairer than day.

In Jesus' name we greet you.

H. J. E.

### Gleanings from the Conference Reports

Nine churches were admitted into the Conference this year.

Another Ministerial Licentiate was created this year in the person of Brother E. E. Parchment. The Lord bless him.

There is one Sabbath keeper for every 214 persons in Jamaica.

865 persons were added to our membership by baptism during the biennial period ending Dec. 31, 1929.

74 churches and 15 companies now compose the Jamaica Conference. There is a total of 94 Sabbath-schools.

The tithes and offerings for 1928-1929 amounted to \$11,114.34 more than in the previous biennial period.

The Harvest Ingathering collection in 1928-1929 exceeded that of the previous two years by \$5,063.00.

Our Sabbath-schools increased the number of honour cards by 352, with a total of 1,953, in 1929.

The Big Week in 1926-1927 brought into the Extension Fund, \$129.00. In the next two years it increased to \$934.00.

The Conference spent \$1,478.51 in helping our Church Schools this year, \$933.00 in 1929, and \$544.00 in 1928.

In 1929 our Sabbath-school offerings increased by \$745.90 over 1928; in 1928 they were \$620.43 over 1927.

Our Sabbath-school membership has increased by 2,314 since 1926.

The Book and Bible House sales in 1928-1929 were \$7,582.94 over the previous biennial period.

The General Conference Extension Fund has provided our College with a new engine, new buildings, a new printing plant which is now being installed, and a cottage for the Principal.

There are over 1,500 young people in our families. Less than two-thirds of these are baptized.

Just before the Conference we had reported 240 persons baptized into our churches in Jamaica in 1930, with 277 in the baptismal classes.

Pastor Fletcher expects to commence the foundations of the new church building at Ocho Rios right away. It is to be built of stone.

Pastor Stockhausen is working on plans to erect the long looked for church building at Manchioneal.

Pastor Lin Rashford expects to hold a series of meetings at the Southfield Church shortly, to follow up the interest created by Doctor Jonhston in his recent meetings there.

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dian Training College. It gives us pleasure to announce that the results have so far materialized that the present issue is being printed from the new outfit which was delivered to us early in December.

This enterprise has long been in the expansion plans of the College Board of

Managers. In fact, your humble servant, the undersigned, was called from his work in the science department of Pacific Union College, in California, to undertake the superintendency of that industry six years ago. It was then an immediate prospect, as the result of funds donated by the leading business men and other friends of our school throughout the Island, through the solicitation of Sister C. E. Wood, the wife of our esteemed former Conference President. But their call to another field, and the pressing needs of other rapidly growing industries of our school, prevented the completion of the plans at that time.

An appeal made through Pastor Andross on the occasion of his visit to us some three years ago set on foot the beginning of plans which have now reached such a happy realization. Much credit is also due to Pastor Hackman, Associate Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, who visited our Island and school soon after Pastor Andross's visit, and who presented our need before the Committee in its making up of the Extension Fund Budget, from which we have received help.

During the years of waiting we have not been idle, as many of you who know the history of W. I. T. C. during the past few years are aware. Largely owing to overwork at unusual duties, my health became badly impaired beginning about a year ago last June. Sensing our need of rest and change, the Division Committee granted Mrs. Rathbun and your servant a seven months' furlough. This was terminated on the second of December just past, simultaneously with the arrival of our printing outfit, which we had the privilege of selecting while abroad.

Now we take up our duties with new courage and much improved health. We are happy to be back in Jamaica with the privilege of helping to carry out the original plan. Our more than seventeen years in connection with the printing business, largely in our denominational publishing houses and as instructor in printing in our schools in the States, puts us in a position where we have no doubt as to the success of the present plans here at West Indian Training College.

The plant is not large but it is selected with a view to producing a high grade of work. We submit this number to the rapid growing VISITOR family as our first effort. Kindly note that its columns have been set very largely by students who never before handled type and so had to have a hasty training, also that we have been handicapped by the process of building in and systematizing our equipment. When the process is completed we will be prepared to solicit the patronage of our friends near and far who are even now, we are told, waiting to bring us their printing jobs.

F. O. RATHBUN