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GREETINGS

WE, THE OFFICERS of the British West Indies Union of Seventh-day Adventists, extend our greetings to every believer and friend. We thank God for you, and for the great privilege of working together with you in His Cause. We believe that the Gospel of Jesus will soon have been preached in all the earth, and that our Lord will soon return in the clouds of heaven to gather His people unto Himself. We invite you to join with us in full dedication of life, both to the task of preparing our own hearts, and to leading precious souls to the foot of the Cross, so that they too might be ready for that Supreme Day. All about us are those who are longing and praying for light from heaven. Let us hasten to share with them the guiding Lamp of God's Word. The joys of heaven are only a short way ahead.

R. H. Pierson, Superintendent

W. E. Atkin, Secretary-Treasurer

BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION MISSION

By vote of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference, and of the General Conference Committee, the British West Indies Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists was organized and began to function with the beginning of 1944. The territory of this organization consists of the Bahamas Islands, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, and the Turks and Caicos Islands, and within these fields were 176 organized churches and 9992 baptized members. Its office address is Mandeville, Jamaica, B. W. I.

The directory of the union follows:

R. H. Pierson, Superintendent
W. E. Atkin, Secretary—Treasurer
A. C. Stockhausen, Home Miss., Y. P. M. V. and Sabbath School Secretary
M. J. Sorenson, Educational Secretary
M. E. Lowry, Field Missionary Secretary
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UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: R. H. Pierson, H. D. Colburn, F. I. Mohr, G. A. E. Smith, D. V. Pond, E. E. Parchment, M. J. Sorenson, A. C. Stockhausen, M. E. Lowry, W. S. Nation, J. N. Williams, W. E. Atkin.

INSTITUTIONS: The West Indian Training College, under the able leadership of President M. J. Sorenson, carrying full Junior College work, is located at Mandeville, Jamaica.

A splendid property has been purchased in Kingston Jamaica in which it is hoped that a modern Sanitarium and Hospital will begin its work before the close of the year.

CALL TO ACTION

By A. C. Stockhausen

Be a Missionary Volunteer crusader in 1944 is the new call to all the youth of this denomination. This is the year when Adventist youth are to emulate the spirit of the young pioneers of the movement. During the eleventh and twelfth centuries crusaders were organized to recover the Holy Land from Mohammedanism. Nineteen forty-four is the year for S. D. A. youth to dedicate their lives to a world-wide work of recovering their young neighbours, friends, and relatives from the clutches of Satan.

Crusades were conducted in each of the four churches in Kingston, Jamaica, during February. By the end of these four weeks of special evangelism on the part of the youth of this city twenty-one other youth had enlisted in baptismal classes. Why not start a crusade in every M. V. Society and each one try to win one.

One young boy of thirteen was baptized at Croft's Hill a few days ago, and the report is that he had won his mother and four brothers to the Truth. They are now preparing for baptism. Another young boy of eleven is preaching with great power to large crowds in St. Elizabeth.

JOIN THE M. V. CRUSADE MOVEMENT TODAY

THE BAHAMAS MISSION

H. D. COLBURN, Superintendent
P. O. Box 356, Nassau, Bahamas

The Bahamas Mission

Since coming to the Bahamas, I have understood more fully the significance of a saying that has been expressed by a number of workers acquainted with the work in this island field. The thought is this: "When the work has been finished in the Bahamas, it will have been finished for some time in the rest of the world." But to enlarge upon that statement would mean that one was looking at the many difficulties that are existent, rather than the more pleasant things that also abound in this interesting field.

We have been privileged to follow faithful workers who have exerted a strong influence and under whose leadership the work has made steady progress. We feel deeply grateful for what they have done. The task that confronts us is not a discouraging one, but one that does indeed present a mighty challenge! We are happy to accept this challenge and to unite our efforts with those of our brethren and sisters here for the furtherance of the work of God.

The working force of the mission is comprised of twelve individuals. This number includes such workers as ministers, colporteurs, teachers and office personnel. Not a large number to face the task that confronts us, but nevertheless, it is a courageous little band, which, under the blessing of God, can accomplish much in this part of the Master's vineyard.

Pastor M. G. Nembhard is carrying on gallantly to the glory of God in the Island of Andros. Since January he has reported sixteen baptisms which has resulted from faithful work on the part of various laymen working with him. Several more are now ready for this rite and subsequent membership. Brother S. G. Lindo is labouring in the northern end of the island of Eleuthera. He reports that several are keeping the Sabbath and will soon be ready for baptism. Recently I had the privilege of visiting Brother and Sister Lindo and was much impressed by the work they are doing. Sister Lindo is doing much to break down prejudice by using her nursing talents in loving min-

istry to the sick. In this way, many openings have been made for Bible studies. She also gives music lessons to a number of young people and this makes helpful contacts.

Brother C. F. Edwards and his wife, located on Long Island, are likewise giving much of their time in ministering to the sick as well as preaching the Gospel. On their island there is no doctor and therefore the opportunity is all the greater for this type of service. Brother Edwards is also carrying the Y. P. M. V. department of the mission, even though under great difficulty because of poor communications with the various societies. Brother Paul Ward and Brother Thomas Miller are located in the islands of Watlings, and Andros, respectively, and each one is giving faithful service to the churches in their districts in spite of the fact they are not young men.

Brother R. B. Campbell has been faithfully working in the colporteur ministry. Recently he reported three hundred pounds in orders in three weeks while canvassing in Long Island. He indicates that the people seem anxious to get our truth-filled books. Quoting from a recent letter from him, he writes: "The Lord has wonderfully blessed my effort. I have never had such success before in all my experience. Nearly every house is getting a 'Bible Readings'!" Brother Campbell has recently been invited by the mission committee to enter the ministry, manning one of the needy districts that has been without help for some time. He expects to finish up his work in June, preparatory to taking up his new responsibilities.

Brother L. R. Rahming likewise has been having wonderful success in the book work in the islands in which he has been labouring. He recently completed a splendid delivery in the island of Eleuthera and is now making a large delivery in Grand Bahama. A recent telegram from him reads, "Doing Well. Leaving for Eight Mile Rock." We have no believers on this island, so let us pray that the good seed being sown there might result in an abundant harvest for God. Brother E. E. Ferment is our latest recruit in the colporteur ministry. While at the present he is able to put in only part time due to his business, yet he has had very good success and looks forward to the time when he can put in full time. He has demonstrated his

ability in this important branch of the work.

Last, but by no means least, we mention the faithful work being done by our school teacher, Miss Ulalee Lawrence. She has an enrolment of nearly one hundred and fifty pupils. She is doing splendidly in guiding their young lives in the direction of service. Miss Vera Henfield is assisting her in this important work.

In the mission office and Book and Bible House, Mrs. Colburn and I are carrying on to the best of our ability. We many times wonder how it is possible for two people to do the work that confronts each day, but we are happy in our daily attempts to meet the demands made upon us. The Book and Bible House is enjoying a real increase in business. The mission office is endeavouring to keep in close touch with the workers and constituency, sending out all help and encouragement possible and promoting the various lines of soul-winning objectives. We too, are helping in both Nassau churches as much as we can. I am anxious to visit each church in the mission, becoming personally acquainted with each group. We have no stenographic help whatever, and this means that sometimes it is far into the night before pressing correspondence has been taken care of.

There has been a gain of £117. 2. 4. in tithe during the first quarter of 1944 over the same period of last year and the offerings show a corresponding healthy gain which is an indication of faithfulness on the part of our membership in spite of the "exodus" of so many to the United States to assist in farm work.

Soon after we arrived in Nassau to take up the work that was being carried on by Elder and Sister B. A. Meeker, we were made happy by a visit from Elder W. E. Atkin, secretary-treasurer of the British West Indies Union. He gave valuable help in connection with the work of the mission and the Book and Bible House. He also spoke to both the Nassau churches.

We feel that it is a privilege to labour in the Bahamas Mission with such a fine constituency. As plans now being outlined are carried out, we are confident that the work of God will take another step forward. May we invite God's people throughout the British West Indies Union to pray for the work in this field.

H. D. COLBURN.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

E. E. PARCHMENT, Superintendent
15 Market Street, Montego Bay, Jamaica

Territory: Parishes of Clarendon, Manchester, St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James, Trelawny, and St. Ann.
Membership: 4170.

Number of Organized Churches: 85.

DIRECTORY

E. E. Parchment, Superintendent
Miss M. Shakes, Cashier and Bookkeeper
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B. E. Hurst, Field Missionary Secretary
E. E. Parchment, Educational Secretary.
Executive Committee: E. E. Parchment, Frank Fletcher, B. E. Hurst, W. S. Nation, E. C. H. Reid, R. H. Robertson.

Good News from the West Jamaica Mission

In 2 Samuel 5:24 the Lord told ancient Israel that when they heard the sound in the tops of the mulberry trees they should bestir themselves, and He would go before and fight for them. The command was obeyed, and their enemies, the Philistines, were smitten.

There is a similar sound in the tops of the mulberry trees of the West Jamaica Mission. The command has been given to go forward, and this command has been obeyed. The results can be clearly seen along all lines of missionary endeavours. Reports are coming in to the office from every corner of the mission telling of the spread of the everlasting gospel that is being sounded by every faithful member of the West.

Our lay preachers are conducting a large number of efforts, and as a result, many souls are being won to the kingdom of our God. There is a hungering and thirsting in the hearts of people for the message of truth, and our present staff of ministerial workers are unable to answer the appeals that are coming in from day to day. Surely, "the harvest is ripe, but the labourers are few."

Some very thrilling experiences are coming in to us at the mission office, which undoubtedly prove that the same God which led and fought for ancient Israel in the days of David is leading and is fighting for modern Israel today.

Brother Luther Mullings, leader of the Newell church, writes as follows: "Something marvelous has happened in the Newell church. Little Aston Parchment, who is only eleven years of age, has gone out in the lay preaching evangelism and is conducting meeting in various districts. This little

boy is able to hold the attention of the hundreds of people who gather to hear him. His studies are convincing and very appealing. As a result, many have become interested in the message, and are anxious to know more about the gospel of a soon coming Saviour."

From our colporteurs comes the good report that the monthly goal which was set at the recent colporteurs' institute has been passed. One colporteur came into the office recently and reported that he had delivered more books for the first quarter of this year than he had delivered for the entire twelve months of 1943. He also reported that the people are very anxious for our literature and the messages they contain.

Indication shows that our Big Week sales for 1944 will surpass all former records. Surely we are thankful to God for our truth-filled literature and for our loyal colporteurs and church members who are going from door to door with the printed page.

We are very happy to say that our tithes and offerings are on the upward climb. Our people here in the West Mission are answering the call to greater faithfulness in rendering to God His own in tithes and in offerings.

There is also an awakening among our people to the great need of Christian education. At present we are operating five church schools, and there are many home schools that are ready for trained teachers. Some of these schools have had to refuse pupils as they are already over-crowded. We are looking forward to the time when we will be better able to handle our educational programme in these schools, by way of closer supervision, of equipment and of accommodation. We are appealing to our faithful members to assist in whatever way possible to bring about this accomplishment. The flock that God has given us must be trained and shepherded by teachers who believe in Christian education. Soon, we believe, the question will be asked: "Where is thy flock, thy beautiful flock that I have given you?"

As we listen to the sound from day to day in the tops of the mulberry trees, let us go forward obeying the commands of our Master and work while it is day for "the night cometh when no man can work."

E. E. PARCHMENT,
Superintendent

Ingathering Time Again

June 3-July 15.

There is a supreme goal which inspires the heart of every believer in the last Gospel Message. That goal is the finishing of the Work. For its accomplishment we have been praying and working for many years, and there is no shadow of uncertainty in the heart of every true Seventh-day Adventist, it will be finished. Yet there is no task or problem confronting the Church at this hour that is of greater importance. It presents a challenge which cannot be evaded, and which must receive our undivided attention and efforts.

We have arrived at the time when we should take another advance step. The great Ingathering Campaign time is here again. This campaign takes in young and old, rich and poor, ministers and laity. All these labour to bring in funds from men and women all over the world for the finishing of the Task.

Elders and church leaders, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white and ready to be harvested. The Lord is looking to you, and upon each one of you rests the grave responsibility of leading His church in this campaign. As you lead out by engaging in this work the members will follow. Satan will use every means at his command to hinder and discourage. He will present obstacles and excuses of every description. But God, our great Commander, is going before us, and we hear His voice assuring us that success will crown our efforts when made "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit."

Young men and young women, this is your time to arise and shine. Honour the Lord with the strength of your youth. Set your goal, and set it high. This is the day when we, under God, can perform the seemingly impossible tasks. Let all press together and work for victory. Yea, eternal victory is for those who will hold on a little longer.

"Work for the night is coming, work in the noon-day sun." Work, Ingatherers, work together and soon we will hear the "Well done."

E. C. H. REID,
Home Miss. Secretary,
West Jamaica.

"God has bound our hearts to Him by unnumbered tokens in heaven and in earth."

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

G. A. E. SMITH, Superintendent
Georgetown, Grand Cayman

Work in the Cayman Islands

There may have been many regrets that the good work started here in the Cayman Islands by Pastor Eastman in 1898, suffered a checkered experience because of the lack of continued shepherding due to a dearth of labourers.

Pastor Eastman and wife and two children spent around eighteen months in Grand Cayman and covered the Island with our good books—so much so—that not a single home was without a copy of our publications. He taught vocal music, and ministered to the spiritual needs of the people. He also relieved much pain by his knowledge of dentistry. He left an excellent impression. The Presbyterian was the only church on the Island at the time. Some little time later Brethren Hutchins and Gossner passed through from Spanish Honduras to Jamaica. On their return the latter buried his wife here. She fell sick on the boat and these men spent about a month here.

Pastor Frank Hall spent four years in medical and evangelistic ministry. During the next ten years no worker came to these Islands.

Pastor Knight, a veteran, spent six years and contributed very largely in the building up of the work here. There was associated with him at that time Brother Frank Fletcher. The death of Mrs. Knight in Jamaica necessitated his removal.

Pastor Lovell Crawford succeeded Pastor Knight and contributed his quota during three years.

The Master has watched over his work during those long years, and the Islands rejoice that a new day has dawned as a result of the birth of the British West Indies Union Mission, and the work will have uninterrupted supervision.

G. A. E. SMITH

Home Missionary Department

During the early months of this year, church officers' conventions have been conducted in several districts of the East and West Jamaica Missions, which, without exception,

have been very largely attended. Every church and company in the East Jamaica Mission, with the exception of one small company, was represented at one of the eight conventions held throughout the Mission. In West Jamaica these conventions are still being manifested in every place. Baptismal services are being conducted in connection with these conventions, and there have been some thrilling experiences. At May Pen eighteen persons responded to an altar call at the baptismal service conducted at the close of the convention. This church has sold more than two hundred Big Week books this year as compared to sixty last year.

More than fifty lay-preachers' efforts were in progress in East Jamaica during the first quarter of the year, and already thirty-three have been baptized in this mission as a result of lay-preaching.

We learn that Elder R. H. Pierson, the union superintendent, has been conducting lay-preachers' institutes in the British Honduras Mission—one in the English-speaking and one in the Spanish-speaking section.

We stand on the threshold of another Ingathering Campaign—June 3 to July 15 is the official time this year, and from the enthusiasm manifest on the part of the leaders, we feel sure that the centenary-year Ingathering Campaign is going to far surpass anything that we have ever experienced. The goals reported as having been set are:

British Honduras	\$531.00
East Jamaica	£800. 0. 0
West Jamaica	700. 0. 0

We have not yet heard from the Bahamas or Cayman Islands about their goals. Let us go forward in the strength of the Lord's promise, "The wealth (margin) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." And better still, "the abundance of the sea (water being a symbol of people) shall be converted unto thee." Isa. 60:5.

A. C. STOCKHAUSEN ..

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

F. I. MOHR, Superintendent
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News Notes

On Friday, March 24, Elder R. H. Pierson, the superintendent of the British West Indies Union Mission,

arrived in Belize where he was warmly welcomed by our church and the Mission workers. British Honduras Mission has been unusually privileged to have our dynamic leader first visit us. During the five weeks that Elder Pierson spent in the field he has been busily engaged in conducting lay-workers' schools, in public evangelistic work, in executive work, and in visiting the various stations and giving personal encouragement to individual churches and members. As Elder Pierson leaves the field he will be greatly missed, and we wish him a speedy and safe passage and an early return to British Honduras.

On Wednesday, March 29, Elder and Mrs. Mohr left British Honduras for San Jose en route to the homeland for a well earned furlough. We wish Brother and Sister Mohr a safe journey and a pleasant rest, and a speedy return to their field of labour.

In Elder Mohr's absence the British Honduras Mission will be under the general direction of the Union Superintendent, with Elder F. R. Archbold acting as chairman of the local committee.

From April 4 to 9 a lay workers' school of evangelism was held in the Belize church. The English-speaking lay preachers, church elders, and church school teachers from the central and southern districts were invited in for this convention. Twenty brethren and sisters were in regular attendance, and at the close of the session they set their goal for 122 souls during 1944. Early each morning Elder Archbold conducted a devotional service. For one hour each day the writer presented the spiritual aspects of our department programme to the delegates. Twice each day Elder Pierson conducted classes in methods of evangelism dealing with the practical approaches to both public and personal soul-winning. Each evening an evangelistic service was held for the public in which the methods were demonstrated. There was a good attendance throughout the meetings and names of 65 interested people were secured for follow-up work by our Belize lay workers. The delegates all returned to their fields feeling better equipped for the great work of soul-winning.

From April 12 to 16 a similar lay workers' school of evangelism was

conducted in Corozal. Here eighteen of our English- and Spanish-speaking brethren from the northern district gathered for soul-winning instruction. At the close of the meetings goals were set for nearly 100 souls during 1944. We feel sure that these two schools of evangelism will add impetus to our soul-winning programme in British Honduras.

Plans are going forward for a number of short efforts in British Honduras. Elder Archbold has just finished a series of meetings in Corozal and is now preparing a class of fifteen or twenty for baptism. During the month of May Brother Archbold will conduct a series of meetings in Belize, assisted by the following lay workers: Brethren R. P. Smith, Hugh Flowers, George Middleton, George Clothier, and Sisters Campbell, Trapp, Hulse, and Ashman.

The writer is planning short evangelistic efforts in Boston and Cow Head Creek during the month of May. In these two places Sisters Brown and Crique, and Brother and Sister Harding have been doing faithful missionary work, arousing an interest which, we hope, will develop and prepare a number for baptism.

H. W. WALLER

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

D. V. POND, Superintendent
176 Orange Street, Kingston, Jamaica

Notice

The following is a complete list of the East Jamaica Mission officers and departmental secretaries. Any correspondence regarding any certain department should be directed to the respective secretary or officer.

D. V. Pond, superintendent.

Clinton Hendriks, cashier and bookkeeper.

H. S. Walters, Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and Educational secretary.

W. U. Campbell, Field Missionary secretary.

D. V. Pond, Sabbath School secretary.

East Jamaica Mission

So that all in the East Jamaica Mission may have a full understanding of the workings, churches, and

plans of the East Mission, I am sending out the following information with the suggestion that the church and company leaders preserve this issue of the VISITOR for reference.

The East Jamaica Mission is comprised of the parishes of St. Catherine, St. Mary, Portland, St. Thomas, Kingston, and St. Andrew. In these six parishes we have a total of 63 organized churches and 15 companies with a membership of 5010. Four districts have been formed, as follows:

No. 1. The Kingston and nearby churches, under the leadership of Pastor D. B. Reid.

No. 2. The St. Thomas District, which also includes the churches of East Portland, under the leadership of Pastor Harold Nembhard.

No. 3. The largest in area and number of churches of all our districts, includes the two parishes of Portland and St. Mary, under the leadership of Pastor J. N. Williams.

No. 4. The parish of St. Catherine, under the leadership of Pastor A. D. Laing.

Pastor H. S. Walters is already throwing his whole heart and soul into the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and educational plans for the year. He has kindled spiritual "fires" in all the Kingston churches by holding a week-long youth's crusade in each church during the month of February. Such interests were stirred up by these lively crusades that the meetings had to be continued. When Pastor D. B. Reid spoke at the Kencot church, he was requested to speak again the following night, and so many outsiders, as well as members, desired the meetings to continue that he had to carry on evangelistic meetings for many weeks. Brother Jeffries had to follow up in the Rollington Town church the same way.

The Big Week campaign was an outstanding success. The lay preachers are bending every effort to proclaim the message in the many local districts and to persuade and win others to the truth.

A mission-wide crusade for all our youth is being planned, for we are determined that not one of our youth shall remain outside the church. This message needs every young man and woman; let every church lay plans to draw them in by inviting them to join youth baptismal classes.

Our Sabbath schools are growing in strength continually. There are 40

grade A Sabbath schools in our mission, 17 B grades, and more and more C grades are moving up to B and A grade schools. Increasing numbers of branch schools are being started over the mission, and we are urging every church to have at least one branch Sabbath school functioning within 1944.

The colporteur department is under the leadership of Brother W. U. Campbell. The colporteur institute that closed in February was full of inspiration; and the East Jamaica colporteur evangelists feel certain they will more than surpass our goal for actual deliveries for 1944 of £4000, and many souls won for the Lord Jesus. Let us remember these earnest workers and their leader, Brother Campbell, in our prayers.

The tithe promotion day was more than a success over the entire mission. A renewed determination to be absolutely faithful in tithes and offerings from that day on seems to have taken hold of nearly all our members. Many confessions were made of unfaithfulness, but we thank God for His mercies extended to us, that we are able to turn to Him for forgiveness and are again able to make a new start. God has promised to bless us not only spiritually, but materially when we faithfully return to Him His own. Let everyone of us go forward in continued faithfulness and put the Lord to the test. He will never fail us.

We are happy to have Brother Clinton Hendriks serving in the mission office as cashier and bookkeeper. All requests for treasurer's supplies should be directed to the treasurer's department as usual.

As director of this very progressive East Mission, I determine anew to set my face "as a flint" toward the Kingdom of Heaven. I shall not be satisfied till I can feel certain that every member of the East Mission is by my side. Let us reach toward that "mark"—the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"—and some day soon receive that "crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give" us "at that day."

D. V. POND

District Conventions

The following conventions should be carefully noted and planned for by all churches and companies in East

Jamaica Mission. These days will be full of spiritual food and blessings! All conventions will begin at ten o'clock in the morning lasting till late afternoon.

Portland District—Sunday, June 11th at Port Antonio

St. Catherine District—Sunday, June 18th at Spanish Town

St. Mary District—Sunday, June 25th at Gayle

St. Thomas District—Sunday, July 2nd at Morant Bay

Our Youth and Ingathering

Today we stand upon the threshold of a very important event—our INGATHERING campaign. Without the consecrated efforts of our youth our Ingathering campaign will be a failure. You are called and chosen by God, and today East Jamaica looks to its youth to achieve for Him.

This year our Ingathering will go down in history as the greatest in Jamaica, and let it bring the greatest of blessings to your soul. In every church our young people must become the advance guard and supply the inspiration for this event. Our Youth Movement is one of prophecy, and we must continue to act our part in our labours for Christ.

It is high time to awake for the day is at hand, the day when our Eastern youth will break all records for the Cause of Christ and receive the benediction of God. Now is the time for bands to be organized and a campaign leader appointed. Church leaders, give our societies the right type of leadership and your encouragement, and they will write history with their life blood.

News from far and near tells of a growing enthusiasm in this line of endeavour. Singing bands are practising and are waiting for June 3 to sing their way to victory. Our young people's goal is £300. This they are determined to reach in three weeks! Under God they WILL.

H. S. WALTERS

Christian Education in the B. W. I. Union Mission

"The church cannot afford to neglect the education of its children and youth for service in God's cause. Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses

of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labour in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth.

"In the closing scenes of this earth's history, many of these children and youth (who have received a Christian education) will astonish people by their witness to the truth, which will be borne in simplicity, yet with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. In the near future, many children will be endowed with the Spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time cannot be done by the older members of the church."—*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 165-167.

In messages such as these and many others that might be quoted we have the reasons for our own system of Christian education. We are happy that in our organized work in the union this Christian education plays an important role.

In the East Jamaica Mission most of the educational work is confined to the Kingston area. Altogether we have 219 pupils in school. New Hope College is meeting a long-felt need in providing secondary Christian education to our large numbers of young people in the Kingston churches. Under the capable headmastership of Professor Bull that school will play an important roll in safeguarding our young people in Kingston from worldly influences.

The West Jamaica Mission reports 290 pupils in their nine church schools. Five teachers are employed in these schools. I doubt there is a similar area in our world field with as many church schools and as many pupils in church school. The workers there have plans to start more church schools in 1945. No doubt they will continue to hold the world record.

Nineteen forty-four marks the 25th anniversary of the West Indian Training College. This is also their banner year as far as enrollment is concerned; over 170 students are enrolled. The industries are thriving and the work is going ahead. Most of the teachers in the church schools listed above have received their training at W. I. T. C.

While we rejoice in what has been done and what is being done, yet we realize much more remains to be done.

In Jamaica alone we have over 3000 youth. June 10, 1944, has been set aside as Education Day for the Division. It is suggested that our churches will follow the programme outlined in the *Inter-American Division Messenger* of April. Let us make this a day of prayer and sacrifice for our young people and their need of a Christian education. The offering for that day will be used especially for elementary educational work for the respective missions in which it is raised. Let us sacrifice.

M. J. SORENSON

Sabbath School Department

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effective, in bringing souls to Christ."—*Testimonies on S. S. Work*, p. 20.

The above testimony presents a stirring challenge to the Sabbath school. Many souls have made their first contact with Jesus by coming to Sabbath school, but it is equally true that a large number have begun to lose contact with the Saviour by the attitude of the Sabbath school toward them. Some Sabbath schools unfortunately are sadly lacking in taking and showing a personal interest in their members. What about those who through a deficiency of clothing, sickness, distance of travel, or some discouragement, have had to be absent for some weeks and have never had a visit from their teacher or classmates? Soon they have drifted into the ranks of missing members. Yes, MISSING MEMBERS is the biggest problem of our Sabbath school today. How can we solve it? Here are four suggestions:

1. Place the name of every church member on the S. S. record card whether he attends or not.
2. Place two or three of the "missing members" on the record card of each teacher.
3. The teacher should plan to visit the "missing members" of his class every Sabbath afternoon or as soon as possible after he has noticed their absence.
4. After one teacher has done all that he can to bring back the "missing members" and has failed, place the name on the record card of another teacher, and let him try to bring back the straying sheep to the fold.

A. C. STOCKHAUSEN