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## A Personal Message For You

**M**Y FIRST message to the workers and believers of God's remnant church in the British West Indies Union is a call to deeper consecration and to a closer walk with God.

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13). Only as all reservations are laid aside, and we seek the Lord with all our hearts will we be prepared for the days just before us. We are living in a time of unprecedented turmoil and upheaval. Undoubtedly these are the evil days which Christ declared would immediately precede His return. If we are to stand through the tests and trials just ahead, we must seek the Lord with all our hearts—not in the listless half-hearted indifferent manner displayed by some professing Christians that may be seen all around us.

Not only is this a day of trouble but it is a day of great opportunity. For those of us privileged to labour in this fertile field of the British West Indies unlimited possibilities for soul-winning lie before us. If we are to meet this great challenge successfully, we must seek the Lord with all of our heart for the essential preparation!

Nothing will take the place of this needed search for God! Machinery, goals, degrees, diplomas, campaigns, and other planks in our denominational scaffolding are good, and they are an important part of our programme, but never can we allow any of these to substitute for a deep, abiding experience in the things of God.

Speaking of the power that will equip men and women to rise up and to finish the work, the Servant of the Lord says: "The laborers will be qualified rather by the function of the Holy Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with Holy zeal declaring the words which God gives them."—*Great Controversy*, page 602.

Men and women of power—those whose lives have been emptied of sin and filled with the Spirit of God—those are the kind of men and women God wants here in the



British West Indies in these stirring times. He wants men and women who in their inmost souls are true and honest—who are as true to duty as the needle is to the pole! If we have in our field workers and believers who know what it is to go out from the place of prayer filled with the Holy Spirit—how soon the message will be given in every corner of Jamaica, of the Bahamas, of British Honduras, of the Caymans, and of the unentered Turks and Caicos Islands.

Jonathan Edwards, one of the most powerful preachers of his day, made this daily consecration of himself to his Heavenly Father:

"I have been to God today and have given myself, all that I am and have, to God so that I am not in any respect my own; I can challenge no right to this understanding, this will, these affections that are in me; neither have I any right to this body or any of its members; no right to this tongue, these eyes, these ears, this smell or taste. I have given myself clear away and have not retained anything as my own. I have been to God this morning and told Him that I gave myself wholly to Him, so that for the future I will challenge no right to myself in any respect."

If every worker and member of our union field could honestly and sincerely come to God each morning in such a whole-hearted consecration, what power would attend our daily witness for the coming Christ!

Today, with you, I wish to rededicate my life anew to a closer walk with my Saviour, and to the finishing of His work here in this part of the great Inter-American Division. Daily you will each one have a place in my prayers, as I also hope that I shall be remembered in yours that we may each one experience a real revival of true godliness in our lives, that the Lord may join our hands in our quest for a closer walk with God and greater power to finish His work.

ROBERT H. PIERSON

### Elder Pierson Welcomed

We are very pleased to announce that the new union superintendent, Pastor R. H. Pierson, his wife, and two boys, arrived in Jamaica Thursday, June 29. Pastor Pierson spoke at the North Street church his first Sabbath in Jamaica. The second Sabbath he spoke at the West Indian Training College. He has already started visiting the churches throughout the field. Before arriving in Ja-

maica Pastor Pierson spent several weeks in British Honduras. He also made a short visit to the Bahamas.

On Wednesday evening, July 5, the available workers of the union, the members of the Union Committee, the college faculty, and several other workers, held a welcome gathering for Pastor Pierson and his family at the college. A very pleasant evening was spent together and Pastor Pierson and family were most hearti-

ly welcomed to Jamaica. Short talks were given acquainting Pastor Pierson with the work and its needs,

### SPECIAL DATES

August 5	Home Missionary day
August 26	Sabbath School Rally day
September 2	Home Missionary day
September 16	Voice of Prophecy—special offering
September 23	Elementary school offering
October 7	Colporteur Rally day
October 14	Temperance day
November 4	Home Missionary day
" 18 to 25	Week of Prayer & Sacrifice—special offering
December 2	Home Missionary day
December 16	Elementary school offering



### THE BAHAMAS MISSION

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

#### News Notes

The Missions Committee has recently extended to Pastor Nembhard an invitation to locate in Grants Town after his furlough, and to serve as pastor of the Grants Town church in addition to his work as superintendent of the Andros Island District. We feel sure that Brother Nembhard's leadership in Grants Town will prove a great blessing to our church membership there.

On the evening of June 15 Miss Ualee Lawrence presented the Hawkins Hill School in a very interesting programme. The many songs, recitations, and other features presented showed that a great deal of time and thought had been put into the preparation of the programme, and the large audience present demonstrated its appreciation by hearty applause. Elder H. D. Colburn, our mission superintendent, acted as master of ceremonies. Proceeds from the programme are to be used in purchasing a piano for the school.

The Mission Committee at a recent session has appointed Mrs. H. D. Colburn the Sabbath school department secretary of the Bahamas Mission. The Sabbath school work is one of the most important branches of our work, and we trust that all of our members will labour earnestly not only to strengthen our present schools, but also to organize branch schools wherever possible.

Brother R. B. Campbell, who has been one of our colporteurs, has now been invited to take up ministerial work. Brother Campbell will have charge of the Inagua District which is composed of Inagua, Acklins, and Crooked Islands. We are always happy when we are able to call new workers to supplement our very small working staff in the Islands.

Elder R. M. Whitsett, Inter-American Division radio secretary, recently spent the week-end in Nassau in the interest of the Voice of Prophecy radio programme which we are hopeful will soon be broadcast from our local Nassau wireless station ZNS. Let all of our members pray that such arrangements may be made, and that this deeply spiritual radio programme may help hundreds here in

our islands to find peace and joy in Christ and His saving message for these last days.

Elder R. H. Pierson, superintendent of the British West Indies Union, spent several days in Nassau recently on mission business. This was Elder Pierson's first trip to the Bahamas, but he plans to return later in the year for a longer stay which will include a visit to some of our out island churches.

Let us have some good reports from our lay preachers. We feel sure that the Lord has many earnest lay workers here in the Bahamas whom He could use to win scores of souls if they would but respond to His appeal for workers. How about you?

Has *your* church reached its *full* Harvest Ingathering goal? If not is it because *you* haven't done *your* part? We hope that not only every church but every church member will reach his full Ingathering goal this year. The more we do in this good work the more we will have to spend here in our field to build up the work of God. We need schools; we need churches; we need workers. Let us do our part to help meet these needs by doing all we can in the Ingathering work now.

### BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

F. I. MOHR, Superintendent  
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#### News Notes

On Sunday, April 30, interested friends and members from Corozal, Calcutta, and Pembroke Hall churches stood on the banks of the Pembroke Hall branch of the New River to witness the baptism of seventeen candidates by Pastor F. R. Archbold. This baptism was the largest witnessed in the north for some time and is to a great extent the work of lay workers and our church school teacher.

On Sunday, May 7, Pastor F. R. Archbold opened a six-week series of lectures in the Belize Seventh-day Adventist church. In spite of handicaps caused by an extended drought, interest continued good throughout the meetings. Our faithful Belize lay workers stood loyally by Elder Archbold in this work, and as the result of God's blessing eight souls were recently buried with Christ in baptism.

Work on the Douglas church building is proceeding at a good rate, and we hope that before long it will be ready for dedication. The church members in Douglas have worked most faithfully in securing the land and getting this building erected. We are hopeful of having a school in Douglas before too long.

The writer has recently conducted brief efforts in Boston and Cow Head Creek. The meetings in Boston were in the form of cottage meetings and were held in the home of Brother and Sister Harding. The service in Cow Head Creek were held each night in the little church in that place. The interest was good throughout the series and the largest attendance was on the closing night. Names of twenty-four interested people were received, and it is hoped that from this number several will be prepared for baptism before the year closes.

Since the lay workers' school of evangelism held in April, four branch Sunday schools have been started. These schools have been established by Brethren George Middleton, and Amos Wright, and by Sisters Amy Campbell and Victoria Gibson. We are sure that many others will soon be following their good example.

Sister C. Gill and Brother I. D. Sabido, our temporary Bible workers in the Corozal district, have reported a good interest. At the present time there are eighteen who are regularly receiving Bible studies in their homes.

A very lively cottage meeting is being conducted regularly by Brother C. L. Claypole, assisted by other lay workers of the Calcutta church at Xiabe every Sunday evening. There are several who are eagerly embracing the truths of the Bible and are turning away from Catholicism.

The writer has recently completed an itinerary through the south and the northern districts. In the south our brethren and sisters joined in revival services in which great emphasis was placed on the work of the lay man. The trip through the north was mainly in the interest of the Ingathering work. Three of our churches have been organized and are just awaiting orders to go forth in the work of the campaign. Individual goals have been set and with such courage and interest we feel sure that they will reach and pass their goals.

A number of our faithful lay preachers will soon be leaving the colony for work in the United States.



## The Visitor

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This is a real blow to our lay preaching programme, but our prayers will go with these brethren as they leave us, and we hope they will come back soon.

Brother Correa from Douglas reports four keeping the Sabbath in the near-by village where he is doing his lay preaching. We sincerely hope that these souls may be prepared for membership with God's remnant people soon.

W. HANSEN WALLER.

## CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

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

### News Notes

We are glad to report six in our baptismal class at present and several others who are in the valley of decision for whom we are working and praying. Pray earnestly that the Lord will lead in gathering out the honest in heart here in our islands.

Inasmuch as the winter and spring months are the best for evangelism, only cottage meetings are being conducted at the present. We hope a little later that suitable places may be secured in which public meetings may be held.

The Ingathering campaign was launched in Georgetown on Sunday, July 2, and at our other centres a week later. We feel sure that our loyal Cayman Islands members will not come short in this good work but will all reach their goals. The more we do in this good work the more we will have to spend here in our field to build up the work of God. We have many needs here so let us do all we can in the Ingathering work now!

Please remember to send all Big Week and Ingathering funds in to your mission treasurer this month.

## EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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

### News Notes

We know our members throughout East Jamaica will be made very happy to learn that 247 precious souls have been baptized in our mission during the first six months of 1944. Our goal, set for the entire year, is 600. During the last part of the year we shall see the results of the baptisms of the work of the lay-preachers as well as the district pastors. Let us all work earnestly and diligently that we might reach our goal of 600 and even surpass it with a nice overflow of souls for the Master.

Surely the Lord has been more than blessing our colporteur evangelists in our mission. Their deliveries for the first six months of 1944 are just below the twenty-seven hundred pound mark. Their yearly goal of £4000 will most certainly be reached under the blessing of God. Let us pray that our colporteurs will far surpass their goal financially and that we will see many souls accept this wonderful message as a result of their work this year.

Our tithes are holding up splendidly thus far this year, and we are very thankful for the faithfulness of God's people along these lines. Such faithfulness enables us to lay larger and broader plans for the finishing of the work in this Island field. If there are many of our people who are not faithfully returning to God that which is His own, we sincerely urge them to ask for the forgiveness of God for past negligence and to never be found unfaithful in the future.

Many of our churches have already sent in their Ingathering funds. Let every church be certain to send in with their July remittance all Ingathering and Big Week funds that they may have on hand. Let us not leave any offering uncollected. Above all, devote special attention to those who have shown an interest in our Message and the work. These are precious in the sight of heaven and perhaps God has used you as His ambassador to carry the Message to those whom He knows are on the verge of the Kingdom, waiting to be gathered in.

D. V. POND

### Eastern Ingathering

The past five weeks will go down in our history as one of the most inspiring periods ever experienced in Jamaica. The determination demonstrated by every member throughout East Jamaica was indeed an indication of their desire to accomplish a great work in a short time.

Our young people have set the pace. They went out in singing bands nearly every night. In this manner some societies were able to reach their goal within one day, others within a little longer period. The Castleton Society, under the leadership of Miss Enid Clarke, was the first to announce victory, and one by one other societies have hoisted the victory flag. Today we are glad to announce that under the leadership of Christ, our young people have reached their goal of £100, and are striving manfully for the fifty percent overflow.

Today we are happy to announce that our mission has raised over £900 in five weeks. Let us not look upon this as our attainment, or that it happened as a matter of course, or chance. This signal victory of God's people has been made possible through the blessing of God. It is time that every member of our mission recognize that this Message is destined to triumph in the very near future, and when that time comes it will triumph. Let us, therefore, dedicate ourselves anew in united effort during this glorious hour of earth's sunset.

H. S. WALTERS

Home Missionary Secretary

### East Jamaica Bookmen

We are thankful to God for His blessings on the colporteur ministry. Every day God's miraculous power is experienced in this field.

Colporteurs K. E. Destoe, Enid Robinson, and M. A. Lalor have this year, brought to the message about six precious souls. Many others are also having outstanding success in deliveries.

The following are some of the totals for the first five months of 1944:—

S. Vasciannie	£190 16 0
A. A. Morgan	162 9 10
K. E. Destoe	123 12 6

Onward is our watchword.

W. U. CAMPBELL

Field Missionary Secretary.



## WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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

### Missionary Activities

Readers of the VISITOR will be happy to know of the success of our Big Week campaign. Over 3,000 Big Week books were taken by our churches and companies this year, and of this number very few have been returned to the office; and even these we have been able to dispose of to a large extent. The majority of churches and companies have made full settlement for these books. We are hoping by the end of this present month, we will be able to report a complete settlement.

The number of baptisms held has been very encouraging, and already for this year 178 precious souls have been baptized, and quite a number are awaiting baptism. With the earnest and faithful labours of our workers and our laymen, we are looking forward to a bountiful harvest of souls for 1944.

Brother E. C. H. Reid, our Home Missionary secretary, has just completed a series of conventions. These have been very profitable and inspiring. We feel sure that they will accomplish the desired result.

Our Ingathering campaign which was launched on June 3, has gathered rapid momentum, and the loyal members of the West have gone forward under the Great Leader, Prince Emmanuel, with zeal and courage.

In Montego Bay the young people have passed their goal the first week of the campaign, collecting £22.

Word has just been received from the Southfield church, under the leadership of Brother Cranston Reid, and also from the Caledonia church, under the leadership of Sister Etta Hewitt, that they have gone over the top in the first week. We feel sure that by the time the VISITOR reaches your hand, many, if not all, of the churches will have reached their goal.

We have made arrangement whereby the Ingathering bulletin will reach you at the end of each week. We are thankful to God for the loyalty that is being displayed among you faithful brethren and sisters. As you go forth gathering funds to reach your financial goal, please keep in mind the greater objective—the goal for souls!

Last but not least is our gallant band of colporteurs who are going forth with untiring effort to scatter the printed page. Already they have delivered for the five months of this year £1459. 12. 4., thus surpassing their goal by £417. 9. 0.

Surely the Lord is working mightily among His people in spreading the last message of warning to the world. Let us all consecrate ourselves daily to the finishing of the work.

E. E. PARCHMENT

### Bulletin

Since receiving the above news notes, we have the last Ingathering report from the West Mission which reveals that their Ingathering total to date is £753. 12. 2., with Pastors Fletcher's, Robertson's, Crawford's, and Brethren Gouldbourne's and Crarey's districts over the top.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Zephaniah Jarrett, kindly get in touch with J. D. Robinson, Petersfield S. D. A. Church.

## THE WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE

M. J. Sorenson, President  
P. O. Box 22, Mandeville, Jamaica

### News Notes

The Harvest Ingathering campaign at the college this year passed all previous records both in regard to the amount raised as well as the time in which it was raised.

A new branch Sabbath school at Kendal has been added to those already carried on by the college Sabbath school. Success to Brother Ivan Walters, the leader.

During the summer vacation Brother Holgate will join with the workers in British Honduras. The British West Indies Union has asked him especially to look after the needs of our educational and colporteur work there during the summer.

As a result of the splendid spiritual revival we had at the college at the time of our Spring Week of Prayer, two baptismal services have been held and about thirty souls baptized. We praise the Lord for this fruitage. The practical, spiritual talks of Brother Walters was meat in due season.

Nineteen hundred and forty-four marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the College. Plans are under consideration to celebrate this occasion with appropriate ceremonies near the close of school. If any of our people have some interesting historical items or incidents that would be of general interest we invite you to pass them on for our anniversary. Some may have photographs that could be used. We want to make the silver jubilee of the college a unique occasion.

It was a happy surprise to have Alwyn Parchment back on the hill in the early part of June. We are glad that he has successfully completed his pre-medical studies at P. U. C. He has been accepted at Loma Linda as a medical student. He plans to continue his medical studies in December.

A few weeks ago \$2500 worth of new bakery equipment was received at the college. While in the States last year Brother B. R. Hamilton was able to interest Elders H. M. Blunden of the Publishing department and formerly of the Antillian Union, and R. E. Crawford of the Southern Publishing Association. These brethren contacted some friends who became interested in our needs. With this equipment and the new oven and an enlarged building we hope to be able to take care of the needs of this rapidly growing industry.

M. J. SORENSON

### Notes and Notices

During the time of our Youth's Congress in Kingston, the union office was closed in order that everyone could attend.

Lay preachers throughout our union are kindly requested to send in to the union office, Mandeville, interesting, personal experiences in soul-winning from time to time. Please address your correspondence to Pastor R. H. Pierson, British West Indies Union, Mandeville.

Pastor A. C. Stockausen has been away from the Union office for several days helping with the Ingathering in the East Mission, and the results have been encouraging.

The union secretary-treasurer spent some time in Kingston last month auditing the books of the New Hope College.