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Erecting to His Glory

Editor's Note:—While this appeal was primarily directed by Elder Pond to the members of the East Jamaica Mission, its ringing challenge should find a response in the hearts of all of our members throughout the Union.

Since the disastrous hurricane that struck the northern side of our island, there has been brought to us a task, a gigantic task, too big for anyone of us alone or any individual group, but, thank God, not too big for His people with the Architect of heaven working with them.

In the East Jamaica Mission alone, prior to the storm, there were more than twenty-five permanent church buildings needed. Following the calamity of August 20th, the number increased to beyond forty. In other words, at this time of writing, two-thirds of our organized churches in this mission are worshipping in temporary structures, nearly all of which fail, most miserably, in glorifying God and His message! Brethren, it is time that we, His people, SACRIFICE AND BUILD! It is time that we make God and His truth *first*, before the world. This cannot be done in continuing to worship year after year in temporary shelters that bring dishonour to God and His message.

The servant of God tells us, "In preparing a house of worship, there must be a great exercise of faith and trust in God."—*Vol. IV, p. 76, 77.* And brethren, not only faith and trust, but SACRIFICE! Let me tell you the story as recorded in these same pages of the Testimonies: The children of Israel "had just been freed from their long bondage in Egypt, and were wanderers in the wilderness; yet scarcely were they delivered from the armies of the Egyptians who pursued them in their hasty journey, when the world of the Lord came to Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering; of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.'

"His people had small possessions, and no flattering prospect of adding to them; but an object was before them,—to build a tabernacle for God. The Lord had spoken, and they must obey His voice. They withheld nothing. All gave with a willing hand, not a certain amount of their increase, but a large portion of their actual possessions. They devoted it gladly and heartily to the Lord, and pleased Him by so doing. Was it not all His? Had He not given them all they possessed? If He called for it, was it not their duty to give back to the Lender His own?"

"No urging was needed. The people brought even more than was required, and were told to desist, for there was already

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Arrivals and Departures

These are busy days in the British West Indies Union. The words of the prophet Daniel are being literally fulfilled before our eyes in this our island field—truly many are "running to and fro," and, to add our own version of Daniel 12:4—"many shall run to and fro and membership shall be increased."

New arrivals in the Union from abroad include Brother and Sister M. E. Lowry and Elena, whom we have already introduced to our VISITOR family. Brother Lowry is already hard at work in his new position as our Union Publishing Department secretary. We are happy to have the Lowrys with us and we feel that the Lord will abundantly bless their stay in the British West Indies Union.

We have already welcomed Miss Ruth Munroe, our J. N. Andrews Hospital Nurses' Supervisor and Instructor, and now we are happy to welcome her father and mother who have come to be with her and to help build up the new hospital work. We hope Brother and Sister Munroe will greatly enjoy their stay in Jamaica.

Elder and Mrs. F. M. Larsen and Herbert arrived in Kingston by plane on March 9. Elder Larsen has spent many years in departmental and administrative work in both China and the United States. His broad experience will mean much to the British West Indies Union in his new capacity as Union Departmental secretary. Welcome to the Larsens!

Before the next issue of the VISITOR appears we are expecting the following workers from the States: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O. Franz and children, Brother Franz is under appointment as our Union secretary-treasurer; Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson and John who will be in charge of the new hospital in Kingston; Elder and Mrs. R. E. Gibson and children who will also be connected with the hospital in Kingston.

Jamaica has also been busy sending out missionaries this year. Under the British Honduras section of this VISITOR you will read about Brother and Sister Hugh Crarey, Brother and Sister Vasciannie, and Miss Ivy Usher leaving Jamaica to join the ranks of workers in that field. Then under the Cayman Islands Mission you will read of Brother and Sister E. C. Walton and Brother and Sister Leslie Dillon arriving in the Caymans for work there. Another family—Brother and Sister C. C. Nebblett—is under appointment for colporteur work in the Turks and Caicos Islands and will be leaving in May for their new field.

So our workers come and go—may God bless us all together as we join hands for the finishing of His work in the earth.

"Thrilled With the Bible Correspondence Lessons"

"The custom of memorizing precious Bible texts and inspiring hymns is of inestimable value. During the present World War we have read of countless experiences where men in the face of great danger have recalled the wonderful promises of God which they had memorized in their childhood.

"Precious gems from the Word of God were locked up within the heart and, although they were not on intimate terms with God nor in the habit of going to church to worship their Creator, yet when confronted with real danger, they unconsciously laid hold by faith on these promises.

"In the early days of the war the newspapers told of a marvelous experience at sea when Mrs. Ethel Bell, a missionary from Africa, was returning to the States in the summer of 1942. Her ship was torpedoed and for twenty days she, her two small children, and fifteen seamen floated on a raft in shark-infested waters.

"Mrs. Bell began to tell Bible stories to the group every night and morning and gave a Bible verse for each day. 'They had no Bible except the one I had locked inside my heart,' said Mrs. Bell; and that Bible she opened to the seamen. They claimed God's promises and He honoured their faith by caring for them in a marvelous manner, and finally they were rescued.

"How much of that precious Word have you locked within your heart? How much time do you spend with your Bible? The Bible is indeed a great storehouse of knowledge, and a study of the Word will ennoble and enrich the life. Verily, an hour a week spent in home Bible study is the best investment you can make."—Theodora S. Wangerin.

The British West Indies Union is now offering a free Bible Correspondence Course of 30 lessons for non-Seventh-day Adventists throughout our island territories. If you have a friend or neighbour whom you would like to have study the truth in a systematic manner, why not ask them to enroll today? Just ask them to write to us at Box 22, Mandeville, Jamaica, or to fill out one of the self-addressed enrollment cards and drop it in the post box. Remember, though, they must fill out the card themselves. You must not do it for anyone else!

We are glad to have our Seventh-day Adventists enroll in the course too, for it will be a great blessing to them, but we cannot offer it free to our members just now—we are asking you to pay only the actual

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INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

GOD'S WORK NEEDS

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In the Ingathering Campaign

LOCAL MISSIONS

BAHAMAS £225.

BRITISH HONDURAS \$100

CAYMAN ISLANDS

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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

A Heaven Full of Blessings

If I were to send word out to all our churches in East Jamaica Mission that we had a storehouse full of very fine gifts here in Kingston ready to distribute to all those who would meet some simple requirement, I am certain that thousands of our people would want to take advantage of the opportunity. We do not have such a storehouse but I want to tell you of one that is full to the "brim" and cannot be emptied!

The servant of the Lord tells us that "God has a heaven full of blessings for those who will co-operate with Him."—*Christ's Object Lessons, p. 145.* Think of it! A heaven full of blessings and the only pre-requisite is, that we "co-operate with Him." I, for one, am determined to receive my share of those blessings. How about you?

May 5, will be the official opening date of our 1945 Ingathering Campaign! This means that ALL churches should be started BY this date—but—if you are well along on the road to victory at that time you will doubtlessly be sending word to Pastor Walters before the closing date, June 16, that your church or company has done its important part in helping to cover the world with the wonderful light of the gospel of salvation.

Watch for your Ingathering Chart which will be coming to you in the mail soon and as that Chart flashes forth the message, "Arise, shine for thy light is come," let us in East Jamaica send forth the light by co-operating with Him to gain "a Heaven full of blessings."

"Gather more than in 1944."

D. V. POND.



East Jamaica Mission News Notes

BAPTISMS

Pastor H. S. Walters conducted a baptism in the Johnson River, Morant Bay, Sunday morning, March 4, at which time ten precious souls were buried with their Lord. Of this number five were the fruitage of Lay Preacher Burke's effort, and one of Lay Preacher Webb's effort.

Pastor Stockhausen sends word that he has six baptisms ready during the months of March and April. Pastor D. B. Reid is also planning a large baptism at the North Street Church the last Sunday in March.

EVANGELISM

Pastor J. N. Williams begins his evangelistic campaign in the village of St. Margaret's Bay very shortly. Pastor Williams has secured a fine spot, already cement floored, on which to erect his tabernacle. We believe that ere long there will be a strong, organized church at St. Margaret's Bay.

Brother Hilbert Nembhard opened his effort at Port Morant Sunday night, March 11. There is already a strong company at Port Morant and for a long time we have had our eyes on Port Morant for a strong evangelistic effort as there is a large field there, this area being heavily populated. We are confident the Master has many precious souls there to be garnered in.

The Lay Preacher movement is gaining momentum in East Jamaica. We have actually reported the following well organized lay efforts: St. Mary District 23, Portland 7, St. Thomas 8, St. Catherine 13, Kingston 4. Three branch Sabbath schools have been organized with over 100 keeping the Sabbath.

THE BAHAMAS MISSION

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

News from the Bahamas Mission

The month of February was a big month in the Bahamas for it was the time of meetings of various types. First came the Mission Executive Committee in session for two days, laying plans for the forward movement of the work in the Bahamas during 1945. These sessions were followed by two days of workers' meetings at which time the workers of the Bahamas Mission were together for study, counsel, and instruction. All of the workers responded in a most loyal manner to the programme of Greater Evangelism and other kindred topics.

The outstanding meetings of the month were those which constituted the Biennial Session of the Bahamas Mission. These meetings were a year over-due, and as the delegates came together from the out-land churches the Spirit of God descended upon us, and the meetings were greatly appreciated by all. The daily programme consisted of devotional studies, business sessions, Bible study, departmental plans, and an evening preaching service. During the business sessions the following Mission Executive Committee was elected for the next biennial term: Elder H. D. Colburn, chairman, Mrs. H. D. Colburn secretary, M. G. Nembhard, Cyril Holmes, Paul Ward,

S. G. Lindo, and Brother Fountain of the Shirley Street church.

Departmental secretaries were also elected for the next two years, and they are as follows: Home Missionary and Religious Liberty, H. D. Colburn; Sabbath School, Mrs. H. D. Colburn; Missionary Volunteer and Educational, Miss Ulalee Lawrence; Temperance, Miss Florence Wood.

We feel sure that under the guidance and leadership of our new Bahamas Mission committee, and departmental secretaries, that the Lord is going to accomplish great things in these islands during 1945.

Beside the help of the local officers and Mission ministers, Elder R. M. Whitsett, from the Inter-American Division, and Elder R. H. Pierson, Superintendent of the British West Indies Union, were present to help out in the various services.



What About 1945 Ingathering Work?

Yes, friends, we are in Jamaica at last and the few days we have been here have given us even greater inspiration. The good reports coming in from various places in the Union of the fine work being done make us happy. As we are nearing the close of God's work, we should become more earnest, filled with greater zeal and warmth because the time is here to finish God's work on earth. A message from the General Conference Committee to believers throughout the world contains the following solemn appeal:

"We believe that the remnant church is now upon the verge of the greatest foreign missions advance that the church of God has ever undertaken in this history of the world. To every nation, kindred, tongue, and people must the messengers go, and with a loud cry, warn men and women everywhere to prepare to meet their God. Nothing of like magnitude has ever before been undertaken by the church of Christ, and yet it must all be accomplished in this the last remnant of time."

If we are upon the verge of the greatest foreign missions advance that the church of God has ever undertaken, it will mean every member—young and old—to do his or her part more faithfully. We shall need more means than ever before. The door is open for us to go in and gather the harvest, and the only way to do it is to go and get it. The Ingathering for 1945 is upon us, and the Lord is calling on all of us for greater service.

"May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world."
Test. Vol. 8, p. 37. F. M. LARSEN.

IN MAY 5-JUNE 16, 1945

SUPER GOALS
EAST JAMAICA £1200.
WEST JAMAICA £1000
HANDS £30.

We CAN We WILL
WE MUST

"I can do all things through Christ.—Paul"

God's Answers to Our Excuses

Excuses are easy things to make! The material that we put into them—just so much breath—doesn't cost a thing! And somehow the "excuse season" seems to be in full swing about Ingathering time. So many timid or lukewarm church members can think up a dozen and one excuses (not reasons) why they can't take an active part in the Ingathering work. You know, you've heard them—"I'd like to go out Ingathering today BUT . . ." I would if I could BUT . . ." BUT is a word you want to look out for; because it is almost inevitably followed by an excuse. I call people who use it frequently "but-ters" and sometimes I think that when the Lord separates the sheep from the goats He is going to put a lot of folks in with the goats because they have been such good "but-ters."

Now just notice how God answers some of our common excuses for not taking an active part in the Ingathering:

1. If you think the Ingathering work is not for you read Mark 13:34 "to every man his work."

2. If it is too hot read Isa. 49:10 "neither shall the heat of the sun smite them."

3. If you are afraid of people's faces read Jer. 1:8 "Be not afraid of their faces for I am with thee to deliver thee."

4. If your tongue gets all twisted up when you try to give an Ingathering canvass read Ex. 4:10-12 "I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say."

5. If you think the Ingathering work is not part of God's programme to support His work read Ex. 11:2,3 "Let every man borrow of his neighbour . . . jewels of silver and gold."

6. If you are afraid to go alone read Matt. 28:20 "Lo, I am with you always."

7. If you are too tired read Isa. 40:31 "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . . they shall walk and not faint."

8. If you think you may not be successful read Isa. 60:5 (margin) "the wealth of the gentiles shall come unto thee."

9. If you are inclined to put the work off on to someone else read Matt. 28:19 "Go ye."

10. If you insist on continuing to make excuses after reading all of the above then read Judges 5:23 "Curse ye Meroz . . . because they came not to the help of the Lord."

God will bless and help you if only you will say willingly "Here am I, oh Lord, send me!"

R. H. PIERSON.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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

Greater Heights to Be Reached

With that assurance, and with real determination, soldiers of the West Jamaica Mission, May 5 will be the D-Day for the launching of our Ingathering campaign. This campaign promises to be the greatest so far that we have ever experienced. We have been asked to close this campaign on June 16, but let us plan to do that before. We have done as well in the past, and under God we can do it in 1945. With God there is nothing impossible for us to do. As we seize this golden opportunity of visiting our friends, I feel sure that the £870. 11. 6. that was raised last year will look very small as compared to what shall be collected this year. In the book, *Acts of the Apostles*, page 111. we read: "Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability."

Fellow soldiers, the time has arrived. Our business is to arise and shine, and in four weeks, starting from May 5, let the goal of £800 that has been set for the Mission be a thing of the past, and let us then be working for the overflow of £200.

We are thankful to the Union and to the Division for returning to the Mission a portion of the amount collected in 1944. This has been a great assistance to us in our educational and church building work. Without this it would be difficult to say how these two important phases of our missionary endeavour would be able to function.

Now let every church, company, branch Sabbath and branch Sunday school and all isolated members begin to make definite plans for the launching of this campaign. Let us pray that God will lead the way and that no drone will be found in the camp. Listen: "God expects personal service from everyone to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." *Vol. IX, p. 30*. This is one of the God-given ways in which everyone can render service for Him.

Remember, one and all, as we go forward on May 5, that our first objective is souls! Do not forget the soul goal of 1,000 for 1945. Secondly, the financial goal of £800 we hope to reach with an overflow of £200. You have never failed, and trusting in God, you will never fail.

ERIC PARCHMENT.

News from the West Jamaica Mission

There are 60 evangelistic efforts conducted by the ministers and the lay preachers now in progress in the West Jamaica Mission. The results are inspiring. One lay preacher has reported 20 in his baptismal class; another 11, and others are doing excellently. Pastor R. H. Robertson is conducting an effort at Sandy Bay with Brother Aston Davis as his assistant. Large crowds are gathered every night, and already more than 25 have accepted the message. Pastor Frank Fletcher is conducting an effort at Bethel Town in the parish of Westmoreland. Pastor Fletcher reports that the result is encouraging. Already a number are keeping the Sabbath, even though the Sabbath truth has not yet been presented. Pastor W. S. Nation is conducting an effort at Pusey Hill, Manchester, and over 20 have already taken their stand. Brother Luther Mullings has joined Pastor Nation in his effort at Pusey Hill to assist him. Brother Lee Gouldbourne is on his second effort in the parish of St. Ann and has reported that the outlook is very encouraging. Brother Kenneth Vaz has started an effort in Clarendon, and we hope that as a result many souls will accept this message. Brother O. Rugless who has just concluded his effort at Camrose, in the parish of St. James, reported over 20 in the baptismal class and an equal number who are in the valley of decision.

Calls are coming into the office every day, but unfortunately these calls have to go unanswered owing to the lack of workers. The devil is working hard, however, and persecution is threatening in various places. In spite of it all, our warriors are of good courage, and the battle for souls continues to gather momentum.

Two small churches reported that since our D-Day, January 21, they have made 830 missionary calls.

On Sunday, March 11, hundreds of people gathered on the banks of the little stream that flows through the district of Flower Hill in Hanover. There they listened to an inspiring sermon and seven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. At the same time there were gathered by the seaside at Lucea a very large concourse of people to witness the burial of three candidates from the Lucea church. There are many more candidates who are waiting baptism in that parish.

Our Bible Correspondence School is in full swing, and we are now ready for enrolment. Please write to us for further information, if necessary.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

R. H. PIERSON, Superintendent
Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

Cayman Islands News Notes

On account of poor health, Elder G. E. A. Smith has not found it possible to return to the Cayman Islands, and so the British West Indies Union Committee has asked Elder R. H. Pierson to look after the work there until future permanent arrangements can be made.

Around the middle of January, the believers on Grand Cayman were made very happy upon the arrival of Brother E. C. Walton and wife who had come to labour among them. Brother Walton has been a very outstanding lay preacher in Jamaica, who has raised up several churches in St. Mary, and brought many souls to the knowledge of the truth. He has carried the same zeal into his work there, and has organized the church in Georgetown for missionary activity. The believers are busy distributing literature and working for souls in other ways.

Brother Aston Davis, who has been working on the Brac for the past year, is now in Jamaica, helping Pastor Robertson with an evangelistic effort, by which means he hopes to gain further experience in evangelism to return and do a larger work there.

Brother Leslie Dillion and his wife from Jamaica have also arrived in the Caymans to engage in colporteur work. We trust Brother and Sister Dillion will be able to place much of our truth-filled literature into the hands of the people there, and that by that means many souls may be brought to take their stand for the third angel's message

PEARL NATION.

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INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

MAY 5

"Gather More Than in '44."

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Notice

The Trinityville church has lost trace of Sister Imogene Destoe, who was formerly Imogene Burke. Any one knowing of her whereabouts kindly communicate with Brother Lynch of the said church.

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"Thrilled With . . ."

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cost of lessons, postage, stationery, etc.; this is only 5/- for 30 truth-filled, interest-packed lessons—six months of plain, pointed, practical Bible study for only 5/-.

Hundreds have enrolled in Jamaica already the first few days. The last mail brought 130 enrollments from Kingston alone.

Hear what some who have taken this course write:

"Since I began to take the Bible Correspondence Course I have learned to value the Word of God. There is not enough gold on earth to tempt me to give up my Bible."

Won't you work and pray for the Twentieth Century Home Bible Course here in the British West Indies Union?

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

F. R. ARCHBOLD, Acting Superintendent
P. O. Box 123, Belize, British Honduras.

British Honduras News Notes

During the Annual meeting of the British West Indies Union Committee, in December, the following officers and committee were appointed for our British Honduras Mission: Elder Fulton Archbold, Acting Superintendent, Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Secretary; Miss Ivy Usher, Cashier and Accountant; Mrs. Fulton Archbold, Sabbath School Secretary; Brother Hansen Waller, Educational Secretary; Brother M. E. Lowry, Publishing Department Secretary. Members of the Local Mission Committee: F. R. Archbold, chairman, Miss Ivy Usher, Recording Secretary, W. H. Waller, H. Flowers, R. P. Smith, Hugh Crarey.

Since January the British Honduras Mission staff has been greatly strengthened by the arrival of Brother and Sister Hugh Crarey. Brother Crarey will fill the role of pastor-teacher in Belize, and we are sure his consecrated ability will be used of God in bringing many souls to the truth.

Brother and Sister Vasciannie, successful colporteurs from Jamaica, have also arrived in Belize to help finish the work here by the distribution of the printed page. We feel sure that with the blessing of the Lord and the help of these new workers, the work will go forward mightily in British Honduras during 1945.

Miss Ivy Usher, who is a native of Belize but has spent several years in training at the West Indian Training College in Jamaica, has come back to us to devote her talents to the upbuilding of the work in her native land, and we welcome her.

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more than could be appropriated. Again, in building the temple, the call for means met with a hearty response. The people did not give reluctantly. They rejoiced in the prospect of a building being erected for the worship of God, and donated more than enough for the purpose."

Now, I am going to send out a challenge to every Seventh-day Adventist in Jamaica, in the form of the following words of the Spirit of Prophecy: "The liberality of the Jews in the construction of the tabernacle and the erection of the temple, illustrates a spirit of benevolence which has not been equaled by Christians of any later date." Did you carefully notice that last statement? Did you also notice the parallel between the condition of the people of God then as it is with us in Jamaica today, especially this side of the storm? "His people had small possessions, and no flattering prospect of adding to them; but an object was before them.—TO BUILD A TABERNACLE FOR GOD!" Brethren, they did it,—we can too!

God promises us, "The free-will offerings of our brethren and sisters made in faith and love to the crucified Redeemer, will bring back blessings to them; for God

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marks and remembers every act of liberality on the part of His saints."—Vol. IV, p. 76.

Every church that desires one will receive a special church-building chart that will give great inspiration to our people to help with this important need of the hour.

1.—Place the chart on the wall of your building!

2.—If you must build a complete new building, begin NOW to call in the offerings!

3.—If your building is yet unfinished, begin NOW to complete it!

4.—If it is in need of repairs, begin NOW to provide for all repairs!

5.—If your house of worship does not glorify God, do not rest until it does glorify God!

We are expecting some help for those churches damaged or destroyed by the storm, but we can hardly expect enough for all our needs; hence, every church must begin now to do its share. Use the chart! Lay careful and wise plans!

Above all—let us SACRIFICE AND BUILD!
D. V. POND.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

May-June 1945.

- May 5—Opening of Ingathering.
- June 2—Home Missionary Day.
- June 9—Educational Day.
- June 30—Bible Correspondence School Day and Offering.

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If you would like a supply of free enrollment cards for your friends or neighbours write to "The Twentieth Century Home Bible Course," Box 22, Mandeville, Jamaica, or to your own local mission office if you live in British Honduras, the Bahamas, or the Cayman Islands, and you will receive your supply soon.

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Obituaries

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Because of lack of space, we are unable to publish full obituaries.

Mitchell, Thomas Joseph, of the Harry Watch church passed away December 5, 1944, age 89 years.—T. J. Mitchell.

Chambers, Mrs. Rosena, of Harry Watch, died January 2, 1945, age 70 years.—Joshua Chambers.

Woods, Sister Caroline, of Belize, British Honduras, was born March 6, 1861, and fell asleep January 9, 1945.—W. H. Waller.

Ramsay, Sister Sarah, of the Mile End church, passed away February 8, 1945.—Z. Henry.

Crosbie, Brother Desmond, leader of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Porus for many years, passed away December 24, 1944. To his sorrowing wife and children we extend our sympathy.—E. E. Parchment.

Blackwood, Sister Margie, of Springfield church was also laid to rest in the full assurance of a part in the first resurrection.—E. E. Parchment.

Nembhard, Brother Terah of Mountinside, St. Elizabeth, was laid away on March 5. As a faithful warrior he has laid down his armour until the call of the Life-giver shall be sounded.—E. E. Parchment.