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## "I Challenge You"

**A** FEW days ago a very dear friend of mine sent me a copy of a thrilling story I should like to share with the members of God's church throughout the British West Indies Union. I do not know from what book or paper my minister friend culled this gripping narrative, but I do know it sounded a challenge that I should like to send ringing throughout every corner of every island of our Union field. Here is the story, read it at least twice:

"Alexander Duff, that veteran missionary to India, went home to Scotland to die. In great feebleness he stood before the Scottish Presbyterian Assembly, and pleaded for missionaries for India. In the midst of his appeal he fainted, and was taken into another room. After physicians had worked over him for some time, he finally recovered consciousness, and when he realised where he was, he said, 'I didn't finish my appeal; take me back and let me finish it.' But they told him he could do

"So they led back that white-haired veteran into the Assembly Hall, and as he appeared at the door, they all sprang to their feet as one man to greet him, and then sat down and listened in tearful and breathless silence to that grand old hero of the cross.

"With trembling voice he said, 'Father and mothers of Scotland, is it true that you have no more sons to send to India? There is money in the bank to send them, but where are the labourers who will go into the field? When Queen Victoria calls for volunteers for her army in India, you freely give your sons, and say nothing about the trying climate of that land. But when the Lord Jesus calls for volunteers, you say, "We have no sons to give."'

"Then turning to the Moderator of the Assembly, he said, 'Mr. Moderator, if it is true that Scotland has no more sons to give to Christ for India, then, although I lost my health in that land and came home to die, I will be off tomorrow, to go back to the shores of the Ganges and lay my life down as a witness for Christ, to let them know that there is at least one Scotsman who is ready to die for them.'"

Would to God, brethren and sisters, that the Holy Spirit might flood the heart of every member of the Adventist Church in our Union with such a burden for the

By

ROBERT H. PIERSON

lost! We would see Pentecost re-enacted before our very eyes throughout Jamaica, the Bahamas, British Honduras, and the Cayman Islands. We would see every Seventh-day Adventist so on fire with the truth of God that he would be unable to hold his peace. We would see thousands where now we see hundreds accepting God's message of mercy for these days. Why? Because spirit-filled church members compelled them by precept and example to open their heart's door to the commandment-keeping Christ.

Now, brother, sister of mine, what are you doing to hasten Christ's coming by helping to proclaim the Message of Hope in these last days? How soon would the work of God be finished if all members possessed your zeal for Christ? How many souls have you won for the Crucified this year? Are you, like Alexander Duff, willing to give your life for the lost? I challenge you! Think it over, won't you, and ask God to help you

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### LET'S MAKE BIG WEEK A "BIG" WEEK

September 2-9 has been designated by the Union Committee as BIG WEEK and the following goals have been assigned the local fields:

Bahamas Mission	£20
British Honduras Mission	£82
Cayman Islands Mission	£10
East Jamaica Mission	£125
West Jamaica Mission	£115

Although the September issue of THE VISITOR will carry more promotion material for this yearly campaign, it is none too early for our local mission leaders, district pastors and church leaders to be laying plans for strong campaigns in their fields.

Remember this money comes back to your Mission for Medical, Educational or Publishing Work right there in your field. If you have needs in any of these three departments, as I am sure you do have, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet such needs through your own efforts. Let us all, workers and lay members, rally to this self-help programme by enthusiastic promotion of the Big Week campaign September 2-9.

The Big Week Books will soon be reaching your church. Distribute them wisely — see that every single copy of these truth-filled books is sold and the money turned in to the proper person.

F. M. Larsen.

## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPT.

F. M. LARSEN, Secretary.

### The Sabbath School and You

Did you know that August 25 has been designated by the General Conference as Sabbath School Rally day? Of course you will be having the special rally day programme in your church on that day, but I just wanted to speak a few words personally with the readers of the VISITOR today concerning the Sabbath School.

First, are you a Sabbath School member? If not, don't you think great blessing would come to you if you should join the ranks of this great army—over 12,000 strong here in the British West Indies Union? The systematic study of God's Word, the songs of Zion, the association with the most earnest members of God's earthly family all will draw you closer to your Saviour. You should be a Sabbath School member!

If you already are a member, as you doubtless are, then why not do some missionary work and enrol some others just now? Rally Day would be a good day to make enrollment day!

It should be a day for promoting the branch Sabbath school work. Many more of our members should be engaged in this fruitful soul-winning work. There will be obstacles. It will not always be easy. It will require time, work, and effort but it will pay large dividends. Listen to this story:

Some years ago a branch Sabbath school missionary undertook to organize a branch Sabbath school in a certain neglected district. There was, however, one hindrance—a bad boy. The bad boy was the son of a poor widow, and had never been controlled. He would do as he pleased. He delighted to disturb meetings by throwing bricks and firing revolvers, etc.

But the missionary was determined, and he called on the bad boy. He asked him to accompany him on his visits to the families in the neighbourhood. After three days, visiting together, the missionary said to the boy:

"These people want a branch Sabbath school, and they are your friends and neighbours. What do you think about it?"

The boy answered that he did not think much of it; it was none of his business as he was not a Christian.

"Well," said the missionary, "if I start a branch Sabbath school, will you help me keep order among the boys who might be troublesome?" Surprised and not a little pleased, the boy consented. The branch Sabbath school was started and order maintained. After a time the missionary went to other fields to engage in gospel work.

Some years later the missionary was accosted by a stranger, who asked: "Are you the man that used to start branch Sabbath schools?" "Yes." "Do you remember starting one in —, and asking the bad boy of the neighbourhood to help you keep order?" After a moment's thought, the missionary replied, "I do." "Well, I am that boy. You caught me on the blind side when you asked me to keep order. I had a tough

time of it for a while, but I had promised, and I had to do it.

"Three years after that branch Sabbath school started, twenty-one of us professed religion. A short time afterward I felt called to the ministry. I am now living in —, where I am preaching for three churches that have been raised up under my ministry."

The bad boy had become a good man—through the branch Sabbath school. By all means get the bad boy into the Sabbath school and have a Sabbath school to get him into.

Now, just a word to you Sabbath school teachers before I close. Are you keeping in personal touch with the members of your class? If they are absent do you visit them

### Using God's Money for Secular Purposes

*"That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord, constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury in order to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his own advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants and the Lord's money for secular purposes."—"Gospel Workers," page 224.*

faithfully to find out why they were not present? I was interested in a little story that I read recently:

"A teacher mailed ten cards to a girl who had been absent from class, and when the last one was mailed, on the street the teacher met the girl's mother, who said, "You need not mail Mary any more cards." "Why?" asked the astonished teacher.: "We buried her last week."

Too often the Sabbath school working force is this distant from the pupils. A constant personal touch is necessary to build the school."

May God help us all as members and teachers to give our best for the building up of this important Sabbath school work! Let us make August 25 a real Rally Day—a day when members may be gathered in and encouraged to greater faithfulness in the study of God's Word and the winning of souls through the medium of the Sabbath school

F. M. LARSEN

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"The school room is needed just as much as is the church building."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 109.

### Division Move to Miami

Soon after the outbreak of war, and due to wartime restrictions and congested travel conditions, it was found necessary to move the Inter-American Division headquarters from Balboa, Canal Zone, to a temporary location in Havana, Cuba. During the past three years, earnest, unbiased, prayerful study has been given by the Division Committee, and also by the General Conference officers, to the most advantageous location for a permanent headquarters for the Division office.

There are twenty-five countries and major dependencies in this Division; and to reach them it is necessary to use, almost exclusively, the airplane for transportation. If one looks at the map, he will notice that the tip of Florida extends southward almost into the heart of the Division. There lie the Bahamas to the East, Mexico to the West, and the other countries making up the Division, in a great arch to the South. The Division is shaped like the rim of a giant wheel that is a bit out of round; and as far as distance is concerned, any point of the rim is as accessible as any other point.

When transportation is considered, however, Miami, Florida, which is also a part of this giant rim, stands out above all others; for from Miami there fans out to all the Caribbean and Latin American countries a marvelous network of air lines.

The mail service from Miami to all Caribbean and Latin American countries is excellent, and many days of valuable time will be saved in the passing of mail from one office to another.

After many months of careful and prayerful study, the Division Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the General Conference that the Division headquarters office be moved to Miami. This action was voted, all of the members of the Division Committee were present; as were also Elder Hackman, president of the Southern Union, Elder Evans, president of the Florida Conference, and Elders McElhany, Branson, and Nelson, president, vice-president, and treasurer respectively, of the General Conference.

On April 17, the General Conference Committee, with thirty-three members present, took an action approving of the permanent location of the headquarters office of the Inter-American Division, at Coconut Grove, a suburb to the south of Miami. They also voted approval for the purchase of a suitable headquarters office building, as a permanent home for the Division office, located at 1921 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, Miami.

All mail and communications that are due to reach the office of the Inter-American Division, should be addressed to Post Office Box 228, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida. The telephone number will be 481071. Our cable address will be Adventist, Miami.

We feel very grateful to God for His very apparent leadings in providing for us this permanent home, and we are confident that the entire Division is going to be far more efficiently served from the very central location of Miami, than would be possible from any other part of the field.

GLENN CALKINS.

## ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

C. R. ANDERSON, M. D., Medical Director  
R. E. GIBSON, Treas. & Business Manager  
27 Hope Road, Kingston, Jamaica.

### Our Nursing School Opens

On Sunday morning, May 6, we opened our first school for nurses in the Inter-American Division. Seven young ladies who had already had several months of special pre-nursing training under Miss Ruth Munroe were accepted as probationary nurses. Their names are as follows:

Ruth Henriques—Buff Bay  
Helen Hall—Coleyville  
Erling Nation—Mandeville  
Doris Phillpotts—Spanish Town  
Lily Sailman—Kingston  
Carmen Samuels—Half-way Tree  
Mildred Richards—May Pen

It was a quiet little ceremony that launched this new training school, but who can measure its effectiveness in the work of God?

These young ladies live in a comfortable home adjoining the Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston. They are under the personal supervision of Miss Munroe, the director of nurses, who lives in the same house. They have a carefully planned programme of lectures and demonstrations in the arts and science of nursing, including special instruction in the preparation of food and the care of patients. A well-balanced diet is provided and also facilities for recreation. Morning and evening worship is conducted in the nurses' home, and students are also taught how to speak a word of consolation and hope to the suffering and distressed under their care.

### Hospital Building Programme

In the hospital itself there is considerable activity. Mr. Clarence Munroe, our physiotherapist and dietitian, has had a corps of workmen busily engaged in redecorating and rearranging the old Sulgrave Manor until the visitor today will behold vast changes that have taken place in the old mansion during the past few weeks. Within a short time we hope to begin the erection of the main unit also.

Several treatment rooms have already been fitted up for electrotherapy, hydrotherapy and massage. All students will be instructed in the use of these natural means that God has given to this people for the restoration of the sick in mind and body. Good laboratory facilities are also being provided for the accurate diagnosis of disease. We hope that soon we will be able to offer a course for laboratory technicians as well as nurses.

We are happy to announce that at long last our hospital equipment from New York has arrived! By the time you read these words it will all be unpacked and ready for use. The hospital rooms will be well furnished, and the medical and surgical instruments and equipment are of the most modern type available.

### The Clinic Is Going Up Too!

Meanwhile excellent progress is being made in the erection of the clinic in King-

ston behind the North Street Church. We have about twenty-five Adventist workmen busily engaged in levelling land, digging trenches, pouring concrete, sawing, planing and hammering. As a result we hope to have the clinic open for patients by the time you read this article in the VISITOR.

This unit is an entire hospital in itself. It will have its own operating theatre, X-ray and laboratory, dispensary, and treatment rooms for hydrotherapy and diseases of the ear, nose and throat. There will be enough beds to accommodate about twenty patients at a time. It is at the clinic that we plan to take care of the majority of our own members. Charges at the Clinic will be on a reduced basis, and medical care will be free to those who can not afford to pay.

### Business Manager Arrives

As you have already read in THE VISITOR, we were more than pleased to welcome Elder and Mrs. Robert Gibson and their

### Would You Hasten Christ's Coming?

*"If those to whom God's money has been entrusted will be faithful in bringing the means lent them to the Lord's treasury, His work will make rapid advancement. Many souls will be won to the cause of truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened."—"Testimonies," vol. IX, p. 58.*

two children, Betty and Roger, some weeks ago. Elder Gibson has had considerable hospital experience in our institutions in America. He is taking charge of the erections as well as the general administration of the institution. In addition he is assisting in the training of our student nurses, teaching chemistry and other science subjects, also Bible. Before coming to Jamaica Elder Gibson spent several months selecting and purchasing the necessary hospital equipment and supplies. We are confident that his wide experience will be of untold value in the establishment and organization of our first major medical work in the Caribbean.

Another recent appointee to our staff is Miss Lena Henriques who will serve as our Social Service Worker. Miss Henriques is well known to most of our believers in Jamaica, having been connected with the Jamaica Conference staff for some years. We welcome Miss Henriques to our staff.

We have received many enquiries concerning the educational standards required for entrance to the nursing school. All students must have the Senior Cambridge or its equivalent, after which it is desirable that they should take a special pre-nursing course which includes anatomy, physiology, chemistry, bacteriology and public health. Application to enter the next class should be in immediately. Those interested should write at once to Miss Ruth Munroe, 176 Orange Street, Kingston, asking for the necessary application blanks.

We would be happy to see three or four

young men in the next class. They will be trained as hydrotherapists, anesthetists, dispensers, or laboratory technicians, as they so desire. There is a great future for our young men and women who take advantage of the opportunities offered for higher training in the work of God. It is planned that medical missionary units should be opened all around the Caribbean and we shall need trained and consecrated workers in many places.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the members of the Union Committee, to the Hospital Board, and to all who are helping to establish this medical work in Jamaica. Special mention should be made concerning Pastor D. V. Pond and Pastor D. E. Reid who have spent much time working out the many details of the erection of the buildings in addition to their own heavy responsibilities to both the church and mission. The Division and the General Conference have contributed very liberally of funds and time to make this project a real success here in Jamaica. We ask the prayers of every believer that their hopes may be amply realised and that all may be done to the glory of the Master whom we serve.

CLIFFORD R. ANDERSON, M. D.

### WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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### The Challenge of Service

The Apostle Peter throws the correct focus on lay evangelism when he says, "Ye are a royal priesthood . . . that ye should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." The collective noun, *priesthood*, is a sufficient emphasis and has always been placed on this fact to those who become members of our churches! The ordained minister is rightly termed "overseer" of the flock. He is in a special sense God's mouthpiece. He is to feed the lambs—the sheep—feed them well, with seasonable, palatable, spiritual dishes; then in turn, the flock—each member—is to go out and "fish men." The servant of the Lord repeatedly emphasises that the work of God will not be completed until every member lays hold of the work.

The apostle Paul said that during the first century the gospel was preached to the known world, at that time, every creature. We wonder how this could be. But a glance at the work of the layman of the Apostolic Church makes it plain. All the converts were preachers. The deacons were powerful preachers. Just yesterday I was thinking of the visit that deacon Philip made to Samaria. What results! We read in Acts 8:5-8: "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits crying with a loud voice came out of many that were possessed with them, and many that were palsied, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in the city."

It seems clear to me, brethren, that God is still willing to use laymen who have ceased to compromise with evil in doing such mighty works, as in the days of the apostles. It would appear that God is more willing—in this last day of earth's history when evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, when the church has to face all kinds of false teachings and destructive apostates—to confer more power and honour upon His humble ambassadors for the finishing of this great work.

For the past few years our laymen in Jamaica have been doing a great work. We have had some grand layman's conventions which were repaid in many souls being saved. The exodus to the United States of America within the past few months has robbed us of most of our best men. But we are hoping that they will soon return, and that others will take their places in the harvest field.

To the lay preachers, one and all, let me say, "Be of good courage. Preach the word in season and out of season. Live, then preach. Preach Christ crucified, resurrected, glorified. Preach Him in all His beauty. Make a new consecration, study and re-study the word. Let us bear the torch of salvation to every home of the West Jamaica Mission!"

E. E. PARCHMENT



### Around the British West Indies Union

A fine baptismal service was held in a picturesque setting near Port Morant, in the East Jamaica Mission Sunday morning, June 24. At this time sixteen souls were baptized by the mission superintendent, Pastor D. V. Pond. Just prior to the baptism Elder D. B. Reid gave a stirring fifty additional candidates presented themselves to join the baptismal class. This wonderful service was made possible by the zealous efforts of Brother Wright and one of the other lay preachers of St. Thomas district while they worked with Brother Hilbert Nembhard, as Brother Nembhard held an effort in Port Morant recently. Prior to the baptismal service, thirty-nine baptized believers were organized into the Port Morant company by Elder D. V. Pond. Among others present at this impressive service were Pastors R. H. Pierson, C. O. Franz, and F. M. Larsen from the Union.

On Sabbath, June 30, a new church was organized at Pusey Hill. The service was conducted by Elder W. S. Nation, of the West Jamaica Mission, and pastor of the Manchester district, together with Brother C. O. Franz, secretary-treasurer of the Union. The Pusey Hill church is the daughter of the Asia church, and a number of the members from Asia together with the faithful labours of Elder W. S. Nation and Elder A. N. Durrant and others have all combined to help bring this new church into being.

A very fine baptismal service was held in the Temple Church in Kingston Sunday night, June 24. At this time forty-two souls were baptized by Pastor D. B.

Reid. This was a most impressive service and at the close, many more came forward to join the baptismal class.

Sunday morning, July 1, a fine baptismal service was held at Gregory Park. Here a splendid group of candidates have been prepared to follow their Lord into the watery grave of baptism through the efforts of Brother S. Vasciannie, our faithful colporteur, Elder D. B. Reid, Miss Robinson, another colporteur, and Brother Owen Holness, who recently conducted a series of meetings in Gregory Park.

Miss Ualee Lawrence from the Bahamas Mission is now spending her three months' vacation in her homeland of Jamaica. Miss Lawrence has been doing a fine work in the Bahamas where she has the full confidence of the members in Nassau. She has spent seven years in Nassau, and will be returning to the Hawkins Hill School at the end of her leave.

A church has recently been procured in Chapelton, West Jamaica. For a number of years the workers have been seeking to find a suitable spot for a church in this district but only recently has an opening presented itself.

Recently Brother R. B. Campbell, his wife and two children returned by boat from Jamaica to the Bahamas where Brother Campbell is in charge of one of the districts composed of a number of the southern out-islands.

Mrs. U. Morgan who for the past several years, has been teaching in British Honduras, enroute to the Cayman Islands on her leave of absence before proceeding to Nicaragua to join her husband in the work there.

Word has just reached the Union office that Brother and Sister C. C. Nebblett have arrived safely in the Turks and Caicos Islands and are comfortably settled in Grand Turk. They have made many friends and although they have been confronted with some obstacles in their pioneer work, they are of good courage and feel that the future of our work in this newly entered field is as bright as the promises of the Lord.

The shortest Ingathering campaign in the Union was recently conducted in the British Honduras Mission when Pastor F. M. Larsen, our Union home missionary secretary, and Pastor F. R. Archbold, mission superintendent, led the mission workers and lay members in a glorious Ingathering victory that climaxed with the full mission goal reached in less than ten days' time.

Sunday, July 15, Hansen Waller, of the British Honduras Mission, was ordained in the Belize church. Those in charge of the service included Elders R. H. Pierson, F. M. Larsen, and F. R. Archbold, assisted by C. O. Franz and H. W. Creary.

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### Our Work at the Leper's Home

It can be truly said that the power and spirit of God has no bounds. God's willingness to work through feeble instrumentalities is beyond the confinements of the Lepers' Colony.

The little church known as Berea is situated on the compounds of the Leper's Colony. This Church with its present membership of about 20, is entirely made up of lepers, some of whom are in the infirmary. Nevertheless they have evinced a spirit of faithfulness and loyalty that is difficult to be found in any church. Though the authorities and administration are unsympathetic to our faith, yet it is admitted that the Seventh-day Adventist members give them less trouble. One of our members suffered martyrdom rather than betray the trust that authorities reposed in him. He was made a monitor and because he would not compromise with sin, he was chopped almost to death. He died less than 24 hours after receiving the wounds. In the words of the Chief in Charge, "Whittingham was the best inmate in the whole Colony."

Did this chill the spirit of the others? No! They cannot be discouraged by threats gathering campaign. They have not only gathered a larger amount this year, but they were the first to reach their goal with their overflow in this district. Congratulations to our faithful brethren and sisters of the lepers home.

They may be afflicted in body; but thank God they are well in souls and spirit. Well done Berea.

A. D. LAING.



The West Indian Training College is interested in contacting several Seventh-day Adventist young men of good character who are interested in working their way through school in the wood working department. Anyone with a knowledge of this trade, and a desire to attend school, should write to the President, West Indian Training College, Mandeville.

### Obituaries

(Because of lack of space, we are unable to publish full obituaries.)

Cherrington, Ada, of the Hagley Gap Company, was laid to rest in the full assurance of a place in the first resurrection.—D. V. Pond.

Randall, Hyman, of the Aberdeen church died April 20, 1945.—

McNairn, Wilford, leader of the Orange church, was born 1887 and died March 19, 1945. To his sorrowing wife and children we extend our sympathy.—C. H. Hepburn.

Shaw, Adina, a faithful member of Ocho Rios church fell asleep April 6, 1945.—E. E. Parchment.

Samuels, Isabelle, was born in Jamaica 1839 and died in Panama, March 20, 1945. She awaits the Life Giver.—A. R. Ogden.