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GREETINGS AND APPEAL TO OUR BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION CHURCH MEMBERS

We, the members of the British West Indies Union committee join the members in the IAD committee in sending sincere greetings to all our faithful believers throughout the Union territory.

We recognize that the most momentous events of human history are agitating the peoples of the world. We know that your hearts, as well as ours, are sobered by the knowledge that these very events long foretold by the prophets, are the sure harbingers of the imminent return of our blessed Redeemer. No longer need we look to the future for the coming of the perils of the last days. They have come, and are in evidence on every hand.

We know not in detail what is before us, but this we know, that the time has come for the finishing of the work of God in all the earth. The great day of God is near. Soon probation will close. Now, the last message of mercy must be given to a perishing world. We believe that in answer to the pray-

ers of His people, God will give us in this council the guidance of His Holy Spirit, as we look to Him, remembering His admonition, "Occupy till I come." Luke 19:13. Therefore,

We wholeheartedly turn to the Lord in response to His gracious invitation, and we call upon our people throughout the Union to join us in a new surrender of heart and life to the Lord and to His service.

Of the many things that concern the church in this time of extreme emergency, we consider this to be the thing of greatest importance and urgency—that His people shall turn unto the Lord with repentance and contrition of heart in order to receive His mercy, His pardon, His peace and His power.

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"No opportunity is so slight or trifling that it can safely be passed by. The 'trifles' in this work, rejected of men, may become corner-stones in life-buildings planned by the Master-Builder."

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"Meet Our Workers"



This month it is our privilege and pleasure to present to you the members of the Bahamas Mission Committee. Seated in front from left to right are the following: Paul Ward, veteran Bahamian worker in charge of our churches on Watlings and Cat Islands. Brother Ward has worked long and faithfully for the peoples of the out islands and has won many souls to the message.

Next may be seen Sister and Elder H. D. Colburn, Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, respectively of the Bahamas Mission. Seated next to Elder Colburn is Elder M. G. Nembhard, pastor of the Grantstown church in Nassau.

Standing from left to right: Brother Cyril Holmes, an active member of the Grantstown church; Brother W. E. Fountain, veteran member of the Shirley Street church; and Elder S. G. Lindo, district pastor located on Eleuthra Island.

Two other workers from the Bahamas, whose pictures we hope to publish at some early date are Brother C. F. Edwards and Miss Ualee Lawrence.

Soul Winning Is Our First Work

OUR GOAL: 2000 Baptisms in the B.W.I. Union in 1946

OUR AIM: A Baptism in Every Church Every Quarter

GREATER EVANGELISM

Believing that soul-winning is the most important work to which any Advent worker is called and feeling that evangelism should be given even greater impetus in the British West Indies Union than ever before because of the times in which we are living it is therefore recommended:

a. That soul-winning be made the supreme objective in every phase of our Field or Institutional work during 1946, and

b. That we respond wholeheartedly to the action of the Inter-American Division Committee in setting our goal for baptisms during 1946 at 2,000 accepting this as a challenge, not only to our efficiency as leaders but as well to our relationship to God as Christian workers.

c. That in order to assure the reaching of this goal we lay the following plans:

1. That every leader in the B. W. I. Union earnestly seek God through daily prayer and the study of His word that we may each one be in such a relationship with our Saviour that heaven's richest blessing may rest upon us in leading our workers into an experience of deeper consecration and greater efficiency in soul-winning.

2. That as leaders we lead out in the work of soul-winning not only personally but publicly that our workers may be impressed that we are practising what we preach urging that every Administrator and Departmental Secretary in both the Union and the Local Mission plan to conduct at least a short public effort during 1946.

3. That our local Field Superintendents working through their respective committees lay plans for every field worker to conduct at least one good strong evangelistic effort during 1946 and wherever possible more than one.

4. That we urge our departmental secretaries in both the Union and Local Missions to lay special emphasis on the soul winning phases of their departmental programme asking the Home Missionary Secretaries to strongly promote the Lay Preaching and Lay Missionary work, the Missionary Volunteer Department, the Youth Crusades' Movement, the Sabbath School Department, the Branch Sabbath and Sunday School programme, the Educational Department personal work for students and the Publishing Department souls as well as sales.

5. That special emphasis be placed by
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"We have only the Devil working against us: we have God working with us."
"Counsels to Teachers"—White, p. 23.

Soul Winning Honour Roll Churches

OUR GOAL: A Baptismal Service in Every Church Every Quarter!

GOLD STAR CHURCHES

(Churches Reporting 4 Baptismal Services in 1945)		
Camberwell	E.J.	Regent Street
Morant Bay	E.J.	Spanish Town
North Street	E.J.	Spaldings
Port Morant	E.J.	Woodford

SILVER STAR CHURCHES

(Churches Reporting 3 Baptismal Services in 1945)		
Bethel Town	W.J.	Gregory Park
Bird's Hill	W.J.	Hope Bay
Camrose	W.J.	Highgate
Coleyville	W.J.	Rollington Town
Chamber's Pen	W.J.	Port Antonio
Gayle	E.J.	Yallahs

BLUE STAR CHURCHES

(Churches Reporting 2 Baptismal Services in 1945)		
Bellas Gate	E.J.	Jackson Town
Berrydale	E.J.	May Pen
Blue Hole	E.J.	Newell
Brookdale	E.J.	Petersfield
Buff Bay	E.J.	Pusey Hill
Flower Hill	W.J.	St. Margaret's Bay
Hunt's Town	E.J.	Seaford Town
Huntley Castle	W.J.	Siloh
		Trinityville

RED STAR CHURCHES

(Churches Reporting 1 Baptismal Service in 1945)		
Amity	W.J.	Harrywatch
Annotto Bay	E.J.	Grantstown, Nassau
Asia	W.J.	Jericho
Askenish	W.J.	Johnson
Bagbie	E.J.	Jointwood
Bamboo	W.J.	Kitson Town
Bartons	E.J.	Laplaid
Bath	E.J.	Linstead
Bourbon	E.J.	Long Bay
Belize	B.H.	Lottery
Blackwoods	W.J.	Lucea
Brac	Cay.	Maggotty
Broadgate	E.J.	Mandeville
Bryant Hill	W.J.	March Town
Bull Savannah	W.J.	Mile End
Campbell's Castle	W.J.	Mount Peace
Carron Hall	E.J.	Mullet Hall
Castleton	E.J.	Newport
Chapelton	W.J.	New Market
Claremont	W.J.	Ocho Rios
Comfort Valley	E.J.	Port Maria
Cornwall Barracks	E.J.	Porns
Cornwall Mt.	W.J.	Robin's Hall
Cumberland	W.J.	Sandy Bay
Dalvey	E.J.	Santa Cruz
Darliston	W.J.	Seaford
Dias	W.J.	Sherwood Content
Dignum Mt.	E.J.	Sherwood Forest
East End	Cay.	Shirley St. Nassau
Enfield	E.J.	Somerton
Everton Park	E.J.	Southfield
Florence Hill	E.J.	Springfield
Fruitful Vale	E.J.	St. Ann's Bay
Geddes Mt.	E.J.	Troy
Georgetown	Cay.	Vaughansfield
Glenchoffe	E.J.	Ythanside
Grove Town	W.J.	Zion Hill

"The best way to begin in this work is to begin; the best time to begin is now. The only mistake we need really to fear is the mistake of holding off. There are few errors to dread in the work; the great error is the error of keeping out of the work."

"Taking Men Alive"—Trumbull, p. 235.

"Christ crucified for our sins; Christ risen from the dead; Christ ascended on high as our intercessor—this is the science of salvation that we need to learn and to teach. This is to be the burden of our work."

"Counsels to Teachers"—White P. 23.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN THE GOLD OF OPHIR

"Some years ago a vessel crossing the Pacific Ocean struck a reef jutting out from one of the numerous islands. The force of the sea was fast breaking the ship in pieces. Confusion was everywhere and men and women were anxiously seeking some means of escape.

"Among the passengers was a miner, returning from seeking his fortune in the rich gold fields of Australia. It was not a great distance to shore. He measured his strength, and concluded that he was able to swim to land with his gold, which represented his life-work, buckled around him.

"Just as he was ready to plunge into the foam-capped billows, a sweet-faced little girl came to him, and looking up in helplessness, said beseechingly, 'Won't you please save me? I have no papa here to help me. Won't you, please?'

"What should he do? To save this beautiful child he must abandon the gold for which he had toiled long and hard. He could not save both. Something must be done quickly, for the fury of the storm was tearing the vessel to pieces. He glanced at his gold, but the soft pressure of the child's hand and her pleading voice touched his heart. His decision was made. Unbuckling his gold, he threw it on the deck, and fastening the child to him as best he could, he plunged into the angry sea, finally reaching land, where he fell exhausted and unconscious.

"As consciousness returned, he beheld the child he had saved standing by his side, with tears of joy and love flooding her eyes. The ship had disappeared, and with it the gold for which he had toiled; but he had saved a human life.

"Did not this old miner make a wise and noble choice? We all say he did. But the lesson should go home to our hearts and influence our lives. A world is doomed, sinking beneath the curse of sin. On every hand may be found those who are lost, and who turn to us with a cry for salvation. These should be to us more precious than the gold of Ophir."

—"Soul Winning" P. P. 11,12

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him."

"Desire of Ages"—p. 225.

ARE WE APING BABYLON?

God desires that everything should be done decently and in order in our churches, but He is not pleased when we carry our rites and ceremonies to such extremes that we ape the practices of the churches of the world.

The Union Committee gave careful study to the trend we see in some of our churches today of carrying to extremes the use of long chants, robed deacons and other ceremonial attachments that do not add to the simplicity nor the effectiveness of our church services. The following action was taken. We hope all of our workers and church leaders will read this carefully and endeavour to plan their worship services in such a way as to bring honour and glory to God's name.

"Realizing the dangers of a growing trend towards ritualism in some of our churches and yet being impressed with evident need of maintaining dignity and the true spirit of worship, it was VOTED

a. That our church leaders be urged to give special attention to the selection of Hymns, Special Songs, and Scripture Reading, so that all portions of the service may serve to impress hearts with the solemnity of the message presented. This is particularly applicable to Communion and Baptismal Services.

b. That we look with favour upon the appropriating robing of choir members in the larger churches where such a practice is found desirable.

c. That we further suggest the following order for Sabbath morning worship:

1. Minister entering and kneeling on the platform.

2. Introduction Hymn or doxology.

3. Short Invocation—Appropriate uniform example of Invocation:

'Dear Lord, accept our worship this morning; give us clean and honest hearts for Jesus' sake, Amen.

4. Opening Hymn.

5. Short Scripture reading—ten verses as a maximum.

6. Prayer.

7. Announcements—All announcements should be given before and never after the sermon.

8. Offerings—Offerings should be accompanied with special music and short prayer.

9. Hymn or special music.

10. Sermon.

11. Closing Hymn.

12. Benediction.

d. That we encourage our church leaders to arrange for announcements either immediately before the church service opens or just following the invocation.

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FIVE ORDAINED TO GOSPEL MINISTRY

Sabbath, December 22, was a high day for the work in Jamaica. Five workers from the British West Indies Union, the Andrews Memorial Hospital staff and the two Jamaica Missions were set apart to the Gospel Ministry. It is thought that this is the largest number of candidates ordained to the ministry at one time in the history of our work in Jamaica.

The impressive service was carried out before a large and attentive congregation in the North Street Temple Church in Kingston. Elder M. V. Campbell, President of the Northern Union, visiting in the island, preached the ordination sermon. Dr. J. E. Weaver, Secretary of the General Conference Educational Department offered the ordination prayer. Elder C. L. Torrey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Inter American Division, gave the charge and the candidates were welcomed into the gospel ministry of the respective organizations by Elders Pierson, Nation, Pond, Larsen and Dr. Anderson.

The five candidates ordained were C. O. Franz, Secretary-Treasurer of the B.W.I. Union; M. E. Lowry, Union Publishing Department Secretary; Hilbert Nembhard, district pastor of East Jamaica; Lee Goldbourn, district pastor of West Jamaica and R. E. Gibson, Business Manager of the Andrews Memorial Hospital.

We are most thankful to God for the work these five brethren have done and are doing. We are sure that their ministry will continue to be a great blessing to the work in our fields. Pray for them as they enter fields of wider service as ordained ministers.

R. H. P.

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e. That we discourage the use of long chants and other forms and ceremonies aping the ways of certain other denominations.

f. That We encourage our ministers and church leaders to reserve the Sabbath morning preaching service for worship and preaching of the Word, not as a rule using it for campaign promotional purposes.

g. That all church leaders give careful study to the question of maintaining an attitude of reverence not only during service but also between the Sabbath school and worship periods.

h. That we suggest that plans be worked out in all our churches, and especially in our larger churches, to insure an orderly termination of the church services, with a definite plan for the method in which our people leave the church auditorium.

R. H. P.



ELDER E. E. PARCHMENT TO BE UNION SECRETARY

It is with deep feeling of sadness and regret that we announce that because of failing health Elder E. E. Parchment has been forced to lay down the leadership of the West Jamaica Mission. Elder Parchment is one of our beloved and loyal leaders here in Jamaica and through his twenty-six years of faithful service to the cause many souls have been brought to a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message. For the past two years our brother has efficiently carried the heavy burden of the Superintendency of the West Jamaica Mission. Under his consecrated leadership the work in this field has made rapid progress.

About two months ago Elder Parchment was taken suddenly ill and the doctor advised three months complete rest. However he has not responded physically to the rest as we had hoped so now the Union Committee on the advice of the doctors has planned for a less strenuous program for Elder Parchment that will still give us the benefit of his wise counsel and help on special occasions as his health will permit. The committee has appointed our brother the Field Secretary of the B.W.I. Union. Here as a counsellor and helper and member of the Union Committee he will be able to serve not only the West Jamaica Mission but all of our Missions and Institutions.

Let us all pray most earnestly that the Great Physician will lay His hand in healing upon Brother Parchment that he may once more be restored to his full health and strength.

"Opportunity cannot be measured by man-made rules. It may be a small matter for you to speak the one word for Christ that wins a needy soul—A SMALL MATTER TO YOU, but it is EVERYTHING TO HIM."

"Taking Men Alive"—Trumbull, p. 242.

"We must win by drawing men to us, as a first step in drawing them to Christ."

"Taking Men Alive"—Trumbull, p. 89.

HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL DEPTS.

F. M. LARSEN, Secretary.

Jottings from the Departmental Secretary's Annual Report

"When the churches become living working churches then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request . . . then the windows of heaven will be opened for the showering of the latter rain." *Review & Herald, Feb. 1899.*

Last year \$9602.77 was raised for Harvest Ingathering. This year, so far have been reported \$13,547.01, making a gain of \$3,944.24 over last year. This is a fine showing".

"March 1945 saw the launching of the 20th Century Bible Correspondence school. All our workers and members did a fine personal work in giving it a good start. The growth and strength of the campaign was felt in the Office as new enrollees poured in from day to day. Now the two Jamaica Missions alone have 15,000 students and over 8,000 active students, Bahamas, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, yes, and even our new little field, the Turks and Caicos Islands, has many fine people studying the message for this time.

To date we have issued 224 Certificates and of the 224 receiving these Certificates—

117 have accepted the Sabbath.

57 wish to be baptized.

15 have joined the S.D.A. Church and

47 are Adventists who have completed the course."

"Our Lay Preachers total thus far, 176 strong Christian brethren. They have held 163 efforts and have reported 454 souls won for their Master. Truly God is using these faithful men in winning many souls for His Kingdom."

"So far in the Union we can only report 57 Dorcas Societies with 862 members.

Much needed help is given out by these societies. Recently we received a ton of clothing from the States which will be a great blessing to those in need. We are planning to organize a Dorcas Society in as many churches as possible. Where we have strong Dorcas Societies and aggressive work going on we find our work well spoken of."

"Missionary Volunteers, 'With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a Crucified, Risen and soon-coming Saviour, might be carried to the whole world.' *Ed. p. 271.*

Four thousand, one hundred and twenty-four fine, strong young people in this Union rightly trained and filled with the Spirit of God would be a power for good. During our Ingathering Campaign we found our young people not only willing to do their part but first in rank."

S. A. WELLMAN.

THE PLACE OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL IN THE CHURCH

The Sabbath School is of vital importance to the remnant church in that it:

1. Leads the church in daily study of God's word, thus building into the character of each church member those essentials of Christian living that prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. The food thus provided for the spiritual life sustains the soul in health.

2. Provides avenues in soul-winning, both within and without, that make it one of the greatest soul-winning agencies in the church of God. It is made effectual through the personal work done by each teacher for his pupils' salvation; through the yearly or semi-yearly consecration services, through Branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools for those not of our faith, and through the personal invitations to attend Sabbath school and study God's word with His saints.

3. The Sabbath school is the greatest single agency within the church for raising mission funds for the support of, and the advancement of the gospel message for today, supplying more than half of all mission funds raised. Through these gifts a steady stream of gifts for God's work on earth flows missionward to every quarter of the globe. Special offerings, such as the 18th Sabbath overflow, have been instrumental in furnishing the funds to build, to complete or to start Publishing houses, Sanitariums, Schools in every section of the world field. Many a precious enterprise has thus been provided, which might have had to wait, but for Sabbath school liberality.

Without the Sabbath school and its unifying influence, without its aggressive activity in behalf of the unsaved, what would the church of the last days do? In it many have been trained for service. Many of its young men and women have found in its ministry the inspiration to give their lives to the service of God, and have gone out from its halls of training to the ends of the earth to make Christ known more fully.

It is the largest school among us, where we study constantly from the sacred Scriptures lessons adapted to childhood, youth and manhood. Its pupils never graduate, but remain students of truth unmeasured and eternal, for, "The Word of the Lord endureth forever." That Word, old yet forever new, is both its basic text book and its never ceasing source of inspiration.

It rejoices our hearts to see it, the Sabbath school, fulfilling its mission in the lives of many thousand in Jamaica. May its ministry grow with every passing month and year, till we all come into the unity of the faith, and enter into the fellowship of Christ at His appearing.

F. M. LARSEN.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

M. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

Each month we will publish in the "Visitor" a COLPORTEUR HONOUR ROLL. The ten colporteurs of each Mission having the largest deliveries will have their names featured upon it, provided they have worked an average of 40 or more hours per week for the month. We are sorry that many of those having the highest deliveries could not get on the HONOUR ROLL this month, due to the fact that their average hours per week were below 40. We hope to see each Mission with some of their colporteurs on the HONOUR ROLL next month.

--M. E. Lowry.

COLPORTEUR HONOUR ROLL

W. Jamaica Colporteurs	Av. Hours Per Week	Deliveries
C. Repourn	45	51 7 0
A. Dixon	62	34 8 3
A. Dinham	71	32 11 0
R. Fox	54	18 15 0
W. Lewellyn	49	14 13 0
E. Jamaica Colporteurs		
L. Johnson	49	16 15 6
F. Rose	40	15 12 6

PROGRESS IN THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

The year 1930 was a year of progress in the publishing work in the Inter-American Division territory of which our Union is a small but very important part. It was a year of new records and amplified visions of what could be done. Yes, for was it not in that year, that what many had here-to-fore believed impossible had been accomplished? In proof of these interesting facts, I beg to submit to you as my exhibit "A" the following duplication from a 1931 Inter-American Division Publishing Department News-letter.

"YOU MAY BE SURPRISED, BUT:

During the year 1930, Jamaica, with less than a million people and many unable to read, maintained an average of fifteen Colporteurs throughout the entire year.

For the ten months of 1945 we have maintained in our Union territory an average of 126 Colporteurs as compared with eighty one for the same period of 1944, or a gain of forty five on the average number of colporteurs maintained. The smallest month of the year was January with seventy one colporteurs reporting and the largest number reporting in a single month was 165. In the territory of the old Jamaica Conference we have maintained an average of 119 colporteurs or approximately eight times as many as in 1930. The gain in the said territory over the same period of 1944 is forty two. This gain is almost three times the surprising record of 1930. We began the year 1944 with an average of fifty Colporteurs in our entire Union territory which means that in just two years we have made a gain of seventy-six colporteurs or 154%.

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ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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

Acting Gov. Opens Andrews Memorial Clinic

"Graced by the presence of leading members of the community, headed by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. H. M. Foot, O.B.E., and witnessed by a large gathering of the general citizenry whom it will serve, the Andrews Memorial Clinic, at 56 James Street, Kingston, was opened on Wednesday afternoon, December 12.

"On all sides, it was agreed that, in this gesture, the Seventh-day Adventist mission in Jamaica, sponsors and operators of the clinic have lived up to the tradition of the Christian church for pace-setting in the field of social and economic endeavour in the island, and great praise was given them for it.

"Speeches were made by Mr. Foot, Sir Noel Livingston, Custos of Kingston, who was chairman for the opening. Dr. A. S. Westmorland acting Director of medical Services; His Worship the Mayor, Alderman W. Mc K. Seivright; and Mr. Frank Lyons, acting President of the Chamber of Commerce, all followed this keynote.

"Said His Excellency, before declaring the clinic formally opened:

"I think to any individual or to any organization which is engaged in public or social work we can wisely apply the old Biblical test: 'By their fruits ye shall know them!' This afternoon we are seeing the fruits of the efforts of this community to make their contribution to a better Kingston."

"His Excellency added that few of them there that afternoon could appreciate the worry, effort and time it must have taken to produce that result; but he knew that those who have worked for the opening of the clinic had given their worry, effort and time, were hoping that it was only a small beginning of what they could do.

"This is indeed a very remarkable contribution by a comparatively small community." Mr. Foot commented. If their plans are carried out and their hopes realized, they will be setting a remarkable example to all the churches in this country.

"I am a great believer" His Excellency went on, "in the part that voluntary organizations, especially the churches can play in social development, and I believe it is a hopeless task for Government to undertake the social reform which we are determined to advance, without their assistance.

"And it is a great pleasure for me to come here and see the first practical effort which this community can make, which as I say is a beginning which it is

hoped to extend in the future."

"It is therefore for me a great pleasure and honour to declare this clinic open". His Excellency concluded amid applause.

"Earlier, Sir Noel, who was introduced as chairman after the gathering had sung the traditional hymn, 'O God Our Help In Ages Past', and the prayer had been said by Dr. John Weaver, Ph.D., of Washington, D. C., had offered his quota of praise to the Seventh-day Adventists, whom he said had been working quietly and without ostentation in the island for years.

"Pastor R. H. Pierson, Superintendent of the British West Indies Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists and chairman of the Andrews Memorial Hospital Board, then spoke on the past work of the Adventists in Jamaica and of its proposals for extending its activities, particularly in the field of health and medical care.

"As we have visited hospitals, in some instances crowded far beyond their capacities, and have talked with medical men working far beyond their strength to meet the needs, the Spirit of Christ which is the Spirit of service, has constrained us to want to have an active part in this medical ministry of mercy", he declared.

"Pastor Pierson paid special tribute to Dr. C. R. Anderson, who, as a Christian physician and surgeon has given up a large and lucrative practice in Washington, D. C. to come and lead in the establishment of our medical work here in Jamaica;" and Miss Ruth Munroe, Director of the nursing staff of the mission.

MEDICAL MEN'S WELCOME

"Dr. Westmorland 'welcomed Dr. Anderson and his staff into the overworked band of medical men and women' who serve Jamaica's needs; while Dr. A. Mc Farlane, president of the British Medical Association, Jamaica Branch, speaking as 'a brother technician', hailed the addition of increased medical personnel and facilities which the operation of the clinic meant.

"His Worship the Mayor, in an eloquent address, observed that once again the Christian church had lived up to its tradition of leadership in the field of social and economic endeavour, and warmly congratulated the Seventh-day Adventists on their contribution to the health and medical services of the city.

"Mr. Frank Lyons spoke on behalf of the commercial community, and wished the Adventists every success in their work to the effectiveness of which he paid glowing tribute."

—*The Gleaner* Dec. 13 1945.

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"Life is an important thing, a sacred trust; and every moment should be wisely improved, for its results will be seen in eternity."

"*Counsels to Teachers*"—White, p. 62.

YEAR END UNION MEETINGS

Held in Mandeville and Kingston

The annual year end Union committee and Institutional Board meetings were held Dec. 17-24 in Mandeville and Kingston. Visitors from abroad included Dr. J. E. Weaver and Dr. M. E. Olsen from Washington, D.C., Elder M. V. Campbell President of the Northern Union, U. S. A., Elders Torrey, Roth and Amundsen from the Inter-American Division, Elder R. E. Crawford from the Southern Publishing Assn., Elder and Mrs H. D. Colburn from the Bahamas Mission, Elder W. H. Waller and Miss Ivy Usher from the British Honduras Mission.

All of the treasurers from the Union Institutions and the local Missions were present to attend a special Treasurers' Council immediately following the Union Meetings. Elder Franz led out in these discussions and all agreed that it was a very profitable session.

Many important and far reaching actions were taken during the Committee and board meetings a number of which appear in different pages of this issue of the *Visitor*.

Division Council to be held in Cuba in 1946

All of our ordained and licensed ministers throughout the British West Indies Union will be happy to hear that plans have recently been laid for a large Division Council to be held in Santa Clara.

At this time it is planned to bring together all of the ordained and licensed Ministers from all over the Inter American Division for a two weeks ministerial Institute just prior to the Council session. At these meetings some of our outstanding Evangelists as well as Administrators and Departmental Secretaries will be present to give special instruction along evangelistic and departmental lines. We feel sure that such a meeting will greatly strengthen our workers in their service for the Master.

More information regarding plans for these meetings will be passed on to the workers of the fields as we receive word from the Division.

R. H. P.

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"The longer I live, the more confidence I have in those sermons preached where one man is the minister and one man is the congregation; where there's no question as to who is meant when the preacher says, 'thou art the man.'"

"*Taking Men Alive*"—Trumbull, p. 38.

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"Seeing results in the work may or may not be our privilege. It is our duty to work for results just as long as the result does not appear and the person sought is within our sphere of influence."

"*Taking Men Alive*"—Trumbull, p. 243.

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

D. V. POND, Superintendent
E. W. PARCHEMENT, Secy.-Treas.
176, Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica.

East Jamaica Flashes

The months of November and December found our Superintendent busy with his district pastors in the heights of their activities for the year. Apart from attending the various year-end committees he was also busy with the organization of four churches and attending various baptisms.

Over the week-end of December 22, over 115 individuals were baptized throughout East Jamaica Mission. The two largest baptisms were conducted in the Spanish Town and the North Street Churches respectively. Spanish Town with 35 candidates and North Street with 31. The following ministers also had baptism:-- Pastors Smith, Williams, Stockhausen, and Nembhard.

The East Jamaica Lay Preachers had reported over 250 souls who have been baptized as a result of God's blessing on their ministry during 1945.

The following churches have been organized during the past month: Port Morant, Scaforth, Gregory Park, and Mullet Hall. To God be the glory for the manifestation of His Spirit in the establishment of these bulwarks against sin.

We were happy to have as our visitors Pastors Roth and Amundsen also Dr. Olsen with us during the last week end of December. Thanks for the inspiration that they have brought to our field.

Under the leadership of Pastor Lowry and Brother Campbell the colporteur's Institute took place during the last week of December. There were about 100 Colporteurs and Brigades in attendance. They all spent a very inspiring and profitable time together, and have all returned to their field with a determination by God's help to go far beyond their attainments during 1945. Their deliveries for 1945 amounted to over £6,300.

Lay Preachers Arise

Lay Preachers of East Jamaica, today we stand on the threshold of a New Year. This New Year opens before us with golden opportunities which have never been seen or heard of for this people heretofore. This is indeed our hour in which to preach the word. Great have been our achievements under God in 1945. Our reports show that three churches and four Sabbath Schools have been organized by the Efforts of the Lay Preachers. I am sure that there was great joy in heaven when the report was announced to the Angelic host that the Lay Preachers of East Jamaica, through the guidance of the Lord had rescued 257 souls from the thralldom of sin. To God we must give glory for this signal victory that He has given to His people.

Our E-Day (EVANGELISM DAY) comes on January 20. Between now and that date we are appealing for 100 Efforts by the Lay Preachers of our Mission. Let us dedicate our lives anew, mobilize our forces, and march forward under the banner of Prince Emmanuel, striking mightily upon the strong-hold of sin, thus bringing the glorious news of Redemption to men and women who have longed prayed for deliverance.

The Bible Correspondence School

The Bible Correspondence School has come to our Union at the right time, and with heaven's blessing it has come to stay. There are thousands of people in Jamaica, who will never hear this Message except through this medium. Already word has come from the field which brings good tidings of men and women who are turning from transgression and sin, as a result of their contact with the Truths revealed in this Course. There has been no better endeavour to create a greater field for missionary work than the Bible Correspondence Course.

Sometime ago we went to a church, which lacked the spirit and enthusiasm that should characterize every group of *Advent* believers today. They wanted something to do. The Bible Correspondence School was introduced to the officers of the church, and in turn to the Church. During the first week over 300 individuals were enrolled in the Course, and at the end of the second week this figure was surpassed. Today the church is on fire, its members are stirring; they are working for the salvation of those that they neglected before the advent of the Bible Correspondence School. This course also creates a good field for Evangelism, by helping to hold the interest of the people in the community.

From all sections of the field we are receiving news of individuals who are taking their stand with the Advent People, as a result of the Correspondence studies.

Pastor Laing paid a visit to the Kitson Town Church two weeks ago. On arriving there he found a family of three keeping the Sabbath, and they asked for baptism immediately. Up to the present time this was the first time that they had any contact with any Seventh-day Adventist, from the time they had started the course. From Portland, Pastor Williams gives a thrilling experience of a couple who stepped into the Port Antonio Church for the first time after they had studied the Sabbath question given in the Course.

These are only two of the many experiences that we are having. Pentecost indeed will soon be reaped. This is what is happening right here in the British West Indies Union, these are not experiences of some far-away land.

Every member of our churches should

be stirred by the possibilities of our time to have a part in this programme. No one can excuse himself for not engaging in this noble avenue of missionary endeavour. We must now put our hands, hearts, and shoulders to the task, for this plan is God's last strategy for the final triumph for this Message, and the establishment of His Kingdom of Peace.

H. S. WALTERS.

Annual Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the East Jamaica Mission met in Kingston, Jan. 1 and 2, to lay plans for the ensuing year.

To open the first meeting the Chairman, Pastor D. V. Pond, read some very pertinent passages from the Spirit of Prophecy, stressing the responsibility placed upon those who lay plans for the finishing of the Lord's work on earth. An earnest season of prayer followed the devotional study.

At this meeting certain changes were made in the districting of the mission which, it was felt, would tend to greater efficiency and which would make possible more assistance to certain churches. These changes will be announced elsewhere by the mission officers.

Strong emphasis was placed upon Evangelism. The workers and laity of the East Jamaica Mission are pledged to make 1946 a banner year in soul-saving. Definite plans were laid for a strong evangelistic effort to be held in Kingston by Pastors Reid and Walters. The Metropolitan Hall on Laws Street has been secured for this purpose and the first meeting is scheduled for February 3.

East Jamaica intends to enlist the youth in a great Crusade to carry the Third Angel's Message to the young people in the territory of the Mission. The Y.P.M.V. department has set a goal of 600 Missionary Volunteer Crusaders for 1946 and these crusaders are to attempt to reach 300 other young people, interesting them in the Message and winning them for Christ. The slogan of these Crusaders is, "Each One Win One."

Another important phase of the work for the new year will be the Ingathering Campaign. Under the generalship of Pastor H. S. Walters it is expected that the goal will be realized in record time. We are confident that this campaign will be the most successful ever launched in this part of the field. The official campaign opens April 20.

The Colporteur work has grown to such an extent during 1945 that it was felt necessary to appoint an assistant Publishing department secretary to assist Brother W. U. Campbell, in caring for the needs of this growing work.

There is a "going in the tops of the mulberry trees" in East Jamaica. Let us remember the work in our prayers, asking God to send forth more labourers here as well as in other parts of our Union field for truly the harvest is ripe.

C. O. FRANZ.

Key Positions in Missions and Institutions

Filled for 1946-1947 Term

The year end Union Council Meeting was of special importance this year for the leadership of the local Missions and institutions was selected for the coming biennial term. We feel sure our believers throughout the Union will be interested in the following appointments:

BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION DEPARTMENTS

Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Secretary: F. M. Larsen; Publishing Department Secretary: M. E. Lowry; Educational Department Secretary: W. A. Holgate; Manager of Book and Bible House: C. H. Parchment; Medical Secretary: C. R. Anderson, M.D.; Field Secretary: E. E. Parchment; Religious Liberty, R. H. Pierson.

LOCAL MISSION SUPERINTENDENTS

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| Bahamas Mission | H. D. Colburn |
| British Honduras Mission | D. B. Reid |
| Cayman Islands Mission | F. R. Archbold |
| East Jamaica Mission | D. V. Pond |
| Salt Cays Mission | R. H. Pierson |
| West Jamaica Mission (Acting) | W. S. Nation |
- LOCAL MISSION SECRETARY-TREASURERS**
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| Bahamas Mission | Mrs. H. D. Colburn |
| British Honduras Mission | Miss Ivy Usher |
| Cayman Islands Mission | F. R. Archbold |
| East Jamaica Mission | Miss E. W. Parchment |
| Salt Cays Mission | C. O. Franz |
| West Jamaica Mission | Miss Mertie Shakes |

BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION INSTITUTIONAL HEADS

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| Andrews Memorial Hospital | Medical Director, C. R. Anderson, M. D. |
| New Hope College | Headmaster, Stanley Bull |
| West Indian Training College | President, B. G. Butherus |

THE BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION COMMITTEE

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| R. H. Pierson, Chairman | |
| C. O. Franz, Secretary | |
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| W. S. Nation | B. G. Butherus |
| D. V. Pond | B. K. Hamilton |
| F. R. Archbold | Stanley Bull |
| | R. E. Gibson |
- Pastor of the North Street Church

THE WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE BOARD

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| W. S. Nation | H. D. Colburn |
| L. A. Morrison | Frank Fletcher |
| J. N. Williams | |

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| F. M. Larsen | F. R. Archbold |
| M. E. Lowry | Miss Ruth Munroe |
| E. E. Parchment | Clenn Calkins |
| Dr. H. M. Johnston, | C. L. Torrey |
| Asst. Staff Physician | H. D. Colburn |
| B. G. Butherus | D. B. Reid |
| R. R. Hamilton | Stanley Bull |
| R. E. Gibson | Pastor of North St. Church. |
| W. S. Nation | |

NEW HOPE COLLEGE BOARD

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| J. N. Williams | C. R. Anderson, M. D. |
| M. E. Lowry | M. E. Lowry |
| W. S. Nation | B. G. Butherus |
| Pastor of the North Street Church | D. V. Pond |
| D. E. Walker | East Ja. Edu. Secy. |
| | Dr. H. M. Johnston |



New College President Arrives

Elder and Mrs. B. G. Butherus and their two children, Jennifer and Duane, arrived in Jamaica December 27, 1945. Elder Butherus has come to Jamaica to be the principal and chief administrator of the West Indian Training College.

An American by birth, Mr. Butherus graduated from "Union College", Nebraska, U. S. A., where he received his B.A. degree, and subsequently travelled through several other countries including England, France, Egypt, and the Far East. He has served as principal of the Burma High School, Burma, taught at Spicer College, Bangalore, South India, and was connected with the Vincent Hill College, India, for a number of years. Returning to the United States in 1942, he was connected with the Shelton Academy, Nebraska, where Mr. Butherus served as president.

Mrs. Butherus has her B. A. degree and has been always associated with her husband in his teaching work.

The family anticipates a highly enjoyable term of service in Jamaica, and in view of their wide experience in the field of education both in America and British territories they are certain to give invaluable leadership in the building up of many activities of the West Indian Training College and make their contribution to the cause of education in Jamaica.

R. H. P.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE

B. G. BUTHERUS, President
Mandeville, Jamaica.

West Indian Training College

It gives us great pleasure to report to our brethren and sisters concerning the excellent enrollment we have at the college this year. At the present time we have registered 178 students, and there are still others writing, wanting to be admitted into our ranks.

We feel grateful to God for the spirit that is being manifested among the students. How I wish that all of you could be with us during one of our Friday-night vesper services! At that time nearly the whole student body take part in thanking God for the blessings and privileges they enjoy by attending a Christian school.

We also want to express our appreciation to our good and loyal staff of teachers. We believe that the teachers we have this year are a group that have purposed in their hearts to lead these young people nearer to their Saviour. It is with joy in our hearts that we give this report to the field.

Today, as a denomination and as a people, we must prepare our youth to withstand the fiery darts of the evil one; and, as teachers, we are determined by God's grace to carry on in a strong spiritual way to lead these students to see the great need of the world. As teachers, we do desire to do all we can to help them consecrate their lives to the finishing of the task.

The world today is passing through crises such as we have never faced before. There are influences and temptations that our youth face that no other group of young people has had to face. As a group of teachers and students, we are determined by God's grace to hold the standards high for our Commander.

Remember our needs, brethren, before the Throne of grace day by day that we may make the West Indian Training College a school from which the youth may go, well prepared to lead men and women away from the world of sin into the joy and happiness of service for Christ.

In soliciting your prayers, we desire above everything else to prepare these young people for greater and more efficient service in God's Cause.

B. G. BUTHERUS, President

Flash-Stop Press

The reports show that East Jamaica's baptism total for 1945 was 668.

Pastors D. B. Reid and H. S. Walters are having large crowds at the Metropolitan Hall, Kingston. Please pray for them.

"Our own personal shortcomings must not deter us. What Christ is, not what we are, is our message."
"Taking Men Alive"—Trumbull, p. 236.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

W. S. NATION, Acting Superintendent
MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.
15 Market St., Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Dedication of Caledonia Church

By Frank Fletcher

Sunday, December 29, was a red-letter day for the Caledonia Seventh-day Adventist church. Four years of ardent earnest toil was brought to a happy conclusion for we met together to dedicate to the honour and glory of God the completed building. Painted in a beautiful orange with a dark brown finish on the outside and cream on the inside, it presented a beautiful appearance that gave credit to the painstaking effort of Sister Hewitt and her co-workers.

People came from far and near by trucks and cars and on foot until about five hundred persons were assembled. The building was inadequate to accommodate the crowd so a booth was erected which took care of the surplus attendance.

We were happy to have with us on this occasion Pastors R. H. Pierson and C. O. Franz and F. M. Larsen from the Union office and Pastor D. B. Reid from the East Jamaica Mission.

The well arranged programme was in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. The doors and windows were opened by several persons who had been previously asked to do so. At the close of this ceremony, the congregation entered the building and the programme began. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Pastor R. H. Pierson, Superintendent of the British West Indies Union. In this inspiring address, a brief resume of our world-wide work was presented. The speaker also presented the Third Angel's Message due to be proclaimed to the world at this time.

He stressed the fact that the Seventh-day Adventist movement is the movement of prophecy, divinely appointed to bear the message of Christ's soon coming to the world. He appealed to all present to be ready for the coming of Christ. Pastor Reid then led the congregation in the solemn act of dedication after which the dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor Franz, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union. The programme was interspersed by some delightful musical items contributed by visiting friends and by the choir of the Montego Bay church and others. The benediction was pronounced by Pastor Larsen, Home Missionary Secretary of the Union.

As we take a retrospective view of the past four years we can truly say, "what hath God wrought!" From a small beginning, three persons gathered for Sabbath school in the home of Pastor and Mrs. E. C. H. Reid, the number steadily

grew like a grain of mustard seed until at the present time there is a membership of about fifty meeting from week to week in a beautiful little church building.

Sister C. W. Hewitt, the leader of the church has laboured faithfully and untiringly to build up the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard. She has reached the acme of her hopes and aspirations in a finished church building, dedicated to the worship of God. In this we have an example of faith and confidence in our ability under God to undertake and carry out big propositions.

May this church at Caledonia be a beacon light to guide lost mariners on the sea of life to the heavenly harbour.

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Spalding Church Organization

Sabbath, December 22, the Spalding Company was organized into a full fledged church by Pastor R. H. Pierson, Superintendent of the British West Indies Union. An effort was held in Spaldings in August by Elders Pierson and Nation assisted by Brother P. Clayton and Miss G. Brodie from the West Indian Training College and Miss E. Lindo, West Jamaica church school teacher. As a result of this effort about twenty five have been baptized and several more are in the baptismal class.

Nearby Spaldings two small Sabbath schools have been conducted for some time—one in Cobbler and one in Sanguinetti. These two little groups have joined with one or two believers living in Spaldings and with the newly baptized members from the effort to make a charter membership of forty-two lively members. Brother Davey was elected elder of the new church and Brethren Haynes, Carnegie, Johnson, Clark and others were elected to responsible positions to assist in carrying on the work in a strong manner.

We were especially privileged to have Elder C. L. Torrey from the Inter-American Division present to preach the morning sermon on "Church Organization." Brother and Sister Kenneth Vaz are in charge of the church in Spaldings.

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The Asia Church Dedication

It was toward the close of 1934 that a few Bible studies were held in private homes in the vicinity of Asia with the result that upon the first Sabbath in January, 1935, a Sabbath school was organized. From this small beginning the work grew and these new Adventists were soon looking for a permanent home for their meetings. They saw a nice plot of land, beautifully located, belonging to one Mr. Blake, which was secured. While these new brethren were poor, their hearts were filled with the love of their Master and they were willing to make sacrifices for Him who gave all for them. Some brought

posts, some a few boards, others a few sheets of zinc and on the 22nd of December 1945 between 150 and 200 people gathered around a nice church building basking in the sunlight of that delightful afternoon.

After a few remarks and a word of prayer by Elder L. S. Crawford, he declared the church open and Brother Palmer, the church elder, opened the front door and called out the names of those who were to have the honour of opening the remaining doors and windows. The Church was then filled with people and after a very fitting and inspiring program rendered by the church members Elder Crawford preached the dedicatory sermon emphasizing the fact that the church militant will be the church triumphant and appealing to all present to make their calling and election sure that they might triumph with her. Elder W. H. Randle offered the dedicatory prayer and all joined in the act of dedication. The church was beautifully decorated for the joyful occasion and I am sure all departed for their respective homes feeling that it had been good to be there, and filled with new zeal and determination to spread the glad tidings of our Saviour's soon coming to all that district.

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Baptism and Organization of the Maggoty Church

A few weeks ago a very beautiful baptismal service was held in the Black River near Maggoty. A large gathering witnessed the burial of eleven souls in the watery grave of baptism. Pastor Frank Fletcher was in charge of this impressive service.

Later in the day the Maggoty church was organized with Pastor E. E. Parchment, Superintendent of the West Jamaica Mission, in charge. There were twenty-two charter members of this new church.

West Jamaica News Notes

The members of the Harry Watch church were certainly happy last Sunday, January 13, to have the opening of their church, which has been in building for so many years. All their windows and doors are now in, and we hope in just a few more months they will be able to put on the finishing touches and have their dedication services.

Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, is now on the job. With such a team of youthful vigour as is comprised by Brother Parchment and Brother Greene, we are looking forward to great things this year in departmental lines in West Jamaica.

A short time ago our church leaders' convention was held. There were about fifty-five men in attendance. We had very
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BAHAMAS MISSION
 H. D. COLBURN, Superintendent
 Mrs. H. D. COLBURN, Secy.-Treas.
 P. O. Box 356, Nassau, Bahamas.

Bahamas Annual Committee Meeting

To the Workers of the Bahamas Mission the period from January 16 to 20, was a time of real spiritual refreshment and inspiration for it was on these days that they met in Nassau for the annual that they met in Nassau for the Annual Committee and Workers Meeting.

Those in attendance included Elder and Mrs. Colburn, Superintendent and Treasurer of the Mission respectively; Pastors Nembhard and Lindo; Brethren Edwards, Ward and Miller. Elders Larsen and Franz represented the British West Indies Union.

The highlight of each day's programme came each morning, when, before taking up Committee work for the day, the workers joined together in seeking the Lord in a devotional service. On Sabbath afternoon the two Nassau Churches held a combined service at which time the workers told of the progress in their various districts. This symposium was much enjoyed by all who were privileged to attend.

Among the most important actions of the Committee was an action looking toward greater activity by our workers and our membership along the line of evangelism. It was VOTED that soul-winning be made the supreme objective in 1946. Each worker whole-heartedly subscribed to the plans set before the Committee and enthusiastically voted a goal of 125 baptisms for the new year. To help make the attainment of this goal possible it was VOTED to endeavour to interest a large number of our lay members in active lay-evangelism, urging that they launch out immediately in cottage or hall meetings as circumstances may permit.

Several Church buildings are under construction in the Bahamas Mission. Pastor Lindo, who is located at Bluff, Eleuthera, reported that the church building at that place is nearing completion. A good start has been made on a building at Moss Town, Exuma, where Brother C. F. Edwards is labouring. In other places buildings are in process of erection or plans are being laid for securing sites.

A report from the Bible Correspondence School revealed that a large number have enrolled for the free Bible Courses offered by the Mission. Although this work was only started about the middle of the past year the interest has grown remarkably and it is expected that in 1946 definite results shall be seen as a result of this good work.

Some time was spent in planning for the Ingathering Campaign and each of the workers enthusiastically pledged to do his part in reaching the Mission goal of £325. Elder Larsen, the Home Missionary Secretary of the Union Mission, remained in Nassau for a period of two weeks following the workers meeting, to assist the Nassau churches in the Cam-

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Items of Interest from the Secretary-Treasurer's Pen

Each of our local fields has been working hard during the past year to fulfill its primary purpose and function—Evangelism. The earnest endeavours put forth have resulted in percentages of net increase in membership ranging from 4.7% up to 11%. The membership figures for each mission as at September 30, are as follows:

Mission	Sept. £ 30,1944	Sept. £ 30,1945	Percentage Net Increase
Bahamas	465	508	4.7%
British Honduras	391	434	11.0%
Cayman Islands	72	78	8.3%
East Jamaica	5203	5547	6.6%
West Jamaica	4488	4872	8.6%
Union Totals	10,639	11,439	7.5%

I would also like to call your attention to our 1944 and 1945 tithe records. Here we find a gain for the first ten months of 1945, as compared with the same period in 1944, of £3090 5 6. Every mission in the Union contributed to this tithe gain. In terms of pound, shilling and pence the largest tithe gain was naturally made by the two largest missions. The gain in East Jamaica was £1467. 0. 2, while West Jamaica Mission was not far behind with a gain of £1287. 9. 7. It is worth noting that our smaller fields have much higher per capita tithe figures than their sister missions. The Cayman Islands lead in this respect with a per capita of £4. 6. 0, at Oct. 31, 1944. The average member in the Bahamas paid £2. 9. 6 as tithes during the same period, while the British Honduras field has a per capita of £2. 2. 0.

Items of interest from the Secretary-Treasurer's Pen Our two Jamaica fields show per capita of £1-11-9 in the East and £1-8-1 in the West.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF TITHES
 Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1945

	1944		1945	
	£	s	£	s
Bahamas Mission	1134	15 6	1257	18 11
British Honduras	872	3 9	895	10 9
Cayman Islands	146	7 11	335	13 3
East Ja. Mission	7350	7 5	8817	7 7
West Ja. Mission	6527	9 7	6814	19 2
Union Total	15,051	4 2	18,121	9 8

	1944		1945	
	£	s	£	s
Bahamas Mission	2	6 0	2	9 6
British Honduras	2	4 6	2	2 0
Cayman Islands	2	0 8	4	6 0
East Jamaica Mission	1	8 2	1	11 9
West Jamaica Mission	1	4 7	1	8 1
Union Total	1	8 2	1	11 8

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSION OFFERINGS
 Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1945

	1944		1945	
	£	s	£	s
Bahamas Mission	391	16 2	437	10 5
British Honduras	342	7 7	519	16 10
Cayman Islands	32	8 2	103	9 5
East Jamaica Mission	2426	12 0	2912	3 5
West Jamaica Mission	1953	11 6	2297	4 8
Union Total	5156	15 5	6320	4 7

	1944		1945	
	£	s	£	s
Bahamas Mission	16	1 1	19	2
British Honduras	1	0	1	3 11
Cayman Islands	9	0	1	6 6
East Jamaica Mission	9	4	10	6
West Jamaica Mission	8	8	9	4
Union Total	9	9	11	0

Our loyal membership has also moved forward in the matter of mission offerings during the past year. In the first ten months of 1944 we received £5156. 15. 5 while in 1945 we find the missions offering figure to be £6320. 4 7. This is a gain of £1163 9 2. In the Union as a whole our per capita mission offerings have advanced from £0. 9. 9 to £0. 11. 0

Here again the smaller fields lead. The Cayman Islands field stands in first place, while British Honduras takes the honour of second place from the Bahamas field by a narrow margin. We thank God that in spite of the needs at home our faithful members in all the fields have not forgotten the calls from the lands afar.

Of every pound given as mission offerings in 1945, 52.3% was for the Ingathering fund; 46.3% was given through the Sabbath School channel; while 1% was marked for other mission offerings. These percentages will be slightly altered during the last two months of the year when the results of our Mission Extension campaigns in the Jamaica fields will be known.

CLYDE O. FRANZ.

Progress of the Bible School

The most recent report of the work of the 20th Century Home Bible School here in Mandeville has just come to my desk. Certainly when we consider that this school has been in operation less than a year's time, we feel that we should thank the Lord. The total enrolment to January 31 is 16,467. Of this number, 9501 are active students. These students have sent in 61,106 lessons since the Bible School was opened. To date, 407 individuals have completed the full course. Of this number, 225 have indicated their acceptance of the Sabbath truth, 17 have been baptized and already joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, while 118 more have indicated their desire for baptism.

This is certainly a most cheering report, and we feel sure that coupled with the work of our district pastors and lay preachers, 1946 will see many taking their stand for the message as a result of first becoming interested through the Bible School. Let us all pray for the large number of interested persons who are studying the message in the Bible School.

R. H. PIERSON.

Bahamas Annual Meeting

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Any report of our work in the Bahamas would be incomplete unless mention was made of our schools in Nassau and Kemps Bay. In Nassau Miss U. Lawrence and Miss Vera Henfield are teaching over one hundred students in the small one-room school house on Hawkin's Hill. Plans have been laid and a site has been procured on Wolf Road for a new school building and it is hoped that a better buildings and equipment may soon increase the capacity of this educational unit. Brother U. B. Toote is doing a pioneer educational work on the island of Andross where he conducts a thriving school at the settlement known as Kemp's Bay. Brother Toote's faithful service is much appreciated.

As we left the Bahamas to return to Jamaica it was with a definite conviction that under the capable leadership of Elder Colburn and his loyal group of workers the work of God in the Bahamas 1946 in every line.

C. O. FRANZ.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

R. H. PIERSON, Superintendent
C. O. FRANZ, Secy.-Treas.
Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

News from the Cayman Islands Mission

Things are looking up since the visit of Pastor Larsen. The effort conducted at West Bay, Grand Cayman was very encouraging. The second night there were—by actual count—five hundred people in and around the tent. From night to night we saw the same folks. Some walked over very bad roads from long distances in the dark nights to attend. We have forty-nine new Bible School students, forty-five of whom are finishing on the average of three sets of lessons each week. Many of these receive Bible studies in their homes also, and are never absent from the tabernacle. Many parents study with their children the lessons. Sermons are being preached from the pulpits of other churches from the *Signs of the Times* distributed.

Many of the children assist the Bible worker in giving out the papers. We plan to organize for the first, a Sabbath School next week. (Dec. 8). We were sorry to see Pastor Larsen go, but our good worker, Brother Walton, will carry on the effort where so many are so interested and which needs the united prayers of God's people.

The Bible School has twenty-five for graduation. We have a few who had become weary, started again and the new ones studying hard. The work at the Brac has suffered because of lack of workers, but Sister Ida Thompson has kept the School work going and has sent a stack of lessons for correction.

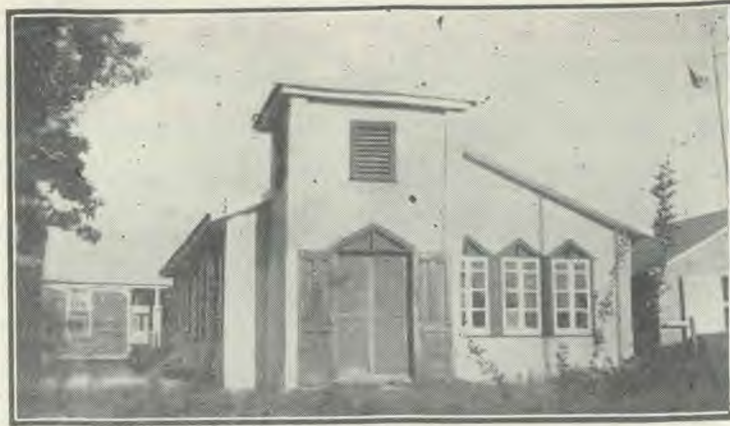
A little girl of seven told her parents to send her to the school conducted by one of our sisters so that she can be taught the "Truth." In Sunday School she was told not to attend Sabbath School, and she boldly informed her teacher that she goes there because she is "taught." She also told her that she is deceitful for talking about the Adventist, she said, "They teach Bible truth and don't gossip".

We are looking forward to our school, doctor and clinic during eventful 1946. Please pray for us.

Cayman Islands Mission

During the months of December I visited the Brac, turned the church building, painted it and baptized two persons. There were many interested ones who attended the night meetings that we held. The deep interest of these folks but emphasize the great need of a suitable, permanent worker there.

The effort at West Bay has been closed down temporarily because the attendance during the Christmas holidays indicated plainly that that was the best procedure. However, there are those who are interested and ask that the



Our Church
in
Georgetown,
Grand Cayman,
where the
Mission Session
was held
in
February.
The Worker's
Home may be
seen in the left
Background.

meetings be continued after. It seems as if the devil planned definitely that the "Sabbath" should not be presented. During the delivery of the "Little Horn" of Daniel 7, there was such a commotion, the subject could hardly be finished. The next night when the "First Day in the New Testament" was being given, the lights went so low that I had to stop. The night following just after I had passed the place where I had stopped, a sudden sand storm, breeze and rain arose. The ensuing commotion made it impossible to be heard. Again the subject was interrupted. By the third night the town was stirred and the completed subject was delivered to a very large and interested audience. The next few days the Bible Worker's time was taken up answering questions and giving information relative to the work of the Catholic church. In another week the meetings shall again be held.

—E. C. Walton.

Good Tidings from Across the Gulf

The Belize evangelistic effort has been greatly blessed of God. Elder Reid, Brother Crarey and others have worked faithfully to bring the message publicly and personally to hundreds in the capital city. At the time of this writing over one hundred are studying the message earnestly, many of them looking forward to baptism at an early date.

Pastor D. B. Reid has recently been elected Superintendent of the British Honduras Mission. He and his family will be moving to Belize around the middle of 1946. A hearty welcome awaits them.

The British West Indies Union Committee has called Pastor F. R. Archbold to the Superintendency of the Cayman Islands Mission. Brother Archbold and family will be taking their leave in their homeland upon the arrival of Elder Reid prior to locating in their new field of labour. We deeply appreciate the years of consecrated service Elder and Sister Archbold have rendered to British Honduras.

Miss Ivy Usher has been attending the Union Committee meetings and Treasurer's Council in Jamaica. Elder Archbold was unable to attend due to last minute passport complications.

Recent News from British Honduras

I have only recently returned from a very pleasant trip to British Honduras where it was my privilege to attend the regular year end budget committee meetings. Elder F. R. Archbold, the Acting Superintendent of the field, had all arrangements made for both of these meetings, and everything went on very smoothly. Plans for a number of evangelistic efforts during 1946 were laid, and we feel sure that this year will be an outstanding one in the history of our soul-winning work in the British Honduras Mission. During the course of these meetings the departmental secretaries for the coming year were appointed as follows:

Home Miss. Secretary	D. B. Reid
S. S. & Miss. Vol.	Mrs. D. B. Reid
Edu. Secretary	Mrs. G. Newman
Temperance Sec.	H. W. Crarey

Mrs. Garfield Newman was also appointed head mistress of the 4-H Junior Academy in Belize. She will be assisted by Mrs. Crarey and Miss Roleta Clarke.

During the course of the Mission Session a very fine spirit prevailed, and it was evident that the delegates present from the various churches sensed the responsibilities resting upon them to help finish the work.

We were most happy to welcome Brother and Sister Garfield Newman the last day of the session. We feel sure that the addition of these two workers to our Mission staff in British Honduras will be a great blessing to the work there. For the present Brother Newman will be engaged in evangelistic work in different parts of the colony.

Sunday night of the Mission Session a very fine baptismal service was held in the Belize church. Elder D. B. Reid baptized 27 candidates.

Elder M. E. Lowry, from the Union office, was also present and gave valuable help along all lines, especially in laying plans for the building up of the publishing department work in the colony.

R. H. P.

SALT CAYS MISSION

(Turks & Caicos, Mayaguana & Inagua)
R. H. PIERSON, Superintendent
C. O. FRANZ, Secretary-Treasurer

Organization of Salt Cays Mission

It is not often that a new Mission field is organized but at the recent Union Committee meeting in Mandeville such a forward step was taken.

The new field is to be composed of Inagua and little Inagua islands from the Bahamas group and the Turks and Caicos Islands. These islands are all located in the same proximity about one hundred miles off the north coast of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

The name of the new field—the Salt Cays Mission—was chosen because all of these islands are famous as salt producing centres.

At present we have two worker families in the Salt Cays Mission—Brother R. B. Campbell and family at Matthew Town on Inagua and Brother and Sister C. C. Nebblett, located at Blue Hills in the Caicos group.

The new field will commence to function with but two organized churches—one at Matthew Town and the other the Mission church. The membership will be small but we are confident that, under the blessing of God, Brethren Campbell and Nebblett will change this situation considerably during 1946.

The Union Committee has asked the Union officers and departmental men to serve in similar capacities in caring for the over sight of this new field. The Committee to administer the Salt Cays Mission is composed of R. H. Pierson, chairman, C. O. Franz, (Secretary, M. E. Lowry, F. M. Larsen, C. C. Nebblett, and R. B. Campbell.

Let us all pray earnestly that God will richly bless His work in this new field.

R. H. P.

Openings in the Turks and Caicos Islands

Our faith in the future of the work in the Turks and Caicos Islands has been justified by the good reports that have been coming in from Brother and Sister Nebblett. In three districts interests have sprung up. In Blue Hills, located in the Caicos group, Brother Nebblett conducted a series of meetings for about a month. Because of the hurricane devastation these meetings were held in a tent erected for a school. Of this he writes under the date of November 23:

"Two nights ago when we spoke on 'The Sabbath' God's Spirit was very near. Many are convinced that we have the truth and some have decided with God's help to keep all of His commandments. At the after-meeting, where about fifteen were present—tears flowed from many eyes as they prayerfully resolved to go the whole way".

Regarding the fruition of this interest in Blue Hill, Brother Nebblett wrote more recently:

"Apart from the organization of a Sabbath school of fifteen members, a lively interest has been created which, if followed up, will continue to grow".

In Five Cays—another settlement about three miles from Blue Hills several folk have mentioned their desire to commence keeping the Sabbath. Here some years ago, through some channel the choir master of the Baptist church procured a copy of the book, *Hope of the Race*. This honest-hearted man assented to the truth after he had finished reading the book and now that the living teacher has come with Bible studies and more literature, this man has sent in his resignation as choir master telling his former church associates that he is now a Sabbath keeper. In spite of ridicule from friends and relatives Brother Rigby is happy in his new found faith.

In Grand Turk where the Nebbletts first landed in their new mission field various interests have been created and should be nurtured. We have felt that perhaps this capital of the island group should be reserved for an experienced minister to open our work but the Spirit of God has refused to wait for us. He has been at work on the hearts of people in this settlement for years through the printed page that has gone before to prepare the way so effectively.

Here two men of prominence—one a leading lay preacher in the Methodist Church and the other an active leader in the Baptist Church—have been deeply interested in the message through the Correspondence lessons, other literature and Brother Nebblett's contacts. These men are urging that meetings be held, a church built and our work firmly established without delay.

Recently a new police corporal from Jamaica arrived in Grand Turk. While not a baptized member the corporal is a believer and strong advocate of our message. A small Sabbath school is being established here and the corporal's little thirteen-year-old daughter, who is a zealous missionary, has already enrolled twelve of her new acquaintances in the junior department.

Brother Nebblett writes that the time is ripe for a good strong series of meetings in this capital settlement, that prejudice has been broken down and the people are ready for the message. He closes a very earnest appeal for the permanent establishment of our work in this island group with these words:

"There are many precious souls in these districts who believe this message and who want to keep the Sabbath; there are others who are willing to give land for a church and help in its erection, but they want to see us make a start. They want to know that Seventh-day Adventists are here to stay."

R. H. P.

For Your Improvement

There are two courses offered by the Home Study Institute that are especially well adapted to the needs of our forward-looking lay members. The first of these courses is the course in Spiritual Leadership and Organization. It contains instruction of special value to church elders and deacons, Sabbath school superintendents, and other persons carrying responsibility in connection with the church and the Sabbath school. There are twelve lessons in the course, each of which deals clearly with one or more phases of the work of a spiritual leader.

Following is a very brief outline of the course:

1. *Most as a Spiritual Leader*: His faith, humility, prayerfulness, dependence on God, patience, love for the people, willingness to share his burdens.

2. *The Leader's Personal Walk with God*: Devotional study of the word, intercessory prayer, personal holiness.

3. *The Spiritual Leader as a Shepherd*.

4. *The Spiritual Leader as a Student and Teacher of the Word*.

5. *The Members Following Their Leaders in Study and Service*.

6. *The Spiritual Leader Dealing with the Erring*.

7. *Church Finance*: Spiritual principles underlying the raising of money for necessary outlays. Some practical suggestions.

8. *Mission Funds*: (a) Sabbath school offerings, (b) Harvest Ingathering work, (c) other calls. A discussion of principles and their practical application to the work in hand.

9. *The Sabbath School*: Its relation to the spiritual work of the church.

10. *The Missionary Volunteer Society*: Young people organized for Christian service.

11. *Home Missionary Work*: Its large place in a live, working church.

12. *The Spiritual Leader Co-operating with the Medical Missionary, Religious Liberty, and Publishing Departments*.

The course as a whole is intended to give practical guidance covering all the fundamental duties of a church officer. It gives special attention to the large spiritual principles underlying successful leadership in a Christian church.

The course can be studied by the individual officer, and where there are several who can come together from time to time to discuss the interesting topics covered in the lessons, that will be a great advantage.

The course in Lay Evangelism gives instruction in the art of preparing and giving Bible readings. It is desirable that this study also be carried on in groups which should be provided with a leader and a secretary-treasurer. The leader will lead out in the study of the lessons. He will plan to meet with the group once a week or twice a month, for mutual study and discussion of the topics taken up.

In the case of both courses, a student is not expected to send individual answers in to the Home Study Institute; but when he has thoroughly covered the twelve lessons, he should send in to the Home

Progress in the Publishing Department

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During this year, colporteurs have been sent out from Jamaica to the Turks and Caicos Islands, to the Cayman Islands Mission and to British Honduras and thus the colporteur-work was strengthened in British Honduras and books were sold in the Caymans and Turks and Caicos, where last year no colporteur work was done.

We thank our Lord for these gains which would have been very much larger had we been able to secure the books for our deliveries. I am sure that we would have been over our goal set for the year's deliveries, had the Pacific Press been able to ship us the books. Some of our colporteurs became discouraged and left us because we could not supply them with books. It is a marvel that we were able to make any gains under the conditions. The shortage of books causing, as it did the loss of thousands of dollars of orders also reduced our percentage of deliveries, but in spite of all this we are delivering 52%. We are also thankful for the 53% gain in the circulation of our truthfilled magazines, but we are far from satisfied with the progress made and are determined to do much more in 1946.

M. E. LOWRY.

West Jamaica News—

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good meetings and the men returned to their fields with great zeal to carry forward the work which has been started.

February 3 was E-Day for our laymen, when we hope that at least one evangelistic effort has opened in every church. This will give our men returning from the convention enough time to plan for their efforts.

Pastor E. C. H. Reid and his family are now stationed at Brown's Town. Pastor Reid is district pastor of the churches in St. Ann and Trelawny.

Pastor Lee Gouldbourne has charge of the Clarendon districts and is residing in May Pen.

Brother Kenneth Vaz is living in Balclava, and has charge of the work in Northern Manchester and Northern St. Elizabeth.

Reports just in show that 555 precious souls were baptized in West Jamaica in 1945. Let us make it 850 in 1946!

Word has just been received that Elder O. P. Reid has accepted our call to West Jamaica and will be arriving in August.

W. S. NATION.

"No opportunity is so slight or trifling that it can safely be passed by. The 'trifles' in this work, rejected of men, may become corner-stones in life-buildings planned by the Master-Builder."

Greater Evangelism

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preaching throughout the Union and that we ask our Union Home Missionary Secretary to promote the Lay Preacher Association plan also that district pastors work closely with their lay preachers by helping them plan their efforts, visiting them as frequently as possible and writing letters of counsel and courage to them regularly. And that personal letters be written at least once a year to all lay preachers by Union and Local Superintendents and the Division and Local Home Missionary Secretaries.

6. That we follow the same plan in 1946 as in 1945 of having "E" days to launch concerted evangelistic campaigns all over the Union suggesting that Jan. 20 be "E" day for our lay preachers for all our local fields at which time we endeavour to open one hundred lay efforts throughout the field and that each local mission work out an "E" day for their mission workers.

7. That we set before all of our churches in the Union the goal of a baptismal service every quarter in every church continuing the plan of a soul-winning Church Honour Roll in the VISITOR to give recognition to churches majoring in soul-winning.

8. That all goals for souls in the Union and the Local Fields be set by quarters thus enabling the committees concerned to take stock of their true position regularly during the course of the year.

9. That a special effort be put forth to reclaim any backsliders in our ranks by asking each mission to lay definite plans for a good strong programme of Reunion Days throughout their fields.

10. That our elementary, secondary and college teachers throughout the Union be urged by school leaders to join hands in the soul-winning programme by putting forth special effort for the unconverted and unbaptized youth under their care, also that they do all they can to join with their young people in small efforts in the neighbourhood of the school as far as is possible and practical.

11. That every Mission Committee in this Union Session and that they take definite steps to see they are so implemented to the honour and glory of God and the upbuilding of His work here in the B. W. I. Union that the greatest advance in soul-winning this Division has ever witnessed will be assured.

Your Improvement

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the person who is to supervise his examination.

Further information concerning these and other courses of study will be given from time to time in the columns of "The Visitor." Instruction will also be sent directly from the office of the Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

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The Journey's End

Lily A. Heron was born in the district of Cross Keys in the parish of Manchester, where she spent the early years of her life. In the year 1928 she enrolled as a student of the West Indian Training College. She was a very diligent and pains-taking student, and by thorough application to her studies, and by hard toil of industry, she covered the rounds of the ladder of achievement and graduated from the Commercial Course. During her years at the College, she carefully studied the doctrines of the Advent faith, and when fully convinced and converted despite the separation from all her kinsfolk, she took her stand bravely for the Master and cast in her lot with the Cause of Truth.

Miss Heron spent all of her working life --10 years--in the several offices of the denomination in Jamaica, and worked under some four or five different administrators, all of whom have paid very high tribute to her work and worth.

The life of Miss Heron has been a beautiful one. It serves to remind us of the violet. Too modest for gaudy show; too mindful of dutiful service to court public gaze; but silently working in the service of the King she shed a delicate and fragrant charm that gladdened the hearts of all her associates so long as the flower of her life was in bloom.

Sometime in June she had a seizure at her post of duty and though she suffered intensely, she bore it patiently and with calm resignation. She was singularly hopeful, having a strong confidence in God's power to heal her, but withal submissive to His will. Quite unexpected the end came at about 3:00 a.m. on October 26, 1945, and now she awaits the call of the Great Life Giver, to "enter into the joys of her Lord."

C. A. PITTER

Sister Ethel Richard, passed away January 28, 1946. She was born in 1898, and accepted the Advent Truth in 1915, and was baptized. In 1918 she was united in marriage to Brother T. Richards, and has remained faithful up to the time of her death. She was called to rest in the Chapelton Hospital after a brief illness. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, seven children, 5 grand children, and a host of relatives and friends.

—A. ARMSTRONG
Brother Andrew McGregor, a faithful member of the Cave church passed away on July 16, 1945. Sister Jane Baxy, also of the Cave church, was laid to rest on September 29, 1945. These two members await the first resurrection.

—E. C. H. REID
On December 9 the Auchtembeddie church lost another of its members in the person of Sister Lillian Labeach, age 46 years.

—E. C. H. REID