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Do You Want a Church School in Your Church?

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"Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim." It is time that as church members and leaders we should awaken to our responsibility in this matter, and do all in our power to create a deeper interest in and a willingness to make greater sacrifices for the establishment of more and better church schools.

There are five important factors to be considered in the establishment of a school.

- Pupils.
- Suitable building.
- Equipment.
- Financial Support.
- Qualified teacher.

Pupils

The primary motivating force stimulating in the church a vehement desire for a school is the burden resting upon their hearts for the proper training of the children in their midst. The question naturally arises as to how many children there should be in a church before a school should be started. On this point we have the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy to the effect that under certain conditions schools should be started if there are no more than six children to attend. However, we recommend that an effort be made to have at least thirty pupils available, since the larger the enrolment, the easier it will be to take care of the financial obligations of the school. In fact it will be seen later that in order to receive the maximum financial assistance from your Mission, it is required that each school should have at least thirty pupils enrolled.

Building

The next consideration, and one which very often constitutes a perplexing problem is the securing of a suitable building in which to house the school. Unfortunately we have been trained in the habit of emphasizing the importance of constructing church buildings more so than the construction of school buildings. But in Vol. 6:108, we read, "The school-room is needed just as much as is the church building."

If at all possible the church should erect a school building large enough not only to take care of the immediate needs as far as room is concerned, but also

making allowance for growth in attendance. When it is impossible to construct a school building, as a second resort, we recommend the use of the church building. However, this arrangement is obviously not ideal and should be adopted only when absolutely unavoidable.

In planning the construction of a school, thought should be given to a suitable environment. First, with regard to a healthful locality. Secondly, to see that the school is properly ventilated. Thirdly, that it be reasonably far from distracting influences. Fourthly, make provision for a suitable playground.

Meet Our Workers



This month we wish to introduce to our "Visitor" readers none other than our enthusiastic Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the West Jamaica Mission, Brother Earl J. Parchment. Brother Parchment completed his senior college work at Emmanuel Missionary College last fall and joined the West Jamaica staff soon after. Welcome back home, Brother Parchment!

Equipment

What furniture is to a dwelling, equipment is to a school. When we stop to think that the average child between the ages of six and fourteen spends at least a half of his waking hours confined in the school, it becomes apparent that careful consideration must be given to proper equipment.

We recommend that the following minimum equipment should be included in every school. (a) Teacher's chair and desk. (b) Students' desks and benches. (c) Blackboards. (d) Desk copies of all subjects taught. (e) Maps and Globe or atlas. (f) Bell. (g) Standard Dictionary.

Particular care should be taken to see that the benches and desks in construction are adapted to the needs of the various sizes of children. In order to secure maximum efficiency, the students should be reasonably comfortable during the performance of their scholastic exercises. Not infrequently we see little tots seated with their feet dangling, unable to reach the floor, when were the legs of the benches made just an inch or two shorter, the little ones could sit in comfort.

So important does the Education Department regard this matter of equipment, that for every pound you raise for this purpose, the Mission will contribute an equal amount up to a maximum of Forty Pounds.

Financial Support

If proper provision is not made for the maintenance of the school, it cannot long operate successfully. The

most expensive item after all in the upkeep of a church school is the salary of the teacher. The Education Department has given study to this problem and now presents a plan which, while not diminishing in the least the responsibility of the local church to support the school, guarantees the teachers' salary for the twelve months of the calendar year under the following conditions:—

- (a) The church must provide adequate school building facilities and equipment. (As stated above the Mission will match pound for pound to a maximum of Forty Pounds for the purchase of equipment.)
- (b) The church school must enroll at least thirty students.
- (c) The church must deposit with the Mission an amount equal to their part of two months' full salary of the teacher.
- (d) Tuition at established rates set by the Mission must be collected monthly, in advance, by the local school board and remitted through the church treasurer to the Mission Education Stabilization Fund.
- (e) Assistance on church school teachers' salaries by the Mission not to exceed fifty per cent of the total salary.

Teacher

And now the final step in the establishment of your school is the selection of a teacher. According to the plan outlined above the teacher will be selected and employed by the Mission in counsel with the local school board. Realizing that the success or failure of a school depends to a large extent upon the efficiency of the teacher, every effort will be made to secure the best consecrated talents for your school. "A good teacher is a greater force in society than a great general. A fine school is a stronger, surer force for good than an army. There is no short cut to intelligence in living. Education is the one sure way. The safest and shortest way is by the long, slow, persistent way of education. Teach men, and they learn. Impose ideas upon them, and they fight. Instead of selfishly forcing your way, try e-d-u-c-a-t-i-o-n!" Begin today to plan for a church school in your church.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPTS. HOME MISSIONARY AND

F. M. LARSEN, Secretary.

Have You Reached Your Ingathering Overflow Goal?

It has been thrilling to receive the good news from all parts of the Union telling of the Ingathering victories being won on every side. Our people are surely willing people and have responded loyally to the rallying call for Ingatherers.

From the Cayman Islands comes good word that Georgetown alone has raised an amount equivalent to the full Mission goal. East End reaches their overflow. Sister Thompson from the Brac writes that they are working and their goal will surely be reached. Miss Pringle is assisting Bodden Town over the goal.

Ingathering Flashes

The Ingathering battle has been joined with great zest all over the Union. Never has enthusiasm run as high as it is in the current campaign just launched. "Military secrets" and brilliant "strategy," both have been playing prominent roles in the East and West Jamaica campaigns. Generalissimo Herma S. (for "Strategy") Walters has been giving outstanding leadership to the East Jamaica campaign, and Generalissimo E. (for "Early-bird") J. Parchment has hinted that West Jamaica has a number of surprises in store for the other fields when the totals are published.

The campaign has just been officially launched in Jamaica (April 20), but it is an open secret that a large number of churches in both missions are "over the top"—many having reached their goals in one week's time or less. How about your church, dear reader? Have you done your part? Has your 50% overflow come rolling in? If not, don't stop! Ask the Lord to give you special strength to do a little more. We want every church and every member over their full 50% overflow goal by May 11. We can do it if everyone works!

We thought the Cayman Islands Mission had set a record in reaching their goal in *one week's* time, but now word from Brother C. C. Nebblett brings news that the Salt Cays Mission finished their first Ingathering Campaign with a blessed *one day* victory! And still we are to hear from Brother R. B. Campbell over on Inagua island. Salt Cays is commencing right!

With everyone Ingathering-minded, the British West Indies Union should easily far surpass our goal of £3600 in record time—what a great blessing this will be to our work—more church buildings, equipment and many other needs met. Won't you do your bit?

R. H. P.

Similar good news comes rolling in from the Bahamas and all parts of the East and West Jamaica fields. Now, friends of mine, how is it in your church? Have you reached your full 50% overflow goal? I am confident that you do not want your church to be left out when the great Victory song rises from the British West Indies Union May 11! You can do it if you will only put forth a little more effort! God is counting on you to do your part! Your Mission is counting on you. I am sure you will not fail!

Then don't forget the banners being given out by each Mission. They are beautiful felt banners appropriately worded. The Churches have been divided into Group A, composed of all churches with a membership of over 100 and Group B composing all of the rest of the churches. A banner will be given to the church in each group that has the highest per capita in the 1946 Ingathering campaign. Your church can have it if you will only put forth a special effort. We are counting on you!

—F. M. LARSEN

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

M. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

Colporteur Honour Roll, January

West Jamaica Colporteurs	Av. Hours Per Week	Deliveries
C. Hepburn	46	25 18 0
R. Fox	43	6 9 0
J. McDonald	41	9 2 3
Cayman Is. Colporteurs		
L. Dillon	63	26 5 0
Br. Honduras Colporteurs		
S. Vasciannie	40	45 0 0

Colporteur Honour Roll, February

Br. Honduras Colporteurs	Av. Hours Per Week	Deliveries
S. Vasciannie	40	71 0 0
East Jamaica Colporteurs		
W. A. Sutherland	51	33 0 0
West Jamaica Colporteurs		
E. P. Wright	53	19 0 0
C. H. Hepburn	43	14 6 6
A. A. Dixon	51	13 19 0
W. Llewellyn	41	12 10 0
J. McDonald	45	9 18 4

N. B. Two hours more for the month would have put Brother Fox on the Honour Roll.

Many of those who had the largest deliveries in each mission failed to get their names on the COLPORTEUR HONOUR ROLL because they did not reach the 40 hours per week standard, and many who reached the hour standard did not have large enough deliveries. We are honouring each month the ten colporteurs having the largest deliveries provided they reach an average of 40 hours per week for the whole month.

M. E. LOWRY.

ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

C. R. ANDERSON, M. D., Medical Director
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Andrews Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Recognized by Government

Good word has just reached us from Miss Munroe, Director of Nurses in the Andrews Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, that the Government has recognized our Nursing School in Kingston. This means that those who take the Nursing Course in our Kingston school will be eligible to sit for Government examinations along with students from the Government hospitals and other private hospitals operating schools of nursing throughout the island. We are most thankful for this good word for it will mean much to the young folk who will be joining the nursing class of the future.

We are also happy to announce that the Government Medical Department is also willing to accept Miss Munroe's qualifications, and she is recognized now as a qualified nurse here in Jamaica.

Miss Munroe has done a very fine piece of work in getting the School of Nursing started in Kingston. The second class was enrolled January 31. In this class there are nine ladies and it is expected that one more will join the group before many more days.

BAHAMAS MISSION

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Bahamas Mission News

Elder Nembhard has recently completed a two-week itinerary through Andros Island district. During this time he spent a little time with every church and company. Of this trip Brother Nembhard writes:

"Two of our churches and one company had candidates ready for baptism. There were two candidates baptized at Kemps Bay, five at Black Point, and three over at Pleasant Bay.

"On my return home I found that a fire had visited the place we were living. This was caused by an electric short in the wires. We are now staying with one of our members because the house was very badly destroyed, and some of our personal possessions."

Elder Nembhard has been selected as one of the British West Indies Union Delegates to attend the General Conference session in Washington, D. C., in June.

Plans for the new academy building have been approved by the Mission committee and forwarded on to the Union for their committee action. We hope building operations here will not be too long delayed.

At the union committee request the unentered island of Mayaguana was ceded to the new Salt Cays Mission. We understand that the brethren there have plans for opening work in this island located near the Caicos group.

Elder Calkins and Dr. Turner of San Diego, California, recently spent a few days in Nassau exploring the possibilities of opening medical work here. Good contacts were made including a visit with His Excellency the Governor. We are hopeful that something can be done soon to open medical work in our field.

SALT CAYS MISSION

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

Good News From Mayaguana

A new field has been entered! February 25, Brother R. B. Campbell arrived by boat in Abraham's Bay on the island of Mayaguana to open work on this new island of the Bahamas group but situated near the Caicos islands. Abraham's Bay is a district with about 200 people and there are three other smaller settlements within a radius of 15 miles.

Brother Campbell immediately made arrangements for the use of the schoolhouse to conduct his meetings in and opened his effort without delay. After the services had been in progress for a week Brother Campbell writes that the interest is good and that although the people have

BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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British Honduras Superintendent

The British West Indies Union Committee, recently in session, has appointed Elder F. R. Archbold the Superintendent of the British Honduras Mission. Brother Archbold has been the acting Superintendent for some months and the Lord has blessed his efforts. We feel sure that Brother and Sister Archbold's many friends will be happy to hear of this appointment and will be greatly pleased that these good workers will not be leaving them for the Caymans as previously reported.

The illness of Mrs. Reid's mother in the United States has made it impractical for Elder and Mrs. D. B. Reid to go to Belize as planned.

R. H. PIERSON.

News from the Field

Elder Archbold baptized one soul in San Pedro on Sunday, March 24. A baptismal class of eight more is at present being instructed and more will be baptized later as the result of our Superintendent's effort in this island community.

Brother Middleton recently closed a successful lay effort in Belize. Three are now preparing for baptism.

Brother Clothier, another of our faithful lay preachers is also doing his bit. As the result of his meetings, one has taken his stand for the message.

Brother Claypole is holding meetings three nights a week in the village of San Antonio with a good interest.

Miss Minelva Young recently left our field to attend the West Indian Training College in Mandeville, Jamaica. Miss Alice Ferguson is also planning to leave for Mandeville as soon as possible. We now have at least six students from British Honduras in W.I.T.C.

We are happy to hear that Brother Guadalupe Hidalgo of Guatemala has responded to our invitation to join our colporteur ranks to work among the Spanish speaking people of the colony. We hope he will arrive soon.

By the time this appears in print two more evangelistic efforts will no doubt be under way—Brother Garfield Newman in Stann Creek and Brother Hugh Crarey in Rockstone Pond.

to walk long distances to attend the services after a hard day's work, they are doing so regularly.

He tells of interesting contacts made with a minister of another faith on the island. This minister is convinced of the Sabbath truth and has even preached on it in his church. Brother Campbell has spoken in his church. We should join in praying that the Lord will lead this brother into all truth.

R. H. P.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

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 Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

Highlights From The Cayman Islands

The last Thursday of 1945 was a great day for the members of the Georgetown Sabbath School and branch Sunday School. During the late afternoon the Town Hall was decorated. A large Christmas tree was put in. Seventy presents were hung on it and when the children, young people and adult church members came in at 7 o'clock, the tree looked good indeed. Games, singing, marching and eating preceded the distributing of the gifts. A happy group left the hall at 10 p.m.

On Sabbath, January 12th, 1946, a new Sabbath School was organized at West Bay. Let us pray for the work here.

On Friday night, January 11th, the Bible students of Georgetown first completing their thirty lessons, received their certificates at a carefully planned graduation exercise. The service was an impressive one—the only lack being that the twenty-five certificates were not sufficient.

Eight were invested as "Friends" in the Investiture Service held February 1. The impressive service was a great encouragement to our young people.

The little church in the Brac has but a few members and they are all women. Interest in the message there has been recently revived through the energetic leadership of Sister Ida Thompson. A branch Sabbath school and a Sunday School are part of the results. The people are begging for a worker to be stationed there.

E. C. WALTON

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THE WORLD'S BIBLE

Christ has no hands but our hands
 To do His work today,
 He has no feet but our feet
 To lead men in His way,
 He has no tongue but our tongues
 To tell men how He died,
 He has no help but our help
 To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible
 The careless world will read,
 We are the sinner's gospel,
 We are the scoffer's creed,
 We are the Lord's message,
 Given in deed and word.

What if the type is crooked?
 What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
 With other work than His?
 What if our feet are walking
 Where sin's allurements is?
 What if our tongues are speaking
 Of things His lips would spurn?
 How can we hope to help Him
 And hasten His return?

ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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An Interesting Visit to the East

Since the last "Visitor" was published it has been my pleasant privilege to spend a number of days in the East Jamaica Mission and to observe first hand the wonderful manner in which the Lord is blessing Elder Pond and his corps of workers.

Arriving in Kingston with Elder Larsen we witnessed the power of God at work in the Metropolitan Hall as Elder Reid and Elder Walters together with Brother Aston Davis, Sisters Sangster, Davis and others bring the message to hundreds each evening. Elder Reid reports a Bible class of over a hundred studying in preparation for baptism.

Sabbath morning Elders Larsen, Pond and I drove to Gayle stopping enroute to pay a flying visit to the Linstead church. Arriving at Gayle in time for Sabbath School, we met Elder Stockhausen, who had a well planned interest-filled weekend. Members from Labyrinth, Retreat, Huntstown, Guy's Hill, Port Maria and perhaps one or two other churches and companies had packed the church full for the morning service and a full afternoon which included a church officers' convention, Ingathering Rally and baptismal service. In the evening we held an open air meeting in front of Brother Yarid's store.

Sunday morning Elder Pond led out in the organization of the new Labyrinth church. The charter membership is 23 and Brother Pottinger was selected as leader. Our stone-laying service at Huntstown in the afternoon was rained out for the third time, but Brother Anderson is still of good courage and doing a good work. Sunday night we attended Elder Stockhausen's evangelistic effort in Guy's Hill where, despite very inclement weather, a fine crowd turned out. Brother Stockhausen has a splendid group of candidates preparing for baptism as the result of his effort. Brother Walton is assisting in the follow-up work.

Monday, March 25th, we drove to Port Maria and negotiated the purchase of a very fine plot of ground for the new church in that parish capital. We also visited a number of churches under construction before proceeding to the Broadgate stone laying. A very fine service had been planned here and a goodly sum was realized to assist in completing their well begun building.

Tuesday all of the East Jamaica workers gathered in the Mission office in Kingston for a well organized workers' meeting. Plans were laid for a strong and speedy Ingathering Campaign. It was evident by Elder Walter's enthusiasm and carefully worded communiques regarding "military secrets" that big things are in the offing in the 1946 campaign.

Not on this trip but in recent weeks it has been my pleasure to drop in on Brother Williams over in Port Antonio and to view the finished product of his faithful

labour in the form of the new Zion Hill church. It is indeed a credit to the cause. I also had the good fortune of spending an evening with Elder Hilbert Nembhard at his Port Morant evangelistic effort where a fine group are preparing for baptism and church membership. I am looking forward with real anticipation to spending the week-end with Elder Laing in Spanish Town during the time of the Young People's Federation. The plan to gather the youth of his district is a fine one.

Brother W. U. Campbell is doing a splendid work in leading his East Jamaica colporteurs to great achievements this year and Elder G. A. E. Smith reports a goodly number preparing for baptism in his Regent Street church effort despite many obstacles. All in all I was deeply impressed that the Lord is blessing our East Jamaica Mission workers and the work is gloriously onward.

R. H. P.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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A Pleasant Time in the West

Although I am always "at home" in the West Jamaica Mission, it is always a pleasure to venture out beyond the borders of Mandeville and visit other places where God is doing things in the West for Elder Nation and his faithful workers. Brother Nation and his West Jamaica committee know how to put everyone to work—even the Union officers and departmental secretaries and the West Indian Training College ministers. Until their two new district pastors arrive in the summer, we are doing our best to help out with a number of churches near Mandeville.

Thursday, March 28, Elders Lowry, Larsen, Butherus and I ventured a little farther from home, driving to Montego Bay for a West Jamaica Mission workers' meeting and committee session. Elder Nation and Brother Earl Parchment led out in a live wide-awake Ingathering Rally that left every worker straining at the leash eager to get back to their homes and "get their districts." As in the East, we found Brother Parchment also has "military secrets" that bid well to make the other missions in the Union run fast to keep up. A fine spirit was manifest by all of the workers present and it was a real pleasure to join them in this workers' meeting.

In the afternoon a number of important items were dealt with by the Mission Committee. Two vacancies on the committee were filled in the appointment of Elder O. P. Reid and Elder B. G. Butherus to serve out the present term.

No time was lost in swinging into a good strong Ingathering programme. Teams were organized, Union workers joining up with those from the West Jamaica office and District Pastors and the campaign was on.

The results of the first day's labour is one of "Mas Earl's" military secrets, but

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the broad smile on his face told a story all its own.

Over Sabbath and Sunday the workers "went everywhere" visiting a large number of churches and inspiring them to greater achievements, organizing them for service and going on to the next church.

It was my happy privilege to spend my time with the Montego Bay district pastor—the amiable and hard working Elder Fletcher. Together with Brother Parchment we organized the Montego Bay church, fixed up goal devices and launched the campaign in this headquarters church. Sabbath afternoon we journeyed to Mt. Carey where Brother Fletcher conducted an impressive baptismal service that was followed by an inspiring consecration service when about twenty responded to a call for those who would like to join the baptismal class.

Sunday, Brethren Fletcher, Parchment and I spent a most enjoyable day visiting Vaughansfield, Lottery, John's Hall, Orange and Montego Bay churches. It was my first visit to several of this group and I greatly enjoyed getting acquainted with our believers in these places. Each church responded whole-heartedly to the appeal for Ingatherers and by the time this appears in print, every one of them will no doubt be far beyond their overflow goal!

I had planned to spend a full week around Montego Bay, but Elder Calkins' arrival to assist us with our hospital plans cut my visit short. However, I left Montego Bay with the conviction that Elder Nation and everyone of his West Jamaica Mission workers are enthusiastically behind the programme and all are doing a fine work for the Lord. More power to the brethren in West Jamaica!

R. H. P.

Obituaries

Burrell, Rhoda, age 73 years, a member of the Spaldings church, died March 9, 1946. Having been a good Seventh-day Adventist for 25 years, she leaves many to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by Elders R. H. Pierson and B. G. Butherus.

Kissendal, Fred, a faithful member of the Jointwood church and a church school teacher, passed away at his home on Feb. 18, after a very brief illness. Prior to his death he was in charge of the Bird's Hill church school and also was leader of the May Pen church, rendering acceptable service in both capacities. We extend to his sorrowing relatives, friends and pupils our deep sympathy in their loss.

S. A. JACKSON.