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Worth a Second Thought

By Robert H. Pierson

The membership of the British West Indies Union has now grown well beyond the 12,000 mark. The most recent figures available from the Union secretarial department set the figure at 12,303. The memberships of the local fields are as follows:

Bahamas	544	Salt Cays	15
British Honduras	489	East Jamaica	5937
Caymans	79	West Jamaica	5239

This membership has grown as the result of the following accessions by baptism and profession of faith reported for the first six months of 1946:

Bahamas	18
British Honduras	33
Caymans	4
East Jamaica	281
West Jamaica	161
Union Total	497

We are most thankful to the Lord for every one of these nearly 500 souls born into the kingdom in our field during the past six months. The second quarter showed a gain of 324 over the first three months of the year and this indicates we are heading in the right direction toward our goal of 2000 souls for 1946. However, when we stop and analyze our position a bit, we are a long ways behind schedule, aren't we? Half of our time has slipped by and we are only one-fourth of the way along toward the 2000 mark!

I was interested in delving into the VISITOR file to compare our 1946 figures with the first six months of 1944 and 1945. This is what I discovered:

The Bahamas Mission is one ahead of 1945 but three behind their

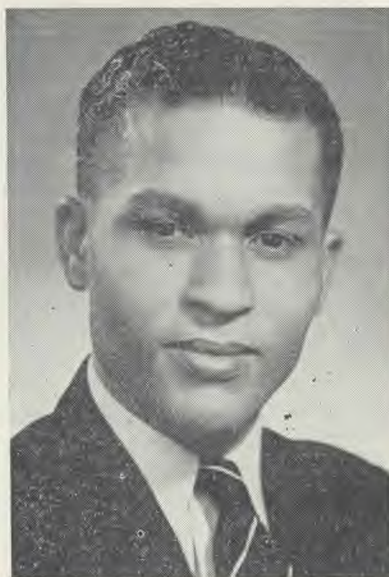
1944 record. British Honduras is thirty ahead of 1945 and eight ahead of 1944. The Caymans had no baptisms in the first six months of either 1944 or 1945. East Jamaica has far outstripped their 1945 figure of 197 and have eked out a small margin over 1944 of 258. Something has happened to West Jamaica—perhaps they are planning on most of their baptisms the last six months of the year. In 1944 their six months' total was 196—35 ahead of 1946, 1945 reached the fine total of 236 or 75 more than 1946.

It is good for us to stop and take an inventory of ourselves frequently and it is doubly helpful to do this well before the last quarter of the year when it is too late to do anything effectively about it. Now we have time to study the situation carefully and to lay plans that will assure our doing our uttermost in soul winning this year. **Careful planning for baptismal services is essential!** Every district pastor should plan carefully with his churches, arranging a **baptism in some church every week-end!** If churches are planning along this line they will devote more time to their baptismal classes and will be working to the end desired.

We should not minimize the importance of diligently following up our Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence School contacts! At present some ten thousand persons on the island of Jamaica and hundreds more in other fields throughout the Union are studying these lessons.

Hundreds have completed the course and scores of these can be brought over the line if only contacted by consecrated workers,

Meet Our Workers



West Jamaica is in the limelight again this month as we present Brother Shirleigh Greene as our "worker for the month". Brother Greene is the genial Sabbath School and Educational Department Secretary for the West Mission along with being the pastor of Hanover parish. Brother Greene is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College in the U. S. A. and has been in Jamaica about a year now.

church leaders or other home missionary workers. Let us be faithful in contacting these interested persons and do all within our power to bring them over the line for Christ and His truth.

Another fruitful source that we must not overlook in our soul-winning programme is our juniors and young people. Church leaders, are your unbaptized youth being given your careful and prayerful attention? Do you gather them together week by week at specified hours to study with them in an interesting manner the great truths of the Message? Let us not neglect our children and young people!

To every pastor and evangelist in every field of the British West Indies Union I sound a clarion call to intensive, prayerful soul-winning for the balance of 1946. You have done wonderfully well in your Ingathering of funds—goals have been reached and far surpassed. We must not do less when it comes to the great work of gathering in souls for the kingdom. Through public efforts and personal work call sinners to Christ. Organize your churches for soul-winning service and plan carefully for their baptismal services.

To every colporteur, teacher, office worker and Lay Preacher, I earnestly appeal that you find your place in this great soul-winning work. Every one of us from office boy to President should be engaged in this most crying need of the hour. I appeal to one and all to do his part valiantly.

As leaders in God's cause we must give more careful thought to this question of soul-winning! *This is our first and most important work* the servant of the Lord tells us!

"Christ's last words to His disciples were: 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.' Go to the farthest bounds of the habitable globe, and know that wherever you go My presence will attend you...."

"To us also the commission is given. We are bidden to go forth as Christ's messengers to teach, instruct, and persuade men and women, to urge upon their attention the word of life. And to us also the assurance of Christ's abiding presence is given. Whatever the difficulties with which we may have to contend, whatever the trials we may have to endure, the gracious promise is always ours, 'Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"

—*Evangelism p. 15.*

"Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power,
A battle cry, a flashing breath
That calls to conquest or to death;
A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed the Master's high behest,
The call is given: ye hosts, arise!
Our watchword is: EVANGELIZE!"

Have You Ordered Your Big Week Books?

If not you should get in touch with your Home Missionary Secretary immediately and have him dispatch your books without delay.

The books for Big Week are: "So Little Time," by A. S. Maxwell and "Bedtime Stories" by Uncle Arthur.

This combination makes it possible for us to provide worthwhile reading for children and adults alike. Let's not miss this opportunity to serve the cause of God. Why not plan to sell twice as many as last year?

—W. L. BARCLAY.

We Welcome New Workers

For months now we have been looking forward to the arrival of two new key workers in the Union — our Union Departmental leader and the President of our Cayman Islands Mission. We have good news for our VISITOR readers regarding these appointments.

Tuesday, August 6th, Elder and Mrs. W. L. Barclay arrived in the island from Miami. Elder Barclay has accepted the call of the Union Committee to serve as Secretary of the Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer departments for the Union. Our new Secretary comes to us from the Minnesota Conference where he has been outstandingly successful in departmental work for several years. Prior to this time Brother Barclay was in departmental work in the Southwestern Union field. Although Brother Barclay comes from Minnesota and has spent many years in America, his rich Scottish brogue smacks unmistakably of the heather-covered hills of bonnie Scotland, the land of his nativity. We prophesy that soon the Barclays will have a very large place in the hearts of our British West Indies Union church members.

On August 14th. Elder and Mrs. K. S. Crofoot and their three children arrived in Kingston enroute to the Cayman Islands. Brother Crofoot has responded to our call for a President of this important field and his past years of experience in the Potomac Conference in the States well qualify him to handle this new position in an efficient manner. Both as an evangelist and as a pastor Brother Crofoot has been a most successful worker and we feel that good days are before us in the Cayman Islands Mission where the believers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new leader and his family.

In an early issue of the VISITOR we hope to be able to publish pictures of these two new families so you may all become acquainted quickly with the Barclays and the Crofoots.

—R. H. P.

A THOUSAND DOORS

"When all are faithful in giving back to God His own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message for this time If all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home or foreign missions. Our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter."

Test., Vol. VI, page 459.

New Territory Added To B. W. I. Union.

At a recent Division Committee meeting held in Washington, D. C., action was taken adding the small district in Florida ceded to the Inter-American Division to the British West Indies Union. This area, although not large, contains several thousands of judgment-bound souls to whom the Message must be preached.

Located in this area are the Division Headquarters with the Division staff, all of whom will now be members of the British West Indies church membership.

This area will be known as the Coconut Grove District and a call has been placed with the Division for a District Pastor to take charge of the pastoral and evangelistic interests of the district. A small committee composed of the Union officers, one of the Division officers, the District Pastor and Elder Barclay of the Union staff will care for the administration of this new field.

We welcome our Division staff and other church members in the Coconut Grove District into the fellowship of the British West Indies Union.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

M. E. LOWRY, Secretary.

Publishing Department Honour Roll for June, 1946

	Average Hours Per Week	Deliveries
Br. Honduras		
S. Vasciannie	40	£71 1 11
East Jamaica		
W. A. Sutherland	47	19 16 6
West Jamaica		
C. Hepburn	41	29 8 0
W. Llewellyn	46	21 12 0
E. Wright	50	68 0 0

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

D. V. POND, President.
E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.
176 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica.

East Jamaica Mission Baptisms

I know our churches will be interested to learn the results of baptisms in our Mission for the first six months of the present year. We are happy and thankful to report that 84 more were baptized during the first six months of the present year than the same period of 1945—281 against 197. We are told that there is rejoicing in heaven over one soul that gives his heart to the Lord. What rejoicing there must be over 281!

During the second quarter there were baptisms conducted in the following churches:

Bellas Gate	Hagley Gap
North Street	Port Morant
Rollington Town	Highgate
Comfort Valley	Port Antonio
Old Harbour	Dignum Mt.
Aberdeen	Williamsfield
Castleton	Regent Street
Florence Hill	Labyrinth
Mt. James	Bonny Gate
Heywood Hall	Spanish Town
Brookdale	Riversdale
Camberwell	Annotto Bay
Watermount	Bagbie
Clermont	St. Margaret's Bay
Gayle	Morant Bay
Hunts Town	Guy's Hill
Yallahs	Cornwall Barracks
Bartons	Standberry Grove
Glengoffe	Somerset.
Robin's Bay	

Let us continue the good work in "persuading" men and women for the Lord Jesus and His closing message.

—D. V. POND.

YOUTHS' CONGRESS

East Jamaica Mission, July 25-28, 1946

We have just concluded a most inspiring Youths' Congress, the third of its kind to be held in Jamaica, and the first to be sponsored solely by the East Jamaica Mission. As the eagerly expected day and hour arrived for the opening session our youth from every section of the Mission wended their joyous steps to the North Street Temple. Congress experience is still comparatively new to Jamaica, this being the third Youths' Congress in its history. Now that we have entered into the blessings and privileges of these special convocations for youth we wonder how we were able to survive so long without them. The Missionary Volunteers gave whole-hearted response to the invitation to attend the Congress as was evidenced by the attendance of almost seven hundred young people. Of the seventy-four churches comprising the Mission, fifty-one were represented. We hope to have one hundred per cent representations in the future.

We were fortunate to have the services of Pastor A. H. Roth, Division Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and Miss Lora E. Clement, Editor of the *Youths' Instructor*, during this Congress. Their enthusiasm and sound counsel contributed in no small degree to make this Congress an outstanding success. The former is no stranger to our field, but this was the latter's first visit. Pastor Roth's vim and enthusiasm kept every session aflame. Already the new choruses he brought and taught are echoing through the valleys and over the hills of East Jamaica, and with each echo will come back to the minds of the youth the high ideals and standards he upheld before them.

We tender our appreciation to all the workers who were present. Their close co-operation made the entire proceedings of the Congress function so smoothly. The invaluable counsel from Pastors R. H. Pierson, B. G. Butherus, D. V. Pond, Stanley Bull, E. E. Parchment, A. C. Stockhausen, Melvin Nembhard and Brother W. U. Campbell will continue to be a source of strength and encouragement to our youth. We would not forget to mention the high quality of the music provided. To Brethren A. C. Stanford, Aston Davis and associates we express our gratitude.

The health problems of young people were given due consideration and emphasis. In these times when moral standards have been so badly lowered, we must hold the banner high, and give the trumpet no uncertain sound. We were privileged to have the services of Doctors C. R. Anderson and H. M. Johnston who very gladly responded to our invitation to discuss the topic, "Social Problems and Life Science".

On Thursday night, at our first meeting, Pastor Pond introduced and welcomed to the East Jamaica Mission our new Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Pastor W. A. Holgate, who was the speaker for the evening. Before the great congregation Pastor H. S. Walter's mantle was gracefully passed over to his successor. It was indeed a happy coincidence that the new secretary came into office at such a time when he had the opportunity of meeting so many of the youth assembled together under such ideal circumstances. Unfortunately, however, due to a sudden illness, as from Friday he was detained in the Andrews Memorial Clinic. Though deprived of the fellowship of the great assembly the inspiration of the Congress did not altogether miss him as he listened intently to the music swelling from a thousand voices.

Our third Youths' Congress is now history but we believe the results will abide for time and eternity in the lives of faithful Missionary Volunteers. The challenge before us is, by the grace of God, to maintain and uphold the high standards of truth and righteousness in an evil world. We believe there is not one of us who has not said at the close of this Congress—I will strive harder, I will do better; henceforth, I will accomplish more for God. "The challenge of the hour and the cause we love demands

nothing less than our full consecration and undivided time and labour." The youth of East Jamaica, ever remembering that their Mighty Captain calls for them to continue "Shining for Him," the One "Altogether Lovely," will not fail or be discouraged.

—W. A. HOLGATE.

CAYMAN ISLANDS MISSION

K. S. CROFOOT, President and Treasurer.
Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

News Notes From the Caymans

Brother Clough reports 26 persons in the various baptismal classes in different parts of the Mission. Eight of these are from Cayman Brac, thirteen from Georgetown and the rest from other districts. Many more are studying literature and taking Bible Studies. Seeds are being sown for a real harvest of souls.

The West Bay tabernacle has been moved to a better location and Sabbath School is being held here each Sabbath afternoon. The believers from the Georgetown church visit the little company frequently and do all they can to encourage the interested persons and to create new interests through the distribution of tracts and books.

Brother Clough and Miss Pringle are busy holding a short series of meetings in the Georgetown church.

Three of our lay workers are at present in Jamaica attending the School of Evangelism being held at the West Indian Training College. They are Miss Beulah McLaughlin and Mr. Robert Bush from Georgetown and Miss Ada Bodden from East End. Word received from these honorary workers indicates that they are enjoying a very profitable stay in Jamaica and that they will be returning with greater zeal and consecrated ability to help build up the Caymans Mission.

Miss Mary Merren of Georgetown is spending a brief holiday in Jamaica. While there she is spending some time in Mandeville with the Union office families.

Sister Thompson is continuing her faithful work looking after the cause since Brother Clough returned to Grand Cayman. Sister Thompson's efforts are greatly appreciated as she struggles to keep the work together on the Brac.

At East End Brother Clough and the believers are laying plans to move right along with the erection of a new church home. It is hoped that good headway can be made with this project before the close of the year.

The British West Indies Union Committee has now included Swan Island in the territory of the Cayman Islands Mission. It is hoped that literature can be sent by boats going from Georgetown to Swan Island from time to time.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION

W. S. NATION, Acting President
MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.
Mandeville, Jamaica.

West Jamaica News Notes

We are happy to report that the March Town church has had three baptisms during the first two quarters of the year.

Below are listed the churches that conducted two baptisms for the first six months of the year: Lewis, Lottery, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios.

The following churches have reported only one baptism during the first two quarters: Auchtembeddia, Balaclava, Brown's Town, Beverley, Caledonia, Chamber's Penn, Claremont, Comfort Hall, Croft's Hill, Dias, Duncans, Falmouth, Granville, Harmons, Jackson Town, Jericho, John's Hall, Maggoty, May Pen, Mt. Carey, Mt. Providence, Newell, Orange, Robin's Hall, Sandy Bay, Sav-la-mar, Seaford Town, Sheffield, Sherwood Content, Somerton, Southfield, St. Ann's Bay, Troy, Vaughansfield, Wakefield.

Our West Jamaica Mission will now operate from its new location in Mandeville. We hope that all letters will be addressed to us here instead of Montego Bay. Although there is quite a shortage of telephones in the island, we have been very fortunate in having one installed in our office. For the benefit of those who may want to contact us by phone, our number is 218.

We are very sorry to report the illness of Pastor Frank Fletcher who is now in the Andrew's Memorial Hospital. Let us all remember Pastor Fletcher at the Throne of Grace.

On Sabbath, August 10, Elder H. S. Prenier, of Orlando, Florida, spoke at the Montego Bay and Newmarket churches. Pastor Hansen Waller of the West Indian Training College addressed the Mount Carey church.

On this same day, Brethren Parchment, Greene and Hurst accompanied by Misses Shakes and Rogers of our office staff, also Miss Myers of the Union office, visited Cumberland, Spaldings and Coleyville.

— W. S. NATION.

West Jamaica Youths' Congress

To the basic ingredients of group singing, stories and preaching, add a liberal seasoning of round-table discussions, instrumental and vocal music, friendly visits between meetings and general good comradeship. Add one investiture service and one consecration service. Mix all these ingredients thoroughly with about 500 young people of the West Jamaica Mission and let simmer at the West Indian Training College for a period of three days. The guaranteed result will be a highly successful Youths' Congress.

Just such a Youths' Congress was held in Mandeville from August 1 to 4. From the first meeting on Thursday night till the last service

on Sunday evening the young people seemed to enjoy every moment of the congress. Brother E. J. Parchment, Young Peoples' Secretary for the West Jamaica Mission, was in general charge of the programme. Contributions to the success of the meeting were made by Pastor W. S. Nation and his loyal corps of West Jamaica workers, by the workers of the British West Indies Union and by several visitors from the East Jamaica Mission including Pastor D. V. Pond, Pastor W. A. Holgate and Pastor Stanley Bull. We were especially happy for the presence of Pastor A. H. Roth, the Young Peoples' Secretary for the Inter-American Division, and Miss Lora Clement, editor of the *Youths' Instructor*. Elder Roth and Miss Clement contributed a great deal to the inspiration and success of the meetings.

A highlight of the congress was the investiture service on Sunday afternoon when 18 Master Comrades, 19 Companions, 17 Friends and 4 Sunbeams were invested. Fourteen Missionary Volunteer Societies were represented in this investiture service.

Another feature enjoyed by all was the showing of motion pictures on Saturday night. Included in the films were scenes in colour from England, showing gardens and flowers of rare beauty.

The consecration service on Sabbath morning, conducted by Elder R. H. Pierson, resulted in definite spiritual victories in the lives of a large number of the young people. Some came forward for the first time. All present joined in reconsecrating their lives to the Master's service. We believe that the good influence of this meeting, and the congress as a whole, will continue to be felt in the West Jamaica Mission for a long time to come.

— C. O. FRANZ.

Here and There in the Union AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST VISITS COLLEGE

Accompanying our Union President upon his return from the General Conference in Washington was his brother, Mr. John B. Pierson, Farm and Dairy Superintendent of the Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, Tennessee. The West Indian Training College had invited Brother Pierson to spend some time in Jamaica counseling regarding farm and dairy problems at the college. During his two-week stay on the island he was able to give much practical help that should mean much to the farm and dairy at West Indian Training College.

VETERAN BIBLE TEACHER SPENDS TWO WEEKS HERE

Elder H. S. Prenier, father of Brother Prenier, Superintendent of our College Press, is paying a brief visit to the island. We have made good use of Elder Prenier's valuable services at the College and in some nearby churches. Elder Prenier is a veteran Bible teacher and preacher in the Adventist church and at one time served as a Missionary in Puerto Rico.

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WORD FROM AN OLD FRIEND

His many friends in Jamaica will be interested to learn that Elder H. S. Walters is conducting an evangelistic effort in Nyack, N. Y., U. S. A., prior to his attendance at Emmanuel Missionary College. We miss Brother "Tim's" smiling countenance and enthusiastic leadership.

EAST JAMAICA PRESIDENT DEPARTS

Elder and Mrs. D. V. Pond and Marolyn leave Kingston Tuesday, August 27, for their furlough in the homeland. During their absence the Union Committee has asked Elder Pierson to take charge of the East Jamaica field. We wish the Ponds a very pleasant furlough and a safe and speedy return to the land of their adoption.

MEDICAL WORKERS LEAVE UNION

The plane on August 27 will also take from our island field two other valuable workers—Mr. C. R. Munroe and Miss Ruth Munroe—both connected with the Andrew's Memorial Hospital in Kingston since its opening some months ago. Miss Munroe, who has been on loan to the British West Indies Union, is returning to the Far Eastern Division for further service in Siam. We have greatly appreciated the earnest and efficient help that both Brother Munroe and Miss Munroe have rendered to our Kingston medical work and it is with real regret that we let them go.

HOLGATES JOIN EAST JAMAICA STAFF

Elder and Mrs. W. A. Holgate are now located in Kingston where Brother Holgate has charge of the Departmental activities of the East Jamaica Mission. The West Indian Training College will greatly miss the yeoman service Brother Holgate has rendered in the College for the past six years. Their loss will be East Jamaica's gain.

CHURCH COMPLETION PLANS

Elder E. E. Parchment, our Union Field Secretary, has been asked to lead out in a strong effort to complete as large a number as possible of our unfinished church buildings throughout the Union. The East and West Jamaica committees are already requesting his help on certain projects and it is hoped that the leaders and members in these churches will respond whole-heartedly and rise and finish the work.

— R. H. P.