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## Be Ye Also Ready

By ROBERT H. PIERSON

Recently reported in one of our leading Kingston, Jamaica daily newspapers were these startling words from a speech by the Honourable Winston Churchill: "Beware I say; **time may be short.**" Only a few weeks before this the Honourable Anthony Eden, wartime Foreign Minister in Britain's coalition government, in speaking of the tremendous responsibility resting upon the group of men composing the United Nations Organization had warned, "**This may be the world's last chance.**"

The warnings uttered by these two British leaders have been echoed and re-echoed around the globe countless times the past few months. Men who have their fingers upon the pulse of world affairs realize all too well that unless a miracle is performed, this old planet we call Mother Earth is headed hell-bent for destruction. Without being concerned with Bible prophecy they can discern the harbingers of global suicide. They see a world bleeding, starving and bankrupt rushing out of control down the road to Armageddon. As the famous historian H. G. Wells recently said, "**This is the end.**"

For such a time with eternity at the threshold and with the storms of the final movements breaking about us the Saviour urges: "Therefore you also must be ready, for it is at a time when you do not expect Him that the Son of Man will come." Matt. 24:44 —Weymouth.

As Seventh-day Adventists we must guard against the danger of failing to see in world events the voice of God warning us that we

have but a very short while in which to prepare for eternity. Rather than speaking of "the last days" we should now speak of "**the last of the last days**". Jesus' coming is more imminent than most of us believe. Therefore the Saviour urges us "Be ye also Ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh".

Another reason that we need ever to be "ready" is the uncertainty of life. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth".

Prov. 27:1

"What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away". James 4:14.

Recently two of our ordained ministers—leaders in the cause of God in the Central American Union met with sudden tragic death in Nicaragua. The plane in which they were traveling crashed and burned. Little did these two dear brethren realize that morning when the sun came up in the east that long ere it would sink into the western horizon for them it would set for eternity.

None of us knows just when the silver cord will break and unexpectedly we may step into eternity. Because of the uncertainty of this life Jesus appeals to each one of us personally: "**Be ye also ready!**"

Being ready for the coming of Jesus involves more than an outward preparation. The word "ready" used in Mathew's gospel comes from the Greek word meaning "to be prepared thoroughly" and refers to an internal fitness. Clean hearts

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### Meet Our Workers



"Visitor" readers, meet Elder and Mrs. W. L. Barclay, our newly arrived Union Departmental Secretary and his wife. The Barclays come to us from Minnesota Conference where Elder Barclay has served successfully for some time as the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary. In our British West Indies Union Brother Barclay has charge of the Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments. He will be visiting all of the fields in the very near future.

**A Misunderstood Word**

There are many words in the English language that we constantly use without fully comprehending their meaning and significance. Perhaps one of these words is Sacrifice. Sometimes we speak of our sacrifices, yet how seldom do we sacrifice in the truest sense of the word! When we stop to consider, we find that there is a vast difference between giving and sacrificing.

We would not for a minute forget that many Seventh-day Adventists are constantly sacrificing for God. And yet, we believe that there are many others who, if they fully realized the joys of giving to God's Cause, would be able to do much more than they are doing to speed the return of our Saviour.

Paul knew the real meaning of sacrifice. He tells us, in II Corinthians 11, some of the privations, hardships and sufferings that he gladly endured for the Cross of Christ. Perhaps when we feel that we have sacrificed for God it would be well for us to read Paul's record. He was many times beaten, stoned and robbed, shipwrecked, hungry, thirsty and cold. Yet he found happiness in all these things. Many modern missionaries, at home and abroad, could add their testimony to that of Paul. During the dark days of the re-

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**My Deepest Apologies**

Like all pencils the Editor's also has an eraser on it for he makes mistakes too—perhaps more than his share at times. In the September issue of the VISITOR a report was made of baptisms in the various local missions for the first six months of 1946. The figures given were not correct and should have read as follows:

Mission	1st Six Mos. 1945	1st Six Mos. 1946
Bahamas	15	32
British Honduras	3	33
Cayman Islands	0	4
East Jamaica	197	360
West Jamaica	236	247
Totals	451	676

Our humblest apologies for the mistake and our deep appreciation of the fine work that was done in all of the local missions during the first six months of 1946! May God richly bless all of our efforts as we set our hands to the greatest of all tasks—soul winning—during the remaining months of 1946.

R. H. P.



WEST JAMAICA MISSION LAY PREACHERS

Here are many of the men whom the Lord has been using to win souls in the West Jamaica Mission. Together with the regular Mission workers are seen a goodly number of lay preachers who attended the Institute in Anchovy earlier this year. During 18 months (January 1, 1945—June 30, 1946) the West Jamaica Mission reported 830 persons won to the Message. This is certainly a fine record. May God inspire us all to greater soul winning achievements in His strength.

**Soul Winning Honour Roll Churches**  
OUR GOAL: A Baptismal Service in Every Church Every Quarter!

**GOLD STAR CHURCHES**  
(Churches reporting 4 baptismal services in 1946)  
March Town W.J.

**SILVER STAR CHURCHES**  
(Churches reporting 3 baptismal services in 1946)  
Annotto Bay E.J. Gayle E.J.  
Bellas Gate E.J. Labyrinth E.J.  
Caledonia W.J. Montego Bay W.J.  
Clermont E.J. Mt. Providence W.J.  
Comfort Valley E.J. North Street E.J.  
Croft's Hill W.J.

**BLUE STAR CHURCHES**  
(Churches reporting 2 baptismal services in 1946)  
Belize, Br. Honduras May Pen W.J.  
Bird's Hill W.J. Mt. Carey W.J.  
Brown's Town W.J. Morant Bay E.J.  
Brookdale E.J. Newell W.J.  
Blue Hole E.J. Ocho Rios W.J.  
Dignum Mt. E.J. Port Morant E.J.  
Enfield E.J. Rollington E.J.  
Florence Hill E.J. Seaford Town W.J.  
Georgetown Cay. Is. Sherwood Content W.J.  
Guy's Hill E.J. St. Ann's Bay W.J.  
Highgate E.J. Spanish Town E.J.  
Hunt's Town E.J. Vaughansfield W.J.  
John's Hall W.J. Watermount E.J.  
Lewis W.J. Williamsfield E.J.  
Lottery W.J.

**RED STAR CHURCHES**  
(Churches reporting 1 baptismal service in 1946)  
Aberdeen E.J. Flower Hill W.J.  
Auchtembeddie W.J. Geddes Mountain E.J.  
Bagbie E.J. Glengoffe E.J.  
Bartons E.J. Goshen W.J.  
Berrydale E.J. Granville W.J.  
Bonny Gate E.J. Grove Town W.J.  
Broadgate E.J. Grantstown Bahamas W.J.  
Balaclava W.J. Hagley Gap E.J.  
Beverley W.J. Hampstead E.J.  
Blackwoods W.J. Hops Bay E.J.  
Camberwell E.J. Harmons W.J.  
Carron Hall E.J. Hayes W.J.  
Castleton E.J. Hopewell W.J.  
Cavaliers E.J. Huntley Castle W.J.  
Cornwall Barracks E.J. Jackson Town W.J.  
Campbell's Castle W.J. Jericho W.J.  
Chamber's Penn W.J. Jointwood W.J.  
Claremont W.J. Kemps Bay Bahamas W.J.  
Dias W.J. Lapland W.J.  
Duan Vale W.J. Lewisburgh E.J.  
Duncans W.J. Mt. James E.J.  
Falmouth W.J. Maggoty W.J.

**A Generous Response**

Many years ago the Psalmist penned the following words, "I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Psalms 37:25. Indeed the Lord is good to those who are faithful and obedient to Him.

We are all aware that in many parts of the world today the blighting shadow of famine hangs heavily over the land. We know that some of our Advent brethren are in these famine areas. With this in mind the General Conference set a day for an offering to be received for the relief and assistance of those who are in dire need of the very essentials for sustaining life. In the British West Indies Union this offering was received on July 6.

The loyal membership of the Union responded to the Famine Relief appeal with a most liberal offering, an offering that doubtless was sacrificial in many cases. Reports have not been received from two of the missions but we list below the amount turned in to August 31 by the other missions.

Bahamas	£ 27 1 7
British Honduras	\$ 64.58
Fast Jamaica	£ 65 4 7
West Jamaica	£ 125 19 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 234 0 9</b>

You will notice that the largest contribution has come from the West Jamaica Mission. However, on a per capita basis the Bahamas Mission would lead. We deeply appreciate the spirit of brotherly love that prompted such a generous offering in all the fields. Surely if those of our needy brethren who will benefit from this offering were to stand before us today they would express in no uncertain terms their gratitude for the thoughtfulness of all who have been able to give assistance. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

C. O. FRANZ.

Mandeville	W.J.	Seaforth	E.J.
Mulgrave	W.J.	Sheffield	W.J.
Old Harbour	E.J.	Shirley St.,	Bahamas
Orange	W.J.	Siloh	W.J.
Petersfield	W.J.	Somerton	W.J.
Palm	E.J.	Southfield	W.J.
Port Antonio	E.J.	Somerset	E.J.
Port Maria	E.J.	Spalding	W.J.
Ramble	W.J.	Stanberry	E.J.
Regent Street	E.J.	Stanton	E.J.
Richmond	E.J.	St. Margaret's Bay	E.J.
Riversdale	E.J.	Trinityville	E.J.
Robin's Bay	E.J.	Troy	W.J.
Rock St. Pond	Br. Hond.	Wakefield	W.J.
Robin's Hall	W.J.	Yallahs	E.J.
Salt Spring	W.J.	Ythanside	E.J.
Santa Cruz	W.J.	Zion Hill	E.J.
Sav-la-mar	W.J.		

# Big Week is Your Opportunity

## TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF GOD

THE PROJECTS AND GOALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

MISSION	PROJECT	GOALS	CAMPAIGN DATES
Bahamas	School Equipment	£ 22 0 0	Aug. 31 — Sept. 7
Br. Honduras	School Equipment	\$ 90.00	Nov. 9 — Nov. 16
Cayman Islands	School Equipment	£140 0 0	Nov. 2 — Nov. 9
East Jamaica	School Equipment	£ 12 0 0	Nov. 2 — Nov. 9
West Jamaica	School Equipment	£130 0 0	Nov. 2 — Nov. 9
Salt Cays	Medical Equipment	£ 10 0 0	Nov. 2 — Nov. 9
Coconut Grove	W. I. T. C. Equipment	\$ 50.00	Nov. 2 — Nov. 9
	Total	£349 0 0	

### The Challenge of

#### A Three-fold Purpose!

The other day I was reading in Volume 9 of the *Testimonies*. A most interesting statement caught my attention. It is worthy our consideration. It is as follows: "Human beings have no right to think that there is a limit to the efforts that they are to make in the work of soul-saving.—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 32.

No limit! Think of it. Is it possible that we do limit our efforts? Sometimes we become so busy with every-day affairs that we overlook opportunities for soul-saving. How careful we must be, and how quickly we should take advantage of the opportunities that God presents to us to lead souls to the Eternal Kingdom. Isn't it wonderful to realize that God thinks enough of us to give us a part in soul-saving. Not only does He give us a part in His work, but He has carefully outlined to His church the various activities and projects that will help us to reach those who are seeking for the light of the Gospel.

It is amazing how these projects are two-fold, and sometimes three-fold in purpose. Take, for instance, the "Big Week" project. It is three-fold.

(1) It makes it possible to place our truth-filled literature in the hands of the public. By this means people learn the Truth and give their hearts and lives to God.

(2) The funds raised through the sale of the literature provide the means whereby we can build schools and other much needed buildings and furnish them with the necessary equipment.

(3) By taking part in the "Big Week" project we strengthen our own Christian experience. Certainly nothing in all the world can bring the happiness that comes from knowing that we have worked for the souls of our fellow-men.

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### Big Week Plans

At a recent British West Indies Union committee the following plans were laid for the promotion of the 1946 Big Week campaign. We feel sure that every worker and church member throughout the field will be intensely interested in these carefully worked out details. It was voted:

1. That the Home Missionary, the Educational and the Publishing Departments collaborate closely in promoting the Big Week Campaign.

2. That each local Mission Committee set goals for each church and assure that promotion material and supplies reach the churches in ample time to launch the campaign on time.

3. That itineraries be worked out for all of the Union Office workers during October 26—November 2 that will assure an equitable distribution of Union help between the East and the West Jamaica Missions in promoting the Big Week among the greatest number of churches possible in both fields.

4. That each local Mission Committee be urged to work out careful itineraries for their office and field workers to visit the maximum number of churches between October 26—November 2 to launch the campaign in a good strong manner.

5. That the Mission workers devote their full time October 26—November 2 in promotion of the campaign among the churches, postponing their actual literature sales until the following week.

6. That we ask our Union Home Missionary Secretary and all of our Publishing Department Secretaries in the Union to spend the week immediately following the Big Week in actual literature sales turning in the profits for the Big Week Fund.

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### Time is Short

"Every clock on earth is measuring the moments of opportunity that remain," wrote one contributor recently in his article appearing in a popular religious journal. As our attention is being called to the grim fact that time is exceedingly short in which to find solutions to the world's great problems, we are reminded of the words penned many years ago by God's messenger to the "little flock": "Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. Events are changing to bring about the day of God which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were yet remains." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 14.

In view of the solemn fact that "The great Day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly," the coming Big Week Campaign scheduled November 2-9, takes on added significance. It must not be looked upon as just another Big Week offering! It comes when there can be but few moments left in which to give ourselves in willing service to God before He shall send His Son Jesus back to this world for His people, at which time every man shall be rewarded "according as his work shall be"! It comes when there are the greatest opportunities for the triumphs of the Cross in the history of the world!

During the Week, November 2-9, every effort should be made by each individual Seventh-day Adventist, to do more than simply "his share"! Each church will have a minimum goal as an objective towards which to work but this should restrict no ardent church member in any part of the British West Indies Union! This year, each should think of, not how little, but how much he can do for God in such a thrilling hour.

We are privileged this year, to contribute an offering in aid of our edu-

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## Our Big Week

### Time is Here Again

Never will I forget the cooperation and self-sacrificing spirit manifested during our last Ingathering campaign. All our members united whole-heartedly for the common cause of victory, and a marvelous victory we did achieve for Christ our Captain. But now, brethren, as soldiers of our heavenly King, another cause beckons us onward. Not one which requires the soliciting of funds, but one which affords us the privilege of placing in the hands of our friends God's last message through the medium of the printed page.

Many individuals there are who will not listen to the spoken word of the preacher, but who are willing to read books in their leisure time. Hundreds have been brought to Christ by this means, and it is God's plan that many hundreds more shall be. Thus the Big Week Campaign was instituted, whereby not only the colporteurs, but every member of the church may have the opportunity of winning souls through our truth-filled books.

Never were there better books at our disposal than what we have this year. Elder Maxwell's new book, "So Little Time," presents a challenge to the age in which we are living. In the light of the atomic age he points out in very graphic and eloquent language the necessity of preparing to meet our God or perish. This is a book which not only our worldly friends should read, but every Seventh-day Adventist also; therefore, it would be good to secure one for yourselves.

The other book of the Big Week series is the twentieth edition of "Bedtime Stories," a little book crammed with interesting stories that will tend to point the children to Christ. The future of the world, and the future of our churches rests, to a large degree, in the hands of the rising generation, so it behooves us to place in their hands books that will propel their minds into the right channels of thought.

This Big Week Campaign is not important only because of its soul-winning aspect, but financially as well. The proceeds will aid in the improvement of our educational facilities. As I travel from one end of the West Jamaica Mission to the other, I find that the great outstanding need of our churches is more and better church schools, and I am sure that what is true of this Mission is true of the others of the Union. Therefore, brethren and sisters, we solicit your united efforts in making this Big Week Campaign the most successful in the history of our work. A great cause beckons us onward.

EARL J. PARCHMENT.

## Time is Short

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educational programme. In giving and in raising money for this purpose, we will be assisting our young people, upon whom this denomination is depending to such a large degree. Long have we recognized that our youth must become the "standard-bearers" of the Gospel of Christ. They must and will become our future ministers, Bible instructors, executives, departmental secretaries, doctors, nurses, institutional workers and so on. Truly all will agree that in giving to such an important group and to such a worthy army as our young people are, and for such a lofty objective, we are making the soundest of investments.

"Every opportunity to aid the cause of God in the spread of the truth, is a pearl that you can send beforehand, and deposit in the bank of Heaven for safe keeping. God is testing and proving you. He has been giving His blessings to you with a lavish hand, and is now watching to see what use you are making of them, to see if you will help those who need help, and if you will feel the worth of souls, and do what you can with the means that He has intrusted to you. Every such opportunity improved, adds to your heavenly treasure." *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 249.

Workers are expected to give a day's wage. Truly each one will be happy for the privilege. Colporteurs are expected to give the profit from their largest day's sales. Everyone is expected to do what he can to help swell the 1946 Big Week offering. If one does not have money, he can earn it by the best of all methods: the sale of the finest literature to hungry souls who are looking for some explanation of the world's ills and for personal help in understanding what these things mean.

Yes, "Every clock on earth is measuring the moments of opportunity that remain", and heaven is expecting you and me to do our best!

H. D. COLBURN.

## Big Week Plans

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7. That we ask the Union Publishing Department Secretary to strongly promote the campaign among all of the Colporteurs in the Union urging them to give as their offering the largest day's profits.

8. That each local Mission prepare at least two promotion bulletins to be sent to the churches. One to launch the campaign and one about November 9 to show progress made.

9. That every worker in the Union be encouraged to give one day's wage as an offering in harmony with the usual policy.

10. That the Big Week offering November 2 be taken in all churches in the Union.

## The Challenge

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Dear fellow-believers, it is God's plan that you take an active part in the Big Week project. In *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, we are told that "Every soul that has made a profession of Christ has pledged himself to be all that it is possible for him to be as a spiritual worker, to be active, zealous, and efficient in his Master's service *Christ expects every man to do his duty.*" That statement means that every worker, departmental secretary, colporteur, every layman, every church member should take an active part in this project. In Vol. 6, page 417, we are told that "Anything less than active, earnest service for the Master gives the lie to our profession of faith." We would not dare to do that, would we? That would bring reproach upon our Saviour.

If we fulfill the three-fold purpose of Big Week our churches will be strengthened spiritually, and eventually in numbers. If we are to make a success of the Big Week project, it will be necessary for every church to be thoroughly organized into working bands. The pastor or the church leader with his church board, should plan carefully so that every church member has a part in the project. The church members should be organized into bands. A leader should be chosen for each band. Each band should be assigned a certain territory and each member of the band given his or her part of that territory.

We have just one week for this project, but it will be easy to accomplish that if we plan carefully. Let us put forth our best efforts to do that which God has committed to us and there will be great rejoicing in our own ranks, and among the hosts of heaven.

W. L. BARCLAY.

## A Misunderstood Word

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cent war some even have been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice.

This is a good time of the year for each Seventh-day Adventist to ask himself the question, How much do I love God's Cause? And the Week of Sacrifice offering, to be received on November 23, will provide a tangible and practical way for each of us to answer that question. Many of our people have pledged to give a full day's wages to the Week of Sacrifice Offering this year. Why not make your offering a matter for prayer, asking God to impress you with the amount that you should sacrifice for Him?

"No one can give place in his own heart and life for the stream of God's blessing to flow to others, without receiving in himself a rich reward. . . . The work of beneficence is twice blessed. While he that gives to the needy blesses others, he himself is blessed in a still greater degree."—*Mount of Blessing*, p.73.

C. O. FRANZ.

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**East Jamaica Mission News Notes**

Recently it was my happy privilege to make a trip around through all of the districts of the East Jamaica Mission. In company with Pastor Holgate we visited Burnside Valley where Elder R. F. Gibson is leading out in a strong manner. A good baptismal class is being instructed and work is moving forward on a new church building. The former Cooper's Hill church has now taken up its new residency in Burnside Valley.

The following day we spent with Brother Aston Davis in the upper St. Andrew district. Here we visited the fine Woodford church and after a good consecration service helped them stake out the site for their new church building. During the day we also had good services and business meetings with Mt. James. In each of these places we found the brethren of good courage and where building projects were under way they joined in laying strong plans for this important work. The Castleton and Florence Hill churches are preparing for their dedication before the close of the year.

Our next visit was to the St. Mary district where in company with Pastors E. E. Parchment and A. C. Stockhausen we took part in a very well organized and finely attended stone laying service at Port Maria and also visited the Annotto Bay, Comfort Valley and Lewisburg churches during the day and a half spent in this district.

Sabbath was a busy day for in company with Elders J. N. Williams and M. Nembhard and Brother Holness we had the privilege of visiting Zion Hill, Port Antonio, Hope Bay, St. Margaret's Bay and Ythanside.

We were most happy to see plans going forward for church building work in Comfort Valley, Lewisburg, Hope Bay and Ythanside. Soon work will be commencing on the Port Antonio church, and the Zion Hill church is almost ready for dedication. In St. Margaret's Bay a site must be found before definite plans can be laid for the erection of a church.

Two very pleasant days were spent with Pastor Hilbert Nembhard in St. Thomas. We had good spiritual sessions and business meetings with Port Morant, Bath, Trinityville, Seaforth, Yallahs, Morant Bay and Dalvey churches. The Morant Bay church is going to be a beautiful edifice when it is completed in the near future. Dalvey is laying plans for moving their church to more centrally located Hampton Court. Recently a site has been procured for Bath, Trinityville is putting in their floor

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**British Honduras News Notes**

On Sunday, September 1, through the instrumentality of our faithful and spirit-filled Bible worker, Sister Amy Campbell, six souls were joined by baptism to the family of God on earth in the Belize church. Solemn was the occasion as Pastor F. R. Archbold in his sermon explained baptism to be the visible sign of the entrance into new life. Climaxing his sermon with an appeal to those whose hearts burned within them for a deeper knowledge of the plan of salvation, the courts of heaven resounded with songs of joy as men, women and children left their seats and came forward in quest for eternal truths. Among these, as in the days of John the Baptist, were soldiers seeking an entrance to the armed forces of King Emmanuel.

Elder F. R. Archbold left Belize September 25 to connect with the Colombia-Venezuela Training School as Preceptor. Elder and Sister Archbold have laboured faithfully in British Honduras for a number of years both as an evangelist and as President, and we wish for him and Sister Archbold God's richest blessings.

Elder W. L. Barclay, Home Missionary Secretary of the British West Indies Union, has been spending some weeks in the Colony in the interest of the Ingathering campaign. Since Elder Archbold's departure and until Elder J. N. Williams arrives to take charge, Elder Barclay has been acting President of the Mission.

The 1946 Ingathering campaign has progressed wonderfully under the blessing of God and nearly \$1000.00 was reported raised by the end of the first week after the campaign had opened officially. The Belize church, as well as the churches in the out-districts rallied in a fine way to swell the amount gathered in. The workers met with a most heartening response on the part of the Belize business men, many of whom greatly increased their offerings this year.

As the result of Brother Crarey's effort in Rock Stone Pond, several were baptized some weeks ago by the Mission President and a number more are awaiting the sacred ordinance.

It is expected that Elder and Mrs. J. N. Williams will be arriving in Belize October 15. Elder Williams has been appointed by the British West Indies Union Mission committee as President of the British Honduras Mission. Elder Williams comes to his new field with many years of successful ministerial service in Cuba and Jamaica. We feel sure that his administration in British Honduras will be crowned with success and every blessing of God.

**Bahamas Mission Happenings**

The Bahamas Mission School, under the supervision of Miss U. Lawrence, opened its doors September 2nd, to the largest enrollment in its history. It was truly apparent, as it has been for many years, that there exists a great need for enlarging our Mission School plant. Many more would be glad to patronize our school if there were room to accommodate them.

This need will be fully met when the Bahamas Junior Academy becomes a reality. The building to be first erected will provide ample space for a much larger number of students and pupils. It will not then be necessary for two and three to occupy a single desk as is now the case.

Another need that will be met will be that of play-ground space. Now we have none. Our new property which was purchased several months ago has nearly six acres of level ground, and all that will be needed for this purpose will be set aside.

Many have worked hard raising large amounts toward this new institution. To all such, we wish to say a sincere "Thank You!" As much as £100 has been turned into the Mission treasury in a single offering. Several have turned in \$50 each. Others have contributed according to their ability.

We urge every member of the Bahamas Mission to do his best during the next few months, and to turn in every pound possible towards this fund. If all do this, we will be able to begin the construction of the first building according to our plan which calls for actual building to commence December 1st of this year.

Many of our young people are counting on us! We cannot disappoint them! They are continually writing in to the Mission Office, making inquiries about the new school. They are anxious to be enrolled in it, in order that they can further their education and thus prepare themselves for service here in the Bahamas or wherever God should call them. We cannot disappoint them! We will not disappoint them if each one who has an interest in the youth of this mission does what he can, and NOW!

A most encouraging response has come from all over the Mission, to the appeal for a good offering for "Famine Relief". It has brought real cheer and courage to us to see how our people have responded to this most urgent need on the part of those who are in even more dire circumstances than they.

H. D. COLBURN

### WEST JAMAICA MISSION

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Mandeville, Jamaica.

## Words of Cheer from the Battlefield of West Jamaica.

Pastor S. G. Lindo reports the following: "Yesterday morning we went down to Spring Plain and baptized 23 souls, the largest single baptism in the history of the Grove Town church. In our service on Sunday night, after the baptism when the call was made, nine took their stand for the truth and many others were struggling to stand, many of whom expressed their desire to attend service the following Sabbath. I see very bright prospects of a recurring number in our next baptism. It is our hope and plan, under God, that at least 95% of the people of Grove Town will be Seventh-day Adventists before we leave." (On account of the drought, Pastor Lindo was not able to have a baptism before, but the new converts became so anxious that they were willing to pay the cost of a truck to take them to a river in the adjoining parish for the baptism.)

Pastor E. C. H. Reid reports a full house each night at his meetings in Brown's Town. Already eight have taken their stand, although the testing truths have not yet been presented. Pastor Reid is carrying on a strong building programme over in his district. In fulfilment of a long-crying need for a place of worship, he began building the Brown's Town church in February, and now it is sufficiently advanced for him to conduct his effort in it while putting on the finishing touches, and planning for its dedication on the 10th of November.

Brother C. S. Greene's effort at Marchtown is still yielding fruit. He has now had his fourth baptism, bringing the number up to 57 thus far.

On August 18th a very large gathering assembled at Chamber's Penn to attend their stone laying service. We were privileged to have Elder W. L. Barclay, our new British West Indies Union Departmental Secretary, give the address, and Elder Crofoot, the President of the Cayman Islands Mission, also helped in the service. We hope the time will not be far in the future when we shall be called upon to celebrate the dedication of the Chamber's Penn church.

Brother Rugless has been conducting an effort at Belvue in St. Elizabeth during his vacation, and he tells us that ten have definitely taken their stand for God and the Truth.

Pastor Fletcher started an effort at Somerton, but because of illness he had to stay away for a while. In the meantime Brother Holness, leader of the Montego Bay church, and Brother P. Clayton have been carrying on the effort and they report twelve now keeping the Sabbath and

many others are interested. We are glad that Pastor Fletcher is up again, and hope that within a short while he will be able to bind off this effort.

In order to assist pastor Fletcher for some time, Brother Earle Parchment has kindly consented to take the oversight of the churches in Westmoreland.

Pastor L. Gouldbourne has been spending most of his time finishing the church building at May Pen. We are happy to see that church building nearing completion. It is a credit to the cause.

We are sure the readers of the VISITOR will be happy to learn of the progress of our baptisms thus far for the year. At the end of the first quarter our baptisms stood at 98; the second quarter it went to 264, and at the eighth month we have 356 reported.

W. S. NATION.

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and finishing the sides of the church and it should be ready for dedication early in 1947.

The following Sabbath I had the pleasure of spending in Pastor Laing's district at which time we visited Old Harbour, Spanish Town, Bog Walk, Linstead, and Palm. In each of these churches a good spirit was manifest and it is evident that Pastor Laing is carrying on a well organized church building and soul-winning programme in his district.

All in all the work is onward in the East Jamaica Mission. I should not fail to mention the good work that is being done by Miss Winnifred Parchment, our Mission Secretary-Treasurer, Pastor W. A. Holgate, our Departmental Secretary, and Brethren W. U. Campbell and Owen Holness in the Publishing Department, as well as Pastor G. A. E. Smith and Miss A. W. Sangster and the other Bible workers in the city of Kingston. Let us pray earnestly that during the last quarter of 1946 the East Jamaica Mission will be blessed with the largest number of souls in its history.

R. H. PIERSON.

## Be Ye Also Ready

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and upright lives—living sermons to those about us—God demands nothing less.

Brother, sister mine—if you had just twenty-four hours to prepare for eternity how would you spend the time? What would you do to be ready—really ready—to meet your God? First you would confess your sins—violations of the first four commandments—to your heavenly Father. Then you would "confess your faults one to another". James 5:16

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You would be putting forth every effort to assure that there were no differences that remained unstraightened out.

If we would go to such lengths, had we but twenty-four hours to prepare for eternity, with life so uncertain and with Jesus' personal appearing imminent, ought we not to "be ready *always*" making sure that our sins have gone before into Judgment and everything is right with our God and our fellow-men?

With these thoughts in mind two outstanding appointments of our church calendar during the month of November assume new and increased importance—the *Big Week Campaign*, November 2-9, and the *Week of Prayer*, November 16-23. Elsewhere in this issue of the VISITOR will be found several articles regarding the Big Week. My earnest appeal here is that all of our workers, our church leaders and our church members will make the *Week of Prayer* the most carefully planned devotional week your church has ever experienced. Further material will be sent you through the "Church Leader" and other mediums. Make good use of it all. Plan your meetings carefully, urge all to attend and above all pray most earnestly for a revival in your church. We have no assurance that this will not be our last *Week of Prayer*.

Let us heed our Saviour's warning: "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh". Are you ready—*really* ready?

### "UNTIL HE COMES"

Just as the sun was sinking in the western horizon, ushering the dawn of a holy Sabbath day, on Friday, September 6, 1946, we laid to rest our dear Brother Stewart Crawford, of the Southfield church. Brother Crawford has been an active and ardent believer for over forty years. He passed away with a sure and certain hope of taking part in the first resurrection, leaving to mourn their loss, his wife and son, Elder Lovel Crawford, other relatives and friends. Funeral service was conducted by Elders W. S. Nation and E. E. Parchment.

On the 13th of May, 1946, the Mile End church sustained a great loss in the death of Brother Charles Davis, who accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1930 and was faithful to the end.

Brother Samuel Budd, a faithful member of the Petersfield church, fell asleep in Jesus on September 17, 1946. His life witnessed to the community of the power of the Gospel of Christ to save from sin. He leaves to mourn their loss his mother, sister, brother and friends. Funeral rites were performed by the writer, J. D. ROBINSON.