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Making Pledges to the Lord

By R. H. Pierson

"If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth." Numb. 30:2.

Have you ever made a pledge? If you have, have you faithfully kept that pledge?

No doubt every one of us, in a moment of spiritual uplift and aspiration, or when our hearts were stirred with the goodness of God, has made some pledge to the Lord. Perhaps in your case you have promised the Lord and the brethren that with heaven's help you would work and live and pray to win at least one soul for the Master during 1947. Has your life been any different since you made that covenant with God? Have you prayed a little more frequently and more earnestly — are you fulfilling that vow by faithfully working for some definite individual?

Perhaps you may have pledged to invest a breadfruit tree, a fish pot, some hills of yam, several squares of peas or roots of bananas for the building of the Lord's house in your district — are you faithfully tending these investments and honestly returning to the Lord that which you have promised Him? Or maybe you made a cash pledge for your church building work — have you paid it?

Or maybe in an hour of awakened conscience we vowed that we would renew our faithfulness to the Lord in the matter of tithes and offerings. It may well be that some have been robbing the Lord of his portion and when the Spirit of God made plain there will be no robbers in heaven some have covenanted anew with their heavenly Father to repay what they have taken from Him and to be honest with Him in future. If you are one

of these, have you veraciously kept that vow?

Brother, sister mine, this is a matter of vital import to every single one of us for, "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it; for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee... That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform... according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth." Deut. 23:21-23.

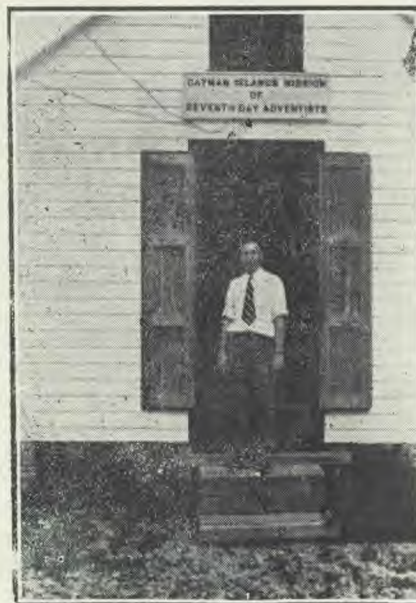
In this text the Lord makes it very plain that if we make vows and then treat them lightly that "it would be sin in thee." We well know that "the wages of sin is death". Rom. 6:23. In other words what we may have felt was a very small matter may well be a devil-placed-obstacle in our pathway to the kingdom. Let us note well the following statements from the pen of inspiration:

"God works through human instrumentalities; and whoever shall awaken the consciences of men, provoking them to good works and a real interest in the advancement of the cause of truth, does not do it of himself, but by the Spirit of God which worketh in him. Pledges made under these circumstances are of a sacred character, being the fruit of the work of the Spirit of God. When these pledges are canceled (paid), Heaven accepts the offering, and these liberal workers are credited for so much treasure invested in the bank of Heaven. Such are laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

"But when the immediate presence of the Spirit of God is not so vividly felt, and the mind becomes exercised in the temporal

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Meet Our Workers



You will have to look closely to recognize Elder K. S. Crofoot, President of the Cayman Islands Mission, in the above picture.

Elder Crofoot and his family joined our British West Indies Union working staff late last summer. We are happy to have the Crofoots with us!

**HOME MISSIONARY AND
SABBATH SCHOOL DEPTS.**

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary.

**Hon. W. A. Bustamante Speaks
at Dorcas Welfare Federation**

One thousand baskets of food, over 1,200 articles of clothing as well as many pieces of bedding and other necessary supplies were distributed to the poor of Kingston by the Dorcas Welfare Federation of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Kingston during the past year. This was the record given by Mrs. C. V. Williams, the President of the Federation at a special meeting called at the North Street church in Kingston recently. Long tables were filled with sacks of food and clothing and large numbers of the less fortunate of the community came forward to receive their gifts from the hands of Councillor Morris-Knibbs who spoke words of commendation for the welcome gifts. Each recipient was given some money and refreshments, and the joy on their faces was only equalled by the pleasure and satisfaction exhibited by the ladies of the various churches who made these gifts possible. Donations of soap was given by Soap & Edible Ltd., bread by Huntington Bakery; buns by Valentine Bakery and cakes and cookies by the S. S. Bakery.

Councillor Morris-Knibbs spoke in glowing terms of the activities of this Benevolent Society in various parts of Kingston and Lower St. Andrew. The Hon. W. A. Bustamante was present and also spoke words of appreciation on behalf of the Government.

"I am glad that God has spared my life and health, not just to be here but to be with you," said the Hon. Bustamante at the close of the distribution to the poor. He continued, "I have always been interested in any thing that is being done for those who are not blessed with the good things of life."

"It is a consolation to know that there is, such a just God, for He makes no difference between the rich and the poor. These are the days that bring the poor, the middle class, and the rich nearer together, not only socially, but in heart. Today there are thousands of these people right in this island who are thinking of the distress of the poor, and it serves a great purpose for those of us who remember the poor and others, to do kindly acts. I am glad to associate with the Seventh-day Adventist organization, because I have known of their good work

not alone in Jamaica, but in many parts of the world where I have travelled, including the United States of America and the Republic of Panama. I will say to all the workers who are associated with this organization, that any help I can give I am at their services. Up to a short time ago the Government did not allow garments to come from abroad into this country free of duty; but a couple of months ago the matter was taken up with my Government and there was no difficulty in suspension of duty on garments coming from abroad for the poor people. I hope you will all have not only a Happy Christmas, but contentment. Happiness to my mind was never made for man. If we had too much happiness we would soon forget God. We must brace up our shoulders, broaden our chests, keep our chins up and say, 'Today we have troubles, tomorrow we will have a little contentment of mind and can look forward to that heavenly reward.'

It was interesting to note that one elderly dorcas worker, 84 years of age, had made 15 quilts. She sews these articles without spectacles and without the use of a sewing machine.

Pastor Barclay, Home Missionary secretary of the British West Indies Union, also spoke in very commendable terms of this particular phase of our work.

Dr. C. R. Anderson was the chairman. Among those present at the meeting were Mrs. Hossack, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. R. E. Gibson, Miss E. Hogg, Miss Lena Henriques, Mrs. Burke, and Mrs. Forbes. Pastor W. A. Holgate led in prayer, and Dispenser E. E. Walters closed the meeting with prayer.

Building up Companies into Churches

Scattered throughout the length and breadth of our island field are many Sabbath schools and companies that, with a little effort, could be built up into good strong church organizations. Many of these groups have eight, ten, fifteen and sometimes even more baptized members and if these believers would organize themselves for service, working and praying for souls they would soon be able, under the blessing of God, to double and treble their membership, build their own house of worship and enjoy a richer and fuller religious experience.

This is God's plan for such small groups!

"I have been shown that more can now be accomplished by labouring in places where a few have been raised up, than in entirely new fields, unless the opening is very good. A few in different towns who really believe the truth, will exert an influence and excite inquiry in regard to their faith; and if their lives are exemplary, their light will shine, and they will have a gathering influence. And yet, I was shown places where the truth has not been proclaimed, which should be visited soon. But the great work now to be accomplished is to bring up the people of God to engage in the work, and exert a holy influence. They should act the part of labourers. With wisdom, caution, and love, they should labour for the salvation of neighbours and friends. There is too distant a feeling manifested. The cross is not laid right hold of, and borne as it should be. All should feel that they are their brother's keeper; that they are in a great degree responsible for the souls of those around them. The brethren err when they leave this work all to the ministers. The harvest is great, and the labourers are few. Those who are of good repute, whose lives are in accordance with their faith, can be workmen.

"They can converse with others, and urge upon them the importance of the truth. They must not wait for the ministers, and neglect a plain duty which God has left for them to perform."

—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 368.

"The vineyard includes the whole world, and every part of it is to be worked. There are places which are now a moral wilderness, and these are to become as the garden of the Lord. The waste places of the earth are to be cultivated, that they may bud and blossom as the rose. New territories are to be worked by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. New churches must be established, new congregations organized. At this time there should be representatives of present truth in every city, and in the remote parts of the earth. The whole earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God's truth. The light is to shine to all lands and all peoples. And it is from those who have received the light that it is to shine forth. The daystar has risen upon us, and we are to flash its light upon the pathway of those in darkness." — *Test.*, Vol. 6, p. 24.

In the April issue of the VISITOR watch for the plans that have been laid by the British West Indies Union Committee for building up many of our companies into good strong church organizations. R. H. P.

Soul Winning Briefs

In both the East and West Jamaica Missions strong soul-winning programmes were gotten well under way during the month of February. In addition to at least twelve efforts being conducted by our regular Mission workers, there were about 75 or 80 lay preachers' efforts opened during this past month, in the island of Jamaica alone. We have not had word from the Bahamas Mission or from British Honduras or the Cayman Islands Mission, but we feel sure that some efforts were opened in these places as well. So no doubt during the month of February well over 100 of these evangelistic efforts were opened in different parts of our Union.

Elder Frank Fletcher opened his meetings in Montego Bay February 2, and reports indicate that his attendance and interest are good. Brother Fletcher is being assisted by Miss Bernice Pringle who is doing Bible work in Montego Bay.

In Westmoreland in the West Jamaica Mission, Brother Shirleigh Greene opened his meetings in Petersfield February 2. Brother Greene is conducting his meetings five nights each week and is being assisted by Brother Garnet Alexander, the Bible School representative for the West Jamaica Mission. Reports from Petersfield indicate that despite heavy rains at times, the attendance has been most encouraging.

On Sunday evening, February 9, Elder Kenneth Vaz opened his meetings in Balaclava. A large attendance heard Elder Vaz's first subject, and we feel sure that in this important center a large number of souls will be gathered out.

Elder S. G. Lindo opened his meetings in Clarendon on February 16.

Over in the East Jamaica Mission Elder Stockhausen has begun a series of meetings in Richmond. We feel sure that as the result of these meetings the little company in Richmond will be built up and strengthened.

Word from Port Antonio indicates that Elder Melvin Nembhard is having good attendance in his meetings there, which commenced February 2. Elder Nembhard is being assisted by Brother B. A. Woodburn, the East Jamaica Mission representative of the Bible School, and we understand that a goodly number of those taking the Bible lessons are attending Elder Nembhard's meetings each evening.

Brother Owen Holness has been conducting a series of revival meetings in the Cornwall Barracks church and it was his intention to open a series of evangelistic

meetings in Comfort Castle district nearby in an effort to build up this company into a good strong church. We have a number of believers already in Comfort Castle and it was felt that a good effort here would result in a strong church being established.

Brother Harold Fletcher reports a very good interest over in Hector's River where he has been holding his meetings during the last month. The seed has been well sown by the Bible Correspondence School in this district, and the labours of Sister L. Dillon have made their contribution to the cultivation of this field. No doubt the little church building at Hector's River will have to be greatly enlarged as a result of the soul-winning efforts being put forth in this place.

Elder Hilbert Nembhard, the new pastor of the Rollington Town church, opened his meetings in the church on February 23. Sister Robinson is assisting him with the Bible work.

Elder G. A. E. Smith and Brother Kelley of the Regent Street church are conducting meetings in the Cockburn Pea church. It is hoped that this newly organized church can be strengthened and plans be laid for a new church building there in the near future.

Elder A. D. Laing is conducting meetings in Riversdale. Riversdale is one of the old headquarters of the denomination

here in the island of Jamaica, and this church should be greatly strengthened as the result of Brother Laing's meetings there this year.

Elder E. C. Walton faced the task of moving the Morant Bay tabernacle from its present site over to Bath where a plot has been secured for a new church building. There is a good interest in Bath, and Elder Walton has been conducting meetings in this place.

Recently four tents were purchased from the British Army to be used in country evangelism in different parts of the island of Jamaica. Let us all pray earnestly, brethren and sisters, for the soul-winning work that is going on in different parts of our island field. Let us not forget the prayer circle that meets each Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. No matter where you may be or what you may be doing, won't you please stop and for a moment offer up a silent or audible prayer to the Lord for the soul-winning work that is going on in different parts of the British West Indies Union? If we will pray unitedly as well as work unitedly, the Lord will certainly add His blessing to our work and a large number of souls will be gathered this year. Remember our goal—2,000 souls baptized—in the British West Indies Union during 1947. If we all do our part, the Lord will certainly reward our efforts and this goal will be more than reached. R. H. P.



COCKBURN PEN CHURCH ORGANIZED

December 21, 1946, was a high day for the company at Cockburn Pen, Spanish Town Road, Kingston. On that day Elders Pierson, Barclay, Crofoot and Smith organized the company into a fine church with 36 charter members. The above picture was taken on the day of organization. Seated is Brother Kelly, of the Regent Street church, one of the active laymen whom the Lord used in raising up this new church. Brethren Bruce, Robinson and others also had a part in this good work.

Year Ended December 31, 1946

for

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		Bahamas	British Honduras	Caymans	Salt Cays	East Jamaica	West Jamaica	B. W. I. Union Mission
Number of Churches	1945	18	13	4		72	92	199
Number of Churches	1946	17	11	4	2	80	98	212
Membership	1945	517	460	76		5699	5027	11779
Membership	1946	547	483	97	16	6168	5662	12973
Baptisms & Prof. of Faith	1945	36	43	13		693	556	1346
Baptisms & Prof. of Faith	1946	39	42	14	1	787	691	1574
Baptisms Goal to Date	1946	125	125	25	25	850	850	2000
Tithe Income to Date	1945	£1817 4 0	1256 0 10	402 17 2		10959 6 6	8492 15 10	22928 4 4
Tithe Income to Date	1946	1898 6 11	1207 18 4	301 13 7	413 10 11	11607 13 3	8671 14 3	24100 17 3
Tithe Goal to Date	1946	2089 0 0	1444 0 0	462 0 0		12602 0 0	9765 0 0	26362 0 0
Tithe Per Capita	1945	3 10 3	2 14 8	5 5 11		1 18 4	1 13 11	
Tithe Per Capita	1946	3 7 6	2 10 0	3 2 3	25 17 0	1 14 4	1 10 7	
Sabbath School Offerings	1945	295 10 3	248 8 1	84 15 5		1651 15 6	1503 2 3	3783 11 6
Sabbath School Offerings	1946	304 0 11	282 12 11	83 4 11	4 8 7	1956 17 1	1659 11 6	4290 15 11
Sabbath School Goal	1946	427 0 0	272 0 0	68 0 0	90 0 0	2611 0 0	1951 0 0	5419 0 0
Ingathering	1945	235 18 0	324 6 11	35 7 0		1601 19 11	1130 12 0	3328 3 10
Ingathering	1946	325 1 5	321 0 11	68 15 7	22 18 3	1989 19 7	1318 15 2	4046 10 11
Ingathering Goal	1946	325 0 0	350 0 0	50 0 0	10 0 0	1700 0 0	1225 0 0	3660 0 0
Colporteur Deliveries	1945	485 5 2	720 16 2	227 13 1		6399 10 9	4591 1 11	12334 7 1
Colporteur Deliveries	1946	436 1 11	1184 2 11	26 4 11	29 14 7	7335 9 0	5267 5 10	14278 19 2
Colporteur Deliveries Goal	1946	1000 0 0	732 0 0	300 0 0		7000 0 0	5000 0 0	14032 0 0

Let's Have a Look at Ourselves

Nineteen forty-six has now slipped into eternity. Nineteen forty-seven stretches before us both as a mighty challenge and as a golden opportunity. As we face the months ahead, let us pause for a few moments to see just where our weak and strong points are.

Instead of sending the monthly "Progress Report" to our workers as we usually do, I felt that it should be published in the VISITOR so that our members as well could see just how their Mission compares with other fields in the Union. Look over this interesting report carefully. You will notice that it does not include the Coconut Grove district of South Florida where the Division headquarters are located.

From the above figures you will be able to tell whether or not your Mission has reached its various goals during 1946. You will find the figures for baptisms, tithe, Sabbath school offerings, Ingathering and Colporteur Deliveries. Let us notice each of these carefully.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES

Fifteen new churches were organized in the Union in 1946. Eight of these were in the East Jamaica Mission, six in West Jamaica, and one in the Salt Cays Mission. West Jamaica still leads the Union with 98 organized churches.

MEMBERSHIP

The East Jamaica Mission with 6,168 baptized members continues to hold the lead as the largest Mission in the Union, but the West Mission made the largest net gain for the year with a 635 net increase in membership. But it was left for our little Cayman Islands Mission to lead the Union in per cent of membership increase.

BAPTISMS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH ACCESSIONS

Although the smaller fields have a good opportunity of surpassing the larger missions when it comes to percentage of their baptismal goals reached, the two larger fields finished the year with their laurels undisputed. East Jamaica with 787 additions out of a total goal of 850 came first. West Jamaica with the same goal and a record of 691 was a close second. The Cayman Islands with 59% of their goal reached was third. The Union, as a whole, went well beyond the 1945 total, but we are still far short of our 2,000 goal. In 1947 our goals remain, for the most part, unchanged and we believe that with our field more completely staffed and with the seed well sown through the literature ministry and the Bible Correspondence School (but more so because we are one year nearer eternity and therefore should be expecting great things from God) that our goal of three year's standing should be far surpassed.

TITHE INCOME AND PER CAPITAS

By and large most all of our fields have done well in their tithe income. Three fields show fine gains, one an encouraging gain and two, due to extenuating circumstances, show some loss. The Cayman Islands Mission, that for the past two years has led the Union in tithe per capita, yields her laurels in 1946 to her baby sister the Salt Cays Mission (who incidentally leads the whole Inter-American Division) and to the Bahamas Mission.

One not-so-encouraging-aspect of the per capita situation is that every field in the Union dropped a few pennies at least. Has this been due to lowered incomes during 1946 or have there been some unfaithful stewards in some of our churches? Our workers and church leaders should ever keep before their members the blessings of faithfulness in their relationship to God in this matter.

The tithe goals are based upon a 15% increase over the preceding year.

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Two Missions in the Union reached and surpassed the goals set by the Division Committee for Sabbath School offerings. Hats off to the Cayman Islands and the British Honduras Missions! Too bad the Caymans dimmed their fine accomplishment by falling a few shillings short of

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BAHAMAS MISSION

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Bahamas Mission News Notes

Three important meetings were recently held in the Bahamas Mission. They consisted of a Youths' Congress, a Lay Preachers' Institute and the General Mission Session. The meetings began January 26th and ended February 2nd.

For the first Youths' Congress to be held in the Bahamas, we were privileged to have with us Elders A. H. Roth, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the Inter-American Division, W. H. Anderson, veteran missionary of Africa and W. L. Barclay, Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the British West Indies Union.

Each of these visiting brethren rendered invaluable service throughout all the meetings. A large number of young people enjoyed the good things presented at the Congress. The entire programme was lively and inspiring and helpful to all in attendance. On Sabbath afternoon, January 25th, an investiture service was held at which time two groups which had completed their progressive class work as outlined by the M. V. Department, were invested, five as Master Comrades and eight as Comrades.

The Lay Preachers' Institute which followed, was also a meeting long to be remembered by the ones who were privileged to attend. Methods for soul-winning which have proved most successful, were presented by Elder Barclay. At the close of this institute, those attending pledged to win, with the help of God, one hundred eight souls during '47. By the way they sang their theme song, "Lord Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart," we were convinced that success was sure to follow the efforts of our brethren as they should return to their churches and carry out the instruction received.

The third Biennial Session of the Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists was convened January 29th to February 2nd. Like the General Meetings which have preceded, it brought blessing and encouragement to all who attended. Delegates from all the churches besides many other members were present.

We were happy to have Pastors W. H. Anderson and W. L. Barclay remain with us for all of these meetings. The Lord blessed both of these brethren with messages that brought cheer to all. Their words of encouragement and counsel were appreciated.

Our people returned to their homes filled with a determination to carry back to those who had not been privileged to attend the Nassau meetings the good things they had received and thus share their blessings. They returned with a zeal to win many souls for Christ during the remaining months of the year and to make possible larger reports when and if another General Meeting is held.

The reports rendered by the various departmental secretaries indicated steady progress in all lines of endeavour. The president's report not only pointed out many blessings received from God and achievements for God during the biennial period ended, but also presented evidence which clearly indicated that a new day was dawning for the work in the Bahamas Mission. A number of actions were taken which will mean a greatly accelerated programme in each church for missionary activity which will mean a larger harvest of souls for Christ.

Immediately following the General Meeting the 1947 Ingathering Campaign was launched. At this writing, over half

the goal of four hundred pounds is already in hand. A larger number of members are participating this year which assures us already of the best campaign in our history.

Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Keuster of the Antillian Union and Brother and Sister D. P. Waldo of the Florida Conference have recently joined the Mission Family of workers. Elder Keuster is in charge of the Nassau churches and the Waldos are engaged in the Publishing House work. We are happy for these additions to our corps of labourers in this interesting field.

The many friends of Pastor and Mrs. C. F. Edwards will be glad to learn that a son has arrived to make his home with the Edwards and also that Brother Edwards was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the General Meeting. Ministers taking part in the ordination service were Pastors W. H. Anderson, W. L. Barclay, W. E. Keuster and the writer. We wish the Edwards God's blessings as they continue their service on the island of Exuma.

H. D. COLBURN

SALT CAYS MISSION

G. M. Prier, Pres. & Treas.
Grand Turk, Turk & Caicos Islands.

Salt Cays Mission News

Brother G. M. Prier of the West Indian Training College has been appointed by the Union Committee to take charge of the Salt Cays Mission. At present Brother Prier is making a survey trip over his new field visiting Grand Turk, Blue Hills and Matthew Town in addition to calling at a number of the other islands in the Caicos group.

Brother Prier will be searching for a home in Grand Turk where the Mission headquarters are to be located and it is planned that soon he will be removing his family to their new home. We all wish Brother and Sister Prier very much of the Lord's blessing as they help to pioneer in this new and interesting field.

Elder E. E. Parchment, British West Indies Union field secretary, left for a visit to the Salt Cays Mission early in February. At the time of writing, word has reached the Union office of his safe arrival in Grand Turk and of his first impressions of the place. He writes, "The first sight of the island looks good to us. Everything is quiet and peaceful and the people are friendly and kind. With a good strong effort here at an early date I think we will see good results."

Elder Parchment will be visiting the Caicos Islands where the first baptismal service will be held and the Blue Hills church organized. A report of this historic and interesting occasion will appear in the April VISITOR.

Sister C. C. Nebblett paid a visit to Jamaica to take back her children with her. While in Jamaica Sister Nebblett attended the Salt Cays Mission Committee meeting.

Brother Nebblett writes that the special meetings he has been holding in Blue Hills nightly were well attended. The interest here continues to increase surely if slowly.

The new church building work proceeds as fast as materials are available; the walls are up to the roof and the vestry is almost completed. Brother Nebblett feels that the completion of this new building "will mean the beginning of great things in these parts."

Brother R. B. Campbell writes from Inagua that he has set his goal for ten souls to be baptized in this district this year and with God's help he intends to reach it.

Various goals set for the Salt Cays Mission for 1947 are as follows:

Lay Preacher Soul Goal	6	Pub. Dept.	Deliv.	£100
Lay Preacher Recruits	3	Big Week		£10
Baptisms	25	Ingathering		£25

We feel sure that under the blessing of God these goals will all be reached and far surpassed during 1947.

EAST JAMAICA MISSION

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News Notes from the East Jamaica Mission

Since the last VISITOR appeared, Elders Pierson and Holgate have made visits to 29 of the East Jamaica Mission churches. These visits were paid in the interest of our soul-winning programme for 1947. Each place the win-one programme was presented in a strong way and the various churches and companies were encouraged to take part in the systematic literature distribution programme. Also all were urged to do all that they could to enroll new students in the Bible Correspondence School in Mandeville.

Their visit took them through all of the parishes of the Mission, visiting the smaller churches and companies that have not yet grown into full church organizations. Plans were laid in the latter places for the building up of the work to such an extent that churches may be organized. It is hoped that good strong efforts can be held in the following places this year, during the first six months, in an effort to build these companies up into strong churches:

Mt. James, Mt. Ogle, Cavaliers, Seven Miles, Bull Bay, Woodburn, Moore Town, Comfort Castle, John's Hall, Belle View, Long Road, Heywood Hall, and two or three other places.

More definite word will be published in the VISITOR at a later date concerning the time and places that these meetings will be held.

The members of the Trinityville church are working faithfully to complete their building. It is hoped and planned that the Trinityville church dedication will take place on Sunday, June 15.

The Camberwell church that has been under construction for nearly ten years is now nearing completion, and the members there are setting their goal to have their dedication on Sunday, June 29. Several structural changes have been undertaken to take care of the increased attendance at the church.

Fruitful Vale is another church building that has been under construction for some years. Here again the members have rallied and they are setting their hands to the task of fully completing the church, ready for dedication by Sunday, June 8.

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A NEW CHURCH IN BRITISH HONDURAS

Pictured above is the new church building in San Pedro, British Honduras. On the front steps may be seen some of the children who attend the small school being conducted in San Pedro.

It is hoped that this new edifice may soon be dedicated to the glory of God.

Church Building Programme

CHURCHES TO BE COMPLETED AND DEDICATED FIRST QUARTER, 1947

Cornwall Barracks (E.J.)	Sandy Bay (W.J.)
Berrydale (E.J.)	Harry Watch (W.J.)
Bluff (Bah.)	Cumberland (W.J.)
Georgetown (Cay.)	Graighead (W.J.)
Vaughnsfield (W.J.)	Moss Town (Bah.)

CHURCHES TO BE COMPLETED AND DEDICATED SECOND QUARTER 1947

Camberwell (E.J.)	Tarpum Bay (Bah.)
Broadgate (E.J.)	Chamber's Pen (W.J.)
Trinityville (E.J.)	Jericho (W.J.)
Fruitful Vale (E.J.)	Mulgrave (W.J.)
Kitson Town (E.J.)	White Hill (W.J.)
Linstead (E.J.)	Newell (W.J.)
San Pedro (B.H.)	Newport (W.J.)
The Brae (Cay.)	Spring Garden (W.J.)
Exuma (Bah.)	Richwood Cont. (W.J.)
Granville (W.J.)	Richmond Park (W.J.)
Camrose (W.J.)	Boston (Br.Hon.)
Claremont (W.J.)	

STONE LAYINGS VOTED FOR FIRST QUARTER 1947

Millerton (Bah.)	East End (Cay.)
Woodford (E.J.)	Blue Hills (Salt C.)
Bellas Gate (E.J.)	Mile End (W.J.)
Old Harbour (E.J.)	Lapland (W.J.)
Williamsfield (E.J.)	John's Hall (W.J.)
Retreat (E.J.)	Lances Bay (W.J.)
Annotto Bay (E.J.)	George's Plain (W.J.)
Hampstead (E.J.)	Balaclava (W.J.)
Buff Bay (E.J.)	Spaldings (W.J.)
Brookdale (E.J.)	Retirement (W.J.)
Olive Mount (E.J.)	Crofts Hill (W.J.)
Cockburn Pen (E.J.)	Chapelton (W.J.)

STONE LAYINGS VOTED FOR SECOND QUARTER 1947

Bourbon (E.J.)	Somerton (W.J.)
Burnside Vally (E.J.)	Dias (W.J.)
Bartons (E.J.)	Sav-la-mar (W.J.)
Dignum Mt. (E.J.)	White House (W.J.)
Richmond (E.J.)	Johnson (W.J.)
Comfort Valley (E.J.)	Siloah (W.J.)
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Lloyds (E.J.)	Blackwood (W.J.)
Kencot (E.J.)	Hayes (W.J.)
Lewis (W.J.)	Pleasant Bay (Bah.)
Bamboo (W.J.)	

How is your building programme coming along? Are you keeping up with schedule? If not get in touch with your District Pastor and your Mission President and plan with them to catch up.

East Jamaica News

(Continued from column 1)

The neat little church in Enfield that was dedicated December 8, is looking fine in its new dress. Brother Perry and the other leaders of the Enfield church are working hard to build up the church membership there. Already Enfield has a daughter at Long Road where a company of about seventeen baptized members is meeting from Sabbath to Sabbath in a temporary booth. On Sunday, January 26, they were organized into a company and they are undertaking a strong win-one and literature programme during the next few months in an effort to build their group up into a strong church before the close of the year.

The St. Margret's Bay church has secured a plot for their new church building. This plot is well located a short distance from the main highway. There are plenty of stones and other building materials on the property to help in the construction of the new church.

Recent word from Elder Pond, our Mission Superintendent who is now on furlough, indicates that he is greatly enjoying his stay at the Seminary. He is also looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to his return to the field. Brother Pond will doubtless be back with us toward the end of July.

Elder Tim Walters, our former energetic Home Missionary and M. V. secretary, who at present is attending Oakwood College, writes that he is enjoying his stay there but he, too, is anxious to be back in Jamaica, and to have a part in the preaching of the message in this interesting field. Let us pray for these two brethren.

ARE YOU WILLING?

- To close your book of complaints and to open the book of praise?
- To believe other men are quite as sincere as you and to treat them with respect?
- To ignore what life owes you and to think about what you owe to life?
- To stop looking for friendship and to start being friendly?
- To be content with such things as you have and to stop whining for the things you have not?
- To enjoy the simple blessings of life and to cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day?
- To forget what you have accomplished and to meditate on what others have done for you?
- To cease looking for someone to help you and to devote yourself to helping others?
- To consecrate your life to the service of an imperfect church and to remember that Christ chose twelve imperfect men to be His disciples?
- To accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and to let your life be an outlet for His joy, love and peace?

The B. W. I. Union Celebrates Its Third Birthday

MISSION	CHURCHES			BAPTISMS & PROF. OF FAITH			MEMBERSHIP			3 Yr. Gain	
	Jan. 1 1944	Dec. 31 1945	Dec. 31 1946	3 Yr. Gain	Dec. 31 1944	Dec. 31 1945	Dec. 31 1946	Jan. 1 1944	Dec. 31 1945		Dec. 31 1946
Bahamas	17	18	17	1	70	36	39	453	517	547	94
Br. Honduras	10	13	11	1	57	43	42	358	460	483	125
Caymans	3	4	4		3		14	81	76	97	16
Salt Cays			2	2			1			16	16
East Jamaica	61	72	80	19	612	698	787	4930	5699	6168	1238
West Jamaica	85	92	98	13	533	556	691	4170	5027	5662	1492
Coconut Grove			1							30	30
Union	176	199	213	37	1275	1346	1574	9992	11799	13003	3011

The British West Indies Union has recently had a birthday. On January 1, 1947 our field was just three years old! They have been three busy years but they have also been three good years with the manifest blessing of God resting upon the labours of our workers. We have grown from four local fields with 176 churches and a membership of 9,992 to seven fields with 213 organized churches and a baptized membership of just over 13,000.

Above you will find some interesting figures. Look them over carefully. Study them. Note well the growth of the work in your field. Is it on the upward trend? What can you do to strengthen your work in 1947?

WEST JAMAICA MISSION
 W. S. NATION, President.
 MERTIE SHAKES, Secy.-Treas.
 Mandeville, Jamaica.

News Notes from West Jamaica

CONVENTIONS! CONVENTIONS!

—For the past two weeks Brother B. R. Hamilton, our newly appointed Sabbath School and Educational Secretary, and Brother Earl Parchment have been conducting departmental conventions in the parishes of St. Elizabeth and Manchester. They report that hundreds of members from the churches of the two parishes named have attended and great spiritual benefits have been gained. Officers of the various departments of the church have returned home fired with zeal to execute their tasks more efficiently than ever before, and to endeavour to double their church membership through the win-one method this year. During the next three weeks other conventions will be held in the parishes of Clarendon, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James and St. Ann.

STONELAYING — Our first stone-laying service for 1947 was conducted at Spaldings on February 9. Elder R. H. Pierson, our Union President, gave the address in the presence of a representative gathering. A goodly number of stones were laid.

INSTITUTE!!—West Jamaica Mission's Colporteur Institute was conducted this year at the same rendezvous —

Anchovy — January 30 to February 7. It is interesting to note that since the West Mission has been organized our Institutes have all been held at this place.

Under the leadership of Pastor E. C. H. Reid, newly appointed Publishing Department Secretary of the Mission, assisted by Pastors Haig, Lowry, Campbell, and Hurst, fifty-five colporteurs were instructed daily. Also in attendance conducting Devotional services each morning were Pastors Nation and Fletcher and Brethren Hamilton and E. J. Parchment.

Two outstanding features of the Institute were the mid-day service on Sabbath, conducted by Pastor Haig, and the farewell service which was conducted by Pastors Nation and Haig at five o'clock Friday morning, just before the departure. In this farewell service, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. This is probably the first time that this has ever been done at a Colporteur's Institute in Jamaica, and it was greatly appreciated by each one. At the end of the service all the colporteurs formed a line while the ministers went down the line shaking hands and saying goodbye. The song, "What Never Part Again," was sung softly, and it was real touching to see tears of joy and sadness flowing from hearts too heavy for words.

With the daily instructions given, showing ways of improving their work, and also with their renewed consecration, we are sure that each colporteur went forth from the Institute fired with a greater zeal to "Publish Glad Tidings," through the literature ministry.

W. S. NATION.

Soul Winning Honour Roll Churches

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

SUPER GOLD STAR CHURCHES

(Churches Reporting 6 Baptismal Services in 1946)
 March Town West Jamaica

GOLD STAR CHURCHES

(Churches reporting 4 baptismal services in 1946)

Annotto Bay (E.J.)	Labyrinth (E.J.)
Bellas Gate (E.J.)	Montego Bay (W.J.)
Clermont (E.J.)	Mt. Carey (W.J.)
Comfort Valley (E.J.)	Mt. Providence (W.J.)
Gayle (E.J.)	North Street (E.J.)

SILVER STAR CHURCHES

(Churches reporting 3 baptismal services in 1946)

Bird's Hill (W.J.)	John's Hall (W.J.)
Brown's Town (W.J.)	Jointwood (W.J.)
Blue Hole (E.J.)	Morant Bay (E.J.)
Brookdale (E.J.)	Newell (W.J.)
Croft's Hill (W.J.)	Ocho Rios (W.J.)
Dignum Mt. (E.J.)	Port Morant (W.J.)
Florence Hill (E.J.)	Regent Street (E.J.)
Guy's Hill (E.J.)	Rollington Town (E.J.)
Hightgate (E.J.)	Spanish Town (E.J.)
Hunt's Town (E.J.)	Seaford Town (W.J.)

BLUE STAR CHURCHES

(Churches reporting 2 baptismal services in 1946)

Balaclava (W.J.)	Port Maria (E.J.)
Beverley (W.J.)	Robin's Hall (W.J.)
Caledonia (W.J.)	Richmond (E.J.)
Campbell's Castle (W.J.)	Riversdale (E.J.)
Chamber's Pen (W.J.)	Robin's Bay (E.J.)
Cornwall Bks. (E.J.)	Seaford (E.J.)
Enfield (E.J.)	Standbury (E.J.)
Glengoffe (E.J.)	Stanton (E.J.)
Granville (W.J.)	Santa Cruz (W.J.)
Grove Town (W.J.)	Sherwood Cont. (W.J.)
Hampstead (E.J.)	Somerton (W.J.)
Joricho (W.J.)	Southfield (W.J.)
Jackson Town (W.J.)	Spaldings (W.J.)
Kitson Town (E.J.)	St. Ann's Bay (E.J.)
Lapland (W.J.)	Troy (W.J.)
Lewis (W.J.)	Vaughansfield (W.J.)
Lottery (W.J.)	Wakefield (W.J.)
Lewisburgh (E.J.)	Watermount (E.J.)
Maggotty (W.J.)	Williamsfield (E.J.)
Mandeville (W.J.)	Woodford (E.J.)
May Pen (W.J.)	Yallahs (E.J.)
Old Harbour (E.J.)	Belize (Br. Hond.)
Petersfield (W.J.)	Georgetown (Cay. Is.)
Port Antonio (E.J.)	

RED STAR CHURCHES

(Churches reporting 1 baptismal service in 1946)

Asia (W.J.)	Huntley Castle (W.J.)
Askenish (W.J.)	Hayes (W.J.)
Auchtembeddie (W.J.)	Jackson (E.J.)
Axe & Adze (W.J.)	Johnson (W.J.)
Aberdeen (E.J.)	Kencot (E.J.)
Bethel Town (W.J.)	Kemps Bay (W.J.)
Blackwoods (W.J.)	Kemps Bay (Bah.)
Bluff (Bah.)	Lances Bay (W.J.)
Bryant Hill (W.J.)	Landrail Point (Bah.)
Belvuc (W.J.)	Little London (W.J.)
Bagbie (E.J.)	Linstead (E.J.)
Bartons (E.J.)	Mathew Town (St. Cays)
Berrydale (E.J.)	Mission (Bah.)
Bonny Gate (E.J.)	Moss Town (Bah.)
Broadgate (E.J.)	Mullet Hall (E.J.)
Burnside Valley (E.J.)	Mt. Peace (W.J.)
Camberwell (E.J.)	Mulgrave (W.J.)
Carron Hall (E.J.)	New Market (W.J.)
Castleton (E.J.)	Old Bight (Bah.)
Camp Savannah (W.J.)	Orange (W.J.)
Coleville (W.J.)	Palm (E.J.)
Cumberland (W.J.)	Pleasant Bay (Bah.)
Camrose (W.J.)	Porter's Mtn. (W.J.)
Chapelton (W.J.)	Ramble (W.J.)
Claremont (W.J.)	Rockstone Pond (Br.Hon.)
Coker (W.J.)	Shirley Street (Bahamas)
Comfort Hall (W.J.)	St. Margret's Bay (E.J.)
Devon (W.J.)	Salt Spring (W.J.)
Dias (W.J.)	Sandy Bay (W.J.)
Duan Vale (W.J.)	Sav-la-mar (W.J.)
Duncans (W.J.)	Siloah (W.J.)
Everton Park (E.J.)	Spring Garden (W.J.)
Falmouth (W.J.)	Springfield (W.J.)
Flower Hill (W.J.)	Sheffield (W.J.)
Geddes Mtn. (E.J.)	Somerset (E.J.)
Goshen (W.J.)	Trinityville (E.J.)
Grants Town (Bahamas)	White Hill (W.J.)
Hope Bay (E.J.)	Ythanside (E.J.)
Harmans (W.J.)	Zion Hill (E.J.)

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT OURSELVES . . .

(Continued from page 4)

their 1945 total. All of the fields did fine in their increases and we feel sure the Lord is going to bless them for their liberal gifts to the "fields beyond."

INGATHERING

A special word of commendation is in order for every single field in the Union. Most everyone responded whole-heartedly and worked with a will, far surpassing the Union goal of £3660 in record time. The Salt Cays Mission passed their goal in *one day*—the Cayman Islands in three days, and every field in the shortest time in their history as Ingatherers. These funds have proved a great blessing in every field, helping to build new churches, purchasing evangelistic equipment and in many other ways. As we stand today upon the eve of our 1947 campaign let us all work with a will to make it even shorter and more successful than in 1946.

COLPORTEUR DELIVERIES

"Some went up, some went down"—that's the story of our small fields' book deliveries for 1946. In this department the British Honduras Mission shines with brightest lustre. Special mention should be made of Brother Vasciannie's outstanding work in this field. Never before in the history of our work in British Honduras have so many books been sold—we believe this is seed sown that will bring forth a rich harvest of souls in 1947. The Caymans and the Bahamas show losses because they had regular colporteurs at work for only very short periods during the year.

We make bold to prophesy that the Bahamas will make the highest per cent of increase in book and magazine sales during 1947 of any field in the Union. Our hats are off to Brethren Campbell and Hurst and their loyal bookmen for the splendid work they have done during 1946, for their goals surpassed and fine increases shown.

SUMMARY

The report as a whole is most encouraging. We should thank God for that which He has done for us during the twelve months of 1946; however, we should never be satisfied with past accomplishments nor rest content upon the laurels of yester year. The Lord expects us to constantly be improving—attempting greater things for Him and expecting greater things from Him. We should work and pray as though 1947 were going to be our last year to work before probation's hour closes. Let us set as our aim—"More

For Him in '47"—More personal consecration, more whole hearted service, more souls won, more churches built, more offerings, more Ingathering, more tithes—more of everything for Him Who gave His all for us!

ROBERT H. PIERSON.

Making Pledges to the Lord

(Continued from page 1)

concerns of life, then they are tempted to question the force of the obligation which they voluntarily assumed; and, yielding to Satan's suggestions, they reason that undue pressure was brought to bear upon them, and they acted under the excitement of the occasion; that the demand for means to use in the cause of God was overstated; and that they were induced to pledge under false pretenses, without fully understanding the subject, and therefore they wish to be released. Have ministers the power to accept their excuses, and say, "You shall not be holden to your pledge; you are released from your vow?" If they venture to do this, they become partakers of the sin of which the withholder is guilty."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, pp. 473-474.

"The plan of systematic benevolence was of God's own arrangement; but the faithful payment of God's claims is often refused or postponed, as though solemn promises were of no significance. It is because church members neglect to pay their tithes and meet their pledges that our institutions are not free from embarrassment. If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the storehouse, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments. God calls upon those who believe the truth to render to him the things that are His. Those who have thought that to withhold from God is gain, will eventually experience his curse as the result of their robbery of the Lord. . . Indifference in this matter shows that you are in blindness and deception, and are unworthy of the Christian name.

"God would have the members of his church consider their obligations to him as binding as their indebtedness to the merchant or the market. Let every one review his past life and see if any unpaid, unredeemed pledges have been neglected, and then make extra exertions to pay the 'utmost farthing'; for we must all meet and abide the final issue of a tribunal where nothing will stand the test but integrity and veracity."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, pp. 475-476.

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Here and There in the Union

Elder Lowry and family have left Mandeville, returning to the homeland permanently. The Lowrys have spent nearly a quarter of a century in the Inter-American Division. A farewell was given them by the Union office staff the evening of February 9.

Elder A. R. Haig, formerly the Publishing Department Secretary for the Caribbean Union, and well known to all of our believers in Jamaica, has been appointed by the Union Committee to succeed Elder Lowry. The Haigs have already arrived in the Island of Jamaica and after a few weeks' rest and several more weeks of evangelism in the West Jamaica Mission, Elder Haig will be taking up his work in the Union office.

Elder Franz spent two weeks of the month of February in Belize auditing the British Honduras Mission books and attending their annual budget committee meeting.

Elder Pierson spent several days in Miami the middle of February attending to items of business in the Division office. Later in the month he flew to the Cayman Islands to attend the annual committee meetings and to conduct a fifteen-night evangelistic effort in the Georgetown church.

Mr. David McCalla, graduate of the West Indian Training College, has joined the Union office staff working in the Bible Correspondence School.

Until He Comes

Sister Shirley Jackson was a faithful member of the Darliston church since 1939, having been baptized by Pastor G. A. E. Smith. She was later united in marriage to Brother C. L. Jackson, the present leader of the Darliston church, by Pastor Frank Fletcher, and died while serving as treasurer. She was laid to rest to await the call of the Lifegiver on January 22, 1947. Funeral services were conducted by Pastors F. Fletcher and E. C. H. Reid, assisted by Brethren C. S. Greene and E. J. Parchment.