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Finding Your Place

(A MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION)

By Robert H. Pierson

THOUSANDS of our young men and women throughout our British West Indies Union are looking for employment. Many are the letters that come to my desk every month from young people, asking me to help them secure some sort of work so that they can make a living and keep the Sabbath.

This problem of employment is a very real one for our youth. I want to help you in finding some solution to it.

In the first place, I believe God is interested in every young man and woman in this beautiful island field of ours. I believe He is interested in helping you find work that will enable you to at once make a living and remain true to the principles of the Advent Message. I am convinced that His great blue-print includes a special place for every one of you who has given his heart to the Lord. The servant of the Lord declares this to be true:

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." "Parables of Jesus," Page 8.

Place Not Found By Chance

As young people seeking to follow the Lord, we will not find our place by chance. Neither should we expect to find it by depending upon the influence of friends who hold responsible positions in the

Mission. We should pray most earnestly for God to lead us into the very line of work He desires us to make our life's career.

The Lord uses different ways of leading young people in selecting their life's work. Without enlarging upon them, I will mention five of these methods:

1. By His Spirit's deep and abiding impressions as an answer to earnest prayer.
2. Counsel from Godly parents.
3. Counsel of workers and Mission leaders who know you well.
4. Counsel of your teachers.
5. By the opening Providences of God such as those made known through committees and boards.

In seeking to know God's will for you in this matter, pray most earnestly, that through one of these channels He will make it crystal clear just what line of work you should enter.

Open Doors

Many Seventh-day Adventist young men feel that only the ministry is open to them, and unless they take the ministerial course, there will be no opening for them inside or outside of denominational employ so they can keep the Sabbath. As the result, there have been instances when young men have not succeeded in the ministry

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Meet Our Workers



We are happy to introduce our VISITOR-family to the Pastor of Hanover Parish, in the West Jamaica Mission, Elder Lee Gouldbourne. Elder Gouldbourne is a graduate of W.I.T.C. College and has served in the work both in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica for several years.

"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your Union President)

We are not to expect that times will be better, that funds will be more plentiful, that things will go easier as we near the end. In fact, if I read my Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy aright, we must prepare ourselves for just the opposite. Difficult times are before us. Days of trial and real test will try us before we enter the kingdom!

II Timothy 3:1 (Moffatt Translation): "Mark this, there are *hard times* coming in the last days."

"In the last days perilous times will come" (King James' Version). The word "perilous" comes from a Greek word which includes the thought of "reducing." Our budgets may be reduced, our working staffs may be reduced, our equipment, our facilities, all may be reduced. "Mark this, there are *hard times* coming in the last days."

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will do in a *terrible crisis*, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances.— *Volume V*, p. 463.

We face days ahead that must not and us depending upon our visible resources to finish the work of God. He will bring us to the end of our visible resources that He may compel us to count our invisible resources. We must remember, "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zeoh. 4:6.

Dark days or forbidding circumstances should never dim our vision of the glorious triumph that shall ultimately and certainly be the lot of the Advent movement. Recall the mighty power of Pentecost. It shall be eclipsed in the final days of this world's history. "The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the Gospel, are again to be fulfilled at its close... By thousands of voices all over the earth the warning will be given." *G. C.* p. 611, 612.

It is not what we *have* that will finish

the work, but what we *are*. Before we see Pentecostal numbers, we must have the Pentecostal power. "The Spirit awaits our demand and reception." *C. Q. L.*, p. 120. "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern." — Mrs. E. G. White in *Review & Herald*, December 15, 1885.

May God grant us His grace and power that we may be prepared for the difficult days before us and may have a part in the glorious and certain triumph of the Advent Message, is my earnest prayer for each of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Personnel Appointments and Changes

Owen Holness to the West Jamaica Mission as Assistant District Pastor in Manchester.

David McCalla to the East Jamaica Mission for Evangelistic Work at Jack's River.

Miss A. W. Sangster to the Union Office as head of the Bible School and Office Secretary for the Radio Department.

Miss Bernice Pringle to the East Jamaica Mission for Bible Work in Kingston.

Miss Anita Nembhard to the Union Office as secretary to Elder Pierson.

Mrs. H. S. Walters to the East Jamaica Mission as secretary to Elder Pond.

H. S. Walters to the East Jamaica Mission as Departmental Secretary.

W. A. Holgate to Kingsway High School as Headmaster of the school.

M. G. Nembhard to North Street Temple Church as Pastor.

H. E. Nembhard to St. Catherine as District Pastor.

A. D. Laing to Portland as District Pastor.

B. E. Hurst to the West Jamaica Mission as Publishing Department Secretary.

E. C. H. Reid to St. Ann's as District Pastor.

David Hawthorne to East Jamaica Mission as Church School Teacher in Kingston.

Miss A. Parchment to the West Jamaica Mission Office as secretary to Elder Hurst.

Miss K. Morrison to the West Indian Training College Office as office assistant.

Miss U. Greene to the Union Office as secretary to Elder Barclay and the



News from the A. M. H.

The workers on the staff of the Andrew's Memorial Hospital were recently encouraged with the cheering news that the Government of Jamaica had appropriated £5,000 to us for continuing construction work on the new Hope Road Hospital building. This gift comes as a great blessing to our medical work, for we had been moving forward slowly by faith during the past few months, praying that God would open the way to complete most of the main building and wings ready for occupancy within a few months. We thank Him for hearing and answering these prayers.

The present plan is to complete the central section of the main building, and the west wing which includes the operating theatre. These will be furnished and opened to the public while the other wing and the new kitchen are under construction.

Dr. Edwin Dunlop recently left us to return to the States where he will connect with one of our large hospitals in the eastern states.

At the last Hospital Board Meeting, a call was placed with the Union for another doctor to connect with the institution as early as possible.

Miss Marjorie Whitney has responded to our call for another Nursing School Instructor. Miss Whitney was connected with our large White Memorial Hospital in California for some time and was more recently Director of the School of Nursing in Monterey, Mexico. We welcome Miss Whitney to our hospital staff.

The fourth class of nurses entered the School of Nursing in February. There are eight in this new class. We are greatly in need of more dormitory and classroom space as our Nursing School grows.

Bible School.

Miss Pearl Bell to the Union Office as secretary to Elders Haig and Parchment.

Miss Zeta Boyd to the West Indian Training College for stenographic work.

R. Douglas to Cuba for pastor-teacher work on the Isle of Pines.

O. S. Rugless to East Jamaica Mission as Bible Worker and Music Leader.

Leonard Grey to the West Jamaica Mission as pastor-teacher.

1948 Evangelistic Plans for Jamaica

East Jamaica Mission

Major Efforts During 1948

D. V. Pond	Four Paths
A. C. Stockhausen	Annotto Bay
E. C. Walton	Dalvey and Stokes
H. E. Nembhard	Palm
A. B. Davis	Papine & Aberdeen
H. S. Walters	Trench Town
A. D. Laing	Buff Bay & Moore
M. G. Nembhard	North Street
Dr. Glenn Millard	Half-way Tree

Spearhead Efforts

A. C. Stockhausen	Albany, Long Road Highgate, Jeffrey Town
E. C. Walton	Trinitville and Richmond
H. E. Nembhard	Ewarton, Lluidas Vale and Duxes
A. B. Davis	Lawrence Tavern
A. D. Laing	Fruitful Vale, Olive Mt., Brookdale
W. U. Campbell	Upper St. Andrew Cockburn Pen.
W. L. Barclay	Morant Bay
M. G. Nembhard	Old Hope Road

West Jamaica Mission

Major Efforts During 1948

F. H. Fletcher	Cambridge
E. C. H. Reid	Alexandria
Lee Gouldbourne	Lucea
S. G. Lindo	Race Course
C. S. Greene	Bleauveau
O. Holness	Chantilly
K. G. Vaz	Slip
W. S. Nation	Brunalia
R. H. Pierson	Sav-la-mar
Union Office Staff	Caledonia
E. J. Parchment	

Spearhead Efforts

F. H. Fletcher	Leathe
E. C. H. Reid	Retirement
Lee Gouldbourne	Cascade
S. G. Lindo	Pleasant Valley
C. S. Greene	Red Hills
K. G. Vaz	Newton
W. S. Nation	North Manchester
R. H. Pierson	Vaughansfield
O. Holness	Asia
B. E. Hurst	Lincoln
W. L. Barclay	Arcadia
E. E. Parchment	Salt Spring
E. J. Parchment	Burnt Savannah

OUR GOAL FOR SOULS 1948

2000

Let us set as our objective
**One Baptism in Every Church
Every Quarter**

Organisation: On February 7, 1948, a new church was added to the sisterhood of churches in West Jamaica at Camp-Savannah, in Westmoreland. We were especially privileged to have Elder W. E. Read of the General Conference to take part in the organization service, which was carried out in a rather unique way when each of the nineteen charter members came forward and signed the covenant thus making a permanent page of their church record. The Camp-Savannah church was raised up as a result of the work of Brother John Palmer, who is now a student of the West Indian Training College.

Goals for Souls

EAST JAMAICA MISSION WORKERS:

D. V. Pond	30
A. C. Stockhausen	250
A. B. Davis	90
H. S. Walters	150
E. C. Walton	150
H. E. Nembhard	150
M. G. Nembhard	150
R. E. Gibson	10
A. D. Laing	200
W. U. Campbell	20
Dr. G. Millard	101
Dr. C. R. Anderson	10

Total for East Jamaica 1311

First Quarter, 260; Second Quarter, 395;
Third Quarter, 260; Fourth Quarter, 396.

WEST JAMAICA MISSION WORKERS:

F. H. Fletcher	200
E. C. H. Reid	150
Lee Gouldbourne	100
K. G. Vaz	120
B. E. Hurst	30
S. G. Lindo	125
C. S. Greene	160
O. Holness	140
W. S. Nation	25
E. J. Parchment	30

Total for West Jamaica 1080

First Quarter, 216; Second Quarter, 324;
Third Quarter, 216; Fourth Quarter, 324.

**Soul
Winning**



News

Soul-Winning Goals for 1948

Bahamas Mission	125
British Honduras Mission	125
Cayman Islands Mission	25
East Jamaica Mission	1311
Salt Cays Mission	25
West Jamaica Mission	1000

Total 2611

— B. W. I. Union Minutes,
Action No. 1421.

Lay-Preachers' Goals

MISSION	GOAL
Bahamas Mission	15
British Honduras Mission	10
Cayman Islands Mission	10
East Jamaica Mission	125
Salt Cays Mission	—
West Jamaica Mission	125

Total 285

— B. W. I. Union Minutes,
Action No. 1420.

Report of Baptisms for January

WEST JAMAICA:

Pastor F. Fletcher — Orange 3;
Sherwood Content, 6.
Pastor C. S. Greene — Sheffield, 5.
Total for West Jamaica, February—14.

Report of Baptisms for February

Pastor S. G. Lindo — James Hill, 5;
Bryant Hill, 1; Chapelton, 3.
Pastor K. G. Vaz — Newmarket, 7;
Total for West Jamaica, February, 16.

EAST JAMAICA:

Pastor A. C. Stockhausen—Albany, 4;
Jacks River, 6.
Pastor Melvin Nembhard — North
Street, 1.
Pastor H. S. Walters — Regent St., 7.
Pastor Hilbert Nembhard — Lin-
stead, 4.
Total for East Jamaica, February, 22.



W. L. BARCLAY, M. V. Dept. Secretary.

Young People Can Be Soul-Winners

Today, as the great conflict between good and evil approaches its climax, God is sounding a clarion call to the youth of the Advent Movement to press into the line of service. He has a work for them to accomplish which the older ones cannot do.

The servant of the Lord states: "In the closing scenes of this earth's history, many of the children and youth will astonish people by their witness to the truth which will be borne in simplicity yet with spirit and power. They will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older ones cannot do because their way will be hedged up." *C.T.*, pp. 166, 176.

"Preachers and laymen advanced in years cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth devoted to God can have upon their associates." *M. Y.*, p. 204.

Educate the youth to help the youth." *Ibid* p. 203.

From personal experience in evangelism, I have found that young people have a greater influence upon their companions than the older ones do. Many times young people, in reply to older individuals working for their conversion, will say, "You have lived your life already; we are young, we will have a good time now; when we reach your age then we will be Christians." But when a fellow points his associates to Christ, he meets them on common ground, and they are more willing to follow his example in the Christian pathway.

Down through the ages, the youth has been God's helping hand, and ever will be. He is strong, enthusiastic, and full of zeal to push the triumphs of the cross; however, in order to render efficient service he must be trained.

Sister White, realizing this fact, wrote: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." *Ed.* p. 271.

One good way to train young people to become soul-winners is by having lay-evangelistic classes in our churches. An experienced layman can conduct a class covering certain features of the doctrines of our faith and the technique of presenting these doctrines. As time goes on, he takes his class out into the field and gives the students practical experience by let-

ting them have an active part in an effort. In this way more of our young people would become preachers of the message. The young ladies and those who are not able to preach can be taught in the same manner to give Bible studies, conduct Branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools and to hold cottage meetings.

Training, however, is not the only requisite; organization is also of paramount importance. No army can win a battle without being organized! Likewise, the youth of the Advent Movement will not be able to win the Lord's battle without organization.

Our Missionary Volunteer Societies should be organized into service bands, and each band should have a leader who will lead the youth into active service.

The youth, to be efficient soul-winners, must also be consecrated. They must be motivated by the "constraining love of Christ."

If our youth are trained, organized, and consecrated to the task, the barricades of hell will not prevail against them, and the work will be finished in a short time. — E. J. PARCHMENT.



Church Building News

Stone-Laying: The Robin's Hall brethren were very happy when on February 8 they celebrated the stone-laying service for their new church building. The foundation for this structure was laid by the late Elder Hubert Fletcher about nine years ago, but it remained for Brother David McCalla to encourage these brethren to take a forward step. Now they are determined to go steadily on until they can complete and dedicate their building to the honour of God. Elder W. E. Read presented a very inspiring sermon for the occasion.

Dedication: February 15 was indeed a day of rejoicing to the believers of Spring Garden and their many friends who joined in the dedicatory service of the aforesaid church. Elder E. F. Hackman, the President of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference, inspired the large and representative gathering with his timely message, and Elder B. M. Heald spoke of the progress

of the medical work in Jamaica. This beautiful service was certainly a fitting climax to the strenuous efforts put forth by the Spring Garden brethren to build a representative place of worship. The Jackson Town and Troy churches were well represented, and other visiting ministers were Pastors, E. C. H. Reid, and L. A. Gouldbourne.

W. S. NATION.

Looking Backward and Forward

Among the many missionary endeavours in this Union, one which stands out prominently is our Church Building Programme. It is a pleasure, as one rides over this beautiful island of ours, to see the many churches that have been completed and dedicated to the glory of God. They stand as monuments of His great power. No less than twenty-four have been completed during 1947. In spite of financial and other difficulties, this branch of our work moves ever forward. Now, should we lessen our energies for 1948? The answer in flaming words comes from every corner of this Union, "No, we must not!" Some might be tempted to say that financial conditions are growing worse, and where may the means be found to complete the seventy-one churches under construction in this Union? God has thousands of ways of working for His people that we know nothing of. There is nothing impossible with God. Surely, if we have faith in Him, He will do great things for us. However, the best way to demonstrate our faith is by our works. We have this record in Holy Writ that "faith without works is dead." What we have done in the past can be duplicated in the future.

Where can we get the money to complete all these buildings? Let us review some of our plans: How about the *Church Investment Plan*? To you whose church has not yet been completed, are you following it up? This programme has brought in hundreds of pounds sterling during the past two years of its existence and if faithfully carried out will bring in thousands more in the future. The plan is simple and easily worked. There are various investments which can be made, and when we invest something for God, be sure that He adds His blessings. Let every church member invest something this year that will go toward Church Building funds.

Perhaps your church is already finished and nicely painted and furnished, but can't you make an investment to help the sister church near to you that is struggling under a heavy burden? Surely you can.

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Then there are pledges that have been made in the past, and those pledges have brought in hundreds of pounds sterling. Surely none of us feel the poorer for having made these pledges. In fact, in many instances God has so opened the way that many of the pledges were doubled. Then let every church member pledge to God something for the carrying on of this great phase of His work.

Again, there are even hundreds of programmes that have been rendered in aid of this fund. These programmes have proved very successful indeed; and there are cases where the gains have been far in excess of what was anticipated. Let us plan to have in every church this year a well planned programme and the returns turned over to the Church Building Programme.

We have the *Church Solicitation Programme* where we solicit by cards and envelopes. If your church is in need of these supplies, please write to your Mission office and they will be happy to cooperate with you. We do not want these solicitations, however, to conflict with any of the regular solicitations of the Union or mission.

There may be some other plans that you have of receiving funds; if so, please put these plans into action. Of course, we would like to be informed of them before. Do not let one discouraging note be heard in your church along any missionary endeavours that is being planned.

There are thousands of pounds in the hands of our friends and even our enemies that are but waiting to flow into the treasury of God. I hope that it will be possible for some of the Union workers along with the superintendent and district pastors of your mission to pay a visit to your unfinished churches, and we hope that these suggestions of ingathering funds will be well on their way before we reach you. Do not delay brethren, "the early bird catches the worm," and with your resolution that your church must be completed this year, keep in mind that we are behind you and will do all that we possibly can to help you.

With the determination of our believers, many churches have been raised up and completed in less than two years. Of course, it meant sacrifice, financial and otherwise, but those who have made the sacrifice and have completed their buildings are rejoicing in the fact that they have a place of worship which is both a blessing to God and to man. So let us put our shoulders to the

wheel and grapple with the task and as warriors go out and bring in souls for the Kingdom of God.

— ERIC PARCHMENT.



New White Hill Church

Pictured above is the beautiful little White Hill church dedicated the latter part of 1947. For some years, our earnest members in White Hill have been labouring faithfully to complete their house of worship. Now that it is fully finished and dedicated, they have a church home of which they may be justly proud.

Here and There About the Union

Pastor W. E. Read, Field Secretary of the General Conference, is spending several weeks in our Union assisting with meetings in Jamaica, the Bahamas and British Honduras. It was planned that Elder Read should also visit the Cayman Islands, but failure of transportation caused the plans to mis-carry.

Pastor R. A. Anderson, one of the Associate Secretaries of the General Conference Ministerial Department, spent over a week with us late in January. During his visit, he rendered excellent help in the evangelistic institute being conducted for the workers of the East and West Jamaica Missions.

Miss Lena Hamilton recently left her post in the Union office to proceed to the States where she expects to locate permanently. Miss Hamilton has laboured most efficiently in various capacities in Jamaica for a number of years and she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Pastor Franz left the island for the Bahamas, February 24. He will be spending about two weeks in Nassau attending committee meetings and auditing the Mission books.

Pastor Pierson left March 3 for Belize where he will be attending the British Honduras Mission Session for a week. The latter part of March he will spend in Georgetown taking part in the Cayman Islands Mission session.

Pastor Haig is busy with his Publishing Department men in Jamaica at present, but will be leaving the Island the latter part of March for visits to Coconut Grove and the Bahamas Mission.

Pastor Parchment is continuing to give a strong lead to the church building work in the Union, and at present is making extended visits to both East and West Jamaica Missions.

Pastor Barclay and Pastor Amundsen from the Inter-American Division have been assisting the West Jamaica Mission leaders in a strong Lay-Preachers' Institute in Montego Bay.

Pastor W. H. Waller, Preceptor and Bible Teacher at the West Indian Training College, has been selected as the Seminary representative from our Union for 1948. Brother and Sister Waller will proceed to the States early in June, where Mrs. Waller will visit relatives while Pastor Waller attends the Seminary in Washington, D. C.

The beautiful new Normal School building at West Indian Training College is almost finished and no doubt, by the time this appears in print, Miss Dell Brodie and her children will be enjoying their new school home.

Preliminary work on the New British West Indies Union office building has been commenced. The building has been laid out on the plot donated by the West Indian Training College, and foundation excavations are under way. Before the close of the year, we hope to have our new cut stone building almost completed and ready for occupancy.

The Islands of Inagua and Mayaguana of the Bahamas group that have formerly been a part of the Salt Cays Mission have now been transferred back to the Bahamas Mission because of difficulties and transportation between these islands and the headquarters of the Salt Cays Mission in Grand Turk.

It is hoped that a fine Youths' Camp can be held in Jamaica later on in the year. Our Young Peoples' Leaders are working to this end.

On the morning of December 25, 1947, Miss Cynthia Tyee, formerly one of our Union Office stenographers, was united in marriage to Mr. B. Cooke of St. Ann. She now resides at Runaway Bay, St. Ann.

Prayer Circle
Wednesday
8:00 A. M.



Publishing Department

A. R. HAIG — B. W. I. UNION SECRETARY

LOCAL MISSION SECRETARIES

East Jamaica Mission — W. U. Campbell West Jamaica Mission — B. E. Hurst



Godspeed Warriors of the Page

Over one hundred and sixty warriors of the Printed Page face the foe in the British West Indies Union. Never were they more confident of victory. "Why," you ask. I hasten to reply. "Because they saw God and felt His hand upon their arms." Blind and carnal men do not partake of the emblems of God's broken body after turning squarely around to wash their comrades' feet and rise up without a vision. Hirelings may, but HEROES, NEVER! That is exactly what our colporteur-warriors did at the close of their solemn institutes; no wonder already the guns are booming the death-knell of Beelzebub. Truly "the Sunset burns"; truly this is the last generation and there shall be no other.

Asking no quarter and giving the dragon none, they roll onward—a mighty avalanche and, who or what can stop them? Only sin, but surely not the gates of hell. Comrades, I respectfully urge you to ever remember that.

RESULTS OF THEIR SELFLESS DEDICATION: February is not yet gone, a few days linger on. And yet dispatches make vibrant the lute and sackbut of our hearts. The warriors of the West Mission feasted first and attacked immediately. Listen, as their leader tells. Elder Hurst: "God helping, we shall attempt the seemingly impossible in 1948. Our soul-goal is 138, and our total personal delivery goal is £6,335. Our Mission delivery goal is £6,000. We appreciate the good recommendations sent to us co-jointly by our Union brethren, both of the Union office and the Bible House. Experience tells us that there shall be a new going in the mulberry trees of our literature ministry."

On the morning of the departure of the Western Bookmen, the colporteurs of the East Mission started their journey to their dedicated rendezvous. Under the able leadership of President D. V. Pond and Publishing Department Secretary W. U. Campbell, arrangements were made to welcome over one hundred colporteurs and auxiliaries. Elder J. C. Culpepper of the Division gave his full

support, as he had done in the West. The Spirit of the Most High descended upon us and a new and better army vowed to fight to the finish. As their lips quivered and enclosed the sacramental emblems, the Spirit whispered, "*The work is done.*"

"Elder Campbell will you speak please?" Elder Campbell: "Not by might nor by power, sir, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. With our hands over our hearts and our faces turned toward Zion we pledge to go forward. There shall be no retreat. There must be no questioning. The plans of our Leader have never failed." Then turning to the Commandos of the East, he asked: "Comrades what are your intentions? Tell us men — speak up one by one." It seemed as if we heard "a wind"; we felt God near. "Pastors Culpepper and Haig," he continued, "here are the responses of Gideon's band: £18,000 for personal delivery goal; 350 souls for our Father and His Christ, and £8,500 is our Mission delivery goal."

The scene is changed. The hour of parting has come. Over one hundred envisioned men and women hold hands in a circle. Someone whispers, "Will the circle be unbroken, by and by, by and by?" Tear-drops are falling. The sighs of grateful hearts are hushed by the music of the Psalter:

"The Lord watch between me and thee,
The Lord watch between me and thee,
The Lord watch between me and thee,
While we are absent one from another."

Today is February 27. Already the booming of the literature cannons is terrific. Praise the Lord for such armies. Pray for the Literature guards.

— A. R. HAIG.

Publishing Department Goals

MISSION	GOAL
Bahamas Mission	£1650 0 0
British Honduras Mission	1500 0 0
Cayman Islands Mission	300 0 0
East Jamaica Mission	8500 0 0
Salt Cays Mission	50 0 0
West Jamaica Mission	6000 0 0

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Big Week Campaign Dates

Bahamas Mission	September	4-11
British Honduras	September	4-11
Cay. Islands Mis.	September	11-18
East Ja. Mission	October	2-9
Salt Cays Mission	September	5-11
West Ja. Mission	October	2-9

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Action No. 1407.

COMPARATIVE PUBLISHING REPORT — BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION

YEARS	COLPORTEURS	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
1944	82	67,579	£17,547 6 4	£11,992 12 4
1945	118	109,465	20,198 5 4	12,391 14 8
1946	127	114,605	24,138 16 3	14,356 11 8
1947	105	119,103	27,920 3 7	15,420 16 9
Totals	432	401,752	£89,804 11 6	£54,161 15 5

Colporteurs' Report

MISSIONS	COLPORTEURS	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
Bahamas	No Report			
British Honduras	2	126	£ 47 2 3	£ 50 19 9
Caymans	2	67	14 8 3	8 2 3
East Jamaica	113	4546	1267 9 2	501 5 11
Salt Cays	No Report			
West Jamaica	84	3355	1154 2 0	117 6 1
Totals	201	8094	£2483 1 7	£677 14 0

Summary for January 1948

(Local Currency)

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Will They Return?

"Paul pleaded with those who had once known in their lives the power of God, to return to their first love of gospel truth. With unanswerable arguments he set before them their privilege of becoming free men and women in Christ, through Whose atoning grace all who make full surrender are clothed with the robe of His righteousness." *A. A.* p. 388.

What thought provoking statements these are. Think of it! The heart of the great Apostle Paul tremendously stirred and burdened, not for new converts, but for a large number of those who had once treasured the truth of God in their hearts. For one reason or another, they had gone out from the fold of the Great "Shepherd of the sheep." But it mattered not to Paul *why* they had left — his interest was in bringing each one back!

Paul's whole life was wrapped up in pleading for the salvation of men. He wanted every man, every backslider, to acknowledge Jesus as his own personal Shepherd. His heart yearned for them to have the experience of the little shepherd boy who was one time discovered by a Christian traveller in a beautiful green valley of the Alps of Switzerland as retold by J. W. Rich in his *Shepherd and His Sheep*. From the lips of the follower of Christ the story of the Good Shepherd, Who gave His life for the sheep, was related to the shepherd boy.

He tried to teach the twenty-third psalm to the little fellow. The boy could not read, and so our friend had a difficult task in teaching the lesson to his pupil. Finally, the man said, "I shall tell you how to read part of it on your fingers. Just take the first five words, and you will have a word for each finger on one hand." So the little fellow counted them on his fingers—"The Lord is my Shepherd." This was only to help him remember.

Sometime later, the same traveller was passing through Switzerland again, and thought he would look up his little shepherd friend. He came to the place where he lived, and was met by the boy's mother. In response to his inquiry concerning the lad, he learned that the little fellow had died. The gentleman expressed his sorrow, and said that he had hoped to see him again.

The mother then queried, "Are you the man who taught my boy to say something on his fingers?" He replied that he was. Then she said to him, "Just before my boy died, he told me that if you ever came this way again, to be sure and tell you that he died holding the fourth finger of his hand." THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD.

Luke 15:3, 4: "And he spake this parable unto them, saying, what man of you having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, *until* he find it?"

Your privilege and mine, dear fellow believer, is to search and plead, and pray *until* we have found and reclaimed each one!

And will they return? I answer "Yes!" based on the promise of God through His servant. "The apostle's earnest words of entreaty were not fruitless. The Holy Spirit wrought with mighty power, and many whose feet had wandered into strange paths, returned to their former faith in the gospel. Henceforth, they were steadfast in the liberty where-with Christ had made them free. In their lives were revealed the fruits of the Spirit. "Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance." *A. A.*, p. 388.

Each member of God's remnant church should share the responsibility and the privilege of helping to win back sheep that have strayed from our folds. Are there members in *your* church who have grown cold and who no longer attend services? Are there men and women in your district who once were Seventh-day Adventists but who today are out in the world? If so, won't you start a movement in your church to work and pray for them and bring them back into the fold before it is too late?

— D. V. POND.

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A New Field Entered

Soldiers of the cross of Christ are ever on the march seeking new conquests for the Master's kingdom. Sunday, the 28th, of December, was a very important day for the town of Cambridge, for it witnessed the first Seventh-day Adventist baptismal service. At the appointed time, hundreds thronged the place of baptism—a small stream on the outskirts of the town. Just before the service began, a truck rolled up filled with the members of the Mt. Carey church—that dynamic little missionary church—singing lustily the songs of Zion. The writer then preached the baptismal sermon to the large and orderly gathering, not only stressing the necessity and significance of baptism, but also explaining why the candidates were being baptized into the the Adventist church. After this, twelve precious souls entered the water and were buried with their Saviour in the watery grave. It was indeed a touching and impressive scene.

Among those baptized were a man, his wife, and little daughter, twelve years old. This couple and their little girl accepted the truth through Bible studies given them by Brother Holness, who walked a distance of two miles every week to do this. They were impressed that they ought to keep the Sabbath, but had not yet stepped out definitely. One Sabbath, the sister went to Montego Bay to market as usual and the brother to his cultivation. The sister took with her the amount of twenty-seven shillings to do her marketing and shopping, but found herself unable to make any purchases. She felt convicted by the spirit of God that she was transgressing God's holy day. She felt so terrible that she returned home without making any purchase whatever. Upon her return home she found that her husband had also returned from his cultivation because he was unable to do any work. He was under the same conviction as his wife. They spent the remainder of the Sabbath at home and pledged to God that they would never transgress another Sabbath. Thus the spirit of God works upon the hearts of men. The brother, who was crippled as a soldier during World War I, walked two miles to the place of baptism.

The work at Cambridge was begun by Brother Brown and others of the Mt. Carey church, also Sister Hart of the Montego Bay church. The baptized members were taken into the fellowship of the Mt. Carey church. The company of over thirty is led by Brother T. Holness formerly of Montego Bay. The prospects are very bright for an organized church at Cambridge during 1948.

Incidentally, I met the M. H. R. for Northern St. James, Miss Collins, who told me that she was deeply impressed by the baptismal service and has expressed the wish that I come to Cambridge for a series of gospel meetings.

"Look! the waving fields are whitening,
For the harvest time is near."

FRANK H. FLETCHER.

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We Need to Pray for Souls

We need to pray for souls, for when we do, God will work miracles and effect their deliverance from the bondage of sin! Said the Apostle James: "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. For a prayer to be effectual, that is, effective in bringing about the desire of the suppliant, it must be fervent: with ardour and genuine enthusiasm.

The Scriptures abound with evidences of requests granted as men and women
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because they selected the work rather than God calling them to preach.

Many Seventh-day Adventist young women have felt circumscribed in their selection of their life's work, wrongly believing that they were limited to but three openings -- teaching, stenography and matrimony.

There may have been a time in the dim and distant past when such limitations obtained to a certain extent but not today! Broad horizons lie before the young man or the young woman of the Advent faith who is really determined to make a real success of his life. And right here, I want to emphasize that there are only two prime requisites to this success and neither one of them is the one we usually deem of greatest importance — plenty of money. The two character requisites are *consecration* and *determination*. These two will lead you to obtain what you must have if you expect to truly succeed in this day and age of specialization -- an education.

Let me restate that, and then let it sink in deep. If you want a place in the Lord's work, you can have it. But you must want it enough to make thorough preparation for it, and that means an education. In some cases you can receive sufficient training right here in the Island at West Indian Training College here in Mandeville, or in Kingsway High School in Kingston. For certain types of work, you will need to go abroad and take from one to seven years training there.

Now, don't give up if you don't have the cash in hand! Remember what I said -- consecration and determination. If you have the former, God will help you. If you have the latter, you will stick by your job until your objective has been reached regardless of obstacles! Many of the leaders in God's cause in the British West Indies Union today started their education without a penny. It was a struggle, but because they were urged on by consecrated determination, they succeeded. They were not ashamed to work with their hands on the farm, to milk cows, to clean up the campus, to make furniture, bake bread or run a press. God blessed them. I honour them for it. I had to work every penny of my way through College. I am proud to be numbered with my other brethren in this field who came up the hard way!

If you really want a place in God's work, you can have it if you are willing

to put forth effort to prepare. Not just two or three different types of work are available to you, but *many*. In the next issue of the VISITOR I will continue this article and I will tell you of twenty-four openings in different parts of the field. A number of them are just waiting for qualified young people to step into them. Watch for next month's VISITOR and I will name them for you.

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prayed earnestly and fervently for specific things. Through this kind of prayer, prison doors have been opened, the heavens have given rain and the dead have been raised to life!

Jesus said: "...whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22. However, it will be given only as the petitioner complies with the conditions laid down in the Word of God. The most important matter for which we are privileged to pray is the conversion of souls. I'm not thinking of general prayer for all mankind, but for personal and specific prayer for individuals as such. It is vital that we pray for them, mentioning them by name and wrestling with God on their behalf.

Jesus prayed for all the world, but He also mentioned people by name and prayed for them as individuals. On one occasion, He was talking to Peter. Peter had been giving evidence that all was not as it should be in his life. The Saviour was burdened for him. Addressing him He said: "...Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not. And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:31, 32. In this incident, we have our Lord's example in praying for an individual by name and who would say that His intercessory prayer for Peter was not effectual for good!

All who pray, should have a list of names which he daily presents to God. Each one should be mentioned in his prayer and earnest supplication in their behalf should be offered. Being familiar with the burdens and problems of your friend, the prayer will be intelligent in his aid.

Praying for individuals will require time. Time is valuable. Anything of value will not be given to another freely unless there is love involved. Love must be prevalent in the heart if the intercessory prayer is to be effectual. Love will drive one to take the time to pray earnestly for the erring. Genuine love for souls for whom Christ died will be the impelling

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power, rather than a sense of stern duty! Only this will cause a Christian to intercede for the lost.

We need to pray for those who are outside the fold of God, for: "...persevering prayers will bring souls to the cross. In cooperation with their self-sacrificing efforts, Jesus will move upon hearts, working miracles in the conversion of souls!" *Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 27, 28. When we wrestle with God in their behalf as Jacob did by the brook Jabbok, then we will prevail with God as he did and souls will be born into the Kingdom!

Then we need to work and pray for souls for our own personal spiritual uplift. "Where there is no active labour for souls, love wanes and faith grows dim." Let us remember that "We can never be saved in inactivity. To be an idler in the Lord's vineyard is to relinquish all title to the reward of the righteous." *Test.*, Vol. IV, p. 537.

If we have no burden for humanity, then our prayer should be: "Lord lay some souls upon my heart!" When He does, it will be impossible for us to be unconcerned and our prayers for the lost will be earnest and effectual! Shall we not make 1948 our greatest soul-winning year through persevering work and earnest prayer? — H. D. COLBURN.

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