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Why God Gives To Sinners

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TUCKED AWAY in the second chapter of Ecclesiastes is a very interesting text. The twenty-sixth verse reads like this:

"For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit."

Did you get the thought? The meaning of the first part of the verse is obvious. Those who love and serve Him are blessed with the good things of life that they may enjoy them — wisdom, knowledge and joy God giveth abundantly.

But the last part "but to the sinner he giveth travail to gather and to heap up *that he may give to him that is good before God.*"

Sometimes we are at a loss to explain the prosperity of the wicked. With the Psalmist we are lead to exclaim, "For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked . . . Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish . . . these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches." *Psalm 73:3, 7, 12.*

Why is it that God has permitted un-Christian businessmen to prosper — "to gather and to heap up" the wealth of this world? The wise man answers

the question for us "*that he may give to him that is good before God.*"

Meet Our Workers



We are happy to introduce our VISITOR readers to Brother Owen Holness of the West Jamaica Mission. Brother Holness is a graduate of W. I. T. C. Class of '44. Since graduation he has served mostly in the East Jamaica Mission both as an Evangelist and as Assistant Publishing Department Secretary. Recently Brother Holness accepted the call of the West Jamaica Mission for pastoral and evangelistic work in Manchester Parish.

Even those who make no religious profession are to have a part in carrying on God's work. They are to "give to him that is good." Now it is quite obvious that those who are not religious aren't going to bring their gifts to the church as the believer does! How then are they to be received? Ah, here is how we know of a certainty that the *Ingathering* plan is God's plan for fulfilling His promise that "the wealth of the Gentiles shall flow" into the coffers of God. *Isa. 60 margin.*

From these texts it is crystal clear that God has blessed men of the world with wealth that they in turn may give to the representatives of God's cause when they are called upon in the *Ingathering* Campaign. *Ps. 104:28* also makes it clear that if we are to get the money we will have to *go and gather it*—"That thou givest them *they gather.*" We will have to go to them and present our cause in a good clear convincing manner and we *will gather.*

"I have repeatedly been shown that we might receive far more favours than we do in many ways if we *would approach men in wisdom, acquaint them with our work, and give them an opportunity of doing those*

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"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your Union President)

It's here again!

What?

Why Ingathering time, of course!

This is the season of opportunity for every worker and church member in the British West Indies Union to do his or her part. There are souls to be saved and many are contacted through the Ingathering solicitation. Personally the first folk I brought into the message were individuals whom I had contacted in the Ingathering Campaign—a Methodist preacher and his sister.

The needs are legion this year — churches, school equipment, medical buildings and equipment, Youth's Camps, Youth's Congresses, and a thousand other pressing needs that you are as familiar with as I am.

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Unfortunately some make this a season of excuses and fail to receive the blessing God has in store for those who take part in the Ingathering work.

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Now just notice how God answers some of our common excuses for not taking an active part in the Ingathering:

1. If you think the Ingathering work is not for you read Mark 13:34, "to every man his work."
2. If it is too hot read Isa. 49:10. "Neither shall the heat of the sun smite them."
3. If you are afraid of people's faces read Jer. 1:8. "Be not afraid of their faces for I am with thee to deliver thee."
4. If your tongue gets all twisted up when you try to give an Ingathering canvass read Ex. 4:10-12. "I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say."
5. If you think the Ingathering work is not part of God's programme to support His work read Ex. 11:2, 3. "Let every man borrow of his neighbour. . . jewels of silver and gold."
6. If you are afraid to go alone read Matt. 23:20. "Lo, I am with you always."
7. If you are too tired read Isa. 40:31 "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. . . they shall walk and not faint."
8. If you think you may not be successful read Isa. 60:5 (margin) "the

wealth of the gentiles shall come unto thee."

9. If you are inclined to put the work off on to someone else read Matt. 28:19 "Go ye."

10. If you insist on continuing to make excuses after reading all of the above then read Judges 5:23 "Curse ye Meroz. . . because they came not to the help of the Lord."

God will bless and help you if only you will say willingly, "Here am I, Oh Lord, send me!"

Very sincerely yours for a great Ingathering overflow,

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Hitler Had No Goal

It is reported that when Hitler met Mr. Chamberlain and made his demands regarding the Polish Corridor that he expected to be strongly opposed by Mr. Chamberlain. His whole purpose in making such demands was to make himself popular with the German people and he had no idea that the British would capitulate. This is a common practice among politicians when they desire to draw attention away from something else.

When Hitler found that Britain acquiesced to his demands he began to reach out for Austria. His programme became a piece-meal conquest and he did not seem to have a long-range plan. His forces were camped near the Maginot Line for months before he felt secure enough to attack. Between each victory was a long period of inactivity. Not because of brilliant planning, but because the countries of Europe were not prepared for war Hitler was able to conquer them one after another. But always there was the delay before attacking another country, just like the little mouse that has left its hole and timidly investigates the territory nearby, then next day ventures a little further afield, and so on, day after day, but proceeding cautiously lest a big strong cat suddenly appear on the scene and chase him back to his hole.

It was evident that Hitler had no definite plan for the invasion of Britain, otherwise there would have been no long delay before attempting to cross the English Channel. The man without a plan digs in to hold what he has. The warrior who plans the over-all strategy **KEEPS PRESSING ON.**

From 1938 to 1943 Hitler's piece-meal unplanned conquest continued. Each new victim was evidently selected after Hitler had a chance to look around and

see who would be easiest to conquer; who was least prepared. In 1941 new allies came to Britain's aid, and after careful planning with a definite goal in mind the allies launched their counter-offensive and in two year's time, fighting on many fronts, Hitler's legions had been crushed and his power smashed. Because of wise planning with a definite goal in sight, the allies swept over Europe to Berlin with a speed that made Hitler's blitzkrieg look like a snail's pace. And the allies reached the goal — Berlin — ahead of schedule.

Now, in Ingathering there are two kinds of planning we can do. We can set our goal for 15/- and timidly set out to reach it. Thus we can get a Certificate of Achievement and feel that we have accomplished something. After a little breathing spell we might begin to realize that we might just be able to raise 30/-. And so on until we might finally raise a minute-man goal. But somewhere between the first 15/- and the 90/- goal we may find ourselves on the shores of the "English Channel" wondering if we dare try to cross or if we should look around for something easier. Such is the result of piece-meal planning, Hitler planning, with no long-range, overall planning and a definite, final goal. And the results will probably be the same as Hitler's—ultimate defeat.

We can also follow the Allied plan. We can wisely consider every approach to the battle and carefully plan and set an overall goal. As church members we can determine that we are going to raise a minute-man's goal of 90/- (\$18.00). We will then go out and solicit all of our friends and business acquaintances AND **KEEP WORKING** until we reach our goal.

Being church members, we will of course, plan to work with our local church, and help that church to reach its goal by following the plans and suggestions laid down by the pastor and church board. *Every* church member should keep working until the church goal has been reached, whether that church member has reached his personal goal or not.

Each mission or conference has a goal to reach as well (see below), and every church in the mission will be cooperating with the mission in its plans to reach that goal only if it keeps working until the mission goal is reached, even if it has raised the church goal, and —

Each mission, because it knows how much the Ingathering funds mean to its own progress, will continue to work until the Union goal of \$20,000.00 or £5,000-0-0 has been reached.

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SOUL WINNING



NEWS

The Editor recently attended the Evangelistic Campaign being conducted by the President of the East Jamaica Mission at Four Roads, Lower St. Andrews. Elder Pond and Elder Davis have their tent fixed up in a most attractive manner and overflow crowds are coming out night after night to hear the message. Meetings are held four nights a week and the prospects are bright.

Elder S. Greene has bound off his effort at Bleauwearie and Miss Waldrow has been remaining on there to prepare the candidates for baptism on April 25. At that time approximately 20 persons will follow their Lord in baptism. Elder Greene is not content to rest with just one effort and he has already plunged into a second major campaign, this time at Waterworks. A very fine interest is evident here and it is planned to organize a new church in Waterworks as soon as the meetings are finished. The organization of the Bleauwearie Church is scheduled for April 25. This will make two new churches in Brother Greene's district the first six months of 1948. This is certainly wonderful!

Elder H. S. Walters is giving a strong lead to the work in Regent Street, Kingston, in addition to his heavy departmental responsibilities. Recently an all-night praise and prayer and study service resulted in several backsliders being reclaimed. A strong evangelistic emphasis is being placed on all of the services of the church and a fine harvest is in prospect as a result. Several were baptized the first quarter and Brother Walters reports that he hopes to have around forty for baptism the second quarter.

Elder E. C. H. Reid is conducting a major effort in Claremont at the present. Commencing late in March, Brother Reid expects to run his campaign for about six weeks. Reports coming in from this part of beautiful St. Ann indicate that the church is crowded for the meetings every night.

The large Bible Auditorium Tent at Half Way Tree, Kingston still continues to attract huge crowds. On Sunday nights large overflow crowds stand around the edges of the tent listening to Dr. Millard present the message of truth for these last days. Over two hundred have enrolled in the Bible Class and a splendid interest is developing. Dr. Millard is seriously handicapped in not having sufficient helpers to contact the interested persons. With Brother Rugless having to drop out several weeks for surgical attention the working corps at the big tent has been woefully small to meet the needs.

Elder B. E. Hurst, Publishing Department Secretary for the West Jamaica Mission, and Brother Newman, a student at the West Indian Training College, launched a Spearhead effort in Lincoln, a district near Mandeville, the latter part of February. Since that time Brother Newman and Brother P. Clayton have been fostering the interest. About 30 come out each Sabbath for service now and 20 are in the Bible Class. Ten of this number plan to be ready in the first baptism.

A number of other Spearhead efforts have been underway in the West Jamaica Mission all with most encouraging results. Pastor Fletcher opened the effort in Salt Spring and left Brother Lewis in charge. Pastor Lindo opened his meetings in Pleasant Valley, Clarendon, with the able assistance of Brother Baker who is carrying on. Pastor Earl Parchment has found time from his busy departmental activities to open a spearhead effort in John's Hall, Manchester. Brother Owen Holness, who has been hard at work organizing his churches in Manchester for greater service has already launched two spearhead efforts in Southern Manchester—one in Resource and the other at Manning's Field.

Pastor Crofoot's effort in North Side, Grand Cayman, is being signally blessed of God. Although the testing truths have already been presented capacity crowds continue to fill the tent each night service is held. Many are deeply interested and it is hoped that a good harvest will be gathered.

The B. W. I. Union Office Staff have opened a small effort in Caledonia,

Mandeville, just a short distance from the Union Office. The ministers are taking turns preaching and all of the office secretaries have responded nobly in helping with the visiting, Bible Studies, leading the song service, special music, children's stories and the Sunday School that was organized some weeks ago. Between 100-125 have crowded the little booth each evening so far and we are praying for a good harvest of souls. The Union Office Staff wishes to share the joy of soul winning that all of our workers and so many of our members throughout the field are experiencing.

Prayer Circle
Wednesday
8:00 A.M.

Important Announcement Regarding the 20th Century Bible Course

We wish that we were able to offer this fine course free to our Seventh-day Adventist church members at this time, but if we were to do this it would so flood us with lessons from our 14,000 members here in Jamaica that we would be unable to offer the course free to the public and thus bring them to a knowledge of this blessed truth which we all love. It costs the mission five shillings for the lessons, stationery, postage and handling to take one student through the thirty lessons. We will not be able to accept new enrollments nor continue old enrollments from our believers unless arrangements are made to care for the expense either all at once or in installments.

We feel sure that our Seventh-day Adventists who have enrolled, not knowing that the course was free to only non-Adventists, will be glad to pay the five shillings expense, thus enabling those not of our faith to study the message free.

MISS A. W. SANGSTER,
Office Secy., Radio Dept.,
B. W. I. Union Mission.

OUR GOAL FOR SOULS 1948

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Let us set as our objective

One Baptism in Every Church

Every Quarter.

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Ingathering Fortieth Anniversary Special Certificate of Achievement

This is a special year in Ingathering and we are recognizing it in a special way.

Ingathering was first carried on by Jasper Wayne, a Godly layman in Iowa, U. S. A., who had a burden to raise funds to help hasten the gospel to all the world.

The plan was so effective that the General Conference launched the first official Ingathering campaign in 1908. A little over \$14,000.00 was raised. Last year over \$3,000,000.00 was raised. This year is THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY of Ingathering and we expect to raise the largest amount ever raised for missions — \$4,000,000.00. *The British West Indies Union has been asked to raise \$20,000.00 or £5,000. 0. 0. of this amount.* Because this is a special year we know that you will join us in putting forth our greatest efforts to raise this amount in the shortest possible time.

Because this is our FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, we are going to do something special for our people in the

British West Indies Union. In the past we have been awarding book-marks to those who raised certain amounts in Ingathering. This year we are *not* awarding book-marks, BUT WE HAVE PREPARED A VERY SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT which will be presented as follows:—

1. All who raise 15/- (\$3.00) will receive this Special Certificate with a red star over the amount raised.
2. All who raise 30/- (\$6.00) will receive a blue star to place above that amount on the Special Certificate.
3. All who raise 60/- (\$12.00) will receive a silver star to place above that amount on the special Certificate.
4. All who raise 90/- (\$18.00), *which is the amount needed to carry on the work all over the world for one minute*, will receive a Special Gold Seal to place above the amount on the Special Certificate.

According to this plan everyone who raises 15/- or more will be presented with

this beautiful Special Certificate of Achievement. This certificate has been prepared so that the recipient can frame it and keep it as a permanent souvenir of a Special work done in a Special year for a Special cause. A copy of the Certificate can be seen above.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage every church member to do everything possible not only to earn the certificate by raising 15/-, but to continue in the campaign until each star, and finally the Special Minute-man Gold Seal, has been added to the Certificate. Let us make this FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY the Greatest Ingathering year in the history of the British West Indies Union, because:—

1. We have made it a greater soul-winning campaign.
2. Every church member has taken an active part.
3. We have more Minute-Men than ever before.

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MEDICAL
DEPT.

C. R. Anderson,
M. D.

Secretary

News of Our Medical Work

Work on the Andrews Memorial Hospital is moving along with new impetus. Both wings are going up at a good rate and as soon as the plumbing fixtures arrive the central section can soon be put in readiness for occupancy. The covered way connecting the new building with the old service unit is under construction and will be completed soon.

Elder B. M. Heald, who has been in the island with us for the past seven months assisting Elder Gibson in the Hospital solicitation, left Jamaica April 2 returning to his home in New York State. We all greatly appreciate the good work Elders Heald and Gibson have done in their hospital solicitation work. The Lord has blessed them abundantly and these funds have been a real God-send to our medical work in Kingston.

The most recent word from the Bahamas indicates that Dr. Turner should be arriving to open his private practice in Nassau before too long. Work on his house is going forward and the plot for the new hospital has been nearly cleared ready for the construction work to commence when the word is given.

The Andrew's Memorial Clinic has been receiving considerable publicity recently. In recent issues of "Spotlight" and "The Jamaica Times" favourable articles appeared with pictures. Both publications paid high tribute to the splendid work being done at the James Street institution.

Dr. A. B. Cafferky is doing a very fine job in opening the Medical work on Grand Cayman. During the first nine months after his arrival he had nearly 2500 office visits and had performed 102 major and minor surgical operations. That the doctor has not been unmindful of the needs of the poor on the island is well reflected in the 372 patient visits he has cared for entirely without charge and 242 more on a partial charity basis. Approximately 90% of this work was done for those not of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. This is indeed commendable! Let us pray for Dr. Cafferky and the good work he is doing in the Cayman Islands.

What Ingathering Has Done for East Jamaica Mission

When an honest work has been done, it is only right and reasonable to look for and expect good results. A good work has been done in the Ingathering during the last four years of East Jamaica's history. In order to see the results, I am inviting every member of East Jamaica, this morning, to take a swift-flying trip with me through the six eastern parishes that comprise our Mission. We shall travel in a plane large enough to comfortably seat the nearly 7,000 members of East Jamaica and as we pass swiftly over each parish it shall be announced over the loud-speaker what has happened in that district during the four years of East Jamaica's history.

Here we are in St. Catherine and down there we see Pastor H. E. Nembhard who was recently appointed pastor of this growing district, and who is following in the wake of Pastor A. D. Laing, who successfully supervised St. Catherine up to 1943. Has Ingathering meant anything to St. Catherine District? Let us listen to that voice over the speaker.

"There are nineteen organized churches in St. Catherine District. Of those nineteen we have information that eleven churches have been assisted in their church building projects during the past four years. Six of the eleven buildings are now completed, the others under construction.

"We are now in St. Mary and there is the Clermont Seventh-day Adventist Church. Just a quarter of a mile north you can see the home of Pastor Stockhausen, who has given strong leadership in this District for the past four years. Of the twenty-one churches in St. Mary, eleven church building projects have benefited from the overflow funds during these same years. Three church buildings are completed, while eight are under construction, four of which are well along toward completion.

"Now we find ourselves in the parish of much rain, Portland, and there on Titchfield Hill is the home of Pastor Laing, who was preceded by Pastors Williams and M. G. Nembhard. Here in Portland, twelve church buildings have received aid from the Ingathering overflow and six of those twelve are completed.

"St. Thomas, one of East Jamaica's younger districts, yet fast growing and progressive under the able leadership of its present district pastor, Elder E. C. Walton, and formerly, Pastor H. E. Nembhard, is a district of eleven churches, six of which have been greatly encouraged by Ingathering funds coming their way. One building has been completed, and the

parish capital church building of Moran Bay, which has been liberally supported from Ingathering overflow funds is no far from completion. The other four buildings are in various stages of advancement.

"From St. Thomas we shall fly over Upper St. Andrew first, where Pastor A. B. Davis is so earnestly pressing forward in this the youngest of our districts made up of churches formerly connected with St. Catherine and St. Mary. In this new district you will notice that five of the six churches which have benefited from the Ingathering are now completed, the sixth now has its roof on. There are eight organized churches altogether in this small district.

"Our final quick survey will be made over Kingston area, where seven churches have received financial help from Ingathering. Here also is located our large church school and Kingsway High School. Both aid to worthy students and school equipment have been made possible because you the members of the Remnant Church have so diligently gathered in, year by year, the much needed funds at Ingathering time," the pleasant voice over the loud-speaker concluded.

Yes, the trip is over and it was a pleasant one to me, and I believe also it was to each one of you, to see some of the actual results of this heaven-ordained plan of inviting our friends and neighbours to assist financially in the closing work of God in Jamaica today. Let us faithfully accept the challenge again this year to do *His* work, *His* will, to win precious souls for *His* Kingdom in the Ingathering Campaign soon to begin!

— D. V. POND.

The Place of Youth in the Ingathering Campaign

During World War II thousands of young men and women volunteered, and found their places in the armed services of their countries. These brave young people fought and many died in an endeavour to make the world a better place in which to live. Some were decorated with medals of honour, and gained the plaudits of the world because of their heroic deeds; but alas! these are but transitory and will soon be forgotten.

Today, a great call comes to the Youth of the Advent Movement—a call to enlist under the banner of Prince Emmanuel in another great Ingathering Campaign. In this campaign we fight not for the praise of men or medals of honour, but rather for the laurels of the eternal world. We fight not only to make this world a better place, but also to gain citizens for the heavenly land.

Listen to the plea that comes to us from the pen of the servant of the Lord, "Young men and young women, cannot you form companies, and as soldiers of Christ enlist in the work putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service that you may save souls from ruin? ... Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus, organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath keepers, but for those who are not of our faith." *C. S.* p. 34. What shall be our answer fellow youth? Am I too faith-filled to believe that already I can hear you answer, "Here am I Lord, ready to go forward and blaze the trail to victory in this campaign?"

Never in the annals of human history was there so much to be done by so few, for so many, in such a short time. God has chosen us His remnant band to be the proclaimers of His last message to men and that which we have to do for Him, we must do quickly for time is short. We are told that a "Crisis is right upon us and we must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the truth for these last days"!

The Ingathering Campaign offers us one of the grandest opportunities in proclaiming this message. Too often it is viewed as merely a world-wide financial endeavour, but this should not be so, for it is chiefly a soul-saving effort of the first importance. There are thousands of individuals who are on the verge of the kingdom only waiting to be ushered in. Let us therefore arise, youthful comrades, and do our part valiantly, thus hastening the dawn of God's better day.

Fellow youth, let us make this 40th anniversary a truly great and never-to-be-forgotten one by raising more funds and winning more souls than ever before. May we adopt as our motto for this year the words, "Every Missionary Volunteer an Ingathering worker in 1948."

— E. J. PARCHMENT.

The Relation of Ingathering to the College

"It is necessary to their complete education that students be given time to do missionary work—time to become acquainted with the spiritual needs of the families in the community around them. They should not be so loaded down with studies that they have no time to use the knowledge they have acquired. They should be encouraged to make earnest missionary effort for those in error, becoming acquainted with them, and taking to them the truth. Where possible students should, during the school year, engage in city mission work. They should do missionary work in the surrounding towns

and villages. They can form themselves into bands to do Christian help work. Students should take a broad view of their present obligations to God. They are not to look forward to a time, after the school term closes, when they will do some large work for God, but should study how, during their student life to yoke up with Christ in unselfish service for others." *C. T.* p. 545, 546, 547.

As we read these few lines from the pen of God's servant, we think of West Indian Training College as an institution that is planted to help the young people of this Union. We have found that the plan of giving students the opportunity to engage in Ingathering every year brings inspiration to them and the satisfaction that before they leave school they are carrying the message to a dying world. It brings joy to them and a blessing of God. It also commands the respect on the part of those people who know what it is to support similar programmes.

Furthermore, it draws the faculty and students together, in all working for a common objective. It indeed gives them all the taste of working with God. We appreciate the very fine spirit of co-operation shown by our students and then what a thrill it is to hear all of them relate their experiences at the close of the day! With a holy pride it is our privilege to declare ourselves His servants and faithfully identify the cause we represent.

A number of things about a successful Ingathering Campaign may be noted. First it is a soul-winning campaign. It wins folks at home as well as in the community. We find many coming and seeing our school, and they have expressed themselves with a high degree of satisfaction at what is being done for the youth. So this campaign publicizes our work as well as our school and the students are helping in accomplishing this.

This year again, we as a faculty and students of the West Indian Training College pledge our loyal support to this important campaign. This is our greatest day of opportunity. Time is short. So we must do a great work quickly for the Lord's servant again says: "In these final hours of probation for the sons of men, when the fate of every soul is so soon to be decided forever, the Lord of heaven and earth expects His church to arouse to action as never before. He is counting on them to show forth the praises of Him who has called them out of darkness into marvellous light. The blessings which are so liberally bestowed are to be communicated to others. The good news of salvation is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." *P. K.*, pp. 716, 717.

— B. G. BUTHERUS.

Food for Thought

Question. Do we have divine sanction for Harvest Ingathering?

Answer. "One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions." *Christian Service*, p. 167.

Ques. Does our heavenly Father co-operate with us in this work?

Ans. "He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work." *Ibid.*

Ques. When will the Lord do this?

Ans. "He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do." *Ibid.*

Ques. Is the Harvest Ingathering a duty?

Ans. "O that Christians might realize more and still more fully that it is their privilege and their duty while cherishing right principles, to take advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world." *Id.*, p. 168.

Ques. As we do this work what should we keep in mind?

Ans. Search diligently for perishing souls." *Id.*, p. 169.

Ques. Have we any instruction regarding soliciting business men?

Ans. "Let us also pray earnestly in behalf of those we expect to visit, by living faith bringing them one by one into the presence of God." *Ibid.*

Ques. Of all the methods used in the Ingathering, which seems the most fruitful?

Ans. "Let us also pray earnestly house to house opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls." *Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 123.

Ques. How should we work?

Ans. "Go forth in faith, and proclaim the truth as if you believe it. Let those for whom you labour see that to you it is indeed a living reality." *Id.*, p. 42.

— E. A. MANNY.

Hitler Had No Goal

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The success of the FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY Special Ingathering Campaign depends on careful planning and consecration to the cause all the way down the line, from the highest mission and church officer to the youngest convert in the ranks. Piece-meal Hitler planning, may bring success, but will probably bring failure. Careful planning will bring success. We must not fail God in this FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN.

— W. L. BARCLAY.

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4. We have issued more awards than ever before.
5. We have raised more funds for missions than ever before.
6. We have reached our goal in the shortest time in our history.
7. WE LOVE GOD more than ever before.

King David said, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power . . ." Ps. 110:3. THIS IS THE DAY OF HIS POWER!!!
— W. L. BARCLAY.

INGATHERING GOALS

British West Indies Union	£5,000
Bahamas Mission	500
British Honduras Mission	360
Cayman Islands Mission	75
East Jamaica Mission	2,250
Salt Cays Mission	25
West Jamaica Mission	1,750

Suggestive Ingathering Canvass

(Speaking time 35 to 40 seconds)

"Good morning! _____ is my name. With a group of other Christian people I am making brief calls at each of the homes in the neighbourhood today. These calls are being made in the interest of an organization that is operating Christian hospitals, Missionary Stations, and Christian Training Schools. Each week, we, as members of the organization, give liberally out of our own pockets, to carry this good work forward, but once each year we present a brief report to our friends and neighbours. (At this point hand the Ingathering magazine to the prospective donor.) This report shows what has been accomplished in helping the sick and suffering and in pointing them to Jesus. Since the close of the war we have sent more than 2,000,000 pounds of clothing to the needy in Europe and Asia. We are asking everybody in the neighbourhood to have a little part in helping to carry this good work forward by giving a liberal contribution. Whatever you feel free to give, will be gratefully received. 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.' Thank you."

SUPPLEMENTARY CANVASS

(Note to Ingathering solicitor: If no contribution is immediately forthcoming after you have courteously and pleasingly made the above appeal, you might add the following:—) "You will be glad to know that we give our time in this worthy work entirely free; not one cent goes to any of the solicitors. Many of your neighbours and friends recognize the unusual merits of this annual appeal and are very gracious in responding. Some have given 1/-, 2/6 and even larger amounts, while

Suggestive Plans and Methods for Organization

1. The Missionary Leader after counseling with district minister calls a meeting of the Church Missionary Committee (church board). The church Ingathering goal should be voted at this meeting.
2. Assign all members in bands. Select wide-awake leaders for each band. Instruct them as to their duties.
3. Divide the territory among these bands, so that each will clearly understand what his territory is.
4. Divide the church goal among the bands. Remember the church school and the Missionary Volunteer Society. Our young people are very enthusiastic and they can always be counted on to cooperate with any missionary endeavour.
5. Select your best solicitors to work the business districts, for through this method the largest amount will be raised.
6. Organize immediately singing bands and appoint leaders.
7. Have definite field days. Plan to have several during the campaign.
8. Work for our foreign-speaking friends in our midst. They will give liberally if approached wisely with papers in their own language.
9. Do not forget to include the children. Have them use the cans and always go out accompanied by an adult. Work the same territory in the business districts that the adults do, only after the adults have covered it. It does not conflict. This method can be used in the residential section also.
10. Solicit by mail. Write letters to old acquaintances, business friends and other prospects.
11. Have some type of goal device and use it each Sabbath during the ten-minute missionary service.
12. Let each church work for a 100 per cent working membership. Provide space for this on your goal device and keep this before the church.
13. The Missionary leader should call for a report from every band leader during the 10-minute weekly missionary service.
14. The treasurer sends in a report of the Ingathering funds on hand every week beginning with week-end of May 22 to July 3.

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others respond more modestly. However, all contributions, generous or modest, are graciously accepted. Thank you."

Over the Top Already

Yes, it's a fact! Already one of the Missions is over the goal. And it was all accomplished in a very short time because the people had a mind to work.

It was the writer's privilege to spend some time in the Bahamas Mission during the early part of 1948. The Ingathering was launched in the churches of that field and the church members very enthusiastically responded to the challenge of the FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. Careful plans were laid and the church members went to work.

Pastor H. D. Colburn and I had the privilege of visiting a number of the business men in Nassau to tell them of the wonderful work God was doing through His church. One businessman gave a cheque for £50. 0. 0. and a business lady gave a cheque for £100-0-0. Others gave cheques varying in amounts from £5-0-0 to £25. 0. 0. and many expressed regret that they could not give more. They all expressed their gratitude for the wonderful work Seventh-day Adventists were doing for God and man. Many of these businessmen increased their gifts, and none refused to give. Certainly we witnessed the blessing of God as we prayerfully went about His business. To date the Bahamas Mission has raised £517-0-0 and more has yet to be reported. Hats off to the Bahamas—first over the top in 1948!

Recently it was my privilege to visit British Honduras and I am happy to report that God's power is being manifested there also. Under the leadership of Pastor J. N. Williams and his good wife the church members are pressing forward in Ingathering. Each night the singing band is out singing from house to house. In the day-time the various bands are out in their territory calling on the people who were not home the night before, giving them an opportunity to give.

The school children are also taking an active part in the campaign and are to be seen on the streets with their cans. Surely these boys and girls are receiving the right kind of training and their vision of missions will be strengthened.

Not a residence or business house in Belize has been missed, and before the campaign is over in the colony every home and business will be contacted. We had some wonderful visits with the businessmen, who were glad to have another opportunity to give to God's cause, in spite of the many problems that face them today. Again the request came from these men that we open up a medical work in that field, and also an industrial school to train young people in trades and vocations that will help them to be self-supporting and independent.

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NAMES	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
BAHAMAS:			
BRITISH HONDURAS:			
Cojulun, M. de J.	87	£14 19 6	£15 11 9
Vasciannie, S.	140	31 16 7	31 16 7
CAYMANS:			
Wright, Eric P.	112	35 0 6	35 0 6
EAST JAMAICA:			
Adams, Mrs. M.	63	39 4 0	13 0 0
Athias, Lucilda	120	29 4 0	2 19 11
Anderson, A. A.	55	14 14 0	8 6
Blake, W. E.	132	31 5 0	17 6 0
Blake, Gloria	196	29 11 6	12 5 3
Cousins, C. S.	179	220 2 6	4 1 6
Dawes, Lloyd	42	11 5 0	2 7 6
Davidson, L. H.	124	120 10 0	3 2 0
Dauids, Mrs. L.	94	25 3 0	10 4 0
Destoe, K. E.	70	53 17 6	6 3
Dillon, Leslie	25	36 0 6	
Duncombe, P.	124	19 15 6	17 17 6
Francis, Elsie	88	5 4 0	10 6 0
Horne, Samuel	170	67 18 9	5 16 3
James, Meri	110	19 16 0	7 1 9
King, J. S.	172	251 0 0	21 0 0
King, J. M.	235	49 2 6	42 6 0
Lindsay, C. E.	139	30 9 0	18 0
Llewellyn, W. S.	22	8 12 0	
Notice, N.	97	5 10 0	
Pitkin, Miss M.	113	25 4 0	6 9 9
Rose, Florence	97	11 1 9	10 6 6
Samuel, L.	132	11 6 0	10 2 0
Satchell, M. A.	92	65 4 0	20 4 6
Scott, Elkanah	117	30 16 0	3 12 0
Sterling, D. A.	192	10 18 0	10 18 0
Sterling, Miguel	107	58 0 0	1 0
Sutherland, W. A.	249	26 8 0	
Wilson, George	119	111 5 0	17 12 6
White, George	51		11 15 0
White, Mrs. R.	34	3 11 6	1 19 9
Wright, Rudolph	83	15 0 0	3 10 3
WEST JAMAICA:			
Adams, Beryl	78	39 15 0	1 0 0
Bigby, D.	76	15 18 0	6 17 0
Bulgin, R.	117	42 11 6	13 0
Carnegie, R. K.	203	60 9 6	2 17 4
Douse, Herman	172	62 12 6	11 10 6
Douse, Mrs. L.	102	45 4 0	1 14 1
Gilling, Doris	117	37 9 0	5 2 2
Gilling, F. L.	164	30 5 9	3 10 9
Gooden, Epsie	91	2 6 6	10 9
Guthrie, Ira	114	22 2 2	17 0
Headley, A. C.	46	20 5 0	18 9
Hepburn, C. H.	175	73 6 6	8 10 9
Hyll, Mrs. M.	92	40 16 0	
Kennedy, R.	58	5 10 0	10 3 0
Kent, R.	124	31 8 4	14 10 3
Kerr, L.	244	16 0 0	14 0 0
Lawrence, V. A.	123	41 14 0	10 7 3
Leslie, J. E.	44	14 7 0	6 19 0
Llewellyn, James	73	15 12 0	
Lunan, I. B.	123	27 2 0	10 7 0
Martin, Mrs. E.	76	5 1 0	2 14 9

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Church Building News



TROY S. D. A. CHURCH

Pictured above is the neat little Troy church in Trelawny that was dedicated a little over a year ago. In the right foreground is our estimable Union Field Secretary who has worked so untiringly to keep the church building programme in the Union moving forward.

Ingathering and the Church Building Programme

Ingathering time is here again and we can hear in every corner of Jamaica, the shuffling of Ingathering papers and soliciting cards as well as the clatter of cans among the children. There is ringing now in the hearts of every true ingatherer that joy of meeting with old and new friends again.

As we launch out in this year's campaign, let us do so with a determination that we will make this the quickest and most successful campaign that we have ever had in the history of our work in this field. It is far beyond human comprehension loved ones, to understand how God has greatly blessed us in the ingathering of funds in times past and how he has given added wisdom to those who are responsible for the distribution of the funds received. Our own field has been the greatest benefactor. I cite one instance. That is, the help received from the Harvest Ingathering funds for our church building programme. To a very great

Maxwell, D. E.	77	10 12 6	2 6 0
Morris, Louise	90	51 16 0	22 10 6
McDonald, J.	169	51 14 0	8 7 0
McLaughlin, E.	82	28 10 9	6 9
Nesbitt, R. R.	103	23 2 0	12 0
Plummer, H. L.	122	60 18 6	4 0 0
Powell, L. E.	74	43 8 0	
Smith, Mrs. B.	104	89 19 0	3 7 11
Smith, M. V.	206	95 1 3	19 13 3
Sparkes, E. G.	79	13 6 6	14 6
Spence, Alvin	68	33 15 0	3 12 0
Stewart, H.	97	6 14 0	3 18 6
Tharpe, C. H.	129	58 5 0	3 13 6
Wallace, A. O.	151	54 7 0	2 3 8
Wallace, R. B.	115	117 6 3	22 16 9
Wright, J. E.	127	110 0 0	6 2 0

In order to be a regular colporteur, men must put in regularly, at least 120 hours per month and women must put in at least 100 hours.

Summary for February, 1948

MISSIONS	COLPORTEURS	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
Bahamas	No Report			
British Honduras	2	227	£ 46 16 1	£ 48 8 3
Caymans	2	124	41 4 3	40 5 8
East Jamaica	58	5361	1899 10 6	358 13 11
Salt Cays	1	100	4 0 0	4 0 0
West Jamaica	46	4774	1674 12 4	286 11 2
TOTALS	109	10586	£3666 3 2	£738 4 0

extent, through this medium, we have been able to complete and dedicate for the past two years, not less than 50 churches which stand as monuments to the honour and glory of Prince Emmanuel. However, our task along this line have only been touched with the tips of our fingers. We have still, in Jamaica alone, over 70 of these unfinished buildings, and there are in the other missions of the Union, a fairly large quantity which we hope under God, to complete within the near future.

In these days when materials and labour are soaring beyond our understanding, this question naturally arise in the mind of some thinking persons. "How are we going to complete the 25 or more churches that we plan to finish in the Union this year?" I think from past experiences, I can answer this question. Quoting from Hebrews 13:3, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." And from Malachi 3:6, "For I am the Lord, I change not;" also the servant of the Lord tells us in the Spirit of Prophecy that we only have to fear the future as we forget the past how God has led us. With these thoughts in mind, I think that I can truly say that God is going to use men and women in the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year as he has used them in the past and even more.

Through this medium, funds are going to be received, churches are going to be built and dedicated where men can come and worship the Master builder after the dictates of their consciences. So fellow soldier, let us redouble our efforts this year and go forward gathering in the pounds, shillings and pennies and even the farthings that are there for God keeping in mind the fact that thirteen pence can buy one pound in weight, of nails. Although the offering might be small, in some cases, let us not pass it by, remembering that as we go He takes notice and cares for everyone of us every step of the way. Surely the faithful servant will not lose his reward.

—E. E. PARCHMENT.

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The Mulgrave church in West Jamaica was dedicated to the honour and glory of God on Sunday, March 28, with a large crowd present to participate in this important function. Elder K. Vaz, pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Elder C. O. Franz, Secretary-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union, preached the dedicatory sermon. Elder W. S. Nation, President of the West Jamaica Mission, offered the Dedicatory prayer and led out in the Act of Dedication. The clerk of the church gave an interesting presentation of the

history of the work in Mulgrave. Truckloads of members from the Jointwood and White Hill churches and representatives of Maggoty and Johnson churches were in attendance to help make the occasion a happy one.

Thursday afternoon, March 25, was a long awaited day for the East End, Grand Cayman Church. Long had the brethren from East End worked and prayed for a new church building. At long last funds were available, materials had been gathered, the foundation was in, the uprights were in place and the time for the corner stone-laying was at hand. Brother J. T. Bodden, for many years Elder of the church, welcomed the large gathering and introduced Elder K. S. Crofoot, President of the Cayman Islands Mission, as the Master of Ceremonies for the day. The President of the B. W. I. Union preached the Stone-laying sermon; Pastor E. E. Parchment, Union Field Secretary, also took a leading part in the service. Everything had been carefully planned and the whole service went off smoothly. A truck and two cars brought believers from Georgetown, and Bodden Town to join in the pleasant service.

Plans are being laid for a new church building at Savannah in the Cayman Islands. This new company raised up last year by Elder Crofoot and Brother Forbes and other lay workers from the Georgetown church is a live wide awake group and are really pushing the work forward in their little community. Sister Ena Forbes is an enthusiastic consecrated leader and is doing a fine work in Savannah. Sister Erna Hyslop, one of the newly baptized members has kindly given a very fine plot of land on the main road for the building and actual construction should be getting underway before too many months slip by.

Brother Felix Clayton is continuing to do a very fine work as Elder Parchment's Chief Assistant in finishing up church buildings. Brother Clayton, with the help of members has already completed Spring Garden, Richmond Park and Mulgrave buildings this year. Richmond Park is scheduled for dedication on Sunday, April 18. At present Brother Clayton, is working with the Newell believers in completing their large remodelling programme which should be finished soon. So extensive has been this programme that it is planned to rededicate the church in the near future.

Elder Parchment has been busy with the many building projects throughout the Union. He has visited Port Antonio

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things which it is our privilege to induce them to do for the advancement of the work of God." *T.M.*, p. 203.

"God will work for us soon; we are ready to do what we can and should do on our part." *C.S.*, p. 170.

"True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance." *P.K.*, p. 436.

When we go let us approach the people of the world with courage and not apologetically. We are not beggars! We are here on business for the King. I read an interesting article recently right on this point; it was entitled "Booker T. Washington's Plan." I want to share it with you now.

"Although it has been my privilege," said Booker T. Washington, the great negro educator, "to be the medium through which many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been received for the work at Tuskegee, I have always avoided what the world calls begging. I often tell people that I have never begged any money, and that I am not a beggar. My experience and observation have convinced me that persistent asking outright for money from the rich does not, as a rule, secure help. I have usually proceeded on the principle that persons who possess sense enough to earn money have sense enough to give it away, and that the mere making known of the facts regarding Tuskegee, and especially the facts regarding the work of the graduates, has been more effective than outright begging. I think that the presentation of facts, on a high and dignified plane, is all the begging that most people care for."

Do you have any doubt that the *Spirit of Prophecy* endorses this plan? Read this:

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of our world?... God... is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do.'" *C. S.*, p. 169.

"One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for Missions. In many places during the past few years, this has proved a success, bringing blessings to many, and increasing the flow of means into the mission treasury." *MS.*, June 5, 1914.

So, brethren and sisters, members of God's remnant church in the British West Indies Union! Call upon every single one of you to join me in all doing our part to speedily reach our Ingathering goals!

"God has given us a work to do. Let us do it with accuracy and determination. Let us show in our lives what the truth has done for us." *6T.*, 418.

"The Lord demands that in His servants shall be found a spirit that is quick to discern the duties to be done, quick to respond to the obligations that the Lord lays upon them." *9T.*, 123.

If we all will join hands and hearts in prayerfully and perseveringly doing our part in the Ingathering, honest-hearted souls will be contacted and won, funds will be gathered in to build churches, equip our schools and medical institutions and in general add great impetus to the work of God in our beautiful island field! May God bless you as you do your part!

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In Corozal Pastor Newman is carrying on a good work, and reports that more money was raised in the business districts there than ever before. One estate manager gave \$25.00 and regretted that he could not give more. This man employs a number of Adventists and spoke very highly of them. It was because he knew them through their work for him that he was interested in giving. We appreciate this testimony to the industry of our faithful believers in that part of God's vineyard.

When I left British Honduras to return to Jamaica about half the goal was in hand and soon we expect the report that the campaign has been completed there for this year. We are praying also that shortly after the campaign is started in Jamaica we will see the results of a well-planned campaign in each church and receive the report that the work is done and the goal in hand with a large overflow. — W. L. BARCLAY.

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and Bull Bay projects twice recently and things are moving forward in both places. The new Kencot church at 12 Osborne Road, Kingston was laid out Wednesday, April 14, and work will commence here immediately.

Pastor E. C. H. Reid now has the windows, the doors and the rough flooring in the beautiful new Claremont, St. Ann's Church, and we expect it will be ready for dedication along later in the summer.

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Here and There Over the Union

Pastors Pierson and Parchment have recently returned to the Union Office after attending the Cayman Islands Mission Biennial Session in Georgetown, Grand Cayman. They report a very fine time with Spirit-filled meetings both in business session and for the public in general each evening.

The new 1948-49 Mission Committee for the Cayman Islands Mission is: Pastor Crofoot, Chairman, C. R. Wood, Secretary, Mrs. K. Crofoot, Mr. George Merren, Dr. A. B. Cafferky, Mrs. Ida Thompson and Mr. J. T. Boddan.

Departmental Secretaries for the Cayman Islands Mission recently elected at their sessions are as follows: Home Missionary and Y. P. M. V.—Elder K. S. Crofoot; Sabbath School and Bible Correspondence School—C. R. Wood; Educational Dept.—Mrs. K. Crofoot; Medical Dept.—Dr. A. B. Cafferky; Publishing Dept.—A. R. Haig.

Pastor W. L. Barclay has recently returned from British Honduras where he has been assisting with Ingathering for two weeks. Although money came in slowly this year due to the economic condition of the colony the workers and believers are of good courage and are pressing the battle to the gates.

Pastor A. R. Haig writes from the Bahamas that things are moving forward nicely there. Many are becoming interested in the literature ministry and he is hopeful of securing a number of new recruits during his stay.

Sabbath afternoon, April 3, before a capacity crowd in the North Street Temple, Kingston, Brother Aston Davis, District Pastor of Upper St. Andrew, East Jamaica Mission, was ordained. Elder R. H. Pierson preached the sermon. Elder M. G. Nembhard offered the ordination prayer. Elder C. O. Franz gave the charge and Elder D. V. Pond welcomed Elder Davis into the brotherhood of the East Jamaica ministry.