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## Bookmen! Your General Conference Leader Speaks

By W. P. Elliot

THE DISTRIBUTION of message-filled literature by our colporteurs is moving forward with enlarged vision and increased strength, almost anywhere we look about the circle of the world. Amazing accounts of progress often under great difficulty reach us. In the Philippines, Japan, Korea, China, Sumatra, Java, Europe, South Africa, South America and many other places the colporteur evangelists are pressing ahead with increasing success. Day after day as we gather about the family altar let us ask our heavenly Father for His continued blessing upon these literature evangelists.

In the aggregate they are daily giving thousands upon thousands of brief sermons, in the form of canvasses. In the homes of the people they give them or in the offices of business men or to those they meet on the highway. They offer innumerable prayers with and for those they meet. They speak in many languages and under many circumstances. Just pause a moment and meditate on this vast amount of earnest Christian work. Whether in the homes and offices of the wealthy or the humble abode of the poor and under-

privileged, the power of God daily witnesses to heaven's acceptance of their humble, consecrated service.

In the words of the prophet Zephaniah, "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly." A door is opened to a wide vista of amazing opportunities for an ever increasing work for God with literature. Now is the time for the church and for individual members to make strong positive moves for God.

Under conviction of the present urgency and unprecedented opportunities the delegates at the last

Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee passed an action appealing to our leaders and church members everywhere to unite in an effort to double the number of colporteur evangelists during 1948. This may be a call to you to drop your present work and join the ranks of this blessed army of workers. If God speaks thus to your heart we urge you to step forward and withholding nothing give God and your fellow men the best of which you are capable. His promised blessing will be yours and the joy of winning others to Christ will come into your heart.

### Meet Our Workers



Here they are — the whole loyal army of East Jamaica bookmen with their stalwart leaders (left to right) Brother Benson, Elders Culpepper, Haig, and Campbell, sitting in front. The VISITOR salutes these worthy heroes of the cross and wishes them much of God's blessing!



## 'JUST BETWEEN US'



(A Personal Message from your Union President)

"He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings." *II Sam. 18:27*. Where, in Holy Writ is there a better description of the Christian colporteur, faithfully carrying on his work of scattering truth-filled literature. "He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings."

The colporteurs of the British West Indies Union have been greatly blessed of God the first six months of 1949. They have worked untiringly and deserve to be commended. Among other outstanding achievements mentioned elsewhere in this VISITOR, they have:—

1. Reported over 250 persons now studying the truth as the result of books and magazines purchased.

2. Delivered £9,000 worth of literature during this period of 1948 as compared to £7,000 in 1947.

May God bless every one of our full-time colporteurs and our faithful "Brigades."

Our Publishing leaders are hard working men and deserve a special word of commendation in this issue of the VISITOR. Elders Haig, Hurst, and Campbell are constantly on the go, always full speed ahead. Four Institutes and twelve regular and student rallies have been held so far this year, in addition to the many hours spent in personal help with the colporteurs. Brethren, our hats are off to you and our hearts are open to you for the fine work you are doing under God.

I believe a thousand per cent in the publishing work. Let every worker and member in the B.W.I. Union give this important branch of God's work the whole-hearted support it deserves.

Yours for an even greater literature ministry.

1. Wanted 200 Full Time Colporteurs in the Union.
2. There is More Power in our Literature than in All the Atomic Bombs Man can Make.
3. Wanted 50 Full Time Magazine Colporteurs. Apply Now!
4. The World is Ready for the Message. Enlist Today!
5. Thousands are to Accept the Message FIRST Through God's Books and Magazines.

## Our Division President Counsels Prospective Workers and Students

*"The Relation of Future Workers to the Colporteur Ministry While Attending College."*

For many years it has been an unwritten law in our denomination that young men and women seeking to become ministers or Bible Instructors, should have a back ground of Colporteur experience before actively engaging in denominational work. Indeed those who are responsible for the conduct of our work, whether it be institutional or conference, recognize the value that a colporteur experience gives to any young person who is desirous of entering the Lord's work. Colporteur evangelism is so suited that it naturally fits into all lines of our work. Whoever has engaged in this ministry will make a better preacher, educator, Book and Bible House Secretary, Conference treasurer, or medical missionary. In fact, there are some positions of trust which make it absolutely necessary for a young man to have some colporteur experience before taking over the position. Especially is this true of the ministry.

In one large union conference in North America no minister is taken on the conference payroll who has had no canvassing experience. It is recognized that gospel salesmanship is a "must" in the curriculum of a well-balanced minister. A summer or two of canvassing from door to door will give any one a liberal education. This experience will give him poise, self-assurance, perseverance, faith in God, the ability to meet people, and that wonderful quality of courage that is needed these days by all Christian workers. I humbly recommend it to all our young people in our schools who are seeking to become workers in the cause of God.

— E. F. HACKMAN.

## Our Division Leader Sends God's Call to You

*Life's Work: Sharing Our Faith the Colporteur Way.*

Many today hear God's call to service, but seem to answer: "I cannot sell books; I cannot talk and warn people." They try to run away from God's call to share their faith. God called Jonah to service. He ran from duty. By a very hard experience he learned his lesson and then responded.

Some have begun work as colporteurs—yes, faithfully answering the call to service—but said: "I will only rent my farm." Or, "My wife and son can carry on my business until I succeed

financially as a colporteur." Such have their interests and efforts divided between God's service and secular work. They soon fail. The one who sells everything—even his carpenter's tools, if a carpenter—and consecratedly makes the colporteur work his life work, will succeed.

Elisha was called to service while plowing with his oxen. He took his team, killed and helped eat the meat of his oxen at a farewell feast. Burning the bridges (oxen) behind, he was not tempted to return to his farm. He entered God's service and successfully made it his *life's work*.

"The end is near... The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who *now choose* to be labourers together with God, will triumph with it..." (Volume IX, *Testimonies*, p. 135).

Crippled, one-eyed, and stooped low from the work of many years, the aged colporteur-evangelist became sick, and was interned in a hospital. Then given instructions by the physician to remain there thirty days, he replied: "Doctor, I can't lose thirty days from my life's work. Help me get well and stronger in three days so I can continue my work."

He improved and felt stronger; and at the close of three days returned to his canvassing field—to his life work. Soon, he again was weak and ill. And, as he entered the hospital, the doctor said: "This time you must remain in bed more than a month." But the colporteur-evangelist answered: "No, doctor, I can't leave my life work. Souls are sinking into sin; I must warn them. I must share my faith."

The doctor was so impressed that he bought a book, read it, and accepted Christ as his Saviour. And later the doctor confessed that he had been reared in a Seventh-day Adventist home and educated in Adventist schools; yet, he had never before given his heart to Jesus. But now, the earnestness of this aged, crippled, half-blind colporteur had touched his heart when all other efforts, sermons, etc., had failed.

Thank God for our colporteur-evangelists who have made "SHARING THEIR FAITH THE COLPORTEUR WAY" their LIFE WORK. Brothers and Sisters—make God's call to the Literature Ministry your *Life's Work!*

— J. C. CULPEPPER.

## Colporteurs' Report Summary for July, 1948

Bahamas	379	£ 239 4 3	£ 155 9 6
Br. Honduras		NO REPORT	
Caymans		NO REPORT	
Salt Cays		1 11 6	1 11 6
East Jamaica	6894	1871 9 3	590 9 8
West Jamaica	5618	1487 13 11	282 4 2
TOTALS	12791	£3599 18 11	£1029 14 10



## Cheer and Courage from an Old Friend

To the Colporteur Evangelists in  
The British West Indies Union

Dear Co-Workers:

A short time ago I received a letter from your good union publishing secretary, Pastor A. R. Haig, requesting that I write you a letter, and it is with much pleasure that I address these few lines to you, the gospel pioneers of the British West Indies Union. I shall never forget the many fine institutes that it has been my privilege to attend in your field and the cooperative spirit that you have always manifested. During recent years it has not been my privilege to meet with you personally, but you can be sure that I have thought of you and have been praying for you and your success. The ministry of the printed page has been ordained by God and is a most efficient and effective means of evangelizing the world. This great agency has played a very definite part in giving the message in the British West Indies, and we are glad for the fine colporteurs that are working there and earnestly doing their part to warn each family of the soon coming of Christ.

The time is short, the task is great, and the workers are few; therefore, those of you who are engaged in this work should respond to the challenge of the hour and determine to faithfully discharge your responsibility so that the work in the British West Indies can soon be finished. At the General Conference office we think of our colporteur evangelists every day and we pray that God will send the holy angels with them and before them and give them real success.

"In the working for perishing souls, you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to cooperate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 129.

It is a wonderful thing to know that God in heaven is interested in our work to the extent that He is willing to send His angels to accompany our colporteurs as they go from house to house. When the sun is hot and the hills are high and the sand is deep and the going is hard, just remember that you have at your side a heavenly angel who is ready and willing and anxious to take you over the hard places and lead and guide you to greater success.

We greatly appreciate the fine work

that Brethren Haig, Hurst, and Campbell are doing in leading out in the publishing work in the British West Indies. We have confidence in these brethren and we know that these leaders together with you, the colporteurs, will bend every effort to sound the message of warning throughout each field of the union so that the message of God can soon be finished.

Trusting that each of you will be abundantly blessed by God as you engage in the blessed ministry of the printed page,

I remain,

Very sincerely your brother,

D. A. McADAMS,

Associate Secretary.

## Economic Set-Backs No Hindrance to Envisioned Bookmen

The prayer of our hearts is, "God bless and lead on our worthy bookmen of the British West Indies Union."

Nineteen forty-eight will go down in our local history as the year when refusing to be dismayed by economic set-backs, the Publishing Department marched forward. From reports sent in by the missions of the Union, there are over 250 souls now studying the truth as a result of books and magazines bought. Among these interested folks are some of the most prominent citizens of the Union. Church Auxiliary colporteur, Sister Gaynor, sold four small books to four families with a membership of 42. Of that number, 37 are now Seventh-day Adventists and four are colporteurs and auxiliary workers. Sister Gaynor is a widow with many children. Thus far the Union (up to October) has delivered approximately £14,277-14-9 or \$58,538.72 (U.S.) as against £12,208-14-0 or \$50,055.67 for the same period of 1947 which, by the way, was our best year.

Four well attended institutes were conducted in the Union. There was a total attendance of over 200 regulars and auxiliaries.

The Bahamas is off to a good start and for the first time in their advent history, more than fifteen full and part-time colporteurs are at work. Elder and Mrs. Colburn and part-time publishing secretary, Mr. O. P. Jones, are doing a splendid job.

Recently twelve regular and student rallies were conducted in Jamaica. There was an attendance of three hundred regulars, part-time and auxiliary workers. In fact, East Jamaica reports an auxiliary group of three hundred but for lack of funds to employ leadership, most of the

auxiliaries are left to drift or carry on as best they can. Two colporteurs of the West Mission have recently bought small English cars. The men are fine workers and we know God shall do exploits through them. Our motor car, motor cycle, and bicycle calvacade are now underway. Pray for our men behind the books and magazines.

A well trained magazine corps is at work in the East Mission. In six months, with the aid of the West Mission magazine colporteurs and our church auxiliaries, twenty thousand copies of magazines have been sold. Often our current numbers are sold before the tenth of the current month.

Recently Pastor B. E. Hurst, publishing secretary of the West Mission, with assistance, conducted a two day convention for the Newport and Asia churches. The churches were full on Sabbath at a joint meeting in the Asia church, over one hundred and sixty were present. Brother Hurst and his helpers held the congregation spell bound as they entered into the promotion of the publishing work as pointed out in Rev. 18:1 and in the *Spirit of Prophecy*.

Oh, for more funds to invest in selected and well trained leadership so that the world-stirring evangelism the Lord has in store for the world through the printed page might be realised.

Word has just come to hand from the Bahamas that colporteur B. A. Ricketts delivered £120 or \$492 in July. All that in spite of the noble work done by Brother and Sister D. P. Waldo of New York who have been coming down to the West Indies during their winters and who have done great things for the Lord, selling literature in three months in the three-figure bracket. Sister Waldo sold a millionaire's wife a set of the *Conflict Series* plus a *Modern Medical Counsellor* for £16 or about \$65.60. We hope to have them or someone else come down from the States next winter to do a similar work in Jamaica for the upper classes.

We are hoping also, to fit out a rolling Bible House to serve the members and the people of the East and West Missions. Pray for the success of the enterprise. Chinese books and magazines are now obtainable and we hope to deluge our Chinese communities with fresh crisp literature. Brother B. R. Hamilton and his staff are leading out nicely in our Jamaica Bible House. "Keep a moving Bookman army till the Saviour says 'well done'."

At the moment, over fifty-five student colporteurs from the West Indian Train-



ing College and our Kingsway High School are firing away in confidence. There is also an auxiliary group working in Nassau from the Bahamas Academy. Soon the juniors of the British Honduras Academy will be doing their bit. A number from the Caymans Academy have also been working.

Last year, East Jamaica Mission was happy to lead the way in being the first mission in the British missions and conferences of the entire West Indies to qualify for magazine subsidy. God helping, we mean to qualify both in the East and West Jamaica Missions for magazine subsidy this year also.

Publishing secretaries, W. U. Campbell and B. E. Hurst and their associate workers, are doing valiantly for Jehovah in little Jamaica.

We appreciate the splendid help and cooperation we are receiving from our Division, the Publishing Houses and also from the General Conference. God bless our Publishing Work. Christ superintends it, "till the dawn and the Day-Star arise."

— A. R. HAIG.

### A Martyr Sleeps Till the Daybreak Will You Take His Place?

It is with sad hearts that we record the tragic death of one of our fellow-colporteurs, Laird Cooper. Laird attended our school in Honduras and was preparing to be a minister. During the vacation periods it was his custom to canvass and earn his scholarship. He was the only student this year who would have returned to our school in San Francisco, Honduras, with a full scholarship; in fact, he would have gone back with even a few extra dollars in his pockets.

Student-colporteur Cooper, while making his final deliveries before returning to our school, was over-taken by enemies of the Truth along a lone country road, and slain in cold blood. The money which he had collected while delivering books was taken, and he was left dead by the roadside. One of the officers of a nearby fruit farm discovered the body a few hours later. The alleged murderers are now in jail and are awaiting trial and sentence. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of Laird Cooper, to the students and faculty members of our school in Honduras, and to Laird's fellow colporteurs in that territory.

"The blood of martyrs is the seed of the gospel." God will bless the seed sown, and we believe that many precious souls will be brought into the Kingdom of God as a result of this tragic occurrence.

### The Colporteur as the Pioneer Evangelist

Who can do the work of a pioneer evangelist more efficiently than the consecrated colporteur? Our truth-filled literature, under the blessing of God, will most surely create an interest in spiritual things and prepare the way for the public evangelist.

Says the Servant of the Lord on this subject: "Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light all through our cities, villages, and towns. The public mind must be agitated. God says, Let light be sent out into all parts of the field. He designs that men shall be channels of light, bearing it to those who are in darkness."

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work — introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them — is a good work."

How many organized churches in our ranks today can trace their beginnings to a faithful canvasser who quietly but effectively did his important work in the community long before the preacher arrived to herald the message in a more spectacular manner.

In the Salt Cays Mission we have baptized members today and many more interested individuals because the "pioneer evangelist"—Brother Rahming, one of our colporteurs from the Bahamas, spent some months in the Turks and Caicos several years ago with his truth-filled literature. Later when the preachers came, they were told that a number were ready to unite with the church for they had already accepted the message brought them by Brother Rahming.

This same story has been told of many other places in the British West Indies Union and should be enacted in still other unentered parts of our field. May God inspire more men and women of outstanding consecration and ability to join the ranks of our pioneer evangelist! The Lord will help you gain entrance into homes. He will water the seed you sow. Fruit will be borne in due time and when the Great Harvester thrusts in His sickle at the last day great will be your reward! — ROBERT H. PIERSON.

### Prayer Circle

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

### Report of the Publishing Department of the British West Indies Union July, 1948

NAMES	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>Bahamas:</b>			
Rickets, B. A.	175	154 2 0	132 10 0
McDonald, J. L.	125	70 2 0	70 2 0
Other Canvassers	70	50 0 3	14 14 6
Brigades			8 5 0
<b>East Jamaica:</b>			
Davidson, L. H.	128	41 12 0	3 0 0
David, L.	114	14 2 0	21 14 0
Duncombe, P.	120	38 17 0	28 7 0
King, J. M.	173	33 7 0	14 18 6
Lator, M. A.	232	59 4 11	50 15 8
Moore, H. N.	139	51 11 6	7 0 0
McKenzie, Ivy	116	2 10 9	2 10 9
Samuels, L.	155	10 16 5	3 13 6
White, George	125	14 17 0	12 2 0
Wilson, G. J.	123	57 9 6	21 18 6
Wright, R.	131	2 3 0	2 6 0
Other Canvassers	2294	561 4 10	187 1 9
Magazine Workers	470	45 1 9	33 18 3
Brigades	437	38 9 6	41 4 3
Students	2076	900 2 6	147 10 6
<b>West Jamaica:</b>			
Carnegie, R. K.	178	12 4 6	6 6 3
Douse, Herman	195	63 0 0	6 2 1
Gilling, Doris	111	19 6 6	7 2 2
Gilling, F. L.	124	29 19 9	7 6 6
Hepburn, C. H.	183	19 19 3	14 12 3
Gaynor, Elsie	101	4 14 3	15 1 1
Kent, Rudolph	148	42 15 5	7 6 6
Lawrence, V. A.	130		19 9
Maxwell, D. E.	187	36 2 0	3 1 0
McDonald, J.	220	41 15 6	4 10 4
Smith, Mrs. B.	158	53 18 0	14 8 7
Smith, M. V.	202	76 19 3	3 17 8
Stewart, H.	170	1 10 0	2 0 0
Wright, E. P.	138	18 16 6	38 5 0
Other Canvassers	2263	387 19 9	138 18 0
Students	1010	677 13 2	42 7 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.

### Sister Ellen G. White Sounds the Call

*God's Call to Youth.* "The Lord calls upon our youth to labour as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth." *Messages to Young People*, p. 220.

"He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause... Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellowmen."—*Id.*, p. 20.

*This Mighty Hour.* The stupendous happenings of these tangled times tell us unmistakably that we have indeed arrived at the grand climax of human history. The war-weary world, with faith and confidence almost gone, is reaching out for a new, vitalizing experience that will bring them a ray of hope in this dark hour. The messenger of the Lord reveals that "all over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in. In this dark world of sin, the Lord has many precious jewels, to whom He will guide His messengers. Everywhere there are those who will take their stand for Christ."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 109, 140.



*God Depends on You.* "The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers."—*Test.*, Vol. VI, p. 315.

"Many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason... God has ordained the canvassing work... Were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."—*Id.*, p. 313.

"Our publications can go to places where meetings cannot be held. In such places the faithful evangelistic canvasser takes the place of the living preacher. By the canvassing work the truth is presented to thousands who otherwise would never hear it... Our commission is to let the light shine forth every where from the press."—*Review & Herald*, Oct. 7, 1902.

"God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 26.

*Success Promised.* "They may expect success, for theirs is the promise, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' Canvassers who go forth in the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings." *Id.*, p. 31.

"Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as a result of their circulation."—*Christian Service*, p. 146.

"When young men take up the canvassing work filled with an intense longing to save their fellowmen, they will see souls converted. From their work a harvest for the Lord will be reaped."—*Id.*, p. 153.

*Wonderful Possibilities.* "The work of the canvasser-evangelist, whose heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 98.

"Take the books to business men, to teachers of the gospel, whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time. The message is to be given 'in the highways,'—to men who take an active part in the world's work, to the teachers and leaders of the people. Thousands can be reached in the most simple, humble way."—*Id.*, pp. 37, 38.

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, Vol VII, p. 140.

"The publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our power. I do desire that it shall accomplish all that the Lord designs it should. If our bookmen do their part faithfully, I know, from the



BAHAMAS COLPORTEUR ARMY

The colporteurs of the Bahamas Mission are on fire for God! This past year has been a great year for our book work in Nassau and the out islands. Above is a picture of those who attended the Institute held in the Grants Town Church earlier in the year by our Union Colporteur General—A. R. Haig.

light God has given me, that the knowledge of present truth will be doubled and trebled."—*Life Sketches*, pp. 446, 447.

*Now Is the Time.* "The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night... The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be labourers together with God, will triumph with it. The time is short; THE NIGHT SOON COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, 'Whom shall I send?' Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake are now to respond, 'Here am I; send me.'" Isa. 6:8. —*Testimonies* Vol. IX, p. 135.

"The work that centuries might have done

Must crowd the hour of setting sun."

*Full Time Colporteurs.* Hundreds of full time book and magazine colporteurs are now needed to carry our message from door to door. "There should be men trained for this branch of the work who will be missionaries, and will circulate publications... This is a work which would warrant men to give their whole time and energies as the occasion demands. God has committed to His people great light. This is not for them to selfishly enjoy alone, but to let its rays shine forth to others who are in darkness of error."—*Christian Experience and Teachings*, p. 226.

*Part-Time Colporteurs.* Many of our members who for various good reasons cannot devote full time to this work are

dedicating from ten to twenty hours a week to house-to-house evangelism. Literally hundreds more could work as part-time literature evangelists with our books and magazines. There should be at least one book evangelist and one magazine colporteur in every church.

*The Scholarship Plan.* Thousands of our young men and women have earned their way through school by selling our books and magazines. No consecrated youth of average intelligence need be deprived of a Christian education if he is willing to do faithful work as a colporteur evangelist. In addition to your earnings on literature sales, you receive a 30 per cent discount on all school expenses. If you are not in attendance at

one of our schools now, we suggest that you begin at once on your scholarship, so that you can be ready to enter a Christian school.

"We that would come to the goal at last  
Must wait not to dream beside the way;  
There is hope for the future, and help  
from the past,

But for work there is only today."

### My Response

Knowing that we are living in the sunset hour of earth's history and that what we do must be done quickly, and believing that the colporteur work is one of the most effective agencies in preparing men and women to meet Jesus, I hereby promise to make this work a subject of special prayer, and to answer, "Here am I," if the Lord calls. My interest is in:

Large Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maga- zines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Books	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Please place a check in the squares, indicating your interest. Tear off and mail to the Publishing Department secretary at your mission office address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_





## Church Building News

E. E. Parchment  
Field  
Secretary

### Church Completion Goal in Sight

I am happy to announce to our readers this morning, that our goal for twenty churches to be finished and dedicated within the Union, is well in sight. By God's help we are hoping that this goal will be passed.

We wish to thank our loyal workers, members and friends for the liberal and hearty support which they have given and are giving in order to make this church completion goal possible.

Marvellous has been the working power of God in this phase of His work. As one travels over this Union, especially in Jamaica, and sees the beautiful monuments that have been erected within the past three years and that are being erected now, by a people whose financial resources are limited, surely it can be said that it is no less than a miracle that has been performed.

We feel very grateful to the General Conference, the Inter-American Division, and the British West Indies Union for coming to our help with their financial support so that places of worship of which we are not ashamed, could be erected.

Pastor R. H. Pierson, our Union Superintendent, has carried the burden of "better church buildings" on his heart ever since he has been in this field and surely he has not left a stone unturned in providing us help to carry forward this good work. To him we owe a deal of gratitude.

Sometime in the past, some of our leading brethren from the Union and abroad, in visiting some of our churches in the island, suggested that it would be an excellent thing to have Notice Boards placed at appropriate spots on our church grounds indicating the name of the place and the denomination of the church. Thorough investigations were made from various sources in the island in regard to prices for the making of these Notice Boards. The West Indian Training College Wood Working Department offered the most favourable price. That being a board eighteen by twenty-four inches, made of polished cedar with a triple coat of black paint with the name of the church at the top and the word "Welcome" at the bottom, thus leaving a blank space in the middle of the board for announcements. The entire cost of this is only (12/-) twelve shillings and through the liberality of the Union and Missions the individual church has to send only four shillings to its Mission Treasurer and the



Sabbath School  
Department

E. E. Parchment  
Secretary

### Special Appeal to B. W. I. Sabbath Schools

Today is the day of opportunity. Tomorrow is always too late. We are told in *Counsels on Sabbath School Work* page 164, "Our Sabbath schools which are to instruct the children and youth are too superficial. The managers of these need to plow deeper. They need to put more thought and more hard work upon the work they are doing. They need to be more thorough students of the Bible and to have a deeper experience in order to conduct Sabbath schools after the Lord's order and to lead children and youth to the Saviour."

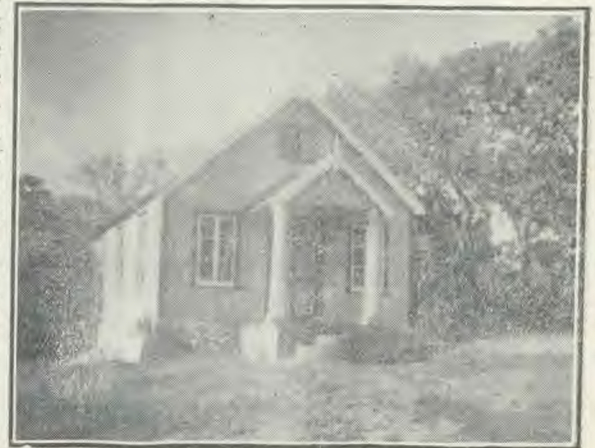
The Lord wants His children to be efficient. How is efficiency developed? First by study, training, and experience. In order to be an efficient Sabbath school worker, we must pursue this course.

Through the generosity of the Review and Herald, we have been made this

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Union and Mission combined will subsidize the remaining portion. A number of churches have already sent in their orders with their four shillings and their boards are now in preparation. Won't you send in yours as early as possible and secure one of these boards?

— E. E. PARCHMENT,



Pictured above is the oldest Seventh-day Adventist church in Jamaica—the Southfield Church in West Jamaica. Recently this neat looking church was dedicated to the honour and glory of God.

### "Let Them Build Me a Sanctuary"

Arriving in Claremont, St. Ann, on the first of February this year, I launched my building programme for both spiritual and material temples.

Finding the Claremont Church in my immediate area with its walls up and roof on, we then and there set to work with a co-operative determination to have this church finished and ready for dedication August 15th. Truly it is said, "Where there is no vision the people perish", and I may add, "He who fails to set for himself a goal is like a benighted derelict, left on life's ocean only to be tossed hither and yon to its destruction."

August 15th found us with our church completed and a nicely finished baptistry wherein up to that morning three baptisms were held—twelve, seven and twelve candidates respectively. At 3:00 p.m. one could hear the sound of horns from all directions as trucks, cars and buses were seen bringing the folk to the dedicatory service.

Pastor R. H. Pierson gave a very soul-stirring sermon followed by Pastor W. S. Nation who conducted the Act of Dedication. Dr. Ivan Lloyd, M.H.R. for Eastern St. Ann, spoke very highly of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination and the great work they are doing both at home and abroad. He also called the people's attention particularly to our educational and medical work in Jamaica. As an evidence of the medical skill and care exhibited here in Jamaica he next directed our attention to his wife who was very ill and after spending some time in the Andrews Memorial Hospital is now perfectly well.

Our hearts were greatly cheered as we saw friends not of our faith and representatives from every S. D. A. Church in St. Ann and some from Trelawny take an active part in the opening of doors and windows, using both their hands and pocket books.

With the words "Oh How Lovely is Zion" the benediction was offered and this well spent afternoon was brought to a close.

—E. C. H. REID.



liberal offer for the *Sabbath School Worker* that all subscriptions whether in singles or in clubs, placed with your Book & Bible House before October 1, 1948, will be accepted on the old rate basis. Thereafter, the price will be increased 43% in cost. The reason for this, is that we will be getting a *Sabbath School Worker* with 50% more material than heretofore. Sabbath school officers, teachers and leaders are always eager for better methods and plans in the operation of their Sabbath schools. Here is your chance, seize it today.

Special helps will be in this *Worker* for the children's department and also for teachers and Sabbath school Council meetings; teachers' meetings, branch Sabbath schools and Community Sunday schools.

The Sabbath school being the heart of the church, surely officers must seize every opportunity for its success. Remember that a well-organized Sabbath school in a church usually bespeaks for the spiritual condition of the church.

Send in your order today to your Book and Bible House with your subscription — 7/6 per single copy. Remember after October 1, this offer will be null and void!

— E. E. PARCHMENT,  
Sabbath School Secy.

### God's Appointments in the Bahamas

Yes, the Lord made an appointment for us to sell books out here in these Bahama Islands and we find many waiting for the Message we have. One man was much impressed when he heard about our book, *Daniel and the Revelation*. He said, "I'm just studying Daniel and the Lord must have sent you here just at this time." He bought two books—*Daniel and the Revelation* and *Bible Readings*.

We stopped by the ocean to eat our lunch under the palm trees and a car drew up near us. A conversation soon drifted into a canvass for *Bible Readings* which resulted in a sale for that book. Was it an appointment for that man to appear just at that time at that place?

I was rushing through the business section, as I crossed the street, a car was stopped in front of me in the traffic jam. The driver noticed me and called to tell me he liked the book I sold him last year. I said, "Oh, that's fine. Then you will want the companion book—a study on *Daniel and the Revelation*." He said, "Bring me one next Sunday." And the

### Interesting Figures That Are Worth Your Study

		Bahamas	Br. Honduras	Caymans	Salt Cays	East Ja.	West Ja.
Tithe Income	1947	1003 1 7	499 18 7	199 3 1	64 8 1	6234 4 5	4307 11 4
Tithe Income	1948	979 0 8	586 16 5	178 0 2	66 15 10	6644 3 5	5283 12 3
S. S. Offerings	1947	152 11 8	116 9 2	43 7 9	2 8 5	1015 15 1	798 10 0
S. S. Offerings	1948	152 10 4	125 5 0	63 6 1	11 16 6	991 17 9	880 6 2
Ingathering	1947	502 6 9	236 1 11	48 0 11	—	1746 7 9	1455 10 6
Ingathering	1948	554 2 9	251 15 0	42 7 6	—	1386 16 3	1188 3 5

### WHERE CAN YOU DO BETTER?

### The Growth of a Union

		Bahamas	Br. Hond.	Caymans	Salt Cays	East Ja.	West Ja.
Number of Churches	1947	17	11	4	3	80	98
Number of Churches	1948	18	12	4	2	84	103
Membership	1947	578	479	97	26	6539	5878
Membership	1948	618	508	—	—	7083	6435
Bap. and Prof. of Faith	1947	32	—	—	10	512	320
Bap. and Prof. of Faith	1948	10	8	—	—	411	333

### DOES YOUR MISSION TELL THE STORY YOU WISH IT DID?

### Comparative Publishing Report British West Indies Union 1944-1948

Years	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
1944	82	67,579	£ 17,547 6 4	£11,992 12 4
1945	118	100,465	30,198 5 4	32,391 14 8
1946	127	114,605	24,738 16 3	14,356 11 8
1947	105	119,103	27,020 3 7	15,420 16 9
*1948	132	106,130	26,999 11 0	13,632 5 8
TOTALS	564	507,882	£116,804 2 6	£67,794 1 1

\* Approximate figures for 10 months.

traffic moved along. Short canvass wasn't it? Next Sunday found me at his home and the book delivered. While there, a man rushed up on a bicycle just as I was leaving. He also wanted a book right away and remarked that he wondered why he was hurrying so to get to that place. Now he understood that it was to be there in time to get that book. Was that also an appointment?

One woman very abruptly dismissed me before I could give a canvass and I was rushed out just in time to get to the next house where a big car was waiting and a lady ready to step in for a long journey. She took the time to listen to my short canvass and wished she could have had two books like that to take with her on this trip as gifts. I happened to have those two books in my car so the sale was made and those books were there "just in time" to travel on that journey. Now why did that other woman rush me off? Answer—"So I could meet that appointment at the next house."

"At last you have come," said a lady who had borrowed a book from a friend to whom I had sold one. "I've been hoping you would come to my home soon. I want one." I'm so glad I didn't miss that appointment.

One more. Do you see that woman sitting by the window? She has been watching two days, hoping to see a person of my description. As I went down her street, she came out and called me. She wanted one of those books she had heard about. We are told that the Angel goes before us to prepare the hearts of the people. Is anyone waiting and watching for you to come with the Message?

One business man was so impressed,

he bought a book and said, "More people should be doing this kind of work."

What challenge for S.D.A.'s! Does God have any appointments for you? Let us not disappoint Him.

— CHARLOTTE E. WALDO.

### ON QUITTING

How much grit do you think you've got?  
Can you quit a thing you like a lot?  
You may talk of pluck; it's an easy word,  
And wher'er you go it is often heard,  
But can you tell to a jot or guess  
Just how much courage you possess?  
Don't boast of your grit till you've tried  
it out.

Nor prate to men of your courage stout,  
For it's easy enough to retain a grin  
In the face of a fight there's a chance to  
win.

But the sort of grit that is good to own  
Is the stuff you need when you're all alone.  
It will keep you busy both day and night,  
For the toughest kind of a game, you'll  
find.

Is to make your body obey your mind;  
And you never will know what is meant by  
grit  
Unless there's something you've tried to  
quit.

— Author Unknown

### OUR GOAL FOR SOULS 1948

# 2000

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



## Here and There Over the Union

A very fine Youth's Congress was held in Mandeville for the West Jamaica Mission young people. Approximately 400 were present at some of the largest meetings and all went away inspired to carry out the slogan of the meetings—"Share Your Faith." Elder T. E. Lucas of the General Conference and Elder A. H. Roth of the Inter-American Division were present and carried the heaviest burdens of the Congress. Elder Earl Parchment and Elder W. L. Barclay had the programme well planned and everything went off smoothly. It was a great gathering for the young people of the West Jamaica Mission.

The first Youth's Camp ever held on the Island of Jamaica was held at the Boys' Scout Camp in Kingston, August 23-30. This was a joint Camp with 35 young people from the West Jamaica Mission and 18 from the East Jamaica Mission present. In addition to this fine group of young folk there were a number of mission workers present to act as counsellors. The main burden of the Camp was carried by Elders Barclay, Butherus, E. J. Parchment, Mrs. Pleasants and Mrs. Luce ably assisted by the regular counsellors. Everyone seemed to have a good time enjoying the full programme of work and play. A complete report of this Camp will appear in next month's issue of the *VISITOR*.

The young people of the British West Indies Union will be sorry to learn that Elder W. L. Barclay, our Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary, will be leaving us soon. Doctors report that Elder Barclay's health is such that he will need to return to the homeland and take complete rest for about six months before assuming lighter responsibilities. We have all learned to love and respect Brother Barclay and his family, and we are sorry to have them leave us. The workers and young people of the British West Indies Union wish the Barclays Godspeed as they return to the homeland early in September.

Pastor Haig has left on a trip to the Salt Cays Mission. During his stay there he plans to revive the colporteur work, inspire the believers with meetings and dedicate the new church at Blue Hills. We are also hopeful that a number who are preparing for baptism will be ready for that sacred rite during his visit.

Word has just reached us that Elder and Mrs. O. V. Schneider, the new Director of our Cayman Islands Mission, will be arriving in the island the middle of September.

Elder Aston Davis will soon be leaving the island to further his studies in the States. To care for his work the

East Jamaica Mission has called Elder C. F. Edwards from the Bahamas Mission. Elder Edwards is scheduled to return to Jamaica this year on his leave of absence, and he will be remaining for district work in the East Jamaica field.

Elder W. H. Waller has accepted the call of the Bahamas Mission to connect with their field as Pastor of the Shirley Street Church and to carry other important responsibilities in the mission programme. At present Elder Waller is at Washington, D.C., attending the Seminary. His transfer and that of Elder Edwards is scheduled to take place about October first.

Under a plan worked out at the year-end committee session Brother Wright and wife from Port Morant, East Jamaica, have now arrived in British Honduras and are now located there. Brother Wright responded to the call of the British Honduras Mission for a layman to come and settle there as a self-supporting worker. Brother Wright has now settled in the Northern part of the colony and latest reports indicate that he is fitting in nicely to the programme there.

## Hiving Off

Two California churches were to be like busy beehives: "I dreamed that I saw two beehives, one in San Francisco and one in Oakland. In the hive in Oakland, the bees were diligently at work. Then I looked at the hive in San Francisco, and saw very little being done. The hive in Oakland seemed to be far the more promising. After a time my attention was again called to the hive in San Francisco, and I saw that an entire change had taken place. Great activity was seen among the bees. They were earnestly at work." —Mrs. E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1906.

1. If the hive does not hive off yearly, it is ailing. It must hive off yearly.
2. All depends on a leader.
3. Bees instinctively plan on producing a leader.
4. To produce leaders they are fed special food.
5. Have a class for group-leader instruction.
6. District city, and plan definitely on strategic centers in which you wish to establish a church.
7. Have a trained leader assigned to the district. Give him eight or ten helpers, and work this territory Sabbath afternoon or Sunday.
8. Use a systematic visitation with one of the numerous series of tracts or leaflets.
9. Seek homes in which to give Bible readings and hold cottage meetings.

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## Obituaries

On August 26 Sister Charlotte Fisher of the Vaughansfield Church fell asleep in Jesus at the age of 98. Since accepting the Third Angel's Message 40 years ago, she has remained faithful. Funeral service was conducted by D. Hines.  
— T. A. LITTLE.

Sister Maud L. Langley, a faithful member of the Blue Hole Church, died August 17, age 51 years. She awaits the Life-Giver.  
— W. E. LANGLEY.