

BRITISH  
HONDURAS

BAHAMA  
ISLANDS

The British West Indies

# VISITOR

CAYMAN  
ISLANDS

WEST JAMAICA

EAST JAMAICA

THURSDAY ISLANDS

VOLUME VII

MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA, MARCH, 1950

NUMBER 3

## Lengthening Our Cords - Strengthening Our Stakes

THE WORK OF GOD in the British West Indies Union, as reported during the recent Union Session by the six conference and mission presidents, is one of providential leadership. Praise and thanksgiving ascended to heaven for the marvelous growth during the past six years since the date of organization. The membership has increased from 10,000 in 1944 to 16,000 at the close of 1949. During this period, 9,171 souls have been baptized. The goals set for 1950 total 3,000. This Mid-Century year should see the greatest ingathering of souls since the days of Pentecost. The vision, courage, and faith manifested by the workers in this Union is similar to that of the early Church. No regular pastor expects to win less than one hundred souls, and most of them are planning on two hundred.

In this age when atom-bombs are becoming too small and hydrogen-bombs are in the making, we should look upon last year's attainments as too small for 1950. Faith, hard work, and sincere prayer will reveal that the resources of heaven have only been touched by the church.

As we unite our talents, putting away all jealousies and self-esteem, we shall witness the Red Sea part, and like ancient Israel, march triumphantly into the Promised Land bringing with us the trophies of the Cross of Christ.

Trials await us, but they too are for our good. In His infinite wisdom, God has withheld His unlimited blessings for "He knoweth our frame." Our immature natures are not fully developed into the likeness of Christ and would yield to self-esteem if Pentecost should fall on us today. Daily the fires of affliction are permitted to burn that all dross and stubble may be consumed before the Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord.

Since the Union was organized in 1944, 2374 souls have been lost to the church. This should cause every leader and church member to ask himself this question: Did

By R. W. Numbers

I do my best to save the straying sheep before they left the fold? And the next question should be: What am I doing now to win them back? Our baptisms this year must not only overshadow all previous years thus, lengthening our cords, but we must strengthen our stakes by saving the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

The very first signs of apostasy must be checked. Year by year we see a larger number who fail to attend the Sabbath School. By the third quarter of 1949 we found that 4,317 were not regularly attending the Sabbath School. I am very sure that we would find that our apostacies are largely from this number. Sabbath

School teachers, filled with the love of the true Shepherd, must go out and find these lost sheep. We cannot afford to lose, through apostasy, one-fourth of our baptismal gains. All heaven awaits our success in bringing back these precious souls for whom Christ died.

Another large field of Evangelism lies within our own homes. More than 4,000 children between the ages of six and fifteen are not attending church schools in this Union. The prospects for the coming year, however, are most encouraging, and already reports are coming in of churches that are sacrificing and laying broad plans for the salvation of their children by making it possible for them to secure a Christian education.

(Continued on page 8)



Above is the group of delegates that attended the recent Union Session held at Mandeville, Jamaica.



**Home  
Missionary  
Dept.**

H. D. Colburn  
Secretary



H. S. WALTERS, M. V. Dept. Secretary  
**Missionary Volunteer Week —  
March 11-18**

March 11 opens another week for us to unite our efforts in the interest of our youth. Our young people's Week of Prayer comes at this time. It is our hope that as a result of a complete dedication this period of special endeavour will bring a great revival to our youth.

We are hoping and praying that this week will be one of outstanding interest to our youth. May we suggest that our ministers and church leaders assist our young people in making this an outstanding event in their experience.

Many societies are planning to have an all-night prayer meeting on March 10, the Friday just before the beginning of the Week of Prayer. We are hoping that plans will be made during this week to contact our youth who have become cold and indifferent to the appeals of this message. There are many who are just waiting for the helping hand of someone. This might be our last opportunity to help them. Let us do it before it is late.

— JOIN THE M. V. HALF-A-MILLION DRIVE —

**Half-A-Million M. V. Drive**

Nineteen Hundred Fifty marks the beginning of the second half of the twentieth century. As you know, it has been termed a holy year by the Catholic Church, and they are sparing no efforts to reach everyone. At the time of writing there are one hundred ministers of various denominations in Jamaica who are in conference in Mandeville. They are worried about the inroads being made in their ranks. They are organizing themselves, but let us hold ranks and move forward, under God, because His truth shall triumph.

This is the opportune time for us to arouse and rally our young people to the cause of truth. During this year it is our plan to have the young people of our Union contact half-a-million individuals and present the truth to them. This might seem impossible, but, under God, we are sure that our young people will accomplish this. If each youth in our churches contacts two individuals each week who are not of our faith, by the end of this year our young people in the British West Indies Union will have presented the message to half-a-million people. Here are seven ways in which you can contact these people.

1. Distributing tracts.
2. Bible Studies.
3. Inviting individuals to services.
4. Selling small books.

(Continued on page 8)



**Educational Dept.**

H. S. WALTERS, Secretary

**Church School Opens**

Hundreds of believers in Montego Bay were led to rejoice on January 30 as their dream was realized. When the doors of the school opened on that day, over seventy-six children were present. Elder E. J. Parchment, Pastor of the church, and Brother Joe Fletcher, Educational Secretary of the West Jamaica Conference, were present and laid plans for the opening of this educational center. There were scores of church members on the scene to witness this impressive occasion.

The school is under the guidance of Miss Sylvia Wright. The believers are happy to have her, and already there is an enrollment of almost 100 pupils. At a recent meeting of the school board, it was voted to employ an assistant.

The church is grateful to Pastor Nation, President of the Conference, and his committee for the support they have given to the school. The West Jamaica Conference has done all in its power to make this a model school for their field. Calls are coming in every week from throughout the conference for the establishment of other church schools. At the present time definite plans are being laid for the opening of schools at Asia, Southfield, Newell, and Harmons. We solicit your prayers as we, under God, endeavour to bring greater facilities of Christian education to our children and youth.

— H. S. WALTERS.

**Four Thousand Children in Danger**

We are now on the eve of the greatest event in the Advent Church. The trumpet is about to be sounded and soon the saints of God shall be triumphant over the Beast and his Image.

Before God awards this distinction to the church, there are 4,000 of our children that must be rescued from worldly schools. The attendance of these boys and girls in institutions not under the guidance of Seventh-day Adventists constitutes the greatest threat that has ever confronted the Advent Church in the British West Indies Union.

Brethren, it is no longer safe to expose the heritage of God to the influence of men and women whose lives have not been sanctified by the truth we believe. We have separated ourselves from the world; it is now time to separate our children. The church of God will never triumph until our children are safe in our own schools.

(Continued on page 8)

**Mid-Century Home Evangelism**

Whereas, the unprecedented developments now taking place in the world reveal that the final crisis is right upon us and the hour of opportunity to proclaim God's last message is rapidly drawing to a close, and

Whereas, we have been told that "before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of God, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times" (G. C. p. 461); and that, "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of all our people;" (Christian Service, p. 75); "All the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighbourhood and know their spiritual condition." (T. VI, p. 296). Therefore, it was

VOTED TO RECOMMEND, 1. That in the British West Indies Union, 1950 be designated as "Mid-Century Home Evangelism Year," and that it be made a year of unprecedented revival of missionary activity, during which every member shall seek to renew and deepen his own personal relationship with God, and during which the entire church, all conference workers and laymen together, shall, under God, engage in concerted soul-winning effort unparalleled since Pentecost.

2. That in this Union-wide missionary endeavour, supreme emphasis be laid upon personal visitation of neighbours "by bringing the truth into their houses, praying with them, and opening to them the Scriptures." Mrs. E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, December 8, 1885.

3. That two Sabbaths of the year be designated as special days for carrying forward this home visitation wherein we shall set as our goal to reach at least 100,000 homes each day, the dates being May 6 and October 7.

4. That the new tract, "Keep Looking Up" by H. M. S. Richards or other suitable tracts be distributed on the first visitation date, and some other tract be made ready for the later date and that in connection with this house-to-house visiting and literature distribution, effort be made to secure enrollments in the Bible Correspondence School.

(Continued on page 8)



**MEDICAL  
DEPT.**

A. W. Druitt,  
M. D.  
Secretary

**The Place of the Medical Work**

God has compared the church to the physical body. He tells us in I Cor. 12:13 that we are all baptized into the body (or church). Each member of the body has a God-appointed place even as the physical foot, ear, eye, or hand. Not only as individuals, but as groups of individuals with the same talents are we to fit into the gospel plan. The head represents Christ (Col. 1:18). The right hand which is so vital to the body in carrying out the desires of the mind represents the medical phase of the Third Angel's Message.

"As the right hand of the Third Angel's Message, God's method of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth." *Education*, p. 516.

In studying the life of Christ, we find that multitudes flocked to Him that they might be healed. Jesus healed a blind man, cleansed men from the awful disease of leprosy, restored to health a woman who had suffered for twelve long years, and then climaxed His work by applying the healing balm of Gilead to the sin-sick souls. Can we or anyone improve on the methods of Christ in reaching the millions?

"I can see in the Lord's providence that the medical missionary work is to be a great entering wedge, whereby the diseased soul may be reached." *C. O. L.* p. 535.

We may rightly conclude then that we as a church are not following the divine blue-print in preaching to the hearts of men and women as it is our privilege unless we put into its rightful place the medical missionary phase. We rejoice that those before us have caught the vision of Christ's methods and have established the medical work in the B. W. I. Union. This has not been done by men but by God. The medical work in Jamaica and the B. W. I. Union is only in its infancy. It needs tender parental care and sympathetic helpful hands by every member of the church. All should remember that Christ's way of presenting the truth cannot be improved upon. *Evangelism*, p. 525.

The medical work according to God's prediction is to be greatly enlarged until the end of time.

"I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work." *Evangelism*, p. 523.

With this striking statement in mind, we must maintain medical institutions where our youth may be properly trained

for the crisis before us. May God impress each one of us with the solemn duty of linking our interests and influence in this phase of the message which will be used to gloriously climax the work of God on earth.

The Servant of the Lord leaves us in no doubt as to what the church's attitude should be toward the medical missionary work. "I wish to say that the medical missionary work is God's work. The Lord wants everyone of His ministers to come into line. Take hold of the medical missionary work and it will give you access to the people." *Evangelism*, p. 523.

After the people had once come in contact with the Great Physician, they wanted to be in His presence and learn greater truths from his inexhaustible supply of knowledge. Our medical institutions have been established as "entering wedges" whereby the diseased souls of men and women may feel the touch of the Great Physician.

We thank God for our doctors, nurses, business men and others at the Andrew's Memorial Hospital who have dedicated their lives and talents to the medical work. Your prayers in behalf of this institution have been heard, but let us remember that this phase of the Third Angel's Message has only begun.

We are pleased when in our travels we find men and women who speak highly of our hospital and clinic. What a mighty influence it would have if sixteen thousand Seventh-day Adventists in the B. W. I. Union spoke a good word for it each day among neighbours and friends.

— R. W. NUMBERS

— JOIN THE M. V. HALF-A-MILLION DRIVE —

**Following the Blueprint**

When the Great Clock of God chimed the hour for the closing intercessory work of our Lord as High Priest, He raised up a few poor people who were pure in heart, strong in faith, and obedient to His word. He bestowed on the weakest of the group His most cherished gift. Of the many purposes of the prophetic utterance; one tells of the means and methods to be employed in the propagation of God's last message of Mercy to a dying world.

The Master showed His servant the growth of His church, and the facilities for the worldwide task calculated to reach every nation, tongue, colour, and class. She saw, heard, and wrote how the mustard seed would develop into a mighty movement preparing mankind for the soon coming Christ. There were great sacrifices then, and when this final "Acts of the Apostles" is written, and we read its pages in the Gloryland, it will reveal equal purity and sacrifice exhibited by everyone to the last man.

The work of inspiration came in those early days—"Print a little paper,"

"Start a school," "Open Treatment rooms," and "A little health-food factory," followed by other revelations as to Ownership of plants, staff, location, matter for publication, languages employed, distribution of literature, curriculum to be followed in our schools and in our Medical Missionary work; also The Mode of cure and relief to be used and the kinds of food to be prepared.

These factors, along with our church departments of Missionary and Sabbath School enterprises constitute the machinery in the hands of consecrated men and women to fulfil the work of God. "Come...take up my yoke." (Come, and go!!!)

These Institutions with their various ramifications prepare and enlist a noble army of workers — men and youth, embracing Pastors, Evangelists, Bible Workers, Laymen, Colporteurs, Printers, Publishers, Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Secretaries, etc.

The medical work is designated "The right arm of the message," and is designed to reach a class difficult of approach otherwise, and requires our prayers, cooperation, moral, and financial support. We are happy for these later institutions of health, the Andrews' Memorial Hospital and Clinic, in our midst.

— G. A. E. SMITH.

— ESTABLISH A CHURCH SCHOOL IN  
YOUR CHURCH TODAY —



**Sabbath  
School  
Dept.**

H. D. Colburn  
Secretary

**Sabbath School**

The Michigan Conference has recently made a gift to our Union of eighty-four Sabbath School Picture Rolls. This represents a splendid gift on their part to our field. They will go far in meeting a real need in many of our Sabbath Schools.

These picture rolls have been allocated by our Inter-American Division Sabbath School Secretary, among the Conferences and Missions on a membership basis. I am sure that each Sabbath School which has received one or more, will want to write the donor, expressing appreciation. I believe that such an act would ensure us of being kept on their shipping lists for future shipments. Just address your letter to: Secretary, Sabbath School Department, Box 900, Lansing 4, Michigan, U. S. A.

While these Picture Rolls are slightly  
(Continued on page 4)



## Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig  
Secretary

### Colporteurs Remind Translation Near

The Lord would have us accept NOW and for the rest of our brief sojourn as the challenge of nineteen fifty, the nearness of translation!! Indeed it is coming. Littleed 'it is very near and we shall not all sleep!!

It is almost here! And thanks be to God, our colporteurs—faithful, self-sacrificing men and women, girls and boys—have awakened to the fact and are warning the world as well as the remnant church! With a new vision they are advancing; with a new voice they are heralding; and with a new heart they are preparing.

As never before, "O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent," they walk, they run; they ride and they scramble; for, in their ears—louder than the thunder—is the cry, "Time shall be no longer!" Rev. 10:6, 7.

Thrilled by the imminence of the LAST DAY, our organized army of nearly 200 move on unitedly; determined and strong, with open mouths and bated breath. The world and the church look on while from hundreds of consecrated lips come the invitation—"Come for all things are now ready."

The zeal within the breasts of our colporteurs is the direct result of the Spirit's work. This is the day of Joel's prophecy! Loved ones, let us look up! Led by the Spirit to behold the beauty of the feet upon the mountains, hundreds of laymen the world over are asking to be enlisted in the Grand Army of Bookmen. Because of world unrest we cannot assemble the books and magazines fast enough. The recruits are restless. Leaders, they cry: "We are ready. We have sold houses and lands and here is the money. We have given up lucrative worldly employment in order to have the chance of serving now in this the great day of the Lord!! Shall we be disappointed? Shall we, because of lack of vision, 'the Lamp of Life deny'?"

Although Publishing Houses and Bible Houses here and there are asking us to "hold a bit and be patient, still they are with the Spirit and are preparing as never before not to fail Him. To Him they respectfully reply, "We shall furnish the literary tools; Divine One, we shall not fail You!"

Brave colporteurs of the British West Indies Union, bear on. Brigades, you are

doing a great work. Do not come down. Be patient. And, other recruits, stand still, soon you will be there and what a charge you will make upon the citadels of sin!

"Then I heard the voice of our Counselor saying: 'Forbid them not. This is the work that should be done. The end is near. Already much time has been LOST, when these BOOKS should have been in circulation. Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of autumn. This work is to continue without the forbiddings of any one. Souls are perishing out of Christ. Let them be warned! Translation is near!' Vol IX, p. 72. —A. R. HAIG.

—JOIN THE M. V. HALF-A-MILLION DRIVE—

### COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER, 1949

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas	135	£170 13 6	£136 14 3
Bc. Honduras	90	69 7 9	69 7 9
East Jamaica	3214	277 19 6	296 12 2
West Jamaica	791	79 8 7	53 9 4
TOTALS	4220	£537 9 4	£465 8 6

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission:			
135	£170 13 6	£136 14 3	
Bc. Honduras Mission:			
Colporteurs	90	69 7 9	69 7 9
Brigade	14 10 3	14 10 3	
East Jamaica Conference:			
Garrison, A. R.	137	14 17 0	3 11 0
King, J. M.	135	11 18 0	15 5 0
Purville, Edw.	146	21 13 0	3 16 0
Rose, Florence	108	5 19 6	4 14 6
Satchell, Maria	114	22 0 0	31 13 6
Wilson, George	156	48 13 0	16 7 3
Anderson, M.	159	22 5 0	11 1 4
Students:			
Lewis, Kenneth	120	13 11 0	18 11 0
Other Students	186	65 16 9	7 12 0
Brigades	294		24 2 2
Other Colporteurs	1733	63 7 0	144 9 7
West Jamaica Conference:			
Colporteurs	741	24 4 7	53 16 5
Students	50	15 4 0	4 18 11

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



### 1950 Mid-Century Greater Literature Evangelism Year

Whereas, "Men are in peril. Multitudes are perishing. But how few of the professed followers of Christ are burdened for these souls," and

Whereas, "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications," therefore, it was

VOTED TO RECOMMEND, 1. That through the British West Indies Union, 1950 be designated as "MID-CENTURY GREATER LITERATURE EVANGELISM YEAR," and that it be made a year of unprecedented revival in the distribution of our publications.

2. That in the eleventh-hour of world history a greater effort be put forth to recruit a larger number of church members for the colporteur work.

3. That our present army of colporteurs be encouraged to work at least one additional hour each day.

—M. V. WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 11-13—

### Sabbath School

(Continued from page 3)

used and were printed for previous quarters, they will serve our field very acceptably, and will be especially appreciated by those Sabbath Schools whose Sabbath School expense income is insufficient to provide for these valuable aids for their children.

After they have been used to good advantage, they should be passed on to other organized Schools or Branch Schools or for use in Sunday Schools. They could be used also by other missionary groups such as Laymen's, etc. It is the expressed wish of the donors that they be used until

they are worn out in service. Also, they suggest that in no case should they be sold, but should continue to be distributed without cost to those who can make good use of them, throughout the British West Indies Union.

—H. D. COLBURN.

"Aspire to look back when evening shadows fall over the plain, And hear the grand sweet strain,— 'Thou hast not lived in vain.'"

—Selected.

Here are the presidents of the Conferences and Missions of the B.W.I. Union, with the president of the Union.

## BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

J. N. WILLIAMS, President.

IVY USHER, Secy.-Treas.

P. O. Box 170, Belize, British Honduras

### \*British Honduras Mission

The adage, "Trouble has the way of coming, butt end first; Seen approaching then you view it at its worst, still it's true." At the beginning of this year as we looked out into the future here in the Northern District there did not seem to be very much to be courageous about. From the human standpoint things were discouraging. Opposition, uncertainty and discouragements were on every side. Yet God always has in such times men of true hearts who are willing to sacrifice and co-operate in the work of saving souls.

With such a setting we faced the year 1949. Today, we can give glory to God that He has been able through these feeble human instruments in this forbidden part of His vineyard to gather into His fold a harvest of souls. So far as we have gone, there have been added to the churches here nineteen souls by baptism. Before this year shall have passed into history, or within the next few days, if the Lord wills, sixteen souls will have been buried with their Lord in baptism, rising to walk in newness of life. This would make a total of thirty-five besides others in the baptismal class who are awaiting the approval of the church for baptism.

This record brings joy to our hearts second only to the joy we have had in working for the salvation of these precious souls. Nor has this been all the result of our labour, for today as a result of our contact with other villages many are awaiting the time when it will be our privilege to open more fully to them the words of life.

It may be of interest to have just a short account of how the work has been done. In April of this year, we started a series of meetings here in Corozal; this we continued for six weeks with apparently little success. The meetings were poorly attended from the start. "Beaten perhaps, but none shall guess, I'll walk as though I knew success," and so we immediately shifted our fighting front to Calcutta our nearest neighbouring church four miles out of town. Here for another six weeks the Lord used us with the result that a baptismal class of twenty-six was organized. We then decided to do a little softening of hither-to sterile soil and so chose two villages where previously the work had been opposed and our entrance seemed hopeless.

We made good use of the dry weather we were then having to share with these dear ones the water of life, although sometimes it necessitated hard work and courage, having sometimes to take a dorey (row boat) and row for five or six hours up the river and then take our equipment on our backs through the forest for another three or more miles on foot.

We were very happy on our first visit to find that instead of being driven away we were invited to return. We have thus far accomplished this year's objective in these places, but not for once laying down our armour. We have turned our attention back home and here are pressing the battle to the end. Having failed to obtain the attendance we desired in our previous encounter here in Corozal, we decided to move out into the streets. Sure enough our attendance was good. Each night from 75 to 100 were in attendance and sometimes more. As a result of six weeks of this programme, many have been enrolled in the 20th Century Bible School. Now we have simply shifted from one end of town to the other and are having a fairly good attendance. Each night the songs of Prince Emmanuel are heard as His army goes forth broadcasting His message in the street.

Besides this, we have been able to hold a spearhead effort in Concepcion and have succeeded in adding to and repairing our church in Calcutta, all of which has been done through the co-operation of our faithful brethren without the cost of a cent to the Mission.

We have as yet only been playing with pebbles along the shore. There is a great work here to be accomplished. The time is ripe! The labourers are few! Can you imagine our great needs? If not, ask and it shall be revealed. Pray for us, Brethren.

—GARFIELD NEWMAN.

\*(This article was written before the close of 1949.)

—JOIN THE M. V. HALF-A-MILLION DRIVE—

## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

K. S. CROFOOT, President.

MISS E. W. PARCHMENT, Secy.-Treas.  
178 Orange St., Kingston, Jamaica.

### Bringing Sunshine to the Lepers

Sunday, December 25, will be a day long remembered, not because it is called Christmas Day, but because it was the privilege of a group of Conference workers to visit the Lepers' Home in Spanish Town. After motoring in the balmy air of Christmas morning, the party from Kingston arrived, bringing a little cheer to these unfortunate ones.

Everyone was very much impressed by the self-sacrifice and courtesy of the Catholic Sisters, who escorted them around. After a brief inspection, the workers found the Seventh-day Adventist inmates patiently awaiting their arrival in their recently renovated chapel. It was really marvellous to see the improvements the members had made by painting the chapel without any substantial assistance.

Songs were sung and Pastor M. G. Nembhard brought the inmates a short message of hope and cheer. There was joy in all hearts because of the privilege of making life just a little happier by the songs and gifts presented.

## Graduation at Kingsway High School

Another successful school year culminated in the Graduation Exercises of the Kingsway High School held at the North Street Temple, December 9-11. Pastor A. R. Haig delivered the Consecration sermon on Friday night. He appealed to the Class to be true to their aim, "His Life Our Guiding Star." To his message the Class unanimously responded by rededicating themselves to the service of Christ.

On Sabbath morning Dr. John Shone of the Andrews Memorial Hospital stirred the large audience as he expounded the text, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3. He urged the Class to be perfect reflectors of the Sun of Righteousness. Humanity has no light in itself. Pastor H. S. Walters who delivered the Commencement address on Sunday night elaborated upon the Class Motto—"Not Sunset But Dawn"—pointing out the open doors of service now waiting to be entered.

At the close of the address the Headmaster distributed Senior Cambridge Certificates to six students who were successful in the Cambridge Examinations taken December, 1948, and School Leaving Certificates to the thirteen Seniors who sat for the recent Senior Cambridge School Certificate Examinations. When the results of the examinations are reported those who have passed will receive their Cambridge Certificates.

The special music interspersed through the weekend programme contributed much to the inspiration of the meetings.

Thus closed the old school year—probably the best in the history of the institution. As the New Year rolls in Kingsway calls again to the Advent Youth of Jamaica to enter her portals now. "He who is not preparing to succeed is preparing to fail."

## One Hundred Colporteurs Attend East Jamaica Institute

The annual institute of the East Jamaica Conference Book Evangelists held in the Kencot Church, December 26, 1949-January 1, 1950 brought together a representative group of over one hundred full-time and part-time colporteurs including leaders and members of the Brigades. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, banners, and magazines which gave a very welcomed setting. A rigid time table from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. along with a well-planned course of instruction with emphasis on "Technique in Christian Salesmanship" and "Personality in Action" kept everyone occupied and accounted for every hour of the day.

Pastor A. R. Haig of the British West Indies Union Mission, Pastor W. U. Campbell and Brethren I. B. Benson and  
(Continued on page 6)

C. C. Nebblett of the East Jamaica Conference, who were in charge of operation, did a splendid job throughout the entire Institute. The consensus of opinion among the colporteurs was that the "Discussion" and "Special Feature" periods were among the most interesting. Highlight in the former was the welcomed news that the Pacific Press had made a further subsidy which will enable the colporteurs to sell books at a price much lower than that fixed since the devaluation of the pound.

Saturday night's special feature was a farewell function in honour of Brother I. B. Benson, Acting Publishing Department Secretary for 1949, who leaves for further studies at the West Indian Training College. During the time Mr. Benson was connected with the work in East Jamaica he filled his role ably and well. Everyone with whom he associated shall miss him and look forward to the time of his return.

At the opening and closing services the guest speakers were Pastor K. S. Crofoot, President of the East Jamaica Conference, and Pastor R. W. Numbers, President of the British West Indies Union Mission respectively. The first speaker developed thoughts presented in the parable of the "Talents" and warned the audience to beware of being fearful, untrustworthy, and lazy—traits which prevented the one-talented man from receiving the "Well Done." The last speaker used the experience of Jonah to show that when God gives a command we should obey, for "the way of the transgressor is hard." God's command to the East Jamaica Conference is to warn every person of his impending danger in this darkest hour which is just before the dawn of His coming. In response to the speaker's appeal everyone present stood as an indication of his consecration anew for greater service for the Master during 1950.

Before the colporteurs left for their respective fields on Monday morning, January 2, the ordinance of the Lord's House was celebrated, after which Miss Edith Webber and Mr. Michael Curling exchanged marriage vows at the altar with Pastor A. C. Stockhausen officiating.

With the motto, "Onward with Jesus until the Benediction," the colporteurs left feeling richly blessed and better equipped to serve their Lord and Master during 1950.

### General Conference, Division, and Union Home Missionary Men Visit East Jamaica Lay Preachers' Institute

On Monday evening, January 2, the opening meeting of the East Jamaica Conference Lay Preachers' Institute took place at the Kencot Church. Besides the Lay Preachers many others turned out to hear the opening message of the President of the British West Indies Union Mission, Pastor R. W. Numbers. His loudly-sounded keynote was that Christ has no

other plan for the telling of His great sacrifice than for the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to pass it on to others.

It was certainly a good cross-section of the Island's lay preachers which gathered together for the occasion. There were twenty-nine men representing every district of the East Jamaica Conference and thirteen lay preacher visitors from the West Jamaica Conference. It was a rather unique Institute because of the fact that the Home Missionary Department was fully represented as far as Denominational organizations were concerned. There were in attendance Elders T. L. Oswald, W. Amundsen, H. D. Colburn, A. C. Stockhausen, Brother J. Fletcher and the lay preachers, and church organizations respectively. The above mentioned brethren with the members of the local clergy gave valuable instructions along doctrinal lines and the technique of being a good lay preacher.

Health lectures were given by Doctors A. W. N. Druitt, H. M. Johnston and J. Shone, the essence of which was that everyone should endeavour to have clean and healthy bodies and to exert his influence in his community in helping to build up the Island's health. This is one of the surest ways of winning souls for the Kingdom of God.

Highlight of the Institute came on the last night, Sunday, January 8, when the entire group repaired to the North Street Temple for the Investiture service. Among the lay preachers there were twelve from the East and twelve from the West Jamaica Conference who attained the necessary standard of qualification to be invested into the "Company of the 70." Elder T. L. Oswald delivered the message, emphasizing the fact that the work must be finished by the lay men along with the ministers.

Elder W. Amundsen gave the charge, after which membership pins were placed on each one invested by Pastors K. S. Crofoot and W. S. Nation of the East and West Jamaica Conferences respectively. Tokens of appreciation in the form of "Selections from the Testimonies" were handed out to six men for having won not less than five souls each during 1949. The following morning after celebrating the Ordinances of the Lord's House the forty-two who attended left with a song in their hearts and a strong determination to make 1950 the very best soul-winning year.

"Angels are engaged night and day in the service of God, for the uplifting of man in accordance with the plan of salvation. Man is required to love God supremely, that is, with all his might, mind, and strength, and his neighbour as himself. This he cannot possibly do unless he shall deny himself. Said Christ, 'Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.'" *Test., Vol IV, p. 521.*

## SALT CAYS MISSION

W. H. WALLER, President  
Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands

### News Notes

We regret to announce to our VISITOR readers that because of ill health, Brother and Sister L. A. Grey have permanently returned to their homeland. Our believers have already missed them greatly and will continue to pray for those who have laboured so earnestly in our field.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Brother Felix Clayton to our field. He has accepted the Master's challenge to take up the torch where the Greys have reluctantly laid it down. The church members and believers are eagerly awaiting the first opportunity to welcome Brother Clayton. He hopes to arrive there soon.

Although our regular workers have unavoidably been absent from the field, we are cheered to know that everything is going along well. We are thankful for the leadership of Brother H. Lee at Grand Turk, Brother Stanley Rigby at Blue Hills and Brother George Caperton at Kew. These good men have caught the lay man's spirit and along with the other members of the church, we expect a great harvest of souls as a result of their efforts.

### An Experience

Some weeks ago, I was making some calls on those who were interested in Bible studies. On my return home I was surprised to find the house all locked tightly and no one was there. I decided that my wife had gone out unexpectedly on some short visit, so I would occupy the time by making another call, but when I again returned I was disappointed. This experience was repeated several times without success.

The day was growing old; the sun had set, and darkness was coming on. I could not think of any more visits to be made, so I rode along in the twilight thinking of what might have caused the long delay of my wife's return.

Just about that moment, I was greeted by a lady standing in front of her house with this question: "Have you brought me something good to read?" I assured her that I had, and immediately pulled some books and periodicals from my satchel to show her. She made her selection. Then she told me of her acquaintance with Seventh-day Adventists both at home and abroad. She assured me that she had learned to love the truth and was definitely convinced that she should follow it. I invited her to attend our services, and she promised that she would.

I sincerely hope that she will soon fully identify herself with the Remnant Church. This experience teaches that every disappointment is not a misfortune, but may be God's appointment.

—W. H. WALLER.



A group of baptismal candidates who took their stand recently at the North Street church, East Jamaica Conference, under the ministry of Pastor M. G. Nembhard and Miss I. Waldrow, Bible Worker.

grave by baptism. The distraction of this exciting but solemn scene abated with the singing of a few choruses. At this time Elder Colburn, Home Missionary Secretary for the B. W. I. Union gave an inspiring lecture on evangelism. Next was a talk on tithing given by Mrs. Rodriguez. Little by little the feast of good things was proceeding. What a wonderful time the leaders had as they all joined together in a symposium in which each displayed his talent as a leader and expressed his resolution to set his church on fire for God during 1950.

Much appreciation was extended to Pastor Colburn who so willingly supplied the loveliest music during the conference. Soft music continued until the climax of the whole conference which was a warm sermon from Pastor H. S. Walters, Young People and Educational Secretary for the B. W. I. Union. At the end he made a stirring appeal. Prayer was offered; appreciation was extended to all the brethren who contributed to make the conference a success. Certainly those who did not attend this conference missed that which could not be bought with gold nor silver.

— M. V. WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 11-18 —

Hanover and the "Far West" is not too far away to catch the spirit of progress and soul saving that is taking possession of the West Jamaica Conference. The effort conducted by Pastor Lee Gouldbourne, at Lucea, proved a success and up to now eighteen have been baptized.

The Lances Bay Church is a very energetic church, and through their efforts there have been organized two companies—one at Davis' Cove and the other at Lance River. Seven have been baptized at Davis' Cove and ten at Lance River. At the baptism at Lance River several took their stand for the truth.

The church leaders' conventions held in Hanover have been an outstanding success so far, and have already lent inspiration to our leaders and the results have been gratifying. The Missionary Volunteer Convention piloted by Pastor H. S. Walters of the B. W. I. Union and Brother Joe Fletcher of the West Jamaica Conference was generally supported by the eighteen churches of the district. Pastor O. U. Holness of Westmoreland was also present to lend his helpful counsel.

On Sunday, December 18, was witnessed a great day at Rejoin. It was stonelaying for a baby church. Brother A. W. Heron, one of our pioneer laymen has started the foundation for a strong church here. Over fifty stones were laid. Pastors E. E. Parchment and W. S. Nation were present.

The new church building at Johnson was dedicated as another monument to God's truth on the first Sunday of January, 1950. President W. S. Nation of the West Jamaica Conference presided and directed the formal activities of the opening of doors and windows. Pastor W. A.

(Continued on page 8)

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

W. S. NATION, President.  
MRS. D. RODRIQUES, Secy.-Treas.  
Mandeville, Jamaica.

### News Notes from West Jamaica Conference

The Manchester District in the West Jamaica Conference witnessed one of its most memorable weekends at the Grove Town Church where nearly all the leaders and delegates from the various churches in the district met for a two-day conference. The plan was conceived by the district pastor to inspire the churches of Manchester to greater things in 1950.

The first meeting was on Friday night, December 30, at 7:30 when the welcome address was delivered by Pastor Frank Fletcher, District Pastor for Manchester. Everything was well arranged, and it was a real inspiration to see the leaders as they marched orderly on the platform where a great challenge was extended to them by Pastor Fletcher for greater service for 1950.

Sabbath morning broke with all its luster and beauty; the moments sped on, then came the Sabbath School hour which was ably presided over by Mrs. W. S. Nation, Sabbath School Secretary, for the West Jamaica Conference. As a conclusion all stood and dedicated their lives anew for 1950 while Elder Randle offered the consecration prayer.

Brother Joe Fletcher, Home Missionary Secretary for the West Jamaica Conference, next took his place at the regular ten minutes service and, while accompanied by Elder Colburn's radiophone music, gave some very valuable thoughts as to how to become successful missionaries for God.

With anticipation all looked toward the Divine service and the one who would give the message for the hour. Elder R. W. Numbers, President of the B. W. I. Union, gave a soul-stirring sermon at the climax of which all felt it was good that they were present.

Then came the period of intermission and refreshing. It was 2:30, and a lively song service brought all together again. Without hesitation Pastor Franz, the Secretary-Treasurer for the B. W. I. Union, stepped forward and gave a mighty challenge to each concerning his stewardship. He emphasized the thought that our time, our talent, our money, all belong to God, and we are mere holders of these for just a period.

The next speakers were Elder Colburn and Mrs. W. S. Nation who spoke respectively on two important phases of the Sabbath School. Many new ideas were brought to the notice of the hearers who listened attentively. Last but not least of the day's procedure were the lovely songs rendered from the Voice of Prophecy programme. This was not enough, so Elder Colburn gave a most inspiring slide entitled, "From the Manger to the Cross." These wonderful scenes brought tears to the eyes of all in the audience and one could hear expressions like this, "How wonderful," "I want to be there to meet at the beautiful river." Yes, all felt that this was a day long to be remembered.

The old year with all its toils, troubles heartaches, and blessings had passed, then ushered in the New Year 1950. It was Sunday, and the feast of good things was now at its height. The audience became larger as a bus load of brethren and visiting friends were in attendance. The first item on the programme was the burial of four candidates into the watery

## Ordination Service

On Sabbath afternoon at the time of the Union Session, three of our workers were ordained to the Gospel Ministry: Pastor Owen Holness of the West Jamaica Conference, Pastor B. R. Hamilton of the Andrews Memorial Hospital, and Pastor O. P. Jones of the Bahamas Mission.

Pastor Holness was highly recommended by the West Jamaica Conference. He has demonstrated himself as a successful soul-winner, and we pray that God may continue to richly bless his labours.

Pastor Hamilton has laboured for more than twenty-five years in the denomination. Most of these years were spent in connection with the West Indian Training College as a teacher. For over a year he was Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary of the West Jamaica Conference. For the past year he has been Bible Teacher at the Andrews Memorial Hospital besides holding the office of Business Manager.

Pastor Jones first started his work in the denomination as Principal of the Bahamas Junior Academy. Later he became pastor of the Grants Town Church in Nassau. The Lord has blessed Brother Jones as a soul-winner, and we look forward to an abundant harvest through his ministry.

Elder T. L. Oswald, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference offered the ordination prayer; Elder Wesley Amundsen, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Inter-American Division gave the charge, and Pastor R. W. Numbers gave the right hand of fellowship and welcome to the ministry. Forty ordained ministers then filed by, each welcoming these workers into the battle scarred ranks of the Gospel Ministry.

We feel our members throughout the Union will be glad to join with us in prayer for these ministers and their families as they press forward in the Master's work until He comes.

— R. W. N.

— M. V. WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 11-18 —

## Lengthening Our Cords

(Continued from page 1)

The West Indian Training College and the Andrews Memorial Hospital are giving a mold to our youth which will be fully appreciated when we find ourselves in the midst of the most gigantic struggle of the ages. These institutions have been established by God that our youth might be rightly trained in following the pattern set down by Christ Himself in reaching the souls of men. The influence of these two institutions are destined to grow in amazing proportions in the months ahead of us. Daily should our prayers ascend to God in behalf of those who have been called of God to head these schools of the prophets where our own children are being prepared to be modern apostles at the end of the world.

## News Notes from West Jamaica

(Continued from page 7)

Osborne of the West Indian Training College gave the dedicatory sermon to an overcrowded church. The attendance was so large that no resident church member, save the choir, could gain entrance. May God bless the growth of the Johnson Church for 1950.

— ESTABLISH A CHURCH SCHOOL IN  
YOUR CHURCH TODAY —

Sunday, January 8, 1950, was a day long looked forward to by the brethren of Granville Church in St. James. On this day a large crowd witnessed the dedication of this new church. Pastor E. J. Parchment, District Pastor, presided and Pastor A. R. Haig of the B. W. I. Union gave the dedicatory sermon to an appreciative crowd. God surely blesses the efforts of His faithful ones.

Devon, one of our oldest churches in West Jamaica Conference, became too small for the growing congregation and so the members raised up a new one near to the old. It took several years to complete. Nevertheless under the leadership of Pastor E. C. H. Reid the building was completed and dedicated on the 2nd day of January, 1950. Several of the other church members in Pastor Reid's District came by trucks to celebrate the day of joy and gladness with their sister church. Many of the prominent people of the nearby districts were there to open the doors and windows which brought in quite a tidy sum of money. Pastors E. E. Parchment of the B. W. I. Union gave the dedicatory sermon by which many people were inspired. Many compliments were extended to the members for their untiring zeal and sacrifice in putting up such a lovely church for the worship of Jehovah.

## Half a Million M. V. Drive

(Continued from page 2)

5. Writing letters.
6. Enrolling someone in the Bible School.
7. Personal visits.

This is our year of opportunity. Let this half-a-million drive become a vital force among us. Young people in St. Mary, Manchester and Nassau have already started. "Let us share our Faith before it is late."

## UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

HORNE—Sister Charlotte E. Horne, age 84, a member of the Buff Bay S. D. A. Church passed away on the 4th of January, 1950, with the sure and certain hope of hearing the voice of the Life-Giver and the sound of the first trumpet. She has left to mourn her loss three children and seventeen grand children. The funeral services were conducted by Brother E. Dunbar, Church Leader.

— DAN HORNE.

## The British West Indies Union Visitor

R. W. Numbers Editor  
Clyde O. Franz Asst. Editor

Official Organ of the  
BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION  
of Seventh-day Adventists  
Post Box 22, General Post Office, Mandeville, Ja.

### UNION DIRECTORY

R. W. Numbers President  
Clyde O. Franz Secretary-Treasurer  
Mrs. H. D. Colburn Accountant & Cashier

### DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

A. R. Haig Publishing  
H. D. Colburn Home Miss., S.S., Temperance  
H. S. Walters Y.P.M.V., Educational  
E. E. Parchment Field Secretary & Radio  
R. W. Numbers Religious Liberty

## Four Thousand Children in Danger

(Continued from page 2)

In God's plan for the restoration of man, He has ordained that Christian education must be the front-line defence against sin. In the past, the people of God always recognized the vital place which the training of the youth occupied in the work of their great missions. Israel had its school of the prophets; the Waldenses carefully trained their young men and women in their own schools.

Many great religious reforms started in the classroom. All received life, power, and impetus there. When the spirit of reformation ceased to actuate the work of the schoolroom, the whole movement weakened, lost its fire and its purpose, and finally died. The Advent people are now on the threshold of a great revival, but that will never adorn this movement until our children are found in our own schools, because they must be the vanguard of this revival. From Vol VI, p. 203 of the *Testimonies*, I quote: "When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up. *Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work.*"

There are over 5,000 children of school age within our Union, and we have been able to reach just one-fifth of this number. There are still 4,000 who, every Monday, return to worldly schools to receive instruction from those who know not the ways of the Lord.

With such a challenge before us, let us dedicate ourselves to save these children from the threat of corruption.

— H. S. WALTERS.

## Mid-Century Home Evangelism

(Continued from page 2)

5. That we encourage the continuation of this visitation programme at other times, making such visitation a part of every missionary institute held throughout the year, endeavouring, under God, to reach every home in the British West Indies Union.