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Bahamas Mission Session

The sixth biennial session of the Bahamas Mission convened at the Shirley Street Church in Nassau, November 28 - December 2, 1952. Workers present and taking part were Pastors L. L. Reile from the Inter-American Division; R. W. Numbers, S. E. White, E. E. Parchment, A. C. Stockhausen from the British West Indies Union; R. E. Gibson, C. S. Greene, Lee Gouldbourne, Brethren E. J. Murray, W. W. Liske, C. J. Barnes, and Mesdames Gibson, Liske, Greene, Gouldbourne, Barnes and Ruth White from the local field.

Owing to bad weather, very few delegates were able to get in on time for the session from the out islands, but those from the churches on New Providence, Eleuthra, and San Salvadore were present and enjoyed a good spiritual feast. In addition to Pastor R. E. Gibson and Brother E. J. Murray, who had been previously re-elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively by the Union, Pastor C. S. Greene was elected as Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Secretary; Brother W. W. Liske, headmaster of the Bahamas Junior Academy, as Educational Secretary; and Brother E. J. Murray as Temperance Secretary. In addition to the two officers of the Mission, Elder C. S. Greene, Brethren W. W. Liske, W. W. Antonio, W. A. McMillan, and William Nairn were elected to serve on the executive committee.

Elder Lee Gouldbourne was asked to superintend the churches on the island of Eleuthra; Brother C. J. Barnes those on Andross, while Sister S. J. Barnes, after doing a splendid work for two years in New Providence.



BRANSON JUNIOR ACADEMY

the Bahamas Junior Academy, was asked to head-up the school at Kemps Bay, Andross. Brother Stanley Fernandez will be giving a part of his time to supervising the churches on San Salvadore and Cat Island.

Brother J. S. King, who had been working as a colporteur, and his family left the field just after the session for the U. S. A., but brother C. H. Hepburn continues to do a marvelous work in the colporteur ministry on the out islands, while Brother S. C. Vasciannie places the printed page in the homes of those living on

Sister Olive Nation, who recently graduated from the West Indian Training College has answered a call to take Sister Barnes' place as a teacher in the Bahamas Junior Academy, but another young lady is urgently needed in that school. A good spiritual experience awaits a young married couple and two or three consecrated colporteur evangelists in this very interesting island field. Who'll answer the call?

— A C. Stockhausen.

Selections from the Reports given at our Recent Conference Sessions

East Jamaica Conference

President H. D. COLBURN
Secretary-Treas. MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

Biennium of Progress

The biennium which ends with this session has been crowded with breath-taking events! We have been constantly reminded that the "final movements will be rapid ones" and that "We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important! The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous! They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones!"

—Vol. 9, page 11.

How often have we been reminded of these words since last we met in this North Street Temple in Conference Session! The ebb and flow of the battle of Korea, we have followed with bated breath! Is the outcome of this struggle destined to become the Saejevo of World War 1, or the Polish Corridor incident of World War 2 to set off another global conflict number 3? We have watched with the keenest interest the battle of words within the towering building by the East River in New York City as the ironically named "United Nations" have struggled with problems which obviously have no human solutions. And coming to our little island, we have witnessed the greatest disaster ever to visit Jamaica, the never-to-be-forgotten hurricane of Friday night, August 17, 1951. (I can never forget the heart-ache which I experienced when making my way through the debris the following day in Western Kingston in an effort to get to Spanish Town after surveying the wreckage of the Corporate Area, as I overtook a car which had been pressed into service as a hearse, bearing two caskets. The larger one was beneath, and above it was a very small one. Looking ahead I noticed the car of Pastor Hilbert Nembhard, and then I recognized

it was the little procession occasioned by a double tragedy in an Adventist home in Western Kingston during that fateful night when the wall of the home collapsed on the members of the family. This mother, true to her mother love and solicitude for her baby, held it in her arms. For nearly half an hour she called for help, prayed, and sang hymns, only a few feet away from her husband who likewise was pinned beneath the rubble. He told how desperately he had tried to extricate himself to help his wife and baby, but to no avail, and that he knew when the mantle of death was mercifully laid over his loved ones, as one then the other became silent.

Yes, these past two years have been eventful ones! The activity throughout the length and breadth of the conference has been intense. The field has fairly throbbed with activity as workers and laymen worked together for the advancement of the Cause we love. . . . At the end of the third quarter of 1952, our membership had reached the nine thousand five hundred two figure, and with the large number in baptismal classes, it seems most evident that the year 1952 will close with the membership of the East Jamaica Conference reaching the 10,000 figure. During the last four years there has been a 27% gain in membership.

In the "Biennium of Progress" which ends with this meeting, we are happy to be able to report that the conference again owns its own home at 176 Orange Street. The property purchased in 1951 for £3,000 has undergone extensive improvements, such as interior and exterior decoration, landscaping, and construction of a retaining wall on the two streets of this fine corner property. A large Neon sign announces to the thousands of people passing by day and night that the property houses the offices of the Seventh day Adventist headquarters in this part of the island. The Neon sign likewise calls the attention of the passerby to the fact that the building also is the home of the Conference Book & Bible House.

Our church building programme, which is always of major importance to house our ever-growing membership, has moved forward too. We have built or rebuilt to completion or nearly so, 8 churches, 4 of which will be ready for dedication in the near future.

—H. D. Colburn, *President*.

A Marvelous Growth in East Jamaica

E. W. Parchment, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

Our activities are confined to the smaller portion of Jamaica which covers 1,556 square miles and takes in the parishes of Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, Portland, and St. Catherine. Jamaica, a land of contrasts and variety offers different delights, each with equal admiration. It is chiefly an agricultural country with very uneven season, so we are not always blessed with rewards proportionate to our labours. Scattered among the population of 678,045 were 8,835 Seventh-day Adventists at the end of 1951. There were 97 organized churches. It is marvelous to see what has been accomplished under God. During the two-year period 2,084 persons were baptized, and the entire membership brought into the treasury £31,560-9-0 in tithe and £9,776-6-0 in offerings.

"The Sabbath school is important and all are interested in the truth should endeavour to make it prosperous."

The Sabbath School Claims and Reclaims Souls

W. A. Holgate, *Sabbath School Secretary*.

We now have 114 organized Sabbath schools in this conference, six of which were added during this biennial period. Our total Sabbath school membership is 9,210. . . . Sabbath, September 30, was a great day in East Jamaica. From all over the conference the most glowing reports have come in of the packed churches, the returned backsliders, the interest displayed by those not of our faith and the definite evidences of God's divine presence and leading in the services of the day. Many have been the expressions of gratitude to God for bringing us to the 100th birthday of the Sabbath school. From a report received from the North Street Sabbath school I briefly quote the following: The feature which was of special interest was that of the oldest sister in the person of Mrs. Ella Patterson, who has been a Sabbath school member for 56 years. An opportunity was given to her to give a brief account of her con-

nection with this work. It was almost breath-taking to listen to this mother in Israel as she related the early history of our work in Jamaica in general and Kingston in particular. She had the privilege of being one of the first 30 members in the island of Jamaica. At that time the church was located at Text Lane, but after the earthquake of 1907 it was removed to the present location. She expressed the joy that is hers of seeing during her lifetime the work grow from the small number of 30 to 20,000 members in Jamaica and 1,560 in North Street. To God be the glory was the joyous theme of this dear sister who could well say as did Simeon of old, 'Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy salvation'."

The offerings for this Centennial Sabbath were gratifying in that the amount of £202-19-8 was received, bringing the total Sabbath school and 13th Sabbath offering for the two-year period to £4,478-18-9. The Investment offering amounted to £311-7-1 and the Birthday offering to £63-14-8 making a grand total of £4,845-0-6 in offerings to missions during this period.



Mrs. Ella Patterson, one of the first 30 Seventh-day Adventists in Jamaica.

A Sorcerer Won to Christ

Our laymen have been instrumental in capturing from the ranks of the enemy 471 of the 2,084 souls thus saved in East Jamaica during this biennial period. Their experience have been many and wonderful. There is for example the experience of Brother Hezekiah Moore who has recently accepted a call to the Salt Cays district. During his sojourn in the district of Redwood, where he laboured for many months, finally raising up a company of 36 and building a fort as he had previously done in a number of other districts, he encountered a noted sorcerer. This man's wife accepted the message, but the man having been accustomed to his dark deeds and tricks, came to the meetings but had only evil intentions. He was a noted healer in that vicinity, being able to tell one as he approached where he had an ache, in that the moment anyone suffering from any ache approached, he himself began to suffer with the same complaint. He could tell things which happened from one's childhood until the moment he met that one and he, of course, had a very large patronage. Our layman worked, and with others prayed and fasted for the soul of

this man who at times became boisterous and dangerously threatening. Finally he was converted, burnt his equipment and requested and obtained baptism. Now he rejoices in the truth. Thanks be to God and commendations to our worthy Brother Moore who joys in the fact that the days of miracles are not past.

—W. A. Holgate,
Home Missionary Secretary.

Youth for Youth in East Jamaica Oswald Gordon

Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

The youth of our conference had a wonderful experience on March 16, 1952 when more than 1000 of them visited over 5000 homes and distributed 4,500 pieces of gospel-filled literature. The greatest thrill was to see 700 of the dear people with whom they talked and prayed that day attend the Sunday night meetings.

Scores of letters have reached my desk which have told of many thrilling experiences. One young person wrote the following: "As we journeyed over the hills and valleys imparting the message of salvation, the eagerness with which men and women attend to the Word of

God gives me more certainty that Jesus is near, even at the doors. While visiting on Sunday we went to a home where we found the mother and father conversing. They said that the article which appeared in the Gleaner the day before relative to closing the market on the Lord's day to prevent desecration was giving them some concern as they really wanted to know which day is the Lord's. We knelt and asked for divine guidance before opening the Word of God. Text after text was read proving that the Seventh-day is the Lord's day. With faces lighted with joy they gave glory to God and promised Him not to break another Sabbath." (Continued on page 8)

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of James Bennett, a member of the North Street S.D.A. Church, is asked to communicate with the Church Clerk, 4 Central Avenue, Kingston Gardens, Kingston.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Rose Jones, member of the Caledonia S. D. A. Church, Manchester, kindly report to Mr. S. H. Campbell, Hanbury, Mandeville. Sister Jones was last known to be in Kingston.

Christian Education in East Jamaica

W. A. Holgate,
Educational Secretary.

There are 6 home schools in East Jamaica, where our children are being trained along denominational lines. These home schools usually provide the nucleus for recognized or semi-recognized schools. Miss J. Sheriffe is holding the torch over at Morant Bay with an enrolment of 84 and an average attendance of 64; Miss Rubel McDonald at Trench Town with an enrolment of 82 and an average attendance of 75; Miss Elizabeth Nangle at Greenwich Town with an enrolment of 65 and an average attendance of 43; Miss Gloria Burnett at Clermout with an enrolment and average attendance of 60; Mrs. Mable Bailey at Palm with an enrolment of 30 and an average attendance of 10. Miss Una Clarke at Old Harbour Bay with an enrolment of 110 and an average attendance of 80.

Our semi-recognized schools are the Regent street school, directed by Miss Daphne McKenzie with an enrolment of 94 and an average attendance of 70; the Woodford school with an enrolment of 60 and an average attendance of 50 manned by Brother Guy Jobson, and the Gayle school with an enrolment of 19 and average attendance of 16.

During the course of this biennial period our North Street church school has seen many changes as far as housing is concerned. The wind of August 18, 1951 apparently very sympathetic with those parents and teachers who craved a more representative building than the old dilapidated church hall in which to school their children, tore the old building down and threw it in scattered bits upon the ground. Then came headaches and heartaches, — school in tents 'neath sun and rain, a dwindling away of students, — discouragement — then a bright idea and God provided some money and now the old North Street church school has developed into Branson Junior Academy in a lovely home situated at 20 East Avenue, Kingston Gardens, with an enrolment of 320 students and four qualified and efficient teachers, Mr. Lloyd Dayes, headmaster, Mr. Felix Hyatt, Mrs. Joyce McCalla, and Miss Olive Knibb.

East Jamaica Colporteurs Break All Former Records

With the prophecy: "Where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." This prophecy, written many years ago, finds relative fulfillment in the East Jamaica Conference. Here winsome warriors, comprised of five orders, have grown from 45 in 1944 to over 500 in 1952.

Indeed this regiment finds its counterpart fairly accurately on the war stand. The Victory Squad of the East Jamaica warriors go on "Full-time Duty" all the year round. They are required to keep drilling 44 weeks a year, using up not less than 1200 hours in order to qualify to handle the Advent, spiritual time bombs. It is on this group that ultimate victory is assured in the literature campaign of each year.

The part-timer sentinels fill a unique roll. Their required 15 hours a week of occupational endeavours have contributed a large percentage of the front line results.

At mid-year time when new manoeuvres are necessary, the Student Summer Guards, fresh from the classrooms, flush the field with a renewal of attack that serves to increase the momentum of all publishing activities for the rest of the year.

The reconnoitering troop of church auxiliaries do not only provide channels of exploration and field potentialities but also reveal the otherwise unidentified skill, aptitude and stamina of our constituency. This section of the colporteur warfare answers the prophetic declaration that canvassing campaigns are to be organized in our churches for the sale of books and magazines.

The Pentecostal Magazine Infantry is the newest corps of warriors. Coming on the scene since February, 1952, they have given new impetus to the distribution of magazine grenades and a renaissance to the possibility of making this branch of service of major importance in the theatre of the Lord's soul-winning warfare.

For the years under review, 1951 and 1952, the Publishing Department of the East Jamaica Conference presents the numerical strength of its army as follows:

Types	1951	1952
Full Time	35	38
Part Time	29	42
Students	32	37
Auxiliaries	48 groups 600 persons	52 groups 716 persons
Mag. Brig.	—	15 average

In the front line attack on evil, the colporteur regiment in each encounter seeks to break down strongholds of prejudices, to weaken the spurious fortresses and to overcome the bombardments of worldliness, immorality and superstition. Says W. H. Branson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists: "The colporteur is still the evangelistic pioneer. He is the one who advances to new territory. He it is who goes where there is no organized church, no other representative of the message. With the true spirit of the gospel adventurer he treads the unknown path beyond the mountains."

So it was with Squadron Leader George Wilson. He was scheduled to drop GREAT CONTROVERSY time bombs in the Mavis Bank sector of East St. Andrew during 1948. Among the scores of encounters was one where he delivered his CONTROVERSY. This man changed from his peculiar views of life through the book which he presented to his brother. In 1950 Infantries Beryl Tinker and Cynthia Heslop visited that area and found an interest among these families. They sponsored a Branch Sabbath school which was organized last year. This year Pastor McCalla launched his Evangelistic troops there, and this results in an organized church at Mavis Bank. To God be the glory:

In the actual combat, however, the colporteurs are expected to speak to individuals and families persuasively enough to request them to obtain ammunition of books to enable their souls to conquer sin so that they may become victors for the eternal dominion. For the two year period they have obtained from the Heavenly Drill Master enough strength, courage, and devotion to keep working for £23,735-13-5 as compared with £18,776- in 1952. With merry melodies they made thousands of presentations and delivered in the homes, offices, schools, stores, factories, market places, and hamlets, gospel-filled literature to the amount of £23,735-13-5 as compared with £18,776-2-6 in the previous two-year period.

—W. U. Campbell,
Publishing Secretary.

Picture of Branson Junior Academy on front page.

West Jamaica Conference

President H. S. WALTERS
Secretary-Treasurer L. A. MORRISON

Cheering News from the Battlefield

The events of this momentous age have brought us together once again for another Biennial Conference Session. The victory achieved for God in the frontline of service reveals that the church is moving like a mighty army to final triumph. Like a cheering news-flash from the battlefield, where sustained and close combat has kept a monotonous issue in suspense, we hear glad tidings today of a great forward advance in West Jamaica.

Step by step the conflict increases. Stage after stage the drama is being enacted. One by one the fortresses of evil are crumbling and men enslaved by the curse of sin are now casting off their chains of bondage and rejoicing in a full and free salvation, under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel.

Today after two years of aggressive warfare for God on the evangelistic front, we report 2,703 souls baptized, 13 churches organized, and a total membership of 9,400 and over 1,000 awaiting baptism.

—H. S. Walters, *President.*

25% Increase in Tithe

In bringing you the financial report of the conference for this biennial period, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude that the Lord has fulfilled His promise to Israel: "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:11, 12.

Money and material things have always had an important part to play in the evangelization of the world at different periods of its colourful history. Giving and gathering money is a vital part of the Advent programme, and when rightly done is productive of beneficial results, and is in itself a spiritual work of the highest order.

The spirit of sacrifice, adherence to strict honesty and a love which manifests itself in large-hearted generosity, are the noble virtues which, under God, have been the means of causing the message which we love so well to grow and prosper through the years.

TITHE. Let us turn, first of all, to our tithe record. . . . For the biennial period now under review the increase in tithe is £1,487-11-9 over the previous one for which we are grateful to God. The tithe goal for 1952 was set at 25% above the 1951. This goal has been reached by nearly every district and church in the Conference.

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS.

Through the Sabbath school we have given to Missions in 1951 and 1952 a total of £5,338-0-4.

INGATHERING. The Ingathering Campaigns have always proved a blessing to God's people and to the work in general. In 1951 ingathering brought in amounted to £2,333-8-0. In 1952, under the efficient leadership of Elder Walters, who besides taking care of his administrative work led the churches to a triumphant victory in raising £3,206-19-1.

BIG WEEK. Big Week returns for 1951 were £150-3-7, and for 1952 £105-4-7 (This does not represent the full returns for 1952, as all the reports are not yet in.)

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS.

Foreign Mission Offerings amounted to £43-0-9 for 1951 and £47-10-8 for 1952. Besides these offerings, other contributions were made to our local educational work for the church schools amounting to £50-9-4 in 1951 and £335-14-3 in 1952.

BIBLE HOUSE. The conference is now operating its own Book and Bible House which is holding its own in a financial way. We have encountered some difficulty along the way as we endeavour to operate this new venture, but we will gain by experience as we go along.

WORKING CAPITAL. In the past our working capital has been at a very low ebb. The importance of our working capital cannot be over-emphasized, and for that reason we are striving to build it up to a place where it will measure up to the financial policy of the General Conference. Each one can help us to do this as rapidly as possible. It is by YOUR faithful tithing, and conservative expenditure on OUR part that this can be done.

— L. A. Morrison,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Sabbath School Moves Forward!

The Sabbath schools of West Jamaica have dedicated themselves to the winning of souls and the hastening of the coming of the Lord Jesus, as we shall see by the report of what they have accom-

plished during this biennial period. In 1951, under the able leadership of Elder C. S. Greene, the Sabbath schools marched on with steady tread setting up new standards in places where the banner of truth had never before been planted. With Elder Greene's departure for the Bahamas Mission, your humble servant was asked to carry the additional responsibility of leading out in the Sabbath school department.

The year 1952 will long linger in our memories. It is the centennial year of the Sabbath school and we have been inspired from the General Conference Sabbath School department down the ranks; as a result, we have accomplished more this year than in any other year in our Sabbath school history. During the year bringing the number up to 142, whereas during the year 1952 the number of Sabbath schools in the West Jamaica Conference have increased to 158.

From 1950 to 1952 the Sabbath school membership has grown from 8,550 to 10,598.

I am convinced that a mighty work can be done through Branch Sabbath schools. Many organized churches today are the fruitage of a Branch Sabbath school started by a member. At present there are 61 Branch Sabbath and Sunday schools reported. We believe that there should be many more. Our goal was 300 of these schools, or an average of 2 for each organized school. We are far below the goal, but I am sure that if we take this thing to heart and get a definite burden along this line of missionary work, far more can be accomplished in the winning of souls.

—L. A. MORRISON,
Sabbath School Secretary.

The MV's of West Jamaica Do Exploits for God

Joe Fletcher,
MV Secretary.

The curtains of time are lifted and on the dimly lighted, yet clearly visible screen of gold emblazoned by the activities of the Missionary Volunteer Department and its volunteers for the years 1951-1952, we have been amazed as we witness the signal growth in every branch of the work in this department. This report is intended to give a synopsis of the work in a department where the young keeps young and the old gets young.

Early in 1951 the missionary volunteers inspired by the outstanding example set them by the home missionary members launched out into an aggressive

"Share Your Faith" programme of youth evangelism. As a result they had the great joy of seeing 387 young people like themselves baptized. Of this number they were directly responsible for working with or winning for Christ 167.

In January 1952 they again continued the work began in 1951. A number of youth efforts were held in various parts of the conference. These have yielded many precious souls. The total youth baptisms for the three-quarters of 1952 is 358. Many of these have been directly won by our young people.

In spite of handicaps caused from inadequate supplies with which to work 307 Missionary Volunteers were invested during the two-year period. 193 received the Reading Course Certificates, and 81 received Bible Year Certificates. (Certificates for 1952 have not yet been issued.)

The total number of societies now stands at 121 with a membership of 3,712.

Three New Links in the Chain of Christian Education

At the time of our last conference session there were 6 regular schools operated with a substantial subsidy from the conference. The total enrolment at that time was 336. . . Besides these there was a number of other schools operated as private schools throughout the Conference. Since that time we have greatly enhanced our educational work in this conference by the opening of three new schools. Within this period also was added a very valuable link. This was a result of the annexation of the Cayman Islands to the West Jamaica Conference. We are happy to have the Georgetown school connected to this unbreakable chain and we know that this addition brings additional strength to our force. The total enrolment of our 10 regular schools is 734.

— Joe Fletcher,
Educational Secretary.

"To every worker for God this thought should be a stimulus and an encouragement. In this life our work for God often seems to be almost fruitless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, yet we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort may seem to be lost. But the Saviour assures us that our work is noted in heaven, and that the recompense cannot fail."—*Testimonies* Vol. 6, p. 395.

Our Valiant Colporteurs Capture New Heights in 1951-1952

Scattered over these 2,804 square miles are 76 full time and part-time colporteurs. Twenty-four of these have received their credentials, twenty have licenses, and thirty-two obtained cards of identification. During mid-summer when the students are out in the field, this number of colporteurs is increased by about twenty, thus making a total of 96 colporteurs.

The goal for 1949 was £6,000 and many thought that the fires of fanaticism had burned the leaders into super-idealism. With the help of God the goal was reached with an overflow of £421-14-5. The year 1950 saw a record of £6,642-4-11.

The year 1951 brought many problems too. The island was on the one hand pinched by drought in many places and on the other hand torn in bits economically by the hurricane. . . It took courage on the part of the publishing secretary to have promoted the sale of books during this time, as many colporteurs had lost their houses; but it was done in West Jamaica and the Lord gave success. This year almost twice as many books were delivered in ten months as were delivered the year before. Mention should be made, however, that the year's goal of £6,000 was reached in June with an overflow of £1,100.

This year 1952 has been a very difficult year. The hurricane that swept the island last year (1951) casts its gloomy shadows over 1952. . . The responsibilities grew graver for the leaders. Without adequate means of transportation, they ventured and fought. The Lord came to their rescue — strengthened their arms, made up for their deficiencies and gave triumph to His work. This year's goal in delivery is £7,000. It was reached in June with an overflow of £300; and now by the end of November we have delivered £11,570-10-9. To God be the glory.

—SYLBURN REID,
Publishing Secretary.

"Hundreds of young men should have been preparing to act a part in the work of scattering the seeds of truth beside all waters. We want men who will push the triumphs of the cross, men who will persevere under discouragement and privations."

Graduation at West Indian Training College

Once again we were happy to welcome parents and friends to our annual graduation exercises which convened at the West Indian Training College December 12-14, 1952. As a result of our building programme, accommodations were meagre and inconvenient. Nevertheless every one manifested a fine spirit of co-operation.

The consecration and baccalaureate services were held in the college dining-room. Elder Holness of Montego Bay was the guest speaker for the consecration; the baccalaureate address was given by Pastor Stanley Bull, head of the Bible department.

On Sunday the class and commencement programme were held in the Odeon Theatre because our limited space could not take care of the nearly one thousand visitors who attended. Elder N. F. Brewer, Field Secretary of the General Conference, was the commencement speaker. We were grateful to Edgar Stevenson of Kingston, and Jackie Lewis for their generous contributions of vocal and instrumental music. During this programme thirty-five graduates from the Ministerial, Teaching, Secretarial, Accountancy and Junior College Courses received diplomas.

— L. G. Marr, *Dean of Women.*

Graduation Exercises at Kingsway

The Kingsway graduation exercises brought to its close a very successful school year. It was indeed a year of precious blessings. God had richly blessed the school. He had opened the windows of heaven and poured upon us the unction of His Spirit.

Yet when copious showers came on Sabbath December 6, though we should have been abundantly grateful we were not very happy. Such is the perversity of our human nature. That Sabbath was the day on which Pastor O. V. Schneider, Union Educational Secretary, was to preach the baccalaureate sermon in the Kencot Church. How it rained on the morning of that day! Attendance was seriously affected and transportation had to be provided for several of the graduates. When eventually a message mentally invigorating and inspiring was delivered, our dampened spirits found a warmth

within which was all the more welcome because of the weather without. Pastor Schneider emphasized the need for truly educated men and women and explained how the principles of Christian education can lead to victorious living.

Fortunately for us the rain did not affect the commencement programme, held on the Sunday night of December 7, it began with a prophetic study of last-day conditions — of refugees fleeing from a city and the problems which confronted their leader. Conceived to convey the message of the motto "No Backward Glance," it was presented with a telling effect and went warmly to the hearts of a very large and appreciative audience.

The commencement address, delivered with consummate skill, was given by Dr. H. M. Johnston, big executive in the Island Medical Office, and until then a member of our school board. He selected as his theme the very pertinent question, "How much are you worth?" Pointing out the pecuniary values often placed on the services of graduates leaving our schools and colleges, Dr. Johnston spoke of higher values and nobler objectives, of lives dominated by the consciousness of being supremely desired in the divine scheme of things and divinely appointed to serve and to strive towards the attainment of the highest level of goodness and truth.

We wish for the eleven graduates of '52 God's richest blessings as they leave us to serve where they can, or to continue their training for entrance into wider fields of service.

— V. H. Percy, *Headmaster.*

News From Berrydale

The effort held in the Berrydale Church by Brother C. Valentine and myself resulted in four precious souls giving us their ultimatum in the midst of the Rio Grande river on the 15th of June, 1952, the first fruits of our effort.

We congratulate our district leader, Pastor A. D. Laing, who climbed as it were the "heights of Abraham" to the little district of Airy Mount and captured the foe of concubinage as he united in holy matrimony one of the couples whom he buried in baptism that morning. Please pray for the work in this locality.

—SAMUEL A. NUGENT.

"Our success does not depend on our talents or learning but on our living connection with God."

Thanks Be To God

Only in eternity will it be revealed how our colporteurs sell books in the British West Indies Union.

I quote from a letter dated January 9, which came to my hands from Elder R. E. Gibson, president of the Bahamas Mission. "Our per capita deliveries for 1952 are above our expectations; over \$3,800 (U.S.) for our full time men. With three men like Reid and Dally, we can hit \$5,000 easily."

We have just concluded two institutes in East and West Jamaica. The Lord blessed us with the presence of Elder G. A. Huse, from the General Conference Publishing Department, who inspired us as he revealed outstanding evidences of God's over-shadowing hands caring for the publishing work throughout the world. We also had with us Elder J. C. Culpepper, from the Inter-American Division, who as usual inspired us for the battles ahead.

There were in attendance at both institutes, over 200 colporteurs. The institutes were highly spiritual and all went away rejoicing in the certainties of divine leadership.

West Jamaica, over £13,00! We ask over £12,000 in deliveries up to December, and East Jamaica, over £13,000! We ask with the prophet, "What hath God wrought?"

Our colporteurs reported scores of souls won; many branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools raised up, and hundreds in the valley of decision.

We were made sad to see Elder W. U. Campbell, valient Publishing Department Secretary in East Jamaica for about seven years, pass on the torch to his friend and assistant, Brother A. A. Morgan. We believe it will not be long before Elder Campbell will again be by the side of his noble bookmen. We wish Elder Campbell God's richest blessing in his new field of endeavour—Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Temperance Departments.

We welcome Brother Kenneth Lewis, 1952 graduate of West Indian Training College, as assistant leader to Brother Morgan. And because the motto of the British West Indies Union is, "Christ for the Union, and all the Union for Christ", we expect a continuity of "the going in the mulberry trees", and an attack, devastating and relentless, against sin and her vices.

Gentlemen of the Guards, Noble Bookmen of the ranks, Advance Onward to

the gates, and "there shall be no compromise."

—A. R. HAIG, *Publishing Secretary, British West Indies Union.*

Publishing Dept. Colporteurs' Report Summary for December, 1952

Fields	Colp. Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas	3 1075	£718 8 6	£528 14 7
East Jamaica	72 3400	859 18 11	653 4 8
West Jamaica	36 2481	1106 14 5	429 18 8
TOTALS	111 6906	2685 1 10	1611 17 6

Report of Publishing Department of the B.W.I. Union, December, 1952

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
BAHAMAS:			
C. H. Hepburn	326	£184 8 6	£157 7 0
S. Vasciannie	437	—	221 2 6
Other Colporteurs	312	534 0 0	160 5 7
EAST JAMAICA:			
Peter Duncombe	137	24 0 0	16 12 0
Eric Neale	140	9 3 6	15 3 9
Mrs. I. Pitter	139	18 4 9	3 8 6
L. A. Plummer	125	14 9 9	14 9 0
E. P. Weight	150	74 16 0	18 5 0
Other Colporteurs	2709	719 6 11	580 6 0
WEST JAMAICA:			
Leglie Dillon	462	828 14 0	167 11 0
Sebert Fowler	154	107 3 6	19 4 6
Gladys Gayle	193	—	6 0 0
Phyllis Gayle	105	—	7 18 0
D. E. Maxwell	148	35 10 6	6 3 6
M. V. Smith	158	—	103 4 6
Other Colporteurs	1211	135 6 5	119 17 2

In order for colporteurs' names to be listed in the above Honour-Roll, men must put in at least 120 hours every month, and women 100 hours.

Colporteur Succeeds in Bahamas

From Nassau, Bahamas comes most cheering news of continued progress. Colporteur C. H. Hepburn writes: "I have just returned from another trip to Pine Ridge, Grand Bahamas, and thank God, again He has given me marked success in helping me to deliver over £124 worth of books in just over two weeks.

While there I met a man who asked if I could get him 'The Marked Bible.' I opened my bag and showed him that and many other books. He then invited me to his house and bought for cash £14-14-0 worth of books. God helped me to leave in that home, The Great Controversy, Bible Speaks, Hope of the Race, a Bible, and The Medical Counselor. He also ordered Desire of Ages and asked me to bring other good books on my return visit."

Let us pray that these seeds of truth that have been sown will yield a rich harvest of souls.

—A. R. H.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE
COMPARATIVE REPORT OF 1949-1950 and 1951-1952

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	1949-1950	1951-1952	Gain
Societies Holding Executive Meetings	59	69	10
Number of Societies	93	103	10
Societies Reporting	79	89	10
Membership	2967	3386	419
Average Attendance	3303	4540	1237
Number Reporting	1819	2416	607
Number in Missionary Bands	1047	2743	1696
Youth Baptized	474	489	15
Youth Won By Youth	146	262	116
Number Observing Morning Watch	1775	3462	1705
Number Invested	263	320	57
Bible Readings	37992	56332	18340
Missionary Visits	93215	139544	46229
Persons Helped	195041	261705	66664
Literature Distributed	57524	115841	58217
Vocational Honours	62	137	75
Bible Year Certificates	163	218	45
Reading Course Certificates	323	782	495
Standard of Attainment Certificates	8	21	13

Wedding Bells!

On the evening of December 31, 1952, a simple but beautiful service marked the event of the marriage of Miss Ione Dunn and Mr. Isidore Hodge. The ceremony took place in the College dining room with Elders W. S. Nation and Stanley Bull officiating.

Miss Dunn is greatly missed by the treasury department of the Union Office, where she laboured faithfully and efficiently for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have since left for Aruba, where they have been called to proclaim the soon coming of the Saviour.

News Items from the Bahamas

Elder D. B. Reid visited Nassau on Wednesday, December 17, 1952. He was on his return trip from Jamaica to Kansas City, Missouri, where he is pastor of one of our large city churches. He spoke to a large audience at the Shirley Street Church at 7.30 p.m. Elder Reid was warmly received here having spent seven and a half years in ministerial work here a number of years ago.

On Christmas day Elder H. D. Colburn, president of the East Jamaica Con-

ference, and former president of this mission, paid a short visit of two-and-a-half hours to this field. Though only few had the opportunity of seeing him, we were happy to have him pay us a visit.

We are not always favoured with a visit from the General Conference, and so Elder N. F. Brewer's visit on December 31 to January 3 was especially welcomed. Elder Brewer spoke at five different services and the highlight of his talks on Sabbath afternoon to a packed congregation at the Grants Town church took us into a Japanese internment camp where he spent ten and a half months. During this time he said that the promises of God were especially helpful to him and the brethren interned with him. On one occasion they all set aside a day of fasting and prayer for release from concentration camp and they later learned that that very day was set aside by the General Conference for earnest prayer and fasting for the release of all missionaries. It so happened that very soon after, they were released and repatriated on the "Grispholm" to America. During all the days of their concentration they saw the guiding hand of God, and the song "Under His Wings I'm Safely Abiding"

became very dear to them. He left that night at 6:40 p.m. by Pan American Airways for Washington D. C.,

On January 7, 1953, Miss Olive Nation arrived from Kingston, Jamaica by BOAC Constellation to join the staff of the Bahamas Junior Academy. Miss Nation is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. W. S. Nation and is a graduate of the West Indian Training College.

Following are some of our plans for 1953:

- March 7-14 MV Week of Prayer.
- April 3-7 Workers' Meeting and Lay Preachers Get-Together
- June 16-20 Pan American Y. Congress
- July 16-18 Youth Rally, Nassau.
- July 21-28 MV Youth Camp

—C. S. Greese, MV Secretary

Until the Day Break

KELLY—Brother Zachery Kelly, a member of the Geddes Mountain S.D.A. church, fell asleep in Jesus on the 7th of June 1952, leaving many friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Funeral service was conducted by Brother A. G. Thorpe.
 —N. Smith, Church Clerk.

THOMAS—Sister Doretha Thomas fell asleep in Jesus on the 25th of June, 1952. She was received into Fellowship of the Old Harbour S.D.A. church on February 18, 1940, by Pastor A. D. Laing, and leaves behind her husband, three children, and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Melville Foster.
 —W. Warlock, Church Clerk.

MARCH—Sister Ena March accepted the truth during the effort held by Pastor Lee Gouldbourne in June, 1950. She was baptized the 10th of December 1950, but was always in poor health. She fell asleep, to await the call of the Lifegiver, on November 19, 1952. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Joseph Levy and Brother Melville Foster.
 W. Warlock, Church Clerk.

In loving memory of my dear son, Horace Freddie, who departed this life the 28th of August, 1952. His time in this world was very short; he stayed with us only two years and five months. We look forward to meeting him again on the resurrection morning.

—James Freddie, Treasurer,
 Campbell's Castle church.

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