

Greetings From East Jamaica's New President

R. E. Delafield

AT THE request of our good editor of the BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION VISITOR I pen these few lines today, especially to our dear workers and people in East Jamaica.

Our hearts have always thrilled in hearing the glorious reports of the advancement of God's message on the island of Jamaica. The great and mighty God of Israel is with His workers and His people today and He longs to see us all in sweet and blessed fellowship with Him and with His Son in holy living and fervent witnessing.

Surely, with the war clouds of Armageddon hovering low and signs in the religious and the political world indicative of the approaching end of all things, how dead in earnest in preparation for eternity we ought to be. Oh, how wonderful to be living now, and to be living for God! The world, with Satan's arts and devices and allurments, has its attractions, but oh, that everyone of us might be attracted to the loveliness and the holiness of our blessed Lord Jesus!

Recently recuperating from an operation I have had opportunity to look up as I lay on my bed in our Nursing Home in Trinidad and I can say with the Psalmist, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted" that I might draw nearer to God. God is so Good. Oh, that we all might draw nearer to Him and that we might be kept nearer to Him. How easy it is for us to backslide from Him in thoughts and words and actions. Sister White says in Volume 6, page 405: "It is possible to be a partial, formal believer, and yet be found wanting, and lose eternal life. . . If you neglect or treat with indifference the warnings that God has given, if you cherish or excuse sin, you are sealing your soul's destiny. You will be weighed in the balance and found wanting. Grace, peace and pardon will forever be withdrawn; Jesus will have passed by, never again to come within reach of your prayers and entreaties. While mercy lingers, while the Saviour is making intercession,

let us make thorough work for eternity."

Yes, brothers and sisters, it is time now to prepare for eternity, and as God has told us through His servant in Volume 6, page 297: "It is now high time that we repent. All the people of God should interest themselves in the work of doing good. They should unite heart and soul in earnest endeavour to uplift and enlighten their fellow-men. They should put on the wedding garment that Christ has provided, that they may be prepared to work in His lines. . . There must be an awakening among the people of God. The entire church is to be tested."

Dear brothers and sisters in East Jamaica, we send our love in Christ to each of you and ask that you kindly and fervently pray for us as we come to labour among you, and with you, and for you in the spirit of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Looking forward to the day of our arrival and our labours in Jamaica together for Christ, we are, with a prayer in our hearts for each of you dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Yours in Him,

Pastor & Mrs. R. E. Delafield and Family.

Greetings from an Old Friend

ROBERT H. PIERSON

President, Southern Asia Division

It was a real pleasure to receive a letter from the Editor of the British West Indies Union Visitor requesting a few lines from a former Union President. How many times since leaving the shores of beautiful Jamaica nearly five years ago I have said, "You can take a person out of Jamaica, but you can't take Jamaica out of a person's heart after he has laboured there."

Scarcely a day goes by but what my thoughts stray West Indiward and I recall with pleasure the five happy years the Piersons spent in the British West

Indies Union. Very frequently Mrs. Pierson and I get out our treasured slides from the West Indies and tell our friends about you all there. How eagerly we devour every bit of news in the REVIEW and HERALD and the INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION MESSENGER that pertains to the West Indies, and how happy we are when a stray copy of the VISITOR finds its way clear over here on the other side of the world! We rejoice in the evidence of continued progress that always characterizes the work there.

Here in Southern Asia we have a staggering task before us. Over one-third of the population of the free world lives within the borders of our Division. Here are the great unentered countries of Tibet, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim etc. Here we have five thousand villages and towns for every worker. Here is the home of Hinduism, Mohammedanism and the followers of Bhuddha. But here also the Spirit of God is at work!

We feel to thank God that He has doubled our annual baptisms since General Conference time. He has greatly increased our financial income. He has inspired our workers and members to emulate your example in putting up church buildings. He has helped us build three new High Schools and enlarge our Senior College. He has increased the number of our Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Schools from one to seven representing five languages. Over 40,000 students have graduated from these schools. He has helped us inaugurate a new health broadcast and increase our Voice of Prophecy broadcasts over the most powerful radio station in the eastern hemisphere. He has helped us with a greatly increased vernacular literature programme that now enables us to send out the printed pages in 27 different languages, including seven regular full size monthly magazines. For all of this we give Him praise.

We are doing our best to bring to the work and the workers here the same spirit of consecrated zeal that has always characterized the work there in the West Indies. You all were a great inspiration to the Pierson family and we have tried to pass on this inspiration to Southern Asia.

In closing just a personal word—Mrs. Pierson is with me here in Poona. She is the Division Home Commission Secre-

tary and helps some in my office. John Duane is married and he and his wife will graduate from Pacific Union College next summer and they hope to find a place in the Lord's work, if he does not have to go into the army. Bobby still talks "Patois" and at present is attending school here in India. He will probably finish High School in December. The whole Pierson family sends warmest Christian greetings to all of our friends throughout the British West Indies. May God bless you all!

My Impressions of Jamaica

In the sublime language of the servant of the Lord, "I have seen a better land." In my humble opinion your beautiful land is unsurpassed anywhere on the face of the globe. Your verdant mountains with their luxuriant fruits, mass of growth of bamboo "plumes," extensive cocoanut plantations, and a contour that is unique, present to the mind of the lover of nature a Eutopian experience. The topography of your land is outstanding, the climate unequalled. This in an exquisite garden spot.

Concomitant with all this is the wonderful spirit of God's chosen people here in Jamaica. With the love light of Jesus in your eyes,—your faces reflecting His lovely image—you have shown me a hospitality that I have not heretofore experienced. Your graciousness and your mannerisms will long be remembered. The love which you have shown me is fully reciprocated, and I will return to the States with a good report. Truly, "I have seen a better land."

The lay movement here thrills me. The determined effort of the organized workers should be emulated by workers everywhere. This combination, ordained of God, cannot fail, and will not fail.

As a result of my visit I have a more resolute determination to meet you in our loving heavenly Father's kingdom. There the blessed of all the nations will be gathered around the great white throne to worship their blessed Redeemer forevermore. We,—you and I—must be there. May God grant it.

PASTOR E. H. SCHNEIDER.

Golden Jubilee Victories

"Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound . . . throughout all your lands. Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year." Lev. 25:9, 10.

The golden jubilee of the Ingathering campaign has seen many outstanding accomplishments throughout the British West Indies Union. Surely God has fulfilled His promise to our people as they have gone forward to gather in funds for the finishing of His work.

Presented below are a few figures which will interest each individual, I believe. As

we compare the reports for June of 1952 with June of 1953 we are very happy to notice that there is an increase of over £900.

The Bahamas Mission is to be congratulated on the splendid amount of £1-13-4 raised per capita during 1953. Yes, surely it has been a golden jubilee victory.

As the funds go on to the ever widening circle of influence to spread the gospel, to build up churches, to provide a proper home for the young people attending the West Indian Training College, who will in turn go out in the harvest field to win others, the influence of the funds raised this year will continue in a never ending stream.

Field	Memb.	Ingath.	Per Cap.
Bahamas Mission	638	£1,062 15 10	£1 13 4
East Jamaica Con.	9680	2,921 13 0	6 0
West Jamaica Con.	9724	3,180 12 11	6 7

Note: The above figures are for funds actually turned into the Union.

— S. E. W.

BAHAMAS MISSION

Pres. R. E. GIBSON

Secy.-Treas. OLIVE MCCARTNEY

Grants Town Welfare Centre

Many hearts were made glad among the needy people in the community of Grants Town, Nassau, Bahamas, when on Thursday afternoon June 25, 1953, 68 individuals were helped with food and clothing from the Grants Town Seventh-day Adventist Dorcas Welfare Centre, located on the corner of Hospital Lane and Cambridge Street.

On that afternoon 114 pieces of clothing were given away, 63 food baskets and 88 pieces of literature. A total cash expenditure of £24-16-0 was made in this project. Many expressed their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the gifts.

The members of the Grants Town Seventh-day Adventist Dorcas Society, under the leadership of Sister Pearl McMillan are binding hearts and hands together to help in a small way some of the poor and needy in the community.

Every Tuesday afternoon of each week is worktime at the centre, when the sisters of the society come together to sew garments, make over old ones, patch and mend, and various types of hand-work.

From the opening of the Centre on May 19, 1953, 360 pieces of clothing have been given away, also 71 food baskets and 185 pieces of literature, and 76 visits made and 92 persons helped.

There are four individuals that are now attending Sabbath School because of the help received.

We want to thank our brethren and sisters in America for their kind generosity in sending us many boxes of clothing. We solicit your prayers and help in behalf of our Welfare work in Nassau, Bahamas.

—R. E. GIBSON.

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. R. E. DELAFIELD

Secy.-Treas. MISS E. W. PARCHMENT

East Jamaica Workers' Meeting

On the morning of July 13th the entire worker personnel of the East Jamaica Conference met at the conference office for their quarterly workers' meeting. We were privileged to have with us Elder E. H. Schneider, pastor of the Greater Miami Temple Church. His timely message on "Faith in the promises of God" was one which all who were present are likely never to forget, for somehow out of his message we received a new perspective of the meaning of the terminologies. Quoting from the book *Education* he called our attention to the beautiful statement: "As the oak is in the acorn, so is the gift within the promise. Receive the promise and you have the gift." Elder Schneider not only had brought a timely message to the workers during this meeting, but for a number of days he had been speaking to our churches throughout the conference, and thus the entire East Jamaica Conference has been benefitted by his visit.

Meeting with the workers for the first time as president of the British West Indies Union, was Elder A. C. Stockhausen, who likewise contributed much to the meeting.

As we listened to the reports from each district pastor it was obvious that East Jamaica Conference has much to be grateful for. Baptisms had reached approximately the five hundred mark for the first half of the year; tithes and offerings had reached an all time high; more workers had made possible smaller districts and therefore more pastoral help throughout the conference.

After the splendid dinner which was prepared by the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Pastor W. A. Holgate voiced the feelings of all present as he expressed appreciation to Pastor and Mrs. Waller for their splendid help in our midst and bid them God's speed as they would soon be leaving us to take up their new responsibilities in the Panama Conference. Miss Vinnette Walker presented them with a tangible expression of our appreciation, and Pastor Waller assured each one that he would long remember the pleasant associations with the workers of the field and solicited the prayers of each one in order that they might be used of God to extend the triumphs of the cross in their new field of labour. Standing, the entire group joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The workers' meeting re-convened for the afternoon session, and at its close each worker felt that he could return to his most better equipped to do effective work in his particular sector of the battle field.

Christ Above All

June 16.20 is a date never to be forgotten by the nearly 20,000 young people who were privileged to attend the Pan-American Youth Congress held in San Francisco. The spiritual tone of the meetings was very high and everyone could not help but feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in each service.

Without doubt this has been the greatest youth meeting ever held by the denomination. Thousands of our youth have come to know Christ more fully; other thousands have recaptured their vision of the great unfinished task and the necessity of placing "Christ Above All"—wealth, fame, friends, intellectual attainments, and even life itself. Yes, Christ above all. *All!*

On the opening night Elder Branson, president of the General Conference, brought very forcibly to our minds the fact that the eternal day of God is soon to dawn, and because of this Seventh-day Adventist youth are charged with the very serious responsibility of finishing the work of God. He pointed out that President Eisenhower told the people of America that it may be that God has chosen the 20th century to bring to a close the history of this world. This is indeed a very serious thought. Are we prepared for the home-going?

The week-end services were exceptionally helpful. The head of the Bible department of the Pacific Union College spoke on Friday night, and lest some might have thought that the national, intellectual, social or financial standing of individuals determine the recognition Christ gives, he pointed out that "when a soul comes to Christ He does not embarrass him with such questions as, what is the colour of your skin, what is your bank balance, what is your educational standing, what is the record of your ancestors? But men are redeemed and saved from sin because of His great love."

Truly, the meetings were wonderful. Let us make the aim of the congress a reality in our lives,—**CHRIST ABOVE ALL.**"

O. E. GORDON, *MV Secretary*

The Lord is our Divine Creditor

"If all who profess the truth would give to the Lord His own in tithes and gifts and offerings, there would be meat in the house of the Lord. . . The Lord is our divine Creditor, and He has made us promises through the prophet Malachi that are very plain, positive, and important. It means very much to us whether or not we are rendering to God His own. He allows His stewards a certain portion for their own use, and if they will trade upon that which He claims, He will divinely bless the means in their hands." —*REVIEW and HERALD*, July 14, 1896, Vol. 73, No. 28, p. 433.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS
Sec.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

West Jamaica Workers' Meeting

The quarterly worker's meeting of the West Jamaica Conference convened at the Conference headquarters on Thursday, July 16. Every district of the conference was represented.

The guest speaker was Elder Schneider of the Miami Church. His devotional theme was based on the "Promises of God". The message was well received by the workers assembled.

Throughout the meeting there was a fine spirit of co-operation and optimism. The burden of the day was laying plans for revivals throughout the conference. Plans were laid for the procuring of additional evangelistic equipment and the conducting of revivals in every church in West Jamaica during the third quarter of this year.

The treasurer's report revealed that the conference has made satisfactory gains in tithes and offerings. A complete check of the baptisms for the first six months reveals that over 800 souls have been baptized and the conference has now reached the 10,000 mark in membership. The workers resolved, under God, that by the end of the year they will have at least 2,000 souls baptized.

Plans were also laid for major efforts in Mandeville, Upper Clarendon and several other points in the conference. Elder W. W. Fordham of the Southwestern Region Conference (U.S.A.) assisted by his brother Dr. Fordham will conduct the effort in Mandeville.

—H. S. WALTERS.

West Jamaica News Notes

At a recent meeting of our conference committee Elder Harold Fletcher was elected Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the West Jamaica Conference. Elder Fletcher comes to the department with a wealth of experience. Under his leadership the Hanover district has moved forward in great strength. The office family welcomes him to their fellowship and the West Jamaica constituency embraces him in his field of wider service. We bespeak for him your continued support.

A call has been extended to Elder C. S. Greene to connect with our conference as pastor of the Hanover district. Elder Greene is no stranger to the West Jamaica Conference and our people will rejoice on his return to the western circle.

It's real heart-warming to pay a visit to our new company at Moneague. At

present there are over 70 enthusiastic and sincere believers worshipping on Sabbaths. The next baptism will be early in August when we hope to see the group organized into a church with a membership of at least 50. The members are all very active missionary workers already, and hope to evangelize all Moneague for Christ. Soon they hope to start a church building which they envision to be the most representable in that part of St. Ann. This company of new believers comes as a result of an effort by Brother Lloyd Binns, and is now being cared for by Brother Keith Boyd and Sister Grey.

The watchword is always "evangelize" in West Jamaica. Brother Irving Smith has launched an attack on the devil in Brandon Hill. We feel confident that the Lord is going to bless his efforts abundantly. Blazing the trail at Nine Turns is Brother Rupert Henry. Here too, God is manifesting his mighty power to save lost mankind and men and women are taking their stand with His commandment keeping people.

Over in St. Elizabeth, at Jointwood, Brother John Palmer has set the district on fire for God. At present there are over fifty in the baptismal class. Everyone was thrilled on Thursday night, July 16, when Elder E. H. Schneider of the Greater Miami Temple Church brought them a message right from the heart of God.

In Trelawny too, the work goes on rapidly. As a result of an effort held at Crown Lands, by Brother Basil Henry, nine precious souls were buried in baptism with their Lord on June 28. There are still sixteen in the baptismal class.

All over the conference our church school teachers have sent pupils for the Jamaica Local Examinations. We pray that God will vindicate His cause once more and boost the efforts of this noble corps of workers.

West Jamaica opened two new schools in 1953. In our largest Trelawny church, Sherwood Content, 40 enthusiastic pupils were enrolled on April 20. The number is now 46. Vaughansfield, St. James, saw the inauguration of an "ark of refuge" on May 4 when 46 pupils were enrolled, which number has now grown to 80. Prospects of government help in this area are now in making. Pray for us as onward we march.

—VALERIE RYAN.

Pan American Youth Congress

Let us draw the curtain of time four weeks backwards. The date is June 16, the hour 7:30 p.m., and the place the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. Comfortably seated and eager to receive the promised inspiration were approximately 8,000 Seventh-day Adventists. The oc-

casian was the opening of the historic Pan-American Youth Congress.

The city of San Francisco was alive to the occasion of this great meeting. The daily papers carried pictures advertising the congress. Restaurants and other business places welcomed the delegates. In short, all San Francisco swung wide its doors to receive the congress attendants who came from colourful Mexico, from Hawaii, the dream isle of the Pacific, from the sunny West Indies, and the distant reaches of the western world. These people came with customs and languages that are diverse, but with the same burning desire in their hearts to make Christ supreme in their lives—to lift "CHRIST ABOVE ALL." This was the theme of the congress.

The scene was filled with pathos as at the appointed time two trumpeters sounded the opening note of the congress, while world youth leader E. W. Dunbar gave the official salute, and the great congress was off to a start. To add colour and rare beauty to the scene a bevy of Hawaiian beauties in a galaxy of bright and colourful costumes strolled to the platform and placed around the necks of all the workers seated there a beautiful garland, so typical of beautiful Hawaii.

One never-to-be-forgotten feature of the Pan-American Youth Congress was its rich music. Thousands of Missionary Volunteers expressed their appreciation to the chairman of the music committee, Elder C. H. Lauda of the Carolina Conference, and the Congress organist Bradford Braley of Broadview Academy. Heaven seemed very near as upwards of 8,000 happy voices swelled out the chorus "Christ for Me." This was the beginning of the richest and most beautiful music to which one can listen today. The song service was very unique and some of the very best musical talents in the Adventist world presented rich, heavenly music. For the whole period of the congress we were very privileged to have the Voice of Prophecy Quartette, and soloist Dell Delka; The Faith for Today Quartette; the Royal Ambassadors from Canada, who sang their way to the congress by giving concerts along the way, and a wide variety of other singing groups from academies, colleges and churches in North America.

During this first phase of the congress two young men, heroes of the congress—symbols of the spirit of the Advent youth—came on the platform with their bicycles. These young men had completed 7,000 miles on their bicycles from the site of the first Adventist church in Massachusetts to San Francisco, California.

Such an eager group undoubtedly possesses that desire to listen, and feed upon the messages of deep moment that came from the men of God chosen for the occasion. On that first night Elder W. H. Branson, president of the General Conference, warned everyone of the importance and nearness of the second coming of Christ. For the morning services the speakers were men of wide experiences

with youth and their needs. On Sabbath the large audience of over 10,000 was moved by the touching message given by the Voice of Prophecy speaker, H. M. S. Richards who spoke on the theme of the congress, "CHRIST ABOVE ALL."

There were many special features to the congress, but for lack of space only a few can be mentioned. One of these was the Soul Winning Workshops directed by associate youth leader Theodore E. Lucas. Each workshop had two phases of evangelism to which the youth were directed, — personal and public.

Another interesting feature was the Career Clinic. Youth is sometimes puz.

The HOLE IN THE FENCE

E. D. NELSON

*A little lamb strayed from the fold one day
Through a hole in the fence, and wandered
away.*

*His freedom, at first, seemed to fill him
with glee—*

*Away from the sheepfold, for ever free!
He munched the green grass, and the
flowers so rare,
And gambolled on hillsides where life
seemed so fair.*

*Alas! Night drew on, and the darkness
grew dense;*

*His fun turned to fear—he was lost—what
suspense!*

*How weary and helpless, his steps seemed
to lag,*

*He fell down the cliff, but was caught on
a crag.*

*With never a thought of the risk He would
face*

*He rescued the lamb from the dangerous
place.*

*"A wonderful story," cried a wee little
lad,*

*In response to the story just told by his
dad;*

*"But just one thing, father," and his voice
was tense,*

*"What did they do 'bout the hole in the
fence?"*

zled to know how to embark on various lines of work and yet be faithful Seventh-day Adventists. The group at the Pan-American Youth Congress pointed out a number of careers opened to Adventist youth in which they can lift "Christ Above All".

On Wednesday evening the delegates from Inter-America were in charge of the 8:00 o'clock programme. Back to the land of the ancient Aztecs seeing the coming of the mighty Conquistadors, down to the land of Christophe, into the jungles of the Amazon, up the highlands of the Andes, and across the Carib sea to hilly Jamaica. The Pan-American Pageant went as it limelighted the onward and upward march of the Missionary Volunteer movement.

* Not only were the delegates privileged to listen to the singing and the messages of the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today groups, but they witnessed to their satisfaction the manner in which a radio broadcast is given as H. M. S. Richards and his group conducted a regular Sunday morning broadcast, and saw W. A. Fagal and his group of Faith for Today in a coast to coast television programme.

The last day of the congress was a great day in Israel. The largest crowds of the occasion were present. At 8:00 a.m. the Voice of Prophecy broadcast mentioned before was conducted. Next came the Sabbath morning music programme of the most beautiful music. Seventh-day Adventists the world over are familiar with the official time for Sabbath School. True to Adventist tradition this great congress began Sabbath School at 9:30. Eric B. Hare, Associate Sabbath School Secretary of the General Conference was chairman. There was such an overflow crowd that an additional hall had to be arranged for another Sabbath School.

At the 11 o'clock hour there were hundreds who were unable to find entrance into the main auditorium that seats 10,000. An additional hall, a theatre building, and an Adventist church were just enough room for the milling throng of Adventists, Elder H. M. S. Richards spoke at the 11:00 o'clock service to the group in the main auditorium while the folk in the additional hall listened to the sermon over loud speakers.

There were other services of the day beginning at 2:30, but the most touching was the very last. The occasion was made very meaningful by the presence of old veterans of the MV Department. Veterans M. E. Kern, who was world youth leader from 1907-1930, Meade McGuire, and A. W. Peterson (remembered in Jamaica as the world youth leader who attended our first youth congress in 1942). These men were there to see the progress of the work for which they gave their strength and vigour. As one listened to Elder Kern as in his trembling voice he spoke of his confidence in God's leadership of the youth of the church, one could not but feel the thrill that comes from knowing that he belongs to a movement that God has called out and has blessed in spite of persecution and obstacles.

The Pan-American Youth Congress is now history. On the pages of the "Book of Adventism" its accomplishments are emblazoned. Its effect on the lives of its thousands of attendants is bound to be far reaching. Here in the British West Indies Union we feel grateful to the General Conference and its youth leaders for the interest in the youth. For the long hours of planning, and for the privilege that some of our young people had in attending. May God grant that with the inspiration gained at this great meeting the youth of all the western hemisphere will join hands and hearts in exalting Christ and winning the world for Him.

JOE FLETCHER, MV Secretary

Should We Attend Good Pictures at the Theatre

"There may be some who are thinking of good films that are shown. The traveler brings back to us from foreign lands the pictures of life as it is actually lived. The naturalist, by clever camera hunting in the wilds, is able to show us realistic pictures of animals as they live in their natural habitats. We are even taken to the ocean's depths to see the myriad forms of life that live in the great deep. It is possible for Christians at home to see the actual conditions of life in the mission fields, and also the work of the gospel missionaries as they endeavour to lead the heathen from darkness to light.

"But such pictures have no connection with the moving-picture drama, and when not mixed in with theatrical films, are perfectly proper for a Christian to see. The moving-picture theatre is another thing altogether. The character of the institution stamps it as un-Christian. We do not say that there are no moral actors, but we do say emphatically that there is no such thing as a moral theatre. No Christian can attend either the legitimate or the moving-picture theatre except at the expense of his Christian influence, as well as his moral sensitiveness. Instances are known in which Christian workers have lost all their influence with the unconverted by being seen at the theatre. Such persons know that the theatre is no place for anyone who professes Christianity to attend.

"But aside from our influence on our fellows, for our own sake we must avoid that of which God does not approve. It is said that a New York minister who was anxious to see and hear Edwin Booth, the great actor, wrote him a letter, saying, 'I am anxious to be at one of your plays, but as I have always been opposed to the theatre, and would appear inconsistent, could you not admit me at some private stage door?' To this note Mr. Booth replied: 'There is no door to my theatre through which God cannot see.'

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

"Mrs. E. G. White, in commenting on the Saviour's words, 'When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?' said: 'He saw how real Christianity would become almost extinct in the world, so that at His second advent He would find a state of society similar to that which existed before the flood. The world would be engaged in festivity and amusement, in theatrical shows, in the indulgence of base passions.'

"The conclusion, it seems to me, must be that while there is no objection to natural-life motion pictures, which have no connection with the theatrical profession, no conscientious Seventh-day Adventist, who hates sin and loves righteousness, can patronize the moving-picture theatre. As Mrs. White has said: 'The true Christian will not desire to enter any place of amusement or engage in any di-

version upon which he cannot ask the blessing of God. He will not be found at the theatre, . . . or indulge in any other bewitching pleasure that will banish Christ from the mind.'

"'Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.'—Ps. 16:11.

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Medical Missionary Work

"Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour, choosing to be partakers of His suffering, to live His life of self-denial, to endure shame for His sake, will understand what it means to be a genuine medical missionary."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 209.

To be a successful medical missionary one has to be imbued with the Holy Spirit of the Master. A sympathetic, Christlike nurse can get nearer to her patients than any other worker can. As she carries her patients at all times in her mind and heart the love of God is seen in her ways of acting.

"True health reform corrects and controls all evil thought habits, as well as all wrong physical habits. All practices, mental or physical that impare the health are to be reformed, and health reform is Christ's gift to us for this purpose. These may be eating, drinking, dressing, working, seeing, or hearing, in uncontrolled imagination, inordinate love, unholy selfish ambition, inactivity, hatred, jealousy, faithless fear or worry, and in many other ways, and all of these may impare the health. The correction and control of all such things under God are the works of health reform."—Dr. T. W. McFarland, in *Review and Herald*, May 7, 1953.

God's ways are the best, and in following Him there is great reward. When one indulges in bad habits he grieves the Holy Spirit of God, (Eph. 4:30) and the voice of conscience becomes less and less until that voice is heard no more. Beware!

—FRANK HALL

"This Thing is From Me"

1 Kings 12:24.

My child, I have a message for you today; let me whisper it in your ear, that it may gild with glory any storm clouds which may arise, and smooth the rough places upon which you may have to tread.

It is short—only five words—but let them sink into your inmost soul; use them as a pillow upon which to rest your weary head:—

"THIS THING IS FROM ME"

Have you ever thought of it, that all that concerns you, concerns Me too? For "he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye."—Zech. 2:8.

You are very "precious in My sight."—Isa. 43:4. Therefore it is my special delight to educate you.

I would have you learn when temptations assail you, and the "enemy comes in like a flood," that "THIS THING IS FROM ME," that your weakness needs My might, and your safety lies in letting Me fight for you.

Are you in difficult circumstances, surrounded by people who do not understand you, who never consult your taste, who put you in the background? THIS IS FROM ME. I am the God of circumstances. "Thou com'st not to thy place by accident; it is the very place God meant for thee. Have you not asked to be made humble? See then I have placed you in the very school where this lesson is taught; your surroundings and companions are only working out My will.

Are you in money difficulties? Is it hard to make both ends meet? THIS THING IS FROM ME, for I am your purse-bearer, and would have you draw from, and depend upon Me. My supplies are limitless.—Phil. 4:19. I would have you prove My promises. Let it not be said of you, "IN THIS THING YE DID NOT BELIEVE THE LORD YOUR GOD"—Deut. 1:32.

Are you passing through a night of sorrow? THIS IS FROM ME. I am the "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." I have let earthly comforters fail you, that by turning to Me you may obtain everlasting consolations.—2 Thes. 2:16,

Has some friend disappointed you? One to whom you have opened up your heart? THIS THING IS FROM ME. I have allowed this disappointment to come that you may learn that —

*"The best friend to have is Jesus;
He will hear you when you call,
He will keep you lest you fall,
The best friend to have is Jesus."*

I want to be your Confident. Has some one reported things about you that are untrue? Leave them to Me, and draw closer unto me, thy Shelter, out of reach of "the strife of tongues," for "I will bring forth thy righteousness at the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day."—Ps. 37:6.

Have your plans been upset? Are you bowed down and weary? THIS THING IS FROM ME. You made YOUR plans, then came asking Me to bless them; but I would have you let ME plan for you, and then I take the responsibility; for "THIS THING IS too heavy for thee; thou are not able to perform it thyself alone."—Ex. 18:18. You are only an instrument, not an agent.

Have you longed to do some great work for Me, and instead been laid aside on a bed of pain, and weakness? THIS THING IS FROM ME. I could not get your attention in your busy days, and I want to teach you some of my deepest lessons—

"They also serve who only stand and wait" I want you to learn to sing—

*"I am not eager, bold, or strong,
All that is past;*

*I am ready not to do
At last! At last!"*

Some of My greatest workers are those shut out from active service, that they may learn to wield the weapon of all prayer.

Are you suddenly called upon to occupy a difficult and responsible position? Launch out on Me: I am trusting with you "the possession of difficulties," and for "THIS THING the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto." —Deut. 15:10.

This day I place in your hand this pot of holy oil; make use of it freely, My child. Let every circumstance as it arises, every word that pains you, every interruption that would make you impatient, every revelation of your own weakness, be anointed with it. Remember, "Interruptions are divine instructions. The sting will go as you learn to see Me in all things; therefore, 'Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, . . . for it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through This Thing ye shall prolong your days in the land.'" — Deut. 32:46, 47.

Our Medical Counsel Corner

Heart disease is probably feared by more people than any other disease in existence today. This is so because everyone realizes that the heart is a very important organ, and its proper function is a necessary adjunct to life. The ascendancy of this disease is due to the progressively longer life span of the population and the conquest of so many of the infectious diseases against which we were powerless a few decades ago. The fast rate of living and anxiety which accompany our civilization is also a large contributing factor to the frequency of this disease.

The heart is a large specialized muscle which is richly supplied by blood and oxygen through the coronary arteries. Anything that cuts down this blood supply will impair the proper functioning of the heart. Normally it beats about 70 to 80 times a minute and at this rate it pumps from three to five quarts per minute, or about fourteen hundred gallons a day. This amount is greatly increased by exercise.

There are many kinds of diseases that may affect the heart, and when these have progressed to a certain point we get what is commonly called "heart failure". This is a condition in which the heart is unable to pump all the blood that is coming to it through the veins because of weakness of the muscle, and the blood backs up in the liver, the lungs and the systemic veins. When this progresses to its final stages it is called "congestive heart failure", which is characterized by engorged veins, a large tender liver, swollen legs, and fluid in the abdominal cavity.

The three main causes of heart failure

are valvular disease, narrowing of the coronary arteries, and hypertension, or high blood pressure. The early symptoms of heart failure are dyspnea (shortness of breath), palpitations, a dry cough, and sometimes slight swelling of the ankles. Many a life has been prolonged for many years because these symptoms were recognized early and the patient put under a proper course of treatment by the doctor.

If there is any question in one's mind that there may be a chance of heart disease, consult the doctor immediately and if you can't get to a doctor, go to bed, because rest is still the best medicine known for an ailing heart.

—A. R. PARCHMENT, M.D.

News Notes

It is good to see Elder H. D. Colburn occupying the H.M. & S.S. Department room to the north-east end of the Union office again, and just across the corridor from him is the Publishing Department room which has a new occupant since the 1st of July in the person of Pastor B. E. Hurst. The Union staff bids a hearty welcome to these brethren.

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Pastor White, our Secretary-Treasurer, has just returned from an auditing trip to the Bahamas Mission.

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Pastor Stockhausen being a "grass widow" for the present has taken up residence in the guest room of the Union office. Sister Stockhausen is now in England visiting with her two daughters, Yvonne and Ardythe, and Betty also accompanied her to attend Newbold Missionary College this fall.

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It has been a real pleasure to have Elder E. H. Schneider, pastor of the Greater Miami Temple, visit with us for a few days. The story of his conversion and marvelous answers to prayer are a real inspiration.

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Until the Day Break

Brother Vernal Wynter of the Bagbie church was born June 11, 1905 and fell asleep on May 30, 1953. He was Home Missionary leader for the past two years and was very faithful to the church and highly respected by the entire community. His wife, three daughters and one son, mother, four sisters and two brothers mourn but not without hope, for we look forward to meeting him "when purple morning breaketh and life's shadows flee". Funeral rites were conducted by Pastors J. N. Williams and D. C. McCalla, assisted by Brother V. Hamilton and Teacher M. B. Cox.

—S. A. Morrison.

Sister Esther Henry of the James Hill church was baptized on the 4th of June 1951 and died on the 26th of June 1953. We look forward to meeting Sister Henry at the glorious appearing of our Lord.

—Willie Smith

Sister Ada Shakes from the Huntley Castle church died on the 30th of May 1953. She accepted the message in her old age through the efforts of Elder John Palmer at Ginger Hill in 1951. She awaits the call of the Life-giver.

—M. Martin

Brother Robert Scarlette was born in the Parish of St. James, and accepted the Advent message at Craighead in Manchester, where he became leader of the little company. Once he was sent as a delegate to a Conference session in Panama. His home was always open to visiting ministers and workers. The last 26 years of his life were spent in Cuba, but he was always faithful. He returned home two years ago in very poor health and passed away on the 24th of May, 1953. Funeral services were conducted by Brethren B. Hall and V. McLean.

—Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Clerk.

Sister Julia Loftman accepted the message in Panama in 1921 and later returned home to Porus where she was a faithful member of the church until the time of her death, April 24, 1953. Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Smith and Fletcher.

—Murdell Ellison, Church Clerk.

Sister Julia Smith, of the Geddes Mountain church, was born July 27, 1886 and died July 4, 1953. She accepted the message in 1939 through the efforts of Brother V. Mornon and was baptized by Elder J. N. Williams. Faithful unto death, she sleeps to await the call of the Life-giver. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Mornon and the writer.

—S. Z. Dixon, Local Elder
Geddes Mountain Church.