MURAL TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF MR. W. A. COWPER

High Tribute Paid To Great Educationist At Unveiling of Memorial At Jamaica College

In presence of a large number of prominent citizens, the Mural tablet to the memory of Mr. William Cowper, M.B.E., M.A., one of the island's leading educationists for 40 years or more, was unveiled in the St. Dunstan's Chapel at Jamaica College, on Friday afternoon.

Inscribed on the tablet, unveiled and dedicated by His Lordship, a personal friend of Mr. Cowper, were the following: "In memory of William Cowper, M.B.E., M.A., born 21 March, 1865. Died 23 November 1939. Second Master Jamaica College 1891—1901 and Head master 1915-1936. 'No greater gift can one offer to the staff than that he trained up youth' Cicero."

After the singing of the hymn, "God of the living," the Rev. Canon Reid, Rector of St. Michael's read the Lesson, which was followed by an inspiring address by the Rev. Canon Lovell, Rector of St. Andrew Parish Church, of which Committee Mr. Cowper was a member for many years.

"In the days to come," declared Canon Lovell, the boys of Jamaica College, looking over the Chapel perhaps for the first time, will read the words inscribed on the tablet we are about to unveil. The inscription will convey to them a few bare facts about William Cowper and an expression of Cicero's opinion that the first thing a man can do is to train youths—an opinion that may not be shared by a boy victim who reads. But place these facts and this opinion before the men, who knew William Cowper, and especially those who were, either in this place or elsewhere, trained by him, and they could tell you a story, the story of a headmaster who has left his mark in Jamaica. I imagine that a group of a dozen such men might tell you the same story from a dozen different points of view. In the minds of men here this evening William Cowper means something quite particular and different: and in this service we gather up all these thoughts and, in an act of remembrance, offer them to God as a tribute to a fellowman's work and worth.

"There are many present, who could tell of William Cowper's scholarship and of his

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They would acknowledge their own indebtedness to him. They would probably say they were educated by him, and mean it. All Jamaica pays tribute to-day, with Jamaica College, to the memory of an educationalist of the first rank. It is fitting that this tablet should be erected here in St. Dunstan's Chapel, not because it is customary to place a mural tablet in the chapel of a school, but because this chapel was a peculiar pride and care of William Cowper.

"It is perhaps only natural to find a man from Canterbury, the home of the Church in England, proud of his association with the Cathedral. Cowper was that, but he was more than that. He was one of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, and here in this chapel where his name now appears in perpetual memory he has forged a link both by its name—St. Dunstan's—and its west window. This place was for William Cowper not only a constant reminder of his home, but of his spiritual home, for he was not only proud of his Cathedral Church, but of his churchmanship. He identified himself very closely with the work of the church in the land of his adoption and here, in Jamaica College, at this service all Jamaica pays tribute to a loyal and devoted son of the Church.

"And I wish to say that this had a tremendous influence on his life. It was my privilege to know William Cowper quite intimately during the later years of his life. His many-sidedness was a constant amazement to me. In a matter of doubt or uncertainty it was a safe rule to say 'ask Cowper'. He had a way of discerning facts and of putting them together. I have in my possession (and I would not part with them for much fine gold) certain facts about the Church in Jamaica and particularly about my own Parish Church, that make the most fascinating reading, and, so far as I have been able to discover, have never been published. To read them and to note the annotations, is to catch once again William Cowper's overflowing sense of humour. He could tell, and he loved to tell a good story. His humour sustained him during his long bouts of sickness and in this way he often exchanged with me one ministry for another and his ministry of good humour was very real and bore the mark of the gaiety of God. For Cowper walked humbly before his God and frequently sought for sacramental grace and honoured the Priest of the church.

"To me this was a mark of great humility, for William Cowper landed in Jamaica on the very day of my birth and was, as we so often say 'old enough to be my father'. He was humble enough to be 'ministered unto', no less than 'to minister', which he did in a thousand different ways, working energetically, working overtime, almost to the day of his passing on. Here to-day in Jamaica College all Jamaica pays tribute to a courtly and Christian gentleman. It must be a

PRIDE TO THE COLLEGE

to have on the walls of its chapel a memorial to the honour of a great educationalist, a loyal churchman and a true gentleman. And he brought the influence of this wholesome Trinity into full play as he trained the youths of this place. He had heard and responded to the invitation of the great teacher: 'Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart'.

"To that many will attest. By that influence many have been inspired. By that influence he has created a tradition which, please God, will be forever fostered in this chapel and maintained by the boys and men of Jamaica College."

The Lord Bishop then unveiled and dedicated the tablet, after which he prayed for "the school, of which Mr. Cowper was headmaster, and which he loved so dearly, and for which he spared not himself and devoted his gifts."

The singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past," followed by the blessing by the Bishop brought the ceremony to a close.

Among those present were the Hon. B. H. Easter, Director of Education; Mr. R. M. Murray, present headmaster of Jamaica College; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Slegg, Mr. Cowper's son-in-law and daughter.

HONOUR MEMORY OF EDUCATIONALIST

The Lord Bishop of Jamaica and some of those who took part in and attended the unveiling ceremony in St. Dunstan's Chapel of Jamaica College on Friday afternoon in memory of Mr. William Cowper, M.B.E., M.A. Besides His Lordship who unveiled and dedicated the mural tablet, others seen in the picture are the Rev. Canon Lovell, who delivered the address; Archdeacon Ramson, Canon Reid, who read the lesson; the Rev. Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. M. Murray, Headmaster of the College; Mr. J. C. Sleggs, second master and son-in-law of Mr. Cowper; Mr. A. O. Ritchie, Administrator General.

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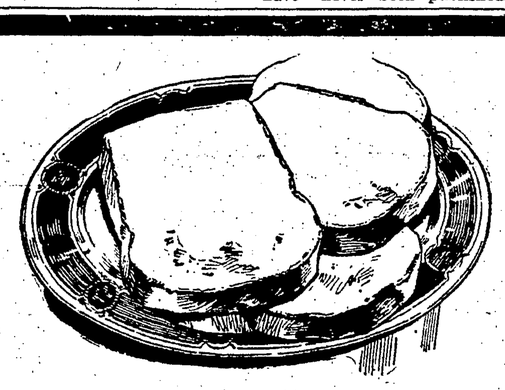

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WAR FUND EFFORTS

Don't miss the Quadrangle Club's unique Variety Entertainment for the Mobile Canteen Fund, next Saturday, March 29, at 9 p.m. An open air stage is being erected at the Club's premises, 1 Altamont Crescent, Haining Road and rehearsals are in full swing to provide a bright and amusing evening's entertainment.

Featuring the ever-popular Gilbert and Sullivan melodies there will be a 'Mikado' selection by Edna Falkon Foster's pupils and songs in costume by "The Gondoliers" company. Incidentally, a full production of "The Gondoliers" will open at the Ward Theatre on April 19. Another item on the Quadrangle Club programme will be a short sketch called "The Committee Meeting" in which you will be let into the secret of how War Fund Committees really conduct their business.

Among those taking part in the show are Roma Presano, John Canoe, Dudley Wilshin, Gloria Stone, Richard Youngman, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Worlledge, Peggy Carley, Alicia Grace, Fay Crosswell, Eric Coverley, Mary Lucie-Smith and Sybil Foster-Davis's Orchestra. Tickets at 3/- each are now obtainable from 71 Harbour Street, and the Central War Assistance Committee's Office at 2 Port Royal Street. Dancing will take place after the entertainment.

"QUIET WEDDING"

Of great interest not only to those who enjoy going to the theatre but also those who are seeking new talent for War Fund entertainments, is the production by Elinor Lithgow of "Quiet Wedding" at the Ward Theatre on April 3. The company is chiefly composed of distinguished evacuees who are members of the theatrical profession who have been forced by the "Blitz" to leave England.

This initial effort is to raise funds to build a "Little Theatre" which will be available not only for professional ventures but also for War Fund entertainments, as will be the services of the distinguished caste of this first production.

There is a crying need for a theatre of this sort, as it has been felt that especially during the summer months the drawbacks of the Ward Theatre are sufficient to keep many persons away who would otherwise attend such shows much more regularly.

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St. Elizabeth (2nd Instalment): Park Mountain School 4/-, Geneva School 3/-, Mrs. G. L. C. Smith, Pedro Plains School 5/-, Mrs. Lord, Newmarket 13/7. Collected by Mrs. Earl: Mrs. Juredini 18/3, Miss D. Martin 12/9, Miss M. Taylor 12/8, Mr. J. B. B. Hay 3/9, Mrs. Osborn 2/6, Accompong School 3/1½, Roses Valley 3/-, Balaclava 2/8, Aberdeen 2/6, Siloah 2/6, Quick Step 2/4, Newton 1/-, Elderslie 1/-. Total £4 13/7½.

Man In Hospital Run Over By Truck

Hubert Henry, of Turnbull Pen, is at present a patient in the Spanish Town Public Hospital suffering from injuries sustained when he was ran over by a truck on the Spanish Town Road yesterday morning. The incident occurred in the vicinity of White Marl at around 6:30 o'clock.

According to statements gathered by the Spanish Town Police who were early on the scene, it appears that the truck, driven by Joseph Wilkes, also of Turnbull Pen, was proceeding towards Spanish Town frim Kingston, when the accident occurred.

Joseph Wilkes told the Police that on reaching White Marl the truck shut down, and Henry among others who were travelling on the truck, went down to give it a push. The truck started, and when Henry attempted to jump back on to the truck, he fell off, and the left rear wheel ran over him.

Famous Crystal Palace North Tower To Provide Scrap Metal For Arms

LONDON, March 23.—The north tower of the once famous Crystal Palace is to be blown up to provide scrap metal for munitions factories and to deprive the enemy of a guide in their bombing expeditions. The Palace was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1936 and two towers contain more than 1,600 tons of cast iron. The north tower is 260 feet high.—Wireless.

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CALL FOR RECRUITS FOR THE R.A.F.

The Air Ministry has intimated to the Jamaica Government that they are anxious to maintain a constant flow of candidates for recruitment to the R.A.F. as members of aircraft crews, and particularly of those suitable for training as pilots. The particular educational qualification required for pilot duties, is a knowledge of elementary mathematics, (approximately to the standard of the Cambridge School Certificate examination).

Some 140 candidates have already made application to the Secretary of the Aviation Candidates Selection Board, and a number of these have already been passed by the Selection and Medical Boards.

The Air Ministry have accepted for provisional recruitment, a number of those who were recommended, and as has already been announced, five of those selected proceeded to the United Kingdom in January 1941.

It is expected that a large number of candidates who have been awaiting the development of the scheme will now make application for R.A.F. duties; and those who are desirous of serving in the Air Force as pilots, etc., are requested to apply to the Secretary of the Aviation Candidates Selection Board, 110 East Street, for details for provisional recruitment.

KING SYMPATHIUES WITH LADY ASTOR

LONDON, March 23.—His Majesty the King today sent a message of sympathy to Lady Astor, Mayoress of Plymouth, where the first of last week's two heavy raids began a few hours after the King and Queen ended their visit of inspection. The King wrote: "After a happy day, the Queen and I were deeply distressed to hear of what you have all been through. Whatever the people of Plymouth may be called upon to suffer, we feel certain the spirit of the people of the town will rise to it."—Wireless.

FOR AN ORGANIZATION OF JOBBING CAR OWNERS

The possibility of jobbing car owners and drivers forming a new organization which will enable them to make proper representation to Government on matters affecting them, was revealed yesterday when a group of leading city motorists told a representative of this paper of plans they had under consideration to that effect.

One of the motorists recalling the many efforts in the past to organise jobbing car owners and drivers said what they really needed and were about to have was a Union with intelligent leaders who would be able to approach Government and have matters now operating to their detriment amicably settled.

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General War Assistance Fund: Amt. already acknowledged £45,815 8/8. Staff Bryden and Evelyn Ltd. (fortnightly inst.) £3 3/-, Miss L. A. Stewart £1 16/6. Staff at King's House (further donation £1 5/-. Donations to Air Raid Sufferers Canteen Fund as per separate list £153 10/9.—£45,975 3/11d.

Red Cross Fund: Amount already acknowledged £22,750 5/6. Royal Engineers Civilian Staff (9th instl.) 12/1. Further proceeds sale of Christmas Cards by Mrs. Lucie Smith 1/5d. Collections by Chas. Pringle W/E 15. 2. '41—15. 3. '41—Gray's Inn Estate £5 14/ 9d.—Newry Estate £5 8/11. Mrs. Mary DaCosta 10/-, Mrs. Arthur Solomon—proceeds sale of Fancy Cushion 5/-, Manchester War Assistance Committee £28 19/2. Staff of Webster Lumber Co. (weekly inst.) 8/9d.—£22,792 6/7d.

St. Dunstan's Fund: Amount already acknowledged £2,952 3/10. Further proceeds sale of Christmas Cards by Mrs. Lucie-Smith 1/4d. R. I. B. 10/-, Manchester War Assistance Committee £3. Sale of St. Dunstan's stamps, as per separate list £1 15/-—£2,957 10/2d.

Children's Empire War Fund: Amount already acknowledged £129 18/5.

Jamaica Women's War Materials and Comforts Fund: Amount already acknowledged £4,320 2/6. St. Ann War Assistance Committee—Mrs. Claude Roper 12/6d. St. Thomas War Assistance Committee—Mrs. E. Henriques Knitting Club £2. Knitting Committee:—Mrs. Parachini 5/6, Mrs. Goldsworthy 10/-, Mrs. Mals (garments for the bombed) 5/-, Mrs. Williams (garments) £1 6/—£2 6/6d.

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Manchester War Assistance Committee £5 10/-.

Mrs. M. B. Ewen—proceeds "Guessing the weight of an Aligator" Competition: Mrs. Palmer 2/-, A. Woodhead 1/-, Miss Biggs 1/-, Mrs. Dumble 2/-, C. M. Horton 2/-, Mrs. Corbett 5/-, Mrs. Allen 1/-, Ruth Rogers 5/-, Karl Palmer 1/-, Dorothy Woodhead 2/-, Mrs. Chisholm 3/-, Ruth 2/-, Leyson Ewen 2/- Phil Ewen 2/-, Cal Dumble 2/-, Veronica Corbett £5, Mrs. Warren 1/-, Mrs. Hallowell 1/-, Mrs. Rand 1/-, Mrs. Rand 1/-, Margaret Gardiner 1/-, Mrs. Hulme 2/-, Mrs. Hulme 1/-, Mrs. M. Shirley 1/6, Mrs. Russel 2/-, Walter Allen 2/-, Mrs. Bacon 4/-, Mr. Alexander 2/-, M. B. Ewen £2 7/6d.

£5 earmarked for cigarettes for Merchant Seamen on Jamaica/England route.

£5 earmarked for cigarettes Fishermen and Minesweepers of Cornwall, England—£10—£4,341 13/6. Total £76,-198 12/7d.

Air Raid Canteen Fund: Amount already acknowledged £10,621 6/4d. St. Ann War Assistance Committee (Browns Town), sale of seals £2 2/-, The Bombing Squad £1 1/-, Woman's Club: Raffle of items from Woman's Club Sale and Bazaar £143 17/9. Further proceeds "Turkey Envelopes" 19/—£144 16/9d. R. I. B. £1, Manchester War Assistance Committee (£4 11/-)—£10,774 17/1d.

Sale of St. Dunstan's Stamps: Amount already acknowledged £209 14/-. A. Marzouca 5/-, Rudge Whitworth Agency 5/-, Mrs. S. V. Higgins 5/-, E. C. L. Parkinson 5/, Hon. J.A.G. Smith 5/-, S. N. Brown 5/-, Rev. Canon E. L. Maxwell 5/—£1 15/-. Total £211 9/-.

Federation Election

The Gleaner learns that there is a possibility of Dr. G. E. Valentine becoming president of the Federation of Citizens Association, in view of the fact that the present incumbent, Hon. E. E. A. Campbell may not stand for election. In some quarters however, it is suggested that the Hon. Dr. O. E. Anderson should hold the office, in succession to Mr. Campbell.

The annual general meeting of the Federation will take place next month.

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