SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 19 14

## PAY TRIBUTE TO WORK OF MR. WILLIAM COWPER.

Wolmer's And Jamaica Col lege Old Boys Make Presentation To Him.

A GREAT SCHOLAR.

Mr. B. H. Easter Makes Clever Speech-Brilliant Reply Given.

his own sterling qualities, (Hear, hear). by his devoted labour has earned the affectionate re-Jamaica": Mr. William Cowper, Mr. Jasper Campbell. M.A., M.B.E., former Head- The Wolmer's and Jamaica Col- what Mr. Samuel had said. He day afternoon.

does it will be handed to him.

see the proofs of his work.

The presentation was made by Mr. B. H. Easter, B.A., M.B.E., to any great extent. Director of Education, in a most happy and clever speech. Mr. so and was duly sincere,

Those Present:

along with him on the platform were: W.O.B.A.

Hon. W. M. Fraser, Mr. J. M. both these schools (applause). Nethersole, C.B.E., Mr. F. Cundall, O.B.E., Messrs. N. W. Man- was that a neutral person, Mr J. M. Nethersole, Jr., A. B. Rennie, presentation. He commented on all our hearts. N. N. Nethersole, H. G. McDonald, Mr. Easter's interest in education D. N. Barr. Dr. Ludlow Moody, Dr. in Jamaica.

J. Cameron, Messrs. S. R. Braith- He recalled a rebuke Mr. Cowwaite, A. deC. Myers, Leslie Morde- per was wont to make, cutting in cal, H. A. Lake, H. A. Hamilton, its own way and still very human. Tai, Ten Quee, G. P. Stephenson, That remark was generally made K. DeCasseres, J. L. King. The Proceedings.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. Owen Samuel said they were gatherthere that afternoon, the old boys of Wolmer's and Jamaica Col lege to make presentation to Mr. Cowper in appreciation, as a token hind it. GREAT MAN, who "by of their appreciation, of the esteem and affection they had for him iscence, Mr. Samuel concluded by

He had been asked to tender ex- the presentation. (Applause). and by his lovable personality cuses for a few absentees. He had Mr. Easter's Speech. just received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Easter was received with apspect of the entire community of Mr. Price and there were excuses plause. also from Mr. Lindsay Downer and

master of Wolmer's and more lege Old Boys' Association, shortly would adhere to them. He then recently of Jamaica College after Mr. Cowper announced his recontinued: was honoured by past pupils of of both schools for the purpose of have been asked to make this pre-, tirement, appointed a sub-committee his sat a function given at collecting subscriptions to present sentation this afternoon. There are Wolmer's School Hall on Thurs- Mr. Cowper with a souvenir as a so many more people who know Mr. token of their affection for him, a Cowper much more intimately than The Jamaica College Old Boys' committee consisting of three repre- Jamaica College or Wolmer's goes Association and the Wolmer's Old centatives from each Association. back much further than mine, There Boys' Association combined to make The best sub-committee he had been are also many other people who a presentation to their former prin- told usually consisted of 3 members, could have done it much better cipal. They presented him with a two dead and one live (laughter). purse: the souvenir which they also On this occasion Mr. N. N. Nether-often happens in politics. intend to present to him has not yet sole apparently thought he would is a number of people with such arrived in the Island, but when it further that idea and that it would excellent claims to a post or a pribe best to have a committee of five vilege that it is impossible to ask The attendance was represent- dead men and one live one, because sary to fall back on some nonenti ative of all the professions and he had practically done all the whole ty-some nincompoop-who is indeed of all the notable sections work himself (hear, hear). Of course obviously unfitted for the task that those must have been great days Headmaster's estimate. So me presenting me with such a token And in this connection I must not licitor on the other side would apof the community. It must have he need hardly say the rest of them the choice can offend nobody (laughter). been a pleasure to Mr. Cowper to who were members of that committee were merely dead for the reason that Mr. Nethersole: had not called regard it as a great honour to have upon their services, or at least not been asked to make a presentation

It had always been a very of the occasion. Cowper's reply was none the less close union between Wolmer's and Jamaica College and that had been sure of life, it may well happen those buildings which are giving Another quality in Mr. Cowper iner—I think it was an Oriel man cuttings and to original letters writ- aid me in getting off a bed of sickstill further strengthened and ce- that men and women after many us all so much trouble at the pre- which has always appealed to me - who had examined the Sixth ten to me in the course of the last ness, and there is an Archdeacon mented by Mr. Cowper and the es- years of quiet and devoted service sent time (laughter). teem that the old boys of both to the community may slip away the Hon. S. R. Cargill, Custos of St. schools had for him, who as they cularly is this the case when they tirement of Archdeacon Simms. He the joke until you thought about in most outspoken fashion upon that I made a charge which was not Archdeacon Ramson joined heartily.) Andrew; the Hon. A. E. DaCosta, knew had served as headmaster of are of the type to which Mr. Cow- directed the fortunes of J. O. until it. The meetings of the Jamaica my Essay: "Cowper," he said, "has true and set a very unseemly and How does it happen? I am goboth schools. He would like to per belongs. They do not-like last year when, on the advice of Schools Commission are compar- a straining after style, but the deplorable example of public man- ing to tell you what I think about Cowper, Mrs. Cowper, Miss Mary was atill further strong before the public. They do The news was received by the Ja- often enlivened by Mr. Cowper's makes his English turgid and accusations of brutal ill-treatment Mr. Murray and I have among Cowper, M.A., Mr.A. O. Ritchie, was still further strengthened by not occupy the front pages of the maica Schools Commission with the humour. You who are in this bombastic" (loud laughter). Much brought against me led to the break our Edisconda a verse which has President of the J.C. Old Boys of Mr. Alan Ritchie of the Mr. Owen Samuel President of the J.C. Old Boys of Mr. Alan Ritchie of the J.C. Oxford Periodical is our authority as President of their Association, be selves. They do not wish it to be a matter for great satisfaction that a wealth of illustration to what I ter alia that it was better to say tiveness and another letter from a sang: Others present included Mrs. S. Cause Mr. Ritchie happened to be otherwise. They prefer to doubleir he has been able to retain his con- have said. You will, I am sure "they began the fight on that spot man (who if I am a true prophet) "Let all the rest be damned R. Cargill, His Lordship Bishop the volument the very capacity and it says much for the bonouring one who is a scholar of by they began the fight on that spot man (who if I am a true prophet) "Let all the rest be damned nection with the College in a minor agree with me that we are to-day and showed themselves unaffright will soon be occupying a very high capacity and it says much for the bonouring one who is a scholar of by threatening forebodings of position in the Government service) you son, the Rev. Nathaniel Jacobs, future to very many happy days makes them feel faintly sick.

It is therefore the more fitting Murray, his successor that the ar- I chould like to conclude on the than to say:

Mr. Samuel explained how

when he addressed a boy who presented himself with an unprepared lesson: "You waste your father's money!" (laughter). He knew that remark was well known to all of them and though it was but a few short words it carried volumes be-

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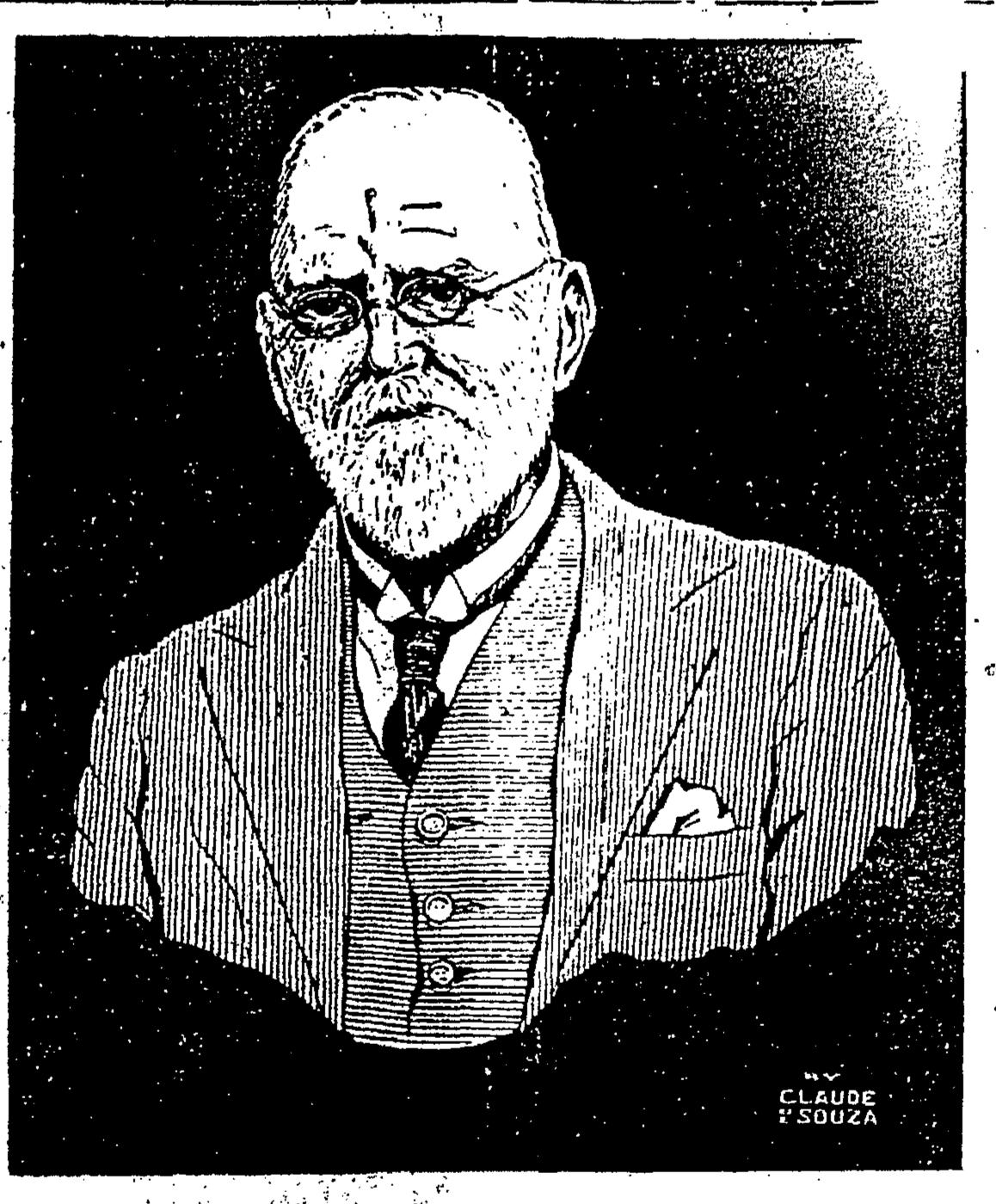
After further pleasant remincalling upon Mr. Easter to make

He said his opening remarks were peculiarly apt because of

the A I can hope to do. I can only

reason you have selected me. I on your behalf to one of Jamaica's great men, and only wish that you had chosen someone more worthy

casion at least be compelled to list- factorily. en to what we have to say and receive this small token of the affec-



A PEN-AND-INK PICTURE of Mr. William Cowper, M.A., M.B.E.. by one of his old pupils at Wolmer's, Mr. Claude deSouza.

born (laughter). But there must the Civil Service Selection Commitbe many who remember those first | tee I have had opportunities of see- | Grows pleasant to my ear ten years of his work from 1891 to | ing some of his judgments on his | And in its light my broken ways 1901 as Second Master at Jamaica past scholars. Naturally we depend Fair and complete appear." College-then the Jamaica High a good deal on a Headmaster's School. With the late Venerable estimate of a boy's suitability for pleased to know that my old and Mr. Cowper as Second Master, to form our own estimate of the ed to honour me in this way for Jamaica College.

Be that as it may, for whatever say descended—to Wolmer's ly reincarnations from some other saying what I feel. (laughter). Anyhow he abandoned and better world. Jamaica College Hope (laughter) and became Head- has not been so fortunate. But when "I have no gift of eloquence: St. Dustan's chapel was to be dedi licitors (by the score) who would master of Wolmer's in the days be- Mr. Cowper said without qualifica- my earliest attempts at high flown cated—no man ever received a more help me in any legal difficulty from change brought about by the earth- Cowper's honesty. In the constant hurry and pres- quake of 1907, and saw the rise of

unobserved and unregarded. Parti- love—and Hope, following the re- offhand manner which concealed lish Literature prize commented He will find it recorded in print bedroom (loud laughter in which Hon. Major H. Simms, M.V.O., working together for the good of that Mr. Cowper should on this oc- rangement has worked most satis- same note on which I began. "They inaugurated hostilities in (laughter) ladling out humbug in Mr. Murray and I have resolute-

WORK AT J. C. tion and respect which his long ley, Martin Cooper, G. M. DaCosta, Easter, had been asked to make the years of service have inspired in College is so recent that I need not dwell upon it. New buildings were erected, including what will remain as a lasting memorial to his name as well as to those honoured sons of the College who fell in the Great War, the beautiful Chapel. Under his regime, Jamaica College flourished and prospered. The many distinguished gentlemen whom I see before me this afternoon are a witness to his great work. Indeed I might be allowed to use a timehonoured quotation in this connection. Lest I should be interrupted [ by a dispute as to the correct pronunciation, which is apt to occur when the learned are gathered together in Jamaican assemblies (laughter). I will say first, with apologies to Mr. A. P. Herbert and "Punch." "Si monumentum requiris Keerkoomspikay." (This I take to be Oxford) (laughter). Secondly, as pronounced by a legal friend of mine, "Si monumentum requiris Sircumspicy." This I would take to be Cambridge, did I not know that my friend hailed from Dublin (laughter). Finally, for the benefit of those—the majority. I suspect, whose Latinity is a thing of the past—I will offer a free translation for which I should probably have got six of the best in the days of the Headmaster's full vigour (laughter). "Mr. Cowper, have

> have dene!" (appleuse).
> HIS.LIFE'S WORK. This is not the time—and I trust that the occasion will not arise for many a long year-to summarize Mr. Cowper's ·life's work. That work is by no means over and I for one hope to have the assistance of his wisdom and experience in the future. In any case such a summary must always be faulty and imperfect. There are the many "nameless, unremembered things" ! which help to complete the picture and which are often of more essential importance than those which are named and remembered.

look round this room and see what

Mr. Cowper has, however, enriched the life of Jamaica in certain ways so outstanding that this afternoon's function would be incomplete if no reference were made

GREAT SCHOLAR. First I think he will be remembered as a great scholar That scholarship and the treasures of a well-stored mind have been at the disposal of more than one generation of Jamaican fouth. It may well be that with our emphasis on vocational training in these days we are apt to lose sight -- of that culture which finds its highest expression | in the literature of Greece and. Rome. The road to that land is a hard one and many fall by the wayside, (sometimes bruised and beat-en) but for those who persevere there is a great reward. There are, I know many in this room who owe to Mr. Cowper their appreciation of classical culture and with it their laste for the higher things of life. Another characteristic of Mr. Cowper is his transparent honesty. I have heard him criticised as being too honest. That is a rare and

valuable criticism. As a member of

and will not be-forgotten. Cecil preach. Avoid fine English as you known in a few years time as a Rhodes once said "The Work sur- would avoid the plague and most real benefactor to Jamaica-he tells vives the worker." Mr. Cowper of you know of the wise Bishop me that I terrorised him and his will rejoice that his two schools who warned candidates for ordina compeers and that in my desire to are to-day in good hands, that tion "when you have written a terrorise. Nature had aided me in they are flourishing and will flour- sermon read it over and if you find voice and face (loud laughter). He ish. We trust that he will live long in it any passage that seems to tells me that I exulted in my powto see the seed which he has sown you particularly fine, strike it or to overawe and that I carried on bearing fruit a hundredfold. We out." (laughter). Perhaps I have as an frate and evil-tempered Zeus wish him many happy years in carried these lessons too far and with the thunder bolts that some retirement content in the know- have cultivated simplicity of speech mightier God had given me in a ledge that by his own sterling over-much: perhaps I ought to moment of idle play (laughter); he qualities, by his devoted labour have been able to use what some tells me too that he has met some and by his loveable personality he folk would think more effective of my students and cannot say that has carned the affectionate respect terms but as it is I can only say be has ever heard a word of love of the entire community of Ja- that I am pleased and prond and for me, As Mr. Cowper then stood to j accept the present, the gathering me, my Swan Song shall applauded loud and long. Mr. Easter, handing the purse,

said he had very great pleasure on blease do not tell me that there is behalf of the Old Boys' Associa- too much Ego in my Cosmos tions of Wolmer's and Jamaica College in presenting Mr. Cowper | headmastership of the with this small token of their af- College I received from the Jafection and regard. He was asked to say that the souvenir with of a resolution in which they exwhich it was to be accompanied was not yet in the island. Again there was loud applause.

MR. COWPER'S REPLY. Mr. Cowper first said he hoped lege Boys presented no with they would not be bored before he reached the end and apologised if he repeated anything he had said at the Wolmer's Old Boys' Association dinner.

He would first quote from hymn Mr. Murray had introduced

"The sound of human praise

Archdeacon Simms as Headmaster Government service. We also have of the last 43 years have combinschools seem to have none but the of their affectionate regard is In 1901 he ascended—or shall I finest and purest spirits—apparent- very poor and ineffective way

fore that seat of learning had estion that a boy was good we knew language were nipped in the bud affectionate letter than that which A. deC. Myers to R. C. Marley. tablished itself in the aristocratic that he was. His remarks were by a man to whom, though I have Fr. Delany wrote to explain why There are men in the Government plains of St. Andrew. His period few but they were revealing. I take forgotten his name, I owe a debt he could not come to the dedication service and in the commercial world of office included that, momentous this as just one example of Mr. of gratitude: I was telling one of service. you not many weeks ago that at But on the other hand the grand there are medical men, M.D., M.B., the beginning of 1883 the Exam-children will turn to the newspaper M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., willing to is his quiet sense of humour. He Form of the King's School, Can- 43 years and the historian among available when the time comes for In 1915 he returned to his first had the gift of saying something in terbury, in papers set for an Eng-them will have many a headache. my being laid in my last and best

> Mr. Cowper has been dragged out that locality and demonstrated large doses without understanding by refused to believe that we are of his hiding place to-day because themselves as unintimidated

his Old Boys of Wolmer's and, minatory vaticinations of catas-pladle (laughter); and as I told my Jamaica College wish to assure him [trophe." (loud laughter.) that his work for them has not AVOID FINE ENGLISH. gone unappreciated and has not --- Many of you have heard me ed scientist who will I hope b

that I thank you.

may have taunted some of At the time when I resigned the say, but the fact remains.

pressed their satisfaction with the 1933. My colleagues at the Ja-

maica College and the Jamaica Coladdress in which they praised m they believed they had found in me Cowper, An Appreciation." -- an ared to those which I received in ing mellifluous compliments.

find a letter

telling me that I am not only a hum | We won't have heaven crammed."

Ifriends at the Wolmer's dinner he will find the letter of a distinguish

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There is another matter to which "And now, if you will permit I attach more importance than to these outbursts of perhaps discon-If you hear the word "I" many tented people. I never won the contimes please do not taunt me, as I fidence of Archbishop Nuttall, un idoubtedly the greatest man that Jamaica has known during the last

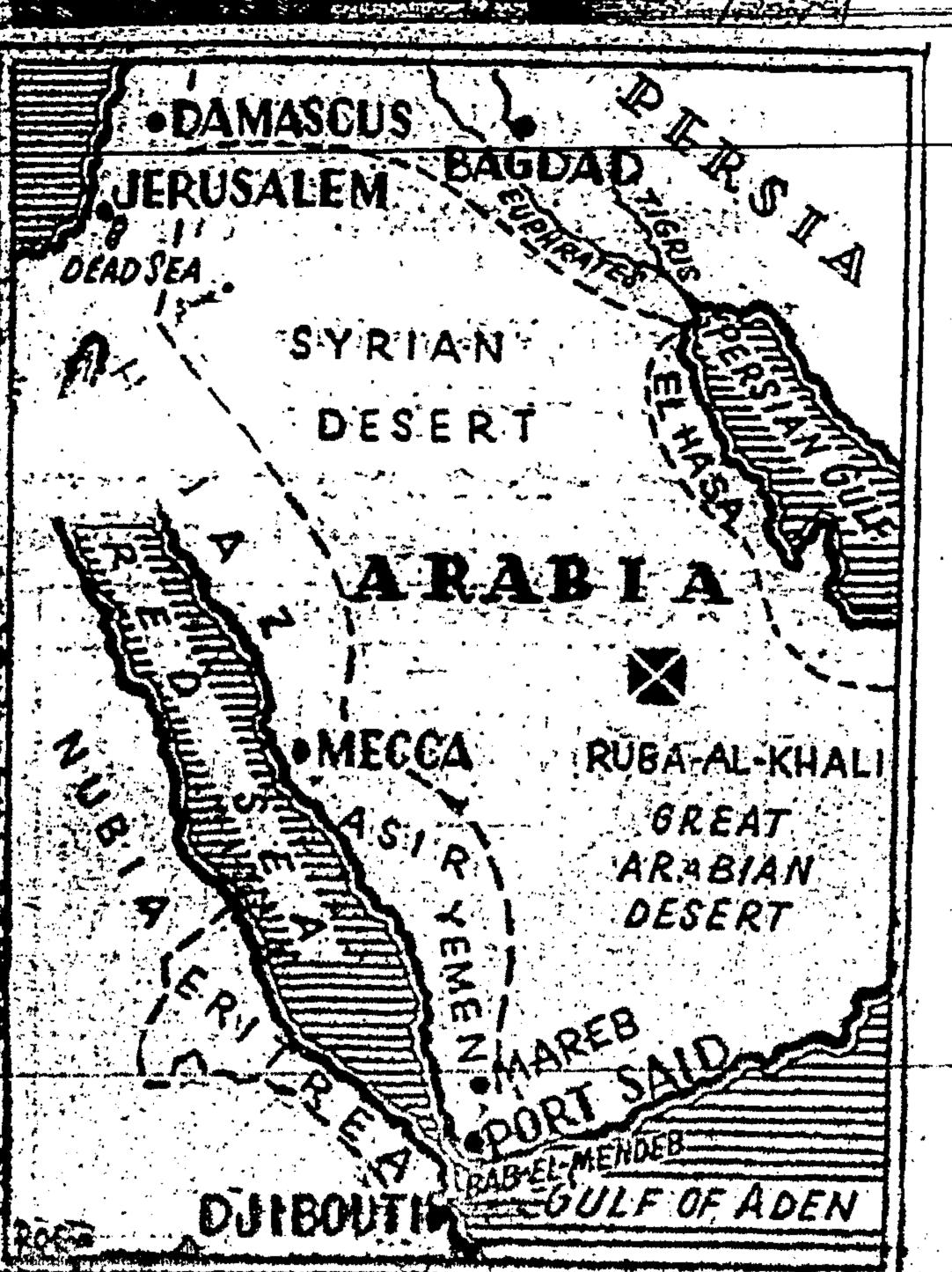
50 years. Why it was I cannot GLEANER'S PRAISE. And yet in spite of all this in the Gleauer of January 2, 1934 I read that men who have come under my tuition & influence are occupying im portant and useful positions in Jamaica and elsewhere, that I am a venerable figure, liked, respected and a Jamaican at heart as well as

an Englishman—that it must be to me a source of pride that I am lloved and highly thought of by tens of thousands of persons in Jamaica who rejoice that in the distribution of honours throughout the Em ticle of which any headmaster in pire I have not been overlooked. Such loud applause). The man who tokens of affectionate regard, add-, wrote that is not notorious for pay-1915 when I was leaving Wolmer's; How does it come about that and to the address presented to-such things can be written of me. day will make my grandenildren The statements are true. There are think that their grandfather was a four Resident Magistrates before

wonderful old man. (laughter), whom if I were to appear, the soforbear to mention that they will ply for the appointment of a Magistrate not unduly prejudiced in find a letter sent to me by good favour of the defendant. '(laugh-Fr. F. X. Delany at the time when ter). There are harristers, and soready to greet me and advise me-

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THE GLORY THAT WAS SOLO-MON'S RECALLED BY RE-PORTED FIND. The labulous city of the Queen of Sheba, the site of which has been vainly sought for 2,000 years, was reported discovered in Arabla by Andre Malraux, author and winner of last year's Prix Concourt, and Captain Corniglion-Molinor, pilot of the airplane which M. Malraux believes carried them over the ancient capital. M. Malraux reported the find in a short telegram dispatched from Djibouti, French Somaliland, to the Air Ministry, as follows: "Have discovered legendary city of Sheba. Twenty towers of temple still standing. At north end of Ruba-al-Khali (the Great Arabian Desert, or so-called Empty Quarter). Have taken many photographs, First known as the land from which the renowned queen brought valuable gifts to King Solomon, the location of its capital has been a matter of dispute since classical times. Above, a reproduction from Matibaw Merian's "Story of the Bible Told in Pictures," engraved in 1625, depicting the Biblical visit of the Queen of Sheba and her entourage carrying gifts of rate spices and gold to the Court of King Solomon.—The French report of the discovery of the legendary Sabean capital places city on the northern part of Ruba-al-Khall, the approximate location indicated by the Maltose-cross on the map at

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