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JOHN WILLIAMS

Edith McClung Houston

out a year ago a tall young ed man appeared at our chapel at nour of the evening service. He part in the Hymns but we could e did not understand much of the on, which was, of course in ish. After service he told us he a member of the Presbyterian ch in Jamaica and had been in several months. At that time a number of Jamaicans were imming to Cuba as then they could get high wages here.

s attending this service resulted in arranging to hold preaching in ish for the Jamaicans when we secure an English-speaking minand I directed a Bible School for regularly every Sunday with an clance of from two to thirty.

an Williams, the one who just cled, soon showed himself to be rnest Christian. He never failed tend and was always trying to est his people. He took an intellipart in the services and made st prayer. He played well on the and loved music. He was a - and made a good living. also always exceedingly neat and dressed. It seemed to me he 1 be an apt evangelist among his le in Cuba who are drifting away the little religion they know. I I him if he did not feel called to

this work by the great need about him for trained ministers. He said he did not and I found that the reason was, he was engaged young woman in Jamica and saving up his money for his marriage.

Villiams, a Jama-studying for the try in Tuscaloosa.

But God was leading him by an

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unknown way. In the spring he was very ill with pneumonia. It was pitiful to hear him say, "So sick and so far from home." However, he returned from death's door and now seems to have excellent health. Later he played for us during a series of revival services (in Spanish) but seemed much impressed by the manifest presence of the Spirit among us.

In April he came to see me one day in great distress. He had had a dream and saw the Saviour on the cross. In rapture he advanced towards the cross but when he drew near he thought the figure descended and tried to transfix him with a sword. He said he wept so he awakened the neighbors. I tried to explain that it was only a dream but he was not satisfied. A little later he told me that if there was any way open for him to study for the ministry he could do so for he believed God called him and he would no longer resist. Though he had planned to be married in August he said he would put off his wedding till he had finished studying.

Arrangements were made for him to go to Tuskaloosa and on September 1st he left for the States bearing his own traveling expenses and expecting to work his way while studying.

He went off full of joy and peace saying he had had another vision and Christ "had been very loving to him." And that he "had never been so good to him since he had made his decision to study for the ministry.

His letters since his arrival are full of gratitude and he seems to be very happy.

I write this that friends may pray for him asking that he may be given a life of Blessed service in the Kingdom of the Lord.

Camajuani, Cuba.