

LADY BUSTAMANTE CHOSEN
MODEL 'FAMILY WIDOW'

KINGSTON, March 27 (JAMPRESS):

The Hon. Lady Bustamante, O.J., was hailed as "Jamaica's National Family Widow" model for the year 1984/85 by the Executive Committee of the Harmony in the Home Movement who visited her at her "Bellincita" residence in Irish Town today.

In handing her a Certificate of Acknowledgement along with an invitation to become a patron of the movement, Mrs. Glen Owen, who with her husband is Jamaica's National Family Model for the current year, praised Lady Bustamante.

Mrs. Owen described Lady Bustamante as a model of great love, of family loyalty and devotion. Mrs. Owen recalled Lady Bustamante's dedication to "her beloved husband, Sir Alexander Bustamante, National Hero" adding that, "we admire you greatly for this, as well as your devotion and service to Jamaica.

"We know too, that your family is all the people of Jamaica," Mrs. Owen declared.

The presentation ceremony which began with a prayer offered by the Rev. Owen Tibby, was presided over by Fr. Louis Grenier. He said that he believed if the question was asked who could be termed "a mother of the nation", most people would say, "Lady Bustamante".

Father Grenier reminded the group present that "The 'Chief', as Sir Alexander was fondly called never had an enemy". It was his belief that that spirit of love in the National Hero was "backed by Lady Bustamante".

He said that for the wonderful things Lady Bustamante has done for "our beloved country", she was a symbol of service to the nation.

Replying, Lady Bustamante said the presentation came as a surprise to her. She appreciated the gesture and had great pleasure in accepting the invitation to become a patron of the Harmony in the Home Movement.

In moving the vote of thanks, the Hon. Glen Owen referred to Lady Bustamante as "gracious and unassuming".

Also present at the ceremony were founder of the Movement, Mr. Ralph Cole and Mrs. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Ramharaz Ragbier, the Rev. J. A. Douglas and Mrs. Iris Yee Sing.