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HANOVER HONOURS C. EVERARD PALMER

MONTEGO BAY, Nov. 20 (JIS):

C. Everard Palmer, noted Jamaican author and son of Kendal in Hanover was yesterday recognised by the community for his literary work at a function held at the Hanover Museum in Lucea.

Mr. Palmer has written several books containing stories for Jamaican children, many of which are required reading for schools.

His work include: 'The Adventures of Jimmy Maxwell', 'A Taste of Danger', 'A Cow called Boy', 'The Cloud with the Silver Lining', 'The Wooing of Beppo Tate', 'The Sun Salutes You', among others.

Born in Kendal, Hanover, Mr. Palmer had his early education in the rural community after which he attended Mico Teachers College in Kingston, where he received qualifications as a teacher. He worked as a journalist with the Gleaner Company before embarking on a career as an author.

Mr. Palmer has been living in Canada for the past 25 years, where he has taught and continued his writing.

Guest Speaker at the function, Education, Youth and Culture Minister, Senator Burchell Whiteman paid tribute to the author for dedicating his life to writing for children.

He underscored the benefits of reading and encouraged all Jamaicans to read continuously.

"While we have a mission in the Ministry to make all our children and all our people literate, what we need in Jamaica is not simply people who are literate, but people who read," he stated.

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Councillor at the Canadian High Commission, Robert Richard, in a message from Canadian High Commissioner, John Robinson, described Mr. Palmer as “the master of the rural Caribbean tale for any readership, adult or juvenile”.

He pointed out that Mr. Palmer had also written books for Canadian children, some of which have been translated into French.

Over 200 students representing 19 schools in the parish of Hanover, along with teachers and principals, attended the ceremony.

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