Philip Manderson Sherlock was born in Jamaica, B.W.I., the son of a Methodist minister - "a horse and buggy parson of the countryside of Jamaica." With his six brothers and sisters he grew up in a manse in a Jamaican village. Educated at a Jamaican school, he went on to London University, where he obtained 1st class Honours in English.

He was Headmaster of Wolmer's, the oldest school in the island, founded in 1736. Later he was Secretary of the Institute of Jamaica, a cultural centre for the promotion of art, science and literature. Mr. Sherlock sat on the committee appointed by the British government in 1943 to report on higher education in the B.W.I., and has been Vice Principal and Director of Extra-Mural Studies of the University College of the West Indies since its inception. This year he was appointed to take charge of the newly formed branch of the College in Trinidad, (giving up his post as Director of Extra-Mural Studies in order to do this.)

Mr. Sherlock has been a member of the Legislative Council of Jamaica since 1952, in which year he was also made a C.B.E.

His publications include:

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