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Self died to me, long ago

SAYS HENRY WARD

AS THE REV. HENRY WARD rose to speak on Thursday, May 3 at the Meadowbrook High School, which he founded 21 years ago, there was a hush of expectation. As he began in his 100 year-old vibrant voice, to reply to the many tributes the whole audience was enthralled. A powerless mike was cast aside and he spoke fluently and impressively to his audience.

He said: "It has been so greatly moving and overwhelming that it is almost impossible to answer the remarks, the congrats, the gifts, the expressions that have come to me this afternoon.

"Humbly, the story of my life is in very few words. Long ago came a vision of what man might attain, but that vision is only realised if one dies to 'self', dies to whatever may happen to 'self'.

'Live for the nation...'

"So, long ago I decided by the grace of God to live for the people, the children, the nation and to use Henry Ward as an instrument for that undertaking.

"Henry Ward died many years ago, and as a result of that was offered wealth and social promotion. But all these things passed me by. I was not interested.

Standing ovation

"I was interested in our people that we might build a nation for the glory of God.

"When asked by the Government to be

chairman of the school board in Eastern St. Mary, my first thought was that there must be a change between teachers and manager. On the first morning I went to school, I said to the Headmaster there must be a beginning. The old relationship must pass away. We must create a brotherhood between manager and teachers. The response was immediate. From that day teachers and managers in that area work together in great harmony.

"It is impossible to try to speak to such an overwhelming tribute. I feel humbled. I feel greatly moved. I feel challenged that by the grace of God I shall endeavour to live and serve, and, if need be, suffer so that His Kingdom might come, and boys and girls might measure up to the fullness of stature of Christ.

That is my aim, as life remains to me."

He was given a loud and standing ovation. Afterwards he was entertained to lunch prepared by girls of Meadowbrook.

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PRESENTATION OF A PAINTING to the Rev. Henry Ward (left). Occasion was a honour function put on in his honour by Meadowbrook

High School which he founded 21 years ago. Others from left, Mrs. McLennon and the Rev. Ashley Smith.



PAULETTE SAMUELS, head girl of Meadowbrook High School as she read a tribute to the Rev. Henry Ward on behalf of the school.



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MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS sang a Spanish song as the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ward listen attentively.

THE REV. ASHLEY SMITH, Miss McLennon, the Rev. Mr. Ward and Mrs. Ward at the function.



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