

VALUABLE WORK WAS DONE BY MR. FRANK CUNDALL

While on 4 Month's Visit to
England: Revised Edition of
"Jamaica Proverbs."

LATE MR. ELLIS' GIFT

He Had Several Interviews
With Many Officials of The
West India Committee.

Among the passengers who landed from the s.s. Changuinola on Tuesday was Mr. Frank Cundall, Secretary and Librarian of the Jamaica Institute, who spent four months vacation in England.

In an interview with a Gleaner reporter yesterday, Mr. Cundall said that he enjoyed his visit to England in spite of the inclement weather, and while there he was pleased to renew old acquaintances with Jamaica friends and friends of Jamaica.

While in England Mr. Cundall saw through the press the revised edition of "Jamaica Proverbs" copies of which

will be in the island very shortly. He succeeded in obtaining for the West India Reference Library a valuable volume of Jamaica tracts which was catalogued at 200 guineas; whereby the Institute once again became the possessors of the earliest examples of Jamaica printing known to exist. He came across various rare charts of Jamaica which he hoped to secure in due course, and he has also secured some real West India pamphlets.

At Herolds College Mr. Cundall saw an original sketch of the Arms of Jamaica and an original sketch also of the Seal of Jamaica. He hoped to obtain facsimiles of these. He saw some valuable paintings by Philip Wickstead, one of the few artists of repute who have ever painted in Jamaica. Reproduction of one of his works which has been secured by the West India Committee recently appeared in the West India Committee Circular. The owner of these portraits which are of Jamaica worthies is willing to present them to the insti-

tute when Mr. Cundall can assure her that he has wall space in the portrait gallery on which to hang them.

The President and Secretary and other members of the Council of the Royal British Colonial Society of Arts discussed the matter with Mr. Cundall, and they are willing to send out another exhibition when the Institute is ready to ask for it.

At a print dealer's place Mr. Cundall saw a very interesting contemporary picture of Rodney's victory over deGrasse, of which he has obtained a refusal. It is felt that it is highly desirable that it should be purchased to hang alongside the portrait of Rodney in the history gallery.

The late Mr. A. F. G. Ellis bequeathed various art objects to the Institute, subject to two life interests, and Mr. Cundall has discussed the matter with Mrs. and Miss Ellis.

He also interviewed several officials of the West India Committee and the Imperial Institute on behalf of

the Permanent Exhibitions' Committee. One of the last letters which Mr. Cundall wrote on Jamaican affairs was to the Honorary Secretary of the Imperial Commercial Settlement Committee in China who replied that many Britons wish to leave China and settle down elsewhere in the British Empire and that the West Indies appealed to many of them; and asking for detailed information in addition to that already sent to them by the West India Committee.

It may interest friends of Major Boose, a former Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute to know that after a conversation with Mr. Cundall he has decided to come and spend the Winter in Jamaica which he hopes to make his permanent home.

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