

YWCA pays tribute to Carlton Alexander

Tributes to the Hon. Carlton Alexander, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Grace Kennedy and Company Ltd., for the contributions he has made to the nation, were paid at a Grand Salute in his honour, hosted by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), at Jamaica College, on Saturday night.

The salute, held in the school's auditorium, was attended by members of various organisations and service clubs in Jamaica. They included the Salvation Army, Project Hope, the Girls' Brigade, the Anglican Mothers' Union and the Jamaica Exporters' Association.

Mr. Eric Bell, a former Minister of Finance, the High Commissioner of India, Mr. Ram Lal, and Prime Minister Edward Seaga, also paid tribute to Mr. Alexander, hailing him as man of dedication, loyalty and sincerity.

Dr. Peter Figueroa, Senior Medical Officer, Kingston Public Hospi-

tal, gave a special salute to Mr. Alexander. He said that several service clubs existed precariously in terms of funding, but Mr. Alexander had played a vital role in keeping them going in order to enable them to continue to play their fundamental roles in society.

Reflecting on Mr. Alexander's association with Education, Dr. Figueroa mentioned Mr. Alexander's involvement with Jamaica College and other schools.

He thanked Mr. Alexander for his contributions given in the field of health, which, he said, was demonstrated in the number of persons employed by Grace Kennedy to do holiday work in the hospitals of Kingston.

Addressing the large company which filled the auditorium, Mr. Alexander said his education at Jamaica College had taught him the importance of having strong values based on sound principles.

"The values which I acquired at J.C. have continued to this day to guide me in the conduct of my affairs as a business man," he said.

Said Mr. Alexander, "We must recognise that loyalty is fundamental to success in life. Organisation and order are important to the development of the individual and the organisation.

"Values are the foundation of one's enjoyment of life. Values motivate people to work hard; they develop commitment and create the will to use every opportunity which is offered to us. And, enterprise is the use of the skills which we have acquired to build our nation.

"Let us approach life with discipline and dedication, recognising that in that industry lies the

future survival of this country. Let us dedicate our lives and commit ourselves to assist our fellow men.

"I love the young people. I spend as much time with them, talking to them listening to their views and their problems, and I find that

such association gives me a good insight into the thinking of our youth and also a preview of the years which lie ahead."

Musical items were presented by the Jamaican Folk Singers and by the YWCA Singing Group.

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