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Our Responsibility To Open Work In New Places

By Robert H. Pierson

THE SERVANT of the Lord has much to say about entering dark communities, bringing them the light of present truth. She also emphasizes the need of nuturing the work in places where we have a few believers in a company or Sabbath School so that such groups may be built up into good strong church organizations. Note well the following words from the pen of inspiration:

"I have been shown that more can now be accomplished by labouring in places where a few have been raised up, than in entirely new fields, unless the opening is very good. A few in different towns who really believe in the truth, will exert an influence and excite inquiry in regard to their faith; and if their lives are exemplary, their light will shine, and they will have a gathering influence. And yet, I was shown places where the truth has not been proclaimed, which should be visited soon. But the great work now to be accomplished is to bring up the people of God to engage in the work, and exert a holy influence. They should act the part of labourers. With wisdom, caution, and love, they should labour for the salvation of neighbours and friends. There is too distant a feeling manifested. The cross is not laid right hold of, and borne as it should be. All should feel that they are their brother's keeper; that they are in a great degree responsible for the souls of those around them. The brethren err when they leave this work all to

the ministers. The harvest is great and the labourers are few. Those who are of good repute, whose lives are

in accordance with their faith can be workmen. They can converse with others, and urge upon them the importance of the truth. They must not wait for the ministers, and neglect a plain duty which God has left for them to perform." Test., Vol. I, p. 368, First Paragraph.

"The vineyard includes the whole world, and every part of it is to be worked. There are places which are now a moral wilderness, and these are to become as the garden of the Lord. The waste places of the earth are to be cultivated, that they may bud and blossom as the rose. New territories are to be worked by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. New churches must be established, new congregations organized. At this time there should be representatives of present truth in every city, and in the remote parts of the earth. The whole earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God's truth. The light is to shine to all lands and all people. And it is from those who have received the light that it is to shine forth. The day-star has risen upon us, and we are to flash its light upon the pathway of those in darkness." Test., Vol. VI, p. 24.

"These fields (unentered ones) must be entered and many labourers should go with the expectation of bearing their own expenses." Vol. VII, p. 254.

Here in the British West Indies
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Meet Our Workers



The genial appearing gentleman above is none other than Elder J. N. Williams, the President of the British Honduras Mission. Elder and Sister Williams are old time missionaries, having served many years in Cuba and Jamaica, their homeland, before accepting the leadership of the British Honduras field.

"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your Union President)

As workers and lay members in the Cause of God we need to draw nearer to our Saviour. Events in the world today indicate that Heaven is fast closing accounts with earth's sinful inhabitants. We must be prepared for trying times ahead.

The times demand a closer walk with God—a deeper consecration—a complete surrender to Him who died for us. Then all of the blessing of God in Christ Jesus may be ours.

"If you have renounced self, and given yourself to Christ, you are a member of the family of God, and everything in the Father's house is for you. All the treasures of God are opened to you, both the world that now is, and that which is to come. The ministry of angels, the gift of His Spirit, the labours of His servants—all are for you. The world, with everything in it, is yours so far as it can do you good. Even the enmity of the wicked will prove a blessing, by disciplining you for heaven. If "ye are Christ's," "all things are yours."—*The Mount of Blessing*, p. 162.

"There are none of us so close to Him, but that we may be nearer, and the secret of our daily Christian life is all wrapped up in that one word which is scarcely to be called a figure, "coming" unto Him. We know not how close to His heart we can lay our aching heads. We know not how near to His fullness we may bring our emptiness. We have never yet reached the point beyond which is possible no closer union."—Alexander Maclaren.

"Only when we come to the end of self do we find the beginning of God. A man's poverty of spirit, sorrow for sin, and utter self-renunciation are the condition of God's conscious power and presence."

Our lives of consecration must then be directed into channels of service for Him. There is a great unfinished task to be completed in our generation.

"He saw Levi...sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow Me. And he arose and followed Him." Mark 2:14.

A Scottish boy lying on the heather beside a brook fell asleep and had a wonderful dream. The sky became glorious with a dazzling golden light. Out of this light came a chariot drawn by horses of fire. Faster and faster it came down the sky, and when it came near the boy, he heard a voice as sweet as the mountain brook, saying, "Come up hither; I have work for thee to do."

When the boy got to obey, he awoke and found it was a dream. The impression did not leave him, and one day the boy went to his room, knelt beside his bed, and prayed, "O Lord, Thou knowest that silver and gold I have none. What I have I give to Thee. I offer myself. Wilt Thou accept the gift?"

God did accept the gift, and that boy became one of the truly great missionaries. His name was Alexander Duff, missionary to India.—*Old Testament Leaders*.

SURRENDER

God had a work for me to do,
A path for me to tread;
But oh, how steep the way appeared
When I looked far ahead!
I said, "Lord, I know fairer fields
Where there is work to do.
Fields with a harvest plenteous
Where labourers are few;
"And see, this path is full of thorns
And burning desert sands."
He said, "Each thorn becomes a rose
When God Himself commands."
"The path gives room for only one—
Must I so lonely be,
Without a friend to cheer?" He said,
"There's room enough for Me."

SURRENDER—"The battle which we have to fight—the greatest battle that was ever fought by man—is the surrender of self to the will of God, the yielding of the heart to the sovereignty of love." *Mount of Blessing*, p. 203.

May God help each one to win this battle.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

A Personal Letter from Your Book & Bible House Manager

Dear Fellow Brethren:

As we near the end of all things, it behooves us to be in a state of preparedness to meet the Master. Seventh-day Adventists would be definite losers if after accepting this message, they should eventually lose eternal life through carelessness; for, if deprived of the pleasures this world offers and later heaven, what utter disappointment.

One of the most outstanding ways we can be made better and stronger Seventh-day Adventists is to read the type of literature that has been provided for us through the Spirit of Prophecy. The writings of Mrs. Ellen G. White awaken the sleeping church from the lethargy into which it has fallen. Most of our church members are starving for the type of reading matter which is to be found in *Ministry of Healing*, *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, *Great Controversy*, *Selections from the Testimonies*, and the entire set of the Testimonies. All these are obtainable at the Bible House at the old prices.

We shall be forced to raise the prices of all these books between three and five shillings each, due to the increased cost of manpower, machinery, and paper. However, we guarantee the present prices to all the churches of Jamaica for all the books listed below at the old price until midnight of the 31st of May, 1948.

- Testimonies 70/-
- Selections from the Testimonies 30/- (cloth)
- Desire of Ages 15/-
- Great Controversy 15/- (cloth)
- Patriarchs & Prophets 15/- (cloth)
- Prophets & Kings 15/- (cloth)
- Acts of the Apostles 20/- (limp)
- Ministry of Healing 20/-
- Bibles (Reference and Concordance with large print) 20/-

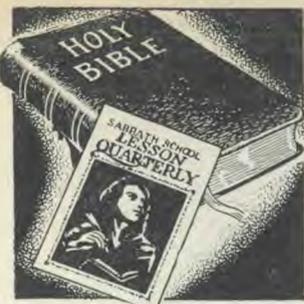
Deluge us with orders. We will take care of them. If you do not have all the money, make a down payment, and we will give you 60 days to pay the balance. Then, the books will be yours.

We have a large stock of Scripture Cards for the children of your Sabbath Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools. *Morning Watches* are still available, and there are a few *Sabbath School Quarterlies*. *Picture Rolls* have started to come again. Send in your orders.

Please allow the Bible House to serve you. Hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain,

Yours in the Master's service,
B. R. HAMILTON.



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E. E.
PARCHMENT
Sec'y.

and present this budget to the Sabbath School so that each member might be familiar with the local needs of the school and then be urged to give the necessary funds to meet the local requirements. —B.W.I. Union Minutes, Action No. 1353

Sunday Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools

Realizing that Sunday Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools can help us win many souls for God, it was voted to recommend:

- a. That every Sabbath School be encouraged to establish at least one Branch Sabbath School.
- b. That the District Pastor visit every church in his district during the first quarter and help the church to establish Branch Sabbath Schools by encouraging them to set a goal of one or more Branch Sabbath Schools or Community Sunday Schools for each church.
- c. That the Mission Sabbath School Secretary should be encouraged to send a Branch Sabbath School bulletin once every six weeks to the Sabbath Schools in his field.

—B.W.I. Union Minutes, Action No. 1352

Missing Sabbath School Members

Recognizing that a more definite work needs to be done for the missing members, it was voted to urge that the Sabbath School Council of each church give earnest and prayerful consideration to this matter; that all church members be enrolled in the Sabbath School classes; that each class become responsible for its missing members and that certain individuals be asked to visit the absent member. We further strongly urge that the teachers assign to the students of their classes the responsibility of visiting any absent members that very day.

—B.W.I. Union Minutes, Action No. 1351

My Pledge

Stir me, Lord, with zeal to labour
In this solemn Judgment hour.
Fill me, Lord, with all Thy fulness,
Grant me of Thy mighty power!
Keep me, Lord, so meek and humble —
Consecrated all to Thee;
Knowing well my strength remaineth
Only as Thou art in me.
Bid me go and work for Thee!
Speak, my Lord, in accents tender,
Speak, my Lord, and I will answer,
"Here am I, Oh Lord, send me!"
— R. H. PIERSON.

Prayer Circle
Wednesday
8:00 A.M.

HOME
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W. L. BARCLAY
Sec'y.



The Lay Preachers' School of Evangelism for West Jamaica was held at Montego Bay, February 3 to March 1. Twenty men and several ladies attended this school, all being new recruits to the laymen's army. After spending a very profitable time studying the best methods of evangelism they returned home, fired with zeal to blaze the trail for Christ in their home districts. We were privileged to have the services of Elder Wesley Amundsen of the Inter-American Division, and Elder W. L. Barclay of the B. W. I. Union, who contributed greatly to the success of the school. On the last evening of the session certificates were awarded to these lay workers, and we also had the honour of having the first investiture service for laymen in the Inter-American Division when the "seventy" pins were awarded to eight laymen who were eligible to receive them. We look forward to a rich harvest from our lay efforts this year. —W. S. NATION

Literature Distribution Programme

Recognizing the fact that literature plays a great part in the promulgation of the message, it was voted to recommend the following:

1. Systematic Tract Distribution Programme:
 - a. That a strong programme of systematic tract distribution be launched in each church in the Union.
 - b. That we order these tracts in quantities to cover not less than fifty (50) homes at a time, and that the first Sabbath Offering each month be used to purchase the literature.
 2. General Information:
 - a. That definite follow-up work be planned to win the interested people to Christ through:
 1. Organization of a Community Bible School.
 2. Establishment of a Circulating Library, using eight of the Crisis Series Books, as follows:
 - (1) So Little Time
 - (2) Signs of Christ's Coming
 - (3) Steps to Christ
 - (4) Health at Home
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Sabbath School Lesson Study Period

In order to encourage a deeper study of the Word of God and to develop a better understanding of the great truths as presented in our Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies, it was voted to recommend that the following plan be adopted by the local mission Sabbath School Departments of the British West Indies Union:

- a. That we encourage our Sabbath School teachers to preview the lesson of the coming week at the close of the lesson study, assigning to each student a certain phase of the lesson on which he should do special research work during the week.
- b. That the Sabbath School lesson study be closed by the following three signals:
 1. At the end of twenty-five minutes first bell will ring.
 2. Two minutes later the lesson study will close by second bell.
 3. During the final three minutes, assignments for the next week's lesson will be distributed by teachers to their students, this period closing by ringing of third bell.
- c. It is understood that the students will be encouraged to study the entire lesson as well as the special assignments.
- d. That we re-emphasize the importance of daily study.

—B.W.I. Union Minutes, Action No. 1349

Sabbath School Offerings

WHEREAS there is room for improvement in our Sabbath School mission giving, and WHEREAS our income for Sabbath School Expense is also lower than it should be, it was voted to recommend that our people endeavour to give three per cent of their income to Foreign Missions through the Sabbath School and that this three per cent be distributed among the following offerings:

- Weekly Offering
- Thirteenth Sabbath Offering
- Birthday Offering
- Investment Offering

Further, that the Sabbath School Council of each church plan its budget early

Literature Distribution Programme

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- (5) The Other Side of Death
- (6) The Marked Bible
- (7) Bible Made Plain
- (8) Our Paradise Home.

b. For information, £1. 2. 6 will purchase 83 sets of twelve tracts, or a total of 1,000 tracts.

—B.W.I. Union Minutes, Action No. 1422

The Church's Field for Soul-Winning — Who Are We Going to Work for?

The Gospel invitation is to be given to the rich and the poor, the high and the low, and we must devise means for carrying the truth into new places, and to all classes of people." *Medical Ministry*, p. 312.

What a vast field has been opened by God and what a challenge to His church today! In this short article I shall deal with just three groups of people for whom we should earnestly pray and work.

Jesus instructed His disciples to begin in Jerusalem before going out to Judea and Samaria. Begin in your own home. Do you have an unconverted father or mother, brother or sister, son or daughter, or other near relatives or close friends? Have you ever thought what heaven will be to you if your closest friends and relatives are not there to share its joys with you? Are they not more precious to you than other people's relatives and friends? Begin today to pray that God will give you the wisdom and grace to labour and to win those of your own household.

Living around every church, there are some who once stood on "the Rock" but whose feet have slipped back into the miry pit of sin—the backsliders.

"Lord thou has here Thy ninety and nine;

Are they not enough for Thee?

But the Shepherd made answer:

'One of mine has wander'd away from me;

And although the road be rough and steep,

I go to the desert to find my sheep.'"

The backslider is very precious to the Lord and ought to be just as precious in the sight of His church. How apt we are to say—"Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone"; but Jesus says: "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim." Perhaps there is no class that is harder to win than the backsliders, for these cannot be won by argument. They already know all the arguments, and in many cases, know the doctrines better than we do ourselves. They can only be won by LOVE. They must see in our attitude toward them a deep, earnest, and sincere love for their souls; and this will

melt their hearts and bring them back to Jesus. Then "Ephraim shall say, what have I to do any more with idols? I heard him and observed him. I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found." Hosea 14:3.

The third class is a large group who cannot be induced to come to our churches. "The gospel invitation is to be given to the rich and the high"; what are we doing to reach them?

"We talk and write much of the neglected poor: should not some attention be given to the neglected rich? Many look upon this class as hopeless, and they do little to open the eyes of those who, blinded and dazed by the power of Satan, have lost eternity out of their reckoning. Thousands of wealthy men have gone to their graves unwarned, because they have been judged by appearances, and passed by as hopeless subjects. But, indifferent as they may appear, I have been shown that most of this class are soul-burdened. There are thousands of rich men who are starving for spiritual food. Many in official life feel their need of something which they have not. Few among them go to church; for they feel that they receive no benefit. The teaching they hear does not touch the soul. Shall we make no personal effort in their behalf?" —*Test.*, Vol. VI, p. 78.

"Men in high positions of trust in the world will be charmed by a plain, straightforward, Scriptural statement of truth." *Evangelism.*, p. 557.

The harvest field is white, brethren, and shall we not go in and reap it for the Lord? "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth... and, lo, I am with you always"—Surely with this attendant power we can gather in a rich harvest for the Lord.

A. C. STOCKHAUSEN.



Sherwood Content Church Building

Above is a picture of the neat new little church home of our Sherwood Content believers. This building was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, November 30, 1947.

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A. R. HAIG
Sec'y.



West Jamaica Launches Out

Our annual Colporteur Institute held at West Indian Training College, December 29, 1947, to January 4, 1948, marked the beginning of a great day. Our leaders, Pastors J. C. Culpepper from the Inter-American Division, and A. R. Haig from the B. W. I. Union Mission were inspired of God. Forty-five of regular and part time colporteurs, along with the beginners, met to study salesmanship and soulsmanship. We reached the decision that of the two subjects, the latter was the more important.

We pledged to make the greatest drive in West Jamaica's history, and that was, to win 138 souls to the Advent message in 1948. The testimony of our colporteurs made it clear that their supreme joy of life was found in their service of love, and getting others to enjoy the same glorious privilege that they enjoy.

We have been looking forward ever since that time to the first report of soul winning to reach the office. This week, two of our colporteurs sent the glad tidings of four souls already won. We hope to see at least two churches raised up by our efforts in 1948.

We have never had a better spirit amongst our men. They are willing to spend and be spent for the advancement of the great cause. We solicit the prayers of all our brethren in all parts of the British West Indies Union Mission that we may be fearless and brave in scattering the printed page like the leaves of autumn. —B. E. HURST.

Until He Comes

Sister Matilda Smith of the March Town church fell asleep on January 29, 1948, and was laid away to await the call of the Funeral services were conducted by Brethren E. Philp and W. Howson.

Sister Francis Ruth Hudson of the Jackson Town church was called to lay down her armour on the 5th of March, 1948, and was laid to rest in the sure and certain hope of the first resurrection. —LEVI GRANT, Church Clerk.

Brother Levi Nelson fell asleep in Jesus on the 8th of March, 1948. As a faithful leader of the Robin's Hall church for some years, he lived a conscientious life that bore witness of his faith. He was laid to rest in the full hope of the first resurrection. —W. S. NATION.

Brother Dennis Brown, a member of the Watermount Church, fell asleep in Jesus, January 19, 1948. Brother Brown was baptized by Pastor H. Fletcher, and since that has been a faithful member of the church, serving for many years as a Deacon. He awaits the first resurrection. —EVERALD CAMERON.

Here and There Over the Union

Here and There Over the Union

Elder Barclay spent the closing days of March and the first week of April in British Honduras leading out in the Ingathering Campaign in the colony.

Elder Haig left Jamaica the latter part of March for an extended visit to the Coconut Grove District in Miami and the Bahamas Mission.

Elders Pierson and Parchment left March 18 by boat to attend the Cayman Islands Mission Session in Georgetown. They planned to be away about two weeks.

We are happy to have Brother and Sister D'Andrade with us in the West Indian Training College Press. Brother D'Andrade, who comes to us from the Caribbean Training College in Trinidad, has taken over the Superintendency of the College Printery from Brother Osborne who will now be able to devote more of his time to his teaching work.

The church property in Savanna-lamar has recently been sold and it is hoped that before long work will be commenced on the new church building on a recently acquired plot of land.

Elder and Mrs. W. E. Kuester, pastor of the two Nassau, Bahamas, churches have accepted a call to the Colombia-Venezuela Mission. We wish the Kuesters will serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Venezuela Mission. We wish the Keusters GodsPEED and much of His blessing as they take up their new work in our sister Union to the South.

At a very impressive service held in the West Indian Training College Chapel February 14, Brethren Shirleigh Greene and Earl Parchment were set aside to the gospel ministry. Elder E. F. Hackman, President of the Inter-American Division, preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge. Elder Parchment, Field Secretary of the B. W. I. Union, offered the ordination prayer and Elder W. S. Natiou, President of the West Jamaica Mission, extended the welcome to the two new Elders.

From March 4-9 the British Honduras Mission Committee and church delegates were in Session in Belize. Elder W. E. Read from the General Conference and Elder Pierson from the Union joined the workers of the local mission in leading out in the meetings. Elder Williams, President of the Mission, serving as chairman guided the session in laying aggressive plans for all branches of the work during 1948. A very fine spirit of

Christian love characterized the meetings and fine attendance was noted at every service.

On Sabbath afternoon March 6, Brother Garfield Newman was set aside to the gospel ministry in the Belize church. Elder W. E. Read preached the ordination sermon and offered the prayer. Elder Pierson gave the charge and Elder Williams extended the Welcome. A large congregation was present to witness the solemn service and to wish Elder Newman God's richest blessing in his further ministry in Northern British Honduras.

Brother and Sister Cojulun, Spanish colporteurs in British Honduras, will be holding a Spanish evangelistic effort in the northern part of the colony during the summer months.

Eleven spearhead efforts and four major evangelistic efforts were planned for during the first six or eight months

DON'T FORGET YOUR PRAYER APPOINTMENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER CIRCLE

Pray for the soul winning efforts being put forth by all of our workers and lay preachers throughout the B. W. I. Union.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Fourteen thousand praying Seventh-day Adventists at work in the B. W. I. Union can move mountains of difficulty and win victories for God. Pray!

of 1948 by the British Honduras Mission workers. Brother Woodburn already has conducted a strong effort in Monkey River in the Southern district. As a result more than 20 are in the Baptismal Class.

Sunday evening, March 7, an impressive baptismal service was held in the Belize church at which time six candidates were baptized. Elder Pierson preached the sermon of the evening and Elder Williams baptized the candidates.

OUR GOAL FOR SOULS 1948

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Let us set as our objective
**One Baptism in Every Church
Every Quarter.**

A call was made and ten new persons joined the baptismal class, making a total of 16 in the Belize class at present.

Interest is continuing good in Elder Glenn Millard's meetings at Half-way Tree, Kingston. On Sunday nights his large tent is crowded to capacity with hundreds more standing on the outside. During most of the week nights the tent is comfortably filled. Many very fine people are coming back regularly night after night to hear God's message for these days. Let us pray for this large effort that scores may take their stand for the truth this year at Half-Way Tree.

Elders M. Nembhard and Walters report large crowds out for their Sunday night services in North Street and Regent Street churches. Prospects are bright in both these efforts. Let us pray for these brethren that the Holy Spirit will do great things for them in these meetings.

Pastor Greene has been conducting a very promising effort at Bleauwearie, where hundreds have been attending each meeting. A Sabbath school has already been organized for those who have stepped out to obey the Master's invitation, and April 25 has been set for not only the first baptismal service, but also organization of the Bleauwearie church and stone-laying service. Surely the final movements are rapid ones.

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. Joseph Miller and Mrs. Sislin May, members of the Glengoffe Church, kindly inform Mrs. M. A. Rennalls, Fair Hill, Glengoffe, Jamaica.

The Importance of Personal Work

Many people leave the gates of the church never to return. What is the reason for this? Is it because they have become disgruntled? Is it because they are cold and indifferent? Both questions might receive an affirmative reply, but many of our members are leaving the fold because of the lack of the personal touch.

Too many churches are growing cold. Too many members are becoming careless! What can we do about it? Where is the solution to the problem? Much of it can be solved by earnest, prayerful work. We must begin to feel that each member of the church is a precious planting of the Lord. Let all remember that every person added to the church is a child of God, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Since this is true, every member of our church should be visited.

Finding Your Place

(A Message to the Young People of the B. W. I. Union)

PART II

In Part I of this article, which appeared in the March issue of the VISITOR, I emphasized that it is "Backbone" and not "Wishbone" that a young person must have if he wishes to succeed today. Further I mentioned the importance of combining consecration and determination. These suggestions are of paramount importance if you wish to find a place in the Lord's work.

In keeping with my promise I now want to tell you of twenty-five open doors into various types of work in different parts of the British West Indies Union. Some of these openings are waiting just now for young men and women, properly trained and who are not afraid to work, to come along and step into them. As chairman of seven boards and committees I know that we are always on the lookout for young men and women who have the consecrated determination to work and make good to fit into constantly occurring openings. But let me emphasize again, we are looking for folk who want a *job* and not a *position*—those who will throw their whole lives unreservedly into the task of making full proof of their calling.

Now for the 25 openings:

1. Science and Mathematics teachers—Young men and women having qualified themselves in our schools abroad.
2. Laboratory Technicians—Our growing medical work urgently needs qualified Seventh-day Adventist Laboratory Technicians.
3. X-ray Technicians—A field in which a young man or a young woman with a college background could prepare himself or herself by taking about a year's course in one of our Institutions in America.
4. Physical Therapists—Our island field with its large tourist trade offers unique opportunities to young men and women to prepare themselves to open treatment rooms in different parts of the islands and make good as self-supporting missionaries.
5. Doctors.
6. Nurses—both men and women.
7. Dentists.
8. Ministers—Young men upon whom the Divine imperative has rested so heavily that they cry out with Paul, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." If you are looking for a white collar job don't enter the ministry. This is a *calling!* Unless God has definitely made your call

clear and you are willing to endure hardship as a good soldier don't enter the ministry. If God has called you don't let anything keep you out!

9. Bible Instructors—At present we do not have one single Bible Instructor who has completed the course recently introduced at West Indian Training College. A fine opening for some of our consecrated, serious-minded young ladies.
10. Church School Teachers—Urgently needed self-sacrificing young people—men and women—whom God has called to teach. The Born Again degree is essential.
11. Preceptors—Why not some young man feel a burden to make his life's work that of a preceptor—here is a wonderful opportunity for some young men to let their Christian influence be felt in a strong way.
12. Preceptresses—The same opening for some young lady to fill a great need in future years.
13. Secretaries—Capable, well-qualified young ladies who can do efficient service in our offices are urgently needed. Our office leaders want those who can really measure up—not mediocre workers.
14. Secretary-Treasurers—We are always on the lookout for promising candidates for such responsibilities in our local missions and institutions.
15. Accountants—With our rapidly developing institutional programme there will be an increasing demand for first-class accountants.
16. Music Teachers.
17. Dietitians.
18. Home Economic Teachers.
- 19-24—Industrial supervisors and foremen for our college industries—Bakery, Press, Sheet Metal Shop, Wood Products Department, Farm and Dairy. Many of our youth have not been called to the professions but have been given special talent to work with their hands. If this ability could be combined with the proper education, positions of responsibility and trust could be assumed. Some of our young men should decide to make life careers of these industrial opportunities.
25. Colporteurs—The literature ministry demands the best and the Spirit of Prophecy confirms that many of our College Graduates as well as others should decide to make this their life's work. We need some graduates here in the B. W. I. Union to follow this counsel.

In addition to the above openings within the structure of our denominational programme many others exist outside where one with the determination can make a living and obey God's commandments. Carpenters, cultivators, plumbers, bakers, printers, etc., etc., can serve the Lord!

While all of the above mentioned 25 and more posts are not open at present some are and others will open up from time to time as vacancies occur. The time to prepare to step into the one of your choice is now.

Again I say the Lord has a definite place for every young man and woman who has accepted Him as their Saviour. Pray and work diligently with consecrated determination and He will help you find yours!

R. H. P.

The Prayer of Faith

On the 15th of February two of the deacons of the Hope Bay church were asked by a certain sister to accompany her to visit and pray with a sick woman who was not a member of our faith. This individual, as well as her little daughter, was ill with a burning fever and terrible headaches for some days. They were both taken to the Doctor who examined them and gave them medicine. They returned home, but their condition grew worse. The sick woman, hearing of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, felt that if she asked the believers to pray for her she would be healed.

Our brethren complied with this request and prayed earnestly for her recovery. They spoke to her about the necessity of confessing her sins and making a resolution to give her heart to God upon her recovery. She made her vow and our brethren remained until around twelve o'clock that night and left for their homes.

According to the testimony of her mother, she got up and expressed the fact that she was healed. She was again reminded of her vow to God, and as a result of this experience she has now decided to accept the message.

The first Wednesday of March was a day of prayer and fasting in the church and she joined in this service. On Friday afternoon she joined us in the vesper meeting and has since started to send four of her children regularly to the Sabbath school.

She expressed her gratitude to us for our prayers but we told her that this was due to the providence of God. She has decided to substitute prayer for medicine in the future. "To God be the Glory, great things He has done!"

— S. C. MYERS.

Do You Have an Ananias or Sapphira in Your Church?

By ELLEN G. WHITE

The brief but terrible history of Ananias and Sapphira is traced by the pen of inspiration for the benefit of all who profess to be followers of Christ. This important lesson has not rested with sufficient weight upon the minds of our people. It will be profitable for all to thoughtfully consider the nature of the grievous offense for which these guilty ones were made an example. This one marked evidence of God's retributive justice is fearful, and should lead all to fear and tremble to repeat sins which brought such a punishment. Selfishness was the great sin which had warped the characters of this guilty couple.

With others, Ananias and his wife Sapphira had the privilege of hearing the gospel preached by the apostles. The power of God attended the word spoken, and deep conviction rested upon all present. The softening influence of the grace of God had the effect upon their hearts to cause them to release their selfish hold upon their earthly possessions. While under the direct influence of the Spirit of God, they made a pledge to give to the Lord certain lands; but when they were no longer under this heavenly influence the impression was less forcible, and they began to question and draw back from fulfilling the pledge which they had made. They thought that they had been too hasty, and wished to reconsider the matter. Thus a door was opened by which Satan at once entered, and gained control of their minds.

This case should be a warning to all to guard against the first approach of Satan. Covetousness was first cherished; then, ashamed to have their brethren know that their selfish souls grudged that which they had solemnly dedicated and pledged to God, deception was practiced. They talked the matter over together, and deliberately decided to withhold a part of the price of the land. When convicted of their falsehood, their punishment was instant death. They knew that the Lord, whom they had defrauded, had searched them out: for Peter said, "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

A special example was necessary to guard the young church from becoming memorialized; for their numbers were rapidly increasing. A warning was thus

given to all who professed Christ at that time, and to all who should afterward profess His name, that God requires faithfulness in the performance of vows. But notwithstanding this signal punishment of deception and lying, the same sins have often been repeated in the Christian church, and are wide-spread in our day. I have been shown that God gave this example as a warning to all who should be tempted to act in a similar manner. Selfishness and fraud are practised daily in the church in withholding from God that which he claims, thus robbing Him, and conflicting with His arrangements to diffuse the light and knowledge of truth throughout the length and breadth of the land.

God, in His wise plans, has made the advancement of His cause dependent upon the personal efforts of His people, and upon their free-will offerings. By accepting the cooperation of man in the great plan of redemption, He has placed a signal honour upon him. The minister cannot preach except he be sent. The work of dispensing light does not rest upon the ministers alone. Every person, upon becoming a member of the church, pledges himself to be a representative of Christ by living out the truth he professes. The followers of Christ should carry forward the work which He left for them to do when He ascended into Heaven.

Institutions that are God's instruments to carry forward His work on the earth must be sustained. Churches must be erected, schools established, and publishing houses furnished with facilities for doing a great work in the publication of the truth to be sent to all parts of the world. These institutions are ordained of God, and should be sustained by the and liberal offerings. As the work enlarges, means will be needed to carry it forward in all its branches. Those who have been converted to the truth, and been made partakers of His grace, may become co-workers with Christ by making voluntary sacrifice and free-will offerings to Him. And when the members of the church wish in their hearts that there would be no more calls for means, they virtually say that they are content that the cause of God shall not progress.

The Importance of Personal Work

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Pray with and for them; talk over their problems with them; encourage them in their journey heavenward; pray and counsel with those who have erred. Make your fellow member feel that you really care for him. Let the ministers and church leaders in all our churches go into the homes of weaker believers and keep

the fires of love and truth burning in their hearts.

Recently, one of our ministers had the pleasure of visiting all the members in their homes, praying with and for them and strengthening them in the Lord. Although each member expressed gratitude to God for such a visit, the worker left each home more refreshed and happy with the love of God filling his own soul.

"This is the first time I have ever had a visit from a worker. oh, I am so glad you have come. I was discouraged and my faith was waning, but now I am encouraged and want to make a new start for the kingdom." Such expressions cheered the worker's own heart. Another said, "For fifteen years I have been a member, and this is the first time a worker has ever come to my home. Sometimes we feel awfully left out." One sister with tear-stained cheeks said between sobs, "I know I have fallen from the principles of the church. I know I'll have to be disfellowshipped, but won't you please pray for me because I want to come back to God." As the worker prayed with her, there seemed to come a light upon her face as she said, "God is still gracious and merciful to me, and, my dear brother, your visit has given me a new start in the Christian life."

Not only the members and backsliders will benefit from personal visits and personal work, but those outside the fold also. One great soul-winner said, "Soul-winning is like catching fish; when one is caught, you want to catch another. There are today right around us souls who are longing for the light that we have. Would to God that we would heed the message from above and go out two by two or in little groups to give the message of hope to the people all around us. Souls are crying! Souls are dying! Will we rest idly on our oars when the waves of sin are raging? Won't the blood of men and women be required at our hands if we fail by personal work to give the message?"

People on every hand, everywhere are interested to know that someone cares for their personal salvation. Brother, sister, wherever and whatever your station in life might be, you can, by your own effort through the power of Christ, draw souls to the Master.

"Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for every fate
Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labour and to wait.

There is nothing as impressive or satisfying as personal contact with lost men and women groping in sin, and thus bringing them back over the line to safety and to God. — C. S. GREENE.

Our Responsibility to Open Work in New Places

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Union we are under divine obligation to respond to this challenge. We have scores of struggling little companies throughout our field that could, with a little consecrated effort be built up into good strong church organizations.

At the beginning of 1947 several of the Mission Committees took actions designating certain companies that they planned to concentrate on in an effort to build them up into organized churches. In the Bahamas Mission the committee selected Pleasant Bay, Tarpum Bay, Moss Town, Clifton and Little Creek. In the East Jamaica Mission their committee selected John's Hall, Moore Town, Shewsberry, Black Hill, Belle View, Seven Miles, Priestman's River, Danver's Pen, White Horses, Rock Hole, Hagley Gap, Devon Pen, Wilmington, Dumfries, Bull Bay, Woodburn, Cavalier, Mt. James, Mt. Rosser, Gordon Town, Windsor, Comfort Castle, Heywood Hall and Long Road.

A number of these companies were actually organized into strong churches during 1947. Others, because of the special efforts put forth, were developed considerably and will doubtless reach their goal in 1948. Many others should be encouraged by Mission Officers, District Pastors, neighbouring churches, and leaders from within their midst to put on strong missionary programmes that will mean their building up as strong units to mother other branches into churchhood.

The following programme was carefully planned and prayerfully voted to assist in developing our small companies into strong churches:

(a) That the companies be visited by conference workers and organized for missionary work.

(b) That prayer lists be compiled including the names of all unbaptized juniors and young people of Adventist homes in the district, unconverted husbands and wives, sons and daughters of members, and interested persons. That a prayer band be organized to pray regularly for these individuals.

(c) That a baptismal class be formed and carefully and regularly instructed.

(d) That literature bands be organized to faithfully undertake the systematic literature distribution programme. (See the Home Missionary Department page for details of this plan.)

(e) That special work be done for the persons mentioned in (b).

(f) That arrangements be made between the mission officers and the com-

pany leaders concerned for strong, short evangelistic efforts to be held in places where members of companies will work earnestly as outlined above to create and develop a good interest.

We appeal to each mission officer and departmental secretary, district pastor and church leader to give careful and prayerful consideration to this plan built upon the instruction of the Spirit of Prophecy to enter the unentered or partially entered districts. With judicious planning, much prayer and a little well-organized effort our weak work in certain communities can be greatly strengthened and new districts entered.

May God give us all a wider vision of the great unfinished task before us!

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How Do You Get Along With Your District Pastor?

In I Thess. 4:13, the Apostle Paul brought to our notice how we are to treat those who labour among us as ministers of the gospel, "and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake, and to be at peace among yourselves."

"Our ministers in responsible places are men whom God has accepted, no matter what their origin, no matter what their former position, whether they followed the plough, worked at the carpenter's trade or enjoyed the discipline of a college, if God has accepted them let every man beware of casting the slightest reflection upon them. Never speak disparagingly of any man, for he may be great in the sight of the Lord, while those who feel great may be lightly esteemed of God, because of the perversity of their hearts."—*G. W.* p. 431, 432.

If we are to be successful in the work of God, ministers and lay preachers must be united closely together in church fellowship, for unity is strength. In handling a number of sticks tied together, it is impossible to put the bundle on your knees to break them; but if you draw out one by one, you may easily break them all. So if we are united together on all points in this Third Angel's Message, no force on earth is able to break through our ranks. Rev. 14:12.

"By humility and the fear of the Lord are honour and riches and life." Prov. 22:4.

"In very word and act, kindness and love will be revealed and as each worker fills his appointed place faithfully the prayer of Christ for the unity of his followers will be answered and the world will know that these are his disciples." *G. W.* p. 433.

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We must come close to each other and learn the better way.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. — F. HALL.