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Why A Tithe Promotion?

Just as we have individuals of varied personalities in the world, just so there are people of varied interests. There are people who will first turn to the page with the stock market when the morning's paper arrives. There are some who will turn to the comics; others will first hurriedly glance at the sports to see the report on base ball, foot ball or cricket, and some will first think of nothing but a real estate market.

We naturally turn to that in which we have interest or where we have material investments. The Bible rightly states, "For where your wealth is there also will your heart be." — **Weymouth's Translation.** Today, there are so many objects to divert the mind of the Christian from placing the emphasis where it should be. There are the attractions of sports; the attractions of real estate; the late model cars and of dress. These if not rightly controlled may divert the mind from Heaven. We must be constantly reminded as Israel of old that "we seek a better country." We must place our investments in the bank of Heaven, thus causing us to have a greater interest in Heavenly things.

When in America organized crime is doing 21 million dollars per year business and when to every dollar given to the church crime receives \$9.00, it is time for us to stop and consider as to where our treasures are being diverted.

"It is now that our brethren should be cutting down their possessions instead of increasing them. We are about to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Then let us not be dwellers upon the earth, but be getting things into as compact a compass as possible."

"The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save he that hath the mark of the beast." — **Counsels on Stewardship, p. 59.**

With a deep sense of responsibility as leaders in keeping before our people the necessity of faithfulness, we are devoting this issue of the West Indies Union "Visitor" to Faithfulness in Stewardship. While we know that taxes have been increased, tuition fees, food and clothing, we shall be overwhelmingly surprised to see the blessings of God when we are faithful in placing our investment in the vaults of heaven.

In this issue, the Treasurers who are custodians of these sacred funds will bring to our attention the present trends. We hope that these articles will be carefully read and prayerfully digested. Surely, we are too near to Eternity's brink to be indifferent to that which means so much to our eternal security here and in the hereafter. With perils and disasters on land, sea and air, we as God's remnant people need God's blessings. In order to "stir up our pure minds by way of a reminder," the West Indies Union voted to call on our people to consider the great blessings that may be derived by being faithful to God in returning to Him His own.

"It will not be long before probation will close. If you do not now serve the Lord with fidelity, how will you meet the record of your unfaithful dealing? Not long hence, the call will be made for a settlement of accounts, and you will be asked, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If you have refused to deal honestly with God, I beseech you to think of your deficiency, and if possible to make restitution. If this cannot be done, in humble penitence pray that God for Christ's sake will pardon your great debt. Begin now to act like Christians. Make no excuse for failing to give the Lord his own. Now, while mercy's sweet voice is still heard, while it is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted, while it is called today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts". — **Counsels on Stewardship, pp 99, 100.**

— M. G. Nembhard, Secretary,
WEST INDIES UNION MISSION.

SELECTIONS ON THE SPIRIT OF LIBERALITY

"I was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God, and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver. The motive in giving is also chronicled. Those self-sacrificing, consecrated ones who render back to God the things that are His, as He requires of them, will be rewarded according to their works, even though the means thus consecrated be misapplied, so that it does not accomplish the object which the donor had in view,—the glory of God and the salvation of souls—those who made the sacrifice in sincerity of soul, with an eye single to the glory of God, will not lose their reward." *Testimonies*, Vol. 2, pp. 518, 519.

"Every opportunity to help a brother in need, or to aid the cause of God in the spread of the truth, is a pearl that you can send beforehand, and deposit in the bank of heaven for safe keeping. God is testing and proving you. He has been giving His blessings to you with a lavish hand, and is now watching to see what use you are making of them, to see if you will help those who need help, and if you will feel the worth of souls, and do what you can with the means that He has entrusted to you. Every such opportunity improved adds to your heavenly treasure." *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, pp. 249, 250.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11:24, 25.

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." Isa. 32:8.

"The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. Christ's self-sacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. That man might be saved, He gave all that He had, and then gave Himself. The cross of Christ appeals to the benevolence of every follower of the blessed Saviour. The principle there illustrated is to give, give. This carried out in actual benevolence and good works, is the true fruit of the Christian life.

The light of the gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness, and encourages liberality and benevolence. It should not be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give. God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Many of God's people are in

danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness. They should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means. Objects that call benevolence into action must be placed before them, or they cannot pattern after the character of the greater Exemplar.

"In commissioning His disciples to go 'into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Christ assigned to men the work of extending the knowledge of His grace. But while some go forth to preach, He calls upon others to answer His claims upon them for offerings, with which to support His cause in the earth. He has placed means in the hands of men, that His divine gifts may flow through human channels in doing the work appointed us in saving our fellowmen. This is one of God's ways of exalting man. It is just the work that man needs; for it will stir the deepest sympathies of his heart, and call into exercise the highest capabilities of the mind.

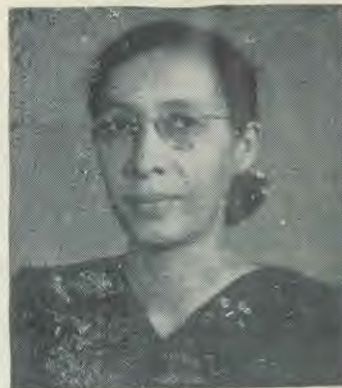
"As we are continually receiving the blessings of God, so are we to be continually giving. When the heavenly Benefactor ceases to give to us, then we may be excused: for we shall have nothing to bestow. God has never left us without evidence of His love, in that He did us good. . . .

Surely goodness and mercy attend us at every step. Not till we wish the infinite Father to cease bestowing His gifts on us, should we impatiently exclaim, IS THERE NO END OF GIVING? Not only should we faithfully render to God our tithes, which He claims as His own, but we should bring a tribute to His treasury as an offering of gratitude. Let us with joyful hearts bring to our Creator the first fruits of all His bounties—our choicest possessions, our best and holiest service. R & H., Feb. 9, 1886

The Lord does not need our offerings. We cannot enrich Him by our gifts. Says the Psalmist; "All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." Yet God permits us to show our appreciation of His mercies by self-sacrificing efforts to extend the same to others. This is the only way in which it is possible for us to manifest our gratitude and love to God. He has provided no other. R & H., Dec. 6, 1887.

Those who allow a covetous spirit to take possession of them cherish and develop those traits of character which will place their names on the record books of heaven as idolaters. All such are classed with thieves, revilers, and extortioners, none of whom, the word of God declares, shall inherit the kingdom of God. "The wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth." Covetous attributes are ever opposed to the exercise of Christian beneficence. The fruits of selfishness always reveal themselves in a neglect of duty, and in a failure to use God's entrusted gifts for the advancement of His work. R & H., Dec. 1, 1896.

—V. T. Boyce, Treasurer
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Miss E. W. Parchment

The Blessings of Faithful Stewardship

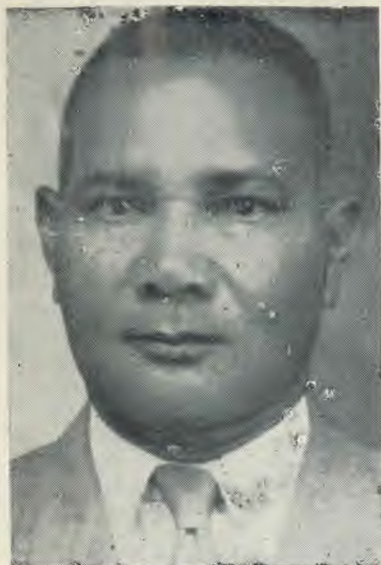
The principle of Tithing is as fundamental to Adventists as the Sabbath. Nowhere in the scriptures can it be found where God repealed it, or His grace annulled it, or that time has altered it. From Eden God made it "crystal clear" that He is owner over the earth by preserving the right to the tree in the midst of Eden.

Abraham acknowledged Melchizedec as King and Priest by paying to Him his Tithe; so spiritual Israel, the seed of Abraham, by Tithing acknowledge Christ as King and Priest after the order of Melchizedec. Refusal to Tithe is a refusal to own Christ as Priest. Especially in these last days when the judgment is in session every Seventh-day Adventist must surely depend on the heavenly services of our great Advocate. Remember this is a fundamental principle of love. It is not a matter of a legal requirement. Christ's love saves us and our love for His salvation constrains us to sacrifice for His great cause.

When one fails to Tithe he not only robs God, as is pointed out by the prophet Malachi, but he is subjected to a curse and has denied himself the right of the blessings of God. This is a most unfortunate experience for anyone. The servant of the Lord tells us, "I have been shown that many in our churches are robbing God in Tithes and offerings. God will execute upon them just that which he has declared. To the obedient, He will give rich blessings; to the transgressor, a curse." *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, p. 103.

In a recent survey the result showed that on the whole the earning power of our people is very small. Comparing this result with the greatly increased standard of living evidenced among us, one must conclude that somewhere along the line there has been some neglect or oversight on our part. It may be we have failed to Tithe the fruits, vegetables, poultry, and dairy products produced on our own farms and which we use for our home consumption. These products are a part of our income and should be Tithed.

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Elder L. A. Morrison

FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP

"The mission of the church of Christ is to save perishing sinners. It is to make known the love of God to men and to win them to Christ by the efficacy of that love. The principle of the cross of Christ brings all who believe under heavy obligations to deny self, to impart light to others, and to give of their means to extend the light. The principle of worldlings is to get all they can of the perishable things of this life. Selfish love of gain is the ruling principle in their lives. God could have reached His object in saving sinners without the aid of man; but He knew that man could not be happy without acting a part in the great work in which he would be cultivating self-denial and benevolence. The foundation of the plan of salvation was laid in sacrifice." TT, p. 360.

"There are many who have looked upon the Jewish nation as a people to be pitied because they were constantly taxed for the support of their religion; but God, who created man and provided him with all the blessings he enjoys, knew what was for his best good. And through His blessings He made their nine tenths worth more to them than the entire amount without His blessing. Whenever God's people, in any period of the world, have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence and in gifts and their labours just in proportion as they obeyed His requirements. When they acknowledged the claims of God and complied with his requirements, honouring Him with their substance, their barns were filled with plenty. But when they robbed God in tithes and in offerings they were

made to realize that they were not robbing Him but themselves, for He limited His blessings to them just in proportion as they limited their offerings to Him." Test., Vol. 3, p. 395. Sad to say that 'among church members there are, alas! many Achan's. Many a man comes stately to church and sits at the table of the Lord, while among his possessions are hidden unlawful gains, the things that God has cursed'. PP, p. 497. "All that is withheld of that which God claims, the tenth of the increase, is recorded in the books of heaven against the withholders, as robbery." TT, p. 373.

Every man is a steward of God. Soon the Great Judge of the earth will say to each of His stewards: 'Give an account of thy stewardship.' May you dear reader, be found a faithful steward.

The tithing system reaches back beyond the days of Moses. Men were required to offer to God gifts for religious purposes before the definite system was given to Moses, even as far back as the days of Adam. In complying with God's requirements, they were to manifest in offerings their appreciation of His mercies and blessings to them. This was continued through successive generations, and was carried out by Abraham, who gave tithes to Melchizedek. The same principle existed in the days of Job. Jacob, when at Bethel, an exile and penniless wanderer, lay down at night, solitary and alone, with a rock for his pillow, and there promised the Lord: 'Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.' Test. vol. 3, p. 393. "God does not compel men to give. He will not have His treasury replenished with unwilling offerings. The tithing system is of Divine origin. Great objects are accomplished by it. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God, and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer. If this plan of systematic benevolence were adopted by every individual and fully carried out, there would be a constant supply in the treasury. This system of tithing was founded upon a principle which is as enduring as the law of God. It was a blessing to the Jews and also will it be a blessing to those who carry it out to the end of time." The calls keep coming, but should we be weary of giving. Are you? As long as we receive God's blessings we are under bond to return to Him the portion He claims. "God gives man nine tenths, while He claims one tenth for sacred purposes, as He has given man six days for his own work and has reserved and set apart the seventh, day to Himself. For, like the Sabbath, a tenth of the increase is sacred; God has reserved it for Himself. He will carry forward His work upon the earth with

TITHE

What is the meaning of this little word? Here are a few meanings worthy of special note.

The tenth part of one's possessions or income given to the support of the church; a tenth part of one's income consecrated to God. The separation of a certain proportion of the products of one's industry. These meanings are quite vivid.

In Genesis 2:8 we read that the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there put the man whom he had formed. In this garden the Lord also had the tree of knowledge of good and evil which He commanded should not be touched. Psalm 24:1 states that the earth is the Lord's. Haggai 2:8 mentions that the silver and the gold is the Lord's, everything belongs to Him.

Why did God forbid Adam to touch that special tree? One reason is: He wanted to show his ownership and Adam's faithfulness in stewardship.

God requires:

1. That we acknowledge Him as God always.
2. That we acknowledge Him as owner of all.

The tithe and the sabbath are closely related. Exodus 20:8-11 states that the sabbath is holy. Leviticus 27:30 mentions that the tithe is holy unto the Lord — both show God's ownership.

The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel labourers in His Work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserved portion. Some have said, 'I will no longer pay my tithe,



Brother A. R. Greene

for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work.' But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? . . . "God's reserved resources are not to be used in a haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's and those

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Comparative Summary of Tithes and Mission Offerings

For the Years Ended December 31, 1961 and 1962.

| | BAHAMAS | CAYMAN | CENTRAL | EAST | WEST | UNION | TOTAL 1962 | TOTAL 1961 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Tithe—1962 | £ 17359 11 6 | 3702 18 9 | 46966 10 5 | 52681 15 4 | 38740 11 5 | 138388 17 2 | 100 9 9 | 159551 17 2 |
| Total Tithe—1961 | 17527 8 0 | 3032 16 0 | | 60900 6 2 | 65818 12 10 | 126718 19 0 | 9 10 0 | 147288 13 0 |
| Increase (Decrease) | (167 16 6) | 670 2 9 | | | | 11669 18 2 | 90 19 9 | 12263 4 2 |
| MISSION FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
| Sabbath School | £ 1139 2 3 | 321 18 8 | 3903 4 7 | 3843 13 1 | 3651 19 9 | | 12859 18 4 | 11815 9 6 |
| 13th Sabbath | 529 0 9 | 96 4 2 | 997 13 3 | 1328 11 1 | 848 10 2 | 9 0 0 | 3808 19 5 | 3381 9 2 |
| Birthday | 56 8 10 | 22 4 8 | 92 2 9 | 113 0 2 | 98 7 6 | | 382 3 11 | 370 9 1 |
| Investment | 215 13 0 | 47 10 5 | 423 2 11 | 578 2 2 | 371 3 8 | | 1635 12 2 | 1678 3 0 |
| Big Week | | | 0 17 10 | 150 0 0 | 0 1 0 | | 150 18 10 | 298 5 2 |
| Foreign Missions | 12 4 3 | 11 6 9 | 107 15 2 | 130 19 5 | 92 18 9 | | 355 4 4 | 383 9 9 |
| Ingathering | 2352 14 1 | 304 17 6 | 5412 18 9 | 4719 11 8 | 5613 8 1 | | 18403 10 1 | 19404 4 10 |
| Mid-Summer Offering | | | 4 9 0 | 0 19 1 | 0 5 6 | | 5 13 7 | 7 1 0 |
| Week of Sacrifice | 158 1 1 | 15 17 7 | 76 2 11 | 126 7 0 | 64 6 10 | 28 6 0 | 469 1 5 | 433 11 5 |
| Thank Offering | | | | | | | | 0 19 6 |
| Total—1962 | £ 4463 4 3 | 819 19 9 | 11018 7 2 | 10991 3 8 | 10741 1 3 | 32750 12 1 | 37 6 0 | 38071 2 1 |
| Total—1961 | £ 4466 3 0 | 837 17 11 | | 13530 8 8 | 17912 6 10 | 31442 15 6 | 26 6 0 | 36773 2 5 |
| Increase (Decrease) | (2 18 9) | (17 18 2) | | | | 1307 16 7 | 11 0 0 | 1297 19 8 |
| SPECIAL OFFERINGS | | | | | | | | |
| Disaster Relief | | 6 19 0 | | | | | 6 19 0 | 322 7 9 |
| Voice of Prophecy | | 0 1 2 | | | | | 0 1 2 | 1 11 3 |
| Religious Liberty | | | | | | | | 2 9 10 |
| Temperance | | 0 4 10 | | | | | 1 4 10 | 8 11 1 |
| Hurricane Relief | | | | | | | | 205 0 0 |
| World Evangelism | 322 15 5 | 74 5 9 | 274 5 3 | 744 11 6 | 622 7 8 | | 2038 5 7 | |
| Total | £ 322 15 5 | 82 10 9 | 274 5 3 | 744 11 6 | 622 7 8 | | 2046 10 7 | 539 19 11 |

The above financial figures reveal the Gospel Revenue for 1962 as compared with 1961. We give God thanks for His blessings and provisions which He has so lovingly bestowed upon us. As we plod onward through the last half of 1963 let us constantly bear in mind that however large or small the possessions of any individual, let us remember that they are only held in trust. All our strength, skill, time, talents, opportunities, and means, we must render an account to God. This is an individual work, God gives to us, that we may become like Him, generous, noble, beneficent, by giving to others.

V. T. Boyce, Treasurer,
West Indies Union of S.D.A.

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who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent. . . . "God has not changed; the tithe is still to be used for the support of the ministry. . . ." Gospel Workers p. 227.

To withhold from God is dangerous. If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." There could be no injustice to say: "If I withhold tithes and offerings the Lord will not bless me. To return just a fraction of God's requirement is stealing. It could be called the paying of a "conscience tithe". Let us not be guilty of returning a conscience tithe".

A certain family was so poor that there was always a lack of the daily necessities; however, this family was convinced that obedience to God was to be

the first business of theirs. Although no member of this particular family was able to attend church, the little tithe was put away faithfully and handed to the minister before he left for church. On one occasion the minister had to give sugar to this family in order that the children could have breakfast. Time passed by and there was strict and honest faithfulness in returning to God His own. Today this family is still faithful; the only difference is that all the members of the family are able to attend church; much more tithe is taken to church instead of being sent. They hold the record of being one of the richest families at present, enjoying the bountiful blessings of God.

Jacob, Abraham, the children of Israel, were all obedient to the requirements of God. Seventh-day Adventists are not the only ones who believe in the tithing system. The following are large companies that are all convinced of their allegiance to God. The Esso Company,

Woolworth, Kellogs, and many more.

Listed here is a comparison of the tithe for the first five months of 1962 and 1963, for West Jamaica Conference:

| 1963 | 1962 | LOSS |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Jan.—May | Jan.—May | Jan.—May |
| £13,092 13 2 | £15,488 13 | £2,395 19 10 |

Membership has increased but the tithe income has decreased. Should this time be classed as the time when Hezekiah lived?

In times of religious declension, the people neglected to pay tithes. Hezekiah found it necessary to call authoritatively for their payments. (2 Chron. 31:4-12), and the prophet Malachi was obliged to rebuke the people of his day, for robbing God by withholding tithes and offerings. (Mal. 3:6-13). The response of the people to Hezekiah's appeal was so hearty that he had to prepare chambers in the temple precincts for storing the tithes. (2 Chron. 31:11)

Let us return to the days of Hezekiah so that there will be no lack in the work of God, and reap the benefits which have been promised to the faithful steward "prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it". Malachi 3:10.

We must be faithful because the tithing system is beautiful in simplicity and equality. It will be in force as long as truth is progressive.

God grant us willing hearts.

—A. R. Greene,
Sec'y-Treasurer, West Jamaica Conf.



Council for Treasurers and Secretaries — West Indies Union

During the period April 21 - 23, a Council for secretaries and treasurers convened at Richmond Hill Inn, Montego Bay. This was the second meeting of its kind since the organization of the West Indies Union, the first having been held at Silver Springs, Ocho Rios, eight years ago. Richmond Hill Inn, overlooking the city and harbour of Montego Bay, provided an ideally restful atmosphere for this council.

In attendance were the administrators of the three local conferences, the Bahamas and Cayman Islands Missions, West Indies College, Andrews Memorial Hospital, Kingsway and Harrison Memorial High Schools. We were also privileged to have with us R. J. Radcliffe of the General Conference Auditing department, C. L. Powers and R. B. Caldwell

of the Inter-American Division, who with their wide experience, were able to give guidance and counsel where most needed.

Policies were discussed and plans formulated to further enhance the work of the secretarial and treasury departments of the conferences, missions, and institutions of the Union. W. U. Campbell, M. G. Nembhard and V. T. Boyce led out in the discussions, and the presidents and treasurers in attendance prepared and presented assigned topics for general discussion dealing with various facets of the work.

Time went by all too swiftly, and April 24 found us retracing our steps to our several posts of duty, with renewed zeal and determination to be more efficient in service.

—Miss Annie Parchment

SPACE AGE CRUSADE

Seventy years ago the Advent Message was preached in Race Course, Clarendon, and the church was organized. Since then, nothing of stirring significance has been accomplished. On the 17th of February, 1963, with fiery passion for the salvation of the lost, Elder H. R. Bennett began a "Space Age" Evangelistic Crusade.

Amidst organized and protracted opposition from the enemy, God's last message of mercy was presented to hundreds of hungry souls for approximately three months in this area.

On Sunday, May 19, nearly 3,000 persons witnessed the solemn surrender of 49 souls to the power of the cross as they were baptized. The candidates led by Pastor Bennett and Sister L. M. Nicholas, Bible Worker, met in the Race Course Church at 7:30 a.m. for roll call, consecration and final instruction.

Guided by a police officer of the motor cycle squad, forty-seven vehicles formed an attractive motorcade with the President's car in front followed by the dis-

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THE REWARD OF FAITHFULNESS

By H. E. Nembhard, President
East Jamaica Conference

A devoted member of one of the large churches in Kingston, Jamaica, took up residence in England four years ago for the purpose of seeking a livelihood. She was a faithful tithe payer ever since she embraced the Advent Message and upon her departure she publicly pledged to continue her loyalty to God in this respect.

The first job offered her in England was to serve in a hospital. She was paid four pounds (£4) per week. Despite her many obligations she faithfully returned God's portion to the church.

While performing her daily chores in the hospital ward she would always smile with the patients, offer prayer at times and even sing softly to them.

An Englishman who was an invalid was impressed by her singing and requested her to come to his bedside each day to have her pray and sing for him. When he was leaving the hospital he offered her a job to be his housekeeper. She accepted the job because she was impressed that she could lead him to Christ.

One day he asked her to explain her reason for keeping the Sabbath and paying one tenth of her income to the church. He was so impressed by her explanation, her frankness, honesty, integrity and above all her Christian behaviour that he decided to will her his beautiful mansion and invested £5,000 in her name, so that after his death she may devote the rest of her life to active missionary service for the Cause she loves. In addition to all of this he paid her fare to and from England for a well earned vacation.

It is her firm belief that he is making up his mind to accept the Advent Message. Indeed it pays to be faithful to God in tithes and offerings. Truly the most powerful argument that we can offer in favour of the truth is a consistent Christian life.

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trict Pastor's, Dr. Beaumont's and several others. The motorcade proceeded to Waterlane.

In a most impressive manner Pastor H. S. Walters presented Jesus as the "Tripple Cleanser" at the riverside. This was followed by the baptismal ceremony which was conducted by Pastors, Bennett, Hyatt and Carter. Others Assisting in the ceremony were Dr. Beaumont and Pastor J. G. Bennett from East Jamaica Conference. At the end of the ceremony a strong appeal was made and 50 souls responded. We are positive that very early a baptism of similar magnitude will be effected in this field.

—L. S. Carter, Public Relations Sec'y



Elder E. J. Edwards

Lay Preachers Activities

During the period June 13—23 several Lay Preachers' Rallies were conducted in West and East Jamaica and a Congress in Central Jamaica, in fulfilment of the promise made at our year-end Rallies, to have mid-year regional meetings, to review the work done for the first six months and to lay plans for the rest of the year. Elder E. J. Edwards of the General Conference Lay Activities Department and Elder B. L. Archbold of the Inter-American Division Lay Activities Department were with us for these meetings, and their sound and timely instruction proved a source of great inspiration.

In West Jamaica Rallies were conducted at Santa Cruz on June 13 and at Montego Bay June 14 - 16. Beginning with a keynote message by Elder Edwards on Friday evening, the Montego Bay Rally developed momentum as it proceeded. No wonder its highlights was the closing event - a torch-lighting ceremony. Elder Edwards presented and lit a torch, made from a limb of a tree which grew in the yard of the first SDA church in the world, located in New Hampshire. This lighted torch was passed in order from the General Conference Lay Activities Secretary to the Lay Activities Secretary of the Division, Union and local field, the President of the Conference, the district pastor, then a layman who passed down the centre aisle of the church, lighting the candles of those sitting nearest the aisle on either side. Each one in turn lit the torch of the one nearest him until there were approximately 700 burning candles symbolic of the dissemination of the gospel light by "every member evangelism." The entire congregation then united in singing "Let the lower lights be burning." This was very impressive and many, as they meditated, made new and strong resolutions to strive for deeper spirituality in their own lives and to labour more faithfully for souls. During this rally 48 candidates were baptized, all the fruitage of lay efforts, and the Lay Preachers experiences, as related at the Symposium on



Elder B. L. Archbold

Sabbath afternoon, were indeed alive with the evidences of God's providence and direction.

In East Jamaica, June 18-20, Regional Rallies were held at Port Antonio, Kingston and Morant Bay. Of outstanding interest and inspiration was the Lay Preachers' baptism conducted at Trench Town on Wednesday evening, June 19, in a portable pool in the large unfinished and roofless church building. At the appointed hour, with all lights off except a spotlight focusing on the Lay Preachers of the Trench Town church, they marched up the aisle to their places on the rostrum in true soldier fashion to the music of The Battle Hymn of the Republic. Thirty-five candidates were baptized at that meeting, all the first fruits of the 15 lay efforts launched by the Trench Town church on February 24, 1963. Upwards of 1,000 people were in attendance and over 50 responded to the call made by the Conference President, indicating their intention to unite with the church.

At Spanish Town, the Central Jamaica Lay Activities Congress convened June 21-23. Of great interest and deep significance was the opening scene, when Brother Joseph Mitchell, who has been a lay preacher for 65 years, carried a lighted torch up the aisle and on to the rostrum where he was met by a young lay preacher, Brother Gustavus Planto, to whom he spoke a few words of admonition and handed the torch, indicating the fact that the younger members of the church should now carry on where he had to lay down. Brother Planto, on behalf of the lay workers present, accepted the challenge. During the entire congress emphasis was placed on "every member evangelism". It remains now for us to implement the plans and counsels in every church, thus making this 50th anniversary year of Lay Activities the most outstanding year in soul-winning achievement in the history of the work in Jamaica.

—W. A. Holgate

"Angels keep a Faithful record of every man's work."

Meet Our New Workers



Pastor & Mrs. G. D. Weidemann & Faith Anne

* The West Indies Union takes pleasure in welcoming Pastor and Mrs. G. D. Weidemann and daughter, Faith Anne, to the field as president of the Cayman Islands Mission. They arrived in Georgetown on Monday, May 6, and on Wednesday evening, the 8th, there was a public welcome for them at the Georgetown Church with all the churches represented.

Before joining the forces of West Indies Union, the Weidemanns were employed in the Michigan Conference

as Pastor Evangelist. For some time they were closely associated with Pastor G. I. Gantz, the former president of the Cayman Islands Mission. He and his wife were born in the state of Michigan and attended Emmanuel Missionary College as well as Andrews University, where he majored in Theology.

I am sure that our people will unite in praying for them as they take up their new responsibility in the Cayman Islands Mission.

WEST INDIES UNION NEWS FLASHES

- * On the week-end of June 7 - 9 the Graduation Exercises of the West Indies College convened. This graduation was a historic one because the largest number of graduates in the history of the institution received diplomas from the Normal and Business Administration Courses and there were fifteen ministerial graduates who received their B.Th. degrees. There was a total of forty-six graduates.
- * Pastor and Mrs. Don March have responded to an invitation to return to the Cayman Island to take up work on the Island of Grand Cayman. He will pastor three churches.
- * Professor W. W. Liske and family left Jamaica on Monday, June 10, to begin a well-earned furlough. They will also enroll at Andrews University where Professor Liske will continue his graduate studies.
- * There was a short Institute for the student colporteurs of West Indies College on June 10 and 11. These student colporteurs have already begun working in the territory of the three conferences.
- * On Sunday, May 5, the new SDA

church in Grants Town, Nassau, was dedicated. All the ministers in Nassau took part in a well-arranged service. Representing West Indies Union were Pastors W. S. Nation who offered prayer and M. G. Nembhard who gave the dedicatory sermon.

- * On Friday April 26, Pastor W. S. Nation and M. G. Nembhard left Jamaica to make an itinerary through the islands comprising our Union territory. In Georgetown, Grand Cayman, there was a joint meeting of all the churches. At that time the members pledged to win sixty three souls for Christ in '63. The next visit was to Nassau where the brethren were binding off a large evangelistic crusade. In addition to speaking at the evangelistic meeting, they were present for a Sabbath afternoon baptism. Up to that time Eighty-three souls had already been baptized. Pastor Nation flew from Nassau to New York to continue his three weeks vacation. He travelled as far as California, visiting a number of our institutions.
- * During the visit of Pastor M. G. Nembhard to Nassau, he travelled to Turks Islands where he spent one week. He reports that Pastor R. Douglas is at present conducting a series of evangelistic meetings with a good attend-

ance. The meetings are advertised over the cable and wireless station and this has given him a great deal of publicity.

- * On Sabbath, June 15, Brethren Noel Fraser and Cleveland Mair were ordained to the gospel ministry during a very solemn service held in the Montego Bay SDA church. Elder E. J. Edwards of the General Conference Lay Activities Department preached the ordination sermon, Elder B. L. Archbold, Lay Activities Secretary of Inter-America offered the prayer, Elder W. U. Campbell, Union President, gave the charge, Elder S. G. Lindo, President of West Jamaica, welcomed the candidates to the ministry and Elder M. G. Nembhard, Union Secretary, presented the certificates of ordination.
- * Sabbath, June 22, marked an important milestone in the life of Brother Don March when at the Spanish Town SDA church, in the presence of a large gathering, he was ordained to the gospel ministry. The message was presented by Elder B. L. Archbold, Lay Activities Secretary of the Inter-American Division, the ordination prayer offered by Elder E. J. Edwards of the General Conference, the charge given by Elder W. U. Campbell, Union President, the candidate welcomed by Elder W. A. Holgate, Union Lay Activities Secretary, and the certificate of ordination presented by Elder M. G. Nembhard, Union Secretary.

THE BLESSINGS OF FATHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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One minister in claiming God's blessings, not only on the individual member but on the entire church, is now suggesting that each church in his District Tithe whatever income (proceeds from harvest festivals or programmes) received. We may smile at this suggestion but in reality it is a principle followed in all other organizations of our work and so it is a suggestion that should receive serious consideration by everyone if we truly crave the promised blessing of God.

A brother decided to put God to the test by telling Him how much he needs each year to care for his family and carry on his business. He calculated the Tithe for the year and faithfully returned to the Lord each week His portion. God accepted the challenge and at the end of each year this brother was more than rewarded. Into his life has flowed blessings great and many.

Let us review our past and if we find wherein we have failed in this respect we should immediately endeavour to redeem the past and from now on be more businesslike in our dealings with God so that we shall not be guilty of closing to ourselves the windows of Heaven through which God's blessings flow.

—Miss E. W. Parchment,
Sec'y-Treasurer, Central Jamaica Conf.

Capping Ceremony — Andrews Memorial Hospital



On Sunday evening, April 29, a capping service was conducted at Andrews Memorial Hospital. The first eight weeks have been completed in the training programme for the class of 1964. Fourteen student nurses received their caps, and dedicated their talents to the service of humanity in the nursing profession. These students represent eight parishes.

Nurse Ivy Creary, dressed as Flo-

rence Nightingale, gave the reading, "The Lady With The Lamp".

The address was given by Dr. B. G. Arellano, Medical Director of the hospital. The programme was arranged by Nurse P. Belle who is in charge of the training programme. The caps were placed on the students' heads by Mrs. M. Henry, Matron.

—E. J. Heisler

Nurses Graduation at Andrews Memorial Hospital

On Sunday evening June 2, a graduation service was conducted in the Andrews Memorial Hospital Chapel, with Dr. H. M. Johnston as Chairman. Eleven nurses who completed a one-year course in practical nursing were graduated.

Matron M. Henry introduced the guest speaker, Miss Nita Barrow, the principal nursing officer for Jamaica. In her most interesting address she spoke of recent advances in medicine — finding cures for certain diseases only to find new diseases developing to challenge medical knowledge. "As the average life span of the individual is increased, we are faced with the problem of caring for the aged. With these developing needs, new types of medical workers are being introduced, generally spoken of as paramedical staff." She said that a university study of a large American hospital revealed ten different categories of medical personnel giving bedside care to the patient, among them the very much needed nursing assistant or practical nurse. She closed her address with the challenging thought that they must be entirely devoted to the task of serving their fellowmen and their great Example, Jesus."

The certificates and prizes were presented to the graduates by Dr. B. G. Arellano, Medical Director. Nurse P.

Belle, Sister Tutor, in presenting the class gave thanks to all who had contributed to their instruction and a special thanks to the patients, for had it not been for them, their training would not have been possible.

Miss C. Hill, who received the prize for the highest grade average, gave the valedictory speech. Other prizes were given to Miss E. Codling for general efficiency, Miss M. Ricketts for perfect attendance, and Miss L. Creary, for practical work.

Another feature of interest was the awarding of special nurse editions of the New Testament bound in white, to each graduating nurse by Superintendent T. Anderson of the Prison Department, a representative of the Gideons International.

—E. J. Heisler.

FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP

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the increase of the means He has entrusted to man." TT. p.374.

The chief motive of our giving should be love to God and love to our fellow men. Our greatest desire should be to fill God's treasury with funds that will advance His cause speedily so that the day of His coming may be hastened, and we will have the privilege of being with Him.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,
And more could He make were it not enough.
The forests He owns, with the rivers and rills,
And the cattle are His on a thousand hills.
The sea is His and the fowls of the air.
Yea, the silver and the gold and jewels rare,
And the teeming millions who dwell on earth
He purchased by a gift of priceless worth.
The stewards of His goods, His people may be
Enjoying the bounties of earth so free;
But this gospel of grace to all must be sent
And so of His own He required one tenth—
One tenth of the garden, one tenth of the field,
One tenth of the orchard will yield,
One tenth of the oats and one tenth of the rye
Should be given to Him who ruleth on high.
One tenth should be given of the money we make,
One tenth of the earnings of the bread we bake,
One tenth of the barley, and one tenth of the wheat
And one tenth of the eggs we sell or eat.
One tenth of the increase of the herds in the stall,
Of the flocks in the fields, of the fowls—of all;
Of the honey, the butter, the cheese,
One tenth should be given of all the increase."

—L. A. Morrison

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