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Consecration to the Work

Paul said "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise and, to the unwise." God had revealed to Paul his truth, and in so doing made him a debtor to those who were in darkness, to enlighten them.

The work of the Apostles of Christ was to educate and train men and women to publish the good tidings of a crucified and risen Saviour. Every soul converted to the Gospel felt under solemn obligation to the Lord Jesus Christ, to teach others the way of salvation. This is the spirit that should animate us. Until we have clear ideas of what those will enjoy who are saved in the kingdom of glory; until we can fully comprehend the value of that life which measures with the life of God; until we can fully realize the riches of the reward which is laid up for those who overcome—we cannot know the inestimable value of the soul.

The followers of Christ have one leading object in view, one great work—the salvation of their fellow-men. Every other interest should be inferior to this; it should engage the most earnest effort and the deepest interest. When the spirit of holiness and perfect love abounds in the heart, working in those who profess the name of Christ, it will be like a refining fire consuming the dross and scattering the darkness.

The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all

to the will of God, and being clothed with humility, possessing that love that is pure, peaceable and easy to be entreated, full of gentleness and good fruits, is not an easy attainment. The soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in knowledge and true holiness. The holy life and character of Christ is a faithful example. His confidence in his heavenly Father was unlimited. His obedience and submission were unreserved and perfect. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister to others. He came not to do his own will, but the will of Him that sent him. In all things he submitted himself to Him that judgeth righteously. From the lips of the Saviour of the world were heard these words, "I can of mine own self do nothing."

He became poor, and made himself of no reputation. He was hungry and frequently thirsty, and many times weary in his labours; but he had not where to lay his head. When the cold damp shades of night gathered about him, the earth was frequently his bed. Yet he blessed those who hated him. What a life! Can we the professed followers of Christ, cheerfully endure privation and suffering as did our Lord, without murmuring? Can we drink of the cup, and be baptized with the baptism? If so, we may share with him his glory in his heavenly kingdom. If not, we shall have no part with him. No one can appreciate the blessings of redemption unless he feels that he can joyfully afford to make any and every sacrifice for the love of Christ. Every

sacrifice made for Christ enriches the giver, and every suffering and privation endured for his dear sake increases the overcomer's final joy in heaven.

ST. ELIZABETH.

July 13 to 15 was a season of great spiritual refreshing in the church at Jointwood. Six services were held during those days, and at each meeting our hearts rejoiced, to hear the many confessions, consecrations, re-consecrations and songs of praise to our God. Much fruit from the labours of the early pioneers is now being harvested. Really, "other men laboured and ye are entered into their labours." On Sabbath 14, a little before the close of the evening meeting, the names of ten candidates for baptism were called. All were present and the usual examination was entered upon. A holy awe came over the entire congregation, as each thought of the closing work, and the review of names in this judgment hour.

Early Sunday morning the Sealwood hills returned the echo of the songs of praise, from the company that gathered on the banks of the Sealwood stream, to witness the baptismal ceremony. Here again, our Lord verified his promise of meeting with his people. In witnessing to his closing work on earth, he gave great freedom to his humble servant, who urged on by the deep movings of the Spirit, and realizing that earth's evening sunbeams are deepening into lengthened shadows, appealed with every fervour of soul to the interested company. From the river, we assembled in the church building, where the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. Many hearts grew exultant as we spoke of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Four of those who had grown careless and almost weary, renewed their vows to their

Lord, and one stranger boldly stood up to walk with the people sent out to herald the glorious appearing of Jesus.

A service at seven o'clock closed our series of meetings. Many have determined to prepare themselves for the next baptism. May God's richest blessing rest upon Bro. Smith, the leader of the company, so that many brands may be plucked from the fire, by his labours.

M. JONES.

CLARENDON.

CHAPELTÓN,—Thank the Lord we are able to send you a few words of good cheer. We are well and of a good courage, this side of the great battle field, in spite of the adverse circumstances, and discouraging features coincident to establishing new mission stations:

The dragon's wrath has been displayed here in some peculiar ways, hitherto unknown to us; but we know that nothing can be done "against the truth, but for the truth." Since our last report, a few more have taken their stand for the truth. This new company numbers thirteen adults and a few children. Others are interested, but they are afraid to venture on God's promises. The leaders of the local churches are the greatest opponents. They move about trying to up-root the seed we sow. This is the enemy's trick; nevertheless we are determined to stand as faithful soldiers to our post of duty. God will do great things for us, when we all wake up to our responsibilities. Brother, sister, wake up! Yoke yourselves with the mightiest of the mighty and march in and possess the land for with him we are able to do so. Pray for us and the work here.

A. N. DURRANT.

L. MULLINGS.

TURKS ISLAND.

GRAND TURK.—Dear Brethren the time has fully come for you, and me, and every other individual in the church of God, to arise, and let our light shine before men. God has given us the opportunity of shedding the light of his gospel to those who know him not. This is the time to do so. Soon it will be forever too late. Oh my brother all heaven is calling upon us to live the Christ-like life, and to give unto the Lord a faithful tithe, and offering as God hath prospered us, so that those round about us may see his glory and accept him; and that faithful workers be sent out to the scores of islands in the Caribbean, to proclaim the message, of a crucified, a risen, and a soon coming Saviour.

I am having peculiar experiences in this new field; but I thank God for them, for they are the means whereby I can see and judge myself, and thus hasten to complete the work of preparation, so that I may be able to stand in the day of the Lord. Souls are perishing in these islands for the "Bread of Life." I am kept busy all the time, circulating the literature, giving bible readings and visiting. How I thank the Lord for the manner in which he has blessed the feeble efforts I have put forth. On the 28th July we organized our first Sabbath school, on a small island named Salt Bay, about nine miles from Grand Turk. The present membership is six, and nearly all are anxious to be buried with their Lord in baptism. The interest is increasing, and the Spirit of the Lord is preparing hearts for the last message to the world. Let us be faithful in our duties, whether small or great, and the Judge of all the earth shall do right.

P. PORTER.

GOLDEN GROVE.

We are rejoicing in the onward march of the message, and are recipients of much blessing from our Heavenly Father. That which was ready to die, the Lord in his good time has revived. On Sabbath July 28th, Elder FLETCHER was with us. We had a glorious time as we assembled together, received words to comfort and to strengthen, and took the emblems of the body and blood of our Lord and Master. Our hearts burned within us, as we saw our privileges and opportunities as never before, and our voices ascended in praise and thanksgiving to the Father of all. The company turned out in full force. The people in the district were surprised, as they beheld the increase God has given to us. There are honest hearts here, and many will soon cast down their prejudices and join the army of commandment keepers. On Sunday we held a business meeting, when plans for carrying forward a systematic missionary effort were formed. Keep faithful brethren, for the time of reward is near.

J. A. KERR.

SWIFT RIVER.

On Friday August 10, we were visited by Elder RANDLE. At 7 p.m. we held a meeting, which prepared us for the Sabbath blessing. Sabbath morning dawned bright and beautiful, and our hearts rejoiced as we heard the birds warbling their songs of praise to the Creator, and to know that we are privileged to enter into God's holy and blessed rest day. We were strengthened by the rich feast we had from the word of our Lord, and we renewed our vows to God, as two precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. We have determined to live and to work as the Lord

would have us so that many more may fall in line with us as we march to the celestial city. We are not afraid of the enemy, for "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

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Field Notes

In answer to a recent call from the English speaking East Indians, in and around Bath, in the Parish of St. Thomas, the Conference Committee have decided to remove Brother RASHFORD from Manchioneal at an early date, and to make an effort among them.

At the request of the West Indian Union Conference, Elder J. A. STRICKLAND will sail from Kingston for Bocas-del-Toro, on or about the 25th inst., to organize the Panama

Mission field into the Panama Conference. It is expected that he will be away for three or four weeks. Brother Norman Johnston will take charge of the Kingston church during his absence.

Arrangements have been made to hold general meetings in the county of Middlesex during the coming month, at the following places: Warsop 7 to 9; Golden Grove 11 to 13; Glengoffe 14 to 16; Bird's Hill 17 to 19. Elders Fletcher and Jones will be present, and many of our brethren from different places are expected to attend. We should be glad if all our canvassers in the county would strive to be present, as special attention will be given to that department of the work.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 31, 1906.

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April 1,	Cash on hand	£225	6	5	
"	Tithe ...	50	19	2 ³ / ₄	
"	Offerings ...	4	3	8 ¹ / ₂	
"	Sabbath School Association	5	0	0	
"	Depository ...	27	12	8 ³ / ₄	
"	General Conference Treas.	20	10	0	
"	Mission House Rent ...	16	4		
"	For labourers Expense				56 0 8
"					11 3 2
May	Tithe ...	25	11	3 ¹ / ₂	
"	Offerings ...	2	3	3	
"	Depository ...	31	5	0	
"	Mission House Rent ...	19	4		
"	For labourers Expense				68 10 9 ¹ / ₄
"					8 0 0
"	Sabbath School Association				5 12 0
"	For Industrial School property				209 13 0
June	Tithe ...	36	0	4 ¹ / ₄	
"	Offerings ...	8	14	3 ¹ / ₄	
"	S. W. Mission Conf. Treas.	10	4	0	
"	Industrial School Fund	3	2	7 ¹ / ₄	
"	Mission House	1	0	4	
"	Depository ...	25	13	2	
"	For Labourers Expense				87 19 8
"					7 6
"	School Fund				6 0
"	Cash on hand				61 8 8 ³ / ₄
		£509	2	0 ¹ / ₄	£509 2 0 ¹ / ₄