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## The Tithe and The Sabbath

By E. E. Parchment

There might be some individuals who are tempted to believe that they can withhold God's portion of their income and at the same time keep God's Sabbath day holy. This is a grave mistake. "The tithe . . . is the Lord's. Here the same form of expression is employed as in the law of the Sabbath. 'The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.' God reserved a specified portion of man's time and of his means to Himself, and no man could, without guilt, appropriate either for his own interests."

How can one who is not honest in returning to the Master what is His, justly claim that he is a true observer of the seventh-day Sabbath? In James 2:10, we have this statement, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point is guilty of all." Also in Malachi 3:8, 9, the Lord says, that His people have robbed Him in tithes and offerings. Strictly speaking a robber is a violator of the eighth commandment; therefore, those who withhold the tithe or any portion of it break not only the fourth and eighth, but have broken all.

"If a man tampers with either the tithe or the Sabbath, he is laying a snare for his own soul." And may I add, not only his own soul, but those of others. If every member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamaica should withhold one penny per week of his tithe, the loss to the treasury would be over £150 per month. Think what that would mean in employing more workers to take the Gospel Message to souls perishing in darkness.

Many complain that they cannot get the wherewithal for their daily sustenance. May it not be that the cause is unfaithfulness in giving back to God His own?

Notice the following paragraph found in Volume 3, p. 395: "Whenever God's people, in any period of the

world, have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence (tithe paying) and in gifts and offerings, they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should attend all 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 only robbing Him, but themselves; for He limited His blessings to them, just in proportion as they limited their offerings to Him."

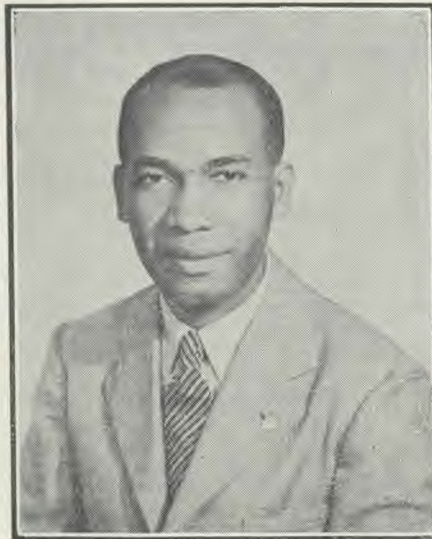
We are living in the days when more of God's blessings are needed than ever before. How little can we afford to make the exchange of God's blessings for the hard times and circumstances through which many are passing.

Says a faithful servant of God, "It is not returning to God His own that makes man poor, it is withholding that tends to poverty."

There across the road is Brother B. or Sister C. and many wonder how they are getting on so nicely, but God has tested these dear people with small things, and they proved faithful. Therefore He can trust them with bigger things, thus their prosperity. God charges us with robbing Him of both tithes and offerings and then, seeming to ignore the offerings, says: "Bring ye all the tithes." Notice He does not say, Bring ye all the tithes and offerings of which you have robbed Me, but only, "Bring ye all

the tithes." And nothing further is said in this immediate connection about the offerings of which they have robbed Him. Why does He charge us with robbing Him of tithes and offerings and then seem to require us to bring in the tithe only? It is doubtless because full provision is made

### Meet Our Workers



This month we should like the readers of the VISITOR to meet Professor W. A. Osborne who recently joined the staff of the West Indian Training College, at Mandeville. Professor Osborne is teaching a wide range of subjects including Commerce, Mathematics and History. He comes to this Union from the Caribbean Training College where he spent eleven years on the teaching staff. Welcome to the British West Indies Union, Professor Osborne!

for the offerings as a result of the payment of the tithe. It is also because God knows well those who have robbed Him in tithes and offerings have so forfeited prosperity that until they have again secured His favour, they may not be able to bring in the offerings.

Let us not retard our own prosperity. Let us not impede the Gospel Message. Let us be faithful with our tithes and offerings, and by doing so hasten our Lord's return and go where we will enjoy eternal bliss with him forever.

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### From Here and There

Garfield Newman recently spent some time with the believers at Stann Creek Valley, British Honduras. He reports that several are interested in the message at that place.

Elder R. H. Pierson and Dr. C. R. Anderson have returned from the General Conference Session, and report that the session was most inspiring and that plans were laid for definite advance along all lines of endeavour.

Elder M. G. Nembhard has returned to Nassau, Bahamas, from the General Conference Session and writes that he and his family will soon be leaving Nassau for Jamaica where they will take up their duties in one of the districts of the East Jamaica Mission.

Our readers will be interested to know that in the Union office and in each of the local mission offices a short worship service is held each morning before the workers take up their regular duties for the day. At the Union Mission office the Wednesday morning worship service has been set aside as the time when we especially remember the work of the Bible Correspondence School and the requests that have come in from students for prayer. Our loyal members throughout the union are invited to join us in praying that God will signally bless the work of the Bible School, that it may continue to attract many to the light of the Third Angel's Message.

Misses McLaughlin, Boddin, and Bro. Bush from the Cayman Islands recently arrived in Jamaica where they will take a six-weeks School of Evangelism course at the West Indian Training College. A number of lay preachers and lay Bible workers from the Jamaican missions will also enroll in the same course.

Elder M. E. Lowry and Brethren Hurst and Campbell have recently been holding a number of colporteur rallies in East and West Jamaica. They report that these rallies have proved very successful in interesting church members in the colporteur work and in providing more training for some who have already engaged in that good work.

It is expected that the newly appointed superintendent of the Cayman Islands, Elder Kenneth Crofoot and his family will arrive in George Town, Grand Cayman, within a few weeks.

It is much quieter than usual around the campus of West Indian Training College these days. Many of the students have left the school for a summer vacation at home or in the colporteur field. However, the college industries are humming with activity and the summer school will soon be in session.

Elder and Mrs. W. L. Barclay will arrive in Jamaica late in July. Elder Barclay has accepted the position of Departmental Secretary of the British West Indies Union, coming to us from the State of Minnesota, U. S. A., where he was engaged in similar work. Welcome to the British West Indies Union, Elder and Mrs. Barclay.

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### The Tragedy of Unused Faculties

When the truths of the Advent message first came into our lives, we gave up card playing, we absented ourselves from the movies, the dance halls, and the pool rooms, and we quit reading unprofitable books and magazines. In this way large empty spaces were created in the lives, especially of our young people. The room once filled with unprofitable things came to be "empty, swept and garnished."

In some ways these people are good Adventists. They keep the Sabbath, they pay tithe, they attend the weekly services; but they are not active, working disciples of the Lord Jesus, and their leisure hours are not filled with well-directed efforts to share their Christian experience with others. Their last state is worse than the first (Matt. 12:45), because they think they have given the Christian life a fair trial and have found it rather a tame thing. The fact is they have never acknowledged Christ as their Lord and Master, and never knew the joys of true discipleship.

Most of us cannot give all our time to Christian service; but even the busiest can give as much time to the Saviour's work as we used to give to those sinful pleasures that cloyed but never satisfied us; and if we set out in earnest to be wide-awake, active followers of Christ, we shall not only see results of our labour, but we shall be truly happy.

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—M. E. OLSEN.

### From the Bible School Mail Bag

ST. ANDREW: "I am very glad to tell you that I spent last Sabbath at the Temple at North and James Streets. I was very glad to know that I was among the lot of our Lord's Remnant people who keep the law of God. I am very happy to say that I am seeking the Light of the world and the only Hope to humanity, I am for Him always, I will not withdraw from Him. He is my only guide. I have made great changes in my daily life, my mind is of more ease. I seek to grow in Him more."

ST. ANN: "This is to assure you that I have received my certificate with great gratitude. I also thank you for your kind words in behalf of my spiritual welfare and my determination is to keep the ten great commandments of God. I am keeping the fourth from the first Sabbath of March, 1946. The Lord has called me into His holy truth."

HANOVER: "With rejoicing of heart I am writing to you in regard to a man and his wife and three children who are keeping the Sabbath as a result of the 20th Century Home Bible School. The man and his wife are planning for baptism. Many more are in the valley of decision. Surely God is directing the way of the Bible Correspondence Course."

MANCHESTER: "I am getting ready for baptism. I am determined to keep the fourth commandment with the rest because I know if I endure to the end I shall be saved."

I am determined not to receive the Mark of the Beast and I am asking God in every prayer that I have offered to stand by my side so that I might not be overcome by Satan and his angels."

ST. ELIZABETH: "By now I have found this course very much worth while, as I felt it would be. I am glad I have been a student. I like very much the simplicity of your method of teaching. Thanks very much for all the wonderful things you've done for me. I'll just say a few words because all the thanks in the world could never tell you how thankful I am to you."

ST. JAMES: "I found out my mistake before it's too late, and I make a right-about turn. Pray for me that I will continue to keep God's holy law, so that others too will be led to keep it."

CLARENDON: "In doing your lessons I find that I am reading the Bible more often than I used to do and keeping all the commandments more, especially the fourth commandment. I will try to follow the Saviour in all ways as much as I can."

ST. CATHERINE: "I have now completed all thirty lessons of which I am well benefited. This course has helped me well and from my heart I express a hearty

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**Found—Two Kinds of Shelter**

Black clouds skipped down the lofty peaks and ridges, and were lighted up by vivid flashes of lightning which seemed walled in by the impassible hills and roofed by angry clouds. The darkness seemed deeper and blacker as contrasted with the quick flashes which displayed brilliancy for an instant, then disappeared. The silence made the thunder seem louder when it came, shook the earth, and rolled away with prolonged reverberations among the mountains. Soon everything seemed to give way to the deafening roar of the falling rain.

This was what I witnessed as I arrived about the sunset hour at a little home nestled among the hills. A feeling of fear mingled with awe took possession of me. Soon my fears were allayed. Within those four narrow walls, there rested peace amid the thunderstorm. It was time for family worship. Though a stranger, I felt we were of one accord uniting our supplications to our Father in heaven, imploring His protection. That was the touchstone of the influence that pervaded that humble home.

One writer says, "A prayerless family cannot be otherwise than irreligious. They who daily pray in their homes, do well; they who not only pray but read the Bible, do better; and they do best of all who not only pray and read the Bible, but sing the praises of God."

The influence of family worship is silent, great and permanent. It is a safe-guard against all the machinations of Satan. Family worship strikes its roots deep into the human heart and exerts its influence even amid the wildest storms of life. It availeth much therefore for time and eternity. Many prodigals have returned home in answer to the call of prayer uttered around the family altar from childhood days.

In the hustle and bustle of our age, there is a strong tendency on the part of parents to neglect their responsibility in keeping the family altar burning. The neglect of it carries heavy penalties, while faithfulness to it brings sweet reward. Let each home, therefore, in East Jamaica, be one where "Children early list His fame, and parents hold Him dear."

— EDNA W. PARCHMENT.

"Thanks". It is my desire now to be baptized and though I am a Baptist Sunday keeper, I have now decided to be nothing but a Seventh-day Adventist, and I think I have sufficient knowledge to be baptized."

PORTLAND: "Dear Friend, I am asking you to pray sincerely for me in your every prayer. I am determined to keep the ten commandments and to be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church."

**West Jamaica News Notes**

It has been considered best by the West Jamaica Mission Committee, in counsel with the Union Committee, to remove our Mission office from Montego Bay to Mandeville. Accordingly, housing accommodations have been obtained and we hope to be located in Mandeville by the first of August. Please address all communications to West Jamaica Mission, Mandeville P. O.

We are happy to welcome Pastor S. G. Lindo and Mrs. Lindo and their two daughters into the family of workers in West Jamaica. Pastor and Mrs. Lindo have laboured in the Bahamas for the past six years. They are situated in southern Manchester for the present time with headquarters at Grove Town.

Pastor E. C. H. Reid has been doing an excellent job at Brown's Town. In four months he has raised up a fine church where the brethren are now worshipping. On the 20th of June he held his stone-laying service to which the people of Brown's Town and surrounding churches—such as Mile End, Ocho Rios, and Devon—responded, making a full attendance and giving liberally. The fine sermon given by Pastor F. Fletcher on this occasion was much appreciated. This church site is a rather imposing one, overlooking the larger section of the township. We hope that by the end of the year this building will be ready for dedication.

Pastor Fletcher's district—St. James and Westmoreland—is making good progress in every line. A new church has just been organized at John's Hall with a membership of about 26, as the result of the work of a layman. The brethren here are worshipping in a booth, but they have just bought a spot of land in the central part of the village where they plan to raise up a church building.

Over at Bull Savannah another church has just been organized with a membership of about 16, the fruitage of work done by a colporteur. These brethren have erected a building in which they are meeting for worship although it is still far from completion.

At Belview, near Southfield, a Sabbath School has recently been organized, and we trust that before long this will grow into a church.

At this time, Elder S. G. Lindo is conducting an evangelistic effort at Grove Town, and Brother Kenneth Vaz is also conducting one at Santa Cruz. The splendid gatherings reported night after night show that people are hungering for the truth which we hold so dear. Let all remember to pray for these efforts that God may see fit to grant a bountiful harvest of souls.

Under the leadership of Brother L. G. Mullings and his faithful co-workers, the

church at Newell has outgrown its building for the second time. They are now making a substantial addition which they hope will take care of their growing membership.

We regret to report that at the time of writing this article Pastor E. C. H. Reid is a patient in the hospital here at Montego Bay. We are hoping that he will soon recuperate and be able to return to his field.

**Providential Protection**

Sister C. W. Hewitt, of Caledonia, has passed on to us the following interesting experience of six brethren from that church, who went to America in the last batch of farm workers:

"We six had our beds placed close together while in camp in South Carolina, so that we could enjoy our private devotions. Each morning we arose a bit earlier than the other men, studied our Sabbath School lesson and prayed. However, we were not permitted to continue many days unmolested. The other men in camp began cursing and swearing at us in such a way that we were forced to move our beds into a two-roomed cottage nearby. (Of course, this was without permission from the camp manager). We remained unmolested in this place for six days, when one morning just as we had knelt to pray, heavy footsteps entered the room. We continued praying aloud and the person left the room. About fifteen minutes later the person returned and we discovered that it was the manager of the camp. 'Fellows,' he said, 'I came here a few minutes ago to put you out, as two persons reported to me that you had moved here six days ago. But hearing you pray and seeing how tidy and clean the place is, I have changed my mind. You fellows may remain here as long as you are in camp.' Two days later the camp manager moved into the same apartment with us, and at nights he brought his Bible and questioned us on many points, which the Lord helped us to answer to his satisfaction."

— W. S. NATION.

**Big Dividends**

Some one dropped a three-pence silver coin on the dusty road of Southfield, Jamaica. Mrs. C. E. Andross, who was visiting the Sabbath School there that day, picked up this coin and smilingly gave it to one of the sisters to start her Investment Fund. This faithful sister diligently applied her trading talent to see how much she could raise with this coin. Every year she would bring in her returns. Up to 1945, this lost and found coin has yielded 180 three-pence pieces.

This coin will be doing its little bit as long as this dear sister is able to make it yield something to help carry the glad news. If every Sabbath School member could think of some helpful way to increase the Investment Fund for Missions how soon would the Message go to all the World!

— (MRS.) E. E. PARCHMENT.

My Altar

I have worshipped in churches and chapels;  
 I have prayed in the busy street;  
 I have sought my God and found Him  
 Where the waves of His ocean beat;  
 I have knelt in the silent forest,  
 In the shade of some ancient tree;  
 But the dearest of all my altars  
 Was raised at my mother's knee.

I have listened to God in His temple;  
 I've caught His voice in the crowd;  
 I have heard Him speak where the breakers  
 Were booming long and loud;  
 When the winds play soft in the treetops  
 My Father has talked to me;  
 But I never have heard Him clearer  
 Than I did at my mother's knee.

The things in my life that are worthy  
 Were born in my mother's breast,  
 And breathed into mine by the magic  
 Of the love her life expressed;  
 The years that have brought me to man-  
 hood  
 Have taken her far from me;  
 But memory keeps me from straying  
 Too far from my mother's knee.

God make me the man of her vision  
 And purge me of selfishness!  
 God keep me true to her standards  
 And help me to live to bless!  
 God hallow the holy impress  
 Of the days that used to be,  
 And keep me a pilgrim forever  
 To the shrine at my mother's knee.

— Author Unknown

Dorcas Is Not Dead!

From the time that the Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists was organized in the Belize church, it has been a source of blessing, not only to the poorer class of people here in the city, but also to those of the out-districts. During the recent storm which took place the latter part of last year, The Dorcas Benevolent Service did all they could to aid the destitute and suffering in the storm stricken areas. Food and clothing were sent to these places to be distributed among the most needy.

Under the able leadership of sister Amy Campbell, the influence of the Dorcas Benevolent Service was felt among those who were aiding the war purpose. The members gave willing service in making quilts and other articles for the Red Cross of British Honduras. They also rendered financial help to the emergency relief fund.

At the beginning of this year, Sister Sarah Manley was appointed by the church to take the place of Sister Campbell. Things were not marching too well at the start. The Dorcas treasury was almost depleted. Nothing to make a start with. The leader tried to encourage the members to contribute material to work with. They were willing but could not afford it, so everybody was down-hearted. Finally, the leader decided to invest some of her own money and leave the results with God. She went out to the stores with a five dollar bill and bought some material for dresses, called a meeting of the members and presented the materials to them. They were just as eager to do something and so they grasped the opportunity. As a result of the leader's example, others did likewise and very soon the Dorcas place of labour was buzzing with activity. Even individuals not of our faith, gave their time in making things for the Dorcas.

One sister had a mango tree with a few green mangoes on it. She decided to use the mangoes in making jam and gave the proceeds to the Dorcas treasury.

On Tuesday night of March 26, the school room was the center of attraction. Everything that the members had made,

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was on display. Everything was sold at public auction. How much am I bid? Prices started to go higher and still higher until everything was sold. As a result over \$50.00 was received that night.

— F. R. ARCHBOLD.

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A Mother's Prayer

My mother, when she had a large family of children gathered around her, made a covenant with three neighbours—three mothers. They would meet once a week to pray for the salvation of their children until all their children were converted. This incident was not known until after my mother's death, the covenant then being revealed by one of the survivors.

We used to say, "Mother, where are you going?" and she would answer, "I am just going out for a little while, going over to the neighbour's." They kept on in that covenant until all their families were brought into the kingdom of God, myself the last, and I trace that line of results back to an evening many years before, when my grand-mother commended our family to Christ, the tide of influence going on until this hour, and it will never cease.

— T. DeWitt Talmage  
 in his Autobiography.

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P. Duncombe ..	50	32 5 3
M. A. Lalor ..	68	63 14 6
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A. Headley ..	40	24 8 0
C. H. Hepburn ..	42	21 4 0
W. Llewellyn ..	55	27 17 0
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 January 1 to May 31, 1946

MISSIONS	Membership	Tithe	Tithe Per Capita	Sabbath School	Sabbath School Goal	Ingathering	Misc. Missions
Bahamas ..	529	£838 17 8	£1 11 8	£117 17 1	£188 15 6	£297 1 2	£6 4 6
Br. Honduras (£) ..	460	510 1 6	1 2 2	108 7 8	114 15 0	3 0 7 8	8 15 5
Br. Honduras (\$) ..	..	\$2091.39	\$4.55	\$444.51	\$470.57	†\$1.60	\$36.02
*Caymans ..	76	16 10 10	0 4 4	4 6 7	3 16 6		0 18 0
Salt Cays ..	12	189 16 4	15 16 4	0 8 6	42 15 0	13 10 0	2 0 0
East Jamaica ..	5792	4793 3 1	0 16 6	701 2 0	1078 8 6	1855 2 4	54 14 3
West Jamaica ..	5092	3734 2 5	0 14 8	613 2 9	840 3 0	1093 14 4	123 11 9
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\* Report for March—May not included.  
 † Campaign later in the year.