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How to Kill a Church

By Robert H. Pierson

FEW CHURCH members would ever connect work in God's Remnant church with the violation of the sixth commandment. But it is just as possible to kill a church as it is to take the life of a human being.

According to the dictionary "kill" means to deprive of life or to destroy. Your church may be deprived of life or destroyed according to your relationship to its programme.

Here are some sure ways for you to take the life of your church.

First if you want to kill the spirit of your church don't attend the services, at least if you do attend don't go to the Wednesday evening prayer meetings nor the Friday evening Young People's Meeting. If you insist on attending Sabbath School be sure and go late, arriving just in the middle of the Mission's Reading. Of course don't wait until the person is through reading—barge right in and make a big disturbance distracting the attention of all who might otherwise receive a real blessing from hearing of the progress of God's work in the fields beyond.

When you get seated in service be sure to whisper to the ones next to you and don't hesitate to cause as many as possible to pay attention to you instead of the person leading out in the Sabbath School.

If you join the Sabbath School don't ever take part even though the consecrated superintendent

may give you plenty of time to prepare. Excuse yourself by suggesting that she ask Sister Blank to do it instead.

If you stay for the morning worship service be certain to look for plenty of mistakes and shortcomings in the preacher's presentation or appearance. If he is a humble consecrated layman whom God has been using for the salvation of souls he probably has had little education and you must be sure to criticize his grammar. Instead of praying for a blessing, gaze around and see what others are doing or wearing. That will convince the preacher that you aren't much interested in what he is talking about.

If you want to kill the church never accept any office in any of the branches of its activities. Let someone else carry the burden while you sit by and criticize their efforts. Find as much fault as you can and be sure to pass your criticisms along to everyone in the church. Of course some of the officers may become so discouraged under your ceaseless babblings that they will resign or even drift out of the message but of course if you are out to kill the church that won't make much difference.

If you want to kill the church never take part in the Big Week or Ingathering Campaigns. Let someone else do your share. Of course you can't do that work!

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Meet Our Workers



This month for a change we want to introduce one of our lady workers from the East Jamaica Mission. Miss Bernice Pringle was a government teacher when she accepted the truth some years ago. For the past several years she has been doing Bible work in the Cayman Islands Mission and the West Jamaica Mission. At present Miss Pringle is serving as Bible worker assisting Elder M. G. Nembhard, Pastor of the large North Street Temple Church in Kingston, Jamaica.

"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your
Union President)

I have had the unique experience of meeting my most implacable enemy face to face. He is the one who causes me more headaches and heartaches than anyone else in the world. And strange he didn't look at all as I had expected him to look and he didn't confront me with a pugnacious challenge as I expected he would. Do you know where I met him? Right in the looking glass! And he looked just like my twin brother! He should for he is — *myself*.

Self is my most dreaded enemy. He is yours, too! The Spirit of Prophecy declares it.

"Self is the enemy we most need to fear." — *M. H. 485.*

We need to keep our eyes on Christ if we are to be saved from the fatal clutches of this deadly foe!

"As long as you look to Christ, you are safe; but the moment you think of your sacrifices and difficulties, and begin to sympathize with and pet yourself, you lose your trust in God and are in great peril." *Vol. 4:322.*

Inspiration warns us to study diligently the tactics of this enemy:

"Let a man *examine himself*". — *1 Cor. 11:28.*

"Put yourself to the proof, not me; test yourselves" — *Moffatt.*

"Let us *search and try our ways*" — *Lam. 3:40.*

"If Christ would live and reign in me,
I must die;
With Him I crucified must be;
I must die;
Lord, drive the nails, nor heed the
groans,

My flesh may writhe & make its moans,
But in this way, and this alone,
I must die."

When the victory has been won over this enemy it will be a great day of triumph.

"No other victory we can gain will be so precious as the victory gained over self." — *M. H. 485.*

May God help each of us to gain this victory!

Sincerely yours for victory.

A Sunday School Programme

Sunday afternoon, April 25, an enthusiastic neatly-dressed group of children gathered on the lawn of the Davis' home on Redhills' Road to present a programme of songs, recitations and other items for their parents and friends. There were 18 of the regular members of a Sunday School being conducted every Sunday afternoon during the past year by several of our faithful colporteurs and other lay members.

At present, this Sunday School is being conducted most efficiently by Sister Taylor. Brother Lalor, who has had much to do with it from its beginnings, continues to lend his support, and others have given time and effort to this fine project. Most of the children come from Roman Catholic homes.

It was most inspiring for the 19 adults present, to sit in the shade of a large Liango tree, and hear these children sing enthusiastically the choruses that we all enjoy. Several good recitations, a dialogue explaining Branch Sabbath School work, an acrostic spelling "Jesus" and vocal duets, were all well presented and enjoyed by the listeners. Two of the older boys rendered a lovely Evening Hymn as a vocal solo accompanied on the violin.

At the close of the children's programme, light refreshments were served, one of our sisters sang impressively the song "When the King Comes In", and the chairman offered a closing prayer. Then we left this interesting gathering to return to Half Way Tree in time for the evening service at the Tabernacle, conducted by Dr. Millard.

It was a privilege to have been asked to preside on this occasion, and we trust and pray that the parents of these children will be impressed to study more deeply the things that are being taught to their children, and that they may see and accept God's message for this time. I understand that some are definitely interested.

— MRS. JEAN PLEASANTS.

HERE AND THERE OVER THE UNION

Items from West Jamaica

Ingathering

Our Ingathering campaign has gotten off with a good start. Reports for the first week show £665-5-4 having been raised by the churches, and sixteen churches over their goal. With the amounts raised by the Union and Mission workers this brings us almost to the £1,000 mark.

Evangelistic Efforts

In view of the Ingathering campaign, our evangelistic efforts have been slowing down, but a few are still in progress. Pastor Gouldbourne reports hundreds in attendance at Pondsides, listening to the message for the first time. Pastor Fletcher's meetings at Sherwood Content promise a rich harvest. Brother Holness' spearhead at Resource has taken on the proportions of a major effort and now there are forty in the baptismal class. Dr. H. M. Johnston, though a very busy man, has found time to carry on an effort at Ballard's Valley, and is meeting with a very good response. Our Union President, Pastor R. H. Pierson, has been sponsoring two efforts; one at Caledonia, a district adjacent to the Union Office, where he is assisted by the other members of the Union staff, and the other at Vaughnsfield. The brethren at this little place are indeed happy for the substantial increase to their membership which has resulted from this effort. In a couple of weeks when the second baptism takes place there shall have been around 30 added. At Caledonia there are bright prospects for a new church being added to the list of West Jamaica churches as already there are 30 in the Bible class.

At Cold Spring, around three or four miles away, a Sabbath School has been raised up by the laymen of the Vaughnsfield church. These brethren have been busy not only keeping meetings, but also building a place of worship, and on May 23 the stonelaying service of the Cold Spring church building was held. Thus before many months we hope to see another church organized as well as dedicated.

At Lincoln in Manchester, Brother Cyril Newman a student of the West Indian Training College held a lay effort last year and continued working in that district until the Mission found it necessary to send Brother Percival Clayton there to prepare the candidates for baptism. Six have already been baptized and another baptismal service is planned for

Sabbath June 5. Fierce opposition has developed in this place since one lady whose husband is a business man has stepped out to keep God's commandments. This lady has not only been turned out of her home, but her life has been threatened as well as that of Brother Clayton's. The building where our meetings are being conducted has been stoned night after night, and the windshield of the writer's car has been smashed. But all undaunted the message marches on. A Sabbath school of about thirty is now in progress, a plot of land has been donated, and we hope to see a substantial church in that locality soon, to be known as the Fairfield Mountain church.

Dedications

Our church completion programme, under the energetic leadership of Elder E. E. Parchment, has been making rapid strides. Since the beginning of the year eight churches have already been completed, of which six have been dedicated — Spring Garden, White Hill, Mulgrave, Richmond Park, Newell, and Bull Savannah — while Newport and Pusey Hill await dedication in the next few weeks.

Publishing

God has been blessing our faithful colporteurs this year as never before. Pastor Hurst informs us that although all the reports for May are not yet in, deliveries to date amount to £2,282 for the first five months, as compared to £2,071 for the same period last year.

Tithes

With all these other blessings our members have been faithfully returning to God His own in tithes and offerings. There is a substantial increase over 1947 for which we are grateful indeed.

Baptisms

Baptisms reported to date of writing amount to 219.

Let us give God the glory for these signs of progress. — W. S. NATION.

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Thursday evening, May 27, a farewell for Pastor and Mrs. Pond was held in the Kingsway High School Auditorium. The East Jamaica Mission workers were all present and Pastor M. G. Nembhard acted as Master of Ceremonies. Also present was a good representation from the British West Indies Union office staff, the West Indian Training College, and the Andrews Memorial Hospital. A very interesting programme was rendered and it was evident from the speeches made that Elder and Mrs. Pond will be greatly missed from the East Jamaica Mission and the British West Indies Union. Pastor and Mrs. Pond left the island by plane

Monday, May 31, on their way to Miami and California. Certainly the best wishes of all the British West Indies Union Office Staff accompany these workers as they leave for the homeland where Sister Pond will receive necessary medical attention.

Friday, May 21, Pastor E. F. Hackman, President of the Inter-American Division arrived in the island to spend several days with us in studying problems at the Andrews Memorial Hospital. During his few days visit Pastor Hackman also visited Mandeville to talk over problems at the Union headquarters.

Monday, May 24, Dr. T. R. Flaiz, Medical Secretary of the General Conference arrived in the island for consultation in connection with building and personnel problems at the Andrews Memorial Hospital. We greatly appreciated the visit of these brethren to our island field.

Work is continuing on apace at the Andrews Memorial Hospital with the surgical wing and the central section ready for the final inside work and the roof going on the medical wing. If the weather-man will permit we should be into our new buildings sometime in July.

Pastor A. R. Haig, Publishing Department Secretary for the British West Indies Union Mission spent most of the month of April in the Bahamas in the interest of the Literature work. During his stay there he had a Colporteur Institute. These meetings were attended by old and young, and much valuable instruction was given to the prospective Colporteurs and Magazine workers. The success of this gathering can be seen from the fact that thirty signed up at its close to do full-time or part-time work, using the large, medium, or small books and also doing magazine work.

Over eight hundred pounds worth of books were delivered during the first four months of this year in the Bahamas. In April alone, £346-0-0 worth of books were placed in the homes of the people, which we believe is the best month in the history of that mission. We look forward to even greater accomplishments as the new recruits, many of whom are already at work, develop into strong workers for God.

Pastor A. H. Roth, Secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments of the Inter-American Division visited the Bahamas over the weekend of April 23-25, accompanied by Mrs. Roth. On Sabbath, April 24, an Investiture service was held in the Grants Town church for twenty-one Missionary Volunteers of that church

who had qualified in the various classes. Pastor Roth was the guest speaker and his message addressed to the youth was one that will not soon be forgotten by those young people as well as the large audience that filled the church. An even larger crowd gathered after sundown to see and hear two sound films which Brother Roth had brought over from the Division office. The first was a Temperance film and the second, in Technicolor, on the work of Seventh-day Adventists throughout the Inter-American Division. The programme was greatly enjoyed by all and a vote of thanks was extended the Roths for their visit to the Bahamas.

Pastor C. F. Edwards has been up at the Bluff in Eleuthera for several weeks conducting a series of Evangelistic-Revival meetings in our church there. He writes that the meetings are being well attended and that a number have made their decisions for Christ. He also states that there will be a baptism held before he leaves for Nassau. Several at the time of his writing were ready for the rite to be administered. Brother Edwards will be holding a similar meeting next in Gregory Town, Eleuthera. We know these visits during the year will mean much to our believers and will be blessed of God in bringing others into the fellowship of the Church.

The building work on the Union Office has been held up for two or three weeks due to the heavy rains in Manchester Parish. The Union Office has been moved from its location in Caledonia to Deep Dene, located next door to the West Jamaica Mission Office. Headquarters will remain in this building until the new office is ready for occupancy in August or the first of September.

Most of the Union office workers have been out in the Ingathering in the East and West Jamaica Missions. Reports coming in from the field indicate that the work is moving ahead most encouragingly.

How to Kill a Church

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When it comes to your church building programme—of course you would rather like to have a better place in which to worship, but why should you sacrifice and give of your time and funds in order to secure it? Why shouldn't the Conference build it? Why should you be expected to help out? Sit by and criticize those who do help with the Ingathering, the Big Week, the lay preaching and the church

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Home Missionary Department

W. L. BARCLAY — B. W. I. UNION SECRETARY

LOCAL MISSION SECRETARIES

Bahamas Mission — H. D. Colburn

British Honduras Mission — J. N. Williams

Cayman Island Mission — K. S. Crofoot

East Jamaica Mission — H. S. Walters

Salt Cays Mission — G. M. Prenter

West Jamaica Mission — E. J. Parchment



One Saturday Evening

The following article appeared in the *Northern Union Outlook* and was written by one of the office secretaries of the Minnesota Conference. The inspiration in this article should be a challenge to every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to take an active part in the greatest soul-winning and fund-raising campaign God has endorsed to finish the work. As we go from business man to business man, and from house to house, let us be ever watchful for souls that are hungering for the Bread of Life.

"It had been a wonderfully successful Saturday night, and the Ingathering funds came in easily. Then another week of work, and now it was time for more city solicitation.

"Somehow my enthusiasm was practically nil. I couldn't say I was ill, and I had rested sufficiently the previous night. There was just no excuse for my attitude. As the group bowed in prayer before the evening's work, the pastor stressed the soul-winning possibilities for the evening. While he prayed I asked the Lord to somehow use me in a spiritual way that evening to make up for my lack of enthusiasm.

"Our third stop gave opportunity for an invitation to the Sunday night meeting. Within an hour, another donor made known his need for divine assistance and was happy for the invitation to attend the following night. My spirits were raising, and the contributions were coming more frequently than I had expected.

"Have you helped with our medical evangelistic work this evening?" I asked a middle aged man. A smile of recognition crossed his face as the familiar Ingathering can and the beautiful picture of Christ on the Ingathering leaflet were presented.

"You are a Seventh-day Adventist, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am, sir."

"Did you know my mother, Mrs. _____?"

"Oh, yes, she met with an accident last winter." He took a deep breath as

the memory of that fatal accident went through his mind.

"Do you believe my mother will be in heaven?" he questioned.

"Oh yes, I certainly do," I responded.

"Why do you believe that?" he questioned.

"Because," I continued, "as I know your mother when she used to come to church as her health permitted, and sat right down in front, she followed the Lord's teachings, and lived as closely as she could, the way that He taught."

He paused, meditatively a moment, then said, "You really believe that, don't you?"

"I certainly do," I responded, "And you can be there too with her, if you will only let Him help you."

"I'm afraid it is too late for me . . . I used to be one of the best colporteurs in the state."

I responded, "Then it should only take a moment to decide for Christ again, and He can do the rest—if you will let Him. I know, for I used to be in your position and the Lord helped me to find my way out. Now He has given me a wonderful family, and I've never been more happy than I am now." A look of understanding came over his face, but he made no reply.

"After dropping an offering into my container, he said, 'I'll tell you what I will do. I don't have it with me tonight, but I will give you \$50.00 for your Ingathering. And when you see Elder _____, tell him I asked about him.'"

"He is right outside sir. May I bring him in, I know that he will be happy to talk with you."

I hurried to the car and brought the pastor in to renew acquaintance and to encourage the gentleman further. Surely God had heard my prayer, and used me that night.

There's work here for you,

And there's work here for me

There's joy in the doing —

Just try it — you'll see!

When the Ingathering Spirit

Gets hold of your heart,

'Tis hard to restrain yourself.

You'll want to take part.

"Have you helped with our mission work?"

This is our plea.

"You can help those right here.

And beyond the blue sea.

" 'Tis Jesus who blesses

The hearts that will give

So freely, that others

Eternally might live."

Oh, heed now the call!

Lift the burden, my brothers!

And joy it will bring —

For we're living for others."

— Article by MRS. A. W. KILEY.

The Answer Depends on You

Surely God has been pouring out His showers of blessing upon His faithful children in the British West Indies Union in more ways than one. In spite of the heavy rains falling day after day, the Ingathering has made progress in a wonderful way. The following report shows the amount raised by each mission for the first two weeks of the 1948 campaign as compared to the first two weeks of the 1947 campaign:—

	1947	1948
Bahamas	£ 427 0 0	£ 530 8 10
Br. Honduras	3 0 0	245 0 0
Cayman Is.	No Report	25 0 0
Coconut Grove	No Report	61 1 1
Salt Cays	10 0 0	25 0 0
East Ja.	225 19 0	800 0 0
West Ja.	515 1 3	802 0 0
Total	£1181 0 3	£2488 9 11

We would suggest that every Adventist in the Union kneel before God and thank Him for His wonderful blessing and ask Him for continued guidance as we press forward to finish the campaign by June 26.

Just think, we have raised more than twice as much in the first two weeks of the 1948 campaign than we did in the first two weeks of 1947, and we have raised 50% of our 1948 goal in the first two weeks of the campaign. Victory is within our grasp, fellow-believers, and God is counting on us to raise more money this year than ever before so that

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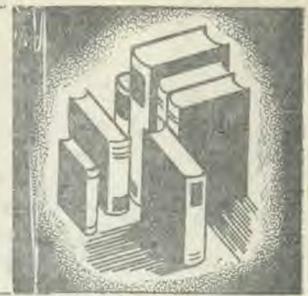


Publishing Department

A. R. HAIG — B. W. I. UNION SECRETARY

LOCAL MISSION SECRETARIES

East Jamaica Mission — W. U. Campbell West Jamaica Mission — B. E. Hurst



Colporteur Report — April, 1948

MISSIONS	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
Bahamas	453	£ 574 10 0	£ 341 2 3
Florida Honduras		No Report	
Caymans	7	2 1 0	1 8 0
East Jamaica	4901	1191 2 4	823 12 6
West Jamaica	4623	1034 3 3	640 13 3
Salt Cays		No Report	
TOTALS	9984	£2801 16 7	£1806 16 0

Lighting the Union With His Glory

Left, left, left, right, left. Eyes right. Eyes left. Eyes front. Left, left, left.

“Pray friends, who are these and what’s happening?” “These who goeth forth, ‘Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Terrible as an army with banners?’” Song of Solomon 6:10.

“Hush! Be still and pray; the Lord is among His people and He Himself is leading them. What you behold is the fulfillment of Rev. 18:1. The warriors shaking the highway with their rhythmic and steady tread, are our colporteurs—the light-bearers of Revelation, chapters 14 and 18.

“Visit our arsenal (Bible House); look into the faces of the heroes as they come and go for and with their ammunition. Listen to the hum! That is the “going of the sound in the mulberries” and greater victories are just ahead.

“The imps of hell are being flayed. Satan trembles; God’s soldiers are on the march—they are attacking and even the imps of limbo must clear the way. Books and Bibles are falling right and left. Hearts are surrendering everywhere. Surely the end is near.”

I met a brother in the States recently and he said, “Brother Haig, that *Great Controversy* you sold me eighteen years ago brought me into the truth—God bless you.” He is one of the fire-lighters of that city church.

Yesterday, in St. Elizabeth, I visited a family—mother, father, and daughter joined in. They said, “That book *Hope of the Race* is a wonderful book. It makes the truth plain. We have decided

to leave the ——— church and come over to the Advent church. We would not part with that book for anything.” And so the tramp keeps up, left, left, left, right, left, and the noble army with books, Bibles, and magazines, making Christ the centre of every canvass, hasten on apace the day of final and glorious victory.

For the first three months of 1948 our deliveries have been gratifying. £4436. 8. 6 have been delivered showing a gain of £1106. 14. 6 over the same period of last year.

God bless and guide our Publishing Secretaries and their committees. Grant unto them Lord, more wisdom and help us to see in our day, the fulfillment of our vision horn of faith, namely, “Christ for the Union and all the Union for Christ.”

And may God bless and honour the mothers who have given to the Cause such noble sons and daughters.

— A. R. HAIG.

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we can FINISH the work.

Will we be able to say that during the 1948 Ingathering Campaign the missions of the British West Indies Union were 100% for God? That means 100% of the goal reached, and 100% of the members taking part. The answer depends on YOU!!! Let’s make it over the top by June 26.

— W. L. BARCLAY.

Our Heroes’ Book of Acts for April

Report of the
Publishing Department of the
British West Indies Union,
April, 1948

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas Mission:			
Waldo, D. P. & C. E.	160	£382 1 0	£252 7 6
Ricketts, B. A.	112	117 12 0	40 15 0
East Jamaica Mission:			
Anderson, A. A.	128	72 10 0	10 12 6
Blake, W. E.	149	54 10 0	11 5 6
Cousins, C. S.	172	48 2 6	51 18 6
Davidson, L. H.	103	32 0 0	23 12 6
Davidson, Lurline	114	31 12 0	16 8 6
Dillon, Leslie	128	26 7 6	31 9 0
Horne, Samuel	105	22 4 0	26 16 0
King, J. M.	123	4 3 6	6 14 6
Lindsay, C. E.	128	51 6 0	1 8 6
Lalor, M. A.	128	6 13 6	9 15 6
Llewellyn, W. S.	137	38 4 0	4 15 0
Neale, Eric	163	23 10 0	6 4 0
Scott, Elkanah	228	38 2 6	18 1 0
Wilson, George	178	45 13 0	56 2 0
Whyte, Adina	123	32 10 6	1 12 6
Burgess, Ralph	111	68 12 6	79 14 0
Chin Sang, J.	225	145 17 0	65 0 0
West Jamaica Mission:			
Brown, V. E.	123	61 5 6	4 3 6
Carnegie, R. K.	174	16 8 11	23 5 0
Douse, Herman	127	58 9 6	24 11 0
Gilling, F. L.	136	22 18 6	8 14 6
Guthrie, Ira	181	7 8 0	18 16 6
Headley, A. C.	158	35 14 9	37 18 0
Hepburn, C. H.	184	17 7 8	30 16 9
Holmes, Mrs. L.	157	43 19 9	12 5 0
Kerr, Leonard	144	39 16 0	15 16 0
Lawrence, V. A.	175	29 2 6	12 10 0
Nesbitt, R. R.	149	51 1 0	4 11 0
Plummer, H. L.	181	62 12 0	12 11 0
Smith, M. V.	134	45 1 0	15 14 9
Spence, Alvin	138	25 4 0	14 6
Tharpe, C. H.	127	36 11 9	18 11 3
Wallace, A. O.	138	16 11 0	11 19 0
Wallace, R. B.	119	27 11 6	47 18 0

(In order to be a regular colporteur, men must put in at least 120 hours per month and women must put in at least 100 hours.)

More Colporteurs!
More Hours!
More Sales!
More Souls!



Church Building News

Since the last issue of the VISITOR appeared two more churches in the West Jamaica Mission have been completed and dedicated. Elder E. E. Parchment has continued to push the building work throughout the Union and Brother Felix Clayton has worked most faithfully in putting on the finishing touches to all of the churches completed, and he has also done a very fine work in preparing programmes to be rendered on the day of dedication.

On Sunday, May 2, the Newell Church was dedicated for the second time. Some years ago when the work began in Newell the interest developed so rapidly that the first building erected had to be replaced later by a much larger edifice. However, the Spirit of God constrained the believers of the Newell church to work so zealously during the past few years that even this enlarged building proved inadequate for the demands upon it. Brother Luther Mullings and many of the other faithful members of the Newell church have been real missionaries, and as a result the work has grown rapidly.

Some months ago it was decided to remodel the second building and make it about half again larger. This work was completed and the whole structure was renovated and painted, and it presented a very fine appearance to the large crowd who gathered for the re-dedication service. Pastor E. E. Parchment, who has charge of the church building work, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion and a very fine programme had been arranged.

The church choir under the able leadership of Brother Mullings rendered some very beautiful selections. Elder Nation as President of the West Jamaica Mission, played a prominent part on the programme and led out in the Act of Dedication immediately following the dedicatory sermon which was presented by the Union President. What a wonderful thing it would be if all our churches could catch the same vision of soul-winning as our Newell brethren and sisters have caught. The work would soon be finished in our beautiful island field.

Sunday, May 30, was a high day for the Bull Savannah believers. Almost three years to the day after they had commenced their work the building was fully completed and ready for dedication. Here again Elder E. E. Parchment and Brother Clayton had played a major role in leading the members of Bull Savannah to do exploits in their building programme. Dr. H. M. Johnston, who has been leading out in the work in this district along with his heavy duties as Medical Officer of Health for the St. Elizabeth Parish, had also done much in working with the believers in finishing up the building making it ready for dedication.

On the afternoon of May 30, a neat little church was filled to capacity with friends and expectant members. They were not disappointed in the splendid programme that was rendered. Here again Brother Clayton and his choir had prepared a number of very splendid musical items, and these together with very fitting recitations and other items usually presented at a church dedication composed a very interesting two hours. Dr. Johnston acted as Master of Ceremonies; the Union President preached the dedicatory sermon; Elder Nation lead out in the Act of Dedication and offered the dedicatory prayer.

Sunday, May 23, was a long-awaited day for the little company of believers at Cold Spring, St. James Parish, together with our friends who had gathered for the stone-laying service of our newly-erected church home. Brethren T. A. Knott and Z. Haughton together with other members of the Vaughansfield church had been carrying on meetings in Cold Spring for some months and a very fine interest has been created. The little church building has been raised up almost to completion without any financial help from the Mission. They expect to complete and dedicate the building this year when the company will be organized into a full-fledged church. Pastor W. S. Nation, President of the West Jamaica Mission preached the stone-laying sermon and a goodly number of friends and members took part in laying stones.

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building—that is one of the best ways to kill the church!

If there are some earnest workers in the church who are always willing to do their part financially and otherwise here is a splendid opportunity for you to raise a loud hue and cry about the church

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being run by a little "clique." Don't do anything yourself but be sure to roundly censure anyone else who tries to!

Then of course, don't overlook the possibilities in raking the district pastor, the Conference President and the other workers over the coals quite frequently. They don't get around very often and they don't take the personal interest in you that they should! It is true your pastor may have 15 or 20 churches to shepherd and your Conference President may be burdened down with the care of a hundred churches and heavy administrative problems but don't let that deter you—give them each a good tongue-lashing. Of course that won't make them want to help you any more but it will be worth it just to get it "off your chest."

Now if your church is dead—with no surging of spiritual life coursing through the veins of its members, with no programme and few members bothering to turn out for meeting, stop and take stock of the situation. Who is to blame? Just pause a moment, take a good long look at yourself in a mirror and then read the following little story I clipped out of an old *Readers' Digest*:

"Coming to a small Oklahoma town to be pastor of his first church, the enthusiastic Reverend W. B. Alexander was met with the flat statement that he was wasting his time, that the church was dead. Finally in desperation he placed a notice in the local paper that, since the church was dead, the funeral would be held the next Sunday afternoon. The church was crowded by the curious who were rewarded by the sight of a huge coffin covered with flowers. After reading the obituary, the Rev. Mr. Alexander invited the people to pay their last respects. As the long queue passed by, each looked into the coffin, then glanced guiltily away. In the bottom of the coffin lay a mirror, solemnly reflecting the last remains of the church in the startled faces of the congregation."

Yes, brethren and sisters, if our church is dead it is because individual members have lost their vision, laid down their tools and have gone to sleep! Are you guilty of being a murderer of a church? If so, won't you pray God most earnestly to revive your soul, clarify your vision and rekindle the fires of your first love? Time is short. We have no time to spare