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SOLEMN INSTRUCTION

Those who are truly converted are called to do a work that requires money and consecration. The obligation that binds us to place our names on the church roll holds us responsible to work for God to the utmost of our ability. He calls for undivided service, for the entire devotion of heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Christ has brought us into the church capacity that He may engage and engross all our capabilities in devoted service for the salvation of souls. Anything short of this is opposition to the work. There are only two places in the world where we can deposit our treasures,—in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to Christ's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause. . .

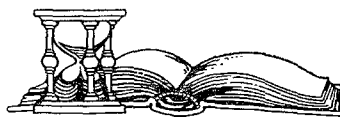
A flood of light is shining from the word of God, and there must be an awakening to neglected opportunities. When all are faithful in giving back to God His own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message for this time.

If the hearts of God's people were filled with love for Christ, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the Spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home or foreign missions. Our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God. . . —*Testimonies, Vol. 6, pp. 445-453.*



God provided bread for His people in the wilderness by a miracle of mercy, and He could have provided everything necessary for religious service; but He did not, because in His infinite wisdom He saw that the moral discipline of His people depended upon their co-operating with Him, every one doing something. As long as truth is progressive, the claims of God rest upon men to give of that which He has intrusted to them for this very purpose.

All things are ready, but the church is apparently upon enchanted ground. When they shall arouse, and lay their prayers, their wealth, and all their energies and resources, at the feet of Jesus, the cause of truth will triumph. Angels are amazed that Christians do so little, when such an example has been given them by Jesus, who even withheld not Himself from death—a shameful death. . . —*Testimonies, Vol. 4, pp. 469, 475.*



THE BIBLE STUDY

DUTIES AND PROMISES FOR HARD TIMES

Q. 1. How much in this world belongs to the Lord?

ANS. Psalm 24: 1. The earth and its fullness, and we ourselves.

Q. 2. Why does the Lord claim these as His?

ANS. Psalm 24: 2. Because He created them all.

Q. 3. What special reason is given in addition to the Creation?

ANS. 1 Cor. 6: 20. He has redeemed us, or, bought us.

Q. 4. How then do we possess what we have?

ANS. Matt. 25: 14; Deut. 8: 18. He gives us all we have as stewards.

NOTE. This means that we are not our own (1 Cor. 6: 19, 20) nor are our possessions of any kind our own. He delivers to us "His goods" (Matt. 25: 14) as an estate owner delivers to the Busher his estates, to care for and make profitable. The parable in Matt. 25, from verse 14, shows that if we prove unfaithful or unprofitable stewards of God's gifts, we will be destroyed at the last great day. See verses 24-31.

Q. 5. What is our great danger of forgetting?

ANS. Deut. 8: 11-17; James 1: 17, 18; Psalm 68: 19. That the necessities of life come to us from the Lord.

Q. 6. How much has God promised to us in Christ?

ANS. Rom. 8: 32. All things.

Q. 7. What does the Lord expect us to do with what he gives us?

ANS. Luke 6: 38. Give liberally.

Q. 8. How will the Lord deal with us in this matter?

ANS. Ibid. He promises to give us more than we give Him.

Q. 9. With what spirit should we give to Him?

ANS. 2 Cor. 9: 7. Cheerfully and without grudging.

Q. 10. If we adopt a miserly policy with the Lord, how will He treat us?

ANS. 2 Cor. 9: 6. He will deal with us the same way.

NOTE. If we are very poor, it would seem that we should examine our past dealings with the Lord. If we have property, and they do not profit us, we should ascertain whether we are robbing the Lord by unfaithful stewardship. If our crops perish by pests, storms, or other visitations, we should know the reason. There may be times when the Lord is trying our faith. But we should know definitely whether this is so or not. Never forget that the Lord, Who is the embodiment of love and kindness, expects the person with one talent to be just as faithful

as those with more. He does not expect as much from them, but he does expect a cheerful and profitable relationship to be maintained between His cause and every member. On this day of fasting and prayer, we should look into our own standing in this solemn matter.

Q. 11. What should we not neglect when attending church?

ANS. Psalm 96: 8, 9. To bring an offering for the Lord.

Q. 12. If we are faithful, what will the Lord do in our trouble days?

ANS. Psalm 34: 9, 10. He will see that we do not want for any good thing.

Q. 13. Will this faithfulness ever make us beggars?

ANS. Psalm 37: 25-28. No, we shall be preserved forever.

Q. 14. What has the Lord promised the poor and needy?

ANS. Isaiah 41: 17-20; Isaiah 33: 15, 16. Their food will be sure.

Q. 15. What class of church members will the angels gather to Jesus when He comes?

ANS. Psalm 50: 5. Those who have covenanted with Him *by sacrifice*.

ED.

CURRENT OBSERVATIONS

They used to say (and we believe there is truth in it) that there is a silver lining to every cloud. A member of the British House of Commons recently showed that in spite of the prevailing unemployment "The working people of Great Britain are saving more money than ever." The total deposited in the Savings Banks March 31, 1931, was 371 millions—a net increase for the year of £13,500,000, which is the largest reported since 1921.

Besides this the funds of the Building Societies increased by over £50,000,000 to £371,000,000. In the counties where the unemployment is the greatest, the proportion of thrift equalled that of the other counties. Then, too, luxuries have not decreased. Men and women smoke, eat sweets, gamble, attend the movies, etc., as freely as ever.

Men blame the politicians for the present financial crisis, but we blame the devil, who is seeking to prevent the onward advance of the work of the Lord. Our colporteurs do not believe in giving the devil his own way, and they are keeping up the record, and finding the money. They are working more hours, it is true, but they do not believe in paying too much attention to the boisterous waves of depression. They keep their eyes on Christ, by Whose mighty power they come off more than conquerors.

Sir Oliver Lodge, the world-famous scientist, attained to his 80th birthday re-

cently, and is still "going strong." He is a great exponent of Spiritualism, and now informs the world with all the wisdom (so called) of his occult vision, "That we can at least admit the possibility of another world. It will be a spiritual world which interacts with the material world and yet is not of it."

He further avers that it will soon be found that, "Man is not the highest being of which we have cognizance, but that there are a multitude of intelligences otherwise, some of them far more highly endowed than ourselves."

Now, if Sir Oliver could leave his spiritualistic theories out of count, and just believe the Word of God, he would find that for thousands of years it has declared that man was made "little lower than the angels," and that our foes are not of this world, so that in life's struggle we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6: 12; Psalm 8: 4, 5. The Word also emphasizes the ministry of heavenly angels: Heb. 1: 13, 14, and Psalm 34: 7, etc.

But Sir Oliver and we should not dabble with diabolical and deceiving spirits that work through mediums and other occult agencies to impose their deceptions upon us. They are not the spirits of the dead, as they assert themselves to be. "The dead know not anything. . . . Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun." Eccl. 9: 4-6. The claim made by those wicked spirits is that they are those who once lived on this earth as men and women, whereas they are found perverters of the truth. They are the spirits of devils, who abode not in the truth, and were cast out of heaven. II Pet. 2: 4; Rev. 12: 7-9, 12. Spiritualism has never brought any light to this world but has led many into outer darkness.

A great feat has been recently achieved by a Swiss scientist and another, in reaching the height of ten miles above the earth in a gondola about six feet square, which was attached to a balloon which carried them higher than any human being had been known to ascend, except those who have ascended to heaven.

In answer to the questions put to them on the completion of their descent, they said they felt no worse; all their instruments were perfectly preserved. The sky from the highest point, appeared as dark blue, and no stars could be seen.

The Anglican Church finds itself in a difficult situation, being short of eleven

REMEMBER THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

“Sanctify Ye a Fast.”

For the Church Service, August 15.

We find the command in Joel (1: 14), the prophet of the last days, whose visions portrayed experiences we are now meeting as those which herald the hastening of the Day of the Lord.

If we enter into the spirit of this Fast, what will be the result? The answer is found in chapter 2: 18, 19. The Lord will pity us, and send the supply of our needs for the finishing of His great work.

There was a sense of deep solemnity brooding over each heart as we met together at our office altar one morning. The workers were impressed with the tragedy of our present financial situation.

With the rest of the world, our dear people in Jamaica are feeling the pinch of the present financial crisis, and the results are seen in the decreasing tithes and offerings; and as the President sought the counsel of the workers, laying out the situation as it appeared to him, a prayerful spirit was manifested.

We all realized that, with between twenty millions and thirty millions of persons out of work in the civilized world, we could expect no material improvement, especially as the situation is really the fruitage of reckless international expenditure connected with the great war of 1914-1918, to which may be added the extravagant indulgence of the world in unremunerative pleasure and folly.

Yet the world-need was never greater. Nothing less than the most powerful demonstration of the power of the gospel to save men, can ever bring the world to a stable balance. If ever there was a time when the glory of the angel of Revelation 18 was demanded, it is NOW. This means, that whatever may be the conditions around us, we dare not weaken or diminish our soul-saving evangelism. If we would save souls, it is NOW or NEVER.

So, as we discussed what could be done for our little part of the vineyard, and surveyed the crisis in our own field, we decided that we cannot reduce the wages of our workers, for they are already set low, and the cost of living has not reduced as in other parts of the world. To cut our workers down now would involve them in very difficult embarrassment.

Then, if we reduce our staff of workers, how can we carry on the work? and who shall be dispensed with? We felt that such a policy, if it ever comes, must come as the very last resort.

The plan of asking our members to make a special offering appeared as the only wise solution of the problem. It met unanimous approval; and, as the discussion proceeded, the suggestion contained

in our headline was accepted; for we all know that

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

Four thousand shillings sounds like a large goal. But when it is spread over nearly that number of members, it is not such a great sacrifice after all. Then, too, it is something VERY SPECIAL, to meet a VERY SPECIAL CRISIS. We realize that it will be hard enough for some to part with a few shillings at this time, but after you have placed it in the treasury, you will not miss it. If you do, your sacrifice will not nearly measure up to the sacrifice that Jesus made for you.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE?

Maybe you can double the amount that first comes to your mind. And if you think a little, you will desire to double that. Then if you kneel down and say, “Lord, how much would'st Thou desire me to give?” He may ask you to double that again. Try it.

A BEAUTIFUL ASSURANCE: “The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation and suffer for want of food, they will not be left to perish. That God who cared for Elijah will not pass by one of His self-sacrificing children. He who numbers the hairs of their heads will care for them, and in time of famine they shall be satisfied. While the wicked are dying from hunger and pestilence, angels will shield the righteous and supply their wants. ‘To him that walketh righteously,’ is the promise, ‘When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I, the God of Israel will not forsake them.’”—*Great Controversy, page 629.*

It was in the early days. The truth had only recently been brought to an island where Queen Victoria spent a part of each winter, because of its warmer climate. She had some charming palaces there, and when she resided in one of them, many rich families would also go and live near to her.

Not far from one of these palaces, there lived a gentleman whose home was brightened by a devoted mother and seven tiny boys and girls, who had learned to love Jesus. They made their living by conveying passengers and luggage to and from the island to the main-land, and Saturday was the great day for taking in much money.

At that time the Third Angel's Message was brought to that home, and they all

began to observe the true sabbath. But this took away the gains of the best trading day of the week; and because their boats would no more ply on Saturdays, the people began to despise this family and refused to have any dealings with them.

So things grew dark and darker. Yet they continued to give to the Lord faithfully, never allowing their loss of trade to reduce their offerings. But one day, when boating was specially depressed, the father came home with no money. The next day it was the same, and the next, and it continued for several days, until the day came when there was no food of any kind in the house.

Mother and father prayed earnestly that the Lord would give them bread, just for the sake of their children. They set the table, placing the knives and dishes on a clean cloth, and then they would kneel down and ask the Lord to fill the plates. But he tried their faith, and the little ones had to go to bed without food. The next day the experience was repeated. But they prayed on. Again no money from the boats. Poor mother's heart was at breaking point when her baby cried for food and there was none. And when the older ones knelt around the empty table, they would weep with hunger. Thus the second day ended, and they were put to bed by a starving mother whose heart bled for her weakening children.

When they were all asleep, mother and father knelt together and pleaded with the Lord for help, and they told Him that if He let them die they would hold on to the truth.

Thus they prayed until it was getting late, and they went to rest, believing the Lord would yet hear prayer, and He did. Next morning there was a loud knocking at the fence that surrounded the back yard. They had been talking together and saying how they would never beg, because people would blame the message for their poverty, and this knocking interrupted them. Hastening to the fence, Sister Blank found her neighbour with a huge hamper of food which Queen Victoria had sent from a banquet held the night before, and the lady invited them to take it.

Spreading the sumptuous repast, they gathered around the now well-replenished table, knelt down and thanked the Lord for answered prayer. The food lasted for several days, and the boats began to bring in returns, and from that day to this the dear family have not wanted for any good thing.

This was one of the first families to accept the truth in the British Isles, and the mother told me this story to inspire my faith and confidence in God, and it did.

Ed.

OVERFLOW COMES TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

The Spirit of Sacrifice of Early Pioneers.

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." I Cor. 1: 27.

We have a wonderful fulfilment of the above statement of Scripture in the rise and development of the work of the Third Angel's Message. We, living today, can hardly conceive of the weakness and poverty that characterized the early days of this cause. Some things begin large and end small—while others have a small beginning and grow to splendid proportions of influence and power. "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth." Zech. 4:10. Many people did despise the small beginning of this message, but today the people of the world admire the work that Seventh-day Adventists are doing in all the earth, working as we are in over 400 languages.

The early pioneers, with a conviction born of heaven that the time had come in the Providence of God for the proclamation of the message of Revelation, began in humble faith, poverty, and scanty resources to herald the message. God blessed their feeble efforts by giving them His Spirit. These pioneers, with such a sublime task as they believed had been committed them of heaven, were willing and glad to endure hardships and to sacrifice their all for the advancement of the cause of truth that they loved. The foundations of this movement were laid, therefore, sure and steadfast in the rock of loyalty, devotion, and sacrifice—a spirit that is well worthy of our imitation in these latter days—these days when the work is to be finished in all the earth. To them was given the privilege of laying the foundation and beginning this great task committed to the remnant church. To us now living is given the equally glorious privilege of completing the work.

As a little example of the extreme poverty that characterized the beginnings of this work, I will give the following incidents quoted from the book "Divine Providences."

"When we received the light upon the fourth commandment, there were about twenty-five Adventists in Maine who observed the Sabbath; but these were so diverse in sentiment upon other points of doctrine, and so scattered in location, that their influence was very small. There was about the same number, in similar condition, in other parts of New

England." There were, therefore, about fifty persons, as far as these people knew, in the world, who were in sympathy with the messages these Sabbath-keepers believed and advocated. They were all poor and from the humbler walks of life, and without any influence; for the religious world had not yet recovered from the shock of Adventism.

"We entered upon our work penniless, with few friends, and broken in health. Mrs. W. had suffered ill health from a child, and although I had inherited a powerful constitution, imprudence in study at school and in lecturing had made me a dyspeptic. In this condition, without means, with very few who sympathized with us in our views, without a paper, and without books, we entered upon our work. Most of our meetings were held in private houses. Our congregations were small." p. 84. So this work started in extreme poverty—the pioneers were "penniless."

In the year 1852 Elder and Sister White rented a house in Rochester, N. Y., in which they installed the first printing press of the denomination. It was in this city that they set up their first house-keeping on their own responsibility. In writing to another, of their experiences, Sister White said: "You would smile if you could look in upon us, and see our furniture. We have bought two old bedsteads for twenty-five cents each. My husband brought me home six old chairs, no two of them alike, for which he paid one dollar, and soon he presented me with four more old chairs without any seating, for which he paid sixty-two cents. The frames are strong, and I have been seating them with drilling, etc."

"One of the smaller rooms on the lower floor was the printing office. Two of the lower rooms, with folding doors between, served as a meeting-room for the very little company of Sabbath-keepers in the city."

Just another worthy example of the spirit of sacrifice of the founders of this work: Joseph Bates, a sea captain, when the light of the "present truth" came to him, sold out his shipping business and used his all for the advancement of the message, until he too, like Elder and Mrs. White, was "penniless." It is related that on one occasion while Elder Bates was in prayer to God, the conviction came upon him that he should write a book, feeling assured that in some way God would provide the means for its publication. While seated at his desk with Bible and Concordance, he began to write. The following incident in this connection serves to illus-

trate how fully he had used his all for the advancement of the work, and how fully he had sacrificed to see the truth advanced.

"In the course of an hour, Mrs. Bates came into the room and said, 'Joseph, I haven't flour enough to make out the baking,' and at the same time mentioned some other little articles that she needed. 'How much flour do you lack?' asked Captain Bates. 'About four pounds,' was her reply. 'Very well,' replied he. After she had left the room, he went to a store near by, purchased the four pounds of flour and other articles, brought them home, and again seated himself at his writing desk. Presently Mrs. Bates came in and saw the articles on the table and exclaimed, 'Where did this flour come from?' 'Why,' said the Captain, 'Is not there enough? You said you wanted four pounds.' 'Yes' she said, 'but where did you get it?' 'I bought,' said he; 'is not that the amount you wanted to complete the baking?' 'Yes,' continued Mrs. Bates, 'but have you, Captain Bates, a man who has sailed vessels out of New Bedford to all parts of the world been out and bought four pounds of flour?' 'Yes, was not that the amount you needed to complete the baking?' 'Yes,' said Mrs. Bates, 'but have you bought four pounds of flour?'

"Another trial soon followed. When Captain Bates left the sea, he sold out his interest in a ship for \$11,000, but now he had spent his all to advance the cause of truth. Up to this date, Mrs. Bates did not know his true financial condition, but he felt that he must now acquaint her with it, so he calmly said, 'Wife, I spent for those articles the last money I have on earth.' With bitter sobs Mrs. Bates inquired, 'What are we going to do?' The captain arose and, with all the dignity of a captain directing a vessel, said, 'I am going to write a book; I am going to circulate it, and spread this Sabbath truth before the world.' 'Well,' said Mrs. Bates through blinding tears, 'what are we going to live on?' 'The Lord is going to open the way,' was Captain Bates' smiling reply. 'Yes,' said Mrs. Bates, 'the Lord is going to open the way. That is what you always say;' and bursting into tears she left the room.

"After Captain Bates had continued his work for half an hour, the impression came to him to go to the post office, as there was a letter there for him. He went, and sure enough there was a letter. In those days the postage on a letter was five cents, and repayment was optional. The writer of this letter had for some reason failed to pay the postage. And here again Captain Bates was humbled, as he was obliged to tell the postmaster, Mr. Drew, with whom he was well acquainted,

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that he could not pay the postage as he had no money; but he said, 'Will you let me see where it is from?' 'Take it along' said the postmaster, 'and pay some other time.' 'No,' said the Captain, 'I will not take the letter out of the office until the postage is paid.' While he had the letter in his hand, he said, 'I am of the opinion that there is money in this letter,' and turning to the postmaster, he asked, 'Will you please open it? If there is any money in it, you can take the postage out; if not, I will not read it.' The postmaster complied with the request, and lo! it contained a ten dollar bill. He found, by reading, that the letter was from a person who said that the Lord so impressed his mind that Elder Bates was in need of money that he hastened it to him; and in his haste he probably forgot to pay the postage.

With this ten dollars Elder Bates made some further necessary purchases of food for the home.

"He then went to the printing-office and made arrangements for publishing one thousand copies of a tract of about one hundred pages, with the understanding that as the copy was furnished the printers were to put it in type as rapidly as possible, sending proofs to him. He was to pay for the work as fast as he received the money, and the books were not

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Stories about Giving.

Ashamed Not to Give

"A little boy sitting next to a lady in church noticed that she had nothing for the offering plate. His own offering was in his hand; but as the deacon approached, the little fellow seemed greatly disturbed because his seatmate seemed entirely unprepared for the offering. The situation appeared to him to be serious, for when the deacon got within a few pews' distance, he handed over his silver piece to the lady, as he whispered in her ear: 'Take this, and I will get under the seat till he goes by.' Such sensitive souls as this boy are exceedingly rare. We have seen the collection plate in the gallery of a city church pass thirty people at one time without receiving a cent, but they did not appear to be disturbed in the slightest."

A Living Thief

"A minister was talking with a man who professed conversion. 'Have you united with a church?' he asked him.

"'No; the dying thief never united with the church and he went to heaven,' was the answer. 'Have you ever sat at the Lord's table of the sacrament?' 'No; the dying thief never did, and he was accept-

to be taken from the office until the bills were all paid." p. 89

If this same spirit of love, loyalty, and sacrifice should fill the heart of every believer today, how rapidly the message would advance, even in these times of financial depression! Nothing can stay the progress of a cause built upon the platform of *sacrifice*. If all our people today would sacrifice as did those early pioneers, how quickly the means would flow into the treasury of the Lord, and how soon would all the world be warned and Jesus come to gather his loyal subjects!

I am sure that every Seventh-day Adventist in Jamaica will regard this appeal for *Four Thousand Shillings*, called for to help in the support of the cause in this time of financial stress, as an opportunity to demonstrate his love and loyalty to the Cause. Many individuals can and will give five, ten, or twenty or more shillings, in order that the full *Four Thousand* may be raised. The minimum should be *One Shilling* per member. Let all co-operate that this plan may be a glorious success, and thus share in the reward of those who make sacrifices.

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5.

ed.' 'Have you given to missions?' 'No; the dying thief did not, and he was not judged for it.' 'Well, my friend, the difference between you two seems to be that he was a dying thief and you are a living thief.'"

The Goodness Of God

"A writer tells of a friend who literally kept a daily book account with the Lord. On one side he put down all he did for God; on the other side he put down what the Lord did for him. If a friend helped or cheered him, he put that down. If he was sick and then was restored, he put it down. All favours and mercies he recorded. After a few weeks of this bookkeeping he gave it up. 'It's no use,' he said, 'I can never get a balance. I am always hopelessly in debt.' That is the story of every life—the divine goodness overflows." — *From the Australasian Missionary Leader.*

Giving Silver and Gold

"Let us conclude our meeting by uniting in singing hymn 102, omitting the fourth stanza," announced the presiding officer, with an effort not to appear hurried. Number 102 was a favourite hymn, and the society sang heartily:

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.'

"'Madam President,' said a voice when the third verse had been sung, 'I am opposed to omitting that fourth stanza.' People looked in amazement, for Miss Sparkman had never opposed anything in the society before. Almost unconsciously the women opened the hymn books they had just closed, to see the fourth stanza. Miss Sparkman read aloud the words of the omitted verse:

"Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.'

"'I'm opposed to omitting the fourth stanza,' said the little lady. 'If it were just in our singing it wouldn't be so bad, but we are omitting it in the life of our society. The amount of money that has come into our treasury this year is shamefully small. The appeals from our mission fields are read, and we listen to them and say placidly, "How interesting!" but we "omit the fourth stanza."'" — *The Missionary Review of the World.*

Like a Little Child

It was a sad meeting when Pastor Blank stood up and told of the need of money to send the Message to heathen that have been waiting for years and asking for a teacher to teach them about the Man that died to save them. Some thirty persons sat in quiet bewilderment, as the pledge papers were passed around, for they were "so poor," they said; and eight little boys and girls sat on the front seat with empty hands and pockets, glancing around to see what their parents would tell them to do. But no pledge came, and the silence of the moment seemed cruel to bear, until little eight-year-old Willie stood up and said, "I'll give my goat." At that moment the sun sent its rays through the window, and something glistened on the pastor's cheek as he said, "Praise the Lord!" Then the business began, and in a few moments every pledge was filled in, and the pastor said, "Every one, children as well as the older ones, has contributed, and the Lord will bless little Willie." A year after, every one said that, though they had nothing to give, they gave, but they had not missed what they gave. Somehow, the Lord works that way. ED.

Consecrated Money

The Christian is to learn, in its practical and spiritual significance, that the silver and the gold, and the cattle on a thousand hills are the Lord's, and that God requires His people to hold them, use them, or part with them, as He shall direct, in sacred recognition of His ownership and His right to their use.

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There is wealth in the hands of the professed followers of God. O that this might be consecrated to the work, set apart by the prayers of the faithful, and accepted and blessed by the Master!

The church needs means. Men and women are to be sent abroad and supported as ambassadors of Christ; the Bible is to be translated; churches and mission dwellings are to be erected; printing establishments to be maintained, and an extensive circulation of Christian literature is to be effected. All these things require money.

Christians should be the last people in the world to despise money. With all diligence and industry, with all honesty of heart and benevolence of purpose, they should labour to make money; not that they may hoard up stores for heirs they know not whom, or for purposes they know not what, but that they may use it in fitting stones for the living temple.
—Joseph Johnson

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hundred clergymen to fill her pulpits in the British Isles. It is now proposed to erect a broadcasting machine from which one clergyman could preach to many congregations, but their constituents object to what they call "mechanical service."

All is not gold that glitters with the Papacy. Having announced himself as King over all the earth, the Pope is experiencing the uneasiness of him who wears the crown. It was Italy that gave him a kingdom about one mile square, and now it is Italy that is making things lively for the prelate. A short time ago, the British Government showed its resentment over Papal interference with the Government of Malta by changing its form of government and appointing a man "not wanted" by the papacy at the head.

Spain has not only changed the form of its government, but has driven papal representatives from her country, burnt her ecclesiastical institutions to the ground, such as nunneries, churches, and abbeys; while thousands of nuns and priests have had to flee from the country.

We suggest that Christ has not authorized His church to exercise political dominion anywhere. "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," is His policy. "My kingdom is not of this world," He said, and when the church enters the political arena, the Lord does not go with her, for it is contrary to every principle of His gospel, which works both ways—separating all civil and political interests from those that are spiritual, and enjoining upon every Christian to honour and submit to the king or government where he resides. Our Lord did that when he allowed Himself to be crucified by the civil decree, and

both Paul and Peter submitted in like manner. Let the Pope do the same, and many of his troubles will cease. ED.

OUR NAME.

What's in a name! What is in OUR name? The Bible attaches much importance to the name given to an individual. It either represents his character or his work. Bible places often received specific names to memorialize certain experiences or events connected with them.

It was in October 1860 that our pioneers decided that our name as a body of believers should clearly define our faith. In considering the matter several names were suggested, but in each case our faith was not clearly defined, nor were we clearly distinguished from other bodies of professed Christians. Finally, "The name Seventh-day Adventist was chosen because it carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the enquiring mind. Like an arrow from the Lord's quiver, it will wound the transgressors of God's law, and will lead to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."—*Testimonies, Vol. I, pp. 223, 224.*

We think our spiritual forebears made a wise choice, for under other names any fanatics might cover their true spiritual colours and impose themselves upon the world, being wolves in sheep's clothing, as they often do.

There is only one body of Seventh-day Adventists. By various affixes and appendages to this name men have endeavoured to pose as one with and of us, thus covering up their apostasies and separation. But the good old name stands representative of that mighty movement called out to fulfil those Bible predictions which moved the world around 1844, and which still moves to prepare a remnant from all nations and races for the coming of our Lord. There are various departments of our work, and great and small divisions of territory. But the Seventh-day Adventist body is one. It has no *branches*. Let us keep it distinct. ED.

A PREDICTION FULFILLED

"An old Aztec Indian lay dying in his hut in the little village of Hueyapan, Mexico. Around him were gathered his children, relatives and friends for a last look and a last farewell. His father and others had told him of the culture, grandeur, and wealth of the ancient Aztec kingdom that ruled over Mexico when Columbus came to America; and how the Spanish conquerors gave to Mexico a new religion, turning its people from human sacrifice and pagan worship to the Christian's light. But when this new faith from Europe reached the Mexican shores, it

had already been corrupted with the paganism of the old world, and it quickly mingled with, and became contaminated by Montezuma's creeds and rituals. Therefore after 400 years, its rays had failed to dispel Mexico's darkness. The withering influence of illiteracy, ignorance and vice, bringing physical wretchedness, decay, and hopeless poverty was still felt in the land.

"With his fast failing strength, the dying Aztec urged that his children look for a greater and purer light. With clear, unflinching faith he predicted to his sons that it would certainly come. Then followed a brief, stoical farewell and the sleep of death closed the father's eyes and silenced his tongue. After the customary mourning and simple funeral service, Antonio Ramirez, one of the sons, discovered, while looking over his father's possessions, a copy of the Spanish paper, "El Mensajera de la Verdad." Later on he read the paper and discovered the great light, the promised message, the fulfilment of his dying father's prediction. For nine years Antonio studied the paper. He pondered over how this paper came to be with his father's things. He wondered if his father had read this wonderful story of salvation. Then, one morning with a prayer for guidance, he wrote the Editor asking for more information. He at once subscribed for the paper, and then bought more literature and a Bible. His study soon led him to Christ and to a new and clean life. Later on he was baptized, but was without a church, for he was the first believer in this new found faith in all that part of Mexico. But he was not alone long. Through his missionary efforts he brought the light to many others, and when the writer visited him recently one Sabbath morning, he took him to the center of his village, and there stood a beautiful white chapel. Pulling the rope that rang the bell, the church was soon filled with members, all fruit of his missionary work. After a beautiful service, Brother Antonio took me to a near-by village where he had been working as an overseer on a large 'hacienda.' Entering a house, I found it filled with people and learned that they too were all recent converts of Antonio, won by the faithful labour of this one good man who carried the message to others with marvelous success."
J. B. NELSON

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

This year England felt the strongest earthquake and suffered from the greatest storm it ever knew.

In my last letter I mentioned that I had been informed of some people in an out-

of-the-way district that were keeping the Sabbath. Owing to the continuous rain, I could not get to them. However, last Sabbath was a dry day, so I visited them last Sunday morning. I had to wade through mud and water and was wet up to my knees. On my arrival, I found fourteen keeping the Sabbath and waiting to know more about the truth.

The work started this way: one brother who is in the baptismal class met a man from that district and gave him a study on the Sabbath question. As he called for more instruction, I visited him and cleared up all the points over which he had doubts, and he began to keep the Sabbath. Then he passed what he had learned on to others until what I have reported was the result.

I have had some further studies with them, and distributed many papers among them, and they have bought a lot of Big Week books.

I started the Tabernacle meetings last night, and the attendance was good. I am doing all I can, and with God's blessing, I am hoping for a good harvest of souls.

H. P. LAWSON.

A peep into the College Wood-work shop this week was very cheering. Everything seemed to be humming with business. Doors, window-screens, cupboards, and furniture were being assembled. We greatly admired a little chest of drawers, a porch swing, and other furniture that was almost ready for delivery. In view of the condition of trade in the Island, we were cheered by the report that the shop is about snowed under with work.

We happened to be on hand on the evening when the ladies of the College entertained (as they do in alternate years) the gentlemen for an evening. Plans had been laid for a field day in connection with the Big Week, but the rain "washed that out of count." So that was the night chosen for the programme—one of the best we have seen in Jamaica. It was distinctly schooly, carried out with institutional promptness and skill. We are wondering how the gentlemen will fare when they return the compliment—especially in the production of such cake and ice-cream! The "Faculty meeting" at which the ladies discussed the young men, was very entertaining, and we are looking forward to hearing the return criticisms when the tables are turned and the young men have the young ladies on the green carpet! Miss Bignall makes a fine chairman, and the promoters may well be proud of their achievement.

The Orange Church has enjoyed a six days visit by Pastor Geo. E. A. Smith,

April 18-23. Many who had never known the sweetness of meeting the Lord on the Sabbath day attended the first night and listened while their thoughts were carried back to Eden, whence this memorial was established . . . On Sunday the Church business was dealt with, and at the night meeting Brother H. D. Troupe as local Church Elder, and Brother Anderson as a deacon, were ordained. The night meetings were of special interest as resulting in the gain of two gentlemen, while two families are at the point of decision.

PETER GRANT

"The Lord moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." On every hand we see signs of the work being cut short in righteousness. Just recently in the district of Cherry-Hill our beloved and devoted sister in Christ, Mrs. Emily Scott, departed this life to await the call of the Life giver. During the years of her fellowship with us she was much ridiculed; but now that she is dead, many have become interested who were once bitter enemies to the truth. Shortly after the death of this dear Sister the writer started house-to-house Bible studies in that District with the result that five are now keeping the Sabbath, and many are interested. I spent Sabbath, 20th, with this new company to start them in the right way of Sabbath keeping. We also started a Sabbath school with ten. Pray for us that these interested ones might take their stand for the truth soon, before the forever too-late appears. May the dear Lord water the seeds sown by his divine grace, that souls may be garnered into His Kingdom. To Him be Glory, now and forever. Amen.

MOORE PARK.

A later word from Pastor H. P. Lawson gives the following: "A few days ago a man found a few copies of the *Review and Herald* between the limbs of a tree. He took them home and read them and became interested. He told me of a prediction made by Mrs. White that God would burn Battle Creek with fire, and it came to pass as was predicted. He was puzzled over the return of Elijah. I took up a study with him on that subject, and when I was through he decided to be a Seventh-day Adventist. This is another evidence of the way the Lord is working. I am expecting to see quite a number of new faces this coming Sabbath."

"We are very proud of our response to the Big Week demands this year. The cooperation of our brethren has been splendid. We are suffering from a very squeezing financial depression in this section,

yet this is the best Big Week we have had. Much credit is due to Brother E. F. Langley, who disposed of one half of our books."

W. E. LANGLEY.

BLUE HOLE.

From all parts of the Northern side of the Island, East and West, we have received reports of the unprecedented rains and floods that have reduced the people to a state of want and apprehension. For over two months flood after flood has deluged everywhere and interfered with the regular business of marketing, upon which so many depend. In our churches the effect has been disheartening, for meeting after meeting has been spoiled, and in many cases, Sabbath school has not met for two or three weeks at a stretch. This, naturally, has interfered with our evangelical aspirations, for even the Tabernacle meetings have been "washed out." Pastor Lawson's Tabernacle has scarcely been used for two months, and we hear that Pastor Smith is in a like predicament. Surely we are in the last days.

OCHO RIOS

Was the scene of a very interesting service on July 7, when a large concourse of people took their seats beneath the substantial cocoanut tabernacle that had been erected on the floor of the new church building. The foundation, which shows a new departure in designing, has a wide frontage to the road, and a porch entrance extending sideways with the building. The north entrance is entered by a flight of steps, from which the foundation of concrete extends. Substantial if temporary seats were arranged so that those who attended the ceremony of stone-laying could do so with comfort. A raised platform on the South end was occupied by a large and distinguished number of guests, among whom we noticed the Rev. Mr. Brown, Baptist minister, Mr. Little, the local Wesleyan school-master, Mr. and Mrs. Grounds, Mrs. Rathbun, Pastor and Mrs. B. A. Meeker, Mrs. F. G. Clifford, Brother Walker of Guy's Hill, who led the singing, and Pastors A. R. Ogden, H. J. Edmed, and H. Fletcher, with others. Fifteen stones were laid.

The President of the Conference occupied the chair. Pastor A. R. Ogden gave a stirring address, and Pastor Fletcher gave the history of the enterprise. Mrs. B. A. Meeker sang two solos in her usual sweet style. Letters were read from Mrs. Fisher, and Mr. Goldsmith, expressing regret at their inability to attend and inclosing substantial donations. In a neat little speech Mr. Little eulogized the ideals of our body, emphasizing our views on the subject of Religious Liberty. The Rev. Mr. Brown closed a very interesting service

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by pronouncing the benediction. The collection amounted to £18. 5. 3.

We should not omit to mention that the President took this opportunity to thank publicly the doner of the charming site, Mrs. Stewart, who had left for England the week previous, and a very hearty vote showed the spirit of appreciation that prevailed. We sincerely trust that the finishing of this edifice will be carried out with as much success as the beginning of it.

Ed.

Miss Nellie Hall, who has successfully passed the nursing examinations of the Chautauqua school, New York, has been doing district nursing. In one house she has five cases of typhoid fever that are pulling through, and two medical men who attended the cases expressed approval of her management.

F. HALL.

After spending several very helpful weeks with us, Pastor A. R. Ogden left for Havana on the 8th instant. He has spent some time at the College in committee and other valuable work, and has assisted Pastor L. L. Hutchinson with his meetings in Kingston. We shall miss his helpful counsel and enthusiastic preaching.

We have been glad to welcome to our midst another veteran worker and his wife, in the persons of Pastor and Mrs. Reid of this Island. Brother and Sister Reid have been away for many years, labouring in Central America, Panama, and the Eastern side of the Caribbean. They have come to retire, but immediately on arrival began to throw their strength into the work in Kingston, where they intend to reside. Their connection with our work has been eminently successful; they are very highly respected. We trust that the Lord may continue to bless and prosper them.

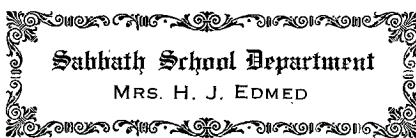
Ed.

Another crowd gathered into the precincts of the Regent Street Church building, while others blocked the windows and doors, on Sunday evening, July 12, to witness Pastor L. L. Hutchinson baptize eleven more candidates. The President of the conference gave the address, and Pastor Reid assisted. The choir rendered some fine music, and the service was indeed impressive. We praise the Lord as we see the membership of this church revived and replenished. This service closed the series of the present effort, but there are many in the baptismal class who will doubtless unite with us before long.

Pastor Hutchinson is now planning for another effort at Rollington Pen; and that active little company is all on fire

with enthusiasm and hope. We will surely pray for the success of the endeavour. One feature of these efforts has been the economy that has been observed—a very necessary item just now, in view of the cut in our budget. Church members have cheerfully acted in various capacities, thus avoiding the necessity of employing salaried help. We know that our members take delight in doing this; and wherever our ministers conduct such efforts, we feel assured that they will observe the same economy without strain or loss, because of the willingness of the local members to assist.

Ed.



EXPERIENCES OF RALLY DAY

We have had a number of interesting letters from our Sabbath school superintendents showing their appreciation of Rally Day by the schools under their charge. We are sorry that on account of the heavy rains during the past quarter some have not yet carried out the programme, but they are expecting to do so soon. We feel sure the following, gleaned from some of the letters, will be of interest to all.

Of Port Antonio, where the weather has been specially unfavourable, we are glad to learn that they enjoyed a fine day on June 13th; and Pastor Stockhausen, who worked very energetically to make the day a success, reports a very rousing time, there being over two hundred present.

Brother L. A. Morrison of North St., Kingston, says: "We had a very enjoyable Rally Day. All who took part did well. There were nearly one hundred visitors present, and I am sure a very good impression was made upon their minds and hearts as they came in touch with us on that day. Every member of the school was made to see more than ever before the importance of the Sabbath school work, and that we should all aim to make it what the Lord desires it to be. All present pledged greater faithfulness and more unselfish service in the Sabbath school."

We quote the following from Sister J. W. Grounds, the superintendent of Ken-cot: "We had a fine day; we were specially glad to have some of the Home Department members with us. I feel sure the Invitation Cards helped to bring them out. I had a very nice letter from one of the Home Department members, stating that 'Rally Day was the oasis for our weary pilgrimage here on earth,' and that she was signally blessed on that day. We were glad also to have some not of our faith

with us; they also expressed themselves as having enjoyed the programme. The children did their part to make it interesting. In fact the programme would have been incomplete without them."

Sister Lucille Francis of Springfield sends this encouraging report: "I am glad to tell you that our Rally Day came off well. Nearly all members, including children, took an active part in the program, which was very inspiring. I truly believe as a result of Rally Day our school will be lifted on to higher ground and be of better service in this corner of the Lord's vineyard."

Brother R. J. Edwards of Campbell's Castle tells us that while they have come short in the daily study goal in the past, all members on Rally Day promised to endeavour to reach it as well as the perfect attendance one. They are also desirous, by the help of the Lord, of making their school a soul-winning school.

Sister Gregory of Sherwood Forest felt she had to write and express the appreciation of the school for the good programme which they enjoyed. She says: "Indeed it was a day that brought fresh courage to our saddened hearts."

Beeston Spring reports that one of their visitors decided for the truth on Rally Day.

At Mt. Peace a sister who had been absent for a year was in attendance after Rally Day.

Hector's River, Old Harbour, Beverley, Bird's Hill, and Sheffield all write of the day as being a source of encouragement and inspiration to all to work more faithfully for the Sabbath school.

Mandeville and Jointwood had a good time also. Sister I. Holness of the latter school feels that the day was a great blessing to them. They had a good attendance at both sessions.

Brother S. H. Brodie from Newell sends the following: "The Newell church had a very enjoyable time on Sabbath School Rally Day. We were cheered to see a few of our friends from Santa Cruz and Southfield. A good turn-out of other visitors had our church comfortably filled. Mottoes suited to the occasion and other decorations showed that a good interest was taken in Rally Day. The special pieces rendered by the choir were highly appreciated, and all the items on the programme were successfully carried through.

"Mention must be made of the heart stirring testimonies on the personal good which the Sabbath school has done. We hope to see our Sabbath school making good progress as the result of this Rally."

We thank our Superintendents and Secretaries for these encouraging reports.

REMEMBER THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

Home Missionary Department
BYRON A. MEEKER

It is a cause of some disappointment that the results of the Big Week are not yet known. There is a reason, however, over which our loyal church members have no control. All over the Island the exceptional rainfall has to a large extent hindered the work. When the time of the Big Week expired, many of our people had been unable to go out in the effort.

Some of the churches have asked for more time, and the request has been granted. We hope, however, that by this sufficient opportunity will have been afforded so that a settlement may be made at once, and the Big Week for 1931 may be cleared off the slate as far as your church-activity is concerned.

B. A. M.

From some correspondence it appears that here and there where the rains were not quite so severe, members have achieved very fine results. Others went out in spite of the rain, knowing that a rainy day is the day to find folks at home, and that it does not hurt us to get wet so long as we keep moving and avoid taking cold by sitting around. Pastor and Mrs. Meeker worked successfully, the former disposing of 125 books, and the latter selling all that she took. We are hoping that no church will return their books, but that as soon as fine weather appears they will dispose of them, and report their work immediately. Thank you!

H. J. E.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN is the greatest united effort of our people in behalf of Missions. We will all want to do our share in this year's campaign; and because of this we will need to give our undivided attention to plans for its success.

The Big Week should be settled before the Harvest Ingathering work is begun. Let each church leader have the co-operation of the members to this end. The Cause of God will profit by faithfulness in this matter.

B. A. M.

Publishing Department
W. S. NATION

PROGRESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES

Tramp on, ye canvassers, with fearless tread,
O'er mountains, rocks and ditches;
Your mud-smeared shoes and aching backs,
And sun-bleached creaseless breeches

Will some sweet day a memory bring
To gladden your heavy heart,
When on that shore you meet the ones
To whom you did impart
The precious truths of righteousness,
That opened their eyes of error,
To see the true and only way
That leads to joy forever."

How true these words are, colporteurs! Those mud-smeared shoes and creaseless breeches we daily contend with, especially during these rainy months. Brother Andrew Robinson and I can tell much of what we suffered on our trip to Bellas Gate and into the Gold Mine district, wading through muddy roads, chasing from one home to another to prevent the rains from wetting our books. Yet through it all we could see the working of Providence. A rainy day is always a good time to deliver books, for the customers are nearly always at home.

An institute always creates a greater determination. Brother Destoe will tell us what the Lord has done for him: "I worked all day Wednesday without taking a single order. On Thursday again up to 11 a. m. I had not taken one order, and had started working at 8 o'clock. Seeing the situation, I went to God in earnest prayer, confessing my weakness and promising future faithfulness, with the result that I took £6. 2/- worth of orders with 3/- advance for the other half of the day. How kind! I have proven God and found Him willing to help His workers when they ask help of Him." Yes, my brother, "Prayer changes things," but success offers no substitute for hard work.

We had the privilege of welcoming four new recruits into our noble army of colporteurs recently. These young men have been yoked up with others of past experience. The first week's report of brother Phillip Stern, one of the four, is encouraging, he took £11. 14/ orders in 35 hours. Well done, brother Phillip. Readers of the VISITOR, remember this young brother in your prayers, he is not physically strong, yet he still hopes that the Lord will give him success.

Brother B. A. Ricketts was handicapped for his Big Week. "You will be sorry," he said, to learn that I have met with an accident. Last week Sunday I went to Brown's Town, and when returning, as I was running down a hill and going around a curve I met with a car. The car did not blow, and I was so frightened that when I drew my brakes suddenly, the cycle skidded and threw me down. My knees are badly damaged. I am not able to leave my home as yet." Before this reaches your hand, we hope brother Ricketts will be back on the firing line. This is the work of Satan. Each one of God's people should be very careful out on the highways. We are living in an age of speed.

Dear Ministers and others in responsible positions, will you not encourage every colporteur who is out with his prospectus? Will you not watch for those who may falter and others who may stumble, and above all for the one who is about to give up the work? You that have been through the battle, speak to his heart words of hope and cheer. They all have a goal. The most important part of the word goal is GO. And by keeping GOing they will reach their goal. Therefore, when they pass by your way, will you not whisper in their ears the encouraging word GO?

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And by changing the spelling by adding an "L", g-o-a-l would say *go all!* Let's spell it that way by action, anyway.

ED.

Colporteur Monthly Report
June, 1931.

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Grant, H. W.	10	7. 4. 0	
Lalor, M.	85	4.14. 0	23. 3. 6
Nation, W. S.	20	11.15. 0	Big Week
Miller, H. G.	92	6. 6. 6	7.14. 9
Morgan, R.	29	10. 3. 0	
Ricketts, B. A.	43		29.16. 0
Ricketts, C.	34	2. 5. 0	13. 8. 0
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West Indian Training College
PROFESSOR R. E. SHAFER

ARE YOU SELF-SATISFIED?

God has implanted in every normal human being an urge which makes him dissatisfied with himself, pushes him on, and urges him to climb higher even at the expense of much discomfort and sacrifice. This divine urge is called "ambition" by some people.

Did you ever stop to think that all the great achievements in the world are the result of some one's ambition? This perpetual longing to climb higher has enabled man to break the iron shackles of slavery, to measure the heavens and the depth of the sea, and to conquer the air.

What is your ambition for God? "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children." His ambition for us is nothing short of perfection. Day by day He chips off the rough edges of our characters. Of course, the processes of drilling and chiselling cause

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: "Please explain who are the 144,000."

ANSWER: The Bible does not tell us who they are. If we knew, we would probably begin to count up and decide in our minds who they are, and when we thought the number reached we would begin to tell the world probation is closed, and some other wrong conclusions. So the Lord has not yet revealed all that we will know later on this subject. There are some things about the 144,000 that we may know. They are to be sealed. This work is so important that angels restrain world wars until it is done. Rev 7: 1-4. They fully reflect the character of God. Rev. 14: 1. They have an experience different from other men who are saved. They reach a high state of purity, verses 3 and 4. They hate sin and love righteousness. Ezek. 9: 4. They become faultless now, and free from guile. They will be Christ's courtiers in the hereafter, and will accompany Him wherever He will go. Rev. 14: 3-5. If we would be counted among them, let us by full and unreserved consecration to God shun every evil, and press to the mark of this high calling. Read Jude 24.

THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP

In every walk of life in these modern times we see a spirit of self independence—lawlessness and disregard for old, well established customs and regulations. Perhaps in no relationship do we see this more manifest than in the marriage institution. This fact is fully evidenced in the divorce courts, which are continually turning out a stream of divorced men and women whose married life with the contracting parties has been, in many cases, very brief—sometimes only a few weeks or months; and most of them, at the most, only a few years of happiness.

What is the cause of this terrible tragic condition? From the beginning it was not so, for God's decree for our first parents was: "And they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2: 24. The Apostle declares, "Marriage is honourable." Heb. 13: 4. Christ honoured the marriage institution by His presence and miracle at Cana of Galilee. John, chapter 2. The obligations of the marriage relationship are clearly set forth in the Scriptures. "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. . . What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put assunder." Matt. 19: 5, 6; Eph. 5: 31.

The Lord has seen fit to give to us as Seventh-day Adventists much counsel and instruction on this subject in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy—counsel which, if studied and heeded, would save much of the remorse and sorrow that often follow ill-advised and untimely marriages. From a chapter in "*Testimonies to the Church*" Vol. 5, pp. 105-113, under the title of "Unwise Marriages," I quote: "I have been shown that the youth of today have no true sense of their great danger. There are many of the young whom God would accept as labourers in the various branches of His work, but Satan steps in and so entangles them in his web that they become estranged from God, and powerless in His work. Satan is a sharp and persevering workman. He knows just how to entrap the unwary, and it is an alarming fact that but few succeed in escaping from his wiles. They see no danger, and do not guard against his devices. He prompts them to fasten their affections upon one another without seeking wisdom from God, or of those whom He has sent to warn, reprove, and counsel. They feel self-sufficient and will not bear restraint."

Right here is the secret of trouble in many—if not in the great majority of cases. Wisdom from God is not sought. He is left out of the question. If there is any step in life where Divine wisdom and Heavenly guidance is needed, it is in this of the sacred marriage relationship, which means everything for a life of happiness and usefulness in this world, and has so much to do with the shaping of a character for eternity. The destiny of the soul will be largely determined by the marriage step and its after influences upon the life. In the chapter above referred to, much counsel is given to those contemplating this most sacred and solemn step in life, that they should seek wisdom from the Lord, and the counsel of parents, relatives, and even the church, that no mistake should be made—a mistake that cannot be remedied when once the step is taken. Those older in years and experience can often see dangers that the untrained do not discern. Those of experience, having trodden the path already, can often give wise and helpful counsel.

Anciently the parents were the soul judges, and theirs was the responsibility of choosing the life companions of their children. Today too often no counsel of parents is sought, or if given, is ignored; and also in altogether too many cases the course is only repented of after it is too late. The Apostle Peter gives the follow-

ing timely advice. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the older. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility." The Apostle Paul exhorts, "Be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love, in honor or preferring one another," "submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Especially should the counsel of parents be sought by a son or daughter when contemplating this most important step in life. How much better it is to seek counsel than to yield to blind impulse! In seeking a life companion, a person of true character and refinement should be chosen: one of at least equal education and standing, so that each can be a help to the other in the all-important work of character building. In the case of ministers and other gospel workers, a life companion should be selected who gives evidence of possessing abilities that will be a strength, help, and blessing in this work of soul-winning. "With many this crisis is reached in an immature marriage, and when the novelty is past, and the bewitching power of love-making is over, one or both parties awake to their true situation. They find themselves ill-mated, but united for life. Bound to each other by the most solemn vows, they look with sinking hearts upon the miserable life they must lead. They ought then to make the best of their situation, but many will not do this; they will either prove false to their marriage vows, or make the yoke which they persisted in placing upon their own necks so very galling that not a few cowardly put an end to their own existence."

"Associating with the vain, the superficial, and the skeptical will be productive of moral depravity and ruin." Vol. 5, pp. 110, 111.

Much, much more could be quoted from the Spirit of Prophecy on this all-important subject. It would be wise and safe for all contemplating this most important step in life to ponder well—study carefully the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. Seek the counsel first of parents or other persons of good judgment and experience, who can give good advice and help. Make sure that God is leading, that the union will be one upon which you can ask and expect His blessing,—a union that will make life happier and better, and that will be a help on the road to life everlasting.

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Antillian Union Mission.*

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

"This campaign will cost a million men," said a commander to Napoleon. "What are a million men to me"? the ambitious genius of conquest replied. He was

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REMEMBER THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

LITTLE FOLKS' CORNER

Dear Little Folks,

I was so glad to hear from some of the Little Folks that have not been answering the thinking-cap questions, and I hope they will continue to send in their answers.

How sad it was to hear of dear little Kenneth Fletcher! He was too young to send answers, but he said he would some day. But now he is in the silent grave, and we won't see him again until Jesus comes. I do want Him to come soon, and to find me ready, don't you?

I want to tell you this week about how a little girlie helped her papa to win some very wicked people to Jesus. It was nearly two hundred years ago—long before we were born—and it happened in a very cold country called Greenland. When you go to school you must ask teacher to show you on the map where that country is located.

At the time of my story, the people that lived there were very wild, without schools, unable to read or write, and they wore clothes made of skins of animals—seals, bears, reindeer, etc., because they are surrounded by hills and mountains of ice. They ate no green foods because nothing of that kind grew there; so they ate flesh of fish and animals and plenty of fat and oil.

When the first missionaries went there, they found the people wild and rude. They did not want to hear the story of Jesus, and when the missionary began to tell them of Him, they would run away laughing, or stone the missionary; or they would pretend to go to sleep and snore loudly to drown the preacher's voice. Then they would get a lot of drums and beat them and shout at the messenger of love.

The more the missionary did for them, the more they hated him. They broke down his hut, smashed his furniture, and threatened to kill him. They knew nothing about God or Jesus, and they were satisfied to fear some great unknown spirit who they said was the one who punished them. The women were so dirty, and used to lick their children, just like a pussy-cat licks its kittens. The poor missionary did not know how to win their hearts, for they were so hard hearted. But he longed to save them, and he kept on working to do them good and telling them about the Saviour. He did not get angry when they treated him badly, but patiently looked for some new way to do

them good, praying daily that the Lord would give him some of these people for Jesus.

Thus it went on for about five years, until one day his little girl was in the hut, helping mamma, and singing some of the songs of Jesus in the language of the people, who are called Eskimos—Es-ke-mo, which she had learned. She was so young that she could only lisp the words, but the sweetness of her voice attracted some of the mothers, and they listened quietly, wishing that their little girls could sing as sweetly as that. Then they got her to sing often to them. Her father had taught her several hymns, and she could sing them over and over, until the women began to sing with her. Then they began to think of the words, and their hard hearts began to get tender, and they would ask who it was she was singing about, and the little girl would tell them.

Then her father thought it would be nice if these people could have the Bible in their own language and read about the One of whom his little girl sang to them, and he began to translate the Bible. He did not know all the words, so he got a man named Kayarnak to help him use the right words and so Kayarnak became interested. Soon this man and his family were baptized, and the others followed, and the little girl lived to see many churches built and the people changed from their old wicked, hard-hearted lives to a nation of Christians. Not all of them served Jesus, but the change in the lives of so many had an effect upon the whole nation, and since that time the gospel has won its way into many hearts.

What a joy it will be to that little girl when she is raised at the coming of Jesus, to meet the many thousands who first made contact with Jesus through her little songs!

Here is a lesson, too, which we may all learn. We must not wait to do some *great* thing for Jesus. He uses the little commonplace things of our every day lives to accomplish His work. I suppose the little singer did not even know how her happy little hymns were reaching the hearts of those wild people. But Jesus knew. So we should always be cheerful, often be singing hymns, for we never know which verse we sing may bring light, and joy, and salvation to someone.

Thinking Cap Questions

1. Who kept the first Sabbath recorded in the Bible?

2. Who is the last man the Bible tells was keeping the Sabbath?

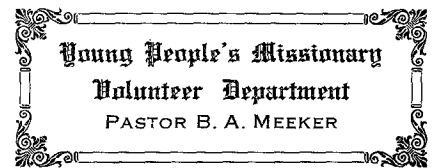
3. Where does the Bible say that we will keep the Sabbath in the new earth?

4. What difference did the Lord make between the seventh day and all the other days?

5. Through what animal did the angel of the Lord speak to a man?

Names of Little Folks sending Answers to Thinking Cap Questions!

Herman Rennalls, Haskell Webber, Ellis Anderson, Luna Davis, Sylvia Morgan, Lena Grant, Evelyn Fletcher, Winnifred Stern, Iris Grant, Curdell Duhaney, Swiftly McIntosh, Eudora Webber.



As I write these few lines to our brethren and sisters and young people scattered over the Conference, a text flashes into my mind which expresses the desire of my heart. This is the scripture: 1 Tim. 4: 16. "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Note the word, "CONTINUE,"

This year many have started in the race. They have given their names for the various courses in the Missionary Volunteer Department. It may be that you are one who started but has grown weary along the way.

Is the Morning Watch receiving attention as it should? Just think what a treasure is yours in Christ's wonderful sermon on the mount! Did you get this instruction and make it your very own?

The Standard of Attainment also calls for perseverance perhaps more than any other course. You need not fail. The two books for the course cost but 1/3. If the church does not maintain a class, study on your own account. In the last great day you must either stand or fall for yourself. Prepare to stand, "and having done all to stand."

Then there is the Bible Year and the Reading Courses. Have you begun them? or, do you now feel that you should do so? May I urge that our people, and especially the young continue faithfully in the pursuit of one or more of the goals. Take yourself in hand, and with God's blessing on your consecrated will He can make of you a fit vessel for His use.

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a materialist, a war-monger, a slave driver, a sweater. He valued personal honour and wealth far above men.

The Jewish leaders would violate their conscience to save a sheep, while a helpless man could be left in the ditch to die.

A certain chemist has recently informed the world of the physical value of a man. It sounds very clever to announce that a human body weighing 150 lbs., contains 3,500 feet of oxygen, hydrogen, and nitrogen. This would be worth about 11/- on the market. Besides these, a healthy man's body has enough fat to produce a 15 lb. candle, and enough carbon (22 lbs.) to make 9,360 lead pencils. The blood contains 50 grains of iron, while a spike large enough to hold his weight could be extracted from his body. His 50 ozs. of phosphorus would make 800,000 matches; and no matter how sour his disposition, he has about 60 lumps of sugar. This is balanced by about $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of salt. Another view is, that such a body with all its ingredients could be produced out of one thousand eggs.

All the credit we can give this chemist is, that he thinks man is about what Napoleon thought of him.

The word of God, however, gives us man's real worth: "*Thou* art mindful of him." "*Thou* visitest him." He is only "A little lower than the angels," and the Lord "crowns him with glory and honour." Jesus affirmed, "How much, then, is a man of more value than a sheep?" The meanest man on earth has a right to say that God thought him of such worth that He gave His choicest gift for his salvation. "Bring hither the poor and the maimed, and the halt and the blind . . . that My house may be filled." "Whosoever shall cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it were better that a millstone were cast about his neck, and that he were thrown into the depth of the sea." Does not Peter tell us to "Honour all men"? There is no discrimination as between old and young, coloured, leprous, healthy, rich or poor, high or low—Christ died for ALL; therefore Heaven's value of man can be measured only in truth by the value of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Is it not up to us to assert our true value? Take a rough diamond, for instance.

Covered with the dirt where it was found, and hiding in its outer cover of mire, it is placed in the hands of the polisher and cutter. Soon the filth disappears, and the polishing process causes it to emit the splendor of its light, and purity makes its value. So, dear reader, you may be a diamond in the rough, whose lot has been cast in the mold of sin and uncleanness. But let Jesus polish and refine you with the Word. Let Jesus wash away your sin; apply yourself to his plans, and you will soon learn that your true value is not in your chemical composition, but in the purity of your life which is eternal. Unlike Napoleon, Jesus saw that in the battle of life, you would go down to your grave in spiritual defeat, He looked at you, and asked, "What is that young man or that young woman worth to Me? Then, answering His question by His own action, He said, "He is worth all I am, and I will give Myself for him." This is what he did. It cost Him much to do it; do you appreciate what he did? Then assert your value, and make yourself His to-day.

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us pain, but His eye is fixed upon an ideal, and so He continues to mould and fashion us until perfection is reached.

"A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure we can take from this world to the next." Allowing the Lord to perfect such characters in us, what mighty things we will be able to accomplish for Him in the closing drama of earth's history! He is depending on the modern Nehemiahs, Daniels, and Pauls to complete His work on earth.

Young people, are you satisfied with your present attainments? Keeping in mind that self-satisfaction is the greatest enemy of the human race, let us, determined by the help of Omnipotence, strive to acquire the character which will achieve great things for Him.

F. GWENDOLINE MORGAN

COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

The College Sabbath School has been steadily improving during the past quarter. The number of perfect record members exceeded the first quarter's list by thirty-four. At the Sabbath school exercise on July 18 we had the privilege of posting fifty-five honour cards in front of the school, thus congratulating the members who had earned them, and inspiring those who had not, to try more earnestly during this quarter.

We have just welcomed into our Sabbath school an infant division, the Kindergarten. The children welcome it more so. In the little division we have twelve

children. To make possible the equipment necessary for the division, my woodworking class volunteered to donate their laboratory work to construct the tables and stools, and the woodworking department gladly donated the material that was needed. A brief visit to the little folks' exercise reveals the kindly interest that their teachers take in them, and the undivided attention of the little tots convinces us of the benefits they receive. I believe that heaven approves of the efforts put forth to hold the young within the Sabbath school circle.

L. L. DUNN

Following the custom of giving an annual luncheon to some members of the faculty, the class in Domestic Science of 1931 added the feature of preparing all the foods for the students as well, on the evening of July 21. The girls, with their attractive class uniforms on, also served the meal, which was a decided success and reflected credit on their instructor, Mrs. B. Peake. The guests of honour were Prof. and Mrs. R. E. Shafer, Prof. and Mrs. F. O. Rathbun, Mrs. B. A. Meeker, and Mrs. J. W. Grounds.

The campus residents have enjoyed their temporary neighbours and other guests from Kingston during the past weeks. Pastor and Mrs. Edmed, Mrs. Clifford and three little sons, Mrs. Meeker, Mrs. Grounds, and the Misses Hogg have spent from ten days to eight weeks in our vicinity. We appreciate the help they have given us in various ways.

Mrs. Peake's classes in Art entertained the school and some visitors last Saturday night with a program and an exhibit of unusual excellence, the work of Miss Dell Brodie and Miss M. Randall. Although the class of four in Normal Arts have only recently begun their work, they also had some interesting exhibits. Talks on various phases of Art and appropriate recitations were interspersed with five musical numbers. A unique item was the freehand sketching by the class members of persons in the audience.

OBITUARY

On Monday, 23rd inst., Brother Joshua Clark was called to bury Brother Samuel Waite, at the age of 22. He became a member of the Mahogany Grove Church on his baptism, and remained a faithful member to the last. Previous to his death, he expressed his hope in the resurrection. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss.

FRANCIS WAITE