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THE TEMPTATION

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At the Saviour's baptism, Satan was among the witnesses. He saw the Father's glory overshadowing His Son. He heard the voice of Jehovah testifying to the divinity of Jesus. Ever since Adam's sin, the human race had been cut off from direct communion with God; the intercourse between heaven and earth had been through Christ; but now that Jesus had come "in the likeness of sinful flesh," the Father Himself spoke. He had before communicated with humanity through Christ; now He communicated with humanity in Christ. Satan had hoped that God's abhorrence of evil would bring an eternal separation between heaven and earth. But now it was manifest that the connection between God and man had been restored.

Satan saw that he must either conquer or be conquered. The issues of the conflict involved too much to be entrusted to his confederate angels. He must personally conduct the warfare. All the energies of apostasy were rallied against the Son of God. Christ was made the mark of every weapon of hell.

Many look on this conflict between Christ and Satan as having no special bearing on their own lives; and for them it has little interest. But within the domain of every human heart this controversy is repeated. Never does one leave the ranks of evil for the service of God without encountering the assaults of Satan. The enticements which Christ resisted, were those that we find it so difficult to withstand. They were urged upon Him in as much greater degree as His character is superior to ours. With the terrible weight of the sins of the world upon Him, Christ withstood the test upon appetite, upon the love of the world, and upon that love of display which leads to presumption. These were the temptations that overcame Adam and Eve, and that so readily overcome us.

Satan had pointed to Adam's sin as proof that God's law was unjust, and could not be obeyed. In our humanity, Christ was to redeem Adam's failure. But when Adam was assailed by the tempter, none of the effects of sin were upon him. He stood in the strength of perfect

manhood, possessing the full vigour of mind and body. He was surrounded with the glories of Eden, and was in daily communion with heavenly beings. It was not thus with Jesus when He entered the wilderness to cope with Satan. For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, and in moral worth; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity. Only thus could He rescue man from the lowest depths of his degradation.

Many claim that it was impossible for Christ to be overcome by temptation. Then He could not have been placed in Adam's position; He could not have gained the victory that Adam failed to gain. If we have in any sense a more trying conflict than had Christ, then He would not be able to succour us. But our Saviour took humanity, with all its liabilities. He took the nature of man, with the possibility of yielding to temptation. We have nothing to bear which He has not endured.

With Christ, as with the holy pair in Eden, appetite was the ground of the first great temptation. Just where the ruin began, the work of our redemption must begin. As by the indulgence of appetite Adam fell, so by the denial of appetite Christ must overcome. "And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

From the time of Adam to that of Christ, self-indulgence had increased the power of the appetites and passions, until they had almost unlimited control. Thus men had become debased and diseased, and of themselves it was impossible for them to overcome. In man's behalf, Christ conquered by enduring the severest test. For our sakes He exercised a self-control stronger than hunger or death. And in this first victory were involved other issues that enter into all our conflicts with the power of darkness.

When Jesus entered the wilderness, He was shut in by the Father's glory. Absorbed in communion with God, He was lifted above human weakness. But the glory departed, and He was left to battle with temptation. It was pressing upon Him every moment. His human nature shrank from the conflict that awaited Him. For forty days He fasted and prayed. Weak and emaciated from hunger, worn and haggard with mental agony, "His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men." Now was Satan's opportunity. Now he supposed that he could overcome Christ.

There came to the Saviour, as if in answer to His prayers, one in the guise of an angel from heaven. He claimed to have a commission from God to declare that Christ's fast was at an end. As God had sent an angel to stay the hand of Abraham from offering Isaac, so, satisfied with Christ's willingness to enter the blood-stained path, the Father had sent an angel to deliver Him; this was the message brought to Jesus. The Saviour was faint from hunger, He was craving for food, when Satan came suddenly upon Him. Pointing to the stones which strewed the desert, and which had the appearance of loaves, the tempter said, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

Though he appears as an angel of light, these first words betray his character. "If Thou be the Son of God." Here is the insinuation of distrust. Should Jesus do what Satan suggests, it would be an acceptance of the doubt. The tempter plans to overthrow Christ by the same means that were so successful with the human race in the beginning. How artfully had Satan approached Eve in Eden! "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Thus far the tempter's words were true; but in his manner of speaking them, there was a disguised contempt for the words of God. There was a covert negative, a doubt of the divine truthfulness. Satan sought to instill into the mind of Eve the thought that God would not do as He had said; that the withholding of such beautiful

fruit was a contradiction of His love and compassion for man. So now the tempter seeks to inspire Christ with his own sentiments. "If Thou be the Son of God." The words rankle with bitterness in his mind. In the tones of his voice is an expression of utter incredulity. Would God treat His own Son thus? Would He leave Him in the desert with wild beasts, without food, without companions, without comfort? He insinuates that God never meant His Son to be in such a state as this. "If Thou be the Son of God," show Thy power by relieving Thyself of this pressing hunger. Command that these stones be made bread.

The words from heaven, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," were still sounding in the ears of Satan. But he was determined to make Christ disbelieve this testimony. The word of God was Christ's assurance of divine mission. He had come to live as a man among men, and it was the word that declared His connection with heaven. It was Satan's purpose to cause Him to doubt that word. If Christ's confidence in God could be shaken, Satan knew that the victory in the whole controversy would be his. He could overcome Jesus. He hoped that under the force of despondency and extreme hunger, Christ would lose faith in His Father, and work a miracle in His own behalf. Had He done this, the plan of salvation would have been broken.

When Satan and the Son of God first met in conflict, Christ was the commander of the heavenly hosts; and Satan, leader of revolt in heaven, was cast out. Now their condition is apparently reversed, and Satan makes the most of his supposed advantage. One of the most powerful of the angels, he says, has been banished from heaven. The appearance of Jesus indicates that He is that fallen angel, forsaken by God, and deserted by man. A divine being would be able to sustain his claim by working a miracle; "If Thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread." Such an act of creative power, urges the tempter, would be conclusive evidence of divinity. It would bring the controversy to an end.

Not without a struggle could Jesus listen in silence to the archdeceiver. But the Son of God was not to prove His divinity to Satan, or to explain the reason of His humiliation. By conceding to the demands of the rebel, nothing for the good of man or the glory of God would be gained. Had Christ complied with the suggestion of the enemy, Satan would still have said, "Show me a sign that I may believe you to be the Son of God."

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FOR SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

With the Sabbath School lessons devoted to a study of the Life of Christ for nearly two years to come, think of the wonderful help to be obtained from a parallel studious reading of the heaven-inspired story of our Saviour's Life, teachings, and mighty miracles, *The Desire of Ages*, by Mrs. E. G. White. This incomparable book is far more than a technical commentary. It not only records in narrative form geographical and historical settings of the gospel story and charmingly incorporates explanatory references to the customs and beliefs or shortcomings and superstitions of the people among whom Christ lived and died that He might reveal to mankind the Divine similitude enshrouded in a life of love and service. As helpful as are all these references in illuminating the actions and teachings of Jesus, of far greater import to us are the practical applications of these historical events or lessons to our lives today and the divine appeals to the reader to accept the regenerating power and eternal rewards offered to all through Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Like precious stones in appropriate settings of beautifully wrought gold, these wonderful pen pictures of the story of the cross are drawn in language so aptly chosen and so beautiful in its simplicity as to entrance the reader with the sublimity of the subject and lure him to enraptured visions of Christ, the pearl of great price. *The Desire of Ages* is considered by some to be the masterpiece among the many books written by Mrs. E. G. White. A most interesting tribute to the literary value of this book is given in an accompanying article in this issue of the VISITOR. When you have read this article entitled "An Unsolicited Testimony," then turn to and again read the quotation from *Desire of Ages* appearing as the first article in this paper. This particular quotation was selected merely because the theme corresponds to the Sabbath School lesson to be studied about the time of the issue of this number of the VISITOR, but it will illustrate the store of information and inspiration that may be found in the book, *Desire of Ages*.

Every Sabbath School teacher, yes, and every Sabbath School member too, who can possibly afford to do so, should purchase a copy of this valuable help to both your lesson study and your own spiritual growth. In Sabbath Schools where the members are unable to purchase individually surely the members can join together and purchase a copy for use in the teachers' meeting and for loaning to

the teachers between meetings. The price of the trade edition in cloth is 9/-. Order from the Book and Bible House.

C. E. A.

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY

The following statement is unsolicited, but is a most interesting comment emphasizing the value of *Desire of Ages*. Do we really prize this splendid volume as we ought?

"When nursing in Melrose, after we were married, I took some university extension class work conducted in the Chauncey Freemont High School, Melrose. One day in the literature class, the teacher, Miss E. McMillan, who had just returned from an extended trip and study of literature in Europe, asked us to come next day prepared to give three quotations from our favourite author, and let the rest of the class members have a test telling the author by discerning the style of language used by the author.

"As it occurred, I was the first one called on, and although there were about forty-eight in the class, not another one was called upon, and the whole time was taken up in the discussion of the author I quoted.

"After quoting a passage from *Desire of Ages*, the entire class failed to name the author, and to my surprise the instructor said:

"Well, Class, those are words from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White. She then made a long speech, saying she knew nothing of religion. She stated, however, that she was able to unblushingly declare herself an authority on literature, and that it was a pity that Mrs. White's writings were not better known in the literary world. She then stated that she was going to make a bold and strong statement, but that she meant every word of it, and that was that 'of all writings, ancient, medieval, or modern, there are no writings so full of beauty, so perfect in every way, so pure, and yet so simple outside the Bible, as the writings of Mrs. E. G. White.'

"Needless to say, I was proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist."

Desire of Ages can be secured from your Book and Bible House. If you do not have it, why not order your copy now?

—Southwestern Union Record.

HASTENING TO THE FINALE

We have now entered into the year 1935, a new and untried year. New problems confront us. We see the forces of evil concentrating. The stage is being prepared. Everything will soon be in place. The closing scenes will be rapid ones. The

nations of earth are hastening to their finale, and at the touch of the button the last great conflagration will start. The doors which are now flung open for the reception of the last saving Message will soon be forever closed. As valiant soldiers of the "cross" we must, with faith in our Captain, make ready to scale the heights of seeming difficulties, advancing shoulder to shoulder, and also as leaders under our great Captain General, leading His people by increased faithfulness in Christian service (in tithes, offerings and consecration,) to sure and certain victory.

Our people, as far as I am able to note, have started this new year with an excellent spirit.

I have never been unduly perturbed over the financial problems. I have always maintained with confidence that as we prove true to the Lord and are faithful in carrying out His biddings, He will open the way before us and hearts will be opened to provide the money to carry forward the work. He has never failed us. There must be sacrifices on the part of this people. It needs be. It is for our good. There is no more tangible way to show that we believe what we preach of the soon-coming end and kingdom than by putting ourselves and substance into the work.

I believe we will see a marked turning to God this year, and a greater campaign in soul-winning. I have entered into a deeper consecration to my God and His service. My frail life is fully surrendered to Him.

This year marks the fortieth year of my connection with this work—the fortieth year of service for my Lord and Master. My confidence in the sure and certain triumph of this Message remains unshaken. Men talk about the "marvels of the age." They turn you to the modern inventions. Truly the advance in scientific knowledge is marvelous, but what marvel can there be to be compared with the wonderful achievements of this Message within the brief span of 60 years of our foreign missionary work—and for me 40 years? Is it not phenomenal? With what admiration, with what satisfaction then must a loyal faithful people look upon the glorious triumphs of the Message, and bless God for having a humble connection with it.

Precious are the words of the Lord, "Cast not away therefore your confidence . . . for yet a little while and He that shall come will come." H. FLETCHER

FOUND SOME PRESENT TRUTH

"Elder J. L. Tucker received a letter this month from a man and his wife of St. Paul, telling of their acceptance of our faith, of their keeping the Sabbath, and

enclosing ten dollars for missions. Brother Tucker called upon them and found a most interesting soul-winning experience which must be credited, not to any person, but to evangelist *Present Truth*.

"Several months ago this family moved into a house and in the attic found a number of old copies of *Present Truth*. They were the issues of 1924. There was an article on the Sabbath by Elder G. B. Thompson, and various other articles. These people were members of the Catholic church but joyfully accepted the faith so forcefully revealed to them by *Present Truth*. After keeping the Sabbath for some time they found the address of the Adventist minister and asked him to call upon them."

NEWS NOTES

Our readers will be glad to know that during 1934 there were a total of 681 baptisms in the Jamaica Conference. There were a few of these who were baptized within a few days before the close of the year who were not actually received into church fellowship until the first few days of January. Nevertheless, the actual number of baptisms during 1934 totalled the number stated in the foregoing. Baptisms for the past four years total as follows:

1931	1932	1933	1934
507	645	396	681

This makes a total of 2,229 for the four years. We must offer praise to God for what He has wrought in our midst. Shall we not unite in earnest prayer and labour for souls asking still greater things of God during 1935?

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the recent meeting of the Inter-American Division Council held at Balboa, December 16-28. Most encouraging reports were rendered by the workers in attendance from all parts of Inter-America. The Lord has been richly blessing in all fields. The church membership of the Division which stood at about 14,000 as recently as 1929 is now approaching the 27,000 mark. Wide open doors for the entry of the gospel are to be found on every hand. Indications of a possible closing of some of these doors with all the attendant difficulties involved, and that at an early date, bid us redouble our efforts in an endeavour to respond as quickly as possible to these calls. Plans for advanced work were made. Appeals for the united help of all in these endeavours were issued. For a more detailed report of this Council see the February number of the Inter-American Division Messenger. C. E. A.

The Week of Prayer was a source of real inspiration. Many consecrated their time to more aggressive missionary endeavours.

A. R. HAIG.

Sister Rose Mundell reports a most interesting and profitable Health Rally Programme held at Bagbie on a recent Sunday evening with members from Kingston, Carron Hall and Williamsfield.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We feel very grateful to the Lord for the blessings which we have enjoyed in this corner of the vineyard, during the year 1934. We have had a number of additions to our churches. There is now far greater respect and willingness to hear the doctrines that we believe and teach. About thirty-two years ago I accepted the truth. In those days we did not get a large number of people as easily to listen to the presentation of the message. Seven candidates from Grove Town were baptized at Spring Plain on the morning of November 25. It was indeed encouraging to see the large number of people who gathered at the water's edge to witness the performing of the rite. The same interest was manifested near Bryant Hill on the morning of December 9, when eight candidates were baptized in that locality. On that occasion a large number followed us to the church and listened attentively and patiently to the study that was given. The same good spirit was in evidence when we had our recent baptism at Cumberland.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord for this good change. May the Lord help us to use wisely the opportunities and privileges which are now ours.

The work at Race Course is again beginning to look encouraging. Brother Riddell and wife have remained loyal in spite of all the discouraging circumstances in connection with the work in that locality. Four others now meet with them. I visited and had a good time with them on Sabbath, January 5. Unfortunately they now have no public place of worship. Anyway, they are planning to do all that lies in their power to again have even a small meeting-house.

We earnestly beg the readers of the VISITOR to remember the work and believers at Race Course in their prayers.

W. H. RANDLE.

REASSIGNMENT OF DISTRICTS

After a number of years of faithful service in the formerly assigned districts the ministers who were in charge of these districts have, since the first of the year, taken up their newly assigned responsibilities as follows:

1. Portland Pastor Rashford
2. St. Thomas Pastor Reid
3. St. Catherine*
(Plus Florence Hill
and Everton Park.) Pastor Fletcher
4. St. Ann and St.
Mary Pastor Smith
5. Clarendon*
(Plus Porus) Pastor Randle
6. Trelawny North-
ern Manchester
and St Elizabeth* Pastor Lawson
7. Hanover, St. James and
Westmoreland Pastor Stockhausen
8. Southern Man-
chester Brother Parchment
9. Westmoreland—
That part east and
south of Darliston,
and New Springfield,
and Huntley Castle
in St. Elizabeth Brother Haig
10. Eastern Clarendon
and Western St. Cath-
erine—That part in-
cluded in a triangle
formed by May Pen,
Old Harbour, and
Blue Hole Brother Campbell

* Except as noted under Districts here numbered 9 and 10.

Special arrangements will be made from time to time for the services of an ordained minister in districts under the leadership of licensed ministers.

Temporary assignment:

- North Street, Kingston
and Kencot Pastor Meeker
- Regent Street and
Rollington Pen,
Kingston Pastor Reid

Before the close of December farewell services were held in a number of churches and many were the expressions of appreciation of the faithful services rendered during the past years by the workers who were about to enter upon their new responsibilities in other parts of the Island. Space will not permit the publication here of detailed reports of all these services. We are confident that the same helpful spirit of co-operation in earnest labour for souls that has marked the relationship of our churches to the district leaders of the past will be accorded to the district leaders in their newly assigned districts.

C. E. ANDROSS.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS WITH BIBLE HOUSE

The December reports brought remittances to balance the accounts of the following churches:—

Amity, Blue Hole, Mandeville, Sheffield.

The following reduced their accounts appreciably:—

Beeston Spring, Contented Hall, Cornwall Barracks, Linstead, Mile End, Mount Carey, Mount Providence, Newell, Riversdale, Santa Cruz, Sherwood Forest.

The following churches now have a clean sheet with us and we are certainly grateful to them for the co operation they have given:—

Amity, Axe and Adze, Bird's Hill, Bryant Hill, Blue Hole, Bellas Gate, Bonny Gate, Broadgate, Craig, Cave, Cooper's Hill, Cornwall Barracks, Croft's Hill, Darliston, Dias, Dalvey, Dallas Castle, Goshen, Grove Town, Gayle, Hart Hill, Hector's River, Jointwood, Kingston, Kencot, Moore Park, Mandeville, Morant Bay, Mt. Peace, Newport, Petersfield, Port Antonio, Rollington Pen, Sav-la-mar, Sheffield, St. Ann's Bay, Sherwood Content, Southfield, Spanish Town, Spring Garden, Springfield, Watermount, White Hill.

We appeal to the churches who still have old accounts to continue their monthly payments so that the accounts may be liquidated during the course of the year.

We thank you for the good orders you have sent us during the past year, but we must engage in a greater literature ministry during 1935. There ought to be continuous efforts put forth by every church to have its members place our truth-filled books and papers in the homes of the people. Our small books, magazines and tracts are at their disposal. These silent messengers will accomplish great things as they are borne by consecrated hands to the people who need the last warning Message. We look forward to an advance move in this direction.

JAMAICA BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE

ANTILLIAN UNION REPORT.

A. R. OGDEN

In his report to the recent I. A. Division Council the superintendent of the Antillian Union gave the following interesting facts concerning the work in this Union. The membership of the 214 churches at the close of the third quarter of 1934 had reached the splendid number of 10,644. This number will reach considerably more than eleven thousand when the annual report is compiled. Jamaica expects to baptize at least 600 for the year, Cuba 400 and Haiti 500—so it is quite sure that the baptisms for the entire Union will reach if not pass 1,700 for the year 1934. The membership of the 329 Sabbath Schools of the Union is now about 18,000 while seven years ago it was only 7,000. This large increase of Sabbath School members is laying the foundation for a rapidly growing church constituency.

Thirty churches were organized in 1933 and in the first three quarters of 1934 fourteen new churches were organized. The baptisms for 1933 were 1,357 and it is quite certain that the baptisms for the two years of 1933 and 1934 will pass three thousand. It is evident that with such a rapidly increasing membership the problem of caring for the new flocks of believers coming into the fold is a very real one. It might be interesting to state that one of each 28 of the baptisms for 1933 in the world field was in the Antillian Union.

Equally with our encouraging growth in constituency is a corresponding increase of funds for the advancement of the work—both in tithe and mission offerings. The tithe increase for the ten months ending October 31, 1934 was \$8,228.27 and the mission funds increase amounted to \$4,245.10, making a total increase for the ten months of more than \$12,000 which speaks eloquently of the love, devotion and loyalty of the members to the truth and message of God. Surely we do have a sincere, devoted constituency who love the truth of God and are unselfishly devoting their means for its onward advancement both in their own home fields and in the uttermost parts of the earth. May God greatly bless our dear people for this evident spirit of sacrifice and consecration of life and means to this saving gospel message.

The future holds in store greater results for the work throughout the Antillian Union, for a foundation has been laid for larger increases. From the present developments and splendid growth it seems that soon we will be baptizing at least two thousand persons annually in the Antillian Union Mission.

REPORT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS For Month of December, 1934.

Churches and Companies	Tithe	S. School Offerings	Missions
Amity	1 0 14	1 3 2	
Auchtembeddie	2 2 7½	1 0 2½	0 1 10
Axe & Adze	2 14 10¼	1 5 8½	0 11 9
Ballimoney	0 12 10½	1 3 3½	0 2 4½
Beverley	1 17 6½	1 7 10½	0 7 3
Bird's Hill	3 3 14	1 17 3	0 17 3
Cross	0 11 2	0 19 5½	0 5 6
Bryant Hill	3 1 6½	2 3 0	0 5 7½
Blue Hole	1 12 10	0 11 0½	0 5 10½
Beeston Spring	0 5 6	0 6 3	0 18 0
Bellas Gate	0 6 9	0 9 5	2 15 7½
Bagbie	2 16 3½	3 6 6	0 0 1
Brittonville	1 13 3½	0 15 3½	0 4 4½
Bamboo	0 19 6½	0 12 10	
Bonny Gate	0 17 6½	1 1 11½	0 1 0
Broadgate	1 13 8½	1 6 5½	0 4 4½
Cave		0 10 0	0 16 0
Clermont	5 15 5½	3 0 5	0 11 9½
Carron Hall	3 10 9½	1 14 3½	0 0 6
Campbell's Castle	0 8 2½	0 5 6½	0 5 4
Cornwall Barracks	0 19 6½	0 6 10½	0 0 6
Contented Hall	0 10 8½	0 6 6½	0 15 0½
Coleyville	9 15 7½	4 15 11½	1 1 11½
Robin's Hall		1 2 14	

Cooper's Hill	0 10 10½	1 8 8½	0 8 3½
Cornwall Mt.	0 12 5½	0 8 10½	
Craig	2 14 11½	1 14 1½	0 14 8½
Croft's Hill	0 2 9½	0 7 10½	
Conference & Isolated	44 17 3	0 15 11	21 1 1½
Wigton	0 3 5½	0 1 7½	
Blackwoods		0 8 0	
Green Castle		0 3 6½	
Milk River	0 8 2½	0 5 3½	
Prospect	0 3 6	0 4 0	
Brown's Town	1 10 6	0 9 6	
Devon	0 8 10½	0 13 4	0 4 9½
Darliston	3 5 11½	2 14 11½	0 12 3½
Dalvey	0 4 9	0 7 3	
*Dallas Castle	0 14 9½	0 4 6½	
*Dias	0 3 11½	0 1 8½	
Everton Park	1 9 4	1 17 2½	
Flower Hill			
Florence Hill	2 12 8½	1 14 1½	1 1 4
Glenoffe	2 6 11	2 3 0	0 3 11
†Goshen	1 6 3½	0 8 3	0 4 9
Grove Town	2 8 9	1 5 4½	0 1 5
Gayle	5 12 2½	3 14 6½	0 15 4
Guy's Hill	4 2 9½	2 4 2½	0 16 11½
Hart Hill	2 15 9½	2 5 2½	0 7 9
Hector's River	1 1 8½	1 5 10½	0 0 10½
Huntley	1 5 3	0 17 0	0 1 0
Jointwood	6 9 8	2 16 11½	3 1 2½
Coker			
Kingston	67 13 4	18 4 2	4 19 11½
Kencot	60 17 1½	3 6 2	51 8 1½
Linstead	0 10 2	1 0 11½	0 6 10½
Long Bay	0 7 11½	0 5 4	0 0 2
Little London	0 2 1½	0 2 8½	0 6 0
Manchioneal	2 10 9	1 10 5½	0 5 5½
Moore Park	4 4 6½	2 18 0½	0 2 0½
Mandeville	43 9 8	14 3 9½	19 11 10½
March Town	4 15 0½	1 7 10½	0 3 0
Mile End	1 4 0	0 19 9½	0 1 0
†Montego Bay	10 17 9½	2 5 4	2 6 11½
Sandy Bay	0 3 1	0 6 8½	0 2 1½
Morant Bay	4 14 5	3 1 1½	0 14 0½
Mt. Carey	2 13 8½	0 17 8½	0 9 9
Mt. Peace	1 17 2	1 0 1	0 19 6½
Mt. Providence	3 4 1	3 11 8	0 4 11½
Newell	3 8 9½	1 5 4	0 8 10½
*Newport	0 6 0	0 13 0½	1 2 9
New Market	1 2 3	0 8 0	0 15 6
Old Harbour	3 1 7½	2 9 9½	0 3 4
Orange	1 4 6	1 5 4½	0 2 8½
Ocho Rios	1 14 3½	0 13 4½	0 13 7
Petersfield	1 0 7½	1 3 0	
Port Antonio	5 19 11½	1 18 4½	0 14 8½
Olive Mt.			
Porus	1 2 9½	0 17 3½	0 11 0
Richmond Park		0 13 3	
Port Maria	1 5 4½	0 11 8½	0 0 6
Riversdale	4 4 4½	3 11 1½	0 9 6
Williamsfield			
Regent Street	8 1 8	2 13 0	0 6 10
Rollington Pen	13 14 9½	3 15 5½	0 12 8
Maryland	0 2 9½	0 2 0	
Race Course			
Santa Cruz	7 19 6½	1 19 1	0 12 1½
Sav-la-mar	0 6 9	0 7 11½	
Sheffield	1 12 2½	0 13 5½	0 14 9
St. Ann's Bay	3 2 8½	2 5 7	0 1 3
Sherwood Content	3 8 3½	1 2 3½	0 3 10½
Sherwood Forest	1 10 3	1 7 7½	0 2 6½
Southfield	2 14 5	3 9 3½	1 4 1
Spanish Town	13 3 10½	8 17 3	3 15 1½
Sigoville			
Reeves Mt.			
Swift River	1 4 7½	0 14 8½	0 0 6
Fruitful Vale			
Trinityville	0 2 1	0 7 5½	0 3 10
Spring Garden	1 15 2½	2 17 10	0 17 6
Seaford Town			
Springfield	0 16 6½	1 4 4½	2 13 5½
Troy			
Vaughansfield	2 3 11	2 14 4½	
Waterloo	0 13 2	1 9 4½	0 1 0
White House	0 13 0	0 7 1½	0 4 6
Watermount	2 17 0½	1 15 3	0 1 1

Duxes			
White Hill	0 3 9	0 10 10	
Totals	434 7 6½	172 4 0½	139 7 3

Sabbath School

Regular	65. 0. 11½
13th Sabbath Offering	60. 8. 7½
Birthday Offering	1. 0. 6½
S. S. Investment	45. 13. 0
	172. 4. 0½

Missions

Foreign Missions	3. 15. 3½
Harvest Ingathering	48. 8. 1½
Annual Offering	70. 1. 8½
Week of Sacrifice	17. 1. 8½
Mid-Summer Offering	4½
	139. 7. 3

*December remittance not received.

†November remittance included.

J. W. GROUNDS,
Treasurer.

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Evidence would have been worthless to break the power of rebellion in his heart. And Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit. He had come to bear trial as we must do, leaving us an example of faith and submission. Neither here nor at any subsequent time in His earthly life did He work a miracle in His own behalf. His wonderful works were all for the good of others. Though Jesus recognized Satan from the beginning, He was not provoked to enter into controversy with him. Strengthened with the memory of the voice from heaven He rested in His Father's love. He would not parley with temptation.

Jesus met Satan with the words of Scripture. "It is written," He said. In every temptation the weapon of His warfare was the word of God.

Jesus rested upon the wisdom and strength of His Heavenly Father. He declares, "The Lord God will help Me; therefore shall I not be confounded, . . . and I know that I shall not be ashamed. . . . Behold, the Lord God will help Me." Pointing to His own example, He says to us, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, . . . that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."

"The prince of this world cometh," said Jesus, "and hath nothing in Me." There was in Him nothing that responded to Satan's sophistry. He did not consent to sin. Not even by a thought did He yield to temptation. So it may be with us. Christ's humanity was united with divinity; He was fitted for the conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He came to make us partakers of the divine nature. So long as we are united to Him by faith, sin has no more dominion over us. God reaches for the hand of faith in

us to direct it to lay fast hold upon the divinity of Christ, that we may attain to perfection of character.

And how this is accomplished Christ has shown us. By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan?—By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist temptation. "It is written," He said. And unto us are given "exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Every promise in God's word is ours. "By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" are we to live. When assailed by temptation, look not to circumstances or to the weakness of self, but to the power of the word. All its strength is yours. "Thy word," says the psalmist, "have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." "By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer."—*Desire of Ages*, pp. 116-120, 123.

ORGANIZE THE CHURCH FOR SERVICE

Steps in Organization

- I. Call a meeting of Church Officers.
 - a. Pray together for the Holy Spirit's guidance.
 - b. Study Conference plans and cooperate.
 1. Carry out the ten-minute missionary service between Sabbath School and the mid-day Bible Study or Preaching Service.
 2. Begin a Bible Training Class and select suitable teachers, enlisting as many as will join. (The Book "How to give Bible Readings" is very good and should be used as the study book.)
 3. Launch the Home Study League in your church. This plan calls for a systematic distribution of literature.
 4. Encourage those in the church who are prepared to preach and teach to hold cottage meetings and give Bible readings.
 5. To carry out such plans, band organization is essential. See that sufficient bands are organized so that every member of the church may be brought into close touch with the missionary activity of the church.
- II. Bands which may be organized.
 - a. All Bands Prayer Bands.
 1. Literature bands.
 2. Christian Help bands. Visiting and assisting the sick and needy.
 3. Bible Readings and Cottage Meeting bands.

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4. Dorcas Societies

For relief of poor, repairing cast off garments, making clothes, and various relief activities.

5. Correspondence Bands

Writing letters and sending papers to interested ones who cannot be laboured with personally.

6. Study bands as an aid to better preparation for service.

NOTE: We hope that a great forward movement will be seen in the conference. Now is the time to pray, study, and work. May God grant that every church may be a life-saving station and that every member may rescue some soul.

B. A. MEEKER.

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Bent, V. S.	40		9, 5. 0
Claypole, G. L.	110	9. 0. 0	5.19. 0
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Destoe, K. E.	40	7.10. 0	
Downer, J. A.	100	15. 1. 0	3. 0. 6
Grant, H. W.	107	12. 5. 0	22. 5. 0
Harris, Septimus	43	3. 9. 6	3.10. 6
Kelly, P. B.	151	34. 0. 0	10. 8. 0
Lalor, M. A.	50	5. 7. 6	10. 9. 0
Plummer, H. L.	99	2.10. 6	0. 9. 0
Ricketts, B. A.	109	9. 0. 6	22. 8. 1
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CHURCHES REACHING GOALS— NOT YET REPORTED

*LINSTAD
*CARRON HALL
*PORUS
*KENCOT.

ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR H. I. HONOUR ROLL

MONTEGO BAY
M. Simpson.

NEWPORT
Ira Reid.

CROSS
F. Johnson.

MILE END
H. McGhie, L. G. Evering.

MANDEVILLE
Mrs. E. E. Parchment, H. J. Strother,
Mrs. W. Nation, E. M. Beresford, Anita
Nembhard, Blossom Beresford.

NORTH STREET
Charles Cole.

NEW MARKET

James Richards.

BROADGATE

Albertha Wallace, Irene Wallace, Norman Bennett, Robert Bennett, Lillian Ayar.

EVERTON PARK

Susan Smith, James Smith.

BEVERLY

Stanley Gordon, Emma Wilkie, Matilda Coley.

"I WILL POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING"

A few years ago I adopted the Bible system of tithing.

For a time all went well. Then came a day when God permitted my source of income to be taken away, and the test came. I had a difficult situation to face without future prospects. My only possessions were fifty shillings tithe due, and a house that I had been unable to sell for over three years. The temptation came to with-hold the tithe until circumstances were more favorable.

Then there came to me the promise in Malachi 3:10. I stepped out in faith and paid it, trusting Him Who had promised.

Within four hours the Lord sent the means to earn nearly three times the tithe, and inside a month my house was sold.

The Lord asks us to prove Him. I have done so and praise His name. He has never failed.

I should never hesitate again to tithe under any circumstances. May others receive as great blessings by rendering to the Lord His own.

I. M. H.

HE SENT THE COAL

A lady in the north of England was poor, and had a great struggle to get a living. But she determined always to be true to God's Word, including the commandment to pay tithe.

The Lord honored her faith, and never failed to provide for her. One wintry day at Christmas time, some years ago, paying her tithe meant going without coal. But she faithfully paid the Lord's tenth, convinced that He would provide her with warmth. A few hours afterwards a letter came from a friend in Scotland from whom she had not heard for several years. In the letter was ten shillings, with the message that the friend felt she must be needing it.

Gratitude and praise to God flowed from her lips, and very soon she was "warmed and filled." She has continued through the years to honour the Lord with the tithe, and He has always fulfilled His promise of a rich return to her.

F. W. C.

WAS BLESSED FOR FORTY YEARS!

I am now sixty years of age and have been paying tithe for over forty years. When I look back over my past life and count the blessings, my heart is filled with love and praise for all His goodness.

Many blessings have come, but one I will especially mention. Years ago my father gave me a book which was made up of about twelve pamphlets bound together. During the years that followed, the book was forgotten. My people moved four times, and at the fifth move my sister found the book again and gave it to me. The book proved to be valuable, and was sold for about £100.

I feel convinced that the Lord cared for that book through our many moves, so fulfilling His promise to bless those who pay tithe and try to keep His commandments.

F. L.

OBITUARY

Findlay, Mrs. Rebecca, was born eighty one years ago, and died suddenly, at mid-night, January 3rd., 1935. She was in comparatively good health up to the day of her death and attended Prayer meeting, as usual, the day before. She accepted the Third Angel's Message under the labours of Pastor J. A. Strickland in the year 1903 and remained faithful till the day of her death. Her life was devoted to the advancement of the cause of Present Truth and she did all that she could for its advancement. The church-building at Montego Bay stands on property which she donated to the cause many years ago. A host of friends will ever cherish her memory and loving ministrations. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery in the presence of a large congregation; words of comfort were spoken from 2 Sam. 14: 14, by the writer.

A. C. STOCKHAUSEN.

Herbert Britton Brown, infant son of Brother and Sister Brown of Seaford Town, was laid to rest December 1, awaiting the voice of the Lifegiver. The funeral services were conducted by

A. R. HAIG.

Jacob Jones of Beeston Springs, after a long illness and parting words of comfort and courage, fell asleep in the glorious hope of resurrection and immortality. (January 7.)

J. N. CAMPBELL.

Sister Urcelena Crawford passed to her rest January 9 after a protracted illness. She fell asleep in the blessed hope of the soon coming of Jesus. Services were held in the North Street Seventh-day Adventist church conducted by the writer.

BYRON A. MEEKER.

Sister Rachel Henry died at the Public Hospital in Kingston, November 8. She was a member of the North Street church, Kingston. She fell asleep in the Blessed Hope. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

BYRON A. MEEKER.