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Christ's Prayer for His Church in the British West Indies Union

By Robert H. Pierson

PAUSE with me for a few moments by the side of the Master as He prays one of His last prayers before the crucifixion. We find in the 17th Chapter of John's Gospel the words of this earnest intercessory prayer recorded. Even with the agony of the cross just before Him the Saviour's solicitude was not for Himself but rather for those whom He should leave to carry forward His work in the earth. He knew that most severe trials lay ahead of them; He was well aware of the persecution and the opposition that they would meet from without, but Jesus saw that their greatest danger would be from a spirit of division within. So the burden of this intercessory prayer was for a spirit of unity and brotherly love to exist among His followers. (John 17:9:11).

"That union and love might exist among His disciples, was the burden of our Saviour's last prayer for them prior to His crucifixion." *Vol. V*, p. 236.

Not only for the disciples of His day did the Master pray on this occasion, but as well He prayed that a spirit of oneness and brotherly love might prevail in His church throughout all generations.

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through the truth." (John 17:20).

That prayer, Brother, Sister, was for you and for me and all members of God's Remnant Church living even today. This prayer was answered in the early church. As the disciples

gathered together in preparation for Pentecost the first and second chapters of Acts tells us that a spirit of unity and brotherly love existed among them. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." (Acts 1:14).

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all of one accord in one place." (Acts 2:1). Because of the unity and love which existed among them the Holy Spirit descended in mighty power upon them.

As a result the Lord could use them mightily for the preaching of His Gospel.

"Only as they were united with Christ, could the disciples hope to have the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit, and the cooperation of angels of heaven. So long as they (the disciples) remained united . . . the church would advance from victory to victory, gloriously fulfilling her divine mission of proclaiming the gospel to the world." *D. A.*, p. 91.

The task of preaching the message of salvation to every kindred, tongue and people is as much for the church today as it was in the days of the disciples. Before Jesus comes His last warning message must go to earth's remotest bounds. This will be accomplished only if the members of God's Remnant Church put away all differences and draw closer together in a spirit of unity and love.

"The success of our work depends upon our love to God,

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Meet Our Workers



This month we would like our VISITOR readers to meet this cheerful looking gentleman—one of our District Pastors of the East Jamaica Mission—Elder E. C. Walton. Elder Walton for the past two years has been labouring in the St. Thomas Parish where his efforts have been blessed, and prior to that he worked in the Cayman Islands for some time.

"JUST BETWEEN US"



(A Personal Message from your Union President)

Someone has said "It Pays to Advertise." Surely the Bible says "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Too many of our churches hide their lights beneath "bushels."

Most of our churches throughout the British West Indies Union have no identification board near them. Daily hundreds and thousands of persons pass our scores of Adventist churches ignorant of the fact that "that neat little church so well cared for" is a monument to God's last warning message going to the world, Brethren, this ought not so to be! We should let the world know that the truth of God is marching forward "conquering and to conquer." Those not of our faith should learn that like fire the message of truth is spreading into every nook and corner of our island field. Let us acquaint folks with what God is doing in these last days!

Every Seventh-day Adventist church should have a neat attractive notice board up where all passers-by may see it easily so that they that run may read. This announcement board should tell the world that here is a Seventh-day Adventist church and that they are welcome to attend the weekly services that are held within.

The British West Indies Union Committee has formulated a plan whereby every church in the Union, regardless of when it was built or dedicated, be it old or new, can have a good-sized, neat notice board painted with the name of the church on it and space for special announcements to be written in. The Union has offered to join every mission and every church in sharing the expense of such a board. The total cost of the board to the church under this plan will be only a very few shillings—probably not more than 5/-. Isn't that reasonable?

If you are interested in securing a board for your church write your Mission President and determine whether or not he can help you procure one soon.

Sincerely yours in Him,

Here and There Over the Union

Dr. A. B. Cafferky, our Doctor in the Cayman Islands for the past year, has recently accepted a call from the Andrew's Memorial Hospital to connect with their staff on a part-time basis. For health reasons and because of circumstances in the Cayman Islands at this time Doctor and Mrs. Cafferky have responded to this call and will be connecting with the hospital on a part-time basis and also for private practice in the City of Kingston.

Miss Ualee Lawrence, our efficient teacher in the Bahamas Junior Academy, has spent the summer in Oakwood College taking further school work. She reports a very pleasant time and is now back in Nassau on the job once more. We greatly appreciate the very fine work that Miss Lawrence has been doing in the Nassau Academy.

Word has been received that Elder O. Schneider and family have accepted the call of the British West Indies Union to the directorship of the Cayman Islands Mission, and it is expected that the Schneiders will be arriving in the field at an early date. Brother and Sister Schneider have been connected with a number of our educational institutions in America and they have also had considerable experience in pastoral work. We welcome them to our staff of workers in the B. W. I. Union.

Elder Nation, Elder Butherus, and Brother Morrison made a trip around the West Jamaica Mission recently in the interest of the educational work, visiting the various churches where there are church schools and where there are prospective students for the West Indian Training College. The Brethren report a good interest in Christian education throughout the West Jamaica Mission.

Toward the end of July we were happy to welcome Elder E. F. Hackman and Brother L. F. Bohner, two of our Division officers, in Kingston for a few hours. The brethren stopped over on their way back to Miami after spending some months down in Central America and other parts of the field.

Elder K. S. Crofoot and family arrived on the *S. S. Merco* from Georgetown Tuesday, August 3. Elder Crofoot, after accepting a call to the Presidency of the East Jamaica Mission, had returned to Georgetown to pack his things and bring his family to finally settle in Kingston, the headquarters of the East Jamaica Mission. We welcome the Crofoots to their new work and to their new home here in Jamaica.

Looking forward to a good strong programme in 1949, the Union Committee has requested General Conference and Division help for a number of important appointments early in the new year. The request has been passed on for Elder W. P. Elliot, Secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference to attend the East and West Jamaica Colporteur Institutes which will be held early in 1949. Another request was passed along for Elder L. T. Reynolds, Editor of the *Message Magazine*, to pay a visit to Jamaica sometime during the year to assist in the promotion of the *Message Magazine* work in our field. The request was also passed on to the Division for Elder T. L. Oswald or Elder Henry Brown, Secretaries of the Home Missionary Department, to be present at Lay Preachers' Institutes to be held in the East and West Jamaica Missions at the turn of the year. We are also anticipating help from the Division Home Missionary Department.

The last week of July the Union President paid a visit to the Cayman Islands field in the interest of the medical and educational work. The members there greatly regret the loss of Elder Crofoot and his good wife and Dr. and Mrs. Cafferky, all of whom are leaving the field at one time. We are glad to report, however, that replacements are being provided at an early date.

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We have been made happy to note an increase of £135. 0. 0 in our Sabbath School offerings for the second quarter over the first quarter. This is as it should be, for as the work widens it needs greater sacrifice on our part to keep it moving, and only as we share our blessings liberally with others will we retain them ourselves.

ATTENTION Sabbath School officers of West Jamaica! Beginning January, 1949, the *Sabbath School Worker* will be increased in size from 32 to 48 pages, bringing to us much helpful material for every department of the Sabbath School. But the price will also be increased by almost 50% per copy. However, the General Conference is making a very generous offer of accepting subscriptions up to October 1 of this year for this paper at the same old rate. So let us make haste to send in our subscriptions immediately to the Book & Bible House, or renew our present subscriptions while this opportunity is ours. Remember this offer only holds good to October 1. Present price 7/6 per single copy or 6/- in clubs of five or more.

—W. S. NATION.



W. L. BARCLAY, M. V. Dept. Secretary.

An Open Letter to Our Missionary Volunteers

Dear Fellow Missionary Volunteers:

Sometimes non-Adventists give us food for real thought. Sometimes they say things that challenge us. Sometimes they say things that embarrass us. Recently Elder Nation and I met a man who did all three.

We were soliciting a certain business man for Ingathering, and after telling him of the work Adventists were doing all over the world through hospitals, schools, welfare activities and evangelism, he said, "Yes, that is a good work, but you are losing out in the more important place—you are doing nothing for young people." This man went on to recite the things the Catholic church was doing to win and hold the young people. By a strange coincidence a worker told me, just a few days later, that he had a similar experience in another part of the island!

Of course, it is embarrassing to us to have people think we are not doing anything for young people, and it is useless for us to talk about our progressive class work or Youth Congresses or any other programme like that, because these people were talking about what we were NOT doing for young people not of our faith.

While it is embarrassing to us, nevertheless, these men have given us real food for thought, and as we study this matter seriously we must recognize the challenge that is laid down to us. Our records show that the number of young people baptized in this Union field during the first quarter of 1948 amounted to ninety-nine. The possibilities are that most of these were youth from Adventist homes who would have joined the church in the natural course of events. Our records show further that twenty-eight of those baptized were won by our young people. Our Young People's report for the first quarter indicates that there are 8,352 young people in the Union. Rightly directed in evangelism these thousands of Advent Youth should be able to win at least hundreds of other youth.

Missionary Volunteers, what can we do to meet this challenge? I know we have a busy programme working for and with our own youth. It takes time and effort to plan Youth Congresses, rallies, progressive classes, and social life for youth, and these are necessary. But the challenge of unconverted youth lies before us. We cannot shut our eyes to it. Now

is the time to do something. The Message means much to each of our youth, but it will mean much more if they take that Message to other youth.

In our Youth Congresses, soon to convene, much emphasis will be placed on the "Share Your Faith" movement. We should not wait until then to launch a programme of soul-winning for non-Adventist young people. We cannot hold dances or other types of questionable entertainment to entice youth to our churches, but we can use legitimate methods that will get results.

First of all, we should emulate our Saviour. We should go out of our way to be friendly with those not of our faith. Jesus made a special effort in behalf of the woman of Samaria. When she recognized His friendliness she responded and was won to Christ—and she in turn brought others to Him.

We would like to suggest that every Missionary Volunteer Society plan periodical entertainments of a high standard and INVITE the neighbourhood youth to attend. Make these youth feel that they are wanted and they will respond. Plan hikes or trips to a nearby beach for a picnic and invite them to go.

After these entertainments or hikes or picnics, plan a "Share Your Faith" rally in the church and invite these young people to attend. A carefully planned question hour could raise questions in their minds that would create an interest that may lead to conversion.

We are living in the last days and the time has come for our Youth to march forward to do battle for God. Let us answer the challenge of the hour and bear the "Fiery Cross" of Christ into every hamlet, village, town, and city in this great field that God has committed to us. Let it no longer be said that we are doing nothing for the youth of the world. They are our responsibility. Let us SHARE OUR FAITH.

Yours for Christ and Youth,
W. L. BARCLAY.

Share Your Faith

Share Your Faith, O Advent Youth,
Its blessings to bestow;
By sharing with some other one
You'll see your own faith grow.

Share Your Faith, O Advent Youth,
This faith you claim so dear;
Knowest thou not the purchase price
Of this faith you bear?

Share Your Faith, O Advent Youth,
Man's faith has failed him so.
Your faith will meet earth's greatest needs,

And save men from its woe.

Share Your Faith, O Advent Youth,
You're destined for this hour!
Go forth to speak of Jesus' love,
Tell of His mighty power!

—Leonard F. Webb.

Youth's Congress

The heart of every Missionary Volunteer of West Jamaica will be thrilled at the glad news of our coming Youth's Congress to be held at the West Indian Training College, August 19-22. This Congress promises to be one of the grandest occasions in the history of the West Jamaica Mission. Our youth are determined to make this event a great milestone in their Christian experience.

We are hoping to have with us Pastors T. E. Lucas, Associate Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the General Conference, A. H. Roth, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Inter-American Division, W. E. Murray, Secretary of the Inter-American Division, R. H. Pierson, President of the British West Indies Union, W. L. Barclay, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the British Indies Union, and other distinguished workers from the Union as well as from the East and West Jamaica Missions. These brethren will lead out in most of the meetings, and I feel sure that their experience and counsel will bring a rich spiritual blessing to all who attend.

Full details have been sent to all our Societies, and only young people whose names have been sent in to our office by August 6 will be provided for. Our accommodations are very limited at the college and thus I would strongly advise individuals not to decide to come at the last minute and expect us to accommodate them. I am also appealing to individuals over 30 years of age to give the younger folk the chance of attending the Congress.

The Mission will not be financially responsible for any one attending the Congress. However, the West Indian Training College will provide meals for all who desire to eat in the college dining room at their own expense.

Arrangements have been made with the Jamaica Government Railway for special concessions for our young people travelling by rail to the Congress. Remember the date, August 19-22. To miss this event is to miss a part of life itself, so be present and on time, Youth of West Jamaica.

—E. J. PARCHMENT.



Publishing Dept.

A. R. Haig
Secretary

A Thousand in One Day

This is the end. This is the day when the pen is mightier than the sword and more truth-clinching than the pulpit. When the sermon or the Bible study is forgotten, when the Advent churches are closed; the pen of inspiration declares "that the printed page (our books and magazines — *Message* and *Our Times*) will continue to speak." Continuing she declares, "And through the PEN more than a thousand will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first conviction to the reading of our publications" — large books, small books, magazines or tracts. Mrs E. G. White in *Review & Herald Nov 10, 1895*.

Church Auxiliary Colporteur Proves the Above True. Sister Gaynor is a mother of many children. Recently, she buried an invalid husband. Having her eyes opened to the magnitude of the task to be accomplished by the angel of Rev. 18:1 and his people, she decided to be one of his helpers. She joined the Brigade.

Sister Gaynor is just a poor, humble country lady living among the beautiful banana and mango trees but she finds time to give a few hours on Sundays to invite her neighbours to buy our small books and magazines. Often she is insulted but she trudges along her way saying, "I am glad to be crossly spoken to by my fellow-men for I am following the Saviour to Calvary in order to ascend with Him to glory. Thank you and pleasant day." Sister Gaynor of Cambridge sold a few small books to four families with a family-tree boasting 42 souls. They called for Bible studies and today, 37 of them are rejoicing in the Truth. Of the thirty-seven, five are full time colporteurs and Brigade workers.

Dear Believers throughout this Union, do you also have neighbours for whom Christ died? When Sister Gaynor receives her crown bedecked with stars will there be any stars in your crowns and in mine?

Get in Touch. Today the Holy Spirit asks that I assist Him to invite all our youth of consecration and health to join in flooding the land with the printed

message. He asks the middle aged and others to join in also to win or to warn some souls for Him. Will you say "Yes" to the Saviour today? Say "Yes, I will go dear Lord." So then, get in touch with your Brigade Leader or write your Publishing Department Secretary today. NOW — do not put it off, and get started on the road of loving service for God and humanity. You may be the first one appointed by the Lord to sell *that first book or magazine* that will start the investigation by thousands waiting and cause to decide for the truth in one day, more than one thousand precious souls.

Revelation 18:1 and Joel 3:13 unite to declare: Every believer called of the Lord must unite and "put ye in the sickle (Bibles, books and magazines) for the harvest is ripe." Inspired by the latter verse, Brother Rexford wrote: "O where are the reapers that garner in the sheaves of the good from the fields of sin? With sickles (books) of truth must the work be done, and no one may rest till the harvest home."

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

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas:			
Ricketts, B. A.	129	128 18 0	42 11 0
British Honduras:			
Vaseannine, S.	140	21 6 10	21 6 10
East Jamaica:			
Anderson, A. A.	138	12 17 0	13 2 0
Blake, W. E.	127	47 14 0	10 11 6
Cousins, C. S.	163	48 5 6	19 14 6
Cummings, S.	204	91 11 3	22 10 3
Dayes, Lloyd	154	25 17 6	16 12 0
Davidson, L. H.	154	40 7 0	16 17 6
King, J. M.	253	92 18 6	26 1 6
Llewellyn, W. S.	131	11 10 0	28 17 0
Rose, Florence	308	33 3 6	23 13 6
Richards, Beryl	122	1 17 0	1 16 6
Samuele, L.	189	12 5 6	10 16 0
Sterling, D. A.	275	8 17 9	8 17 9
Wilson, George	208	53 11 0	36 17 0
Wright, Rudolph	169	20 5 0	20 12 0
West Jamaica:			
Brown, V. E.	187	38 13 0	61 5 0
Carnegie, R. K.	183	26 2 3	18 15 0
Douse, Herman	167	19 19 0	4 11 2
Gilling, F. L.	135	12 7 0	4 9 0
Guthrie, Ira	225	12 2 9	16 8 0
Hepburn, C. H.	196	28 8 0	30 17 0
Kent, Rudolph	152	24 5 0	11 17 0
Lawrence, V. A.	121	26 2 0	5 14 0
Plummer, H. L.	130	20 8 6	26 6 6
Smith, M. V.	162	22 2 10	15 3 8
Stewart, H.	173	7 12 0	5 9 1
Tharpe, C. H.	141	14 18 3	9 12 9

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

Colporteurs' Report Summary for June, 1948

Bahamas	488	£ 205 13 0	£ 109 8 6
Br. Honduras	170	25 16 7	83 13 11
Caymans		NO REPORT	
Salt Cays		11 7 0	10 17 0
East Jamaica	8483	1105 18 11	727 1 4
West Jamaica	4329	704 2 9	594 9 9
TOTAL	13479	£2052 18 3	£1525 10 6
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Prayer Circle
Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Are There Robbers in Your Church?

In determining whether there are robbers in a church, we should gain an intelligent understanding as regards God's claims on those who are members of His church. The Bible makes it clear that we ourselves, as well as what we own, belong to God. We are His stewards, and the faithful steward will be honest in the handling of that which has been entrusted to him. He realizes that he must account to his master for that which has been committed to him. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your Spirit, which are God's."

Our time, our talent, our strength, our intellect, all our capabilities, our earthly possessions: money, land, live-stock, all of these belong to God. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine". He says. *Hag. 2:8*.

"Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and wild beasts of the field are mine. The world is mine, and the fulness thereof". *Psalms 50:10-12*.

It is a mistake to think that we have had temporal success because of our good management. "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." *Deut. 8:18*. The power, the wisdom, the strength, the physical and mental capabilities, are blessings from God. May we always remember this. Instead of withholding what we possess from God, we should use what we own to His glory. To do this is for our good. *Prov. 3:9, 10*. In failing to do this we fail to our own detriment. *Prov. 11:24, 25*. Many of those who fail, and who experience hard times, fail because they forget and rob God. And thus failing, very many will lose their place in the Kingdom of heaven.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." *Mal. 3:8, 9*. Do you have members in your church who are not returning to God His own, who are coming behind in tithes and offerings? Such persons are robbing the Lord. The officers of the church should pray for, and work with them, and help them to see that they are in danger. God's curse is resting on them, and they will never have true success, until they repent of their sin and return to God that which belongs to Him.

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Ministerial Department

A PAGE DEVOTED
ENTIRELY TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR
WORKERS AND LAY PREACHERS



Our Study Life

Preachers must study! The moment we stop studying that moment we commence dying — slowly it may be true but nevertheless surely.

"A minister should never think that he has learned enough, and may now relax his efforts. His education should continue throughout his lifetime; every day he should be learning, and putting to use the knowledge gained." *G.W.*, 94.

This year we have an exceptionally fine set of books in our Ministerial Reading Course. We wish every mission worker and lay preacher could have access to these outstanding volumes. Perhaps sets could be purchased and loaned to the Lay Preachers by the various missions.

REASONS FOR OUR FAITH

by F. D. Nichol

In the muddle of world affairs and the confusion in religious thinking of these intense days there should be a drawing together on the part of the champions of the truth that heralds the advent of Christ. This book is designed to undergird the spiritual certainty needed by those who teach the fundamental doctrines associated with the giving of the everlasting gospel to all nations. In his usual alert and persuasive logic the author builds a manifesto of faith with which to front the coming crisis.

REVIVAL SERMONS

by H. M. S. Richards

These vital, heart-warming, gospel-inspired messages glow with a spiritual radiance that seldom gets into cold print. Stenographically reported from a series of meetings, they have a conversational, familiar tone that echoes with pulpit appeal rather than with the metallic sound of the printing press. This fine contribution to the ministerial reading course is offered not as a textbook on, or even as a model of, homiletics. It is rather a book of Spirit-inspired sermons that were preached to save men and women from sin. It will provide preachers with a new vision of their privileges in weaving Christ into every message of truth.

HERALDS OF GOD

by James S. Stewart

The preacher—his world, his theme, his study, his technique, his inner life—is the burden of this book, and under the compulsion of its persuasiveness one feels under marching orders from the King. Its anecdotes, illustrations, and allusions point up its counsel with sparkling effectiveness.

THE FRUITAGE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

by L. H. Christian

The counsel to the church through the Spirit of prophecy needs new emphasis amid the changing currents of thinking that clamour for expression today and that may sway even the believers in God's special message for this hour. The burden of this book is the way God has led His church through the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. From a writer long associated with her work this volume will renew the confidence of every worker.

THE PROSE OF OUR KING JAMES VERSION

by M. Ellsworth Olsen

Wherein does the extolled beauty of Bible diction exist? How do the familiar phrases of the King James Version stir in us the devotional mood? What were the contributions of Wycliffe and Tyndale and Coverdale to our heritage in the Scriptures? The answers to these and many other questions arising from consideration of the Bible as a great piece of prose literature are answered at analytical length in this excellent study of the factors involved by an author uniquely qualified to present his findings.

Order from your Book and Bible House.

Our Preaching

"Every sermon ought to do something for the preacher before it begins on the congregation...."

Our evangelistic task is not completed until we have reached the last man....

Any man who can tell about something Christ has done for him can be a personal worker.—*The Christian Advocate*,

"If we are not determined that in every sermon Christ is to be preached, it were better that we resign our commission forthwith and seek some other vocation." —J. S. Stewart in *Heralds of God*, p. 61.

"From every text in the Bible, even the remotest and least likely, there (is) a road to Christ." *Ibid.*

"Be very clear about this, that what men and women need, face to face with the mystery of pain and trouble and tragedy, is not a solution that will satisfy the intellect, not primarily at any rate, but a force that will stabilize the soul; not a convincing and coercive argument... but a power that will enable them to 'stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand': in short, not an explanation, but a victory." *Ibid.*, pp. 75-76.

God give us such preachers with such messages!

An Answer to Our Opponents

In some places opponents of our message are circulating an attack on Seventh-day Adventists by E. B. Jones, in the form of a pamphlet entitled "*Why You Should Not Be a Seventh-day Adventist.*" While some arguments are set forth against what we really believe, the author, through false charges, isolated statements, and garbled quotations, has grossly misrepresented our teachings.

In some places this attack has been distributed free, from door to door, thus prejudicing people against Seventh-day Adventists before they have had a chance to learn the truth concerning our teachings. Similar attacks are also being made by Mr. Jones in certain religious periodicals and even some secular papers.

We certainly do an injustice to people who receive this literature, as well as to our church, unless we do what we can to counteract this deceptive propaganda. While we should not enter into any bitter controversy with our opponents, it is surely our duty, in the spirit of love, to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3).

All who have the pamphlet by E. B. Jones, or who have been influenced by his propaganda, should have our reply in a pamphlet entitled "Bible Reasons Why You Should Be a Seventh-day Adventist," by M. E. Kern. This can be secured from your Book & Bible House. Write for particulars.

Driftwood for Your Sermon Fire

Real Sacrifice

A poor blind woman in Paris put twenty-seven francs into a plate at a missionary meeting. "You cannot afford so much," said one. "Yes, sir, I can," she answered.

On being pressed to explain, she said, "I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw-workers, 'How much money do you spend in a year for oil for your lamps when it is too dark to work at nights?' They replied, 'Twenty-seven francs.'"

"So," said the poor woman, "I found that I have so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to the dark heathen lands." — *Christian Endeavour World*.

Wanted---a Worker

"God never goes to the lazy or idle when He needs men for His service — Moses was busy with his flocks at Horeb. Gideon was busy threshing wheat. Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep. Elisha was busy plowing with 12 yoke of oxen.

Amos was busy following the flock. Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's cup.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea. James and John were busy mending their nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs. Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus."

Let's all get busy at this great work and the Lord will use and bless us.

— *The Christian Digest*.

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him." "Desire of Ages" — p. 225.

Clocks Without Hands: L. H. Hough, writing in the *Sunday School Worker*, tells of an experience that gripped him. "While walking along the street one day," he says, "I came across an extraordinary window display. It was a clock without hands. The pendulum was moving. The works were in motion. Everything about this clock seemed to be in the very best of condition with one exception. Its face had the numbers of all the hours, but no hands moved upon it. It was doing everything except indicating the time. And that was the one thing for which the clock was made.

"I walked past the window, thinking. I was thinking of people whose lives are full of motion and activity. But the motion never comes to anything. The activity never really works out in a definite achievement. They are like clocks without hands.

"Then I thought of the people who, with all their fully occupied days and hours, miss the very purpose for which they are in the world. You can hear the 'tick, tick, tick' of their lives, but you never can tell the time from them. Their lives are as empty of moral and spiritual meaning as a clock without hands."

— *Moody Monthly*.

You May

Hope for eternal life as the rich young ruler,

Give of your means as Ananias and Sapphira,

Desire spiritual gifts as Simon,

Wish to die well as Balaam,

Bring an offering as Cain,

Be married to a godly man as Delilah,

Be a gospel worker as Demas,

Build a temple as Solomon,

Have an angelic visitor as Lot's wife,

Live with God's people as Gehazi,

Make a good resolution as Felix,

Be healed as Asa,

Warned by handwriting as Belshazzar,

Minister in the priest's office as Nadab,

Ask for prayers as Pharaoh,

Be almost persuaded as Agrippa,

Find no fault with Jesus as Pilate,

Be children of godly parents as Hophni and Phinehas,

Make long prayers as the Pharisees,

Be able to prophesy as Saul,

Have many followers as Theudas,

Have the lamp of profession as the foolish virgins,

AND NOT BE SAVED!

— *Mrs. Madge M. Miller*.

The Divine Craftsman: It is easy for any true man of God in the ministry, when contemplating the greatness of the task given him, to understand the despair in the heart of the little East Side girl who had the vision, but lacked the skill, of an artist. She had a picture card with pansies printed on it, and with some cheap crayons she was trying to copy these pansies. She had never seen real pansies. She was observed by a woman passing by, and the woman went away to a florist's shop and bought some real pansies and brought them to the girl. The girl was delighted with them and stood in awesome adoration, and then addressed herself to copying these real pansies with new inspiration and joy. Not long afterward she was found crying as if her heart would break. When asked what made her cry, she looked up and sobbed, "Oh, I can never, never put the velvet on."

After we have tried our hardest, and lived our noblest, and done our best, we find ourselves a far distance from perfection. . . . Toil as we will, we find that we cannot put the velvet on. . . . At such times it helps to remember that the divine Craftsman has called us, that He has taken it upon Himself to make preachers of us, and that what we cannot do, He can. — C. B. Haynes, *Divine Art of Preaching*.

If you want to know how popular a church is, count the number of people in attendance on Sunday morning. If you want to know how popular the preacher is, count the number of people in attendance on Sunday night. If you want to know how popular the Lord is, count the number of people at the mid-week prayer service.—*The Christian Digest*.

Ministerial Oddities: A young minister read a pilfered sermon to an aged minister and solicited a compliment. The aged minister replied: "Your sermon is a good one, but you have selected the wrong text for your topic. You should have taken the passage, 'Alas! master, for it was borrowed'."

DON'T FORGET
YOUR PRAYER
APPOINTMENT
EVERY WEDNESDAY
MORNING PRAYER CIRCLE
Pray for the soul winning
efforts being put forth by all
of our workers and lay
preachers throughout the
B. W. I. Union.



Educational Dept.

E. G. Butherus, Secretary

Educational News

One of the brightest pictures of the work in the Cayman Islands has been the progress of the church school under the efficient leadership of Mrs. K. S. Crofoot and her two assistants, Miss Gleeda Forbes and Miss Maxine Banks.

The school has been built up in a good strong way and many of the leading people of the island are now sending their children to our school. Facilities are inadequate to cope with the large number who desire to attend the school. A good work has been done in remodelling the old building and supplying equipment, and it is hoped that in the near future we will be able to provide more.

It will be a real blow to the educational work there to lose Mrs. Crofoot, but we are happy that Elder Schneider, who is responding to our call to the leadership of the Cayman Islands field, is a strong educational man and we believe that the good work will continue under his leadership.

Over in the Bahamas Mission a good strong staff is carrying on at the Bahamas Junior Academy, and it is hoped that before too many months pass by that the new building will be entirely finished. Elder Colburn and his helpers have certainly done a fine job in building up this new institution. The churches in Nassau have given fine cooperation and as soon as the structure is finished it will present one of the finest buildings that we have in the British West Indies Union, one that is a real credit to our work in Nassau. The large auditorium in connection with the school will be used for large general meetings. We feel sure that this new building will mean much to the educational work of the Bahamas Mission.

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West Indian Training College Briefs

A sincere welcome from "the college on the hill" was given the group of eight teachers who, desiring to increase their store of knowledge and to widen their scope of efficiency, have seized the privilege of summer school offered them this summer.

The subjects being taught are — Psychology, School Management, Spirit of Prophecy, and Health Principles. These teacher-students are greatly enjoying this privilege as they settle down to master their classes: Beryl Williamson '46, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grey, both former students; Olga Crarey and Ena Parker from Kingsway High School, Ruby Winstanley, Daphne Samuel and Gladys Williamson.

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The following regular students are enrolled for summer schools:

Barnes, Clarence	Morgan, William
Belisle, Alice	Morrison, Valda
Binns, Lloyd	Peart, Lilly
Bruce, Herman	Pierson, John
Buchanan, Joyanna	Reid, Dorcas
Bull, Beryl	Reynold, Ivan
Edwards, Edith	Sailman, Grace
Fleetwood, Lynval	Silvera, Grace
Fletcher, Herbert	Sturridge, Jacquiline
Harriott, Esther	Tennyson, Nella
Hodgson, Renee	Westney, Adrian
Graham, Gretel	Williams, Archer
Grant, Roslyn	Williams, Ralphus
Johnson, Linda	Wood, Sheldon
Lindo, Ethline	Wray, Muriel
Maragh, Mercylin	Young, Evelyn
Morgan, Rachel	

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The elementary school closed July 30, after a few weeks special session for the Teachers' Training Students' benefit in School Management.

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The vacation spirit on "the hill" has been heightened by the beautiful season. The tanks are being constantly replenished; hence there is no definite ration in the use of water.

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The social feature of training at the College has been well planned for the summer. Besides games and marches, programmes have been given in the chapel, some impromptu and others planned and practised. One to be long remembered was given August 14. Besides regular students and visiting teachers, alumni were represented on the programme.

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President B. G. Butherus and L. A. Morrison spent the last week in July touring the West Jamaica Mission in the interest of the college. They report that a keen interest in Christian education was manifested in every church visited.

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L. A. Horning, Wood Products Manager, with his mother and family left June 18 for their homeland on a short furlough.

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Oswald Rugless, class of '47, is back "on the hill," taking up his new duties as acting dean and teacher in the Bible department. God is making him a real blessing to Cedar Hall during the summer months.

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E. L. Gardner, who was suddenly called away on account of the serious illness of his sister in the States, is back at the college.

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Mrs. Haig was acting preceptress for Mrs. E. L. Gardner during the first part of the summer, and Miss Dell Brodie, took the responsibility the remaining weeks until Mrs. Gardner's return.

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The school family has been increased recently by three more young people from Cuba who have come to join the former four in their quest for more English. West Indian Training College is happy to welcome them to the shores of beautiful Jamaica. These new students are Ari Quirch, Gilma Cordova, and Elba Bueno.

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Visiting for a month on "the hill" was Ellen vonPohle, daughter of Professor and Mrs. C. L. vonPohle, former teachers who left the college two years ago to take up work in the Pacific Press, Cristobal, Canal Zone. Miss vonPohle enjoyed being at the school a short while before leaving to attend school in the States.

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About sixteen students have bravely responded to the call of the literature ministry for the summer. The present students and workers want them to know that those who have had to stay behind "by the stuff" are praying for their success.

— JOHN PALMER.

Young People!

Don't Forget These Dates:

West Jamaica Youth's Congress
Mandeville — Aug. 19-22.

ALL-Jamaica Youth's Camp
Kingston — Aug. 23-30.

East Jamaica Youth's Congress
Kingston — Sept. 2-5.



Church Building News

E. E. Parchment
Field
Secretary

Dedication of the Petersfield Church

About two years ago it was my privilege, in company with Pastors Shirleigh Greene and Earl Parchment, to visit the Petersfield church in the Parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica. We enjoyed a pleasant and profitable weekend, holding a departmental convention.

When I was asked recently to attend the dedication of the Petersfield church, my mind went back to the previous visit and I pictured in my mind's eye the condition of the church edifice as it was at that time. As I remembered the walls they were of boards, unpainted and not too carefully applied. There was no roof over the entrance way. The whole appearance was a bit discouraging. Now, as I thought of the dedication, I wondered what changes had been wrought in the building. However, my imagination was not able to fully picture the complete transformation that has taken place at Petersfield. The wooden siding has all been pulled down and masonry walls substituted. An inviting entrance to the building has been constructed. Paint and color-wash have transformed both the inside and outside of the building. The grounds are clean and pleasingly landscaped; a small flower garden is carefully tended in one corner of the church plot. A new sign announces to all who pass that this is the Petersfield Seventh-day Adventist church.

Though the day of the dedication, Sunday, August 1, was rainy, the church could not hold all who came to the dedicatory service. Several mission workers were present and took part in the service, including a former pastor, Elder E. C. H. Reid, and the pastor of the adjoining district, Elder Lee Gouldbourne. Pastor W. S. Nation, Pastor E. E. Parchment and the writer represented the West Jamaica Mission and the British West Indies Union.

The dedicatory service was carefully planned by the Pastor of the district,

Pastor Shirleigh Greene. In addition to the features usual to such a service, we were pleased to listen to a short address by the Hon. C. C. Campbell, M.H.R. for Western Westmoreland. Music by the choir, under the direction of Brother Felix Clayton added much to the service.

It is already evident that the fine new building will soon be too small to house the Petersfield congregation. May God bless them as they continue to let their light shine brightly in that part of the field.

— C. O. FRANZ.

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"The members of the Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera company, Bahamas Mission, are happy with their newly acquired property. The building, on a good lot in the very center of the community was purchased recently by the local Mission in co-operation with the local members. Our people have been worshipping in this church for several years, paying a nominal rental. They feel that now that the property belongs to the Denomination, the work at Tarpum Bay will be greatly strengthened and that a permanent monument to the Third Angel's Message will bear its silent testimony for the Truth. During a recent visit by the mission president, meetings conducted were well attended and the hope was expressed that a longer series could be conducted in the near future.

"U. B. Toote reports that the new church building at Pleasant Bay, Andros, The Bahamas, is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for dedication at the time Pastor Pierson visits Andros in late August."

— H. D. COLBURN.

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"The church building programme in the Cayman Islands should also come in for its share of attention. The Georgetown church is at home in a building that compares favourably with church homes in larger places. Recently the little church at Cayman Brac had a thorough renovation and now presents a neat and attractive appearance. More recently still our East End members have moved into their new substantial building, of which they need not be ashamed when the finishing touches are put on. A small building is planned for the Savannah company which, it is hoped, will be ready for use a few months hence. The Bodden Town Company looks forward to having their building within the next two years.

"We believe that a church building is a paying investment even when the membership is very small. The Cayman Islands people attach great importance to a church

building and when a company of believers must meet in a private home or in some uninviting place, they are not favourably impressed."

— C. R. WOON.

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Sunday, August 1, was indeed a high day for our believers and friends in the Port Antonio, East Jamaica, church. This was the long awaited date for the stone-laying for the large new church going up in this parish capital. Long delayed by negotiations for land this new edifice patterned after our beautiful Montego Bay church now has the foundation in, towering concrete pillars up and a shiny new aluminum roof on. It looked most dignified and promising the day of the stone-laying. Elder Laing and his faithful church members are to be highly commended for the good start they have made and we trust it will not be too long a time before the walls will be up and things in order to move in.

Despite intermittent showers throughout the day a good sized crowd of representative church members and friends gathered for the programme Pastor Laing, as Master of Ceremonies, had planned. Many prominent persons in the civic life of Port Antonio were on hand and several spoke briefly but glowingly of the place the Adventist community occupied in the town. A number of very appropriate musical selections were rendered and Pastor R. H. Pierson preached the sermon, laying stress upon the need of finishing the building that had been commenced, finishing the work of God in the earth and assuring that God's work of grace had been finished in each individual heart. Following this item more than forty stones were laid.

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The building work on the Union Office building is proceeding apace, and now that the roof is on and the walls inside are finished it is hoped that we will be able to move into the new office in another month or two.

NOTICE

West Jamaica Churches
Do You Want a Fine
CHURCH NOTICE BOARD?
The Union and the Mission
Will Pay 2/3 of the Cost
If You Want One
Write Your President
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OUR GOAL FOR SOULS 1948

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Let us set as our objective

**One Baptism in Every Church
Every Quarter.**

Soul Winning News

From all parts of the Union good reports regarding the progress of our various efforts are coming in. We are happy to know that the Lord is blessing our workers and our lay preachers as they proclaim the Lord's message in public efforts. It was the Editor's happy privilege to attend Elder Glenn Millard's effort at Race Course in Kingston a few days ago. It was a Tuesday evening and the large tent that had been transferred from Half Way Tree was crowded. Counting all of those who were inside and outside there were in the neighbourhood of thirteen or fourteen hundred in attendance at that mid-week meeting. We understand from others who have been attending the services from night to night that on Sunday nights the attendance runs well over 2,500. This augurs well for the very fine harvest of souls in Metropolitan Kingston area. The North Street church is rallying in a very fine way to support Elder Millard in his meetings, and their cooperation is greatly appreciated. Elder Millard has had several baptisms from his Half Way Tree meetings, the total to date being around 55 or 60. Very fine folks have taken their stand for the Lord and have followed Him in baptism.

From the Bahamas Mission comes encouraging word from Elder C. F. Edwards' evangelistic campaign being held on St. James Road in Free Town. This effort was opened on Sunday night, July 4, and the meetings have been well attended from the start. There is a goodly number of those who are coming regularly manifesting a very fine interest in the message of truth. Brother Edwards is being assisted by Charles and Benjamin Burke.

Another encouraging item from the Bahamas Mission soul-winning programme is that Elder H. D. Colburn, the President of the field, visited recently the churches and members in Crooked Island and Inagua. At Landrail Point, Crooked

Island, Pastor Colburn conducted a protracted series of meetings in the splendid church building which the members there have completed and he reports that there was a good attendance throughout. Six candidates were baptized during his stay.

Brother C. R. Wood, in charge of the Twentieth Century Bible School in the Cayman Islands, writes that the school there is doing a fine work in bringing the message to the people of those islands. One hundred have completed the lessons and received certificates already. A larger number than this, by far, have taken the course. Ten of the students have been baptized and added to the church. Because of these Bible lessons the remark is often heard in the Caymans these days,

Soul Winning



News

"I know that Seventh-day Adventists are teaching the truths of the Bible." We are glad for the work that the Twentieth Century Bible School in our Union is doing in bringing the message of Christ to those who must be warned before Jesus comes.

Elder J. N. Williams, President of the British Honduras Mission, writes that he has had to temporarily close his effort at Cow Head Creek because of the inclemency of the weather and also because of the invasion of the mosquitoes. He reports that a goodly number are interested in the message as a result of the meetings he has been able to hold. He is planning on resuming these meetings a little later on in the year.

Then from the West Jamaica Mission there comes the following good word from the pen of Elder W. S. Nation:

"Now that our Ingathering Campaign is over we look forward to a real soul-winning campaign for the rest of the year. For the first six months our baptismal report has barely passed the 300 mark,

whereas our goal is 1000. Of course the latter half of the year always yields more baptisms, being the fruitage of the evangelistic efforts of the early months of the year, so we are not discouraged, only we dare not slacken our pace.

"Pastor Lindo has started the programme with an effort at Race Course in Clarendon. A few years ago an organized church was flourishing in this place, but through apostasy and removals it has been reduced to practically nothing. Now with a tent effort in progress we look forward to a revival of the Race Course church. For years our colporteurs have been sowing the seeds of truth through the printed page throughout this area. Because of the establishment of its large sugar factories Vere has been attracting many workers from other parts of the island. Quite a large number of students have taken the Bible Correspondence Course, so let us pray earnestly that this effort will be the means of reaping a rich harvest of souls.

"Pastor Gouldbourne's effort at Pondsides has been yielding very satisfactory results so that in the next few weeks he expects to organize a church there. The little Sabbath School at Rejoin which was started a few months ago as a result of Brother Arthur Heron's lay effort is also progressing and gives promise of developing into an organized church shortly."

Advantages of Early Conversion

Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty-five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy; a Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at six and not at sixty. How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime of opportunity before it than the soul which has nothing. Hence, Christ commanded Peter to feed the lambs before he fed the sheep. Lambs are of more worth than sheep in the realms of souls as well as in the market place.

— Rev. J. O. Wilson.

Prayer Circle
Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Christ's Prayer for His Church

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and our love to our fellowmen. When there is harmonious action among the individual members of the church, when there is love and confidence manifested by brother to brother there will be proportionate force and power in our work for the salvation of men." *T.M.*, p. 188.

With a gigantic task before us and with the inspired assurance of a time of trouble such as never has fallen upon this world ahead, there will be plenty of obstacles and opposition from without. This being true we must be certain that unity reigns within the church. Only as we meet the tests and trials ahead with a spirit of solidarity prompted by a mutual feeling of brotherly love will we be able to survive the fierce assaults of the Evil One.

Paul, writing under inspiration, calls for a full and complete consecration of every member of God's church. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (*Rom. 12:1*).

He further tells us that we are all one body in Christ Jesus. We can well imagine the difficulty that would result if members of the physical body did not co-ordinate. Just so it is when there is destructive criticism and unchristian railing, causing divisions within the church of God.

The Lord desires we should all be one in Him. In *Galatians 3:28* the Apostle says that there is no room for Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female, that we all become one in Christ Jesus. Just as sometimes America is called "the melting pot of nations" where men and women from all parts of the world have united under one government owing allegiance to one flag and using one language, so the Cross is to be the great Standardizer of high and low estate alike when we become Christians. All of the old pride and prejudice and differences are left behind and we become one in Christ Jesus.

"All of you should be of one mind, quick to sympathize, kind minded, not requiting evil with evil." (*1 Peter 3:8*, *Weymouth*).

"God is the embodiment of benevolence, mercy and love. Those who are truly connected with him, cannot be at variance with one another. His spirit ruling in the heart will create harmony, love and unity." *Vol. V*, p. 28.

The Apostle Paul further joins His Saviour in an earnest appeal for unity in the church. "Now I entreat you, brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to cultivate a spirit of harmony all of you and that there be no divisions among you, but rather a perfect union through your having one mind and one judgment." (*1 Cor. 1:10*, *Weymouth*).

The Moffatt translation makes the appeal even more vividly specific. "Brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ I beg of you all to drop these party cries. There must be no cliques among you." In these words the Apostle Paul appeals to all for a spirit of unity and singleness of spirit. Party cries that foment trouble and cliques that breed suspicion and distrust have no place in the church of God.

"Divisions in the church dishonour the religion of Christ before the world, and give occasion to the enemies of truth to justify their course" *Vol. V*, p. 239.

The Spirit of Prophecy further warns us that "It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most, it is the evil cherished in the hearts of professed believers that works our most grievous disaster, and most retards the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening our spirituality than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of fault finding and evil surmising." *Vol. VIII*, p. 242.

May the Lord help us in these last days when we have such a tremendous task before us and when Satan is assailing God's people so fiercely that we may "press together, press together, press together."

"We are of the same faith, members of one family, all children of the same Heavenly Father with the same blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together." *Vol. VIII*, p. 242.

Deeper Experience Demanded

As our numbers are increasing, broader plans must be laid to meet the increasing demands of the times; but we see no special increase of fervent piety, of Christian simplicity, and earnest devotion. The church seems content to take only the first steps in conversion. They are more ready for active labour than for humble devotion—more ready to engage in outward religious service than in the inner work of the heart. Meditation and prayer are neglected for bustle and show. Religion must begin with emptying and purifying the heart, and must be nurtured by daily prayer.

—*Test. Vol. IV*, p. 535.

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The Death of Miss Prayer Meeting

"Miss FAITHFUL PRAYER MEETING died recently at Neglectville, in the State of Worldliness. She was born many years ago amid revival fires. Miss Prayer Meeting had lived a very notable life until recent years. For some time past she had been confined to her home, because of business engagements and severe attacks of fatigue and nervousness. These symptoms were always more noticeable on prayer meeting nights. She was troubled with stiffness of the knees during prayer, and coldness of heart. Inactivity, weakness of will power, and generally diminished vitality marked the last stage of her illness.

"Her decease was accompanied by much sobbing and groaning over the 'good days' of her early life, but only a very few stood by her in her last struggles. She leaves to mourn their loss, many churches, preachers, and official dignitaries, also many unsaved persons outside the pale of the church."

Are There Robbers in Your Church?

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"The Lord has made us His stewards. He has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to Him His own. He has reserved the tithe as His sacred portion, to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring Him all the tithe that you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord as He has invited you to do."

"I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." *Mal. 3:11*.

—W. H. RANDLE.