



The Sacrifices of Joy

"ALL who follow Christ will wear the crown of sacrifice."—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 223.

These are ten words which form a sentence of profound significance.

Sacrifice for personal pleasure, for communal safety, for ultimate acquirement of advantage, we all understand. Probably most of the sacrifice men to-day endure falls into one of these categories.

But sacrifice for an ideal, for a spiritual principle, for something that is to bring advantage and blessing to others—that is of an entirely higher order. This higher order of sacrifice is divisible into many degrees. Mother-love, the inexplicable power that sacrifices self for the sake of the unknown future of the race, comes somewhere in this large order. Parents bring up their children by the sacrifice of personal comfort. The community in a Christian society sacrifices for nothing so readily as for the well-being of its younger generation. Colossal sacrifices of this kind have characterized our present generation, some of them entirely misconceived and wrongly guided, many directed by devotion to a duty thrust upon men.

None of these sacrifices, however noble, come anywhere near the idea of sacrifice as exemplified in the life of our Lord. Of His inexpressible love and of His unfathomable forfeiture it is written: "His sacrifice is the centre of our hope."—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 660.

In other words, we are hopeless

By H. W. LOWE.

and lost apart from that sacrifice. There can therefore be no life for a Christian apart from sacrifice, and this must be of the Christlike order. We are to sacrifice not for what we get. We are to sacrifice because we love to do it.

The very word signifies in its derivation, to make holy. Thus it was that the Lord spoke of "sacrifices of righteousness." Deut. 33:19. There were also "sacrifices of thanksgiving." Lev. 22:29. Perhaps of all the uses of the word, none is more exalted than the the psalmist's "I will offer . . . sacrifices of joy." Psa. 27:6.

The Lord's true people should not offer reluctant sacrifice. It should be joyful, unselfish, devoid

of fear because it is founded on Christ's love. It should flow in increasing measure as the mind grows more Christlike. A worldly church is characterized by its loss of glad sacrificial spirit (See *Great Controversy*, page 387, par. 2), but the true church understands sacrifice as a covenantal relationship with her Maker. (Psa. 50:5).

Christian sacrifice is comprehensive. It is geographical in the sense that where a man is truly consecrated to God he does not choose *where* he is to work. The location belongs to God as much as does the man. A man's ambitions, his possessions, his energies, his abilities, his mind, his very being, all are a holy sacrifice, gladly given as Christ was gladly given.

This Advent message is characterized by the spirit of sacrifice. We love God's truth. We love His people. We love the lost. We sacrifice all along the line that these three may be brought together. The message of Christ's near return is more than money to us. Money is but an handmaid to be used in God's glory. We are bidden not to put our trust in money, but we should put our money in trust. The safest place for money in trust is in God's saving cause.

Among the many places in the cause where money can be used to God's glory is in our missions. The Week of Sacrifice brought £1,290 for missions last year and was an excellent figure. In view

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Week of Sacrifice

September 4th to 11th

The Week of Sacrifice Offering will be taken up on
SABBATH,
SEPTEMBER 11th

Looking upon the crucified Redeemer, we more fully comprehend the magnitude and meaning of the sacrifice made by the majesty of heaven.—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 661.

of the apparent end of things human, shall we not this year join in this practice of joyful sacrifice in an extended way?

All our workers join us in giving one week's salary, and that invitation goes throughout the ranks of our membership. This can be made a truly joyful, righteous

sacrifice, devoid of anything mercenary if we give ourselves anew to Christ. A complete and holy devotion to God is the need of these thrilling times. That alone can stamp the impress of God, so to speak, on our money, and make it "pass current for the merchandise of heaven."

them in some part of our denominational work.

Notes from the Union President

NEW MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY.

PASTOR J. M. HOWARD becomes the Union Missionary Volunteer secretary from September 1st, at the same time continuing to serve as our Field Missionary secretary.

Pastor J. Harker has carried three departments that carry much detailed work, including the editing of two papers. Two of these departments have involved increased work under war conditions. The House-to-House Collections Act, 1939, brought us much more work in the Union Home Missionary Department, though it has given the Ingathering work much better standing. The Missionary Volunteer Department has also grown in its mass of detailed internal work, and is likely to grow still more under the Government plans for youths' work. Thus Pastor Harker has for some time felt that some things required more attention than he could give. His name will remain indelibly stamped on our department work, for no man has given more of himself to these sections of our church life.

Pastor Howard's publishing department work has suffered certain limitations such as the cessation of colporteur recruits and the decreasing paper quota, which will enable him to give time to our youth in addition to our colporteurs. He is no newcomer to our departments. Moreover, he will have the counsel of Brother Harker and others whose hearts are in both the Missionary Volunteer and the colporteur work, and, in addition, the support and prayers of our entire membership.

COLLEGE OPENING, SEPTEMBER 7TH

As a new College year approaches every effort should be

made to enrol our young people for further education in our cause. The eyes of our young people must be focussed on the type of education that fits them to be better Christians in every walk of life, both in and out of denominational employment.

The Government plans for education are going to affect us, and we must begin to plan some new things at once. Qualified teachers only will be used eventually in all schools, and only well equipped and regularly examined buildings will be authorized. This means we should have a strong teacher training programme. A small committee is studying this subject.

In our churches there is need of clearer vision in this matter of Christian education. Parents and others should value Christian education to the extent of paying and sacrificing for the training of our youth. It is wrong to think that the church has the sole financial responsibility in this matter. We can help somewhat, but parents and youth should get under this responsibility more than some do at present. It is all a question of true vision and ambition.

Fees for the College year 1943-44 will remain at £68 and every student should do his utmost to bring full fees in cash.

DEATH OF H. D. CLARKE

BROTHER H. D. CLARKE, for many years our Union treasurer, passed away on August 4th as a result of gastric influenza. He had been on our retired list some eight years and had suffered latterly from asthma. We pass on our Christian sympathy to his family of four children, all of

USE OF TRUST FUNDS

It has been suggested that we state briefly our policy regarding the use of trust funds. All that seems necessary is a terse statement indicating that this denomination never uses trust funds for other than their designated purpose, unless the donors agree. Anything left in a will is always used as specified, and we consider it a sacred duty never to deviate from that principle.

Incidentally, when making wills, it is advisable wherever possible to note: (1) That the safe way is to have one drawn up by a solicitor or on the advice of our own legal society, (2) That it is inadvisable to appoint our workers as executors wherever other plans can be made.

Advice is always freely given if our members wish to know the best way to handle such matters.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

A WORTHY deaconess asks, anent a recent statement on this subject, whether baptismal services should not be held other than on the Sabbath as they make much work for officers in our churches. A brief answer is: (1) That no service brings such joy to a church as a baptism, and therefore it should be held when all members can attend, which is usually on the Sabbath day. (2) That a minister who organizes well can eliminate much Sabbath work by preparation on Friday, and by leaving as much clearing up as possible till after the Sabbath. (3) That instead of leaving a few to do much on the Sabbath a larger number should be carefully assigned duties which they will carry out understandingly, efficiently and quietly. It is, of course, like the priests' heavy Sabbath duties, God's work, and therefore legitimate on the holy day.

Baptisms are held by us in all countries at all times, but generally on the Sabbath because of the great inspiration that should come to the maximum number of people in seeing new souls born into God's kingdom.

H. W. LOWE.

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Newbold Missionary College

New School Year

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE will begin another school year on September 7th. We know that some who would like to be with us will be prevented by circumstances over which we have no control. Our thoughts will be with you, and we hope that the day is not far distant when your educational plans can go forward. Surely all who might be allowed to come will spare no effort in doing so. We extend a special invitation to young men and women of sixteen and seventeen years of age. We feel sure that a year or two at College will build you up and help you to develop a strong Christian character that will withstand the trials which undoubtedly lie ahead.

Our Newbold Secondary School programme is now so arranged that young people of secondary school age are prepared for the London Matriculation or University Entrance Examinations. The four candidates who sat for the Matriculation Examination in June were all successful in passing. This one hundred per cent success is a very creditable record for a secondary school.

Our College work will be strengthened again this year by the addition of certain advanced subjects which have not been offered before, so we look forward to another profitable school year at Newbold Missionary College. Remember opening date—September 7th.

W. G. MURDOCH.

Where Shall Our Children Be Educated?

By A. J. Raitt

EDUCATED men to-day believe that by a process of evolution and natural selection, the human race emerged from lower forms of life, developed powers of reason, and by its own endeavour is gradually arriving at a true conception of God and social behaviour. In course of time, through the conscious efforts of the best elements in the race, present evil, the outcome of ignorance, will be eliminated, and man will learn to live at peace with his fellows, having outgrown all private and national animosities. In the meantime, each individual must be given the opportunity to attain the highest standard of which he is capable. Actions are not moral or immoral, only social or unsocial: that is, acceptable or otherwise to society. There is no absolute standard of right: the Ten Commandments are Jewish and obsolete. Natural law leaves no room for the miraculous. There is no guiding hand in the affairs of nature, nations, or individuals. All things will continue to develop as in past ages. Man is but an infinitesimally

small incident, soon to be for ever forgotten in the onward march of nature.

This, unfortunately is what we send our children to school to learn. It is this travesty of knowledge which is called a good education. Daily our children drink at these polluted sources, while the water of life is neglected through ignorance or unbelief. Thus they learn more of error in a day than our forefathers dreamed of in a year. Yet we claim to be giving them a good education, a proper start in life, to be setting their feet on the ladder of success.

Many Seventh-Day Adventists believe that it is sufficient to teach religion in the home, and to give the children the benefit of a good home influence to counteract the persistent, daily inculcation of error in their teaching. Yet a commonly accepted educational principle is that nothing should be taught the child which he must afterward unlearn. Who can measure the bewilderment, the nervous strain, of the growing

child as he finds himself torn between the two allegiances of home and school when these two are opposed? There might be some justification for sending our children to the schools of the world if religion and education were purely supplementary. But they are not. The essence of education is religion. The spirit of Christ must permeate the whole, for all true education has its source in God and leads to God. Unless this is so, much harm is done. Who is not for Jesus is against Him. The teacher and the lesson which do not give Him all the honour, authority, and power which belong to Him, are fighting against Him. There is no neutral position.

We sympathize with the desire of parents to give their children the best possible education. We believe that God desired the same for His Son. Had He not need of the very best preparation obtainable, in order to fulfil the greatest task ever entrusted to a human being? If the education the world gives was so valuable, surely God would have availed Himself of it for His Son. But Jesus was not sent to the schools of His day. True, the Scriptures were taught in them, but so overcast was that teaching with tradition and human philosophy, that under such conditions the very Word of God was a menace to the spiritual life of the Son of God. Think, it was too dangerous for the Son of God to go to the schools of His day.

Surely the home training Jesus received would keep Him true! Surely He was firmly enough established not to be influenced. Surely He was experienced enough to discern between the false and the true and so profit from the educational system of His day. No, God did not think so. It was too dangerous. He could not afford to take unnecessary risks. There was too much at stake. God directed His Son's education. Is He directing your children's? Is God directing the education of all our Adventist children?

There are two questions we should answer. Were the schools in Christ's day more dangerous in their teaching than are the schools of to-day? Are our chil-

dren more capable of meeting the dangers of secular education than was the Son of God? The answer in both cases is self-evident.

We need to disabuse our minds of the idea that the world can prepare our children for either the work of God or the kingdom of God. We need boldly and believably to adopt the principles of education that God has given us and to determine that in future Adventist children shall be trained by Adventist teachers in Adventist schools. There they will be taught truth, not error. There they will be brought into contact with God and their finite minds will be quickened and ennobled by communion with the infinite mind of God.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

HARRISON.—Brother Charles Harrison passed away at the ripe old age of ninety-three years at his home in Kidderminster, on Sabbath, May 15, 1943. He accepted the truth some three years ago under the labours of Brother J. R. Lewis. He was a faithful member, and attended the services at Kidderminster until a week or two of his death. Interment took place at Hartlebury, where, by his own request, he was laid to rest with his first wife. The Rev. Mr. Wilson conducted the last rites. We shall miss our brother's cheery smile, but we are confident that he sleeps in Jesus, and that we, if faithful, shall meet him again on the glad morning of resurrection.
HAROLD W. McCROW.

WORKMAN.—Sister Mrs. Workman of the Newport church died on July 3, 1943, and was laid to rest on July 7th in the presence of her husband (Brother Workman) sons and daughters, relatives, and many churchmembers. Our sister had been a patient sufferer for a long time and all that was possible had been done by the loving hands of her dear ones. Sister Workman accepted the message in 1927 (a little while before her husband), when Pastor A. F. Bird was labouring in Newport. We were glad to be able to bring to the sorrowing relatives the comfort of the Word and of the hope that was cherished by Sister Workman, and sustained her to the end.
S. G. HYDE.

PERRETT.—Mrs. Francis Perrett of Fishponds, Bristol, passed peacefully away on July 14, 1943, at the age of eighty-nine years. She accepted the truth in Trehaford, South Wales, some thirty-five years ago through the labours of Pastor C. E. Penrose and remained faithful to the close of her earthly journey. We laid her to rest on July 19th in the Ridgway Cemetery to await the call of her Saviour. We sympathize with her family who are left to mourn. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. The service was conducted by the writer.
O. M. DORLAND.

RAYMOND.—The Folkestone church has lost one of its charter members in the passing away of Miss Annie Raymond on Sabbath, July 17, 1943, at the age of seventy-one. Miss Raymond accepted the faith under the ministry of Pastors B. E. Sparrow and A. J. Mustard, and

was received into fellowship on January 28, 1939. For the past year our sister had been very frail in body, but very strong in faith, and during the time that war had separated her from many friends, she found with joy "what a Friend she had in Jesus," often saying, "What should I do without Him?" The memorial service in the Folkestone church was led by Pastor Bonney, who spoke of Miss Raymond's faithfulness, and the influence of her life. Our sister will be greatly missed in the church she loved, but her fellow-members look to the time when "we shall be for ever with the Lord." Sister Raymond was laid to rest in St. Martin's lovely churchyard, between the hills and the sea, and from there she will rise to meet her Saviour in the air when He returns for His own. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."
E.D.

FISHER.—Sister Mrs. Fisher died on July 15, 1943, and was laid to rest in the peaceful hillside cemetery of Blaenavon, Mon., on July 19th. Sister Fisher was one of the "veterans" of the Blaenavon church, being baptized by the late Pastor A. E. Bacon. Sister Fisher leaves a husband (also a member of the Blaenavon church) and a son, Ernest, now serving in the Middle East. At the services in the home and the graveside, a very large number of relatives and friends and churchmembers foregathered to whom we spoke of the hope that sustained our sister throughout the many years of her association with the people of God. Our sister was held in high esteem in the town and quietly witnessed for her Saviour to the end.
S. G. HYDE.

Wedding Bells

THROSSSELL-WOOD.—On Monday, July 26, 1943, Mr. David Rowell Throssell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Throssell, of Stanborough Park, Watford, and Miss Mabel Lancaster Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood of Manchester, were united in holy matrimony. The service was conducted by the writer in the Parkfield Street Seventh-Day Adventist church, Manchester, in the presence of a goodly number of relatives, members, and friends, Miss Doris Wood, a younger sister of the bride, being the bridesmaid, and Mr. Edward Parry the best man.

The happiness and success of the wedding service was greatly enhanced by Mr. Edgar Halstead, A.R.C.O., who so ably officiated at the organ.

After a very enjoyable reception, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Devon. The abundant good wishes and earnest prayers of a wide circle of relatives and friends go with them in their new life of united service for God.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

GAMMON-COMBRIDGE.—On August Bank Holiday in the Bristol Seventh-Day Adventist church before a large number of relatives and friends Brother Kenneth Gammon and Sister Beryl Combridge

were united in marriage. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The spirit of the wedding breakfast was just such a one as Jesus would have delighted to honour as He did the one so long ago in Cana of Galilee. We believe that this union will be blessed of God as they journey life's road together. "Providence can unite hearts in bonds that are of heavenly origin." We wish them every joy and rejoice that another Christian home is added to our church.

O. M. DORLAND.

WOODFIELD-LAUDERDALE.—August the third found a goodly company of relatives and well-wishers gathered together in the beautiful "church in the wildwood" at Stanborough Park to witness the marriage of Brother John Woodfield to Sister Jean Lauderdale. The blessing of heaven may be expected when the arrangements are in keeping with the instruction of the Spirit of God. These young people, who have consecrated their service to the work of the Master, have entered into this covenant in the fear of God. "The loom of heaven weaves with a warp and woof finer, yet more firm than can be woven by the looms of earth." We wish them a bright, happy, and successful future in the Lord's service.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the writer.

O. M. DORLAND.

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