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**WHO ARE THE DEVIL'S  
AGENTS, PURPORTING  
TO BE REFORMERS?**

**Seventh-Day Adventists or Free  
Seventh-Day Adventists?  
Which?**

In an article edited by Elder Lin Rashford of the S. D. A. Church, Port Limon, C. R. entitled "Coming Out of a Storm," and published in the Inter-American Messenger of July, 1924; which is the official organ of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, he made mention of the following:

"For the past two years the work in Costa Rica has been like a good old ship in a tremendous storm. We were almost blown away; and we lost some of our tacklings, but thank God, we are almost out of the storm, and although we still bear the marks of our encounter, our hearts are full of courage.

As in other places, the devil through his agents, purporting to be reformers, deceived quite a number of our believers, pulled down one of our churches, and took charge of another. We are glad to report, however, that at least seven from the church have returned. . . ."

The tremendous storm referred to by our good Elder Rashford, could be nothing else but the monster tent meeting conducted in this town by Evangelist J. W. Manns, president of the General Assembly of Free S. D. A., Savannah, Ga., in which he (Elder Rashford) had a principal part in planning for Elder Manns deportation. This tent meeting was indeed a storm to Elder Rashford, because the devil had blinded his eyes from seeing the true manifestation of the Spirit of God. For since all storms are quieted by the hand of God, then this so-called storm should have been quieted likewise. But to the contrary, we saw Elder Rashford and his broods, with the aid of some unscrupulous officials make a concocted plot, and had him illegally deported from Costa Rica in order to cease the storm. You revaricator, why tamper with God's name to shield you in your dirty plots? Why not thank

the devil who aided you in accomplishing this wicked act? Read Deut. 32:33, 38; Matt. 23:31-35.

You began with a preamble of exhilaration, and boasted that you are almost out of the storm is coming again and you storm is comin gagain and you will not only lose some of your tacklings, but you will be blown into pieces, and your tacklings shall be dissipated like the chaff of the summer threshing floor. The latter state will be worse than the first. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Therefore, boast not, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

You made mention that "the devil through his agents, purporting to be reformers, deceived quite a number of our believers, pulled down one of our churches, and took charge of another." I will now quote the many malpractices performed by you and your colleagues, and the readers of "The Banner" will determine who are the devil's agents, purporting to be reformers.

Sister White declared, "organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God will work under Satan's dictations . . . and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. . . ." Test. Vol. 7, pp. 180, 181. (a) S. D. A. both taught and practiced race prejudice, and have built up walls of distinction and discrimination which caused many to stray from the ancient paths, and have practically become infidels. Take notice: Opportunities are continually presenting themselves in the Southern States, and many wise, Christian colored men will be called to the work. But for several reasons white men must be chosen as leaders. Test. Vol. 9, p. 202. The colored people should not urge that they be placed on an equality with white people. Id., page 214. Is this not Satan's dictation?

Walls of partitions are being built up in the very house of God. In the Colon Church of S. D. A. on the Isthmus of

Panama, a few benches on the right side of the church are specially made for white people only. These benches are the most comfortable in the church. One time a certain colored brother realizing that there should be no distinction in the house of God, went and sat down in one of them. He was immediately dispersed in a very tyrannical way, and was finally made a subject to church discipline.

At a later date the devil inspired them to sever their connections from the negro church, and worship in the Pacific Press where they will only see white faces. And when some of the most intelligent negroes demanded the reason for such division, they declared to them this flimsy phrase, "We worship in the Press to gain white people." But ah! the sentiment was so strong and as all their support is from the negro, without gaining one single white individual, they were seen hurrying back with their faces under their wings. What more hellish actions could be exercised by professed Christians than this? Is not the devil using (white) S. D. A. as his agents? And also the negroes that link with them?

(B) On Sabbath, March 11, 1922, the local elder of the Port Limon S. D. A. church solicited a number of policemen, with clubs and swords, and placed some at the church door; and some on the sidewalk, to break the head of the writer of this article. 'Twas only the mercy of God that delivered him from the tyrannical treatment of policemen's clubs and swords. When they saw their bitter disappointment to accomplish their atrocity (due to the fact that the Lord impressed the writer to remain at home that Sabbath without his cognizance of what was awaiting him) they reluctantly bade the policemen depart, and regret very much because they did not devour their prey.

As in the days of Caiaphas the high priest. He decided his own destiny by saying, "His (Jesus) blood be upon us, and upon our children," and same met its fulfillment in the year A. D. 70, when the Roman army seized Jerusalem, slaughtered the Jews without mercy, and their blood

flowed down the temple stairs as rivers of waters. Ah! ye blood-thirsty S. D. A. Ye are guilty of my blood, and also the blood of many others. And if ye will not repent, can ye escape the damnation of hell? Read Matt. 23:31-35.

(C) Is it not the devil inspired you S. D. A. to run excursion or picnic trains? The word of the Lord declared, The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; . . . Titus 2:11-13, 14. Well did th eApostle Paul say that God's people are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. II. Tim. 3:1-5. Pure religion and undefiled before God is to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Jas. 1:27 last clause. We should not be conformed to this world. Rom. 12:2. The friendship of the world is enmity with God. Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Jas. 4:4. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. I. Jno. 2:15-17.

The Seventh-day Adventist church has become united with the world to the extent that in the laying of the corner-stone of their church, ungodly men were used to perform such sacred work,—which work only the priest or family of the priest should be entrusted to accomplish. For thus saith the Lord, Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying Grace, grace unto it. . . . The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. Zech. 4:6-9; Ezra 3:8-13. Therefore, instead of a consecration of their stone it's a desecration.

Seventh-day Adventists in a very deceptive way, sought the influence of the American Consul of Port Limon to aid them in their plot to deport Elder Manns from Costa Rica. But he refused to be a cat's paw for them. Yea, this honest gentleman would not soil his integrity to participate in such dirty plots. They have

tried in every respect to hamper us in the erection of our church building; as well as our work in general. But we have overcome them every step of the way. Free Seventh-day Adventists were never engaged in such wicked and ferocious acts. We are only standing on the platform of eternal justice; crying against all the abominations that be done in the midst of the S. D. A. denomination—and also standing against those principles that are contrary to the plain teaching of the scripture. Dear reader: Who are the agents of the devil purporting to be reformers?

Elder Rashford stated that we have pulled down one of their churches and took charge of another. The two churches referred to are the Siquirres and Pacuarito churches. Now let me ask Elder Rashford these questions: How many cents did you and the conference give to build the above named churches? Where were you when those churches were building? And what proof can you produce for using the phrase, "our churches?" Did you build any church in Costa Rica? The people who builded the foregoing churches without a cent from Elder Rashford and the conference, do what they like with their churches. Since the cords of the conference were so tightly drawn, and the walls of prejudice and discrimination were so massive, the builders and owners of said churches were compelled to withdraw and unite with Free Seventh-day Adventists who are not engaged in such malpractices.

Should not these brethren do as they like with their own? When you (Elder Rashford) use the phrase "our churches," I am sure you are not speaking the truth, because you nor the conference never built either of those churches. The people built them and same are theirs. Then as the antonym for truth is lie, you are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it. Jno. 8:44.

You clandestinely remarked

about the pulling down of the church, as if we tore it down and destroyed it. But let the reader understand that the brethren took down the Siquirres church in sections, for the purpose of re-erecting it at a more popular and better spot. And as I have already said, "the brethren do what they like with their own." Why, then, should Elder Rashford's eyes be evil because the brethren do good in turning over those churches to Free Seventh-day Adventists?

If they were belonging to the conference, why did they not take them over, when the conference sent Elder Sype up and down in the court houses of San Jose and Siquirres? And withdrawal spent hundreds of dollars to obtain them. But alas! his efforts proved an ignominious failure. For the Judges told him that the builders of the churches must claim them.

Elder Rashford boasted that seven from the church have returned. But I say unto you those seven are just like you. We are not sorry to rid the church of them. They are as what Peter declared them to be. Read 2 Pet. 2:12-19. They have done a mighty harm to our cause, and were they still here, they would be no end of troubles. Therefore, it must happen unto them according to the true proverb. The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. 2 Pet. 2:22.

There are instances too numerous for me to mention regarding the fiendish action of our S. D. A. brethren. But if Elder Rashford or any other S. D. A., white or colored, dare deny any of the foregoing facts, I will furnish a hundred more proofs.

J. B. MOSLEY,  
Port Limon, C. R.

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### Babe

A babe in the house is a well-spring of pleasure.—Tupper.

Because Eve put the forbidden fruit into Adam's hands, was no reason why he should put it into his mouth.

"Satan" is just an Old Nick name for the devil.

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**AN EDITORIAL****A Word to the Negro Ministry of the Seventh-Day Adventist Denomination**

If our Negro S. D. A. ministers had self-respect, they could compel the respect of others. As long as they are willing to be the menials and servants and slaves of our white leading S. D. A. brethren, that is what they will be.

Negro Adventists should realize that there are several thousands of them in the S. D. A. Organization. And what future does the denomination offer them? You must sacrifice all of your self-respect to remain in it. But if you will unite and stand together and be true to each other, you will develop an influence that will demand respect, of every white Seventh-day Adventist, leaders included.

You as ministers go as delegates to the local union, and General Conferences, but what do you accomplish? You never have a programme. No three of you Negro ministers agree. As long as you are unorganized—as long as you are indifferent, as long as you are satisfied to remain in the organization mostly for little salary you are receiving and keep our Negro members in ignorance you will invite contempt and receive it, but when you rise in the majesty of your Christian manhood and womanhood, close up the ranks and stand together, you will command respect and consideration and you will receive it from

the leaders of the S. D. A. denomination, but not until then.

Now, if you still persist—you my Negro brethren in the ministry—in remaining where you are in this organization which offers you, nor your sons and daughters nothing, no, not even, as a rule, a job as floor sweeper in any of its publishing houses, tract societies, conference offices or sanitariums, you are stultifying yourselves; you are insulting your race; you are barring the door in your own faces, the door that leads to Freedom of thinking and acting according to the dictates of your own conscience. The time has come for you to realize what your position is in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

The Methodists, Baptists, the Seventh-day Adventists and the rest are all just about alike in the treatment they accord their Negro membership. There is no difference between Seventh-day Adventists and the others. I challenge anybody anywhere, white or black, to show me the slightest difference between them, except it be in favor of the Methodists or Baptists.

**EDITORIAL**

The Negro ministry of the Seventh-day Adventists has just as much in it that is potential and capable of development as the white ministry and all it needs is a chance, that is all. The Negro ministers of the white organization have never had a chance. Let our white leaders give their black brother a chance. If he has no program help him to get up one.

When my white leading brother wants the Negro members to raise a few thousand dollars for OUR sanitariums, OUR schools, (falsely so called so far as we Negroes are concerned) he knows, and he is willing to help the Negro make up a program.

“Failure starts to germinate when you first begin to slight your work.”

When the devil said to Eve, “Thou shalt not die,” he became the first higher critic.

If the devil is dead, we would like to know who is carrying on his nefarious business.

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On June 7th, 1926, a beautiful little girl child was born to the credit of Elder and Mrs. C. A. Edwards, of Moron, Cuba.

Recently there was a son born to Elder and Mrs. J. B. Mosley of Costa Rica. It was said that this son is another preacher for Free S. D. A. So we hope the little Miss Edwards is another teacher for the organization.

**TO THE MEMBERS  
OF OUR CHURCHES*****Do You Know Why You Are  
Free Seventh-Day Adventists? Commit to Memory  
the Following Reasons***

We, Free Seventh-day Adventists, believe all the fundamental principles of the doctrines as were taught by the founders of the Seventh-day Adventists denomination.

Second. We are free because it is not Christian to estimate men by their outward appearance, nor by their color. Acts 17:26. 2 Sam. 14:14.

Third. Because birth, nationality, color, nor station do not elevate nor degrade men. Acts 10:26-35.

Fourth. Because we accept the Bible alone as our supreme rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17, and we accept only such other writings as harmonize with the Word of God. Isa. 8:20.

Fifth. Because the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Cor. 3:17.

Sixth. Because we respect not the person of men, but condescend to high and low. Rom. 12:16. James 2:5-9.

Seventh. Because we are working and praying to realize that promise, "All are one in Christ." Gal. 3:27-28.

Eighth. Because we plead for freedom in Christ for each and every one. Free to think, to believe and act as the Word and Spirit of God shall direct. Ex. 5:1.

This is in harmony with the teaching of Sister E. G. White, from the Church Officers Gazette, No. 2, Vol. 3, page 5, issue of February, 1916. We quote:

*Freedom in Thought.—"Ye*

were now turned, and had done right in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor." Jer. 34:15. "What should man do? What should we not allow? Allow no one to be brain for you, allow no one to do your thinking, your investigating and your praying. This is the instruction that we need to take to heart today." "Special Testimonies on Education," page 193. What belongs to every individual? "There are rights which belong to every individual. We have an individuality and an identity that is our own. No man can submerge his identity into that of any other. All must act for themselves, according to the dictates of their own conscience." "Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers." No. 9, page 59.

Many minds are in bondage through laziness, others through fear of men. Others through admiration of ability of some individuals; others through superstition and still others through the lack of individual accountability. During the centuries that have gone, men have lost much because of this bondage; and at the present they are losing much from the same evil. In the world there are but few who think for themselves."

It is the privilege of all men to be free from fear of their fellow men. Isa. 8:12, 13. 51:12, 13.

Ninth. We are free because the white leaders of the Seventh-day Adventists denomination discriminate against colored people. They do this abominable, most detestable, discriminating in the organization, the Church, the office, the school and sanitarium, notwithstanding the Negro membership must make great sacrifices to aid in building up these wonderful institutions now owned by the S. D. A. denomination.

Tenth. We are free because Negro Seventh-day Adventists, as a rule, are barred from Seventh-day Adventists Northern and Western schools, where schools of the world make no distinction among the races.

Eleventh. We are free because the white leaders of the Seventh-day Adventists denomination bar even Negro Seventh-day Adventists patients from their sanitariums, when the

worldly institutions of the same kind, accept colored people of every walk of life.

Twelfth. We are free, because Negro Seventh-day Adventists are barred from holding any clerical position in the Seventh-day Adventists Publishing houses, tract societies and conference offices.

When the white leaders of Seventh-day Adventists are questioned about these fictitious rules and laws, and demanded to give reason for their existence, like PANTHERS they shout, "Because of the prejudice of the unconverted white people against our denomination." But this, we have proved to be a lie of their own manufacturing.

There is more prejudice in the Seventh-day Adventists Church against the Negro than what is to be found in any other denomination under heaven. The prejudice existing in this professed commandment keeping Church would shame the Papacy, and make the devil blush.

Are we to be condemned because we will not submit to such treatment measured to us at the hands of a professed Christian organization? Shall we hold our peace, and mourn: LEAVE IT TO THE LORD? I answer no, in the loudest tone. In Isa. 58:1, we read: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

"For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait as he that setteth snares: they set a trap, they catch men. . . . The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means: and my people love to have it so." Jer. 5:26.

There are hundreds of Negroes yet in the Seventh-day Adventists denomination who know, and have been burnt by the heat, but fearing they will commit a sin against the Holy Ghost, they hold their peace and sigh: "LEAVE IT TO THE LORD." They well know that if they dare speak against such malpractices of these leaders, out they must go. I spoke openly against the evils, namely, prejudice, discrimination and Negro proscription. But I did it at cost of my position as a minister in the denomination.

Thus, is fulfilled the prophecy of Isa. 66:5: "Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, let the Lord be glorified, but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed."

Having been cast out, not out of the Lamb's Book of Life; no, no, but out of the S. D. A. Conference Book, we are determined, with the pure religion, and undefiled before God, our Father, to "stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." Gal. 5:1.

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### **ARE THE LAODICEANS SPUED OUT?**

(Continued from Special Missionary Issue.)

That the Seventh-day Adventists (the Laodiceans of Rev. 3:14) are apostates, any one with spiritual understanding who reads the message to that church in Rev. 3:14-17 can easily see. And in reading the writings of Sister E. G. White, both the testimonies to the church and others of her productions, one's eyes cannot help seeing in nearly every paragraph some very startling statements relative to the extent to which that church has departed from God.

#### *Apostate Experience.*

It is also obvious by reading the seven messages to the seven churches in Rev. from Chapters 1-3 that the apostasy of the Seventh-day Adventist or Laodiceans, is to be the last state of an apostate or backslidden experience through which the true church of God will pass, from since the apostolic times. And the Seventh-day Adventists as an organization or church locally, will never be reformed, and Jesus will come and find her in the same apostate condition as any of her predecessors. As a proof read the following statement: "Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come. . . . We must enter upon the work individually." Sister Ellen G. White Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.

#### *Apostasy Compared.*

Of all backslidden experiences through which the true church

of God has passed in other ages, the Seventh-day Adventists are the worst. Proof Sister White stated in Test., Vol. 1, p. 129, like this: "I saw that many (not a few) who profess to believe the truth for these last days, think it strange that the children of Doreal murmured as they journeyed; that after the wonderful dealings of God with them they should be so ungrateful as to forget what he had done for them. Said the angel, ye are worse than they."

#### *The Sin of Ancient Israel.*

Why, then, is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. . . . Behold the Word of the Lord was unto them a reproach: they have no delight in it. Jer. 8:5, 6:10. "The sin of ancient Israel was in disregarding the expressed will of God and follow their own way according to the leadings of unsatisfied hearts. Modern Israel (the Seventh-day Adventist Organization) are fast following in their footsteps." Test., Vol. 5:94.

#### *The History of Ancient Israel.*

The history of ancient Israel will give us a clear idea of what God will do to the Seventh-day Adventist (Modern Israel) if they are following in Ancient Israel's footsteps. For the Apostle Paul would have us to understand that "all these things happened to them for examples (or types, margin) and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." 2 Cor. 10:11. Is Ancient Israel rejected as a nation or a church? I almost hear every one reading this question say yes. Well, why were they rejected? Because of their disregard for the expressed will of God. But we may consider three stages which ended in their complete rejection by God. First the Spirit of God withdrawn. And as a consequence their leaders became blind so that when Jesus came He said they were blind leaders leading the blind. Matt. 15:12:14; Isaiah 56:10. Reader, if you were in Jesus' days would you believe that such men were really blind? Men of culture, refinement, education, and strictly moral? The second stage in the rejection of that well or-

ganized Jewish Church was the Divine presence withdrawn. Said the Lord through Jeremiah: "I have forsaken mine house; I have left mine heritage. I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hands of her enemies. Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard: they have trodden my portion under foot: they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness." Jer. 12:7, 10. Jesus stated thus concerning it: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killst the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee: how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings and ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate. Ye shall not see me until the time come when ye shall say Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Luke 13:34, 35. In the Sabbath School Quarterly for 1925, in the fourth quarter, lesson 12, note 4, December 19th, 1925, is the following statement found: "Your house." "Jesus does not now speak of it as my house. It was once the Lord's temple, God's own house. He dwelt over the Mercy Seat between the Cherubims. His glory, the holy Sheltinah lighted all its rooms. There He spoke to His priests in guiding and giving the nation counsel. To it the nation looked when they remember the God of all the earth. But Jesus now says: "Your temple," your house, to intimate that God had abandoned it and would dwell in it no more forever. So in 2 Chron. 36:17, when He delivered the temple into the hand of the Chaldeans—the house of your Sanctuary. A similar form of speech is found in Ex. 32:7, where the Lord said to Moses: "Thy people," to intimate that He acknowledged them no longer for His followers. The last and final rejection was when they stoned Stephen, A. D. 34.

Now if the Seventh-day Adventists are following the footsteps of Ancient Israel we have the revelation from the unerring testimony that they have long ago passed the first, second, and it is left with you, reader, to decide after I shall have presented the facts in the case, whether the Laodiceans (Seventh-day Adventists) are not entirely

spued out, rejected, or according to Webster, "cast forth with abhorrence."

Seventh-day Adventists disregard for the expressed will of God.

That the Seventh-day Adventists have disregarded the expressed will of God is evident from the earliest writing of the prophetess. Proof: "The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the Church hangs has been lightly esteemed if not entirely disregarded." Early writing 270. This is a startling statement, isn't it? And if there was not another of its kind found anywhere else in her writings, this should make the conscientious sit up and think. But Seventh-day Adventists like Ancient Israel do not believe. Note the following quotation as a proof: "I have tried in the fear of God to set before His people their danger and their sins, and have endeavored, to the best of my feeble powers to arouse them. I have stated startling things, which, if they had believed would have caused them distress and terror, and led them to zeal in repenting of their sins and iniquities. I have stated before them that, from what was shown me, but a small number of those now professing to believe the truth would eventually be saved,—not because they could not be saved but because they would not be saved in God's own appointed way." Test. 2:445. Indeed, these are startling statements, but they do not believe it. "And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him unto them, even all these words. Then spake Anzariah, the son of Hoshiah, and Johanan, the son of Kaveah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, thou speakest falsely: the Lord our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there. But Baruch, the son of Neriah, setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon." Jer. 43:1-3. That is the way Ancient Israel regarded the testimony of his prophet. And the Seventh-day Adventists are the

Every action is a wise or unwise investment for future dividends. The past is gone; what we call the present moment goes over to the past even while we are saying the word, leaving only the future in which to work and enjoy. Whatever we do is done for an effect in that future, be it near or far, a minute or a year. Consider well, then, the effect you are trying to produce.—By Waldo Pondray Warren.



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Los Angeles, Calif.*

exact similitude, and the result of their disregard for the expressed will of God is blindness: especially so, on the part of their leaders. Rev. 3:17. But the most detestable and hopeless features of it all, is, the satisfaction and pride manifested; and they are satisfied and proud in the "face of warnings for years from heaven not only those given to the people in general but personal appeals to (the leaders) themselves. Test. 5:12, 14, 83. These things are not generally known by the laity that are "converted to their ministers, and not to the truth." So "the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof? Jer. 5:31.

(To be continued.)

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It is the service we render, the kindly spirit, the thoughtful concern for the welfare of another soul, the giving of the cup of water, in His name, that makes life rich and the soul strong.—Brumbaugh.

Beware of false prophets. The blind cannot see, if the seers are blind.

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"I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day;  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded at my will.  
I came again when days were past,  
The bit of clay was hard at last;  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
But I could change that form no more.

"I took a piece of living clay,  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And molded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.  
I came again when days were gone;  
It was a man I looked upon;  
He still that early impress bore,  
And I could change it nevermore."

How can I discharge my obligations to God as His steward? is a far greater question than, How much of my income should I give to the Lord?—Arthur J. Brown.

Satan is "vice" president of all the sin in the world.

## FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PROGRAM

### Our Program Is:

*1st—A deeper consecration to do service in the vineyard of the Lord.*

*2nd—To do our BIT in preaching the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, in all the world, for a witness unto all nations.*

*3rd—As a race, maintain self-respect, and do as Our Lord has said, "Occupy until I come."*

*4th—To establish among Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, Negro Conferences with Negro officers—Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bookkeepers.*

*5th—To establish schools for the training of our children and for workers in our organization.*

*6th—To establish a publishing house in which we may furnish employment to Negro Men, Women, Boys and Girls, as we strive to preach the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.*

*An invitation is extended to all "INTELLIGENT" Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, those, with a vision, with moral courage, with backbone, those who are strong in the knees, in short, just common self-respect, who have the love of God in the heart, to join with us and help to put this program over the TOP, for over the TOP it must GO.*

*"Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. Therefore, we are determined to, "Stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free." Gal. 5:1.*

### HE'S A FRIEND OF MINE

"Why should I charge my soul with care?

The wealth of ev'ry mine  
Belongs to Christ, God's Son  
and Heir,  
And He's a Friend of mine.

"The silver moon, the golden sun,  
The countless stars that shine,  
Are His alone, yes, ev'ry one,  
And He's a Friend of mine.

"He daily spreads a glorious feast,  
And at His table dine  
The whole creation, man and beast,  
And He's a Friend of mine.

"And when He comes in bright array  
And leads the conq'ring line,  
It will be glory then to say  
That He's a Friend of mine."

The price of heaven is Jesus.

The Christian is homesick  
for a better world.

### REMEMBER NOW

Remember now thy Creator;  
These solemn words fall on our ears,  
In the days of thy youth.  
Remember thy God, ye children of men;  
While the evil days come not,  
Nor the years draw nigh—  
When thou shalt say,  
I have no pleasure in them.

Remember now thy Creator;  
Remember Him first of all.  
While the dew of morning  
Still freshens thy life—  
And sorrows come not to thy heart.  
Forsake earthly pleasures that passes away,  
And cling to thy Saviour now—  
In the morn of thy youth.

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You can't go to heaven riding in a sleeping car.

This old world is soon to have a second childhood.

### FLOWING KNOWLEDGE

"Knowledge is power" always and powerful to sustain attention, especially when it reaches the abundant stage, meaning literally, overflowing. One teacher said he must know ten times what he used in class. A certain lecturer said he was forced to spend more time studying the facts he didn't use than those he did, because of the subtle influence this reserve knowledge had upon himself and his hearers, who seemed to know when he approached the brink, an alarmingly unsafe position.

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### MORTUARY

Mrs. Delcie Ann Russell was born January 14, 1879. Fell asleep in Jesus June 17, 1926. She accepted the truths of this Third Angel's Message in October, 1922, and remained a faithful member of the Port Limon Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists until death. Leaving a husband, two sons, one daughter, and other relatives to mourn her death. Her remains were committed to the cemetery by Evangelist J. B. Mosley.

### TEACHER'S PERSONAL

The teacher's own interest in the lesson for itself, not because he happens to be teaching it, should exceed what he hopes to arouse in his class. Here again his own fulness of study bears its fruit. Some teachers have a hobby, about which their enthusiasm flares up like a torch. Why not make each lesson a hobby? There is no liability of riding it to death.

There never was a Promised Land into which people did not go from making brick without straw.

Some people are afraid to lay up treasures in heaven, for fear they will never see them again.

There is a divine test for every prophet: "To the law and to the testimony."

You can't be elected to heaven unless you are a candidate.