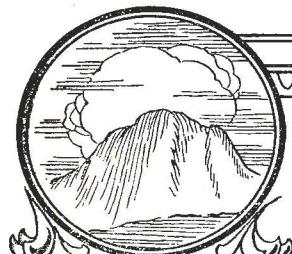


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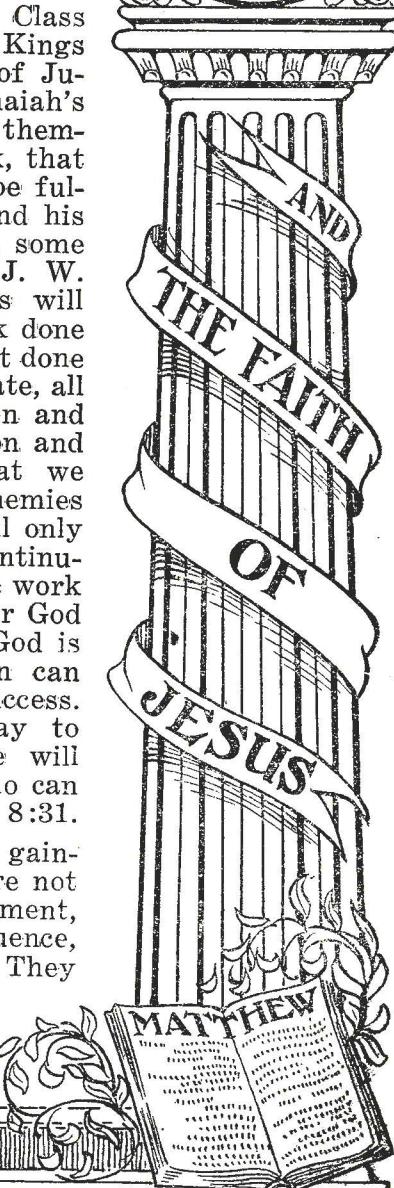
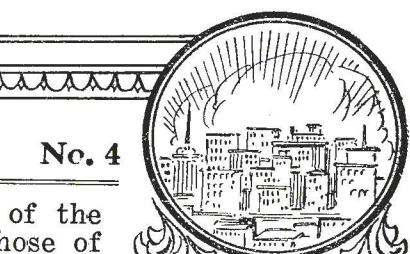
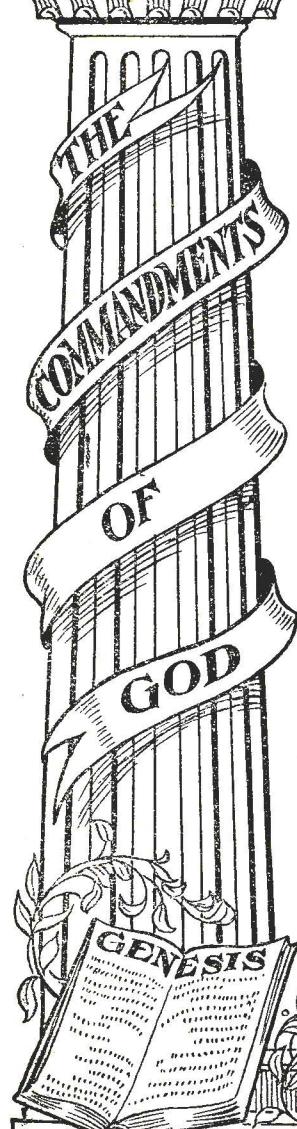
ISRAEL'S EXPERIENCE IN REBUILDING JERUSALEM

(Concluded.)

Dr. Eikichi Kamada, president Kio University, writes: "Race prejudice is a discrimination which is not based on rational grounds but is contrary to the principle of justice and equality and is a pernicious legacy from the bygone age." James W. Holmes, one of the precious few white men who are not drunken with race pride, said in his book entitled, "Race Assimilation": "Racial question is a myth and the advocate of it is opposing a natural law of evolution and human growth that no racial prejudice or hatred can render inoperative." The time has come (and if it is not now when will it be?) for "Ethiopia's sons to stretch forth their hands to God." Psalm 68:31. And no white hands shall be stretched forth for her sons, they shall stretch forth their own dark hands. They shall vow a vow and perform it. Isaiah 19:21. The vow will be theirs, and the performance thereof will be theirs also. No white person will vow for them and perform it for them. And let this be

known to my brethren of the Negro race, especially those of the "Tekoite Nobles" Class (Neh. 3:5; Prophets and Kings p. 639,) and the "Noble of Judah" Class, and the Shemaiah's Class, and all that set themselves to hinder this work, that this prophecy must now be fulfilled. If J. W. Manns and his associates do not fulfill it, some other Negroes will, and J. W. Manns and his associates will stand by and see the work done and they are out of it. But done it must be. And all the hate, all the malice, all the derision and reproach, all the opposition and discouraging features that we may meet from open enemies and pretended friends, will only be persuasive to us in continuing with greater effort the work of "The Great God." "Our God shall fight for us." For God is in the work and no man can prevent its ultimate success. "What shall we then say to these things?" Well, we will say, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means. They



are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power." Gospel Worker, p. 259. Faith and determination were the medium by which the Jews rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. "To suppose the iron will to fail is to suppose a contradiction of terms," said another writer. In the building of the Tower of Babel the people had one aim, that is, the building of the tower. So strong was their determination to have this work done, that it took only the intervention of Jehovah to stop it. Said the record: "The Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city." Gen. 11:6-8.

It was the strong will of Mohammed II that crossed the Hellespont and gave birth to the unspeakable Turks in Europe. The strong will of Nero that destroyed half of Rome. Alexander the Great, Alfred the Great, Socrates, Buddha, Charlemagne, William of Orange, Gladstone, Washington, Wilberforce, Lincoln, Philip II, all achieved through the strength of their determination. But most of these was merely the mind power of self-direction. What do you suppose then, when that iron will is in oneness with the All-Powerful? It was the exercise of this iron will in moral oneness with the Divine that enabled Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in the face of such a strong opposition. "For they all made us afraid, saying their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now, therefore, O God, strengthen my hands. So the walls were finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul in fifty and two days. And it came to pass that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us, saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes, for they perceived that this work was

wrought of God. Neh. 6:9, 15, 16. We are aware that most of the fighting of our white brethren of the S. D. A. is due to selfishness and the thought of a depleted treasury, and we are also aware that they are using the narrow-minded and traitors of the Negro race to do most of the fighting. But this attitude of our brethren, black and white, is only new light for more courage, and every discouraging feature fresh gymnastic for development of a colossal resolve.

C. A. E.

FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS CHURCH BUILDING IN PORT LIMON, C. R.

"Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." Exo. 25:8, is the command of God to His people in all ages. And since this command is applicable to us in this generation, I. Cor. 10:11, we are quite aware of the fact that we have done our Seventh-day Adventist brethren no harm (as they conclude) when we launched out to build the Lord a sanctuary according to His word. Therefore, they should not be enraged against us because we are fulfilling God's word. But as old slaves of Lucifer they are impelled to accomplish the work of their master.

After having received written permission from the Governor to lay the foundation of our church building, the stone was laid November 2nd, 1924. Large crowds were in attendance; and an enjoyable time was spent. The work started with great rapidity. But as it was in the days of old, adversaries were raised up to hinder the work.

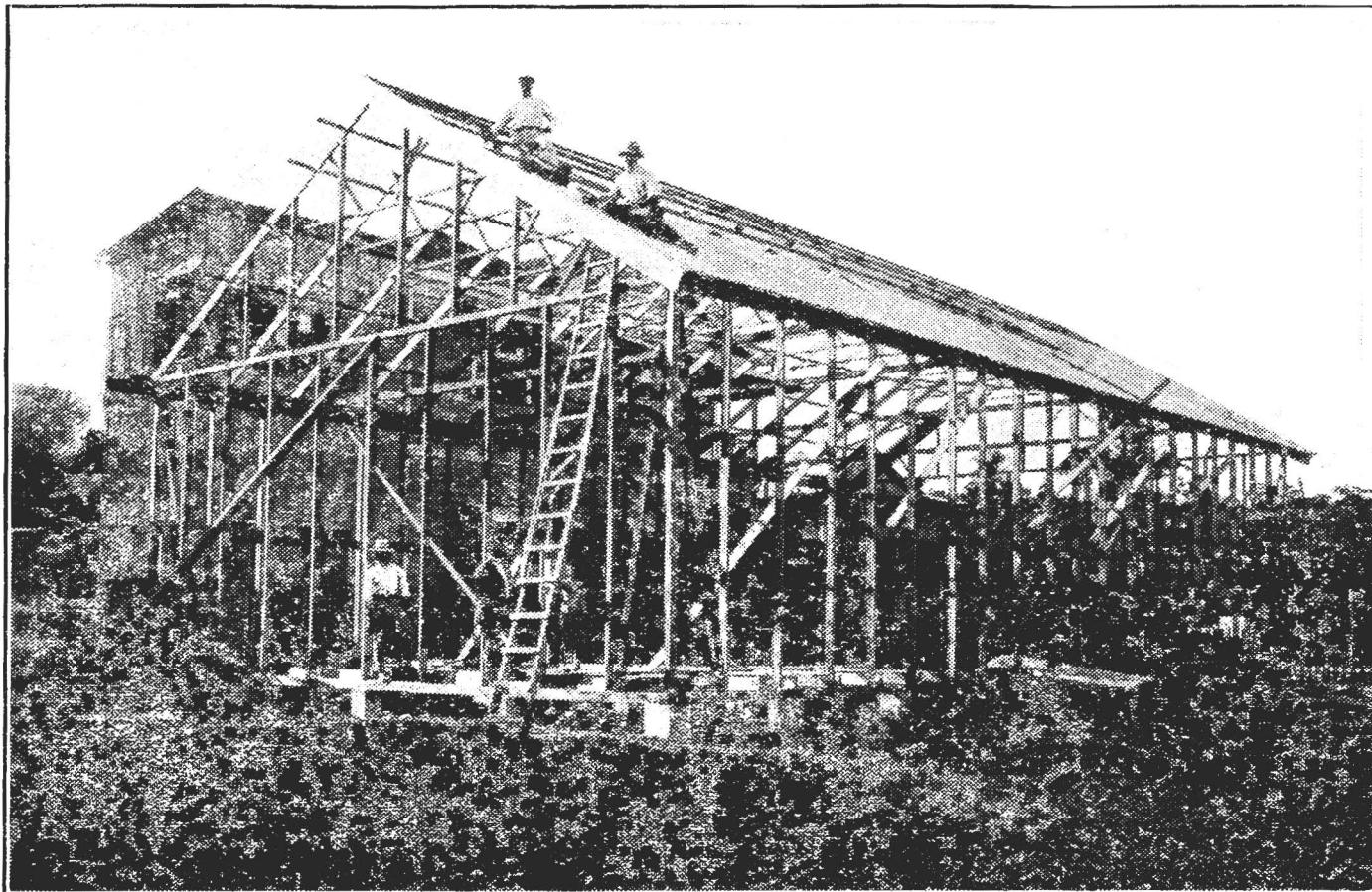
Says the Scripture of truth: "Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus, King of Persia, even until the reign of Darius, King of Persia." Ezra 4:4, 5. Letters of accusation were also written against them, verse 6, till finally they succeeded in ceasing the work for a period of time. Concerning the hampering of the work we read: "Give ye now commandment to cause these men to

cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me. . . . Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius, King of Persia." Ezra 4:21-24.

Free Seventh-day Adventists had the same experience here in Port Limon. Our work was finally stopped by force for approximately three weeks. But as men could not completely stop the work of God in days gone by; Ezra 5:1-5; 6:1-8, even so in these last days men cannot completely stop the work of God. How apparent is history repeating itself! Seventh-day Adventists and others have in a very chicanery and delusive way worked many lying and malicious propaganda against us to prevent us from building a church in Port Limon.

In the days of Nehemiah, Sanballat and Tobia practiced craft to hamper the work of God. Neh. 6:1-17. Consequently in these last days modern Tobia and Sanballat are practicing the same craft to hinder the work of God that is being carried on by Free Seventh-day Adventists in this city. Ancient Sanballat and Tobia was wroth when they heard of the plan of Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Thus saith the prophet of God, "But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What do these feeble Jews?" Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?"

Now Tobia the Ammonite was by him, and he said, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." Neh. 4:1-3. Modern Sanballat and Tobia are also wroth with Free Seventh-day Adventists because they are building a church to worship God



according to the dictates of their own conscience—, and also mocked them in saying, ‘What can these feeble Free Adventists do?’ ‘We will see to it that they do not succeed to build a church in Port Limon; then they will eventually go to pieces.’

Even as Nehemiah prayed and gained the victory, Neh. 4:4-9; 6:14-17, even so we have prayed, and the Lord is giving us the victory. “Alas!” thou modern Sanballat and Tobia, the Lord has broken your propaganda and malicious plots into atoms. Your diabolical purposes are counteracted, your so-called diplomatic policies are thrown into the ditches of ignorance and scattered into the gutter of illiteracy; and your dragon-like efforts are counted as naught. For behold, we have raised up our church building by the hand of the mighty God of Israel, and the work is advancing with great rapidity. So what next will ye do?

Little did these two enemies of truth know that this work is of God, and in spite of all the many difficulties it must go forward on the ladder of progress. When counsellors were hired and adversaries were raised up

against the work of rebuilding the temple, the Lord told Zerubbabel and his co-workers to be strong, for He was with them. I Hag. 2:4. Therefore, since we are cognizant of the fact that God is with us, we are all strong in him, and our courage is growing brighter every day. We know not what it is to retreat, for no particle of retrogression is in our minds. We will battle every inch of ground till the blood-stained Banner of Prince Emanuel is unfurled throughout Central America.

The Lord speaking through Zechariah the prophet said, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it. Zech. 4:4-9. We also firmly believe, not by might, nor by power, but by the spirit of God, that the hand of Him who has laid the foundation of this church building in Port Limon, His hands shall also finish it. The work is onward; and we are looking forward for its completion in the very near future. The help of all our brethren scattered abroad is respectfully solicited.

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WHEN IT'S THE OTHER FELLOW

Have you ever noticed?—

When the other fellow acts that way, he is "ill-tempered;" when you do it, it's "nerves."

When the other fellow is set in his ways, he's "obstinate;" when you are, it is just "firmness."

When the other fellow doesn't like your friends, he's "prejudiced;" when you don't like his, you are simply showing that you are "a good judge of human nature."

When the other fellow tries to treat some one especially well, he is "toadying;" when you try the same thing, you are using "tact."

When the other fellow takes time to do things, he is "dead slow;" when you do it, you are "deliberate."

When the other fellow spends a lot, he is a "spendthrift;" when you do, you are "generous."

When the other fellow holds too tight to his money, he is "close;" when you do, you are "prudent."

When the other fellow dresses extra well, he's a "dandy;" when you do, it is simply "a duty one owes to society."

When the other fellow runs great risks in business, he is "foolhardy;" when you do, you are a "great financier."

When the other fellow says what he thinks, he is "spiteful;" when you do, you are "frank."

When the other fellow goes in for music and pictures and literature, he is "effeminate;" when you do, you are "artistic."—Selected.

THE PARENT'S PRAYER

I have a boy to bring up.

Help me to perform my task with wisdom and kindness and good cheer. Help me always to see him clearly, as he is.

Let not my pride in him hide his faults. Let not my fear for him magnify my doubts and fears, until I make him doubting and fearful in his turn.

Quicken my judgment so that I shall know to train him to think as a child, to be in all

things pure and simple as a child.

I have a boy to bring up.

Give me great patience and a long memory. Let me remember the hard places in my own youth, so that I may help when I see him struggling as I struggled then.

Let me remember the things that made me glad, lest I, sweating in the toil and strain of life, forget that a little child's laughter is the light of life.

I have a boy to bring up.

Teach me that love that understandeth all things; the love that knows no weakness, tolerates no selfishness. Keep me from weakening my son through granting him pleasures that end in pain, ease of body that must bring sickness of soul, a vision of life that must end in death. Grant that I love my son wisely, and myself not at all.

I have a son to bring up.

Give him the values and beauty and just rewards of industry. Give him an understanding brain and hands that are cunning, to work out his happiness.

I have a boy to bring up.

Help me to send him into the world with a mission of service. Strengthen my mind and heart that I may teach him that he is his brother's keeper. Grant that he may serve those who know not the need or service, and not knowing, need it the most.

I have a boy to bring up.

So, guide and direct me that I may do this service to the glory of God, the service of my country, and to my son's happiness.

Amen.

BABYLON IS FALLEN

"I heard another voice from heaven, saying, 'Come out of her, My people.'" Rev. 18:4. What are the false doctrines that cause the wrath of God to be visited upon "all nations"? First of all, the false Sabbath. The Creator of the world said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8. He put His blessing upon the seventh day at the end of creation week, and if men had kept this memorial day, there would never have been an idolater nor an infidel.

The world generally has been

made to believe the lie that Satan told Eve, "Ye shall not surely die." Gen. 3:4. The unscriptural, unreasonable notion that man has an immortal soul, independent of the body, is the foundation of Spiritualism, of belief in purgatory, and of Christian Science. But worst of all, it makes Christ a liar, for He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming . . . when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." John 5:25.

There is a people at the present time who profess to be calling the honest in heart out of Babylon. The revelator says of them, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. Now, just before the Lord comes these people are sounding the cry to come out of Babylon. And there shall be one fold and one Shepherd, one God over all, who is blessed forevermore!

TAKE TIME TO TUNE UP

Go to the concert of any symphony orchestra, and you will be astonished at the amount of time and pains the musicians take in tuning their instruments before beginning the program, and even between numbers. To have his instrument in tune is a prime requisite to the success of a musician.

It is equally important that we as performers in Christ's great symphony orchestra attune our souls. It is incumbent that we tune up every day, yes, many times a day. Some people are content to tune up once a week—when they go to church on Sabbath—and expect to remain in tune for an entire week. Others attempt to tune up once a day—in the evening before retiring. Still others try to tune up so hurriedly that they do not even get the pitch. Because of these infrequent or hasty endeavors to tune up to the pitch that Christ, the great director, has given, many are out of harmony with everybody and everything around them.

Get in tune by taking time for prayer and devotion; and thus being in tune, you will not be a failure as a Christian, nor a discordant instrument in God's orchestra, the church.