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The Need of St. Croix---Water

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"Whoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."--John 4:13,14.

The greatest problem confronting the inhabitants of St. Croix, is that of an adequate water supply. Many attempts have been made and are being made to meet this crying need. It was our privilege to attend the recent ceremony that marked the beginning of a concrete foundation for the construction of a dam to collect the water from the Hills around. Very able addresses were delivered on this occasion which gives us every assurance that this problem is at last being solved--not in words or on paper but in actual work.

As comforting and assuring as all this may be I want to remind the people of St. Croix that there is still a much greater need and that is for the Water of Life. The above Scripture may therefore illustrate the purpose of this message.

The Story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman is undoubtedly very familiar to us all and as it is not my purpose to take up too much time or space I shall only call the reader's attention to a few circumstances which surround this story in the hope of being made a blessing to you

It was necessary for Jesus to go through Samaria because His father had there an important mission to fulfill. This mission was the conversion of a woman. His whole life was absorbed in this great work as "He came to seek and to save that which was lost." He had many a bitter struggle in accomplishing this end, but, however, succeeded because He knew all men and knew just how to handle each subject that He came in contact with. In our story today we have an exhibition of His skill.

He approached the woman by asking for a drink of water. This quickly aroused the prejudice which existed between the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus paid little attention to this however and immediately began to reveal Himself to her by introducing the Water of Life. She, at first, misunderstood Him and was trying to impress Him with her religion. When He drew this comparison between the natural water and the Water of Life she exclaimed "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." Having made His way into her heart he unmasked her of her religion and disclosed her true state before her eyes. This resulted not only in her own conversion but also in the conversion of many Samaritans.

There is a great clamor for the natural water today and especially in St. Croix but I do wish there was the same diligence exercised for the Water of Life. Of course, conditions are the same today as they were in the days when Jesus walked among men. Religions abound all around us and this is still being used as a mask as in the days of long ago. But Jesus will strip it off and disclose our true state if we will let Him and if we do not let Him now He will do it sometime and perhaps when it is too late.

Reader, seek this Eternal Spring and have the thirsts of your life quenched while Jesus is passing this way.



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SUSANNA MARGRETH PLASKETT,
DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that A. E. STAKEMANN, Administrator of the above entitled estate, having filed in the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States, his final account of the administration of the said estate, the hearing of the same has been fixed for MONDAY the 3rd day of MARCH A. D. 1924 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Office of the Judge of said Court in the Town of Christiansted, Island of St. Croix, and all persons interested in the said estate are hereby notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed.

Christiansted, St. Croix, January 30th 1924.

A. E. STAKEMANN,
Administrator.



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