

24 My dear Brother & Sister in the Lord:

You have had to taste of the cup of the tribulations & patience of Christ - and it is well: for His love will not keep back from any of us the individual experience of what He tasted when down here, at the many sorrows and acquaintances with grief. We love Him for He first loved us; but since we have known His love to us, we do love Himself. Paul found it impossible to love him and not to wish to be like him - to taste his sufferings as well as to anticipate the sharing of his glory. We may gather fruit from him, before we love himself; fruits of pardon & help & salvation & hope; but when Himself comes to be known - our benefits from him assume quite access & a secondary place. - Do without those things we could not, but more than this, Himself is revealed to us by them, and we love Himself then. Work for him we may, and under him; but love will also seek to file up that which remains of the sufferings of Christ in his body's -

our history, as members of His body, one
spirit with Him, is most characterized by
suffering with Him. You, what with fever, and isolate-
ness, and all the circumstances attendant on your
position, have had, perhaps, a fuller taste of the
fellowship of Christ's sufferings, since you have
been out in Jamaica than you had before.
Well, if so, you have had what will shine in
the Kingdom & glory;— what too, when you
come to look upon it in after days, will ap-
pear honorable. You might have had the
opposite, if you had tarried in England, or
you might have had the same if you had
gone to Jamaica a-money-seeking, —
but then "for Christ's sake" would not have
been in the cup. What have I suffered
for my master — what things have I suffered
the tops of, & what things am I ~~doing~~ doing daily

still suffering the loss of, for Christ's sake - Were
questions that Paul could talk about when,
in Caesar's prison at Rome, he had to write to the
Philippians. - Not that what we have given up for
his sake, or that our giving up is ever worth
much speaking about, in the presence of all
that he gave up, all that he patiently endured,
for our sakes. Still, His grace does grant us to
drink of His cup, and it is a grace from him
not given to the lover of ease and comfort,
but to those that are seeking to walk with
him in white. - It is Christ-like in its-
self, and, if we know it aright, we shall prize it as
a privilege 'to go to given' - and shall find
in it that tho' the outer man perish, the inner
man has the consciousness, therein, of fellowship
with Christ, and of God's approbation. The sight
of Paul walking down here in the fellowship of His Lord,
suffering, must have been a picture of delight & glory
to God as well as Angels.

You have doubtless heard of Mrs. Lydeman & his little
new daughter - She is doing well - but has had some re-
turns of the paralytic symptoms. Good fellow is lying
Godsland for Crinkerna - so they must find a new skate
down. Beaumont, though you know. Those said little,
for my heart longs for the island and its parts. He has
been blessed at Plym's House & Newport too. Well H & E keeps
in his hands. The Separatist one Paul & Barnabos' commings
on. Perhaps I mistrust a little whether the difficulties
of the place of B. have had some large influence on them.

I send you from Ben a token of love - W. J. T.
tells me that no better way of doing so is to be found
above an order on a well known down bank &
that Hawley is well known in Jamaica -

Lydeman says seem climate worse a little
tho' he is grown fat this winter and seems de-
cidedly stronger than when he arrived.

The loss of the Athos was announced in London, a
week after it sailed - But I did not credit the report, for
we had prayed about S. Makome and he had given
me assurance in my own soul - My kind love to him &
with you and to all saints - a kiss hearty & full, to baby.
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H. J. T.