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Harvest Ingathering Rally Song

This is harvest time for missions, missions;
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A great campaign is due.

One by one the schools came forward, forward;
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One by one the schools came forward, forward;
Thus the project grew.

Oakwood now should spring to action, action;
Oakwood now should spring to action, action;
Oakwood now should spring to action, action;
What can Oakwood do?

We can raise five hundred dollars, dollars;
We can raise five hundred dollars, dollars;
We can raise five hundred dollars, dollars;
Though we are so few.

Do you say we cannot reach it, reach it;
Do you say we cannot reach it, reach it;
Do you say we cannot reach it, reach it;
Ere the year comes new?

Oakwood never yet has failed, failed;
Oakwood never yet has failed, failed;
Oakwood never yet has failed, failed;
Keep this thought in view.

Let us work and get this money, money;
Let us work and get this money, money;
Let us work and get this money, money;
Comrades, what say you?

Who'll solicit, who'll write letters, letters?
Who'll solicit, who'll write letters, letters?
Who'll solicit, who'll write letters, letters?
Answer, platform, pew.

We'll all join this noble effort, effort;
We'll all join this noble effort, effort;
We'll all join this noble effort, effort;
We will see it through.

God will surely bless our labor, labor;
God will surely bless our labor, labor;
God will surely bless our labor, labor;
Send His angels too.

Rise, shine, give God the glory, glory;
Rise, shine, give God the glory, glory;
Rise, shine, give God the glory, glory;
For O. J. C. so true.

How We Did It

HAKWOOD was blessed with a rich experience in the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year. Students and teachers took an active part. Those who could not go out stayed to look after the necessary duties, praying for those who were engaged in active solicitation. We feel that those who stayed at home will share in the rewards of those who went out.

Twice during December school was closed in order that those who wished might go out to help in this work. Almost every one wanted to do something in this campaign. Those who drove the cars to town to take those who were soliciting, made trip after trip in the coldest kind of weather. They too were happy to do their share in God's work.

We began our work late. When we had raised nearly two hundred dollars and we realized that we had not reached our five hundred dollar goal, most of us thought it would be impossible to get the remaining three hundred dollars and we said "We started too late. It is too late now to try because it is too near Christmas."

Just a few days before Christmas the teachers had a meeting. Brother Staines, our Home Missionary Secretary was present. He urged us to make plans to finish our work and reach our goal. Elder Bird, our dean, believed that we could reach our goal if we tried, and a few of the others present believed we could too, but the majority of us felt that it was too late, and when we found out that we did not have any papers to solicit with, we just knew we could not go on the streets and solicit.

However, when the idea was suggested that we make mission boxes all of us agreed to try. Plans were made, and bands were formed with competent leadership. Territory was assigned to the different bands. Christmas eve, one of the coldest days we have had, we canvassed Huntsville, going to the homes, going to the individuals on the streets, in the business section and everywhere. Our President and his wife canvassed the large firms.

The returns for that day were nearly two hundred dollars. After Christmas several companies went to near-by towns. These companies stayed from one to five days. At the end of our campaign we had a Harvest Ingathering meeting. Many and varied were the rich experiences told. Some told of their speaking in churches; others, how they had walked for miles and received only small amounts; others told of helping the sick; others told of giving Bible studies.

When we made our financial report the amounts that had been received ranged from ten cents to sixty-five dollars. One student, Carolyn Cooper, received nearly fifty-five dollars, another, Rosa Johnson, received about forty-five. The different companies raised from thirty-six to one hundred-sixty dollars each. When the final report was received and it was found that we had reached our goal and passed it by fifty per cent, if anyone had been passing on the outside of the chapel building and heard our expressions of joy voiced in stirring

testimonies and the singing of our Harvest Ingathering Rally song, especially when we rose to sing "Rise, shine, give God the glory," they would have thought that we were having an old fashioned revival meeting.

We are indeed grateful to God for the seven hundred fifty-eight dollars received, but we are more thankful that we were able to come in contact with so many outside people and tell them of God's work. We believe that while the money received will be the means of saving many souls in heathen lands, we know that we have been drawn closer to the Lord through this working together with Him, and that many precious souls with whom we have come in contact will have a knowledge of God's Truth and will be saved as a result of this effort.

J. FRANCES BAUGH.

A Lesson from Nehemiah

WHILE Nehemiah implored the help of God, he did not fold his own hands, feeling that he had no more care or responsibility in the bringing about of his purpose to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. With admirable prudence and forethought he proceeded to make the preparations necessary to insure the success of the enterprise. Every movement was marked with great caution. He did not reveal his purpose even to his own countrymen; for while they would rejoice in his success, he feared that, by some indiscretion, they might hinder his work. Some would be liable to manifest exultation that would arouse the jealousy of their enemies, and perhaps cause the defeat of the undertaking.

As his request to the king had been so favorably received, he was encouraged to ask for such assistance as was needed for the carrying out of his plans. To give dignity and authority to his mission, as well as to provide for protection on the journey, he secured a military escort. He obtained royal letters to the governors of the provinces beyond the Euphrates, the territory through which he must pass on his way to Judea; and he obtained, also, a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that Nehemiah proposed to erect. In order that there might be no occasion for complaint that he had exceeded his commission, Nehemiah was careful to have the authority and privileges accorded him, clearly defined.

The example of this holy man should be a lesson to all the people of God, that they are not only to pray in faith, but to work with diligence and fidelity. How many difficulties we encounter, how often we hinder the working of Providence in our behalf, because prudence, forethought, and painstaking are regarded as having little to do with religion! This is a grave mistake. It is our duty to cultivate and to exercise every power that will render us more efficient workers for God. Careful consideration and well-matured plans are as essential to the suc-

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Total Receipts		\$1,798.77
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Annual Report

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MARY M. DAY.

Treasurer, Oakwood Church.

Our Duty to the World at this Time

ALMOST sixteen months have passed since the signing of the armistice, that long-looked-for event which brought to a climax the greatest war that has ever swept over a benighted world. What lessons has it taught us? Are we living better lives for having lived thru such a struggle? Is the world as a whole any better for the experience of the past four years? These questions are being asked by thinking statesmen the world over.

The eyes of the world are watching America. It is in our power to shape, to some extent, the destinies of a distressed world. Hungry peoples, destitute because of the ravages of war, must be fed, clothed and cared for. To do this it will take the united effort of the American people.

But America holds in her hands other blessings for the world at this time. She has been made the birth-place of a great message that is to go forth to all the world to prepare all nations for the greatest event of all ages—the coming of Christ to renew

the original kingdom and usher in a reign of peace that will never be broken by selfish and unholy nations. This is our greatest contribution to the world at this time; and we must be faithful in performing our God-given responsibility.

This message has been sounding for almost a century. Many workers who were young and active in the early days of this movement are falling out by the way. New recruits are needed—workers who will stand for right under all conditions and in all places. The last lays of a race are always the most rapid. Is it so with the Christian race? Or are we drifting along with others not caring when we arrive at our destination? Should we not awake from our slumbers and look with steady eye on the goal before us, ever doing all in our power to help humanity by our united effort? O. E. THOMPSON.

Pillars Or Scaffold

THE plan of salvation is God's great building composed of human material whose contract was let six thousand years ago, by the Father to the Son, who sub-let it to our forefather Adam to finish; but he failed, thereby forfeiting his rights promised in the contract. After Adam's failure to lay the foundation according to divine specification heaven and earth were searched for a bondman, and one was found who was able to put the building in shape, Gen. 3: 15. He promised to pay the debt that had been incurred during Adam's administration, Matt. 1: 21; John 3: 16, and complete the work begun. So at His first appearance He chose twelve stones as a foundation, Matt. 10: 1, of which He was the head and corner, Matt. 21: 42; Ps. 118: 22, but on examining one of these stones it was found defective and the Master builder was forced to place it in the scrap heap along with other old pieces of material that refused to be hewn by the divine axe. Such a stone was Judas, a man that occupied a position of trust and honour, a man who no doubt caused some soul to see Jesus by his way of handling the public offering, a man that caused men to marvel at his speed and accuracy in counting and changing money, yet when the test came instead of being a stone he proved to be only common scaffold material, and it was he who had the opportunity, had he been faithful, of hearing the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

As we look over the past history of the building we find that other material was refused, such as Ananias and Sapphira, who failed to fulfill their pledge, Acts 5: 4. Demas is another who counted it too great a sacrifice, 2 Tim. 4: 10. It was Demas who accompanied Paul on his visit to the churches, yet when the supreme test came instead of proving to be a pillar he was found to be only scaffold material.

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him to translate the blessed word so that men could see the light and walk therein. This same foundation proved a refuge for Tyndale, Huss, Jerome, Luther and many others. It was this hope that sustained Huss at the stake and enabled him to exclaim while his body burned, "Though my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, yet will I not deny my God." After these staunch builders passed off the scene the time demanded a new set of workmen. Then the Master builder chose such men as John and Charles Wesley and Whitefield and their fellow-workers. But neither Wesley nor Whitefield could finish this work because the time had not arrived for its completion; so it remained for William Miller and Joseph Wolfe to sound the message that the time had come to finish the work. This final work has been going on for three quarters of a century and must now be very near its close. We are called to take our places in the closing experiences of this great undertaking; it remains for us to complete this work. We know how this message has expanded from a sectional movement of a few adherents in the time of William Miller to a universal message with nearly 200,000 baptized believers; with numerous publishing houses scattered throughout the world; its corps of ministers, doctors and nurses; its chain of mission stations stretching from "Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand," all of which go to show that we as a people believe that we are working on a building that was begun six thousand years ago.

Let us ask ourselves this question, Shall we who are intrusted with such light prove unfaithful; shall we who have the examples of the successes and failures of all former builders before us, prove unfaithful to our trust? No, there is too much at stake! We who are putting the finish on a building started six thousand years ago, cannot afford to lose time in finishing the King's business. One of the best ways to finish the work is by supplying trained workers for the building. One of the places where skilled workmen are prepared is Oakwood. This is a school dedicated to the training of colored youth. Will the material prepared here find a permanent place in the building, or will it serve only in the scaffold?

RICHARD LOUDEN.

Health Reform

THE diet that God appointed man in the beginning consisted of fruits, grains and nuts. It was not till after the flood, when all vegetation was destroyed, that permission was given to use animal flesh as a food.

Flesh was never the best food; but its use is doubly objectionable now, since disease in animals is so rapidly increasing. Tuberculosis, cancer and many other fatal diseases are communicated to the human family through the use of animal foods and products. Many die of disease wholly due to meat-eating, while the real cause is not suspected by themselves or others.

In discarding flesh foods the change should not be made abruptly, and care should be taken that a well-balanced diet of fruits, grains, vegetables and nuts takes its place. The needs of the system can be fully and better supplied by a vegetarian diet. Those who faithfully adhere to the principles of health reform in diet enjoy a greater degree of vigor and have a stronger resistance against the inroads of disease than those who use animal flesh as food.

We should study the Testimonies on the subject of health reform and practice the instruction given. We are looking for the soon-coming Saviour; is it not our duty then to keep our physical and mental powers in as good condition as possible in order to give the last message of warning to those who do not know of His coming?

MAGGIE CLARK.

Students' Symposium on Harvest Ingathering Work

I SPENT four days in our Harvest Ingathering work in December, and enjoyed it very much. Aside from the money obtained for missions many valuable experiences and rich blessings came to those who engaged in this work. True, every individual approached does not respond favorably, but often the kindling eye and trembling lip tell of a heart touched with the story of the Saviour's love, and with the gift, though sometimes small, come the earnest words, "I wish I could give more." My own experience has proved to me beyond a doubt that this is indeed a plan approved of God in bringing before the people the needs of a lost world, and in procuring means to carry on His work.

C. R. WOOD.

I am indeed grateful to God for the part I had in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. I little thought that I could get out and solicit money, but I have found that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." My little goal was reached and passed. I want to ever be found working for my Master.

DOROTHEA NIXON.

"Come ye apart and rest awhile." Then we left our school books, pencils and papers, for a few days, and followed our Great Teacher. He led us out into the Harvest Ingathering work. We were scattered north, south, east and west, but ever conscious of His divine presence. In this work we beheld but dimly the love of God for lost humanity. He loves us all with an everlasting love, but hates sin. We gained rich experiences and received manifold blessings. We returned with money in our pockets; but far above all earthly joys, and far outweighing gold, was the joy of doing something for Him and His cause. We are looking forward, with glorious hope, to the time when we shall see the full result of our labors; that is, the seeing of souls who have been born into the kingdom of God as the result of our work. Surely "a life surrendered to God will be a victorious life, while the life only partly surrendered will know nothing but defeat."

H. T. MITCHELL PALMER.

In company with Prof. Peterson (leader) and eight other girls and boys we went to Sheffield, Ala. Sunday night, Dec. 28, '19. As we arrived in the city too early to begin work we remained in the depot a while. Before starting we lowered our heads and silently asked God's blessing on our endeavors. We then separated in companies of twos, as Christ sent out His disciples.

We planned to meet at the station at 3 o'clock p. m. in order to take the car for another small town, Florence, Ala. But on our arrival there, we found that some others had canvassed the territory a few days before, which discouraged us very much, for we had collected only an average of \$2.00 a piece. We took courage and thought we would go on any way and see what we could glean behind the reapers that went before. The Lord gave us much success. We gleaned \$106.00. Of this amount I raised over \$10.00. I am thankful I was able, in a small way to participate in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

BLANCHE C. PALMER.

It was indeed a pleasure to me to take part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. In past years I have done very little of this, always averring "I can't do Harvest Ingathering work." But during the past season the enthusiasm manifested by my friends and associates took hold of me. I pledged my quota and went out, and the Lord blessed me with twice the amount. I am glad of the experiences and am more determined now to continue this good work than ever before.

There is a spiritual blessing as well as a temporal one in this soliciting work. There are so many opportunities for pointing weary ones to the source of all help and strength. It is refreshing to find so many who speak of the spiritual needs. May it be my privilege to always have a part in this good work, and finally see souls saved in the kingdom as the results of my effort.

R. I. THOMSON.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." We could see a literal fulfillment of this text during our canvassing in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. With few exceptions, the people were willing to give liberally to the cause of God.

Some in their poverty gave all that they had. In many instances, giving all the means they had at that time. The majority of our donations came in small amounts; occasionally we would receive a dollar or more. The Lord blessed us wonderfully in giving us a mind to work,—then in helping us "carry on" the work to a successful finish. We not only went "over the top," but passed our goal of \$500.00 by fifty per cent. We were thankful to have a part in soliciting means to send the gospel message to the heathen in far-away lands, in answer to their Macedonian call.

MAGGIE CLARK.

As I think of the wonderful blessings and experiences I gained while on a Harvest Ingathering trip, I am constrained to write of it with the hope that it will not only interest the young people but will also inspire them to do something for the cause.

This being my first attempt at soliciting, I was

doubtful as to the best way to approach the people. And the fact that I had no papers to leave in exchange for donation was embarrassing. But I decided to do the best I could and leave the rest to the Lord, and I am convinced that it was that decision that gave me success.

The knowledge of human nature to be gained in the Harvest Ingathering work is, to my mind, invaluable since it can be gained in no other way. This is one of the many blessings obtained in this work. Another encouraging feature is in knowing you are helping some soul to find the Saviour. Also there are many opportunities to speak a good word for Christ to hungry souls. It is indeed a pleasure to explain the work and paper to an interested person and see his eyes fill with tears of joy as he learns of a dear loving Saviour.

As the worker at evening sits and meditates over his endeavors of the day, it is not with regret but with longing for strength to do more on the morrow. Such was my experience and may it also be yours.

JOHN L. MATTHEWS.

Counting it indeed a privilege I decided to go out and do my part in reaching the goal of \$500.00 which was set by our school. As we were late in starting on our final campaign it was about the eleventh hour of the time allotted to the raising of the funds, but with the assistance of God I succeeded in raising \$12.67. This was my first effort in raising money for missions, and I can truly say this gave me an inspiration to do more for God and His cause in the future. I can realize more the meaning of His precious words, "Go ye," and "I will be with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

WILLIE L. CHEATHAM.

The Oakwood Sabbath School

THE YEAR just closed has been the most successful one in the history of the Oakwood Sabbath school. This was true not only in the large amount of offerings, but also in the spiritual blessings received by all of the pupils and teachers. The first quarter of the year was begun with grave doubts in the minds of some as to whether it would be possible to raise the goal of \$125 in offerings. These doubts were dispelled, however, by the close of the quarter, for we had reached our goal and gone beyond it. The last quarter was begun with an enrollment of 185 members. The Sabbath school bond was introduced and a large number invested, pledging from one to five dollars. The result was our offering for the quarter was \$235, and for the thirteenth Sabbath \$83.

During the year a Sabbath school teachers training course has been conducted in which most of the teachers have taken active part. The close of the year saw almost twenty who had begun the course and finished it.

The new year began with renewed interest, and we hope to make the year 1920 even better than 1919. The Lord is blessing the Oakwood Sabbath

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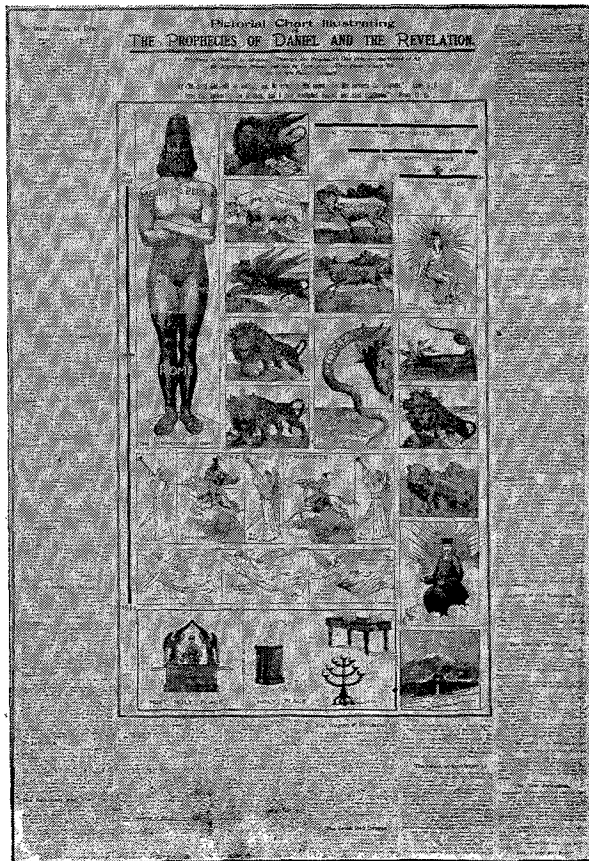
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OAKWOOD NEWS



Brother K. S. Amb's and family from Berrien Springs, Michigan, arrived recently. He is to take up office work. A recent letter from Professor Griggs states that they are releasing one of their best men to help this institution. We welcome these workers. They will reside at the Pines.

Sister Peck, assistant to Professor Howell, has been spending a few days at the school. She is especially interested in the development of our normal department. Her visit has been an inspiration to the school, and her many helpful hints will prove a blessing to our institution in future days. She was very much pleased to see our large school, though in crowded quarters; and expressed a great desire to see the school developed and enlarged. We hope she will visit us again soon.

February 16 we were favored with a lecture from Dr. H. C. Lyman, of the International Sunday School Association, who has devoted the last twelve years of his life to lecturing to colored schools in the interests of the Sunday School work. The Doctor emphasized the teacher's training phase of the Sunday School. His words were an inspiration to our students and teachers. We expect to see a large number enrolled in our teacher's training class in the Sabbath school this year.

Professor O. R. Staines, Missionary Secretary of the Southern Union, and Brother O. V. Leach, Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, made us a welcome visit recently. Brother Staines is no stranger to our readers as he visits us quite often and was once a member of the Oakwood faculty. Brother Leach is making his first tour through the South attending the meetings of the Union Conference, and visiting our schools. He occupied the pulpit on Friday night speaking on the opportunity granted us of laboring in the Master's vineyard.

Brother Brooks, missionary agent of the Tennessee River Conference, spent Sabbath with us recently. He spoke to us on the field work and told many interesting experiences that show that God is blessing this branch of the cause.

Brother Swofford, our farm manager, has moved to the Southern Junior College where he will place his children in that school.

By the time this paper reaches our readers work will have been begun on the new pipe line that is to convey water from the spring on the Ford land to the campus. By the construction of a reservoir at the spring it is expected that our whole campus will be supplied with plenty of water without the expense of pumping. The spring is seventy feet above our buildings. This will afford fire protection as well as serve our other necessities.

school in a bountiful measure besides in offerings, and we hope to make it the best year, spiritually and mentally. The members are all enjoying the lessons and are being greatly benefitted by their study of them.
E. C. JACOBSEN, *Supt.*

Oakwood at the Conference

WHILE IN attendance at the recent session of the Southern Union Conference, held in Nashville, we were very much pleased to find how interested were the one hundred delegates in the work of Oakwood. We were constantly being asked of its enrollment, school spirit and general advancement. We were glad to be able to truthfully give a good report in all departments. On Educational Day a public report was called for, and briefly presented. The delegates were not satisfied with its brevity and several questions were asked from the floor. The annual report of the school is being prepared and will be printed in full in an early number of the "Bulletin".

The Committee on Plans gave the school and its needs consideration, and presented some very good suggestions looking to the upbuilding of the institution. These developed considerable interesting discussion, and some most able and busiest men voluntarily pledged themselves to assist with the plans presented, which include an early special number GOSPEL HERALD, to be used in soliciting funds for enlargement.

Just before reaching this session it was our pleasure to meet Brother S. M. Jacobs, who was the first manager of Oakwood, and of whom the residents in the vicinity are yet pleased to speak very highly. He was anxious to know of the progress of the school, and has promised to visit us when he can arrange to do so. His home is in Graysville, where he is in the mercantile business. This Southern work, with so humble a beginning, has grown till those best acquainted with it give thanks for what God has done.
J. I. BEARDSLEY.

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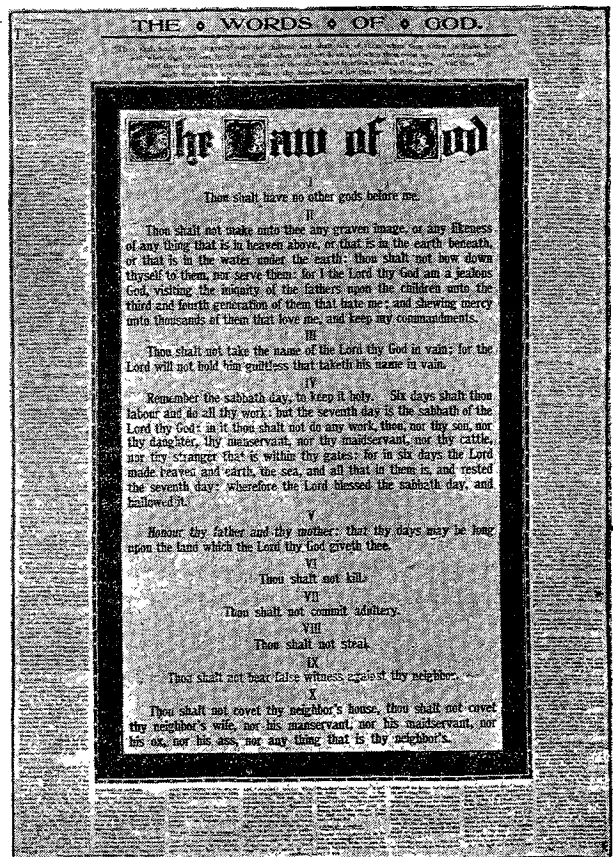
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