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The Beast and His Image.

Constantly was this work of exchanging influence and favors between the church and the state carried on, the church gradually getting the state more and more in its grasp, until, in the eleventh century Pope Gregory VII claimed the power to dethrone kings, and the experience of the German emperor, Henry IV of Conosso, shows with what authority he made the claim. And this gigantic system of iniquity is the result of that compromise between Christianity and paganism in enforcing Sunday observance, the pagan institution, in the place of Sabbath observance, the Christian institution, which later became to be regarded as a "relic of Judaism" and its observance declared to be accursed.

In attempting this change the papacy has attempted to turn the

alligiance of men from God to the enemy of God, the devil; and in this many lives were surrendered because they would not yield their alligiance to God, while others "wearied with the constant struggle against persecution, fraud, iniquity and every other obstacle that Satan could devise to hinder their progress, became disheartened; and for the sake of peace, and security for their property and lives, turned away from the true foundation." G. C. p 56.

Another point of proof of the identity of the papacy with the "little horn" and the "beast" is in the time of supremacy. "Forty-two months is the term used in Rev. 13:5. This, it will be observed, is the same length of time as mentioned in Dan. 7:25 as "time, times, and the dividing of time." The word rendered "time" in this connection is from the Hebrew word "iddan" and means "year." A year consisted of 360 days. Three and one half years, then, would amount to 1260 days or forty-two months, counting as was the Jewish custom, thirty days to the month. Applying the Bible rule on interpretation of symbolic terms, a day representing a year, (see Ezek. 4:6) we have the time of Papal supremacy, 1260 years, from A. D. 538 when the last "horn" was "plucked up," to A. D. 1798 when Berthier, the French general, took the pope prisoner. Thus we have shown that the "beast" represents the papal system of religion, which is a union of church and state.

Now let us notice briefly that which this power uses as a sign or mark of its authority. "Question: How prove you that the church has

power to command feasts and holy days? Answer,—By the act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of." Abridgement of Christian Doctrine p 58. "Question: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept? Answer,—Had she not such power she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her,—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority." Doctrinal Chatechism p 351.

S. D. HARTWELL.

Outline of State Government.

State government consists of three departments,—legislative, executive and judicial. The Legislature meets the first Wednesday in January of every second year. The Legislature consists of a Senate of 32 members, and a House of Representatives of 100 members. The 8th senatorial district comprises the counties of Allegan and Van Buren—Senator Bates. Term two years, chosen at the fall election. Help in making laws, and in choice of United States senators. Confirm or reject appointments by the Governor. Our representatives are Stockdale and Fouch. Term two years, elected at fall election. Help in making laws, and choice of United States senators.

Executive Department. Governor, Fred M. Warner. Term two years, chosen at the fall election. Duties: execute the laws; call extra sessions of the legislature; sign

or veto bills; grant reprieves, commutations and pardons; commander-in chief of the state militia; recommend measures to the Legislature.

Judicial Department. The supreme court consists of 5 judges—term 10 years, one chosen every two years at the spring election held the first Monday in April. The one whose term expires first is chief justice. There are 38 circuit courts.

The 20th circuit comprises the counties of Allegan and Ottawa—Judge Padgham.

The state officers are chosen every two years at the fall election.

Governor—duties already given.

Lieutenant Governor—presides over the senate.

Secretary of State—publishes the laws.

Treasurer—holds the state's money.

Auditor General—audits accounts against the state.

Attorney General—State's lawyer. Gives legal advice to state and county officers.

Commissioner of the Land Office—controls and sells state lands.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—furnishes examination questions and visits state educational institutions.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Possibility of Selling Books in Old Territory.

One of the agents, Brother Johnson, who has just been attending the Canvassers' Institute at Kalamazoo, and had a few days that it was necessary for him to remain in Battle Creek before going to his assigned field of labor, thought it would be a good plan to try selling our books in this city, fearing of course that the sales would be light here. Accordingly he went over to the east end of town where our people do not reside, and started in to sell his book, Bible Readings. In seven hours, he took one order for the Marbled and one for the Gilt and sold two New Testa-

ment Primers Board making a total sale of \$5.00, his profit being \$2.50. He only made seven exhibitions, and succeeded in getting into nearly every house. His experience was interesting. If success like this can attend the efforts of canvassers in a City which has been worked like Battle Creek, and which knows as much as it does about our denomination, no one need hesitate about engaging in the work anywhere in the West Michigan Conference.

J. M. MACE.

From the Field.

COVERT.

Our school opened September 17 with an enrollment of ten. We did not have a very large supply of books, but we decided to look on the bright side and not be discouraged. The blessing of God was with us and we were soon in good running condition. The school is held in the church. It rejoices my heart to see our brethren willing to sacrifice some of the comforts of life in order to give their children a good Christian education. The children live from two to three miles from the school which is a long distance for some of their little feet. God is good and he is blessing our feeble efforts.

The missionary spirit of the school is growing, and all who are old enough have something to say when the opportunity is presented. We go out once a month with our periodicals and are having fair success. It is one of the sweet experiences in a teacher's life to instill, for the first time, the spirit of loving service.

The truant officer made our school a short visit and he spoke very favorably of what he heard while here. Surely God will not forsake Israel as long as they rest upon his promises. "Not by might, nor by power, but my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

We are glad to hear that our educational superintendent is im-

proving in health, and we hope that God will continue to bless him and that he will be with us again.

C. H. COUNTRYMAN.

GRAND RAPIDS.

It rejoices my heart to know that we have the same Deliverer King Jehoshaphat had when he heard of that mighty army coming against him. He called on God and said, "O our God wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee." God heard this cry and said, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude for the battle is not your's but God's. 11 Chron. 20:12,15. Neither need we fear in this closing message, when the great adversary has come down with great wrath knowing he has but a short time, if our eyes are upon our God.

O how we need to give Him the glory for victories gained. The Lord has given me of late some precious experiences which are for my good, and for the glory of His great and holy name.

One of my Holland readers, who took her stand about three weeks ago to obey God rather than man, has been going through a severe trial. Her husband told her if she would continue to hold on to this faith he would leave her, and not knowing what to do she cried unto God, and as she opened her Bible her eyes fell on the words, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you," also "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." It was such a comfort to her.

So when the morning came for her to decide, she told him that she could not give up her faith that God had given to her, and when he asked her how she would get

along, she said, "The Lord who has promised to give a hundredfold in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting will not forsake me," it touched his heart and he decided not to leave her.

It takes faith my brethren and sisters, for, "This is the victory that overcometh the world even faith." Pray for this dear sister. This truth is more to her than everything else. So it should be to us. And I believe before we shall be able to stand with the company that John saw on the sea of glass that had gotten the victory over the beast, his image and his mark, we must learn lessons of faith and trust in our heavenly Father.

The Lord is working mightily by His Holy Spirit upon hearts in this city. Many are in the valley of decision. Some are held back by loved ones, but the time will come when they will take their stand for Christ.

So I am of good courage. Let us work, watch and pray, and scatter the precious seed of truth everywhere, in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

One lady not of our faith said to me, "I wonder if I cannot sell some books or papers?" I gave her fifty copies of Special Watchman, also the little book "Best Stories," and in a few days she had taken over one hundred orders for the book.

O dear brethren and sisters what are we doing to spread this glorious message? Let us work and pray lest some one take our crown. Jesus has done so much for us. May the spirit of Him who labored so untiringly fill our souls is my prayer.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

Our Church Schools.

(Continued.)

In Grand Rapids and vicinity there are four church schools. The one in the city, located at 22 Cass Ave., is presided over by Miss Ada Somerset. A most excellent work

is being done here. Two or three are taking some tenth grade work.

A short ride on the Muskegon interurban line, and the Wright school is reached. This is not a large school, but there is a hearty spirit of co operation between the teacher and pupils, and as a result, each day, as it passes, sees a definite work accomplished.

Another progressive school is the Bauer school; the work in the lower grades being especially thorough, thus forming an excellent foundation for the more advanced work as it comes from year to year.

The fourth school mentioned is that of the Mich. Home for Girls, located at Byron Center. Since this school is somewhat different from the ordinary church school, in as much as it is made up almost entirely of young ladies, it will be considered more at length in another article at some future time.

The next school visited was at Cedar Lake. This school is under the supervision of the Academy, and everything above the sixth grade is included in the preparatory work of the Academy. This is one of our largest schools, having a membership of twenty-five. The work is progressing nicely under the direction of Mrs. C. J. Tolf.

The Portland and Lake Odessa schools are both held in private homes, being representative schools of the Portland church. A room in each home is set apart and fitted up as a school room. While not large, they are comfortable and sufficient to meet the demands of the number attending. The Portland school did not open until November, consequently the work is somewhat behind. However by earnest work on the part of both teacher and pupils, much may yet be accomplished. The Lake Odessa school is getting along nicely.

The Grand Ledge school is small also, but an excellent spirit of work prevails. Two of the pupils are expecting to finish the eighth grade

and to enter one of our Intermediate schools next year.

Maple Grove and Carlton Center in the vicinity of Hastings, were next visited. The Maple Grove school is somewhat reduced in numbers owing to the removal of one or two families to other parts of the state. This, to a certain extent, affects the interests of the school, but by judicious work on the teacher's part, a live interest may still be maintained.

The Carlton Center school is also held in a private house, an upstairs room being used for a school room. Two pupils here expect to finish the eighth grade this year.

The last school visited was at Charlotte. Here some quite advanced work is being carried on. From the first grade to the tenth, a spirit of industrious studiousness prevails. Two young ladies, members of the school, are preparing, under the efficient instruction of Miss Irma Parks, to enter the church school work next year.

With but one or two exceptions, every school in this conference has now been visited. While all are not what we would like to have them, or what we hope, in a few years to have them, yet a good work is being accomplished. The corps of teachers represent an earnest, conscientious class of christian workers, having but one purpose in their hearts, and that is to uplift and elevate the standard of truth and the principles of true education.

FRANCES L. CASE.

Don't worry; eat three square meals a day; say your prayers; be courteous to your creditors; exercise; go slow and go easy. Maybe there are other thing that your special case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these I reckon will give you a good lift.

—Abraham Lincoln.

Financial.**One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.**

Previously Reported	\$1772 31
Bushnell Church	2 60
Wright Church	10 50
Battle Creek Church	250 19
J. W. Hofstra	2 53
Henry Frohmater & Sons	5 00
Dale Colburne	1 00
Mary and Grace Dryer	5 10
Winnie Sterling	2 53
George Sterling	2 53
Mrs. E. E. Merchant	5 00
Emmet Haughey	1 40
Glenwood Church	3 50
Carson City Church	11 53
Mrs. Martha Cadwell	2 53
Elmer Benton	2 55
Mrs. Belle Benton	2 55
Mendon Church	2 50
Grandville Church	5 25
Eaton Rapids Church	4 25
Rothbury Church	8 06
Hesperia	1 00
Total	2104 41

Tithe Receipts for March, 1907.

Allegan	\$ 60 00
Bangor	16 38
Bedford	78 20
Battle Creek	937 78
Benton Harbor	34 31
Belding	28 38
Berrien Springs	318 52
Bloomington	13 37
Bushnell	33 25
Carson City	9 54
Clifford Lake	3 00
Covert	15 59
Charlotte	96 75
Decatur	2 80
Douglas	30 12
E. Mich. Conference	13 38
Frost	5 00
Grand Ledge	6 27
Grand Rapids	201 03
Grenwood	19 00
Individuals	29 66
Kansas Conference	4 62
Lowell	6 30
Mecosta	26 54
Monterey	48 13
Niles	3 75
Ontario Conference	4 00
Otsego	23 15

Paw Paw	167 49
Portland	17 62
Pottersville	28 80
Sturgis	10 00
Shelby	22 08
Trufant	3 93
Urbandale	13 25
Vermont Conference	2 00
Wright	31 60
Total	2360 59

West Michigan Conference Receipts for March.

Tithe	\$2360 59
Weekly Offerings	49 56
Sabbath-school Offerings	31 04
Levant Mission	8 99
General Fund	38 05
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	460 16
Conference Imp. Fund	2 50
African N. W. Fund	4 00
Finnish Mission	10 24
Annual Offerings	9 00
Mission Board Offerings	43 27
Religious Liberty Offerings	33 77
Expense	10
Self-Denial Fund	27
Southern Field	13
China Mission	1 25
Freewill Offering	25
Huntsville School	5 00
Return of Loan from E. M. College	200 00
Pacific Press Pub. Co. Off.	2 00
International Pub. Co. Off.	1 51
Jamaca Conference	2 00
Russian Mission	25
Total	3263 93

West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account	122 40
Merchandise	43 11
West Mich. Herald	4 03
Total	\$169 54

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

After a vacation of six days the spring term of the school began April 2nd.

Ralph Lewis and Martin Halvorsen are going to remain on the farm this summer and are planning to attend school another year.

School begins now at seven o'clock instead of half past, and closes at twelve. By this arrangement more work can be accomplished on the farm.

Elder Sandborn of the East Michigan Conference, made the school a short visit last Thursday. He gave an interesting talk to the students at chapel time.

Prof. Lamson occupied the time of the student's Friday evening prayer meeting. He spoke about some of the experiences of our brethren in the Carribean field during the recent earthquake. He also gave a talk on religious liberty Sabbath afternoon at the young people's meeting. These talks were much appreciated.

News and Notes.

The editor visited the Sabbath-school at Niles Sabbath, April 6.

Miss Frances Case spent Wednesday of last week at our office in Otsego.

Elder A. G. Haughey conducted quarterly meeting at Carlton Center last Sabbath.

Miss Eva Howe, our office stenographer, spent Sabbath and Sunday at her home in Decatur.

We received the following from Grand Rapids: "We had a splendid meeting last Sabbath. Church filled to overflowing at morning services. After the sermon we had communion services. We had a good audience at the young people's meeting in the afternoon. After the service five young people were baptized."