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## The Sabbath.—No. 2.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

It is not to be supposed that Christ when he came to this world in human form, revised or changed his law in any particular, but no doubt knowing that an idea might arise that he would change the law in some particular, he placed himself on record with reference to the matter in Luke 16:17 where we find these words: "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than for one tittle of the law to fail."

In the face of that, my friends, how dare we for a moment, charge the Son of God with having tampered with the law; when he himself declared that it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle to pass away from that holy commandment? Our Saviour, in the beginning, after six days labor, gave to man the Sabbath,—gave it to the whole human race. Not to the Jew alone, for no Jews were in exist-

ence in the beginning. On the contrary God declares that the Sabbath was made for MAN. Certainly no one can inform us concerning what use an article is to be put to, better than the one who made it. If I am visiting some exposition, and see a piece of mechanism that I do not understand, and ask some who are standing near to explain, they may be unable to do so; but the man who made it comes along and I ask him about it, and he is able to give full and detailed explanation of the whole thing. So it is with the Sabbath, we find that it was the Lord Jesus Christ who made it. Now, if we want to know something concerning the Sabbath, there is no better authority on that question in the world than He. Mark 2:27. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath."

Then every being who belongs to the human race, is privileged to share in the blessings of the Sabbath day; the Saviour did not make it for any particular race; he did not make it particularly for the Assyrians; he did not make it for the Egyptians alone, or for the inhabitants of Asia or Europe alone, but for man, and wherever man is found, you will find candidates for the blessings of the Sabbath day. I have heard people say that the Sabbath was made for the Jews, and to cast reproach upon it have denominated it the "Jewish Sabbath." But it is an interesting fact that no such expression is found in the Bible. It is called "My holy day," "My Sabbath," and the "Lord's day."

Another thing worthy of our con-

sideration found in Genesis 2:2, is the fact that God rested upon it. It thus became His rest day,—an eternal fact that God rested upon that day, and this fact can never be changed; although a million years of eternity might roll away, it would still remain a fact that God rested upon that day, and the observance of the Sabbath is dependent upon that fact. My birthday comes on the 26th day of March and this fact can not be changed for the simple reason that I was born on that day, and on no other. The birthday of this nation was the 4th of July and this is a fact that can not be changed. God rested upon the seventh day of the week and this is a fact that can not be changed. So when men talk about the change of the Sabbath, they are talking nonsense, for they can not change facts. The word Sabbath is a Hebrew word and means in the English, "rest day." In 1 Thess. 5:21, we find this good advise: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Prove all things. We are not to hold all things, but hold fast that which is good. Put with that text the words found in Rom. 7:12. "Wherefore the law is holy, and just, and good."

There the law is pronounced good. The other statement says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." The law of God is his word to us concerning what he would have us to hold fast. The Lord gives us this standard of righteousness and everything purporting to be true must be tested by that law. In Isa. 8:20 we find these words: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not



according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

And so every truth is to be tested by this law. The natural tendency is to trust the testimony of our own eyes and let the testimony of God's law go; but before we enter into the kingdom of God, we must reach that point in our experience where we will believe in the testimony of God's word, even if we have to deny the testimony of our eyes. Most people believe what they see and hear, and the statements of God are allowed to go for naught. As soon as we do that we are not true to God. "Let God be true, but every man a liar." So we are admonished to be true to the test of the law. The United States Government has a test by which to determine the purity of gold. It was my privilege to see gold tested once. All the pure gold could be determined in a moment because the thing they had for standard was absolutely pure gold. So the Lord has given us something which is absolutely true, to use as a test and that test is his law, which is holy, just and good. And so with reference to the matter of the Sabbath we must also bring this to the test,—bring this high standard to bear upon it. What saith the law? Turn back to the law as recorded in Exodus. We find it reads as follows, with reference to the Sabbath: Exodus 20:8-11:—"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." And concerning that command in company with the other commands, the Saviour hath said, "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than for one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:17.

And just as truly as God proclaimed that law back there upon Mt. Sinai for the people of that age, just so truly is that law binding upon us to-day. The heavens

and the earth are witnesses to the durability of the law of God. For it is easier for them to pass out of existence than for the least tittle of the law to fail. We find that our Saviour reiterates the Sabbath command. The command to remember the Sabbath day means that we should not forget it through the week. We should arrange our plans so as not to transgress upon the holy day. And so the Saviour when talking to the disciples concerning the destruction of Jerusalem gave them words of instruction concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, as to what should fall upon the doomed city, said, "Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter neither on the Sabbath day."

(To be continued.)

#### Duty to the Colored Work in the South.

About ten millions of the colored people of the South are waiting for the message of the third angel. Their ancestors were stolen by the white men and sold into slavery. Many of those whom the civil war freed have gone to their graves. Another generation are here, a few of whom can intelligently read the word of God for themselves. We owe them the light of the third angel's message. We are co-workers with Him. When He gave us this blessed gospel we became debtors to the colored man so that as much as lieth in us we must make it known to him. Young men and women are to be trained at Huntsville, and other places, to go with this gospel. That school needs further help, and different Conferences to pay the laborers. The first Sabbath in October has been set as the time for this collection by the General Conference. It was my privilege to be present with the Southern Union Conference at the Nashville meeting when the wants of the cause for the colored work in the South were presented, and I am sure that the demand is reasonable. The men who have had to lay out this money

are our tried and faithful ones. The money will not be squandered.

BANK OF HEAVEN.

This is another opportunity to transfer from the earthly bank to the heavenly. Little by little Jesus calls for us to add to the account in heaven. These opportunities to further on the work of the Lord will soon be past. "I saw that some of God's professed people are like the man who hid his talent in the earth. They keep their possessions and means from doing good to God's cause. They claim that it is their own, and that they have a right to do what they please with their own; and souls are not saved by any judicious effort they make with their Lord's money. As judgment passes upon the house of God, the angels keep a faithful record of every man's works, their sentence is recorded by their name, and the angel is commissioned to spare them not, but to cut them down at the time of slaughter. And that which was committed to their trust is taken from them. Their earthly treasure is then swept away, and they have lost all. And the crowns that they might have worn, had they been faithful, are put upon the heads of those saved by the faithful servants whose means were constantly in use for God. And every soul that they have been the means of saving adds stars to their crowns in glory, and increases their eternal reward." Spiritual Gifts. Vol. 4. Test. 5, p. 38, 39. Now is our time to do.

A. O. BURRILL.

#### The Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses.

Every earnest craving soul may advance continually in the pathway to intellectual attainment. God has ideals for the youth to day that are "higher than the highest human thought can reach." And His ideals are enablings to those who yield wholly to Him. Some are striving to attain. Are you pressing onward to the high goal?



"The heights by great men reached and kept,  
Were not attained by sudden flight;  
But they while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night."

In this upward toil, few companions render better service than good books. They make the poorest of us heirs to the wisdom of all time. With them we may penetrate the heavenly expanse; with them we may follow the explorer's course or the warrior's raid; we may look back through the avenues of ages or we may look into the future and behold what is yet to come. They comfort us in the hour of distress, and revive our courage when we are in the shadow of despair. Says Sir William Waller, "In my study I am sure to converse with none but wise men, but abroad it is impossible to avoid the society of fools." Men and women, whose lives have bettered the world, pay heavy tribute to good books. Such books have helped them, first in determining to make the most of themselves and their opportunities, and then in doing so. Such books will help you.

You have read of good books inspiring young men and women to be a blessing in the world. You recall how they influenced Moffat, Livingston, and Wesley and a host of others. Years have robbed these books of no power. A few months ago the conversation of some students drifted into a discussion of the value of good books. Among the many who expressed gratitude one young man said, "Steps to Christ gave me hope when I was about to give up everything."

Napoleon said, "Show me a man that reads good books and I will show you the man that moves the world."

Clay remarked, "When I was a boy I was poor, and my mother was very poor, but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book, and to this more than anything else, I owe my success in life."

Franklin exclaimed, "A dollar

in the head is worth five in the pocket and you might say fifty on the back, because that in the pocket will get out, and that on the back will wear off but that in the head grows sharper by constant use."

The dividend we draw from time invested in reading good books depends upon the thoroughness and thoughtfulness with which we pursue them. Hasty reading robs the memory of its power to grasp and to hold, but systematic study, into which the whole mind enters enthusiastically, increases the mental and moral stature of the reader.

To aid the youth in good reading the Missionary Volunteer Department is offering Reading Courses. The lessons assigned will assure systematic study, and the test questions in each lesson demand that the reading be done carefully.

#### COURSE NO. 2.

The course this year consists of two books. "Great Controversy" will occupy nearly three fourths of the time. In this wonderful book history and prophecy clasp hands and give a panoramic view of events relating to God's people from the dawn of the Christian era until the final consummation. Every youth should be familiar with the historical facts and the gospel truths with which this book is packed. Says the Master, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The other book is "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." The author has made a careful study of Africa and his book visualizes splendidly many great events, many unsolved problems, and many historic movements. It gives much information on numerous questions as to races, customs, politics and the missionary outlook.

The course will be conducted through the Youth's Instructor. It will begin the first week in October and continue for eight months.

All who desire to take it should send in their names for enrollment to their respective Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries. No tuition for the work is required. Three reviews will be given, and the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department will grant a certificate to each one who satisfactorily completes the course.

We hope many will join us in the course this year. You are busy, so were Lincoln, Greeley and Garfield. Yet they sandwiched into the hardworking days a few minutes for study. This is the way many of our most useful men and women are made.

Plan to take the course. Do not follow the path of least resistance. Progress is better than pleasure.

#### MISSIONARY VOL. DEPT.

### Concentrating and Concentrated Wealth.

The leading article in the SIGNS OF THE TIMES Special for October will be on the subject of FINANCE. Carefully prepared statistics will be given showing the rapid concentration of wealth into the hands of a few men who are able to control all the great industries and commodities of the country. This is creating a feeling of dissatisfaction and unrest among the masses, and the article will show that this state of things will naturally lead to the conditions spoken of by the apostle James, which read as follows:

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered: and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days." James 5:1, 2, 3.

This question of finance is one of the most perplexing and difficult problems before the world today, and it is one in which nearly



every person is interested. Just one year ago a financial crisis came upon this country like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. It was wholly unexpected. There was no good reason for it, nevertheless it came; and some are now predicting a still greater crash in the near future. The student of prophecy knows exactly what these things mean, and it is his duty to tell it to others.

The cover design will be very attractive, showing the five great money centers of the world,—namely, Wall Street, New York; Bank of England, London; La Place de la Bourse, Paris; Treasury Building, Washington, D. C.; and the Royal Exchange, London, England.

The first article in the journal, as usual, will be "Notes on Current Topics," taking up and commenting on the most important events in the social, political, and religious world, showing the bearing they have on the fulfilment of prophecy.

This will be followed by editorial articles on practical Biblical themes to encourage honest investigation and Christian living.

The other regular departments of the journal will be unusually strong.

This October number, dealing with the question of Finance, as it does, and coming right before the presidential election, will doubtless meet with a ready sale. It will contain 64 pages, the same as previous numbers, and will be ready to mail September 15. Let the orders come in early.

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### Emmanuel Missionary College Notes.

We are just in the midst of our grape, pear and tomato harvest.

The first meeting of the College Faculty for 1908-9 was held Monday evening.

Prof. C. H. Perry of North Ferrisburg, Vt., is among the late arrivals at the College.

Dr. Runck, of the College Faculty, arrived a few days ago. Mrs. Runck will soon join him.

The College canning factory is now in active operation, under the careful management of Dr. Runck. 1200 quarts of fruit have already been canned.

We are pleased to note the return of Mrs. Lou K. Curtis, Normal Director, and Miss Almeda Haughey, head of the English Department.

Prof. O. J. Graft, President of the College has been in attendance at several of the camp-meetings of the Lake Union Conference. He speaks encouragingly of the prospects for the educational work in the Union.

Miss Alma Graf, sister of Prof. O. J. Graf, and Preceptress for the coming year, arrived Wednesday, September 2, and will take up her duties in the ladies' dormitory the first of the week. Miss Graf was heartily welcomed by the College family.

Friends of the College will be pleased to know that our large buildings have had quite a thorough overhauling during the summer vacation. The recitation rooms and halls in the college building have been white-coated and re-tinted, as have also the rooms in the ladies' dormitory. All the wooden beds in this building have been removed and have been replaced by new iron ones. North Hall, or the boys' dormitory, is receiving a similar treatment, with the addition of new floor.

### News and Notes.

Two of our sisters are selling books and periodicals in Big Rapids. Remember them in your prayers.

Elder Stanley reports six persons baptised and added to the church at Kalamazoo. The attendance at the tent-meetings, corner Race and Eggleston streets, is increasing.

Any one paying their pledges made at the camp-meeting will please specify what fund it is for, and also that it is a pledge made in Grand Rapids.

Prof. J. G. Lamson has been called to act as Educational Secretary of the Northern Union Conference, thus leaving a vacancy in Iowa.

A few hundred copies of the MISSIONS number of the SIGNS are wanted by the publishers. If you have any, or know of any one who has, please advise us. Do not send the papers however, until you have had definite instructions to do so.

Will all those who attended the canvassers' class at the camp-meeting in Grand Rapids please send their addresses to this office. We will be glad to hear from others who plan on entering the work, either now or in the future.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Gospel Herald," published in Chinese from the new location in Shanghai. The August number had a circulation of 2,500 copies which is more than any other denominational paper published in China. Orders for the September number were sufficient to warrant an issue of 7,000 copies. The paper is very neatly gotten up and would be excellent to circulate among those who read the Chinese language. The price is 25 cents per year, with the postage extra, which is 25 cents more to countries outside of China.