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"GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN
THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FULL"



"Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, . . . I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying . . . repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Act 20: 19-21.

Dan. 4:24.
Dan. 7:1.
Eze. 27:1, 2.
Eze. 29:2, 3.
Eze. 25:2, 3.
Jer. 25:15-28.

Isa. 44:28.
Isa. 45:1, 2.
Isa. 14:13.

Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

Isa. 21:2.

Jer. 51:11, 28.

Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

Jer. 48:11, 12.

2 Kings 5:2-4.

Dan. 2:49.

And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

Jer. 51:46.

Jer. 50:8.
Jer. 51:6.
Matt. 24:15-20.

Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the Lord afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

Jer. 51:50.

Jer. 51:44.

At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Jer. 51:46.

lightenment. Ezekiel was sending messages broadcast from the Lord, and Jeremiah had received word from God with the command to make it known to all the nations round about. There was no hiding the fact that the God of the Jews had prophets among his people. It was in this way that not only the Jews, but Moab, Edom, Tyre and Sidon, Ammon, Egypt, Arabia, and even Media and Persia knew that the fall of Babylon was decreed. Many of these nations, and the Persians among the number, knew just what kingdom would be used to destroy Babylon, and the name of the man whom God had chosen to accomplish the overthrow.

Such are the messages which God sent, and thus it was that he made use of his people. Those whom he could not use when granted peace and prosperity and a city of their own, he used when slaves under the iron heel of Babylon. Babylon was like a city on the edge of a volcanic crater, but she believed it not. In the year 539 B. C., the general of the combined forces of the Medes and Persians started toward Babylon. The news reached the city that the enemy was on the march. Then it was that the message came to flee from the city and be as goats upon the mountainside. Jews who heeded the word of the Lord, then withdrew from Babylon. But the Persian army did not come. History says that Cyrus was stopped by the death of a sacred white horse, which was drowned in crossing a river. Cyrus set his men to digging channels for the river, spending one year in this way. Prophecy says, "The walls of Babylon shall fall. My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul. . . .

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THE GLADNESS OF NATURE

Is this a time to be cloudy
and sad:

When our mother Nature
laughs around;
When even the deep blue
heavens look glad,
And gladness breathes
from the blossoming
ground?

There are notes of joy from
the hang-bird and wren,
And the gossip of swallows
through all the sky;
The ground-squirrel gayly
chirps by his den,
And the wilding bee hums
merrily by.

The clouds are at play in the
azure space,
And their shadows at play
on the bright green vale,
And here they stretch to the
frolic chase,
And there they roll on the
easy gale.

There's a dance of leaves in
that aspen bower,
There's a titter of winds
in that beechen tree,
There's a smile of the fruit,
and a smile on the
flower,

And a laugh from the brook that runs to the sea.

And look at the broad-faced sun, how he smiles

On the dewy earth that smiles in his ray:

On the leaping waters and gay young isles;

Ay, look, and he'll smile thy gloom away.

—Selected.

"GOD IS STRONGER THAN ALL THE POWERS OF THE FALLEN FOE"

MRS. E. G. WHITE

MY mind has been burdened over the matter of writing on Old Testament history. I am troubled to see my brethren and sisters bringing into the daily life so little Bible truth. In order for us to be overcomers we must realize that there is a battle to be fought. We rejoice to know that through the strengthening power of God's grace we are sure to win. God is stronger than all the powers of the fallen foe.

The apostle Paul says: And now abide faith, hope, and charity [love]. In all our words and acts these three Christian graces are to be interwoven. "The greatest of these is love." If we will cultivate Christ-like love, we can have this grace in large measure.

The early Christian church left their first love. To John on the Isle of Patmos was given the message: "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Re-

member therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

As members of God's remnant church, we must pray with firm faith for the gift of the grace of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law, and is manifested altogether too little among those upon whom has been shining great light. Genuine religion is life and light to every believer.

The Christian graces are given not as ornaments to win admiration, but as talents to be used in accomplishing a work for God. We are to heed the words of Paul, "Quit you like men, be strong." "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness: and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

If it was impossible for us to meet these requirements, they would never have been given. In divine grace there is a wonderful power. It can subdue the outbursts of passion in professing believers.

No one should ever permit his mind to get into such a state that he will speak the words prompted by Satan. To accuse the brethren, to discourage them in their work, is to personify Satan and to be his helping hand by putting into the minds of others the evil leaven of criticism, as leaven is put into meal. This evil leaven, so thoughtlessly introduced, leavens the whole lump. The apostle Paul says: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord, looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

How long will those who claim to be Christians tolerate the evil of listening to the criticisms of their brethren, and, in turn, communicate these criticisms to others, thus strengthening one another in an evil work? How long will they question the good work that is being done by a few, and stand in the way as hindrances? To clear the pathway of the accumulated rubbish placed there by accusers of the brethren takes precious time, and robs faithful workers of their strength and hope and faith. God's work can be carried on among unbelievers with far greater success than among those who, like the Pharisees, desire to have all things shaped and carried on in accordance with their ideas and preferences.

REVELATION

The Three Books of Judgment

S. N. HASKELL

THE BOOK OF LIFE

THERE are at least three books of judgment. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things written in the books: according to their works." Here are at least three books

referred to. One is the book of life. Every one whose name is found in this book at the time of the deliverance of the people of God will be saved. Dan. 12:2. The number of these books as here alluded to is only found in the book of Revelation. But the use of them and what is written in them is found in different portions of the word of God. Men may have their names once entered in the Book of Life, and then if Christ does not confess it to the Father in the time of judgment, it is "blotted out." "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life: but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels." Rev. 3:5.

When Israel made the golden calf in the wilderness, Moses pleaded for them as follows: "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Ex. 32:32, 33. When Israel had once entered into a covenant with the Lord, their names were entered into the Book of Life. So is every one who enters the service of God. But their names being retained in the book depends upon their overcoming.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Another book is called the book of remembrance. This also comes up in the judgment. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they [those who feared the Lord and thought upon His name] shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Mal. 3:16, 17. Every testimony borne for

Christ is recorded. Every tear shed for grieving His love, is bottled in heaven; every backsliding wandering from the path of rectitude "are they not in thy book?" Ps. 56:8. Even more than this God says, "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia, this man was born there. And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: and the Highest Himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up his people, that this man was born there." Ps. 87:4-6.

The Lord only knows how to consider his or her hereditary traits of character. The mold of character inherited, the early education, etc., the place of his birth, and the circumstances which surrounded him are all down in the book of God's remembrance, not for His benefit, but that the saints, who sit in judgment with Him during the thousand years, can better understand that the judgment of God is just and righteous in all its ways. God is just, and He does nothing but all heaven witnesses is just and righteous.

THE BOOK OF DEATH

There is also another book that might be called the "book of death." While the book of life contains the names of the righteous only when the judgment is over, so the book of death contains nothing but the sins of God's people together with the sins of the wicked, whose sins were never blotted out of the book of remembrance. Job speaks of it as "My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity." Job 14:17. The prophet Jeremiah speaks as follows: "For though thou wash thee with niter, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God." Jer. 2:22. Moses speaks of the enemies of the Lord as "Their vine is of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are

grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter; their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?" Deut. 32:31-34.

But why is all the iniquity and sin preserved? Why does God keep a record of all this? The judgment is to determine to whom these sins belong. If the individual has accepted Christ who bore his sins on the tree (1 Pet. 2:24), then his sins are blotted out in the time of refreshing that shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19, 20), and his name is retained in the Book of Life. But if the man turns from his righteousness, then his name is blotted out. And in that case "his mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate." Ps. 7:16.

SUNSET

Do you ever think, when the skies are blue,
And the clouds in the west are an amber hue,
And a shaded red, and a shimmering white,
That the great All-father takes delight
In seeing his children rest awhile?

Has the day been weary, the task been long?
Lay care aside, and let a song
Rise to your lips as you gaze at the sky;
For the glories of heaven seem floating by,
And the great All-father shifts the scenes.

For some life seems but idle play,
While others are burdened with care away.
But idle seeming oft hides a pain,
As the sun oft shines in summer rain:
Yet the great All-father sees it all.

And the beauty of sun and cloud and sky;
That gilds the west as night draws nigh,
But shows the love that will safely hold
Each trusting heart of this earthly fold
Till the great All-father leads us home.

—*Antha Myra Musell.*

"PILGRIM of earth, who art journeying to heaven!
Heir of eternal life! child of the day!
Cared for, watch'd over, belov'd and forgiven,
Be not discouraged, because of the way."

THE SANCTUARY

MRS. S. N. HASKELL

THE sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth." Every truth of the Gospel has its origin in this center and emanates from the sanctuary service.

This is illustrated by the diagram on the opposite page. We will give the leading thought in each text so that all may understand, and trust each reader of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL will give it careful study.

Second Coming of Christ

Lev. 16:20-25. When the high priest had made an end of reconciling, and had placed the sins upon the scapegoat, he laid aside his high priest's robe and went into the court and cleansed it. So Christ when probation closes lays aside His priestly garments and comes into the antitypical court, the earth, to gather out of it all things that offend and do iniquity Matt. 13:41.

Isa. 63:1-6. Christ comes clad in garments of vengeance.

Rev. 19:16; Zeph. 2:1-3. Christ does not come to the earth in priestly robes; but in kingly garments.

The Millennium

Lev. 16:20-22. The scapegoat was led into a desolate land, a land not inhabited. Scapegoat is a synonym for evil.

Job 1:7. The earth is the devil's home.

Jer. 4:23-27. The earth will be desolate. When there is "no man," animals, or birds, the devil and his angels will be the only life left upon the earth.

Eze. 28:19. The devil will finally be brought to ashes on the earth.

Lev. 6:9-11. The ashes of the burnt offering left in a clean place, taught the final destruction of sin and the devil.

Isa. 24:21, 22; Jer. 4:28. This desolate condition was only for a time.

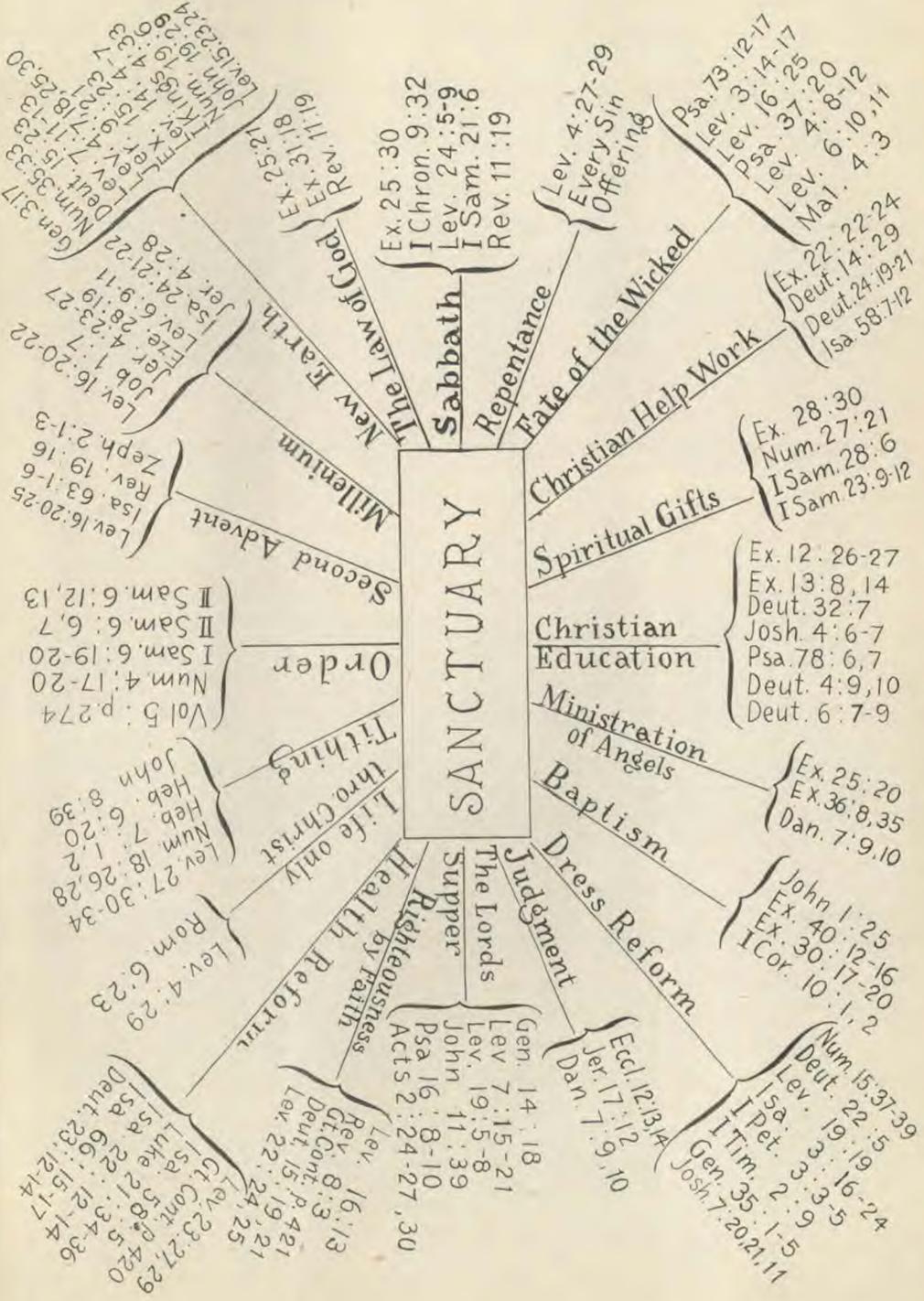
The New Earth

Gen. 3:17. Earth cursed by sin.

Num. 35:33. Curse only removed by the blood of the offending party.

Lev. 17:11-13. The blood made atonement for sin.

Lev. 4:7, 18, 25, 30. The blood of every sin-offering poured upon the sin cursed earth,



taught the cleansing of the earth by the blood of Christ.

Jer. 9:21. The air is laden with disease germs, as the result of sin.

Ex. 15:23. The water is effected by the curse. Land, air, and water are all cursed by sin.

Lev. 14:4-7. This offering made provision for the cleansing of the water, air, and ground. The blood came in contact with each. It was caught in an *earthen* vessel held over running water; and the bird flew through the air with blood upon its feathers. Hyssop, cedar wood, and wool were dipped in the blood.

1 Kings 4:33. The hyssop and cedar represented the two extremes of vegetation. Dipping them in the blood was but a type of the vegetation of the whole earth being cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Num. 19:6. In this offering the cleansing of the vegetation by fire was also taught.

John 19:29. The cross was made of the trees of the forest. Thus the two extremes of vegetation came in contact with the blood of Christ.

Lev. 25:23, 24. The land was never sold, and if lost in any way could be redeemed by the one nearest of kin that had power to redeem.

Ruth 2:20. Christ is the only one near of kin to humanity that has power to redeem. Satan does not own the land, he simply has present possession. Christ has the right to redeem Adam's last dominion.

The Law of God

Ex. 25:21. The ark, the central article of furniture in the sanctuary, was made to contain the law of God.

Ex. 31:18. The tables were called tables of testimony.

Rev. 11:19. The ark containing the testimony is in the heavenly sanctuary.

All the subjects in the diagram will be given in a similar manner in the following numbers of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

"Thou givest us the bread of life,
Without the strife,
The weariness of heart, the toil, the care,
With which our earthly tables we prepare."

"I am Thine, O blessed Jesus,
Washed by Thy precious blood;
Now seal me by Thy Spirit,
A sacrifice to God."

RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADVENT MESSAGE

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

THE manner in which the Second Advent message spread rapidly through the world is well illustrated in the following record of the movement in the United States. The man who, in the providence of God, was thrust forward as the leader in the northern portion of the United States, was William Miller of Low Hampton, N. Y. Being burdened with the duty to make known to the world the truth that the second coming of Christ was "at the door," he thought first to accomplish this by placing his views in the newspapers. His first articles were therefore published in the year 1831, in the *Vermont Telegraph*, a Baptist paper, printed in Brandon, Vt.

This was before the falling stars of 1833—the event which marked the generation which should not pass away till Christ should come. In 1836 Brother Miller placed his lectures in many of the newspapers of that time. During the winter of 1837-8 his lectures were first printed in pamphlet form. Before the close of 1838 he had a second pamphlet published, containing 204 pages. In this pamphlet he ventured to make the statement that the Ottoman power would probably fall August 11, 1840. His first public oral lectures were in the year 1836. These were given in the State of Massachusetts, in the towns of Randolph, Lowell, Groton, and Lynn. In the winter of 1839-40, he gave a course of lectures in Exeter, N. H. During this course Elder J. V. Himes heard and accepted the message. From that time he stood with Brother Miller as one of the principal printers and publishers of the Advent message.

In 1839 Dr. Josiah Litch of Philadelphia, Pa., having embraced the truth set forth by Brother Miller, united in the work of giving greater publicity to the message.

He prepared articles for the public print on the subject of the seven trumpets of the book of the Revelation. He took the unqualified position that the sixth trumpet would cease to sound, and the Ottoman power fall on the 11th day of August, 1840, and that that *day* in symbolic prophecy represented a *year* of literal time. Some of the brethren, even those who believed with him on this point, trembled with fear for the result "if it should not come to pass," as he had said. This did not, however, daunt him, but he went forward to do all in his power to give publicity to his views on the Turkish question. Public journals spread abroad the claim he had made on the subject. Infidel clubs discussed the question in their meetings, and said, "Here is a man that ventures something and, if this matter comes out as he says, it will establish his claim without a doubt that a *day* in prophecy symbolizes a *year*, and the 2300 days is so many years, and that they will terminate in 1844." One thing that gave intensity while watching the development of this statement made by Brother Litch was the trouble between the Turkish sultan and the pasha of Egypt, which looked as though the sultan would be defeated.

The manner in which the sultan's trouble terminated is thus expressed by another:—"When the year 1840 came, the sultan found himself wasted beyond hope of recovery in a war with Mehemet Ali, pasha of Egypt, and on the 11th day of August, 1840, he actually submitted to the dictation of the four great powers of Europe,—England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia. Since that time the Turkish Empire has only existed by their sufferance."

This striking fulfillment of the prophecy had a tremendous effect upon the public mind. It intensified the interest of the people to hear upon the subject of fulfilled,

and fulfilling prophecy. Brother Litch said that within a few months, after Aug. 11, 1840, he had received letters from more than one thousand prominent infidels, in which they stated that they had given up the battle against the Scriptures, and had accepted it as God's revelation to man. Some of these were converted to God. Some of them had been leaders of infidel clubs, and a number of them became able speakers in the great Second Advent movement. Some of them expressed themselves to Brother Litch on this wise: "We have said that expositors of prophecy quote from the musty pages of history to substantiate their claims of prophetic fulfillments; but in this case we have the living facts right before our eyes."

Now to illustrate how, just at the close of the sixth trumpet, this Advent message began to cry "with a loud voice." I will note a case as related to me by one of the actors in this message. In the year 1840, E. C. Williams, an extensive tent and sail maker, of Rochester, N. Y., accepted the message, and invited Brethren Miller and Himes to come to Rochester and speak to the thousands of that city. They replied that they lacked the money necessary to secure a hall of sufficient size to accommodate the people. He replied, "I have a circular tent 120 feet in diameter. I will pitch it, seat it, and care for it, *free*. Come on and proclaim the message." They came. He said to me, "The tent will not hold half who come to hear." So I put in a forty-foot splice, making a tent 160 x 120 feet in size. That tent was filled with people daily, and hundreds crowded near on the outside; all eager to hear the word."

Large tents were used in many of the cities. Grove meetings were held. Churches and halls were opened to the message, and all packed to their utmost capacity with earnest listeners. Instead of Brother Miller now "standing," as he had

previous to 1840, "almost alone" in declaring his message, about three hundred joined him in proclaiming the termination of the 2300 day period, and in giving the cry, "The time shall be no longer," and "The hour of His judgment has come." Thus we see how, when the Lord's time came for the message to make its world-wide advancement, God's word was fulfilled, and the millions were moved with a desire to hear the call.

What was true of the movement in America was true in other countries. From the year 1840, instead of a few individuals scattering their publications, scores sprang as it were to the front to give the cry. In England there were seven hundred ministers of the Church of England alone proclaiming the message, to say nought of the scores of others engaged in the same work. In more than a score of the different leading nations of the earth a message was going with that zeal which led the looker-on to say, "These people are terribly in earnest."

"A Table Scene"

THE plate of cake chanced to be at three-year-old Willie's end of the table. Before the heads were bowed in thanksgiving for the food, Willie had asked for cake, and as soon as the serving of food began the request was repeated. "I want some cake." "No, Willie, take some of the other food first," was the reply; but Willie persisted in wanting cake until one, two, and three pieces were given him, then the mother directed that the cake be taken from the table, until Willie ate some other food. Was that teaching him to control his appetite, that as he grew in years he would learn to refuse the evil and choose the good? Is it strange that under such training children in Christian homes are going down to destruction?

ESTHER—SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS

S. N. HASKELL

THE angel Gabriel, when he came to the prophet Daniel and so particularly pointed out the Ahasuerus of Esther, that he positively said it was the fourth from the then reigning king, that was to be the richest king, and he was to stir up all Grecia by his strength through his riches, said also that this prophecy was to make known to his people in the latter days what was to befall them. Therefore the story of Esther contains a lesson for the last days.

When the Jews deliberately attributed the power of Christ to the devil, they sinned against the Holy Ghost and there was no forgiveness for them in this world or the world to come. Matt. 12:22-32. So when Babylon represented by a thousand of her lords set at naught the God of heaven, profaned His sacred vessels, and praised the gods of gold and silver, God revealed their doom. A bloodless hand, wrote in plain view upon the walls of the palace: "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it. . . . Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Daniel 5:1-5; 25-28. The same principle in the heart of men to-day will meet with the same decree from heaven. The Persian kingdom was an absolute monarchy. Their laws never changed. Dan. 6:8. Profane writers have written volumes in recording the history of this nation. The inspired penman has referred to it in different books of the Bible, but the book of Esther can truly be said to be a history of Persia, as the leading characters in the book are the king and queen of that nation. The Lord only recalls what is noted. Dan. 10:21. The whole book is a record of the events that led to the passing of the decree to destroy the Jews, and how the execution of it was averted by Esther presenting her



cause before the king at the risk of her life. Never in the history of the world has there been anything like this decree; a deliberate plot was laid to destroy every one of God's people in one day. The plot was published one year before it was to go into effect. It was a national law. The state sanctioned it. Rome in her darkest days never laid plans as diabolical as that. Medo-Persia stands alone in this. Other writers describe the nation as cruel. Isa. 13:16-18. The same spirit will be seen in the last day persecutions.

The Grecian rule captivated the world by its intellect. Grecian architecture, Grecian education, mingling the good and the evil, is seen in all the public schools of to-day, where, under knowledge and refinement, the Grecian literature is used. 1 Cor. 1:21, 22. This spirit is manifested in the

higher criticism and infidelity in high places, which is seen in schools and worldly churches. It, too, will be swept from the earth like the chaff before the wind of the summer threshing floor.

Any individuals in whom the principles of Babylon, Grecia, Medo-Persia, or Rome, exist, will finally be destroyed. All over the world in the nations of the last days are individuals in which is seen this spirit. All such will be swept away. The spirit of persecution against a conscientious people fearing God, and keeping His commandments, is arising in all the world, and it simply reveals the old spirit of Media and Persia. There is not a professed Christian nation on the globe to-day but is making or have made laws for the observ-

ance of the first day of the week as a Christian Sabbath. Is it not to them a religious ordinance? Was not that what the Persians did? The Jews had diverse laws and hence were to be destroyed. When individuals possess this spirit, is it not because they belong to that kingdom? Are there not individuals almost everywhere who because one does not believe in worshiping as some one else does, or because they conscientiously believe the Scriptures teach something different and follow it, begin to persecute them in a small way? We will carry this subject no farther, but a crisis is before us, as pointed out in the experience of the history of Esther. The principles of sacrificing all we possess and are to extend a knowledge of the truth that was revealed in Mordecai and Esther, we must have, if we are to be saved in the kingdom of God. Are we prepared for the conflict that is before us? Let this question come home to every heart.

Lessons from the Past

"ONE of the great sins of the Jews when they went into captivity was to cast away the testimonies of the living prophets because they had other teachers, and wise men. 'They said, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet [That was the old prophets. Professed believers' troubles are always with the present prophets]. Come, let us smite him with the tongue, let us not give heed to any of his words.' Jer. 18:18. 'That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.' Eccl. 3:15. 'Is there anything whereof it may be said, See this is new? It hath already been of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.'" 1:10, 11.

STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JAMES

D. A. BALL

LET us begin with the title: "The General Epistle of James." Why is it called general? Because it was not written to any one individual, to the exclusion of others, but is for general use. All may claim a share in it. Many have speculated in regard to the writer of this Book. There are three persons mentioned in the New Testament that bore this name. James was a common name among the Hebrews and is the same in the Greek as Jacob in the Hebrew. The James that wrote this Epistle, is the son of Joseph and is called our Lord's brother. Just when he accepted Christ as his Saviour, I have no knowledge, but it is certain that it was after A. D. 27 for I read in John 7:5, "Neither did his brethren believe in him." Perhaps it was at the time that Jesus showed himself, after the resurrection. Read 1 Cor. 15:7. Truly there would no longer be room for doubt after this infallible proof.

The writer of this Epistle is very modest in regard to his claim: he simply calls himself a "servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ." He does not claim any honor for being related to the Saviour. We learn from the words of another that he was a pillar in the church. See Gal. 2:9. After telling who he is in this modest way, he tells to whom he dedicates this Epistle: "The twelve tribes scattered abroad." The entrance to the New Jerusalem is through the twelve gates which have the name of the twelve tribes, and all who enter there must enter under one of these names. We may not know to which one of these tribes we belong, but the Lord does, and all true Israel will be saved and get the greeting of this letter.

It is good to be remembered so tenderly by one that feels so concerned about our spiritual prosperity, and the object of this Epistle was to get Israel in readiness for a

place in the kingdom, and that they faint not at tribulation, and see that whatever happened was for their benefit. So he says, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations." Notice he says, "fall," not "walk" nor "run." You may go into temptation, and there may not be one particle of joy in it,—perhaps God never intended there should be, but if you "fall" into it you may be able to say that "All things work together for good to them that love God." But we are to pray that God will not abandon us in temptation, but deliver us from evil. Temptations are God's means of polishing us for greater usefulness in his service. "Knowing that the trial of your faith worketh patience." Often times our trials seem cruel and hard to bear, a real calamity, while they are really blessings in disguise! "But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect, entire, wanting nothing." Trials are necessary for our perfection. Do not grumble as they come to your home, for they are sure to pay us a visit, sooner or later; but cultivate patience, so we will not find it galling when temptations come in like a flood and we feel as did Jacob when he said, "All these things are against me," when there was never a time that God loved him more. If there were no trials to fertilize the various graces, many of them would never mature. We may not see this, for we may lack wisdom to discern it. The apostle says, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding." There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge: Knowledge is the possession of facts and wisdom is to use them aright; and again, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Birthday Greeting

WITH this number the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL enters upon its second year. It has been blessed far beyond our expectations. We at first only thought to publish the Bible Readings given to the workers in our Training School, for the benefit of a few friends who requested it; but the Lord has taken these feeble efforts and scattered them broadcast over the world. We have subscribers in many of the countries of Europe, Macedonia, Egypt, South Africa, India, Australia, the Islands of the Sea, and in South America. It is a welcome visitor to homes in every State of the Union. Earnest workers in different parts of Canada have sent us lists of subscribers until it speaks to many in that country.

Our little circle of Bible workers in our home Training School no longer form our only class. But many in different parts of the country, in the fear of the Lord, have enrolled themselves in the "Bible Readers' Class," and are giving Bible readings in the homes about them.

We praise the Lord, and earnestly pray the work will go forward, until the blessed truths of God's word enter every home.

We wish to thank our many friends for the efforts they have put forth to increase the circulation of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, and hope they will continue to work for it.

The BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL will continue to give the third angel's message in clear, decided tones. Its aim will ever be to "give the trumpet a certain sound."

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Resurrection of the Dead

- 1 Cor. 15:13, 14. The doctrine of the resurrection is one of the foundation principles of the gospel.
- 1 Cor. 15:15. Any one that says there will be no resurrection of the dead, denies that Christ rose from the dead.
- 1 Cor. 15:17, 18. Our only hope of forgiveness for sin and a future life is in the resurrection of Christ.
- 1 Cor. 15:15. Any one that denies the resurrection is a false witness.
- The resurrection of the body is an ancient doctrine.
- Luke 20:37, 38. Moses taught it at the bush.
- Job, 19:23-27. Job, the oldest book in the Bible, teaches it.
- Isa. 26:19. Isaiah proclaimed the same truth.
- Dan. 12:2, 13. Daniel's hope was centered there.

- Hos. 13:14. God has pledged to break the power of the grave.
- 1 Cor. 15:26. Death is an enemy.
- Jas. 1:15. Death is the child of sin.
- Heb. 2:14. Satan had the power of death.
- Heb. 2:14. Christ died that He might break this power.
- Rev. 1:18. Christ came forth from the prison house of death with the key.
- John 11:25. Christ is the resurrection and life.
- John 5:28, 29. Christ's voice wakes the dead.

Resurrection of the Righteous

- John 5:28, 29. "All" the dead are divided into two classes, and *all* will come forth from their graves.
- 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. The righteous came forth first.
- John 5:29. This is called the resurrection of life.
- Rev. 20:4, 5. This takes place 1000 years before the wicked are raised.
- Rev. 20:6. Only holy beings have a part in the first resurrection, the second death has no power on them.
- Dan. 12:2. The righteous rise to eternal life.
- Col. 3:4. Will be glorified with Christ.
- Matt. 22:30. Will be as the angels.
- 1 Cor. 15:42. Have incorruptible bodies.
- 1 Cor. 15:43. Have glorious bodies.
- 1 Cor. 15:43. Have powerful bodies.
- 1 Cor. 15:44. Have spiritual bodies.
- Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2; Will have bodies like Christ's glorious body.
- Matt. 17:2. Their faces will shine as the sun and their raiment will be white as the light.
- Luke 24:37-40. A resurrected body is a real tangible body.
- Luke 23:41-43; Rev. 2:7. The righteous partake of food after the resurrection.

Phil. 3:9-11. The resurrection the Christian's hope.

1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 4:17. The living righteous will be changed.

Isa. 66:23. The redeemed will have bodies of "flesh" in the new earth.

Resurrection of the Wicked

John 5:28, 29. It is called a "resurrection of damnation."

Dan. 12:2. They are raised to shame and everlasting contempt.

Rev. 20:4, 5. Takes place 1000 years after the righteous are raised.

Rev. 20:7-9. They are still subject to the deceptions of the devil. There is no record of any change in the wicked; they come forth from their graves just as they entered them.

Rev. 20:13. They are gathered from land and sea.

Psa. 49:14. They are under the dominion of the righteous.

Rev. 20:15. They are cast into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:14. This is the "second death."

Psa. 149:7-9. The righteous pronounce the judgments.

Resurrection Taught in Nature

1 Cor. 15:35. How are the dead raised and with what bodies?

1 Cor. 15:36. The Lord calls the person foolish that asks this question.

1 Cor. 15:37. Every seed sown answered the question. No one expected to see the *identical* grain of wheat that was sown upon the ripened stalk, but one that came from the yielded life of the one sown.

1 Cor. 15:38, 39. Every one will have their "own body."

Job. 19:23-27. It will be "my flesh," "mine eyes."

1 Cor. 15:41, 42. Sun, moon, and stars teach degrees of glory in the resurrection of the righteous.

Job. 14:7-14. The sprouts springing from the stump of a fallen tree is a pledge of the resurrection.

Isa. 26:19. The dew reviving the herb taught the same.

Psa. 49:14. The setting sun is an emblem of a finished life and every morning a pledge of the resurrection.

Isa. 64:6; 1:30. Every fading leaf in autumn is a symbol of death, and every opening bud in springtime is a reminder of the resurrection life.

Honey

FROM the earliest time, honey has ever been used as an article of diet, and also as a synonym of that which gives pleasure.

When aged Jacob was preparing a present to send with Benjamin that would appease the rulers of Egypt, he sent a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds.

When the Psalmist's heart was overflowing with praise for the judgments of the Lord, after comparing them to much fine gold, he adds, "Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Psa. 19:10. Again he breaks forth in praise: "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Psa. 119:103.

Below are three texts of scripture which speak of honey as an article of diet:

"My son, eat thy honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste." Prov. 24:13. "It is not good to eat much honey." Prov. 25:27. "Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it." Prov. 24:16.

If the three are taken together there is perfect harmony. While it is good food if taken sparingly, it is not good to eat freely of it. God designed man should control his appetite and not eat freely of everything that pleases his palate; but eat sufficient and no more. Of the Saviour himself the prophet writes: "Butter and honey shall he eat, *that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.*" Isa. 7:15. We can not think of the Saviour eating honey contrary to the rule laid down in the Scriptures. "Though He were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which He suffered." Heb. 5:8. "Leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps." 1 Pet. 2:21. Are you following His example? Are you able to take a small quantity only of a variety of food your palate craves when you know "it is not good to eat much"?

German Work in Brooklyn

THOUGH silent for some time, we have been busy in the Lord's work. More than ever before have we felt God's hand guiding us in the different lines of work entered upon during the winter and spring.

Our church in Brooklyn has enjoyed rich blessings from on high, the members have been stimulated to greater activity in the work for souls. The hall lectures have had a good attendance, especially so during the last two months. The Lord has sent us some hungry souls, who have listened eagerly to the truth presented.

Our home force, comprising Miss Wentland, Miss Kehrein, my wife and myself, and with us a number of the church-members, have entered upon the Tract work.

Our plan has been to sell tracts in five and ten-cent packages, each containing five to ten different tracts, as the Second Advent, Sabbath Question, Spiritualism, etc., giving the reader a good view of our message to the world.

We have carried with us also English tracts in a ten-cent package. Our German district, in which we are living, is being canvassed from house to house, thus the truth has entered many homes. Our tracts are stamped with our hall meetings and also the address of the pastor; this serves as an invitation to the meetings.

As we meet those who are seeking for truth, we arrange to hold Bible readings with them. Sister A. Broszat, who is working in a family part of her time for board and room, and who also with the two sisters in our home, attend the Bible class every morning, which I have started, has spent every afternoon in selling tracts and books, with good results. The aggregate amount of tracts which I have purchased from the Pacific Press and the Hamburg House since the first of January, amount to \$70.48, and on books \$52.96, of which I have about \$19.00 worth on hand; the rest have been sold and are in the hands of the people.

Quite a stir has been created and some have gone to their pastor to inquire what these things mean. One interested lady sent all her tracts to her Lutheran pastor for a study; he has promised to visit her and answer them; meanwhile she is preparing to meet him with the truth. Sabbath, the 18th of April, I had the privilege of baptizing four souls in the open Hudson. These were accepted into the church as members the Sabbath following. A few others are keeping the Sabbath, and we hope these will soon be wholly with us.

While we are glad to add to our numbers, we have by no means been selfish. Four of our members have gone to the Battle Creek Sanitarium to gain a better preparation for the Lord's work. Those who recently left us were Edward Fink, Lizzie Kunkel and Emilie Urban; our prayers follow them and plead for success in their behalf.

The German work has been self-sustaining, as kind friends have helped willingly, of which the Lord records every item.

Although we have heard Satan roaring as a lion about our immediate quarter, as spoken of in 1 Peter 5:8, still our real experience is portrayed in 2 Cor. 2:14. "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place."

We are of good courage in the Lord, and our only burden is to see the work of God go forward everywhere. Yours in this Master's service,

O. E. REINKE.

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W. R. Uchtman, who was a member of our Training School during last year, reports from New Bedford, Mass.; "I have readings now every evening excepting Saturday eve. My wife claims one evening for me to be at home. . . . I fill in the days with visiting. The people here are more easily approached than in New York. . . . The Lord is with us."

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