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The Seven Churches.

Rev. 10:1-4.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ" was given to John for the church from the day extending over to the new earth state. John stood as the representative of the church for all time, and as such saw and heard what the church was to hear and see.

One of the things which John heard was the episode of the seven thunders of Rev. 10:3,4. John heard and saw prophetically. The seven thunders have not yet uttered their voices in fact; but they will become due when that which was proclaimed by the angel will have been accomplished, or when the gospel will have finished its work. (Rev. 10:1,5-7.) The cry of this angel is more specifically stated in Rev. 14:6,7. That cry is sounding yet, and will be prolonged with that of the second and third angel until the close of probation, after which the seven thunders will be heard and understood. A careful study of the following references will show conclusively what the seven thunders are—the voice of

God uttered in seven sentences to the church and the world at or near the second advent: 1 Sam. 7:10; 2 Sam. 22:14; Job 37:1-5; Ps. 29:3; Joel 3:16; John 12:28,29; Heb. 12:25,26; Rev. 8:5; 11:19; 16:17,18; Jer. 25:30,31.

"And as God spake the day and hour of Jesus' coming and delivered the everlasting covenant to his people, he spake one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. And at the end of the sentence, the saints shouted, Glory! Alleluia!" Early writings, page 27, 28.

"Above the terrific roar of thunders, voices, mysterious and awful, declare the doom of the wicked. (Matt. 25:41) The words spoken are not comprehended by all; but they are distinctly understood by the false watchmen. . . . The voice of God is heard from Heaven declaring the day and the hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to his people. Like peals of loudest thunder, His words roll through the earth." Great Controversy, Vol. 4, page 455,458.

Had John written what the seven thunders uttered the church would not only have known for ages the day and hour of Jesus' coming, but other important events now sealed for a time. He was only prohibited from writing WHAT THEY UTTERED.

A. SMITH,
Grandville, Mich.

This May Help You.

Brother Frank Fry, who is doing successful work with Christ's Ob-

ject Lessons, has had a cover printed for the back, which reads as follows:

(Front.)

CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

An elegantly written and beautifully illustrated book on the Parables of Jesus. It is just the thing for a gift to the children, or a present to a friend.

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PRICE ONLY \$1.25.

See other side for testimonials.

(BACK.)

TESTIMONIALS.

William Jennings Bryan says: "What I found on pages 45 and 63 was worth alone the price of the book to me."

Above all teachers stands for Christ, and above all literature is the Bible. In this our day of materialism, this Teacher and His truths are inexcusably neglected. I do desire to most heartily commend the book "Christ's Object Lessons" to the public as a book worthy of reading. It is full of rich suggestions, and practical as well as interesting. No one can lay down this work after reading without being a better man or woman than when it was taken up.

C. N. HECKEY,
Pastor Lutheran church, Wayne shore' Pa.

November 15, 1904.

After carefully examining the book called "Christ's Object Lessons," I am much pleased with it. Such a work I can heartily recommend, feeling sure that it will be helpful to the reader. It is just

the kind of a gift to buy for our friends. We can make no mistake in this.

J. R. HUTCHINSON,

Pastor United Brethren church.
Waynesboro, Pa., December, 3, 1904.

THE AUTHOR'S DESIRE.

The author designs that her share of the proceeds shall be devoted to educational institutions; and the publishers join heartily in this excellent work by donating the labor of manufacture. Thus the profit that usually accrues to author and publisher will be used in educational lines.--Preface.

In a letter written April 19, Bro. Fry describes this method of selling the book as follows:

"I have prepared a printed cover for the book (a copy of which I am mailing to you to-day) which I think is a great help in selling the book to those of our people who claim they "cannot canvass." With this cover on the book it is the idea to take copies and go to the better class of people, or into homes where one would expect the people who have intelligence and good sense enough not to damage or soil the book, and leave it for their examinations, as is mentioned on the cover itself. Access can be gained to homes in this way, and sales can be made in this way where any other method would fail. I have placed the book in some of the very best homes in this way, and when I would come the second time, if they liked the book, they would hand me the price, and they would keep the book. I have laid this plan before the people in this state, and in some churches I have had them take as many as one hundred books and more. . . I believe with you that it must go through to ultimate success, and I assure you that there is no one that is waiting more anxiously than I am for the time to come when the Jubilee song of freedom can be sung throughout our borders."

J. S. WASHBURN.

From the Field.

Grand Rapids.

Every time I take up the HERALD and look for reports from the other workers and do not see them, I am disappointed. I know that I am not always faithful in reporting, and I should not condemn my fellow-laborers. I am of good courage for I know that the Lord is going before.

When the woman found the piece of silver that was lost, she called in her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her, so I ask my brethren and sisters to rejoice with me for the Lord has put it in the hearts of three more of my readers to observe the Sabbath of the Lord.

Although the enemy is working, I am of good courage for the message is going and I want to go with it. May we all be faithful in doing the work that is given us to do and at last meet our Saviour who has done so much for us.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

CARLTON CENTER.

The Sabbath-School Convention held here April 22 and 23, was well attended and a success in every way. Elder Parkhurst of Grand Rapids, Elder Videto, and Sister Margaret Haughey of Otsego were present; and brethren from Grand Ledge, Lowell, Odessa, Carson City and Hastings were present.

Sabbath evening Elder Parkhurst spoke on "The Nearness of the Coming of Our Lord." On Sabbath the Sabbath-school was held at 10:30 a. m. with sixty-five in attendance. This was followed by the Sabbath-school convention proper. The children gave an interesting exercise on the needs of the foreign fields,—each child representing a country.

The following subjects were presented and discussed with profit to all: Duties of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, Duties of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary, Duties of the Teachers, Duties of the Pupils,

How Shall We Make Our Sabbath-school More Interesting and Effectual for the Saving of Souls. Sister Haughey talked on the great need of the Spirit of the Lord in our schools.

After an hour of intermission Brother Videto spoke on "Christian Education," impressing on the minds of the parents the need of training our children to carry the message of mercy to the world.

Elder Parkhurst spoke again in the evening to an interested audience.

Sunday a service was held at 10:00 a. m., Elder Videto filling the pulpit. After this the church elected a school board of three members and plans were arranged for conducting a church school another year.

Brother Parkhurst closed the two-days meeting with a sermon in the evening, which ended a profitable season for Carlton Center church and all others in attendance.

Brother Videto remained over till Monday to visit the church school and held another service in the evening. He will return to this place in about one week.

M. A. VESTER.

Educational.

Object of the Sabbath-school and Its Relation to Other Branches of Our Work.

(Concluded.)

In considering the relationship between the Sabbath-school and other lines of work, we find that it forms a sort of basis or foundation from which we may build up all other departments of church work, in the first place nothing can be done in any line of Christian activity without a knowledge of the Word, which when received with meekness will save the soul, and it is this inculcation of the truth which is the primary object of the Sabbath-school.

It is a great educational power and arouses a love for study and improvement of mind which is in-

valuable. So far it has been the only school which makes the entire body of believers a band of students.

It develops workers. In no other kind of church work is such a large proportion of the members brought into active service as in a well-organized and well-officered Sabbath-school. It becomes a most powerful factor in missionary work, bringing as it does its workers into direct touch with the homes and hearts of the people. It places directly in the way of its members magnificent opportunities for personal work. It presents excellent advantages for training and experience to those who may be called to other lines of Christian service. It would probably be difficult to find a young worker in the field today whose first experience in public work was not gained in the Sabbath or Sunday school. It is from the superintendents, secretaries and teachers of our schools that recruits are gathered for service in the field at home and abroad.

The reasons for this are apparent. The true Sabbath school worker in going to his new field finds simply a larger place of usefulness and greater scope for the exercise of the powers of body and mind which he is accustomed to use in the Sabbath-school work. And as he has been trained to service he buckles on his armor and goes forth as a valiant soldier for Christ.

Our schools are proving a great benefit as supplements to the work of the Bible worker and minister, and are a sort of doorway through which many are introduced to the church. The home department also presents a large field for personal work in the homes where such help is most needed.

Since this work is so important and far-reaching in its effects, it is necessary that all bear their share of the burdens, and not attempt to shift the responsibility upon others. It is usually easy to interest children in anything the parents find worthy their earnest attention.

But if the lesson is never studied and talked about in the home, the little ones naturally conclude that it is a matter of secondary importance. Are not our own children and neighbors as dear to God as the heathen, and should we not be as anxious to give them the truth? The Sabbath-school presents an almost unlimited field for missionary activity. It is much easier to sow good seed first and care for it, than to wait and do the work when the devil has his crop of evil almost ready for the harvest.

As we look at the starving souls about us, we may hear Jesus saying; "Give ye them to eat." Then let each of us bring the gifts we have received from God, though they be but a few loaves and small fishes, knowing that the Master's touch will enable us to satisfy the soul-hunger which appeals to us from every side, and by arousing to the importance of our present responsibilities, energetically engage in the work God has placed at our doors.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Academy News Items.

CEDAR LAKE.

A reception was given at the Academy to the members of the church on the evening of April 22. The following pleasing and instructive program was given.

Double Quartet—"O Come Let Us Sing."

Talk—Trees, Their Beauty and Utility.

Male Quartet—"Church of the Living God Awake."

March—"Rocking on the Billows."

Ladies' Quartet—"The Unchanging Friend."
Instrumental Music.

Quartet—"There's a Grand Holy Life."

Male Quartet—"We Shall Triumph in His Name."

Talk—Railroading in the Rockies.

Double Quartet—"Thy Mercies I Will Sing."

Talks were given on the following subjects:

"The Home of Our Ambassador to England," "Old Faithful," "The Flaming Fountain of Pennsylvania," "The Grand Canyon of Wyoming," "Purchase of Louisiana," and "Salt Lake."

Over fifty were present.

The ten acres which were cleared last year will be put into crops this year, probably potatoes.

Clarence Long of Pennsylvania has been engaged as farm help for the summer. He expects to attend school next winter.

Although a number of the students have been compelled to go home on account of farm work, the interest in the school work on the part of those remaining is good.

The work on the farm is progressing nicely. Nine acres of oats are in, one acre of onions, and a good deal of the plowing is done. The peach orchard has been pruned and one acre of strawberry plants cleaned.

Some of the boys have taken the job of clearing seven acres of land which will be put into crops this summer and stumped in the fall if possible. A good supply of soap and water is necessary when the boys return from their work.

Sanitarium.

Professor Fisher of Yale college accompanied by his family is with us again.

We were glad to welcome Professor Samuel Siegel among the large number of former patients that arrived last. His mandolin music is always appreciated.

John R. Carter, who has served the Sanitarium most efficiently the past year in the capacity of night watch, has gone to Hadley, N. Y. He will act as electrician and engineer in the sanitarium being established there by Dr. Elmer Otis and wife. Mr. Carter is succeeded by W. G. Hall, who was night watch in the old building.

Dr. P. F. Haskell has gone to Melrose, Mass., where he thinks of locating.

OUR DISPENSARY.

Our dispensary work covers a large area, not only for treatment

and caring for the sick, but teaching people in their homes how to care for themselves physically and spiritually; teaching them the health principles in various ways, such as treatments, physical culture, hygienic cooking, etc., also watching our opportunities for missionary talks, cottage meetings, etc. We find many homes where much good can be done. The Lord has told us the poor we shall always have with us, so it is our mission to give them the riches of Christ in whatever way it may be.

I have in mind the case of a very poor old lady who lives alone, unable to work or to get out and enjoy the sunshine and pure air. Our visiting nurse called on her one day, gave her some treatment and changed her bed. She said it seemed so good to be cleaned up once more, how she did wish for someone to come and cheer her up if nothing more, to talk to her and sing a piece or play for her. So here was our opportunity for a cottage meeting, and how heartily our little meeting was welcomed.

Brothers and sisters, look around among your neighbors and see how many you can cheer up and help in various ways. Even though our little city be small, there are many sad hearts, and hearts almost broken by trouble and sickness to be helped. Our work here keeps three nurses employed during most of the time,—one giving treatments, one making new visits each day, and the other staying in the dispensary. We find those who need food, clothes, treatments, etc. So we try to help all that none need suffer. May your prayers be for us that we may touch the hearts of those with whom we come in contact.

Dispensary Worker.

SUMMARY.

Beginning January 1, 1905.

300 visits by visiting nurse

155 treatments given by visiting nurse

50 calls by physician

80 treatments in dispensary

32 examinations in dispensary
42 patients for physician's advice
and general bath-room treatments.

News and Notes.

Elder C. A. Hansen of Kalamazoo has had an attack of quinsy, but is better at present.

E. F. Collier writes that Elder W. C. Hebner spent a few days last week with him at Kinderhook.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent a little while last week attending the Ohio State Meeting at Cleveland.

Elder Henry Nicola and wife are visiting in Iowa. While there they will celebrate their golden wedding.

This blue pencil mark means that your subscription expires with this number. We hope you will renew at once.

The following are the phone numbers of the Michigan Home for Girls: Citizens phone No. 4678. Bell phone, South 488 R.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Brother James Irving, who is attending the Mt. Vernon Academy, will work in this conference as soon as the school closes.

We are glad to speak a word of praise for the "Life and Health." This journal is improving and we consider it worth 50 cents a year.

Miss Nellie Nelson, who has been connected with the work in the East Michigan Conference, has accepted a position in our office. She arrived in Otsego last week.

Brother B. F. Kneeland will have charge of the work in Grand Rapids while Elder W. D. Parkhurst attends the General Conference.

Elder R. C. Horton writes that they had baptism at Berrien

Springs Sabbath, April 22, and organized a class of twenty-five members.

Brother W. H. Heckman and wife have moved their household goods to Battle Creek. The Battle Creek people say they are glad to welcome them.

Elder W. E. Videto recently visited the church school at Glenwood. Miss Myrtle Hall is the teacher. She has eighteen pupils at present. Mrs. Ada Vallmer-Lewis, the former teacher, is teaching a church school in Virginia.

We received the obituary notice of Dr. Maud Miller of China a little too late for this issue. It will appear next week. Sister Miller formerly lived at Quincy, Mich. Let us "mourn with those who mourn."

The family school, taught by Miss Jennie Judson, at the home of Bro. Charles Steele, near Lake Odessa, closed Wednesday, April 26. Tuesday evening, April 25, they invited their neighbors in and Elder W. E. Videto gave them a talk on Christian education.

Elder W. E. Videto occupied the pulpit in Otsego last Sabbath. He dwelt upon the thought that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal." He left Otsego Sunday morning for Carlton Center, where he had an appointment to speak Sunday evening.

The quarterly meeting of the Kalamazoo, Otsego, Allegan and South Monterey churches will be held in Kalamazoo Sabbath, May 6th. Sabbath-school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:30 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. The church is on the corner of Jackson and Sheldon streets in the south east portion of the city. Elder C. A. Hansen will meet the train on the Lake Shore which arrives in Kalamazoo at 9:55 a. m. We hope many will plan to attend this meeting.