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## Answers to Questions

*Continued from last week*

AGAIN we quote from page 21, near bottom of the page.

"He had learned the lesson of genuine rebellion against the unchangeable law of God. . . . page 22, par. 2. All the heavenly hosts were summoned to appear before the Father. . . . God informed Satan that to His Son alone he would reveal the secret purposes, and that he required all the family of heaven, even Satan, to yield their implicit obedience: but he (Satan) had proved himself unworthy of a place in heaven. . . . God declared that the rebellious should remain in heaven no longer."

Further:

"Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth, and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out His will and His purpose, but would do nothing of Himself alone." Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, page 18.

The author, continuing the description of the great controversy, follows the consecutive steps until Satan is cast out, then comes these words from page 23.

"Angels in heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father counseled with Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth."

These quotations very clearly show that the subject of the creation of the earth had received the consideration of God and His Son before the work of creation was actually done. The last one plainly states that after the angels had been cast out of heaven the Father and Son made man to inhabit the earth.

We quote farther from page 24, same Vol. "After the earth was created, and the beast upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth, and every living thing upon it."

From "Spiritual Gifts," page 18. We quote: "When Satan became fully conscious that there was no possibility of his being brought again into favor with God his malice and hatred began to be manifested. He counseled with his angels, and the plan was laid to still work against God's government. When Adam and Eve were placed in the beautiful garden, Satan was laying plans to destroy them."

The last two quotations clearly indicate that Adam and Eve were not created until after Satan became, "fully conscious that there was no possibility of his being brought into favor with God." Their (Satan and his fallen angels) loss was felt in heaven. The Father counseled with Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit

the earth." From these quotations, it must be clear that Satan and his sympathizers were expelled when man was created. This was upon the 6th day. To the writers' mind, it seems very probable that the period of the fall antedated the creation of Adam and Eve by more than six days, thus, placing it before the creation of the earth.

From these quotations, the only inference that the writers can draw, is that the difficulty in heaven arose over the plans to install this universe of ours; that Satan's rebellion was complete; and that he was cast out of heaven before the earth came forth from the hand of the Creator.

I quote from Spiritual Gifts, page 17, on the fall of Satan, which adds force to these thoughts; for after describing Satan and his position in heaven, we read as follows:

"But while God said to His Son, 'Let us make man in our image', Satan was jealous. He wished to be consulted in the formation of man, and because he was not, he was filled with envy, jealousy and hatred. He desired to receive highest honors in heaven next to God.

Then after going on and describing the rebellion in heaven, the statement is made at the top of page 18, "Then there was war in heaven; angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to conquer the Son of God and those who were submissive to his will, but the good and true angels prevailed and Satan and his followers were driven out from heaven."

The writers are, however, open to conviction, should there be evidence shown that this position is not in accordance with the teachings of the holy Bible and the "Testimonies," but until such are given, they must conclude that in the actual point of chronology, the plan of creation came first, Satan's jealousy, disaffection and fall came next, and the

creation of the earth following after.

—H. S. MILLER,  
—M. B. VAN KIRK.

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### The Schools of the Prophets

IN Samuel's day there were two of these schools,—one at Ramah, the home of the prophet, and the other at Kirjathjearim, where the ark then was. Others were established in later times.

The pupils of these schools sustained themselves by their own labor in tilling the soil or in some mechanical employment. In Israel this was not thought strange or degrading; indeed, it was regarded a crime to allow children to grow up in ignorance of useful labor. By the command of God, every child was taught some trade, even though he was to be educated for holy office. Many of the religious teachers supported themselves by manual labor. Even so late as the time of the apostles, Paul and Aquila were no less honored because they earned a livelihood by their trade of tent-making.

The chief subjects of study in these schools were the law of God, with the instructions given to Moses, sacred history, and poetry. The manner of instruction was far different from that in the theological schools of the present day, from which many students graduate with less real knowledge of God and religious truth than when they entered. In those schools of the olden time it was the grand object of all study to learn the will of God, and man's duty toward him. In the records of the sacred history were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. The great truths set forth by the types were brought to view, and faith grasped the central object of all that system,—the Lamb of God that was to take away the sin of the world.

A spirit of devotion was cherished. Not only were students taught the duty of prayer, but they were taught how to pray, how to approach their Creator, how to exercise faith in him, and how to understand and obey the teachings of his Spirit. Sanctified intellects brought forth from the treasure-house of God, things new and old, and the Spirit of God was manifested in prophecy and sacred song.

Music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble, and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God. What a contrast between the ancient custom and the uses to which it is now too often devoted! How many employ this gift to exalt self, instead of using it to glorify God! A love for music leads the unwary to unite with world-lovers in pleasure-gatherings where God has forbidden his children to go. Thus that which is a great blessing when rightly used, becomes one of the most successful agencies by which Satan allures the mind from the contemplation of eternal things.

Music forms a part of God's worship in the courts above, and we should endeavor, in our songs of praise, to approach as nearly as possible to the harmony of the heavenly choirs. The proper training of the voice is an important feature in education, and should not be neglected. Singing, as a part of religious service, is as much an act of worship as is prayer. The heart must feel the spirit of the song, to give it the right expression.

—*Testimonies on Education.*

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### Good Suggestion

IF properly used, the following quotations may be suggestive to our canvassers of some good selling points for our good books.

"If a book is worth reading it is worth buying."—John Ruskin.

"I must confess that I dedicate no inconsiderable portion of my time to other people's thoughts. . . . When I am not walking, I am reading."—Charles Lamb.

"Let me say to him (the friendless and homeless young man), that books are the friends of the friendless, and that the library is the home of the homeless."—Geo. Stillman Hillaed.

"If you approach them (books), they are not asleep; if investigating, you interrogate them, they conceal nothing; if you mistake them, they never grumble; if you are ignorant, they cannot laugh at you."—Richard D. E. Bury.

"The book-buyer . . . will eat less, or less costly viands, that he may buy more food for the mind. He will take an extra patch, and go on with his raiment another year, and

buy books instead of coats."—Henry Ward Beecher.

"Never apply yourself to read any human author with a determination beforehand either for him or against him, or with a settled resolution to believe or disbelieve, to confirm or oppose, whatsoever he saith; but always read it with a design to lay your mind upon the truth, and to embrace it wheresoever you find it, as well as to reject every falsehood, though it appears under never so fair a disguise."—Isaac Watts. —A. L. MANOUS.

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### Cumberland News Notes

THE ministerial institute of Knoxville is now in full Aprogress. About fifty ministers are in attendance.

Elders Daniells, G. B. Thompson and Professor W. W. Prescott are teaching in the three daily sessions of the institute.

The evening meetings are devoted to the public. On Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights a lecture is given in Market Hall.

Last Sunday night Professor Prescott spoke in Market Hall on "The World's Peril." Wednesday night, Elder G. B. Thompson spoke on "Will the wicked be punished through out eternity?" There was a good attendance from the city at these services. The collection taken was more than sufficient to pay for the hall rent.

Next Sunday night, Professor Prescott will speak on "The Coming King."

Workers from the Cumberland present at the meeting are: Elders P. G. Stanley, J. B. Locken, H. L. Shoup, Brethren Dillen, Russell, Moyers, Sisters Kimlin, Lenker, and Elder Williams and wife.

One of the interesting features of the meeting is the Cafeteria conducted by the president of the Cumberland Conference. About 135 are patronizing this attractive place every day. Many favorable comments concerning this fine arrangement are heard.

The president of the Cumberland Conference has invited the editors of the two city papers and their associates, and the officials of the city hall to dine at the Cafeteria next Sunday with Elders Daniells, Thompson, and Prof. Prescott.

Prof. H. S. Salisbury spent two

days at the institute this week, and gave some very valuable instruction to all the ministerial brethren.

Meetings are being held every night at church Number 1.

J. L. Shuler and wife from the Southern Illinois Conference arrived at Knoxville February 21, to take up work in this conference. We extend a hearty welcome to these new workers.

All are well pleased with the improved appearance of FIELD TIDINGS. Let those who are not receiving this interesting little paper, send in their subscription at once.

The conference has been to great expense in holding the institute, and now that we have taken on another worker, let all our people be faithful in returning to the Lord His own.

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**Florida Items**

ELDER C F. Parmele and wife of the Tennessee River Conference, are spending a few weeks with their brother, Elder R. W. Parmele, enjoying the blessings of our balmy climate.

Brother W. B. Spire has lately come to our conference, and has been invited to take charge of the Florida Tract Society as treasurer and secretary. This additional help in the conference office is greatly appreciated, as the work has so increased that it has been impossible to give this branch of the work its proper attention. While the Tract Society is yet in its infancy, it is a pleasure to note its rapid growth, and we feel that with Brother Spire, who has had experience in Tract Society work, in charge, we may expect pleasing results. Address all communications to Florida Tract Society, Drawer 28, Orlando Florida.

The tent effort at St. Cloud was well attended by interested ones. A church of seventeen members has been organized there, and it is hoped a number of others will unite with the church later. However, the residents of St. Cloud are quite transient and some who have taken their stand for the truth are moving to other places. May they scatter the seed of truth as they go.

The sanitarium had a splendid exhibit at the county fair held at Orlando recently. They were accorded free space for the exhibit and one of

the leading plumbers of the city installed a complete bath-room outfit free of charge. This, together with the new electric light cabinet, health foods, health periodicals and literature comprised the exhibit

The sanitarium booth proved to be quite an attraction to fair visitors, and has already borne fruit in additional patronage and abundant advertising of the sanitarium.

During the last month three very serious surgical operations have been performed at the sanitarium. All of these were very successfully performed.

Elders W. L. Bird, W. H. Branson, and C. V. Achenbach are now in attendance at the ministerial institute being held at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Elder R. W. Parmele was prevented from going to Knoxville on account of a severe attack of pleurisy. He went to Jacksonville Sunday, March 5, to begin the tent effort there.

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**South Carolina News**

THE students in Brother R. L. Miller's school at Greer are making good progress. Brother Wm. Johnston is the teacher.

Edna Wright is teaching a mission school at Meggets, and now has an enrolment of twenty-five with a prospect of more as soon as the public school closes.

Miss Bertha Bartholomew has closed her school at Campobello, and is attending the institute at Knoxville.

Mrs. Lelia Ray of Laurens is doing good work with our literature among her neighbors and friends.

M. S. Grim is having excellent success in the sale of "Life and Health" in Spartanburg.

The Spartanburg church is soon to have a much needed organ.

Lesson pamphlets should be ordered now for next quarter. Address South Carolina Tract Society, Spartanburg, S. C.

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**North Carolina**

ROCKY RIDGE church was organized by the writer on Sabbath, February 11. This church is two miles from the city of Albermarle. The charter membership is sixteen.

During the week of prayer I vis-

ited this place, and an number of young people were converted. During my last visit of six days, one more young lady was converted and nine souls were baptized.

After the ordaining of O. R. Steed as elder and J. F. Pennington as deacon, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. This service was accompanied by the deep moving of the Spirit of God, so much so that those from the outside were moved to tears.

W. H. George was chosen missionary secretary, Mrs. W. H. George, church clerk, and Miss Annie George, leader of the young people.

Our conference president did not assist in this organization on account of lagrippe.

May God bless this church and help them to fully realize that they have been organized for service.

—R. T. NASH.

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**Macon, Georgia**

SABBATH-SCHOOL was held at the residence of Brother John Macmillian February the 18th. It was an all-day affair. Several out-siders were present and a good meeting was certainly enjoyed by all. Brother Clark preached, and in the afternoon, conducted the Bible lesson, in which the young as well as the older members were equally interested. The next meeting will be held at the home of Sister Munsch.

It is hoped that we will soon be able to start the church building, where we can hold all our meetings. The members are certainly working hard, trying to raise funds, and feel very much encouraged.

Sister M. J. Macmillian has been a faithful worker, and received a nice little sum from out-siders.

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**The Instructor**

THE Temperance number of the Instructor is now ready to be mailed. The first edition of 200,000 copies is completed. It will be of interest to our readers to recall the fact that the first Temperance number of the Instructor was issued in 1907, and 50,000 copies were circulated, that the second number was issued in 1909 and 120,000 copies were circulated; and that the third number was issued

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last year, and 210,000 copies were circulated. It will be noticed that beginning with the 50,000 copies of the first Temperance number, each issue practically doubled the previous issue in circulation. If, therefore, the rate of increase is maintained this year, we will circulate at least 400,000 copies of the Temperance Instructor. In view of the great need of the instruction the present Temperance number contains and the experience our workers have gained in the circulation of previous issues, and the additional help we have added to these workers through the making of strong friends among outside temperance people, and whose co-operation we shall have in the circulation of the Instructor this year, we ought to circulate 500,000 copies of the present issue.

The prices of the present Temperance number of the Instructor are the same as last year, namely; 5 to 40 copies, one order, one address 5 cents per copy; 50 or more copies, 4 cents per copy. All orders for the Temperance Instructor should be sent through the Conference Tract Society.

### The April Signs Magazine

APPEARS with a very pretty and appropriate front cover and an unusually good table of contents. The leading features are:— three articles on the "Eastern Question," including a good Bible study on the subject; an article on Astronomy. "The Infinitude of Space" by the editor; "Transmission of Disease through Milk" by Dr. Kress; "The Birth of Isaac," or "The Promise to Abraham" by Wm Covert; "Easter and the Resurrection," or "Man's Condition after Death", a Bible study "What Shall be the Sign of thy Coming?" by Mrs. E. J. Hilton; "The Ad-

vancing Apostasy" by Frank S. Weston; "The Decay of Protestantism," touching on the Reformation in Germany, by E. E. Andross, and "The Divine Call" in behalf of missions. Also a good, interesting Current Topics department. Our people should be glad to secure a few copies of this excellent number for distribution among their townspeople. Order ten or twenty from the Tract Society, five to forty copies, five cents each; fifty or more, four cents each.

### Graysville Current

ELDER Thompson made a visit of a few hours to his home last week. He reports interesting meetings at the institute.

The patronage of the sanitarium is increasing daily, and the prospects for a busy summer are bright.

Elder Pierce has been occupying the pulpit of the Graysville church for the past two or three Sabbaths. His sermons on the Holy Spirit have been helpful to the church.

Miss Philmon did not return at the time expected on account of the illness of her mother. She reported for duty Monday.

Elder Sharp and wife are moving to their new home on Brother Lenker's farm two miles from Graysville. A few friends gathered at their home last Thursday, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The brass band recently organized by the Southern Training School boys is making rapid progress. We wish for it the best of music.

### Obituary

*Published by request*

GILBERT THERESA EWING,—died March 2, 1911, at Baraboo, Wisconsin, aged sixty seven years and five months. She was born in Ohio, September 28, 1843. In the spring of 1869 she came to Dakota, where she accepted the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists in the summer of 1878. The following winter she was baptized by Elder E. W. Farnsworth, uniting with the Elk Point church at that time. Removing to Sioux Falls in 1882, she became a member of the church at that place, remaining there until 1906, when after a summer of travel, she went to Florida, where she resided until one month before her death. The last days of her life were spent with her daughter, Mrs.

E. M. Aldrich, at Baraboo, Wisconsin. She left the testimony that she felt that all was right between herself and her God. A husband, one son, and one daughter are left to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Sioux Falls church March 5, 1911.  
C. M. BABCOCK.

### Kneeling in Prayer

Two little girls were playing that they were in church. "Now we are to have prayer," said one. "You kneel down and be a real Christian; I'll just sit down, and put my hand up to my face. I'll be a stylish Christian."

The simple remark of this little girl is quite to the point, and suggests a thought that older people might consider with profit. Kneeling in prayer, either by preacher or layman, is practically a thing of the past in orthodox Protestantism. Catholics get on their knees frequently, and the heathen bow down to wood and stone; but orthodox Christians have about ceased to kneel; it is easier and more stylish to sit.

—Selected.

### CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference  
for week ending Feb. 25

Name	Hrs.,	Val.,	Del.
FLORIDA			
J. J. Jobe	35	101.50	.75
Anna Orr	19	18.75	
F. M. Haegart	19	10.25	
J. E. Hindman	23	43.50	
C. A. York	18	24.50	
Chas. Dyer	8	26.25	
S. Starke		13.50	
Mary Manns	10	4.15	3.25
John Allran	21	39.00	
Gracia Hunter	25	3.00	
Clar Buzzell			31.00
GEORGIA			
R. O. Terry	33	18.90	
David Fisher	28	12.50	7.00
M. J. Weber	33	68.75	1.25
W. H. Tarver	15	6.80	1.00
J. A. Sudduth	80	8.00	3.00
J. M. Lewis	30	37.00	1.75
Carl Mathews	42	48.50	1.00
N. A. Reiber	14	25.00	11.50
SOUTH CAROLINA			
G. B. Case	38	19.00	2.50
J. B. Kice	34	24.00	14.00
W. H. Armstrong	30	54.75	1.75
Miss Bertha Rahn	21	21.50	
Mrs. Effie Park	21	8.00	
M. S. Grim	14	7.10	
Mrs. E. S. Calvert		7.00	2.75
Mrs. A. L. Manous	1		
NORTH CAROLINA			
R. L. Underwood	43	13.25	74.75
W. E. Lanier	30	31.00	57.00
J. Husband	10	11.25	19.25
W. H. George	30	54.25	4.25
Mrs. E. A. Wing	37	25.00	12.00
Summary			
Florida Total	178	884.40	35.00
Georgia Total	275	225.45	26.50
S. Carolina Total	159	141.35	21.00
N. Carolina Total	150	134.75	167.25
Grand Total	762	1385.95	249.75