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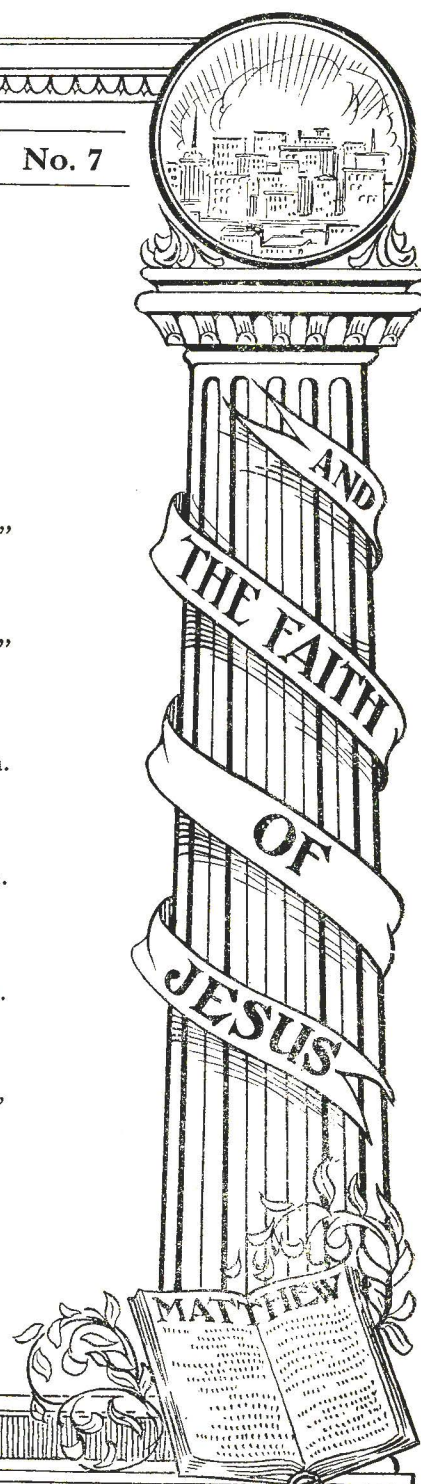
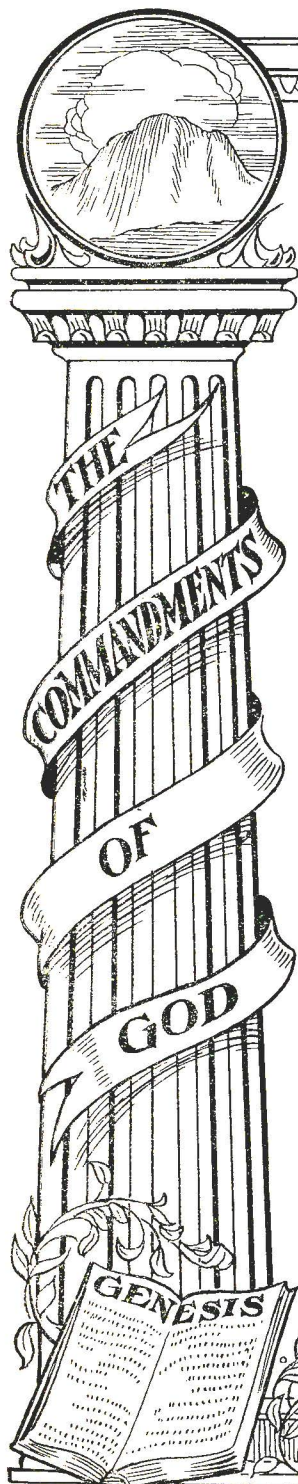
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"IT'S JEWISH"

From the "Sabbath Sentinel"

- The Gospel Teacher's plain expression,
That "sin is of the law transgression,"
Seems not to make the least impression—
I John 3:4 "It's Jewish."
- They love the rest of man's invention;
But if Jehovah's day we mention,
This puts an end to all contention—
Mark 2:28 "It's Jewish"
- O, ye who thus God's day abuse
Simply because 'twas kept by Jews,
The Saviour, too, you must refuse—
Rev. 22:16 Heb. 7:14 He's Jewish.
- The Scriptures, then, may we expect,
For the same reason you'll reject,
If you but stop to recollect
Rom. 3:1, 2 They're Jewish.
- Thus the apostles too must fall,
For Andrew, Peter, James, and Paul,
And Thomas, Matthew, John, and all,
Acts 3:12, 13, 25 Were Jewish.
- So to your hapless state resign
Yourself, in wretchedness to pine,
Salvation surely you'll decline—
John 4:22 "It's Jewish."



WORK OF FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN PANAMA

On August 22nd, 1923, three of the prominent brethren were disfellowshipped from the Panama Church of Seventh-day Adventists for the following reasons: The first, because he read and passed around *The Banner*. The second, because he requested to know the clerk and treas-



urer of the church. Due to the fact that the duly elected clerk and treasurer went away on vacation, and prior to their departure gave their offices to others without the knowledge and voice of the church. Six months had elapsed and still no information was given, and withal when they return, they were transferred to the Colon Church. So because this brother questioned the matter, he became guilty of the unpardonable sin, and hence an expulsion. The third, because he asked questions about the legal rights of the church.

Yea, these three brethren were dismissed without a trial under the spurious charge of rebellion. Of course, these brethren are fully acquainted with church order and discipline, and their eyes have been ever opened to the walls of prejudice both taught and practiced by the white leaders of the denomination. So because they are cognizant of these facts, and because they were always antagonistic to their malpractices, they are counted as rebellious brethren.

These officials have tried times without number to shackle down their minds and to make them swallow every particle that comes from the polluted fountain; and as a consequence of their refusal to adhere to them, they (the officials) have executed their spurious retributive judgment by thrusting them out of the house of God. What

greater form of autocracy can be exercised than this? Do these officials know that justice and judgment are the habitation of the throne of God? Psm. 89:14. And that the Lord desires His leaders on the earth to exercise the spirit of Him whose throne is the habitation of justice and judgment? Isa. 56:1. Will such unjust and malicious action be endorsed in the heavenly tribunal above? "No!" Unless they carry out the injunction that is recorded in Holy Writ—until then before same will meet the approbation of heaven.

These leaders have caused many to stumble, and these baleful practices are becoming prevalent among Seventh-day Adventists. It is an undeniable fact that all whose eyes are opened to these practices—as soon as they begin to resent them, they are counted as rebels, and the result is excommunication. But may I interrogate, "What account will these officials give on that day of reckoning—when the Judge of all the earth shall appear?" Be wise, therefore, ye officials, and beware of what ye are doing. For if ye will not reform your ways, ye shall not escape the cups of God's unmingled wrath.

By casting out these brethren they deem that they were doing them a great harm. But little did they know that this worked out to their joy, fulfilling the prophecy of Isa. 66:5. Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at His word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake said, Let the Lord be glorified: but He shall appear to your joy. Yea, they did not realize that this was a means of starting the work of Free Seventh-day Adventists in Panama.

On Sept. 1, 1923, these brethren organized themselves into a Sabbath School. There they kept the advent fire burning in the midst of misrepresentations, until February 16, 1924, the writer went over to their help. On arriving there definite plans were made for the conducting of hall meetings. After a few days a fairly large hall was secured for the purpose. These meetings continued for about two and a half weeks, and during that intervention the reasons why

we are Free Seventh-day Adventists were given to the satisfaction of all.

A good impression was given to the public in behalf of the work of Free Seventh-day Adventists in the city of Panama. After giving in detail the reasons for our stand as Free Seventh-day Adventists, a vote was called for and the entire congregation (composed of Seventh-day Adventists and the general public) voted that our cause is right with the exception of two, who afterwards confessed the same.

On Thursday morning, March 13, three souls were buried with their Lord in baptism and on the same night a church was organized, taking the name, "The Panama Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists." Bro. D. Dunn was elected and ordained local elder, who is now in charge of our work in Panama. Immediately after the organization the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered, which brought a remarkable solemnity over the congregaton. Following the writer gave his farewell address and bade both brethren and friends adieu.

Panama is a very fruitful field, and there are many precious souls to be won for the kingdom of Christ. Definite plans will soon be made for the expansion of our work over there. Trusting that in the near future we'll have a good strong work on the Isthmus of Panama. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

J. B. MOSLEY,
Port Limon, Costa Rica.

"It is not work that kills men, it is worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly put more on a man than he can bear. But worry is rust upon the blade. It is not movement that destroys the machinery, but friction.

What thou wilt,
Thou must rather enforce with
thy smile,
Than hew to it with thy sword.

The wind never blows fair for that sailor who knows not to what port he is bound.

Wilwaukee, Wis., April 7.
To The Banner Publishing Co.,
Savannah, Ga.

By direct permission of your kind editor, I am glad to furnish to the outside world what the great and mighty God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, has done for me. I was born a Catholic, and my parents were Catholics. We were away back in the woods away from any educational center, and therefore was raised without any education. Could not read a line.

With all honor and due respect to all religious denominations, I will tell only what the Lord has done for me. Time after time as the Catholic priest and others went through the ceremonies, viewing the pictures of different Saints, I was pained, and burdened in my heart, and wanted to know what good that could do, finally asked them, but the answer was not what I wanted. I told them that I longed to read Christ's life for myself. I went to God on my knees in secret, alone, and asked Him to let me read Christ's life. Soon after, on one night while lying in bed with another Christian gentleman, I was awakened by a hand bearing strongly over my forehead. I asked, "Who is here?" The man said, "No one." I looked all over the room; there was no one to be seen. I went back again to bed. Soon the New Testament was opened before me and I began to read it. All so sudden I awakened, and went really and got my Testament. And on opening it I found that I could read it readily. I was so happy and surprised I asked if there was anything wrong with me. The people said "No," but I said, "You see, I can read, and have never gone to school, and never could read at all before, as you all well know." They said "yes, that is the mighty hand of God. What did you pray for?" I said, "To read Christ's life." I opened the Book again at the 8th chapter of Heb., and read three chapters right along; then I know of a certainty that God had answered my prayer. I found out from those readings that I was wrong for looking to a man here on earth as a priest; that our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, is our Great High Priest in heaven, and we all must indeed

look to Him to pardon our sins, and not to the Catholic priest at all here on earth. Let me say, I am 85 years old, and am so sorry I lost all this time, but now I will do better and tell others the same.

I am yours in Christian love,
JOHN ARQUETTE.

GOD BLESS YOU

Dedicated in memory of Evangelist J. W. Manns, by Mrs. J. B. Mosley.

God bless and keep you, Evangelist Manns;

Tho' many the troubles you've passed by the way.

Your foes just a few, are exceeded by friends

Ever here in Costa Rica who are longing for you

To return and repeat the message you brought

To the joy of true friends, and envy of foes.

But still I do pray to the Father of all,

That He make you more strong in your God-given might

And help you to fight in this cause of right.

Your coming was blessed, God sent you to us,

To strengthen the weak and the faithful few;

To arouse many dear souls that long in darkness slept;

To rejoice in the light of God's beautiful words,

To walk in His footsteps, to trust and obey;

For clearly they saw there is no other way.

But among us were false ones, of course, in disguise,

Which stayed but a passing moment of time;

But others more faithful have taken their place

To finish the task that's assigned us to do.

You are gone but your work still remains;

You've kindled a fire that shall never be extinguished.

Your mem'ry is registered in the hearts of friends and foes,

The former for love, the latter for fear or the devil knows best;

But in all this rejoice, love is stronger than death.

You are gone but your voice still rings in our ears,

As you sing this song, "I shall

meet my Saviour face to face."

Oh! how sweet 'twill be, how delightfully grand,

When if faithful we meet in that beautiful land,

Some sweet daybreak at the gates of gold.

God bless you, both now and forever;

This prayer ascends from hearts old and young,

While eyes filled with tears and voices choked with sobs

Breathe out the sweet prayer, God bless you.

Your name is kept fresh, bejeweled with tears,

And hope whispers softly to many sad hearts,

We shall meet again by and by, If not on this earth we hope to meet beyond the river,

Where the surges cease to roll.

FROM AN INTERESTED READER

Elder Manns, have you heard from Elder Washburn of the Y. M. C. A., West Virginia? If so, will you please publish his defense in The Banner?

To the above question, I answer "No." I do not know whether he received my letter other than the fact the return receipt which he or some one was compelled to sign upon receipt of the letter has reached me.

I can not believe that Elder Washburn was seeking truth concerning the malicious acts of his brethren in Costa Rica. Truly men love darkness rather than light. When Elder Washburn begins to see light concerning the happenings in Costa Rica, he, like the tortoise, has withdrawn his head. Shame has closed his mouth.

J. W. MANNs.

Our Homes are cheerier for her sake,

Our door-yards brighter blooming,

And all about the social air Is sweeter for her coming.

Not many things indifferently, but one thing supremely, is the demand of the hour. He who scatters his efforts in this intense, concentrated age, cannot hope to succeed.

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EDITORIAL

The editor of "The Banner" wishes to apologize for the oversight of a continued article of Elder C. A. Edwards, which article should have appeared in the February issue, during which time we were over rushed with work and the article was mislaid.

Many of the readers of "The Banner" have not paid their last year's subscription. Kindly arrange to send in your dollar (\$1.00) by return mail.

Let the church missionary secretaries make remittance for the "Banners" ordered. It is hard to keep the paper going when our brethren fail to make remittance.

Do you know "The Banner" will sell? If you don't know it, just try, and be convinced.

Those who write articles for "The Banner," please take note: First, write plainly and spell correctly. Second, don't try to use the BIGGEST words you can find. Clothe your articles in the most simple language. Third, consult your dictionary often and know that the words you use are just what you mean to say. Fourth, do not crowd your words; when it is possible, have your articles typewritten. When the typewriter is used, do not single, but double space your lines. Fifth, leave a good margin on both the top and bottom

and on each side of your paper. Sixth, do not write on both sides of your paper. Seventh, remember that short articles are generally most appreciated. Eighth, do not become gingered because of this bit of advice and decide that you will not write again. Ninth, smile as you finish reading. Be of good cheer, and; Tenth, send us in a nice short article for the next issue of "The Banner."

THE CHAUTAUQUA GOSPEL TENT MEETINGS

On Thursday, April 24, we commenced our tent meetings. The meetings were preceded by an interesting program rendered by the Home Missionary Society and the members of both the Senior and Junior Missionary Volunteers.

This program marked the 12th anniversary of our Gospel Tent meetings in Savannah. Our big tent, 60x80, located in the old baseball park on Park and Atlantic avenues, was well-nigh filled. A good crowd has gathered every night since the opening. Many of whom seem to be intensely interested in the things presented.

The meetings are scheduled to continue through the month of May, and may close with the General Assembly sessions, which will convene May 22 to June 1, 1924. We are asking the prayers of all our brethren in behalf of this effort.

Twelve years ago the tent meetings stirred the city, and as the result more than two hundred took their stand for the truth. We are praying that the God of Heaven will again pour out His spirit upon the people, and that many may be converted to Him.

All who plan to attend the Assembly Session should write at once, giving the date of their expected arrival. Address the office, 610 W. 36th St.

J. W. MANN'S.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

Some time in the month of February, 1924, the devil has prompted a Seventh-day Adventist minister in Costa Rica to make an attack on the Pacuarito Church of Free Seventh-day Ad-

ventists. His aim was to pull down this church building and take it over for the use of the conference. And that this should be done before the minister of Free Seventh-day Adventists returned from his trip. But because of the civil power which God hath ordained (Rom. 13:1-4; I Pet. 2:13, 14) to protect the rights of humanity, his plans were frustrated. Query: Does this minister remember the commandment of God, "Thou Shalt Not Steal,"? (Exo. 20:15,) and that he must not defraud his brethren of their own? (I. Cor. 7:5; Lev. 19:13, first clause; I. Cor. 6:8).

If he has forgotten the commandment of God, then it is quite apparent that he is adhering to the commandment of the devil: "Thou shall steal." What else will Seventh-day Adventists not do? Be advised thou minister, thou art the shepherd of the flock, and if thou set bad examples for the flock and cause them to be taken captive of the devil; what account will thou give on the day of judgment? Be not deceived; the Scripture hath declared that thou must give account for the souls that are placed under thy care. Heb. 13:17. And if thou cause them to stray from the strait paths to walk in paths in a way not cast up, then the Lord will require their blood at thine hand. Take heed, therefore, and beware; for this is too bad for a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

J. B. MOSLEY.

The Banner will sell. Try it.

One unwavering aim has ever characterized successful men.

Success is the child of two very plain parents—punctuality and accuracy.

Joy is the mainspring in the whole of endless Nature's calm rotation.

Joy moves the dazzling wheels that roll in the great timepiece of Creation.

"Strike while the iron is hot" and "Make hay while the sun shines" are golden maxims. Most of us need a spur to make us begin and to hold us to our task.

DISORGANIZING ELEMENTS

(Continued from January issue)

Whenever there is a mutual combination between the church and the world, there is always of necessity a change in both elements. And the new element formed is essentially different in character from their originals. There are three classes of people in the world: Christians, nominal or professed Christians, and worldlings, or heathen. The Christians are the devotees of the life to come and its enjoyments, while the nominal Christians are the ones that are endeavoring to divide their devotions, half or some parts thereof for this world and its present enjoyments, the other half or some parts thereof for the life to come and its enjoyments; in other words trying to sanctify worldly-mindedness. The one is produced by the action of the other upon it. When the church retains its purity and the worldly-minded are influenced thereby, they become Christians. When the world acts upon the church and converts it, both elements satisfy their affinities by rearranging themselves into a new element, known as nominal or professed Christians. The Apostle Paul speaking of that element in Titus 1:16, said: "They profess that they know God (keeping His commandment I John 2:3;) but in works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient and unto every good work void of judgment" (margin). In past times when the church allowed such a combination there has always been one inevitable result, apostasy, which has in its train, hypocrisy, formalism, and many other kindred ills. There has never been any exception, it is as exacting a law as the law of "Constant Proportion" in chemistry, i. e., the same elements brought together in the same way always form the same substances in the same proportion. I don't believe that the Seventh Day Adventist Church will be any lone exception in this direction. It is a sure thing that the S. D. A. Church has fallen just as sure as Jeremiah and other ancient prophets testified that Israel was the true church of God, and the same writer or writers afterward testified of their apostasy.

Just so the prophetess, Sister Ellen G. White, testified that the S. D. A. organization once the true church of God, has fallen. "The church cannot measure herself by the world nor by the opinion of men, nor by what she once was. Testimony, Vol. 5:9-83. Moreover the word of the Lord came to me saying: Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying: Thus saith the Lord. I remember for thy sake (margin) the kindness of thy youth, the love of thy espousals when thou wentest after me in the wilderness in a land that was not sown. Israel was Holiness unto the Lord and the first fruit of his increase; all that devour him shall offend (offend God) evil shall come upon them saith the Lord." Jer. 2:2, 3. But did they continue so? "Hear now this foolish people, and without understanding: which have eyes and see not; which have ears and hear not. What iniquity have your fathers found in me that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity and are become vain?" Jer. 5:21; 2:5. The leaders were no better than the laity. "The priest said not where is the Lord? And they that handle the law (expound it) knew me not; the pastors also transgressed against me." Verse 8. "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed the hurt of the daughters of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Jer. 6:15; 14. Would they ever believe the testimony of Jeremiah? No! Say they we are not polluted. Jer. 2:23. Jehovah said to them: "How canst thou say we are not polluted?"

They continued (though they had turned their backs to God (verse 27) as a nation that did righteousness, and as if they had not forsaken the ordinance of the Lord. They ask of him the ordinances of justice (as if they meant to do it); they took delight in approaching the Lord. Yet it was with their lips only, but their hearts were far from Him, said He, Isaiah 58:1, 2, 29, 13. Now see Testimony, Vol. 5:99, 75, 76, and notice what was shown her relative to the S. D.

A. organization: "I have been shown that the spirit of the world is fast leavening the church. You are following the same path as did ancient Israel. There is the same fallen away from your holy calling as God's peculiar people. You are having fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Your concert with unbelievers has provoked the Lord's displeasure. You know not the things that belong to your peace and they are fast being hid from your eyes. Your neglect to follow the light will place you in a More Unfavorable position than the Jews upon whom Christ pronounced a woe."

What do Seventh Day Adventists call ancient Israel's course? Apostasy. And what then is their course? Apostasy. As Jesus views the state of his professed followers today He sees base ingratitude, hollow formalism, hypocritical insincerity, Pharisaical pride, and apostasy. Testimony, Vol. 5, p. 72. Is the S. D. A. according then to this testimony in apostasy? Yes. What will Brother Walcot say about that?

In Matthew 23:13-32, "The Lord hurls burning denunciation against Pharisees and hypocrites—Vol. 5, p. 144. But the Seventh Day Adventists are placed in a more unfavorable position than the Jews upon whom Christ pronounced these burning denunciations. "I entreat you who have long professed the faith and who still pay outward homage to Christ, do not deceive your own souls. Testimony 5, p. 73. It is the whole heart that Jesus prizes." Isaiah 29:13. "Wherefore the Lord said: Forasmuch as this people draw near to me with their mouth and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men. But according to Testimony 5, pp. 73, 74, we find that they take the same attitude to the testimony of his prophetess as was ancient Israel for we read: "When the Lord last presented your case before me and made known to me that you had not regarded the light which had been given you, I was bidden to speak to you plainly in his name, for his anger was kindled against you. These words were

spoken to me: "Your work is appointed you of God. Many will not hear you, for they refuse to hear the Great Teacher; many will not be corrected, for their ways are right in their own eyes. Yet bear to them the reproofs and warnings I shall give you, whether they will hear or forbear. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight! Isaiah 5:21. On April 21, 1903, very near 21 years now, the servant of the Lord said that "The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. Test. Vol. 8, p. 251. Now what was this sister's idea of a reformation when she spoke of it as being necessary? "Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change of ideas, theories, habits, and practices." Special Testimony, 1905. I understand according to Webster and other eminent lexicographers that the word reorganization means to reduce again to an organized condition, and organize anew." I would like to know how the editor of the "Review and Herald" understands it for I believe he understands it absolutely different, because he said that these offshoots "They claim that the church has so apostatized that a new movement inside or outside the church is necessary. They each regard the particular movement with which they are connected as the true remnant and that the true Israel of God will leave the parent church and unite with their organization." Well it is this one thing that this branch of the offshoots known as "Free Seventh Day Adventists," know, that the Lord calls for a reformation right now, and whether it takes place inside or outside it must take place, and all the true Israel that will ever enter those pearly gates must be reformed. And that reformation must affect their ideas, among those ideas being the idea of clearly defining the proper position of the Negro in the work of their Master. Their theories also, and among those theories being the assumption that the white race is the most superior and the most perfect and all other races of men are inferior, according as it is defined by that book entitled "In Touch With God," p. 194. Then their habits, among them

being their habit of segregation between the white and negro elements of the organization everywhere. Also their practices among those practices being the practice of turning out Christ when He is sick and dying from their sanitarium in the person of His humble colored servants, when denominations whose practices they denounce (with their staff of white people) will receive them (the humble colored servants of Christ) and give them aid. Such devilish practices and malposition toward the principles of righteousness and justice must be changed. Then again we Free S. D. A. understand this also, that never in the history of the church in past times was a reformation necessary, except that Christ apostatized, and that whenever the stronger element of a religious body stand for, and support that apostasy, a reformation is never permissible inside of that organization. And whenever it starts outside, that apostate body always set themselves to resist it. And I don't think that the Seventh Day Adventist will be any lone exception in this direction. Reader, I will give you my reason for this conclusion. In "Early Writings," a book much prized among us, Edition 1906, p. 69, Sister Ellen G. White, the individual that all true S. D. A. believe was endowed with the spirit of prophecy among us, and all true S. D. A.'s believe her writings because they are always in harmony with the Holy Scriptures, which we use to test her writings, is absolutely responsible for the following statements: "The Lord showed me that a great work must be done for His people before they could stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. I was pointed to those who claim to be Adventist but who reject the present truth and saw that they were crumbling, and the hand of the Lord was in their midst to divide and scatter them in the gathering time. So that precious jewels among them who have formerly been deceived may have their eyes open to see their true state, and to leave their former associates and errors, embrace the precious truth and stand where they can define their position." The same writer again I quote in "Bible

Training School," May, 1907: "There is to be in the churches (S. D. A. Churches) a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord and opened the door of their hearts by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which enlightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which they, in their blindness, think dangerous, something which will arouse their fear and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their expectation and ideal they will oppose the work. Why, say they, should we not know the Spirit of God when we have been in the work so many years? Now the editor of "The Review and Herald," Oct. 4th, writes: "Their position in effecting another organization, their creation of a new literature and their denunciation of their former brethren unmistakably bring them into the class of those who proclaim that the Seventh Day Adventist Church is Babylon." Compare that with the quotations above and see and decide for yourself if Brother Wilcox believes Sister White's writings. Said she: "It pains me to say, my brethren, that your sinful neglect to walk in the light has enshrouded you in darkness. You may now be honest in not recognizing and obeying the light; the doubts you have entertained, your neglect to heed the requirements of God have blinded your perceptions so that darkness is now to you light, and light is darkness. Testimony, Vol. 5, p. 71. But, said the prophet Isaiah, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Isaiah 5:20. If the writer in the editorial of October 4th, and his associates would believe these things then he might never have had the necessity of writing such an article. The Free Seventh Day Adventists are contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints, the faith that knows nothing of caste or country; the faith that had no recognition for a man's color or nationality, whether

black, white, brown, blue, or any other color. But have the mind of their Master, Christ. Phil. 2:5. Rom. 8:9. "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother." Mat. 12:50. The Free S. D. A. no more intend to tear down the S. D. A. organization than the S. D. A. intend to tear down the Romish Church or any other church in their abominable practices. They mean no more by quoting these Scriptures and testimonies and applying them to abominable practices now in the Seventh-Day Adventist organization than the Scripture or testimony mean to tear them down. But to show them their sins if by any means they may turn and live. C. A. E.

EVERY ONE IS A CHAMPION OF A CAUSE

Every child in this world is a sower of seeds, in the field of life. The bright days are the seed-time of life. Every thought, word and act is a seed whose good or evil fruits will prove bliss or sorrow in your after life. When the Creator created His masterpiece, "man," and placed him in the world as lord of His creation, it meant that man should establish sovereignty over the world; that he should subdue all things, and use them to his own satisfaction, but only in right order. Shape them to his will. God never intends that man should expect Him to do for him what he can do for himself. After the creation, and after man was given full possession of the world, the Creator, relinquished all authority to His lord except that which is spiritual. The Seventh-day Adventist from the starting point has been the possessor of God's Holy Truth. Who are now becoming careless, without will, or purpose, of giving the true light of the Scriptures and because of such we are standing aloft but, few men who are able to understand the strenuousness of the time in which we are living. The man to succeed must possess the necessary equanimity to conceive an idea, the capacity to frame it into some tangible shape, the ingenuity to put it into practice, the ability to impress others with merits and

virtue. In order for man to fill the great scope in the world which God has placed him at creation, He must have a purpose, for the right cause, then let him determine "Victory or Death." When you see a brother standing for the right, stand with him in such a fight, hold his hands up lest they drop and the battle be lost. "Why skip from rock to rock, as kids of goats, and unstable in the truth? The Lord is coming pretty soon and you be found a wandering Jew.

The man who seeks one thing in life may hope to achieve it, but he who seeks all things everywhere, and anywhere, will reap only hopes which he sows. There is one thing for our brothers to know, is whatever we do as Free Seventh-day Adventists, it will be wrong in the eyes of many. Why? Because we are weak in number, churches and cash. Regardless, we are strong in the faith of God.

But I will say to you there are three things in the Free Seventh-day Adventists, which are, first, to be a whole man in whatever you undertake; second, will power, directed by a mind which often replenished with the Spirit of God, to accomplish the desired result. Third, it takes pluck to ford an unfavorable current. I pray that brothers and sisters will awaken to realization and come forth to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

JOHN S. PRYCE.

LOVE IS THE BEST OF ALL

We can always be happy if we love one another sincerely. It was love that caused the Son of God to die on Calvary's cross for the remission of our sins. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:16. Yes! it is wonderful to think of His great love toward the children of men. And if we only keep loving,—love our friends as well as our enemies—love the one we cannot see and also those whom we have seen, then we would surely make this life exceedingly bright and fair.

We are the children of the Most Loving God, Who is now ministering in our behalf on high. Ready to impart to us

that essence of His unchanging love, if we only ask him in sincerity and truth. Then we as His purchased children should wear a smile of love always, both keeping the heart and mind with the sunshine of love—the love of God which abideth forever.

If we allow the love of God to be shed abroad in our hearts, if we are thoroughly rooted and grounded in His love, then all homes would be much happier, the lamp of light would burn more brighter and will finally guide us on to that eternal shore. It is love that binds us in Christian fellowship—it is love that leads the way. So, with all we may do, and with all we may say, keep loving is the best of all.

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THE CHURCH A CITY

(Matt. 5:14.)

A city set on a hill
Is the Word and is God's will,
The church of His choice
That men might hear His voice.

A city on a hill
Not to stand still,
But to grow in grace
Before Jesus' face

A city on a hill
To give light to the rest,
Not down so low
Where men should not grow.

A city on a hill,
Not so small in size,
A large one and it built
For both weak and wise.

A city on a hill,
The salt of the earth,
Blessed thought of God's will,
Where we gain new birth.

A city on a hill,
Not far from your home;
A city of refuge,
You can have it for your own.
—Heb. 11:10.

A city on a hill,
Tho' the way may seem steep,
There are pilgrims on the way;
It is a lamp to your feet.
—Psa. 119:165

It cannot be hid,
It cannot be hid,
This City of God shines
Without and within—
It is now,—and always has been.
M. L. IVORY.

MAN THE CROWNING WORK

Man, the crowning work and lord of God's creation, is today drifting precipitously from the principles and purpose to which he was designed, by perpetuating an ever-increasing status of ungodliness, which, in its diversified ramifications and enormity, can not be regarded in any other tone but that of rebellion. He actually throws into oblivion the knowledge, or a thought of "whence he came," and "whither going."

If man would summon into play his thinking powers and say, Now let us reason together for a while as regards my arrival, purpose and existing condition on this sphere, governing by the dictates of conscience, he would very soon discover that he is entirely within the territory of a conviction and sentence the equivalent of which admits no mitigation.

On the contrary, we see him plunging daily with inconceivable audacity, in doing wrong, working assiduously as if on a competitive try to outrival his ancestors in wickedness. Indeed the Psalmist says of such, God is not in all his thoughts and the Apostle Paul concurring in Phil. 2:21, says all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's, thus perpetuating an indelible stigma, yea, more, a curse, which time can never obliterate, nor eternity undo.

Man, who is really God in a lower form, being fashioned immediately after the express image of His Person, needs no further instruction or warning than is contained in the Bible, to-wit, that God requires of him intact, sooner or later, that which He gave him, when he stepped into being. Our bodies, which He justly calls "His Temple," are His and all we have and are, are

His: hence it is but sheer madness and delusion to expect that God will exact when He comes, anything less than a strict account of its management whilst we remain in this mortal coil.

Our Heavenly Father, though a God of Love, should always be regarded as a consuming fire, a God in whom there is no variability, neither the shadow of a turn. A life of disobedience, or in other words rebellion against Him, does manifest the wilful rejection of His Only Son, the Dearest Person He could sacrifice for man's transgressions; hence God must not be considered other than just and true when He exacts the full toll at His coming.

Our Lord said to His disciples when He was on the earth: "In My Father's House are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. The encouragement these words convey is equal to the certainty of the locality mentioned. But, it should be borne in mind that while heaven is a prepared place it is strictly for a prepared people. None but the sheep have freedom there.

If there is a time when the ever-present aid and indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God for a universal revivalism is necessary 'tis now; as it is apparent that the combined forces of hell and the devil are making a determined universal flanking attack to accomplish their frenzied aim.

Unfortunately, the rank and file of the attacking forces are not only made up of worldly-wise men, but, sad to say, many millions of the rearguard of God's Army, yea, of the advancing columns, too, have surrendered, either by strategem, unsteadiness, or noncompliance with the Royal mandates and have gone imploring pardon of His Satanic Majesty. These in turn do so much harm to God's hosts. Traitors to the Cross of Christ, having reversed their allegiance and doing homage to Satan, have become reprobate, corrupt, to every good work dead and by advancing well-planned schemes, false theories, imagination and

science their work of opposition is as successful yet deadly as the serpent's bite. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do they the work of the Lord. In Jude, the holy Apostle describes them as follows: These speak evil of those things which they know not, but, what they know, naturally as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Woe unto them! for they have gone the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of Charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear. Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness and darkness forever.

Shocking sight! Terrifying thought! Tremendous judgment.

May I interrogate: Why should the increase of knowledge today form the occasion of a curse instead of a blessing? The whole earth is polluted and the stench thereof has reached unto the heavens, man however, is so drenched therewith that its gravity ceases to appeal.

May the scales of delusion thrown by the Great Arch Fiend over the eyes of the mad millions who are ruthlessly rushing to everlasting shame and destruction, be vanquished by an unadulterated administration of the holy Gospel, as it is in Christ Jesus and that ardent desire to do wickedness be supplemented by a lively looking forward for Messiah's Kingdom to appear, when the fourth commandment (which but with few exceptions present day worshippers ignore or count obsolete) be respected, when wars shall be no more and Love unfeigned be established, then, and not till then, will righteousness cover the earth as the waters cover the mighty deep.

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