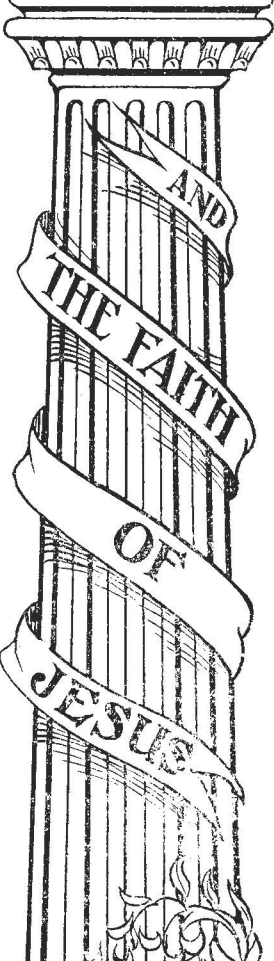
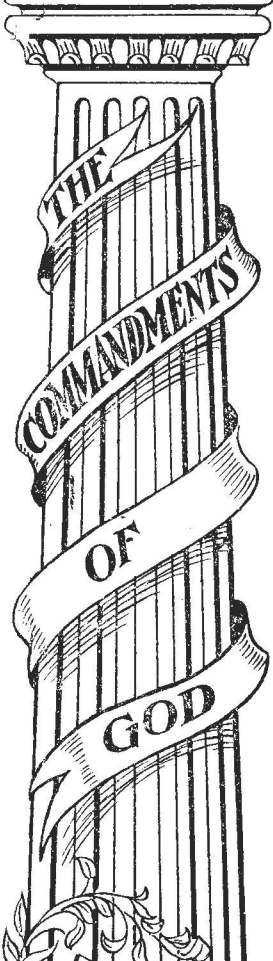
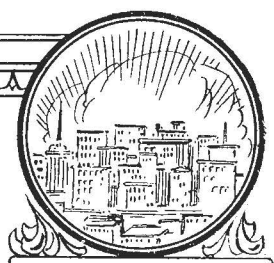
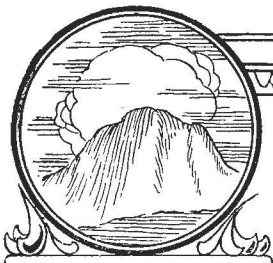


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"He that Winneeth Souls Is Wise"



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## CONSECRATION SERVICE AT MORON, CUBA

It cannot be gainsaid that Saturday (Sabbath), August 2nd, was a day of spiritual awakening for Free S. D. A. at Moron. Under the inspired and spirited leadership of Elder C. A. Edwards, President of the Cuban Field of F. S. D. A., who has just returned from its conference of the General Assembly sitting at Savannah, Ga., visiting this circuit, on Friday, Aug. 1st, he announced that such a highly necessary service would be convened on the following day (Sabbath).

Accordingly, when Sabbath came and after the ordinary routine of the earlier part of the day's exercises were gone through, a deviation took place during the 11 o'clock service. Apparently every soul hungering and thirsting after righteousness appeared in Zion to drink of the fountain from which if a man drinks he will never thirst again. The text for this occasion was a prelude to that which was about to follow. Eloquently, yet solemnly discoursing from Jos.: 24-14-25, the weight and force of the vow some were about to make and others to renew, was powerfully brought to bear on the hearts of his hearers by the preacher to an extent evidently appreciable.

It was about 12:25 p. m. when a consecration hymn was sung and the venerable Elder announced that we had now reached that stage of the service when they who felt the absolute necessity should vow a vow.

With feelings better imagined than described, men and women were seen rising alternately, confessing their known defects, pitifully asking the Lord to reveal to them the unknown and soliciting strength from on high to keep from sin and an ardent desire to follow righteousness and truth.

Being quite a few and the service being very impressive, the expressions of these eternal life seekers could not possibly have been unburdened within an hour. It was therefore decided and introduced by the Elder, that the evening part would be a vesper service, during which time opportunity would be served to all

who had not hitherto vowed. And it was so. These services terminated about 7 p. m. Indeed a day never to be forgotten in the annals of this little church.

We are called to holiness without which no man shall see the Lord, hence, our motto and determination is, by the help of the Lion of Judah as F. S. D. A. to forward the work and word of the King of kings in its entirety, irrespective of consequences; in view of the fact that eternity is already dawning upon us, abundant are the signs we are seeing of the gleam of the golden morning breaking from afar. We have pledged to work, to watch and to wait and be ready to give a right royal welcome to our blessed Jesus, who shall soon appear in His glory.

Spiritual declension with innumerable vices, deception and delusion have so considerably lowered the standard of religion and Christianity today—and being evident that darker deeds and a more fatal state awaits the closing scenes of this life of tyranny and rebellion unless the days be shortened no flesh shall be saved.

Lo, the day of God is breaking,  
See the gleaming from afar;  
Sons of Earth, from slumber  
waking,  
Hail the bright and morning  
star.

EDWARD A. SCARLETT,  
Calle Marina No. 83,  
Cam, Moron.

### THE SHINING LIGHT

F. S. W. A., Moron, Aug. 1.

The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The light of the world is Jesus. While He was here on earth, His life was seen, and known, and read of men, and though they sought to find fault in Him, they found none, because the light of His life showed His Father was glorified. Matt. 5:16 tells us: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Brethren and sisters who are waiting for the appearing of our Lord Jesus, let us ask ourselves the question: "Are we shining

more and more unto the perfect day, or, are we shining at all? Then let us search ourselves and consider our conversation, style of dress, and see if we are gaining daily victories over the defects of our lives. Are our lives in harmony with the will of God? If not let us trim our lamps today—right now—and keep them burning till our Lord's returning.

Dear reader, let us see to it that we shine for Jesus, or else we will not be able to stand the shining light of His glory when He comes. Let us give all to Jesus that the light of His countenance might shine in our faces, and then we will have great zeal to seek diligently and learn of His noble and pure character. Let us set our house in order, that soon and very soon we may receive the outpouring of the latter rain; and then at the perfect day meet our Saviour face to face, when we shall see the print of the nails in His hand, and He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be abundantly satisfied. Praise the Lord for such a hope as this is.

"Keep your altars burning  
Wait your Lord's returning,  
While your heart's deep yearning  
Draws Him ever near.  
With His radiance splendid  
Shall your light be blended,  
When His glory shall appear.

FLOR. M. DRUMMOND,  
Moron, Cuba.

### RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

Calle Marina No. 83, Moron, Com., Cuba, Aug. 4, 1924.—Abraham, our father by promise called of God, left his home Durr of The Caldes, not knowing where he went, but by Faith he obeyed the voice of God and this was imputed of him for Righteousness. By Faith he offered up Isaac, his only son, as a sacrifice to God. By Faith also Noah obeyed the voice of God and builded an ark, in the which only eight persons were saved, and was called a preacher of righteousness. By Faith Moses led Israel through the Red sea. By Faith also he received the Ten Commandments written by God's own Fingers, which is perfect Righteousness in itself. By Faith Joshua with priest and the

Ark of God crossed Jordan on foot. By Faith Enoch also walked with God for three hundred years. Elijah, a man of like passion as we are, by Faith prayed and it rained not, for three years and a half, and was full of Righteousness for he was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire. By Faith Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the king's meat and kept himself pure. Job, another man of Faith, bore his infirmities and sinned not. Therefore, though Job, Noah and Daniel were in the land, their Righteousness would not be able to deliver their sons nor their daughters from their sins. **For the Lord executeth Righteousness and Judgment for all who are oppressed.** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. So let us have Faith in God and come boldly to the throne of grace where we can find acceptance, for we are not of them that draw back into perdition, but of them that believe in the saving of the soul, then let us hold fast the Faith and love which is in Christ Jesus, for he that believeth in Him is not condemned. But he that believeth not is condemned already. Beloved friends let me impress on your minds these words: "Jesus thy Blood and Righteousness. Thy Beauty are my glorious dress midst flaming sword arrayed in these, with joy shall lift up my head." Fellow travellers to eternity, let us all remember that we are called to a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a secular people; therefore let us take unto us the whole armor of God, having our loins girt about with Truth, the breastplate of Righteousness; our feet shod with the Gospel of Peace. Taking the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Until then we will be able to borrow these words. Faith of our fathers living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; oh, how our hearts beat high with joy, when'er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life. And when our Father calls us home, this still our cry shall be:

Inspiring Faith the wave divide  
and land us all in heaven.

MRS. L. M. DAVIS.

### THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

(Continued from last issue.)

The experience that Jeremiah had with this word in his heart, is thus expressed: "Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His name, but His Word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forebearing and I could not stay." Jer. 20:9. In this instance this man of God, because of prevailing conditions, such as is stated in the following expression: (Woe is me my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor have men lent me on usury! Yet every one of them doth curse me. Jer. 15:10) which he thought was defaming him on every side, chap. 20:10, decided that he would speak no more in the name of the Lord. But with the Word in his heart burning, his reasoning which was contrary to God's reasoning was made by (that Word) subject to God's reasoning.

How many of us, like Jeremiah, because of prevailing conditions, such as what the community will think, and what they may say and are saying, are refusing to do the will of God to keep His commandments, and to do those things which are pleasing in His sight. The task before him was a very unpleasant one to perform and due to the performance thereof, he was being defamed. Everywhere he turned he said everyone cursed him; therefore he became afraid and decided that he would leave his post of duty so as to avoid such an unpleasant experience. But the "All Powerful Word," which was in his mind, would not permit his reasoning to prevail or continue to prevail. So the Apostle writes: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations (margin reasonings) and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity

every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Cor. 10:4, 5. That is a marked experience in Jeremiah's life, which proves the power of the Word of God, when abiding within. Thus it can be seen that the fire of the Word, in this case overcame the obstacle or circumstance which would otherwise have prevented a complete union between the human nature of Jeremiah and the divine nature of God. The two men on their way to Emmaus on the Sunday of the resurrection when Jesus overtook them on their way, gave their experience of the Word within. "They said one to another: Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

The goldsmith refines his gold by fire; the Lord refines His jewels by His Words. As the fire of the refiner coming in contact with the dross mixed with the gold immediately begins to consume it (the dross) and that by burning. "Therefore saith the Lord of hosts: behold I will melt them (Jer. 9:7) and I will turn my hand upon thee and purely purge away thy dross, and take away thy sin. Isaiah 1:25. Whereby are given to us exceedingly great and precious promises; that by these we might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2nd Peter 1:4. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass that he that is left in Zion and he that remaineth in Jerusalem shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the Daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the Blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the Spirit of Judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For upon all the glory shall be a defence. Isaiah 4:3-5.

C. A. E.



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**EXPERIENCES OF FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, MORON, CUBA**

In a recent experience of Free Seventh-day Adventist Industrial Corporation in Moron, an enterprise in which we have expended nearly \$3,000, a goodly portion of this amount having been invested in farming.

There had been an unusual drought over the land. On Thursday, the 7th inst., the manager reported that if immediate action was not taken to save the crop, they would all be destroyed the following week by the drought.

A meeting of the brethren was immediately called to consider plans for immediate irrigation of the land. After reasonable consideration, it was decided to start irrigation work on Sunday, the 10th, procuring materials for the work on the 8th. However, unsurmountable difficulties arose which prevented us from procuring the materials up to 4 o'clock Friday evening of the 8th.

Providence would have it Elder C. A. Edwards was present with us, who said: "Brethren, we had better ask for rain," which was so decided on Friday evening before sunset, that we do so at the vesper service on the closing of the Sabbath. About two hours after we petitioned for rain, volumes of black clouds arose in a southwesterly direction, which gave torrents of water in the next hour. Since then, up to the time of writing, we have been getting more than one shower daily. All nature rejoices for the continuous showers. Surely this experience has caused us to hold fast the beginning of our confidence to the end.

"Now we have realized the truthfulness of Sister Ellen G. White's statement, that the greatest victories won for the cause of God were not by labored arguments, or ample facilities, or wide influence, or abundance of means. But earnest-hearted men in the audience chamber of God, by agonizing faith lay hold on the arms of the All Powerful." And our hearts are glad for this experience.

A. S. MONFRIES,  
Callejas 1F, Moron, Com., Cuba,  
August 12, 1924.

**THE THIRD BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, SAVANNAH, GA., MAY 22—JUNE 1, 1924.**

**Twenty-fourth Meeting.**

On May 30th, at 8:30 p. m., the twenty-fourth meeting of the Third Biennial Session was called to order. Hymn No. 705, Christ in Song, was sung. Prayer was offered by Elder J. W. Manns.

Elder J. B. Mosley of Central America preached. Subject, "The Seven Seals."

**Sermon.**

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. Rev. 5:1-3.

This book cannot be recognized as the books of today, because the books in ancient times were made in scrolls or parchments. Therefore, it must be understood that this book had seven seals; that is, each scroll or parchment had a seal,—a seal within a seal, beginning from seal number one to seven. Seven denotes completeness and perfection. These seals are of a religious nature, and contain the history of the church from that time to the end; as well as the destiny of humanity in a whole.

The book with the seven seals was in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne (which is God the Father). And because the prophet saw that no man nor being in heaven, neither in earth, nor under the earth was able to open the book and to loose the seals, he concluded that the mystery and counsel of God for the church was concealed. Therefore, he wept bitterly. Rev. 5:4. This indicates that angels nor humanity cannot unveil the secret, mystery and counsel of God; but only Him who dwelleth at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high was able to unfold the mystery, secret and counsel of God. For, says one of the elders, Weep



not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof. Verse 5.

### The First Seal.

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw and behold a white horse: and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer. Rev. 6:1, 2. The horse with the rider who bears a crown and to whom a bow was given, going forth conquering and to conquer, is emblematic of the triumph of the Gospel in apostolic times. The whiteness of the horse is symbolic of the purity of the faith in that era. The crown which was given the rider going forth making mighty conquests, denotes the zeal and success of the truth in that dispensation, even it was promulgated by its earliest ministers.

There is to be no limit to the gospel. The commission is: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19, 20. The Lord had promised power to His earliest ministers, and this power would enable them to become witnesses for him by preaching the gospel through earth's remotest bound. Acts 1:8. They tarried in Jerusalem according to this word; and the record says: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." . . . verses 13-15. The faith was at that time pure, the barriers separating believer from believer were broken down; every wrong was made right, perfect unity existed, and the love of God was shed abroad in every heart to the extent that when the day of Pentecost was fully come, "they were all with one accord, in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." Acts 2:1-4. With this Pentecostal power they went forth conquering and to conquer as is represented by the emblem of the white horse and the rider with the crown and bow. To prove the fact that the above is

a fit symbol of conquest, the Word of God declared, that in one day three thousand souls were converted; and five thousand another day. Acts 2:41; 4:4. This seal was opened in the year A. D. 31 and continued till A. D. 100.

### The Second Seal.

I turn to the sixth chapter of Revelation, verses 3, 4: "And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword." This seal was opened in the year A. D. 100 and Constantine to Christianity. continued till A. D. 323, which marks the nominal conversion of The redness of the horse denotes the corruption of the faith. From a state of purity gross error began to creep into the church. Sword is a weapon of death, and as the record says, a sword was given the rider, and power was given unto him to take peace from the earth. This is symbolic of the great religious conflict during that period, and the result even cause death.

Constantine by the civil power tore down many heathen temples and made decrees against some errors; yet he enacted others worse than the former. He legislated counsels for the church, aided the clergy, bent him to his will and put him under his obligation. Hence an amalgamation of church and state. The controversies were so great that death followed as a result. There was continual war and trouble during that period. The mystery of iniquity was at that time in operation. II. Thess. 2:4. And was accomplishing its baleful work of deception.

### The Third Seal.

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil

and the wine." Rev. 6:5, 6. A. D. 323 marks the opening of this seal, and continued till A. D. 538, when papal supremacy became rampant. Since the white horse denotes purity, the black horse must denote impurity or corruption; as black is the antonym for white. This was a period of great darkness and moral corruption. Superstition in its varied forms and the worship of images and relics were instituted in the church, and with great success the ignorant were deluded, and true religion became perverted.

The balances is symbolic of the amalgamation of the church with the civil power. The wheat and barley denotes the worldliness which crept into the church, and the members grasped the same spirit: and by so doing they would do or dispose of anything for money. The fact is, that the love for money was the prevailing spirit during that epoch. The oil and the wine is symbolic of faith and love, which are graces of the spirit. And in the midst of that money loving and corruptible period faith and love were still retained in the church. Because it was not God's will that these should be destroyed from the earth.

### The Fourth Seal.

I turn to the sixth chapter of Revelation, verses 7, 8, reads thus: "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: And lo, his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell (hades, the grave) followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." This seal was opened in the year A. D. 538. The paleness of the horse is symbolic of the persecuted or sick condition of the church. The pale nations of the dead represented by the papacy had come upon the earth with their ferocious power of putting an end to all who were antagonistic to their erroneous and superstitious doctrines.

At the opening of this seal the Bishop of Rome was made the visible head of all the churches. The Death and Hell

which followed the rider denotes the papal power who went forth with the sword to kill all who resolved to keep the faith unspotted. The power that was given him over the fourth part of the earth is symbolic of the territory over which this power had jurisdiction. The phraseology to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth indicates the inflictions which cause death, and the means by which they put to death the saints. This period is called the dark ages, and history records the fact that during this era over fifty million martyrs suffered under the cruel hand of the papacy. This seal continued till the year 1517, when the reformers began their work of exposing the errors of the papacy.

#### The Fifth Seal.

Revelation 6:9-11. "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." A. D. 1517 marks the opening of this seal.

The souls that were seen under the altar crying for vengeance would doubtless settle the question of disembodied and conscious state of the dead. But before coming to this conclusion, let us take this subject under careful consideration. This altar could not be in heaven, for the only altar that is there is the altar of incense, and it is quite impracticable for souls to be shut up under an altar in heaven crying for vengeance. From the fact that if they were already in heaven, they would have no need of crying for vengeance, as the eternal weight of glory would becloud their minds from all earthly struggles. We must therefore conclude without contradiction that the altar in question is upon the earth;

which is the altar of sacrifice under which these martyrs were slain, and their blood crieth for vengeance even as the blood of righteous Abel crieth to the Lord from the ground. Gen. 4:9, 10. Inspiration further teaches that the stone (which is a dead object) shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it. Hab. 2:11. Compare Psalms 9:12.

The white robes that were given them is the overcomer's reward. One may say, the prophet declared that white robes were already given them, and if they were not in heaven, how could white robes be given them? But this is quite obvious, for even as Jesus had said to the dying thief, upon the cross, "today thou shalt be with me in Paradise"; in like manner were these white robes given the martyrs. For as everybody knows that the thief did not go into Paradise that very day. But as Jesus spake the promise, from that same time he became subject to Paradise. Yet he is asleep in the silent grave awaiting the voice of the life-giver on the resurrection morn, then he'll be taken to the promised Paradise. So also were these white robes given to the martyrs to be enjoyed in the Great Hereafter. Because they are also asleep in the silent grave awaiting the resurrection to obtain the promise.

This same promise is still sounding down the stream of time: "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. All the patriarchs are still in the grave awaiting the resurrection. They are not in heaven. For the apostle declared that "David is not ascended into the heavens. Acts 2:34, and his sepulchre is with us until this day." Verse 29. The little season denotes the time when the reformation accomplished its work by restraining the papal persecution.

#### The Sixth Seal

Revelation 6: 12-14. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of

hair, and the moon became as blood. And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond man, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks: Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

A. D. 1755 marks the opening of this seal. The first event under this seal is the great Lisbon earthquake. History records the fact that this great earthquake extended over a tract of at least 4,000,000 square miles. Europe, Africa and America were greatly affected by this great catastrophe. Houses were shaken, cities fell, thunder-claps were heard under ground, and large numbers of people were buried under the earth. In some places the sea rose some fifty feet above its ordinary level and in six minutes 60,000 persons perished. This is the greatest and most extensive earthquake ever witnessed by the human family from the creation of the world to the present.

The next event is the darkening of the sun, which occurred in the year 1780. And on that very night the moon became blood. All this was predicted by the prophet Joel, which reveals the soon approach of our Lord in glory. For says Jehovah, "I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." Joel 2:30, 31.

Historians described this remarkable phenomena as follows: "Toward nine o'clock in the morning the clouds became thinner, and assumed a brassy or coppery appearance, and earth,

rocks, trees, buildings, water, and persons were changed by the strange, unearthly light. A few minutes later, a heavy black cloud spread over the entire sky except a narrow rim at the horizon, and it was as dark as it usually is at nine o'clock on a summer evening. Fear and awe filled every mind, and with frightful eyes they looked across the dark landscape.

Fowls began to retire to their roosts, horses began to go into their barns. Bats began to fly about, frogs and night-hawks began their notes. Farmers began to leave their work in the field, carpenters began to put their tools down. Cocks crew and everything bore the gloom of night. While the birds sung their evening songs, and the beasts thought that night had come." But human hearts knew that night had not yet come. With woeful admiration they viewed this strange phenomena.

It seems to every one that the day of judgment was ushering in, and that the consummation of all things had come.

Candles were lighted at mid-day. Humans' hearts were terrified and cries for mercy were heard from every lip. But it was a deplorable fact that they did not know that 'twas a fulfilment of the signs of the time as the word of God hath declared. The darkness continued till night when the moon became as blood. How wonderful and accurate is the fulfilment of the prophecies!

The third event is the falling of the stars which occurred on November 13th, 1833. Eye-witnesses declared that balls of fire fell from the sky. This strange scene was an astonishment to all. The whole firmament was in fiery commotion. And as the Scripture had said, the stars shall fall as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind. Same met its fulfilment at the set time according to the prediction of Jesus, that immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the power of the heaven shall be shaken." Matt. 24:29.

The fourth event of this sixth

seal is the departure of the heavens as a scroll when it is rolled together. Which is the sign of the Son of Man. Dear hearers: take notice. The word of the Lord declares that "this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled." Matt. 24:34. That is, the generation that have seen the fallen stars, which is the last event that precedes the departure of the heaven in a scroll, shall not pass away till the sign of the Son of Man is seen. The question now arises, "What is a generation? Authentic history informs us that a generation is one hundred years. Gen. 15:13, 16.

From 1833 to 1924 is 91 years. Subtract 91 from 100 (which is a generation) leaves 9. From this we can just imagine how near we are in the end of time, for only 9 years are left for the generation to pass. And since that is so, are you making sure of your **eternal salvation?** Watch for the time is short. We are living under the sixth seal and the next event is the second approach of our Lord in glory, when the wicked will run to the rocks and into the ragged rocks for a place of shelter. Are you discerning the signs of the times? And know that the consummation of all things is at hand. Get ready! Get ready! Get ready! No time to delay. For soon, very soon, the sun will set beyond the western sky, and usher in the dawn of heaven's eternal morn. This seal covers an indefinite time, and will culminate in the departure of the heaven as a scroll, and the distress and anguish of the impenitent.

#### The Seventh Seal.

The seventh seal will open when Jesus leaves the heavenly courts to take his loved ones to their promised home. "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour." Rev. 8:1. The cause of this silence in heaven is attributable to the fact that when Jesus burst the clouds of heaven, all the holy angels will come with him. "For thus saith the Lord: When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." Matt. 25:31. Therefore, since the rec-

ord says, "all the holy angels with him," it can be clearly seen that since heaven is empty of all the holy angels, this is what will cause the silence.

Half an hour is one-forty-eighth part of time. Time in prophecy is one year, or 360 days, according to the Jewish calendar. Hence one-forty-eighth of 360 equals seven and one-half. This seven and a half days is the period limited for the travel of the Redeemer to the Holy City. And during this time they will spend a Sabbath on their way home. As the fiery chariots ascend upward to the eternal city, the commanding angels strike a note; and the vast throng will touch their golden harpstrings in sweet melodious strain: and as they reach the heavenly portals, Jesus opens wide the pearly gates that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter into the Paradise of God. Isa. 26:2, to dwell with him through the boundless cycles of eternity.

It is only those who keep the truth will be admitted into the city of God. Query: What is truth? "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth." Psalms 119:142. "Thou art near, O Lord, and all thy commandments are truth." Verse 151. From the foregoing Scripture it can be clearly understood that only commandment keepers can enter into that eternal city. Rev. 22:14. "And from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before the Lord." Isa. 66:22, 23. When all Sabbath keepers come to worship before the Lord in that everlasting bliss, where will Sunday keepers go? God did not institute Sunday keeping. The devil did it through the pope of Rome, and all who follow him cannot enter into the Paradise of God. "For in vain they do worship me saith the Lord, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:9; Isa. 29:13.

No Sunday worshippers will be there, for they are commandment breakers. And all commandment breakers will be outside the city, Rev. 22:15; and will finally be cast into the lake of fire, along with the devil and



the false prophets. Rev. 21:8; 20: 9 10. Terrible will be the fate of the rejectors of God's law. But the keepers of God's law will shine in the kingdom of their God, eat of the tree of life, drink of life's crystal river, and shew forth his praise throughout endless ages.

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### Twenty-fifth Meeting.

On Sabbath morning, May 31st, the last Sabbath of the session, the Twenty-fifth Meeting was held at 9:45. It was encouraging to see more than a hundred gathered under the big tent for Sabbath-school. The lessons were generally dispensed with, and special papers and talks were made regarding the Sabbath-School officers, teachers and members. The following was presented by Bro. David E. Williams, the Superintendent of the Sabbath-School.

### The Superintendent.

"The Sabbath-School, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth." Mrs. E. G. White, "Testimonies on the Sabbath-School Work," page 18.

### His Relation to the School.

The word superintendent means, "one who has the oversight and charge of something, with the power of directing." No one can properly fill the office of the superintendent of a Sabbath-School who does not have exalted ideas of the sacredness of the work. The relation of the superintendent to the school is such that he holds to a large extent the character of the work as a whole. There is something more devolving upon the highest officer in a school than merely the formal opening, and conducting, and closing of each session. It is his duty to oversee and direct a part of the work of God, and by thoughtful, intelligent effort to bring the members of his school to a knowledge of the saving power of Christ. This cannot be done in a mechanical, formal way.

The relation between the superintendent and the other offi-

cers and teachers should be close, harmonious, and mutually helpful. While assistant officers and teachers work under the control and direction of the superintendent, they should also act as counsellors and advisers to him. No policy, plan, or method should be adopted before consultation; for the best efforts fail of success without unity of action. The superintendent, who runs too far ahead of his associates, officers and teachers will break the cord that binds them together. The superintendent should avoid an offensive display of authority. It is unbecoming, unnecessary, and tends to create a feeling of estrangement. His assistant officers and teachers are, doubtless, persons of mature judgment and some experience; and their opinions should have weight with him. A wise superintendent will spare no effort to secure the hearty co-operation of his associates.

(To be continued)

### BUSINESS PRINCIPLES.

There is no branch of legitimate business for which the Bible does not afford an essential preparation. Its principles of diligence, honesty, thrift, temperance, and purity are the secret of true success. These principles, as set forth in the Book of Proverbs, constitute a treasury of practical wisdom. Where can the merchant, the artisan, the director of men in any department of business, find better maxims for himself or for his employes than are found in these words of the wise man:

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

"In all labor there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury."

"The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing." "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

"A talebearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words;" "but every fool will be meddling."

"Go not in the way of the evil man;" "can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?"

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise."

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

"The whole circle of our obligation to one another is covered by that word of Christ's, 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even to them.'"

How many a man has escaped financial failure and ruin by heeding the warnings, so often repeated and emphasized in the Scriptures:

"Wealth gotten in haste shall be diminished; but he that gathereth by labor shall have increase."

"The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death."

"The borrower is servant to the lender."

"He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it; and he that hateth suretyship is sure."

"Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless; for their Redeemer is mighty; He shall plead their cause with thee." "He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want."

"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him."

"Seize upon truth, where'er 'tis found,

Amongst your friends, amongst your foes,

On christian or heathen ground;

The flower's divine where'er it grows."

"The lover of ease cannot have as his portion, success, greatness, nor the best of all good things."

"We spend days of trouble and nights of anguish, while the Comforter waits unheeded by our side."