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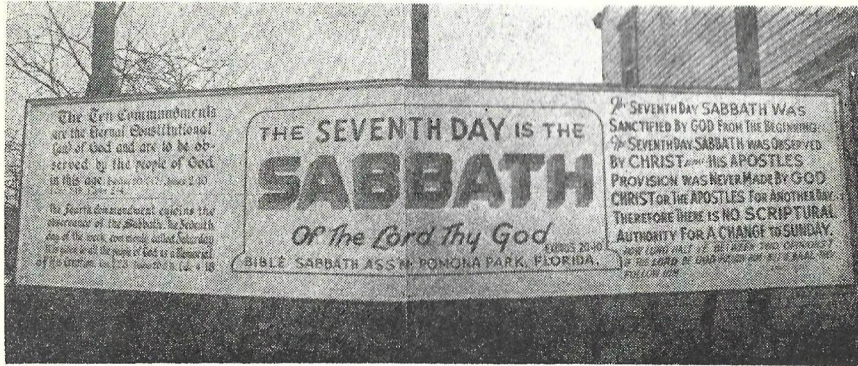
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

By Elder Albert G. Gearhart
President, The Bible Sabbath Association

Speaking of Pictures--



Back in the month of October, 1950, first mention of the erection of new Bible Sabbath Association roadside signs was made. Our Brother Ferdinand Lighte, 508 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, had a very fine job done in the behalf of the Association. We brought this to the attention of the membership of the Association through the pages of the October, 1950, **Bulletin**. Of course at that time we could not show the picture. We are pleased to do so now. We hope that all who see this sign will appreciate the great amount of work in its preparation, and that all will pray that the message which it has to convey will sink deep into the heart of the observer.

Brother Lighte had this to say about the sign:

"The sign is on one of the main streets near a traffic light and illuminated at night, where thousands of cars,

buses and pedestrians pass daily.

"The sign is about 100 feet from the traffic light which stops traffic every three minutes for three minutes—so it gives occupants of cars and buses time to read the sign in full. Quite a few people have already commended me about the sign and one gentleman came in and spoke of the sign and wanted particulars about the B.S.A."

Since the original picture had to be reduced in order to fit the pages of our **SENTINEL**, some of the wording may not be clear in the cut. You should be able to recognize the entire center section without any difficulty. We shall give you the wording and Bible references which appear on either side of this. First, the left side:

"The Ten Commandments are the Eternal Constitutional Law of God and are to be observed by the people of God in this age. Exodus 20:2-17, James 2:10, I Cor. 7:19, I John 2:4."

You will notice a slight line and then the reading continues:

"The Fourth Commandment enjoins the observance of the Sabbath. The Seventh day of the week, commonly called Saturday. It is given to all the people of God as a memorial of His Creation. Gen. 2:2, 3; Exodus 20:8-11, Luke 4:18."

Now, looking over to the right side of the picture, we find the following wording and reference:

"The Seventh Day Sabbath was Sanctified By God From The Beginning. The Seventh Day Sabbath was Observed By Christ and His Apostles. Provision was Never Made By God, Christ or The Apostles For Another Day. Therefore There is No Scriptural Authority For A Change to Sunday."

There is another slight line of separation and then we have the following wording:

"How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God—follow Him—but if Baal—then follow him. I Kings 18:21."

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Now, for the second picture of which we shall speak—

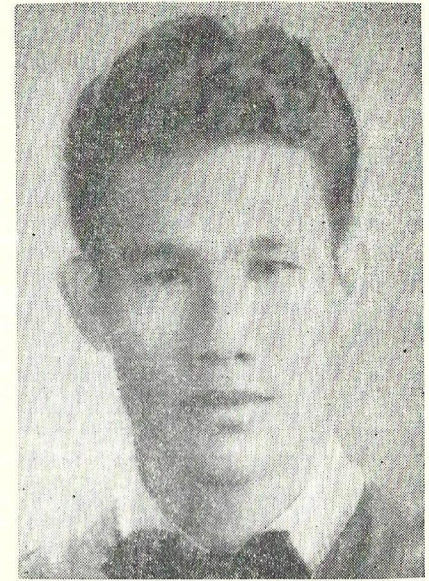
Meet our Filipino Brother and Co-worker for the Cause of the Sabbath, Alfonso Denila.

Our Brother sent this on the occasion of his 1951 graduation—we're not sure, but believe that he attended Philippine Union College. We would appreciate our Brother verifying this. Here is the brief message that he penned on the reverse side of the picture from which the cut was taken:

To Brother A. G. Gearhart,

I am sending you my simple picture in memory of the graduation, 1951. Thank you for your active labor in God's service. Someday, by God's help I will be joining you actively.

Yours in Christ,
A. Denila



This young man is very sincere in his stand for the Truth. He needs our prayers and our encouragement. May the Father bless our Brother as he seeks ways and means of attaining his aspirations to be connected more actively with this work.

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We would like to have your picture or that of some work for the Lord such as you have just seen. None of us seek publicity or a place in the sun, as it were, but it is nice to become acquainted and meet each other on paper if not face to face. To see concrete examples of work that has been done may inspire others to attempt similar feats.

"Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." (Isaiah 56:2)

An Awakened Public in Scientific Attitude Can Come Only Through
Knowledge of Science

SCIENCE AND NATURE

"The heavens declare . . . the firmament showeth."

It is our intention to feed those readers underprivileged in advanced study, but hungry for more than "popularization." In the interest of clearness, a line segment may be loosely called a line, functions used may be presumed continuous and mathematical rigidity may be sacrificed. While knowledge of high school mathematics is presumed, pertinent review will appear on occasion. Each topic will be discussed upward from the elements, or will give reference to a previous development of them. By graded steps discussion will be clear to the general reader as far as he can go; but then deliberately carried further, as a challenge for further study from references given. Reader participation is invited. Urgent appeal is made to our big elder brothers in science to correct, supplement, suggest, and drop plums from above into our open mouths. Contributions will appear from "John Doe" when so directed, to protect fully any contributor troubled by publicity. Participation in this department in no manner identifies one with any religious, political, or social activity, other than study.

A Scientist Extends the Invitation

We think of 50 years as a long time. On Earth's great timepiece, it is a second. But there is a sundial that says: "It's later than you think."

Once, long before man, it was size that counted. A little animal only a foot long, which has been popularly called Leaping Lena, founded a dynasty of giant creatures that could reach leaves three stories above the ground.

If we could have watched the growth of the dinosaurs through 140 million years, we might have believed that size and strength alone were most desirable for success. But nature had something else in store—something that was to wipe the giants from the earth, almost as if they had never lived.

It became common for a small animal to win over a large one. In a limited sense, the meek inherited the earth. Actually, a better nervous system was evolving. Evolution was laying the founda-

tions for the creature that talks, laughs, plans, and calls himself master of the world—the creature that invents, chooses, and learns from books—the creature whose mysterious desires can bring him close to God and whose pride can cast him lower than the beast.

This creature shivered his way through half a million years before he discovered how to make a fire. It took him almost as long again to make a good machine to put it out.

Evolution teaches that three things are necessary to produce change — Variation, Selection, Transmission. If all of Leaping Lena's children had been alike, there could have been no change. But anyone who has raised dogs knows that there are variations in every litter. In the wild, some young are better able to survive the hazards of life—are stronger, swifter, more gifted in the arts of concealment. So a process of

natural selection takes place. The ones better fitted to meet life's conditions are more apt to survive to maturity. And some that reach maturity are more likely to secure a mate, produce their kind, and transmit their effective traits to the next generation.

There is a comparison between this kind of evolution—organic evolution—and cultural evolution.

The difference is that cultural evolution refers to all the tools that man uses and all his laws and social institutions. These are not passed on by heredity but chiefly through books and spoken tradition.

In cultural evolution, invention plays the part of variation. Choice takes the place of natural selection. And a lot of things that might be bunched together under "education" take the place of transmission and keep alive the tools and customs we judge desirable. They form the design for tomorrow. The design is the heritage we leave our children.

So we have Invention, Choice, Design.

Speech was the first great achievement that put man on the road to cultural evolution. It permitted the transmission of powers from parent to child without heredity. Written language greatly quickened the process, because it took the burden off memory.

Man now has a multitude of machines to help him build new machines. He even has electronic "brains" to solve mathematical problems.

In the last 50 years, science has

given us the motion picture, the airplane, radio, poison gas, television, radar, jet propulsion, atomic power, antibiotics, and the tools of bacterial warfare.

In the next 50 years, science will give us things that will prolong life and things that will shorten it; things that will appeal to your highest nature and to your lowest. But no one can tell what the world will be like, because it's for you to choose.

We are beginning to see that our skill in choosing falls far behind our inventive talent. We find ourselves driving a 100-mile-an-hour car with a 10-mile-an-hour steering wheel.

Whether we shall spiral upward or downward will depend upon this process called Choice. As long as there is freedom of judgment, it is up to you to choose. Scientists will help us beyond their role of inventing and testing new paths. They will advise. But the choice must be yours.

Focused on this vital act of choice are two powerful forces. One is the creed that Might Makes Right. The other is the belief that the Strong Shall Help the Weak. One feeds on hate, the other on love. One is destructive, the other creative. One breeds strife, the other peace. They are at opposite poles. You can't very well believe in both at the same time.

Science will give us miracles. We shall need also the miracle that raises us above our creature origin. Science can plant two seeds where there was one. So

can the thief grow more vicious, the larger the loot.

It tires man to fix his calendar to the seasons and his timepiece to the stirring of life in a tiny cell. The wheels can be spread on the laboratory table, but who can yet put them together? We plant the seed in the field and then must wait, obedient to natural law. Before God, can we show surprise if, after sowing atoms and confessing no regret, we are to reap them?

We are all one with the earth and shall return to it. The slumchild pressing its cheek to the fresh grass. A man going home to the mountain.

Invention — Choice — Design. For good or ill, these are the handmaidens of our destiny. When Choice becomes Moral Responsibility, Invention becomes Inspiration, and the Design is full

of Hope.

It's for you to choose.

Two wars leave us in pain, and the world is sick. Black, white, yellow, red—each in his Maker's image; each exalted, each tempted. At home we deny our brother, while we add new strength to the old weapon. We were born in the day but have defiled our place in the sun. Those born in the night reach for our hand but do not find it; and a cloud rolls in, low over the earth.

Our brief time here has been a wedding of Hate and Power. In this union, dare we pray for the daughters of Love — Moral Responsibility, Inspiration, Hope?

Having brought ourselves to the edge of Eternity, dare we NOT pray for them?

—Edward M. Weyer, Jr.
Editor Natural History Magazine.

The Scribbler's Pen

By Pastor Isaac R. Smith

I knew that this valuable magazine with its important news would fall into the hands of you better-thinking people, who are always aiming at the best. I am sure that it is the aim of The Bible Sabbath Association and the editor to give you the best from time to time in every issue; so much so that if you don't get it very often you'll pine for it. Won't you?

I am wondering if my pen can find anything to scribble, or what a scribbler like me can say. My

pen is telling you that it is now 12:41 on this very hot day of September. After lunch, I decided to use up a few minutes with pen and paper.

The blazing golden sun is overhead, steering his way to the west; but although in haste, he passes nothing noticed.

As I looked up to see what he is after, my eyes caught the clear blue sky. In the northern and western directions there isn't a bit of cloud—only the clear blue, blue sky. Looking eastward in the far distance there are heavy clouds, and in the south there are much thicker clouds, nearer to the sun, but these clouds are as

motionless as a log. Lowering my eyes in the northern direction, it seems to me that the sky is just dropping down through the branches of trees and the boughs of the coconut trees. That makes a beautiful background — green leaves and blue sky.

Strange, though — they say nothing to me, and I myself only stare at them. The whole atmosphere is still.

However, I couldn't stand the glare, so I left for a nearby tree, and just as I sat, a cool, refreshing breeze began to blow. I look, and in the southeast is a stately blue mountain, and a crow flying toward it. O, my, I wish I could picture to you what I see. I can only let you know what I say. "Great and marvelous are thy works—wonderful hast thou made them all." Continually I repeat the words of David, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

Again I begin to wonder if

there is another country in all the world like this little island of Jamaica. Whether it came into existence by the breaking off of a piece of Cuba or Central America, or by volcanic action, as some say, I don't know; neither am I concerned; but this I certainly do know: it is revealing the glory of the Creator, and his power and kindness, too.

You may not have the blazing golden sun, but you have the sun, the silver moon, the starry heavens, and the breezes, too. You may not be in the isle of spring, but you have mountains, hills, rivers, lakes, seas, birds, and day and night to tell you of the Most High. Do you appreciate nature? The Almighty is behind it, he who rested from labor on the seventh day is in nature, too. After six days of toil and labor comes the day of rest. You cannot acknowledge the Creator and praise his wonderful work and admire the things of nature without accepting the witness of his creative power: the holy Sabbath day.

Gleanings from the Sands

By George W. McLaughlin

A study of things which were made supplies a living testament to supplement the written testimony regarding the Maker. Only a few decades ago mathematically precise laws were supposed to underlie only the physical sciences, no connection being apparent between isolated events in the biological and the social sciences. At this time one would hesitate to launch a study project in either of

the latter sciences without free use of the laws of probability and statistics. These laws are inexorably exact if not applied to too few events. The earliest and best-known example is the mortality table as an unailing basis for insurance. One application after another has appeared until present mathematical requirements are taxing the endurance of students and the ingenuity of teachers. With