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Don't Believe in Education.

We are surprised to receive letters from a few of our brethren regarding the college proposition, who express themselves as being very sorry that we are engaged in an effort of this nature. The reason they give is that the Holy Spirit through the word will guide us into all truth, that colleges and schools are of the Devil; that God does not need them in his work, and that they can use what funds they have for themselves. We are very glad, however, that there are only a few who take such an extreme view and who are so non-progressive, for were they in the majority the United States would be another Mexico, filled with superstitious, mythical theories of barbarism, relics of the dark ages, which can thrive only in the brain of ignorance.

We are greatly surprised that any intelligent person would oppose good wholesome education. It is the uneducated person who most easily falls victim to the stange delusions and deceptions of the last days. If the rising generation, the world over, only had knowledge of our past history; the encroachments of certain powers that have held universal sway, and brought darkness over the world, the seed of falsehood being sown and germinating in the brain of ignorance, they would forever keep themselves free from it's clutches, and not speak against education. The Lord says regarding wisdom and understanding, "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleas-

ant unto thy soul; discretion shall keep thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things." Proverbs 2: 10-12. We are surprised that two or three of the letters we received are well written, proper names capitalized, spelling and punctuation perfect, and we wonder where these people received the knowledge making them capable of producing such Rhetoric. Did they receive it as a direct revelation from the Lord, or through a system of schooling as our beloved Apostle Paul received his education, and whom doubtless because of his learning, God used as His chosen vessel through whom He reaveled to us one half of the New Testament scriptures. I cannot understand why persons who have received a good education should be so ungrateful and speak so harshly against the bulding of a college, whose sole purpose is to furnish a system of good sound education for our children bringing them up in the environment of christian influence, having the teachngs of the Bible as the foundation upon which to build their lives, unless as one stated he could use what he had for himself and wishes to do so. Such a school is badly needed, and if we do not have a school of our own, the children will attend other schools, as they have done in the past, and where often coming in contact with the giddy world, they are led in the broad way which Jesus says leads to destruction.

What shall we do, shall we sit idly by beholding many of the rising generation drift away on the rising tide of wordliness, and not provide a means of rescue? Or shall we act as we would if standing on the shore of the Niagara, viewing a canoe filled with a gay crowd of laughing youth, drifting speedily for the mighty falls unmindful of their danger? Would we provide a means of rescue for them if it were within our power, or would we bother ourselves with their pending danger? Let us think solemnly and prayerfully over this matter, and throw out to the innocent youth, as it were, the lifeline of refuge guiding them safely o'er the tempestuous billows of the evils of our day. If we do not it will be required of us in the judgment and we will be classed with the slothful servants among whom there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—Editor.

CORRECTION

Following the writeup of the debate in ADVOCATE January 6th, where some statements of explanation were made regarding Elder Porter wishing to write up his own side of the debate on the Sabbath question, and that we had given him this liberty. It was stated here as follows, "He declined to do this, and after some correspondence between us regarding the debate on the Sabbath question, and his paying for part of it, we wrote him." This should have read, "After some correspondence between us regarding the printing of te debate on the Sabbath question in book form, and his paying for half of it."

Here an Investigative Judgment?

G. W. Sarber.

To the brethren scattered abroad, Greetings, and all to whom this may concern. I have been requested to give an explanation concerning the doctrine of the investigative judgment. I thought it best to do so through the columns of the BIBLE ADVOCATE. In the first place I have no Bible to offer as proof to substantiate such a doctrine whatever. To my knowledge, the only people teaching this doctrine is the Seventh Day Adventist, and they do so from what is known to them as the Testimonies or prophecies of their deceased prophetess, Ellen G. White. The claim is that since the year 1844 there has been a judgment going on in heaven to sort out who will be worthy to go to heaven at the time Jesus comes, and kills all the wicked, and takes the saints back to heaven, to reign in heaven with him a 1,000 years. The Bible student will see the whole theory an error.

The writer can not believe this doctrine, because the scriptures of truth teach to the contrary. So we will compare a few texts in as brief a manner as possible. Paul in his charge to Timothy says, I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. From the above it will be learned that the judgment will be at the appearing of the Lord and His kingdom, and not beginning at the date of 1844. On the other hand if Christ ceased to be the Advocate of man, and become a king or judge at that time who has filled the office as mediator since the above date? Can you tell?

Again, did Jesus take the kingdom in the year of 1844? I answer, no. Jesus is to take the throne of David. Luke 1: 31-32 reads, Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. We might ask was David in heaven? Oh, no, it was at Jerusalem in Palestine on this earth.

The prophet Isaiah makes this more plain in regard to the judging. Isa. 16: 5. In mercy shall the throne be established, and He (Christ) sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David judging and seeking judgment. Paul says we all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Rom. 14: 10. It will be no secret affair dear, reader: for every ill spoken word will come before the righteous Judge. It will not be done in dark corner; it will be in open court. This investigative judgment theory reminds the writer of a grand jury

was like the fiery name. Dan. 7: 9-26. Compare this with Rev. 11: 18. And the nations were angry and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and they might be rewarded. Have you heard of any one receiving their reward?

The scriptures teach that the judging of Israel will be done by those who followed Christ through the regeneration and it will be when He sits on the throne of His glory. Matt. 19: 28. And in the face of all this some insist that the judgment is no going on, how absurd the thought. Suppose your case was reached to-day, and found worthy for immortality and you receive it, and become equal to angels..

The throne of Grace is the only throne we can come unto at this time, and thanks be to God, Jesus stands there pleading in our behalf, and not as a judge in the investigative judgment. If it be true then those who followed Jesus through the regeneration have gone to heaven, and are on twelve thrones there judging the twelve tribes of Israel. But listen what Jesus said. John 8: 21, I go My way, and ye shall seek Me and shall die in your sins: whither I go ye can not come. Jesus repeated this same statement to His children or those who had followed Him in the regeneration. John 13: 33. From the foregoing it would be an utter impossibility for this imaginary judgment to be a truth. It is actually a twin brother to the doctrine of purgatory. Dear reader, we are living in a time when we must stick close to God's word and not be led about by those who claim to be gifted, unless it is in harmony with the Bible. More might be said but this we think enough.
Knox, Ind.

AGENTS WANTED.

We want to hear from more agents who wish to sell our new book, of Bible Readings. The name for the book is "The Home Bible Instructor." It is a fine work and will prove a blessing to many homes, and lead many people to see the true light of God's holy Word. It is a book that will meet a ready sale, and we are going to give agents a commission which will pay them well for their time. Let us hear from all who are situated so they can handle this work, for in doing so they will be scattering the seeds of truth, and at the same time receiving a good compensation for their time and effort.

The following brethren have sent in new subscribers for the BIBLE ADVOCATE the last week, Marinda Harrod, Victor Raymond, S. L. Harmon, H. E. Presler, Mary M. Oglesbee, and J. M. Williams. We thank these brothers and sisters for helping to spread the message of a soon coming Savior.

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