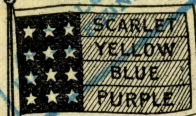


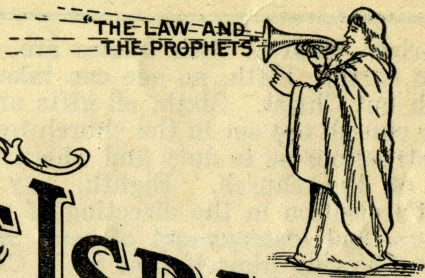
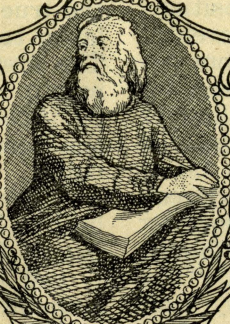
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IS THERE A TRUE ORGANIZATION?

To the above we certainly say yes. There is also a true church. As to this organization and church man has had nothing whatever to do in shaping it in any way. It is not of man's wisdom or planning. All men has ever had to do with it was to accept it as it was made by the Lord himself. This church is perfectly organized even to detail governing the actions of all its members. Its appointed seasons of worship are all appointed. The ministry with all other gifts needed in its government and service is all provided for. The mind that guides this organization and service is divine. It needs no constitution, or by-laws, that are not given in the Bible. It has no committees to nominate its officers or plan for its finances. The same laws governing each member is today the same as governed Adam and Eve. It has but one head and that is Christ. Every person who accepts the headship of any other organization "sits in the temple of God, showing himself he is God," regardless of the name which designates his office. Let it be Pope, President, Chairman, or Chief Councillor, it matters not.

The Name of the True Church.

It is called "the Church of the Firstborn." It is called "The Church." It is called "the Church of God," and so on. In its divided congregational localities, these are called the churches, whether it is in a house or synagogue, as they meet for service.

How Each Must Become a Member of the Church.

This is done, first, by true "repentance towards God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." On conditions of this compliance each one "is made a new creature in Christ Jesus," unto perfect obedience in all the requirements of God. We enter this church by the new birth, by being born again, through the word and the power of the Holy Spirit. On compliance to this requirement our names are written in heaven, in the Lamb's Book of Life. Thus we see thus far as stated, "God adds to the church such as shall be saved." Man cannot add one single member to the church. God does that. Neither can man take any out of the church.

Christ is the head of the church and we are all members of his body. Hence as the head directs each member of the body so each member of the church is directed by Christ individually into all truth. "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God." If his word abides in you and you abide in him, this is the condition

of fellowship, both with Christ and the Father, as well as with all saints.

True fellowship is brought about by the word and not by man's specifications of faith. If the same word abides in me that abides with the Father and the Son that gives me perfect fellowship with them. Then if my brethren have the same word abiding in them then the union is complete. This is unity of the church and nothing else is unity.

The Gifts in the Church.

And "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly, teachers; after that miracles, gifts of healing, helps, governments, and diversity of tongues, pastors, evangelists." 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:13.

Note, it is God who sets these gifts of the spirit in the church, not man. Therefore in the true church it is utterly impossible for man to prepare by election, education, or employing them in any way to act in any of the capacities mentioned. These gifts are all by divine appointment by him who knows the hearts of all men. And effort to fill these positions by a committee, or in any other way is but to show our ignorance. The result of all such is now plainly to be seen. The choosing of these men by God in all the past is plainly written, so no mistake need be made. They have been called from various walks in life and all taught by God, not men. Any worker coming from any other source is but a hireling and a poor representative.

The Directing of these Men and Workers is all from God.

Any one who at all knows the Scriptures knows that in all cases God alone sent his servants where they should go, and do the work he had for them to perform. This we need not argue for a moment.

Overseers of the Flock.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made thee overseers." Acts 20:20. Man has no right to appoint any one to oversee the flock. That must come from the Holy Ghost. Thus far we see that Christ is the head of the church. The membership constitute the body and members in particular. All are directed by the head. That is also represented by Christ being the vine and each member the branch. All drawing nourishment from the vine direct and not through a system of officials.

First, each member is connected individually and are held responsible individually. Second, Christ adds to his church such as shall be saved. Third, the conditions of membership is to be born again and made a new creature

in Christ. Fourth, their names are written in heaven, not on earth. Fifth, no one can take them out of that church but Christ. Sixth, all gifts and official positions in the church are set in the church by Christ. Seventh, all instructions as to duty and where to go are from the head of the church. Eighth, any person assuming Christ's position in the directing of men, the calling of workers, and management of men, sits in the place of Christ, showing himself that he is Christ. Thus far it is perfectly easy and plain to see the difference between Christ's church and a thing made by man, and named by man. Note, while the true church is called "The Church of God," "The Disciples," "The Church," and "The Churches." The calling of these things made by man by those names does not make them so, any more than to call a black baby white. It is not by the name only they should be distinguished. It is the color and character that determines what they are. Those who boast of the name they call themselves only show their ignorance and shame, trying to palm off something for the genuine when it is but a false thing made of man, bearing man's stamp on it and not the divine.

By Their Fruits Shall You Know Them.

The true membership and the true church are known by all men who know the Bible. The true follow their discipline closely. Also certain lessons are to be taught at certain seasons. Among these our teaching of the law of Moses brings out as follow: First, family devotions, each morning and evening there was a lamb to be slain as a burnt offering and also fire was to be taken from the golden altar and placed in the censor which burned the incense as a memorial to God. This taught morning and evening prayers by all members of the true church. All faithful members will obey God in this for it is the spiritual life of the member. Some prayed three times a day. No member of the true church will wish to avoid the gift of prayer, both in secret and public, that is a duty we owe to ourselves and to God.

Sabbath Worship.

By the offering on the Sabbath day of two extra lambs, making four in all on the Sabbath, this taught the importance of meeting for worship on that day. We are admonished "not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together," and "the much more as we see the day of the return of the Lord approaching."

It was Christ's custom to meet on the Sabbath for worship. This duty all true members will do when possible, who belong to the true church. The next appointed season to observe is the new moon or monthly appointment as already cited in our comments on the law of Moses. This will be another duty which each member will perform. The next is the Passover. This was appointed to be observed on the fourteenth day of the first month. The fifteenth day was the feast of unleavened bread and the sixteenth day the offering of the wave sheaf. These will all be observed at the set time and the lesson in each of them will be taught on these set seasons of worship by all true teachers, and profited by, by all true members in the true church. They will not be observed at any time but the time set by the head of the church, which is Christ, as he appointed in his word.

The Pentecost.

Fifty days following the resurrection of Christ and for fifteen hundred years prior to that event the true church observed this set season of worship, also we read that Paul and the disciples observed it long after the resurrection. It will be observed as appointed by all members of the true church. Some of the false organizations observe the communion of the Passover quarterly, and some even weekly. The pentecost is not observed

by any of them. Thus the contrast is easy to see. The next is the day of atonement, appointed by the head of the true church, and also the blowing of trumpets. The latter to take place on the first day of the seventh month. The first to take place on the tenth day of the seventh month. The observance of these and the lessons taught by them are entirely lost by the false churches, while the true members of the true church will observe them both.

The feast of tabernacles and the feast of ingatherings to be held for eight days beginning on the fifteenth day of this seventh month. Both the lesson taught by it and the time of its observance is lost by the false churches, while the true church will be found observing it.

The Support of the Gospel.

This is all provided for in the discipline of the true church, as we have cited in our teaching on the law of Moses; by the tithes and offerings definitely and positively given. The false churches have their own way of raising the finances for their hireling service while the true membership will do as the Lord requires in this respect. This will be one of the things whereby the true may be known from the false. If any one who claims a membership in the true church and does not do as the discipline of that church requires you may know their membership is to be questioned.

Music; Songs of Zion.

Singing is one of the important service of the true church, so God has not left that to man to write the thought and sentiment to be sung. The Bible is complete. As we are to sing with the spirit and the understanding also. The Lord has given us the Psalms which are inspired free from all error, each sentence teaching some truth. This production of the Holy Ghost is not to be compared with those of man's production. They are as much higher as heaven is of earth. So we need not bother with fixing a denominational hymn book, we already have it, it never grows old. There is more in the first Psalm than in all man-made books. So the true church has that all provided for them.

The Proper Language.

This is the language of Canaan says the prophet which the Remnant will speak; not the Hebrew, but the Bible language as translated in our language. The Friends Church saw this truth and practiced it in their early history.

The Colors or Ensign of Israel.

The time is here for that ensign to be lifted up. We hope these colors will be adopted by the twelve tribes now scattered abroad.

Now as to Organization.

Some say they do not believe in church organization. To this we cannot agree. God is a God of order and system and every thing he does is systematic. His church is in perfect harmony. Confusion belongs to the others and not to the true. Now we ask the question: it is this: If the children of God do as the Lord requires in all things, are they organized? We say most thoroughly. But God is the organizer, not man. **God adds to the church. God places the rulers in the church by the Holy Ghost. God sets the different gifts of the spirit in the church. God directs these laborers where they are to go. God provides for their support from those for whom they labor. God converts the heart of each member. Thus God has provided a perfect disciplin for seasons of worship and the lesson to be taught during those seasons. He sends his own missionaries. In brief tell us something of any importance he has overlooked for the promulgation of the gospel? There is nothing.**

1919 and the Law.

Who will join in making this a year when they will certainly learn the teachings of God's laws?

All who will do this will find that nothing will give them a greater insight to an understanding of the Bible than the study of God's laws. It is one of God's two witnesses. It is the very foundation on which the whole plan of salvation is built. We do not mean by this study that you will study the Sabbath question alone, neither any other one subject, but the whole teaching of the laws as they are given in the Bible. Says Malachi, "Remember ye the law of Moses which he commanded in Horeb with the statutes and judgments for all Israel."

The Lord said to Joshua:

"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

"Be strong and of good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."—Joshua 1:5-9.

Be of good courage ye children of the Lord at this time. For nothing but success will ever attend those who regard God's law. Nothing can stand before them, only success, success, success, is as sure to follow all who obey God's laws in every respect as the sun is to arise each day.

This is the first year, no doubt, since the great apostacy was fully developed that there was a people who starts out as a company of the Remnant people to observe all the laws of God, to carry them out for the purpose for which they were written, seeking the lesson taught by each sacrifice and the observance of the appointed days of worship. Thus becoming the thoroughly organized people of the Lord. This means much. Every one should secure volume one and two of the "Book of the Law," for a helper to this study. Gain the point where you know as an individual where you stand on this important question. It will feed your soul.

By the side of this great study comes the other witness, the prophets. These two lines carry the Remnant people through to the end of the race set before them. I feel this year to be one of such great interest to the Remnant people. God has been preparing for this for several years by developing the truth that covers the whole Bible and not some one or two points of which to make a hobby and establish a creed on.

The Lord instructed Israel in their choice of a king as follows:

"When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

"Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

"But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses, forasmuch as the Lord hath said

unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

"Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

"And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

"And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

"That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel."—Deut. 17:14-20.

Strange Notions.

Some think that without an organization made by men wherein certain rules are adopted and a creed established there could be nothing accomplished. They say if every one is left to do as they please and believe what they please it would be confusion and Babylon.

We were once just that ignorant. Why were we? Because it was all we knew, being reared and brought up at the feet of modern Gamalials we were taught so. The trouble was we did not know the Bible. In the true church there is the very best of unity and also fellowship. Why? Because they all believe the same. They are all guided by one teacher and head. They all take the same lesson from the same book. They are all guided by the same spirit into all truth. Now as long as the people can be held by their teachers and kept in the same ignorance, they will still believe as we once believed regarding a man-made organization. We ask why is it that the professed followers of Christ are so divided? All because they will hold onto their organization and creed adopted. Some of which are very old with age.

Last winter there was in our town a great effort by the three classes to unite. All said they wanted union, but when the real issue came one said they had the proper name. Another said their name and tenets were the oldest. The third had the best house of worship which was sufficient for all, and they should all meet with them. That soon ended the unity. There was nothing doing. This is but a sample of every organization in the world. They want union but are like the man who admitted the world turned on its axes, but he was the axes. God pity such blindness and selfishness. We told them all if they would throw away their disciplines and names and be willing to take the Bible alone in the church for study and all seek to comply with its teaching we would unite with them in the study of the word and worship on an equal basis. We think when a person or class are not willing to do this then they hold something above the Bible, and some organization above the Lord's organization. They wish something besides the truth. They are seeking for something in preference to Christ to guide them. The man or woman who cannot take the open Bible alone and study with honesty with others is to be pitied. They better learn the book.

We would not boast, far from it, but we will say the foregoing is the absolute true teaching of the Bible on organization, and the one who does not accept it will see their mistake when it may be too late to profit them.

LETTERS.

Read brethren Schenk's and Charlie's letters in this issue. We have many others just as good but no room yet to publish them.

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THE FEASTS FOR 1919.

We desire to begin this spring the observance of the annual feasts set apart to be observed by the children of God. The passover is the first.

A NEW TRACT.

We have just published a good supply of a tract, the title of which is, "The Three Woe Trumpets and the Close of Probation." It is a study of Revelation tenth chapter, with the trumpets. This is a tract that should have a wide circulation. All those who are assisting this work with the Lord's means, send for such a number as you wish free of charge. To all others the price is five cents each, ten for thirty cents.

OUR ADDRESS.

We now expect to be in California by the 19th of March. All mail sent to us at Britton will be forwarded at once or parties can write to us at 3202 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California. We ask all to be patient, not being able to secure the assistance needed in the office and Mrs. Rupert not being able to attend to the correspondence on account of poor health, this is the best we can do during our absence. Last summer our trip was so beneficial to the work and a very urgent call coming early this spring we could do nothing but go. Remember us in your prayers to God that he may again bless the work. This is no small undertaking for us, but if the Lord is with us our strength will be sufficient for the duties.

The books we have sent out creates the demand for personal labor and the sheep must be looked after. We are glad to report that some competent help is being raised up in different localities. We will say more about California later. There has been going on a wonderful work there by a zealous worker who has ordered hundreds of dollars worth of books this winter.

THE PAST MONTH.

February and thus far in March (the 11) has been a very busy time for us. We have sent out in that time near three thousand addresses, mailed and expressed many books, written many letters, and written for two issues of the paper, published a new tract, looked after the printing of "Time, Tradition and Truth," and many other things. Doing this work alone. It is true, as stated in one of our opposer's letters, our hand sometimes trembles in writing addresses. In fact, all the time. But we have the promise "unto the day so shall

our strength be." The Lord knows us and we trust to His guiding hand in each act we perform and depend on His leading as we ask Him to do it.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

We have surely been disappointed in not getting from the printers the new edition of T. T. sooner, but it was beyond our control. We have shipped out many of them. One hundred and forty copies have been ordered from California. We surely think it is worthy of a large circulation. Tell us what you think of its contents. Price \$1.80.

A CALL TO PREACH A FUNERAL.

The fifth of February we received a message to come to Kinsley, Kansas to preach the funeral of sister Mary Stewart. We had known her and her husband for near twenty years. She was the mother of eight children. Two of which died in early life. A daughter died at the age of thirteen years. Two daughters and two sons with her husband, Daniel Stewart, was present. She and her husband lived together fifty-two years. Her life was such that won the confidence of all who knew her. She was of the quiet, unassuming class. A splendid wife, a good mother, and one whose influence was on the upright side of life. Her age was seventy-four years, lacking five days. This leaves brother Stewart to spend his remaining days with the loss of a long life-time companion.

But while this is said, he has great reasons to be thankful for, four very kind children at whose homes he is at home. He remarked to me he had two son-in-laws that could not be beat in the state, these, with his four children and fifteen grand-children will furnish him with every want. Another good thing, the whole family are interested and some obey the truth with us. We are anxious to see them united in one family in the world to come. The large home of Mr. Fravill and wife, (one of the son-in-laws), all present were made comfortable, we spoke from the book of Ecclesiastes how Solomon had tried every pursuit of life to find the real goal, but at last said all was vanity which he had tried, then summing up he said to fear God and keep his commandments was the only real success there was in life, for God would bring everything into judgment whether good or bad.

The man who obeyed God made the only success there was, and the man or woman who done that made a success, while all others failed. We trust the lesson was not given in vain. If we could have our way every one of this large family would follow Solomon's advise and be saved. But this is a work for each individual to perform. We desire they should do it.

THE PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD.

There is recorded in the twelveth chapter of Exodus a record of Israel's departure from Egypt. The last plague was to fall on the Egyptians which was the destruction of all the first-born in every home. Moses and Aaron instructed the people the manner as told them by the Lord how to mark their door posts with the blood of the lamb and thus the angel would pass over their house. The Lord further instructed Israel that they should observe this feast of the passover every year on the fourteenth day of this first month (April) throughout their generations. Study the twelveth chapter carefully. It was an ordinance to be observed by

each family or by a sufficient^a number to eat the lamb. No priest was required to officiate over the table. In addition to the lamb they were to eat unleavened bread during the seven days which followed. Leaven in the Scriptures is a symbol of false doctrine. Also it represents malice and envy. Says the apostle in speaking of the observance of this feast, "Your glorying is not good, know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sanctified for us. Therefore **let us keep the feast**, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor. 5:6-8. Nothing could be more plainly stated than the above to show that the feast was to be perpetuated during those days and the days to follow the apostles. It also teaches that in the observance the same lesson was to be taught the people that the symbols used by Moses taught.

Christ Observed the Feast.

Christ and his disciples observed this feast. The night of the betrayal he ate the passover with his disciples and when they were eating he took the cup and the bread and changed the emblem from the body of the lamb and its blood to the bread and wine which were to point back to his crucifixion. The feast still remains to be observed at the same time in each year. Christ did not die quarterly nor weekly, but once in the year on a certain day of a certain month. So we hold that an annual ordinance is still to be observed and the same lesson taught now by it as was taught in the days of Moses. That lesson can only be taught by learning the significance of each symbol in the ordinance. The lesson it taught should be taught to the people now.

Its Observance.

As those come together to partake of the ordinance they should first study each Scripture bearing on the subject. It would be well to spend sufficient time before partaking of the emblems that all present might have some knowledge at least of the lesson taught before partaking of the ordinance. Read 1 Cor. 11:18 and forward.

The Unleavened Bread.

This is to be observed during the week to follow. Remember the lesson taught by it and let there be a personal examination by each individual during this time and see if there is any unleavened symptoms in their character, if so, before the next Sabbath of the feast, let it be put away that they may be a new lump, free from every sin.

With this brief article we can cite the reader to the "Book of the Law," volume two, on the passover for further instruction. This article is so brief for want of space in the paper. Much must now be left out of this number which we desired published. Let all, if there is but one family in a place, observe this feast. It was strickly requested by the Lord from all the Israelites. Just now as the plagues are again to fall on Remnant Israel let us be prepared as they were when they left Egypt that we may escape.

A LETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

My Dear Brother:

I hope this letter will find you in restored health, and that you are able to go about your usual duties. I might have replied a couple of days ago, but I had several other letters to write and I thought I had better get them off my hands, so as to give me plenty of time to write you. I wish some times that I could put more of my time to writing. I tried to get the papers here to

let me use a little space on some phases of the war, but they would not do it. Once in a great while I am able to slip in some thing bearing on the truth.

I had a letter from _____, since I wrote you last, and he has called my attention again to the Japanese, as though I was not watching them constantly. The boy has always said that they were a treacherous race, and they were just waiting for a chance at this country, but he thinks that they will so dominate the Chinese that they will eventually succeed in making them a subject country.

I believe I stated in my last letter that it was to be continued, but I have changed my mind somewhat, and I will take up a little different line of thought, yet it might come in under a general heading. I am going to talk for a little while on **the Testimony of Jesus, and the Spirit of Prophecy**, and I am going to tell you how I understand these two points, from my reading and study of the Scriptures. I know that what I believe in regard to them is not in harmony with the belief of the S. D. A. people, but I cannot help that. I believe I am right, and it will take some pretty strong evidence of a Scriptural character to cause me to see differently, and I do not think it can be done.

Because of these views I have advanced concerning the Spirit of Prophecy, I have been accused of denying sister White, etc, etc., but I have done nothing of the kind. Do I believe in the Spirit of Prophecy? I most certainly do, because that is plain Scripture. Do I believe in the Testimony of Jesus Christ? Indeed I do, for that is also Scripture. My Bible tells me that the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Prophecy. Rev. 19:10. I also read that the Remnant of the seed of the woman keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus. Rev. 12:17. I am quoting from the American Revised Version. Note carefully, that it is the Remnant, or last of the seed of the woman who have or hold the testimony. It does not say that **she** or **he** holds the testimony, but **they**. Who? They, the Remnant, or the rest of the woman's seed, and this means that they all have the testimony, and not one individual. Again in Rev. 19:10 the same thing is said in exactly the same language: "I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus." Note. It is the **brethren** who hold the testimony. "Worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." There you have the whole thing in a nutshell. The spirit of prophecy amounts to nothing without the testimony of Jesus, and it is the testimony of Jesus that gives life or spirit to prophecy, and all who **bear witness of the word of God hold the testimony of Jesus**. I need not cite you to the numerous texts of Scripture to prove this. Now, did sister White have the testimony of Jesus? I firmly believe she did. Did she have the spirit of prophecy? If she held the testimony of Jesus, she certainly had the spirit of prophecy, just the same as you have it, and thousands of others. It is contrary to the plain reading of the Scriptures to claim that any one individual alone possesses these two functions. The spirit of prophecy is not the gift to prophesy. That is an individual gift from God, and is not given promiscuously, any more than is the gift of healing.

How many thousands suffered death because of their hold to the testimony of Jesus, and it is because of the hold that thousands today have on the testimony of Jesus that holds the world together, and gives life or spirit to prophecy, or to true preaching. No man, no matter how learned he may be, can become a successful exponent of the word of God unless he has or holds the testimony of Jesus, and that testimony gives life to his preaching or prophecy, as the Scripture calls it.

I was taught to believe that sister White alone had the testimony of Jesus and the spirit of prophecy. I

believed it for a good many years as do many believe now, but I cannot believe any more that only one person in all the world holds the testimony of Jesus, and that person dead. What then is become of the testimony of Jesus and the spirit of prophecy? Is it dead too? Ah! no. Thank God it is very much alive in the world today, and there are thousands who are bearing witness for the word of God, and who hold the testimony of Jesus. What is it to hold the testimony? Is it not to bear witness? When one is called to the stand to testify in any matter before a court of justice, is he not bearing witness, and does not his testimony have more or less weight upon the matter under consideration? The character of the man, his bearing, and the truthful replies to all the questions asked him, have a mighty influence with the judge or the jury as the case may be. Even so with the follower of Christ. Men note his character, and his bearing, and the manner in which he presents his testimony, and they can easily tell if he is a true witness or not, if he is, they will believe his testimony, and accept his prophecy, for they can see that there is life in what he has said, and therefore, it is this true testimony that has given life to his prophecy.

You may not agree to all or to any thing that I have said, but that makes no difference. I am telling you how and what I believe of these two things, and how I understand them, after a careful study of the matter from a Scriptural standpoint alone. I cannot think that the S. D. A. people are doing right in claiming that one individual only had the testimony of Jesus and the spirit of prophecy. That would be claiming that as long as sister White was in the world, they had these two things among them, but when she died, that ended the testimony of Jesus and the spirit of prophecy, and it is no more in the world, except in her writings. Oh, no, that is not true. It cannot be, for surely the testimony of Jesus is as much in the world now as it was when she was alive. If not, I feel sorry for the Remnant people.

Well good night. Use this enclosed check in any way to help yourself or to further the Lord's cause. It belongs to Him. God bless you.—Charlie.

We regard the above letter as correct on the Spirit of Prophecy. God's two witnesses are the law and the prophets. All who live and teach them in truth have the testimony of Jesus.—Editor.

A GOOD LETTER.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Brother Rupert:

Your good letter received, many thanks for it. I wish to make only a few remarks in regard to my missionary trip to Illinois. I feel like praising God for the dear souls whom I visited, my three cousins, who take such a noble stand on the side of God's glorious truth. I wish them God's richest blessings. I found them all enthusiastic over the word of God. Seeing this, the Scripture in Acts 2:41 came into my heart, which says: that those who received the word of God gladly were baptized. So I baptized two of them at the home of Mr. Louis Landes, Cissna Park, Ill., where we all were together in blessed fellowship. How pleasant it is among people who believe the truth of God and have enough love and respect for God to obey his commandments. Says the apostle, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14. I hope to meet them in the city of New Jerusalem some sweet day. I ask all the readers of the Remnant to remember them in their prayers.

There are many things I would like to mention in this letter, but I fear it would make it too long. There

is one thing I will mention, and that is, the light I received through reading Elder Rupert's books on those hard points in Paul's writings which are so little understood by professed Christians of today. The apostle Peter saw great danger in these things and speaks of them as follows: "Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you: as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." 2 Peter 3:15, 16. Now one of those hard points in Paul's writings which is so badly missused by professed Christians is the 2nd chapter of Colossians. It is used to fight against the sacred law of God which Christ and all prophets testify, it would stand for ever. For me this light is of very great value and wish to thank God for it. Those lawless gospel ministers whom I meet everywhere, who win large congregations to their side by telling them pleasing fables will now have a hard time to maintain their no-law theory, if only our people will be wise enough to use this light. It is wonderful how Satan succeeds in blinding our understanding that we might never come to a knowledge of the truth. But blessed is the man who finds the truth of God.

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." Jer. 9:23, 24.

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THE SEVEN TRUMPETS.

Their Relation to the Present European War.

(Continued from last issue.)

"And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

"Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth." Rev. 14:16-18.

The seventh trumpet is not a trumpet of peace. It is a trumpet of war and trouble. It covers the culmination of all things both to the world and the people of God.

Under this trumpet the children of God are gathered out of the nations, and once more live over the wilderness experience in the feast of tabernacles. The world knows nothing but war and violence as it was before the flood when violence filled the earth. Is it too much for us to say that now, just now, the people of God are living in the most critical time in all the world's history?

Conclusion and Compiling of Evidence.

First as shown in the book cited, four of the seven trumpets have their application to the Western Empire of Rome. Second, The fifth and sixth have their application to the Eastern Empire of Rome. Third, The prophetic period of 1260 years applied to the Western Empire, and covers the history of the Papal form of government in that Empire. Fourth, The prophetic periods of 150 years, and the 1290 years, and also the 391 years, belong to the Eastern Empire, and is fulfilled by the Mohammedan power. The 2300 years found in the eight chapter of Daniel begins with the division of

the Eastern Empire into four parts, 301 B. C., and ends 5999 A. M. The 1335 years begins with the rise of Mohammedanism 628 A. D. and ends in 1963 A. D. At the time of the partial resurrection. Dan. 12:3. The thirty years spoken of by Hosea, Zechariah, and Isaiah, begins with the close of probation and ends thirty years later. The feast of tabernacles begins when the thirty years ends and lasts forty years. The seven years following Armageddon begins with the close of the 40 year period and ends at the coming of Christ. These later periods all have their fulfillment after the close of probation. See Diagram in the book cited.

We wish to say at this point, These periods, the trumpets, furnish a combination as they are fitted together in our teaching which we believe are impregnable so far as any one is able to change or alter a position taken. These points are fitted together as the finest piece of machinery and no part can be taken out without ruining the whole mechanism. With this fitting together comes chronology and all the prophetic predictions pertaining to this period of time covered by the time referred to. Thus binds the whole in one harmonious fitting, such as no other teaching ever developed in the world does. This teaching belongs to the credit of no man. It is simply the time for "the little book" (the Bible) to be opened, and it is now open, and it is the privilege of all the children of God who obey him in all things to see the whole story through to the end.

Let this leaflet be circulated far and near to every honest soul who desires truth. God will bless those who join in doing their part. Let the things in the booklet here printed and the book cited to in it, be carried to every country, till the children of God are delivered from Babylonish errors and identified with the Remnant people of God.

The Present Peace Movement.

We would not in any way be understood to be in favor of war, neither would we wish to speak against those who are making such a noble effort to bring about peace. But we must speak the truth and say, If the present effort should bring about the anticipated universal peace and disarmament of the nations we would be compelled to say we know nothing about the teaching of the Bible.

The Bible is very positive and plain in its statement. It says in all its teaching that war, famine, and pestilence will be the common plagues to be visited on the world. Now if these do not come as taught by us in all our writings, then we are left at sea, not knowing where we are, or what to believe. Our forty-five years of Bible study is a failure. Now the peace movement is not based on the Bible teaching, but simply urged from a human reasoning, and desire of some minds. Hence we have an equal right to express our mind also equally with theirs, though they be high in standing in the world. I do not hesitate to say with all due respect to their intelligence and with all respect to our own nation in loyalty that the peace advocates are a failure. The peace will never come. The disposition and character of men must first be changed, and that will never be accomplished, if the Bible be true. So far as I am concerned, as an individual, I propose to believe the Bible, though it makes all men liars. Let not the children of God be deceived. The war cloud is darker today than it was a year prior to the European war, now partly closed.

Many grave problems are to be settled which man cannot settle. The whole story is, the world is wicked and God will punish the inhabitants of the world for their sins and that punishment is told as being accomplished by the sword, the famine, and the pestilence. The word of God can no man change. It will surely come as told and happy is the man who makes God his refuge.

Such men as Taft, Wilson, etc., tell us if the peace movement does not succeed there will be a war not to be compared in greatness to the one just closed. That is a truth. God says so also, without or with the peace movement. Let us believe God.

Des Moines, Iowa.

Elder G. G. Rupert:—

My dear friend and brother, your "Positive Appeal and Challenge" reached me today. With almost a trembling hand I hasten a reply.

In the first place I wish to say I am so sorry. What are our dear people going to do? Here we are 120,000 strong and we supposed we were walking in the light and now we must confess we have been in the darkness all these years. Bro. Garmire for years has been telling us we were all wrong, still we paid but little attention to what he said because we thought he was saying things that did not amount to much. Elder D. M. Canright has endeavored to show us we were wrong, but his statements were so contradictory we did not think it would hurt us very much, and I hardly think it has. Elder A. T. Jones has also fixed his heavy guns at the S. D. A. citidal, but no great damage has been the result. So I might go on and name others who have exploded their theological magazines and still our people seem to thrive under it all. But now my old friend and brother comes out and positively states we are all wrong. I am so sorry now we must give it all up or go against your decision in the matter. Is there any thing I could say or do that would persuade you to keep from tearing us all to pieces. We are still hoping you will not go and further and blast all our hopes. Well I will now close trusting you will have pity upon us.

Yours Trembling.

The above letter is a fair sample of some we receive, in fact all we have received in reply to our tract, "Appeal to S. D. A. to Cease Teaching Error."

The writer asks what can he do to save his cause. We reply, just answer the Scriptural argument and teaching we have published in our tract referred to. Give us a fair, honest, sensible reply to our positions taken and show us up to be wrong in our Bible teaching on those chapters.—the seventh, eighth, and ninth chapters of Daniel. That is all we ask. It is all we want. The writer says they have thrived under the opposition of those men mentioned. I am not surprised at that. If the Seventh Day Adventist could not grow with the workers and means they control it would be a strange thing. Every other denomination in the world has done the same. The Catholic Church has now 260,000,000 members, yet no one would take that as evidence that they have the truth. This brother knows all this as well as we, but he must think his membership are ignorant enough that he can play such an argument with them. He surely knows that such boasting would separate them from God if nothing else would do it.

Now, my brother, if you will get down to business and study the Scripture cited in the tract with me and show wherein my teaching is wrong, then others as well as myself will think you have confidence in your position. Until a fair honest reply to our argument and teaching is given the "Appeal" stands good. Come along and meet us.

The tract "Appeal" has been sent to one thousand workers and ministers. Yes, more than that. This is the third letter received in reply. Both are almost alike so far as meeting the question.

Is it not sad that a ministry who would have answered such an argument made against them on the Sunday question by the hundreds of letters accepting the challenge, but now to have them hide out as a whipped cur

with nothing to say, not even a bark? I say, is it not strange that they will not either meet the issue squarely and honestly, as a minister of the gospel should meet such an appeal, or acknowledge they haven't the argument to meet the case? Truly it is strange to me to have them do so when I know from past associations they would do it on the nature of man or the Sabbath question by the hundreds of acceptances.

The prophet says, "They are all dumb dogs lying down, refusing to bark." We hold most emphatically the time as pointed out in prophecy is now here when the call is to come out of Babylon and the trumpet must give no uncertain sound. We do not hesitate to say in bold black faced type, **The Seventh Day Adventist are decidedly wrong in their teaching on many points of Scripture.** Their organization is wrong. It matters not how many honest people are among them, or how much we love them, neither how we have enjoyed their associations in times past. None of these change facts. They are decidedly wrong and nothing but a fair examination of the Scriptures that all may see and learn to consider positions taken will ever clear their skirts before God and sensible people. All such argument and sarcasm as used in the above letter is worthless. Such dies with the one who offers it. The "Appeal" is only a forerunner of what is to follow on other subjects.

ANOTHER LETTER ARRIVES. THE THIRD ONE.

GARDEN CITY SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL.

San Jose, Cal.

G. G. Rupert:—

You say Seventh Day Adventists, and all others in error. Well, I would advise you to save postage and send to those "in error," as I do not know any Seventh Day Adventists in error upon this subject.

You poor old man, if you are as old as the tremor of your hand shows in addressing the envelope, you better be spending your time in the study of the Bible, and ask God to direct you to understand it.

Elder Place is not at the Garden City Sanitarium, I am sorry to say, and I looked over the erroneous and harmless, (as far as S. D. As. are concerned) pamphlet and decided it was not worth the stamp to forward to Elder Place, so it goes into the fire, not the waste basket, as some poor fellow seeking light might be misled by it.

Better spend your time for some purpose, rather than to be idly expecting to mislead some poor fellow mortal.

Your Need a Saviour. (No name given.)

We wish our readers to know the situation, so occasionally we publish letters from others. Especially we wish them to enjoy such letters as the above with us. It is opposition that makes us spur up in the work of the Lord. We haven't served the Master all these years without knowing the opposer of truth would oppose. It however is easy to see of what spirit it is that does not agree with truth. Not one ever enters into the merits of the question to see who is wrong from the Bible. The opposer never fails to have plenty of some thing else.

This paper will be a live one from this on I feel sure, for the thing is now getting where the shoe pinches the traveler who is walking in error. The old Quaker who heard a man belching out vileness from his mouth, asked him if he had any more in him, if so, to put it out, saying, "Thee will feel better if thee will get it all out." We realize human nature is hard to admit the truth and meet a fair honest argument, but our advice is to do it or keep still, that others do not see your weakness. This is a serious question.

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