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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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## THE BOLESHEVIC AND THE YELLOW PERIL.

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Forty to fifty years ago I read of the cruelties which befell the banished opposers of the Russian government to the far off land of snow and cold in Siberia, I read of the long drives made with the snow sleds which were loaded with prisoners who were torn from their homes and families, never to see them again. The impression given of those prisoners was, that they were very bad people, who stirred up strife and waged war on the government, thus making it a necessity to banish them where they could no more be heard of.

Later years began to reveal in the reading matter, that the Government was a cruel despot over its subjects, which denied every privilege of speech and freedom in thought as to how things should be. It was also revealed that those who had been banished were a class who had given vent to their minds and tried to help the poor down-trodden people out of their unhapy condition. Thus it was shown that the ones banished were the more intellectual and humane class and so the education has been going on until today, the old regime of Government is overthrown, and a Soviet form of Government is now in operation. Thus the point in these statements is designed to show that Russia, the "land of Magog" the Grandson of Noah, was marked to be the place where the movement of the Socialist, The Communist, and all similar organizations were to have their rise, according to the story of the prophet. Today that same spirit that characterized the long ago socialist of Russia, has grown in the world, till every nation under the sun is honey-combed with the same spirit. These are absolute facts. The U. S. has deported back to Russia many of that class who were sowing the seed in this country hoping to avert the spread of the contagious conditions that has troubled Russia. To say the least, it is time everyone should be well acquainted with the coming storm that threatens the World's overthrow. It can't be laughed off, nor sneered away, but like a pestilence of the Almighty, it will accomplish its work. To the man of the World it means everything to him, to the Child of God it means His redemption is nigh at hand. To the wise it is said "he seeth the evil and hideth himself." To the foolish "he passeth on and is punished." Read this chapter and

treasure it up in thine heart.

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### THE BOLSHEVICK AND THE YELLOW PERIL

It is the privilege of the student of prophecy, as of no other class, to see and know what movements in the World are such as are pointed out in the inspired word. It is their privilege as the movement shapes up, to discern the marks upon it as pointed out by the prophets. Thus seeing what are the distinguished marks given, which are to characterize the work pointed out which Russia will do. This book teaches that Russia the "Land of Magog" is to be leader of the greatest army against the west that was ever raised in past history. That army is to overthrow the whole west, as pointed out in this book. It is therefore well to know and study well all the marks given, that we may know when and what are the underlying principles of the movement. Here are the marks. Says the prophet:

"Thus saith the Lord God: "It shall also come to pass at the same time, shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought, and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages, I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without bars or gates, to take a spoil, to take a prey." Eze. 38.

The thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel as shown in this book, deals expressly with Russia in the last days. It says, that evil thought is to rob and take a prey. Covetousness and desire for the things of others, is the prevailing sin of the last days, selfishness is at the root of every evil thing. The love of money sets the World in a craze, money buys virtue, it would cause every principle of that which is pure, honest, and true to bow at it's altar. The rich and the poor are alike. It controls the buyer and the seller, the giver of usury and the taker of usury, it rules the producer as well as the profiteer, the consumer as well as the dealer, it enters into the sacred altars of the churches, it moves the ministry from place to place, it gives the rich the most pleasant seat, while the poor takes the opposite. Money is no respecter of persons, it sacrifices the maid to the slave trade, it destroys the young man of promise, luxury which they think money produces is the goal to be obtained even at the risk of life, in bank robbing, and the pick-pocket. There is no exception of class or color, money is the ruling God of all, it is but the genuine, who, have been made pure by the new birth, that escapes its grasp" says the prophet, "it is the stumbling block of their iniquity."

"The Love of money" says the Apostle, "is the root of all evil."

It robs the Fatherless and the Widow.

It causes jails and prisons to be built.

It has caused millions of money, and tens of thousands of lives to be lost.

It causes short weights and measures,

It robs the poor and makes hogs of the rich who trust in it.

It makes men an abomination in the sight of God.

It dethrones intellect and makes fools,

It breaks up homes and wrecks happiness.

It bribes Senators, Courts and Juries,

It causes wrong laws to be enacted and places men in position who should not be in office,

It burns property and causes the majority of all murders.

It turned the noble young man with millions of others, away from God in sorrow,

It sends untold numbers to hell,

It causes war among nations, as the saying is "It is the rich man's war and the poor man's fight."

It makes hirelings in the Ministry, and places beggars in the pulpit. The love of money is truly the root of all evil.

Preachers will speak against strong drink, tobacco, unbecoming dress, but who hears about the evils of covetousness? Says God, "A covetous person shall be without with the whoremonger, the idolater, the liars and drunkards." The Apostle says: "If any be a covetous man or an extortioner, the saints shall not keep company with him, no, not so much as to eat (Commune)."

Paul said, "I would not have known sin except the law had said, **thou shalt not covet.**" He further said, "when the commandment came, sin by the commandment became exceedingly sinful." He says, "It wrought in me all manner of concupiscence, (irregular desires.) "Yes when we see ourselves as sinners by the commandment which forbids covetousness, then we see every irregular desire centers in a violation of that commandment. It is the last command of the ten, disobedience to every other command of the ten is caused by the disobedience of the tenth."

This is the root of all evil. There is the foundation upon which the Bolshevik and the Capitalist stand. It is this evil which is to soon overthrow the world.

Russia for long centuries has been ruled by Autocracy and Czardom. Ignorance has prevailed. The day at last arrived for the masses to take the rule into their own hands. The first step that opened the door was when Russia entered the war with the Allied forces of the west against Germany. Fate was again against them. Eight million of her men were sacrificed to the sword. As stated by the prophet, "I will turn them back." Her move was one that brought no relief, She was "turned back." But when turned back it only opened the door for the next step to be taken, and that was the overthrow of her own government by her own subjects. It is at present up to the first of 1920 in that floundering Hence Russia has been, and is yet, as the prophet said, she would be, like a floundering fish with hooks in her jaws. condition. But says the prophet, "I will bring thee forth thou and all the company that are assembled unto thee Russia will be a captain to them all with an army that shall come like a storm and like a cloud to cover the land." That day is rapidly approaching. "Now" says the prophet, "when that point is reached, an evil thought shall enter into the mind of the leader of this host. That thought which is evil is for them to plan to "go up to the land called the wealthy nation to take a spoil, and to lay their hand on a people who have gotten rich in cattle and goods to take a spoil. It is ever lawful for the oppressed to seek every honorable avenue for freedom, but to take that which belongs to another by robbery is evil, and only evil. It is right and law-

ful for every individual or nation by economy, industry and exercise of good judgment and industry to gain sufficiently for their comfort. That accumulation should never reach the point of oppression, or to in any way take advantage. Then that would be evil. But for one nation to "take the spoil" as the prophet says "their army here described will do, is evil and only evil." The Lord says it is an evil thought.

## SO RUSSIA HAS A FUTURE.

### BOLSHEVIKI

What is Bolsheviki? Bolshevism is defined best by the principles that govern the movement. As the movement gained its present power in Russia, by these principles, it is well to note the promises made to the people by the leaders of the movement. These are as follows as stated by another writer. As led by the cold and stubborn fanatic Lenine, and the clever adventurer Trotsky, the Bolsheviki solved the problem. This was done by meeting the weary, defeated soldiers to whom they promised a division of the lands. This met their favor.

Then they carried to the working men the promise that they should control the labor problem and be master of that branch of industry. Thus with the same proposition which overthrew France in its great revolution. The success has come to the Bolsheviki movement to this day in Russia.

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Dear Elder Rupert:—

I meant to write to you long ago, but for one reason or the other, I have been putting it off.

It is 'The Yellow Peril' that is occupying my thoughts and you will, perhaps, be interested to hear my views about it.

As you know I came from Russia, I have lived there a greater part of my life. There I have seen a movement growing which today is generally termed with "Bolshevism." Some 15 years ago when in Riga, I became a "socialist" and I lived in hopes that there would come a time when the barrier would be lifted between the classes, when all would be brothers, when the abolition of money would do away with greed, hatred, poverty and wealth! But at the same time I began to hate those who to my mind were oppressors unscrupulous and cold capitalists. I did not hesitate to reveal my thoughts, and thus made many adversaries and hindered my own advancement.

The terrible events during the trouble years of 1915 and 1916 opened my eyes as to the objects of the extreme social revolutionists and I began to realize that they represented a great menace. At that time, all the other political parties scoffed at this handful of extremists. How could they ever hope of gaining power and the support of the broad masses of the people! Above all, the old Czar regime was far too powerful, any revolution could easily be suffocated in its infancy. For centuries, Russian history represents a continuous chain of revolutionist propaganda of intellectuals who were trying to bring light to the great masses which lived in ignorance, poverty and slavery; but all these attempts failed as they were nipped in the bud by the widespread net of the police and spy system of the Russian government. With unheard of cruelty and barbarity all these movements were suppressed, and thousands upon thousands died in exile and prisons. Most of Russia's most popular poets, artists, and writers died from torture and exposure behind prison walls.

How could a small handful of fanatics ever hope of overthrowing the government?

The recent events have shown how a small band of determined men could not only accomplish this, but also destroy a great people.

I have followed the events in Russia closely and have become more and more convinced that the "Yellow Peril" under the leadership of Russia has begun its path of destruction and desolation. I have closely traced this very same movement here in this country and can plainly see in it the truth of the prophesies. Was, and is it not Russia into which the Lord has "put hooks in her jaws." Is it not Russia which is struggling helpless against Bolshevism, like a fish caught on a line, while the rest of the world is looking on indifferently, blind to the fact that the same menace is making progress in their own midst? Are the propagandists not coming from all over the globe, Russians, Bulgarians, Indians and Negroes, etc.? They have sprung up by the thousands as if by magic and their followers are counting by the millions!

I have been publishing in various papers a series of articles, touching this subject. It is not easy at all, as most of the newspapers and magazines are supporting this movement themselves, either with or without purpose. Many editors refuse to print certain subjects, as they are financially dependent upon the support of certain social circles, etc.

Endorsed you will find one of the latest ones in which I am trying to arouse the indifference of the public.

Please give me your comment on this, as I am anxious to know how you think about it. I am spreading my ideas abroad through friends hoping that they will help towards enlightenment and understanding of the perils which are threatening all the nations.

I am praying to God that he may open my eyes and lead me to the right path, as I am weak and helpless and lack confidence and strength.

A. HIEHLE

## RUSSIA'S PAST AND PRESENT

By A. Hiehle.

Born in Odessa, A. Hiehle of this city, writes knowingly about conditions in Russia. He states that few persons are familiar with the situation in that country and in a series of articles, the first of which is published herewith, he gives his opinion regarding conditions in that country.

Much has been said about Russia, but the contradictory and much confused news as related by the various magazines and papers, instead of bringing light on this subject have tended to put a veil of mystery around it.

No one knows the Russian people, their history, art and culture, or is interested in them. The average person probably judges them by the representatives of her autocratic government or the Russian immigrants with whom alone he has come in contact.

Only since the great war, Russia has come to the attention of the world, but suddenly, like a meteor, she has disappeared, leaving doubt even as to her very existence. The general impression seems to be that something fatal has happened to her, a catastrophe, which inevitably places outside the family of nations. At the hour, when the sufferings of all nations that have taken part in the gigantic conflict, are coming to an end, when everyone is receiving its due—victor, without discrimination, friend and foe alike—at this hour Russia is only not represented but not even given a voice or opportunity to be heard at the tribunal of nations.

This seems all the more strange when one reviews the prominent role Russia played during the war.

The motives of the Russian people leading up to the present situation have been sadly misrepresented and misunderstood. The problems confronting them today are analogue to our own. Russia's past and future are closely linked with that of the American people.

When north and south were torn asunder in the fratricidal war that laid the foundation for America's present greatness, unscrupulous English statesmen, taking advantage of the country's weakness, tried to interfere, but Russia, the

only European power, rose to our defense and sent its fleet to the assistance of the Union. This act of friendship cannot be forgotten, but will live in American history as a tie between the two great nations.

When the flames of the world war broke out Russia did not hesitate to throw her weight on the scale of justice and liberty. In the face of Germany's revenge she entered the conflict against Prussian militarism, against an autocracy that threatened to engulf the whole world.

Germany knew the weakness of the Russian government and counted on the unpreparedness of its army. Her plan was to crush France before Russia was able to mobilize her vast armies and then to turn the full weight of her military strength to the annihilation of the unprepared Russian neighbor.

However, the Russian people grasped at once the seriousness of the moment and from the peasant to the nobleman they responded to the call to arms with an enthusiasm that is unequaled in history. Although themselves enslaved for centuries by an autocratic government, the whole nation realized that militarism threatened not only their own existence, but that of the whole civilized world. At the same time, they saw in this war a ray of hope for their own freedom, just like the disastrous Crimean war had brought wide reforms to their country and liberation to the serfs.

This patriotism made it possible that great forces were assembled long before Germany was ready for them, and Austria, which was to check Russia in the meanwhile, was unable to stem the Russian impetus. Thus Germany was forced to recall some of her armies from the western front, her plans in France came to naught and General Joffre was able to halt the invaders on the Marne, averting disaster.

The same Russia during the following two years crushed Austria and tying more than half of Germany's armies to the eastern front gave the allies breathing space necessary to assemble sufficient forces to break the foe's resistance. Who can fortell the fate of Europe and the world in general had it not been for this gallant ally—Russia?

But Russia, which more than any other nation, had contributed to the final victory of the allied arms, had grown weak and susceptible. Dependent upon export and import trade, her entry in the world war isolated her entirely from the rest of the world, paralyzed her economic life and crippled her industries. Besides, the war supplies were literally controlled by German interests, directed from the illfamed Wilhelmstrasse. This latter fact explains the frequent explosions in the great munition centers, which so mysteriously destroyed so many arsenals and plants—this explains the inefficiency of the Russian war material and the evident shortage of it whenever a battle was eminent.

Nobody realized the unheard of hardships of those brave peasant soldiers who so nobly served the common cause. Time and time over again, they fought in winter's cold in their summer tunics, for days without food, shelter and arms, because under the strain of German intrigue the railway system had broken down and under the general confusion the government machine had collapsed.

The March of Revolution of 1917 brought about the fall of the hated czar regime; rotted and corrupt, it fell like a house of cards, The nation, that for centuries had suffered under its tyranny, breathed a sigh of relief—but this freedom was short-lived.

The provisional government which took to the reins of the new republic saw itself confronted with an enormous task—a tottering army defended a battle line of over a thousand miles, while in its rear, the reactionary elements, the adherents of the old regime, prepared to re-establish their lost power, and their antipodes, the extremists of the left showing an alarming activity.

This is the second of a series of articles on Russia written by A. Hiehle of this city who was born in Odessa and whose insight into conditions affecting his native land are not biased, except in so far as he wishes well for the land of his birth.

Lack of understanding prompted the allies to refuse Kerensky the financial support he so urgently needed for the reconstruction of the young state, and this fatal error was quickly followed up by Germany, which liberally financed Lenine, the soul of the extremist left, the bolshevik, and thus destroyed the allies' most faithful friend. The coup d'etat of November, 1917, made Kerensky a fugitive and Lenine took his place.

The war had given him the chief power. He quickly perceived that his best weapon was the disorganization of the army, and in this policy the soviet played readily into his hands.

In an unrestrained mass movement the extremists have the great advantage. They are most reckless, unscrupulous and destructive in their methods. They make the most forcible appeal to the coarser instincts of the mob. The bolshevik proved themselves masters in combining the presentation of a clear cut, simplified social ideal with a very powerful appeal to the impulses of suspicion and hate. Their aims were clear, their purpose definite. To secure control over the masses they had to ferment class feeling, to attack the bourgeoisie, and discredit the aims of the true patriots, the moderate parties of the revolution.

Led by the cold and stubborn fanatic Lenine, and the clever adventurer, Trotzky, the bolshevik solved the problem of power in a reckless and simplified manner of their own. They attracted the soldiers, weary and broken in spirit from the uneven fight, by the promise of immediate peace; the peasants by the promise of immediate socialization of land, and the working men by the promise of immediate establishment of labor control in the factories.

This was the reason why the bolshevik, although in a minority, gained control over the proletariat. The idea of the "triumph of the masses over the exploiters," over the "bourgeoisie," spread like an epidemic through the land and for a time rendered futile every attempt at resistance. They did, for a time, lull the peasants and workingmen into the belief that all property, personal and real, private, social and state, all had been stolen from the proletariat, and, consequently, it was quite in order to "rob the robbers!"

This bolshevist propaganda, at first financed and printed in Germany, was carried in millions upon millions of copies along the fighting front and among the garrisons in the rear, and as a result, the soldiers deserted the trenches by the thousands. Leaving their equipment and arms behind, they made for their homes, from which they had so cruelly been separated for three long years, and with which they had not even been allowed to communicate. Little wonder, that they welcomed the bolshevik as liberators; the anxiety for their families let them ignore any reasoning of their officers. All the attempts of Brusilov, Kornilov and Alexeiev to restore discipline and obedience were fruitless and the treaty of Brest Litovsk opened the frontiers to the German hordes.

They flooded the country carrying away with them everything of value. Enormous territories, previously untouched by the war, were thus looted and stripped, and where the population showed any resistance their homes and villages were burnt to the ground. Soon Russia's wealthiest provinces in the south took the resemblance of battlefields, and misery, famine and distress spread broadcast. Too late, the soldiers saw their mistake, unarmed they were unable to resist the invaders.

Before the army had dispersed, Lenine seized the opportunity to create a praetorian guard of his own, the nucleus of his present red armies. It consisted of idlers, adventurers and former German and Magyar prisoners, rein-

forced by hired hands of Chinese and Letts. They were thoroughly equipped, and led and instructed by German officers. The food control which Lenine assumed at once furnished him the bulk of his army, since the needs of the soldiers were always considered first; no matter how scanty the rations of the civilian population were, the soldiers lived in plenty.

This will be more clearly understood when one reviews the methods of the food distribution in "Sovdepiia." The civilian population was classified for this purpose into four categories, and the rations regulated accordingly on the basis of a card system. To the first class belonged the working men engaged in manual labor, to the second, employees of institutions, chiefly of the soviets, doctors and those engaged in lighter forms of manual work. These two divisions represent the privileged citizens of bolshevist Russia, the "Proletariat." The intellectuals in general, the clergy and members of the professions were given cards of the third class, but worst of all was the lot of the fourth category which included persons living on their independent means, proprietors of factories, theaters, etc. These two latter classes represented the hated "bourgeoisie." The rations for them were not only insufficient to sustain life, but the unfortunate holders of these cards were under constant suspicion as enemies of the soviet government and subject to search, arrest and even death sentence without trial.

However, with all their schemes, the bolshevik were unable to regulate the supply from the country into towns and thus were forced to reduce even the rations of the first two classes to a minimum. As a result famine is raging every where and the despair is daily driving thousands to the ranks of the red army, many of whom are opposed to bolshevism. These are the "volunteers" of the communist armies while the remainder is recruited by force. Some American papers are pointing out to these ever increasing numbers of Lenine's soldiers as a proof of his popularity and that of bolshevism, but carefully omit to explain who is making up their members.

Once master of the situation, Lenine proceeded to carry out his social experiments; he cared little for Russia, for his plans are not restricted to this unfortunate country alone—his aims are to bring about a world revolution, to destroy by force the present social conditions, no matter by what means. According to his ideal, present civilization must be rooted out before popular will can create a new world, without capitalism or class, without war and hatred—eternal happiness!

Russia, naturally, was his first object. This state once so powerful, today lies in ashes, disintegrated and dismembered. The impressive folk songs which in pre-war times greeted the visitor whenever he touched Russian soil are silenced and, instead, desolation and the moans of an unhappy people mark the wake of terrorism that is sweeping Russia's vast territories. Her villages and cities are burning and her people are decimated in cruel, fratricidal war. Her children are dying by the thousands, without a drop of milk to moisten their parched lips, under the deadened and dull stare of their mothers. No human power or words can describe the afflictions and horrors of the Russian tragedy of today. One-half of its educated class has been massacred, women have been violated and dishonored and children mercilessly butchered. Famine and epidemics are raging and in the absence of medical aid and the most indispensable articles of food, clothing and linen, whole families are perishing by the thousands. This is the result of Russia's "Heaven of Socialization!"

When all the destroying wave of bolshevism was pouring over the whole of Russia, the orderly Don and Kouban territories stood out, solitary islands in a heaving ocean of disorder and anarchy, they became the destination of hundreds of refugees who were fortunate enough to escape the delight of soviet regime.

### Third Installment.

On November 15, 1917, the old veteran, General Alexeiev, arrived in Novocherkassk, the capital of the Don Cossacks. He had come to gather a Russian army and to lead it to battle against Bolshevism for the salvation and re-establishment of a united Russia. What a strange mixture his followers represented! There were former officers, generals, cadets, office clerks and high school boys. They all entered Alexeiev's ranks as private soldiers. Amongst them were the known heroes of the great war—Kornilov, Lukomsky, Denikine, Markov, Romanovsky, and others. They came from all corners of Russia, most of them in civilian attire. Some had brought their families, while others had been forced to leave them behind to the mercy of bolshevist vengeance.

From a tiny group of a few hundred, within two years, they have grown to an army of over two hundred thousand. Notwithstanding their differences in nationalities, class, religion and political views, the common cause united them all.

It has been a long and weary fight, thousands have fallen, amongst them Russia's national heroes, Alexeiev and Kornilov, but they all have joyfully given their lives for a sacred cause.

Under the able leadership of General Denikine, the bolshevik has been driven from the Black Sea littoral and the whole south liberated. Meanwhile new volunteer armies have sprung up, that of Yudenich in the northwest, Tchajkovsky in the far north, and Admiral Kolchak in Siberia. They have all united under the leadership of Kolchak with a firm aim, to save this country from moral and material ruin and to give the people of Russia the opportunity to establish their destinies according to their own choice, thru a freely elected constituent assembly.

The task is enormous—for regenerated Russia is not only facing Lenine alone; against her there is still arrayed Germany. With her Spartacide and monarchist wings she is strenuously endeavoring to annihilate struggling Russia. Today the Russian army of liberation is fighting fresh German forces, splendidly equipped. Germany, in violation of the two-fold peace, the one of Brest Litovsk and the other resulting from the armistice, had not desisted from waging an obstinate war against Russia, by openly supplying Lenine with armies, officers and higher leadership.

The third enemy of a united Russia is represented by the separatist leaders, supported by the same Germany, to whom Russia's dismemberment is a means of capturing new markets, and who seek to get control of the national wealth and territories which formerly belonged to Russia.

All the nationalities know full well that new Russia, born from the revolution, has obliged herself to grant the greatest national liberties and autonomy to all of them. The tendency of certain territories towards absolute separation, like that of the Ukraina, under Petlura; Lithuania, Latveya, Esthonia and others is stimulated by elements who seek to gain advantage through it and fear the democratic influences of a federated republic of Russia. There are even here in this country scores of newspapers that with, or without intent, try to make their readers believe that all these nationalities were originally free and independent states, that have been forced under Russia's servitude and are now about to shake off the hated yoke! They are not saying the truth for these artificial "self determination movements" are not representing popular will but are merely a result of German intrigue, which in league with Austria, tried to undermine Russian unity. All these nationalities are inseparable from the integrity of the Russia State and although they have preserved their individual character, they were and must remain a part of the great people as which they have moulded Russian history. If Germany succeeds in dismembering Russia and in destroying her international prestige

the allies will find themselves facing a terrible menace, the menace of a general anarchy, of the triumph of Germany and bolshevism.

Meanwhile, bolshevism and propaganda has by no means been confined to Russia alone; like a contagious disease it has been spreading all through Europe and Asia and has reached our own country.

Lenine, in the Krasnaya Gazette, one of his press organs, says:

"Besides guns, we have other weapons, stronger than the British tanks with which the English harpies have supplied Denikine, and this weapon is our conviction, the light of knowledge. Bolshevism and the ideas of communism have come to replace effete religion. England, that farcial victor, is trembling and is ready to capitulate, because bolshevist ideas have spread like an epidemic over the countries enslaved by her. Our foreign policy is the propagation of our ideas; we have not—and indeed cannot—have any other policy. Every day brings victory of communism nearer and the day is not distant when all the secrets will become known, and the bourgeoisie of the whole world will shudder when it sees its last hour approaching. Our foreign policy is the guarantee of a world revolution, and the obvious conquests which communism has achieved in so short a time are proofs of our success."

These words do not remain a mere theory or phrase, they have become a fact, and every true patriot who has the welfare of his country at heart must squarely face it. The recent arrests made among the foreign agitators have revealed an alarming activity of bolshevist propaganda amongst the laboring classes.

Their leaders have long lost their control over the unions, this has become more and more pronounced during the recent strikes. Communism, syndicalism and all their milder forms have infested the minds of the labor world.

But this propaganda is not only spread through the radical press, which, since the war has grown to surprising proportions but is nourished by some of our most popular papers. Under cover of patriotism, dark forces are spreading sedition, incite race and class hatred, and fanning unrest and discontent, they are preparing the ground for the bolshevist terror that has reduced Russia to ruin and desolation.

This is the fourth and last of a series of articles on Russia written by A. Hiehle of this city, who was born in Odessa. Since these articles were written the All-Russian armies have suffered considerable reverses, Denikine has been forced to retire beyond the Don river and the coup of the social revolutionists in Irkutsk has torn the power from Kolchak who is kept a prisoner in their hands.

Only stupor and exhaustion, following after the terrible war, can explain the want of understanding, in regard to the dangers which affect us all and which are so imminent and real. It is time that the people in this country make earnest and look ahead. There are dark clouds gathering, the dawn of the coming storm.

All through the world the war has unquestionably lowered the standard of national morale, which can be judged by the alarmingly increasing crimes, especially against life and property. Every one of the fighting nations sacrificed their **very soul** for the cause they **thought** just and true. For civilians and soldiers alike who have gone through the experience of the war and daily witnessed its devastation and sacrifice of human life, the war has lost its terror, its ugliness. No matter to what class they belonged, in all of them tenderness of heart and conscience seem to have been lost or deadened. They who did not hesitate to bayonet the living body of the adversary, will they shrink from the use of violence to secure what they believe to be justice for themselves and those they love? Will law and property be an obstacle to them in carrying out their aim in the name of right and justice?

This psychology of the war is an inviting field for the bolshevist and in the profiteer and pacifist he is finding powerful allies—the first is formenting suspicion and hatred, the latter is obscuring the nation's view and lulls her to safety while destruction and desolation is threatening the great country that has been spared the terrors of the war and has become rich and prosperous, the leading nation of the world!

Shall the warning of the Scriptures remain unheeded, perhaps be made an object of ridicule? How grave and threatening it sounds, leaving no doubt as to the final outcome!

"And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of un-walled villages. I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell in safety, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to take a spoil and take a prey, to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten rich in cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land." Ex. 38.

The time "of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" is at hand!

We witnessed a well organized and united effort of certain publications throughout the world to conceal the truth from the people and to discredit the motives of the Russian people in their struggle against their bolshevik oppressors. They have succeeded in sowing disagreement and indecision among the allied leaders as to their Russian policy.

In the face of the discovery of a nation-wide plotting of bolshevist emissaries in this country there comes the alarming rumor from Paris that the allies are about to lift the blockade against bolshevik Russia and to recognize it as the de facto government since its growing successes on all fronts must be taken "as proof of popularity."

The all Russian government under Kolchak has made many mistakes, no doubt, but a proof of its soundness is that wherever it succeeded to liberate the country from the soviet, law and order has been re-established and state building has already begun. The recent reverses cannot change this fact, for a healthy cause, a setback is but a step toward improvement.

Russia, that so gallantly sacrificed more than 8,000,000 of its best sons on the altar of the allied cause, has been deserted and left to its fate. Can we remain indifferent to the sufferings of our great sister nation that more than any other people contributed to the peace and liberty, which we are now able to enjoy? Can we, who entered the war under the solemn pledge "to make the world safe for democracy" remain indifferent when the European statesmen are about to shake hands with those murderers and hang men that have trampled upon the rights and freedom of the Russian people and are threatening to bring about general anarchy?

Kolchak today is not fighting an enemy of Russia alone, he is fighting a common foe, an enemy of social freedom and order.

Shall we, like Russia, unprepared, fall a victim to those dark forces that are undermining the nation's foundation? The great majority of the people seem to be indifferent to the growing unrest and feel satisfied when one or the other of those self-styled "one hundred per cent American" profiteers themselves, give a lesson on "the high cost of living and patriotism."

We all, whether natives or foreign born, who have found liberty and protection under the American flag have a sacred duty—to keep it unstained. Neither radicalism of the left nor of the right can be tolerated, for they both would destroy law and order, the very foundation of the freedom of which the American has a right to be proud. We must not remain idle while our enemies are active and are sowing

broadcast the deadly poison of communism.

We hear of a strenuous effort of our government to rid the country of the foreign agitators, thousands of whom have been caught in the dragnet that has been cast from coast to coast. Many believe, or try to make others believe that with the ejection of these elements the safety of the country will be insured!

The deported emissaries of the bolsheviki have accomplished their aims openly, sowing the seeds of communism of speech and literature while some of their followers are spreading and furthering their ideas cowardly hidden under cover of the national flag. A part of the popular press has been made their weapon. While we find their editorials over-bubbling with self-praise of patriotism, their pages are decked with the emblem of the national flag, they are carrying on their shameful, unscrupulous work of sedition, class and race hatred. They represent our most dangerous enemy and if we want to destroy the evil by the root we must do it here and now.

### Later Movements.

New York, March 13.—News of the overthrow of the German government by a peaceful revolution and the setting up of a new government representing the monarchial idea of the German people is not in the least surprising.

It has seemed for some time that the revolutionary overthrow of the present government was a strong probability but it was difficult to judge whether that overthrow would be the right or the left wing, by the monarchial party or the extreme radicals.

The German people have long been trained to firm political leadership. They have been profoundly dissatisfied with their present political position and I am inclined to believe that a majority of the nation will look with favor upon a re-establishment of a firm government.

### Ludendorff to Russia

To my mind the most significant piece of news in some weeks prior to this news of the actual overthrow of the government was the cabled report, which, curiously, has attracted very little attention, that Ludendorff and his staff recently left Berlin for Russia.

Russia today has a large and in part efficient army. Trotsky has developed a genius for military organization. Russia and Germany almost perfectly complement each other in points of strength and weakness.

Agriculturally, Germany has sterile fields. They have yielded comparatively large crops, but at an enormous cost of fertilization and labor. The German people are the strongest in Europe in modern industrial organization.

Russia has unlimited agricultural possibilities, is almost wholly composed of a peasant population, having no sympathy with communism and with its greatest desire to attain legal ownership of land represented by definite land deeds.

### Russians Lack Leaders

The Russian nation is lacking in industrial leadership, and, indeed, in political leadership, outside of a very small group.

The developments of today have tremendous significance.

If they result in a coalition of military strength: if they loan the granary stores of Russia to the hungry population of Germany and if they bring to Russia the German genius for organization and German industrial capacity, Germany will be furnished food and certain greatly needed raw materials and in turn may be expected to put Russia's transportation system in order, furnish Russia greatly needed manufactured products and give to Russia a certain amount of political direction. Such a combination would be a menace to the world. Great plans are being worked out for the future by the nations of earth. The wise will not be found sleeping on such vital fulfillment of prophecy.

## WHAT IS THE DIVINE SEAL OF GOD?

If the 144,000 are sealed with the seal of God in their foreheads, Rev. 14, then it becomes us to know with no uncertainty what that seal is. There has been much said about "the seal of God," and "the mark of the beast." Some have said, "The mark of the beast was sprinkling for baptism," others said it was the Sunday institution in the place of the observance of the proper Sabbath. The opposer of the money power says it is the money power, and the love of money. That is the mark or seal of the beast. As to what it is there has been no end to the positions taken. Sabbath keepers (and myself, also in the past, included) claimed the seal of God to be the Sabbath. They show that that commandment contains every requirement of a legal seal as affixed to a law in order to place the law in force. This argument is placed in a plausible setting. They also then reason on the same basis to show that the Sunday institution is of Papal origin and it constitutes the mark of the beast. This also at first thought looks very plausible. But can a law or any single commandment of a law be truly said to be the seal to that law? We reply, No. No law or seal is so used in the world. In every transaction of legality where a seal is required the law and the seal are **two separate things**. The seal is that which places and gives power to the law or document when placed to it by an official authorized to affix the seal of his authority and office he holds. This is too positive and plain to question by any hence no commandment of God or of any other power can possibly be the seal or mark of that power. **Every child of God that will ever be saved must be sealed.** Paul says:

"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; even in him.

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

"Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."—Eph. 1:10-14.

The apostle is very plain in the above showing how all are saved. He says, "They heard the word of truth and after they heard it were then sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise till the day of our redemption. He further says that seal is the earnest (or pledge) given us. This needs no comment as to the manner of the sealing of God's children. Namely, it is the Holy Spirit that does the work **after the individual has heard and accepted the word of God**. The Holy Spirit witnesses to it and thus places its seal upon them. In our civil national order the official appointed for the purpose affixes his seal and that place the document in full force. Just so in God's realm the word is taught. If the mind receives it, then the Holy Spirit, the one divinely appointed, places its seal of the acceptance of the word by the individual, and they are sealed by writing that word in the mind and heart of the individual by the Holy Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:1-4.

The individual's name is then recorded in the heavenly record, The name of Israel and Jew is applied to them by the Lord and thus they are sealed. Then we ask again, What is the seal? We reply,

It is the Holy Spirit. With men the impression is made either by writing with a pen or some instrument made for the purpose, with God the impression is made by the Holy Spirit upon the heart.

### The Next Point.

In order to obtain the seal of God the individual in his reception of the word receives Christ as his King His Redeemer. They then become citizens of His kingdom. They obey His laws and no other. Christ alone is their Master. Him alone they serve. In every test as to which power they will obey, they obey but one and that is Christ. They cannot serve two masters. Strict loyalty is ever the test. So far as Christ's word permits and no further can they go to please others. This includes **every commandment** Christ ever gave, as the Author and Finisher of our faith. It includes every testimony of Christ through His divinely appointed prophets as recorded in the Bible. They add nothing to His word, neither take anything from it. The Father's name is then in their forehead (mind). They know nothing but Christ and Him crucified as their Redeemer and Master. Thus they are sealed (marked) for the kingdom of God. Their character is accepted.

### The Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand.

The last work to be done, is to seal 144,000 of all the tribes of Israel, 12,000 of each tribe. It is said of this number that they get the victory over the beast and his image. They have the name of their God in their foreheads. The prophet Ezekiel calls this work of Sealing in the ninth chapter, the marking of them in their foreheads, by the one having the writer's ink horn by his side. The one thus described is a representative of the Holy Spirit. The individuals marked are those who cry and sigh for the abominations done in the midst of Jerusalem. (The professed Church.)

Following the work of marking, the remainder of Jerusalem are all slain, both old and young. Thus the word mark, and seal are synonymous in this case. The work here described is the same as the gathering of the Remnant out of Babylon before her destruction takes place by the falling of the plagues.

Note: Babylon is composed of the various organizations of Christendom. Hence, the time of separation finally comes when every false doctrine held must be given up before the seal can be placed on the mind of the Remnant of Israel. But that is not all there is to consider. There is another power that demands obedience to it and that power is the Beast and Its Image, which has a mark or seal also. How shall we learn what is the mark of the beast? We reply just as we did the Seal of God. We learned that in order to have the seal of God we were to **hear God's Word** and receive it in our hearts and acknowledge God as **our sovereign, our King**, and with willing hearts obey His laws and requirements. From His organization of Government down, It required strict adherence to all the Lord required, just so with the civil power of the beast. The beast is simply carrying out its King's (Satan's) demands. Its King is Satan, he is the god of this world. It is he that says "I will exalt my throne above the throne of the most high." It is he that demands obedience from all his subjects. His system of worship is baal worship from the earliest times. He worships the planets and nature as his god. "He is the Prince of the power of the air. His doctrines are the doctrines of devils." His organizations are a counterfeit of God's organization, in both church and state. His system is under the rule of the beast. It is the union of Christianity and Baal combined. It is the mystery of iniquity. The authority at the head of his work on earth is **"the son of perdition."**

He sits in the temple of God, showing himself to be God." His daughter is the Mother of Babylon, his grand daughters are the daughters as now organized throughout Christendom.

The Spirit that rules them is the spirit of Satan. Hence when individuals choose to follow his laws, his organization, his kingship, his doctrines, and recognize his authority in the place of God, then they are sealed with his spirit and hence a child of satan. This is the process in both cases.

Thus they receive the **Character or mark of Satan**, their father. Christ said "their father was the devil." Of course they become begotten by him. The works of their father they will do." Thus as the test comes and the people choose they receive one or the other of the seals, or marks, according as they choose. So when the final test comes God's Children are sealed by the Holy Spirit, just as they have chosen.

We will add that in this final sealing of the Children of Israel, there will be no middle ground work. The Remnant are to be "without fault before the Throne." They are "to have no guile in their mouth." Hence no false doctrines of any kind will be permissible. No connection with any false organization will be acceptable to God. The final division will be a clean cutting loose from every work of Satan before the seal of God can be placed on an individual. Hence No Seal of God will be placed on individuals as long as they are willingly connected with one of Babylons organizations. No seal will be placed on individuals who will not keep the commandments of God, the Sabbath included. No seal of God can be placed on individuals till they are willing to "follow the lamb wheresoever he goeth." Christ and Satan in their work is forever separated. "Every plant not planted by My Heavenly Father must be rooted up." Oh! How I wish I might impress the importance of the seal of God in its true force to every child of God.

Remember the seal of God is not one commandment but obedience to them all brings the seal as a result of perfect obedience. Oh that the Holy Spirit which places the final seal might impress every child of God with its importance. It is that power alone that seals us for redemption. It is the legal appointed one, The Holy Spirit, When the Beast and its image passes a law, that all must worship (obey) the beast and its image, or be killed. All those who yield to the demands of the governments issuing this decree, as an instrument in the hands of Satan will then make their decision as to whom they will serve, and Satan places his seal upon them who obey him in their (mind) or forehead, they then render their assistance to his work with their hands. They are sealed by his spirit. They are for destruction in the lake of fire. Thus the acknowledging of which power we will serve, brings the seal of that power, just in the same manner. The use of the seal in this life must be followed to its logical conclusion, to understand the seal and mark of God, and the beast. All will be then plain. The question now is whom will we serve? That determines the whole question with the individual which seal they will have in their foreheads. (Mind.) This now is the last call, who will heed it?

### POSITIONS EXAMINED

In Ezekiel's Prophecies it says "I am the Lord your God, Walk in My statutes and keep my judgments, and do them, Hallow My Sabbaths and they shall be a sign between Me and you that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." Ezek. 20:19, 20.

It is claimed for this scripture that it teaches the Sabbath alone should be a sign that those who keep it might know that I am the Lord. The connection shows that obedience to all the Statutes, judgments and the Sabbath constitute the sign. That is, in **the keeping of them all** they would know the true God. And further, that the act of keeping would be a sign between them that they did respect the Lord.

The argument is presented thus. The Word, Sign, token, and seal are all the same. That may be true in some cases but not in every case. The word sign applies to a visible sign as well as to a signature or a stamp and it is

thus used in the above scripture. It is used there as a sign or proof to the individual that such service of obedience will bring the desired evidence to them that God has fulfilled His promises to them. The word, Token means as used in Ex. 3:12 to mean evidence or proof. Webster says thus in the ninth definition of Sign "A typical representative." In the tenth definition of the word Mark, He says "A trait of Character." Now we read the scripture, God gave to Abraham the sign of circumcision as a token of the everlasting covenant. We see in this case the sign or token was a visible mark in the flesh. Thus it is seen clearly it is our duty to correctly apply the proper use of the words: Token, Sign and Mark as the scriptures indicate in the passage we read. The word, Seal more directly applies to the setting of the hand upon the document, or individual which is approved by the authority of the official appointed to examine the condition existing in the individual or document. This will apply to the sealing and placing the name of God in the foreheads of the Children of God, because they have the mark of His character as the result of their obedience to His laws. The same would be true of those who possess the character of the beast as the result of obedience to its laws. Thus we see in any case it would not apply to some single commandment. Another text says, "seal the law among my Disciples." That is done first, by teaching the whole law. When accepted the Holy Spirit seals it upon the heart of the believer. When this is done it becomes a sign between them and God that they are His Children.

### THE TWO MARKS

Mark says Webster is character. The one who obeys the beast and his laws and recognizes his organizations receive the character or (mark) of the beast. The one who obeys God are not defiled with its women (Church organizations.) They refuse to worship (obey) the beast or its image. They keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Thus they bear the marks of God, the Character of God. Every true trait of obedience is a mark of God. The opposite is true of the beast.

### THE TWO SEALS

The obedient to God and His organizations and laws are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. The ones who obey the beast are sealed with the spirit of satan, their father.

### THE NAME OF GOD

And Moses said unto God "Behold when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name?** what shall I say unto them?"

And God said unto Moses, "I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

I Am THAT I Am, the meaning of that statement is: "There is no God besides me." I **am** the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I **am** the Lord, Thy God, which brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt." I am the first and the last." I **Am** the beginning and the end. I AM the Alpha and the Omega. I AM a jealous God." All titles are preceded with the Words "I AM." The thought in the name is as the saying of today is "I Am it." The name signifies **The only one, The God of Gods**. The law on stone is preceded with the authority of the law maker. Thus I Am the Lord Thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt." Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me" and so on. Thus I AM is the chief of names applied to God, such as the Lord, God, Jehovah, Elohim, Father Creator, etc. In Deuteronomy 16:6 it says "at the place where the Lord thy God shall choose to record His name." By looking that up it was the place where the cloud located the ark in which were the laws of God as written on stone and in the book, those laws are preceded by the Statement: "I AM the Lord thy God which brought thee up out of the Land of



Egypt." Thus the Name I AM was a guarantee of the divine authority that gave the law. Thus the claims of the two powers is seen to stand one opposite to the other. One claims he is God and his laws are superior and demands obedience. The other is the laws and authority of the Great "I AM That I AM." Thus to have the name of God in our minds.

### THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST

Thus far we feel clear in the interpretations given of the seals, there is one more point to consider that is the number of the beast. Number signifies so many of anything or it could signify a definite one bearing such a number as one in class. The scripture speaking of this is found in Revelations 13:17, 18 and fourteenth chapters. One statement is: The number of the beast is the number of a man, and his number is 666. Another says the number of his his name. That could be the number under his control or his definite number.

The Apostle says "The name of the beast is the man of sin. The son of perdition." The decree that is passed says that no man might buy nor sell that has not the mark of the beast or the number of his name or the name of the beast.

This indicates to me they must in some way belong to the system of which the beast is the representative or stands for. It also indicates there were divisions of the beast's representatives but really, but one family of the whole.

Remember there are but two classes, one who worship (obeys) God, the other worships (obeys) the beast and its image. It is also clear that whatever the beast and its image stands for, they all come under the mark. Name, and number of the beast, it would naturally follow that in order to find the sum total of those who are represented by the beast and its mark (Character) would be the number as a whole that would constitute the number of the beast. The beast stands for Babylon and her daughters both in the Greek, Roman and Protestant divisions at the time of fulfillment of Christendom. It takes them all to make up the beast of Christendom at the time this decree is passed. Question: Is there that number of organizations in these three divisions. I reply while this is the logical interpretation of the text I am not prepared at this writing to say. Some have given the argument that the number 666 could be found on the crown of the Pope by adding the Latin numerals in the title worn on the crown. That is plausible, but not to my mind absolute truth. Those numerals are found in other names of individuals. But that would not prove much. The number belongs to the beast and all it stands for and could not apply to any single individual man. The number could stand the same as the 144,000. I feel sure that number is expressive of a collection of the whole who are sealed more than to the definite number. It is taken from God's rule of numbering Israel as applying to the males of a certain age. So the number of 666 for the purpose of designating the whole number of organizations who worship the beast in character and divisions, more than it does to a specific number. I offer these comments as suggestive on this point, personally at this writing I feel they will stand criticism when they are carefully considered.

### RECAPITULATION

First, the two names, one of the beast, the other of God. The name of the beast is the man of sin, the son of perdition, who exalts himself above all that is called God and places himself in the temple of God, showing himself to be God.

### A PLEASANT WALK

In the small numbers of the hours of the night in my mind, I took a pleasant walk in the Kingdom and government of God, my first view was to visit the camp of Israel whose banners were floating in the balmy breeze of the Kingdom. I noticed with interest each tribe as they were camped on the east of Judah, on the north by the camp of Dan, on the south by the standard of Rubin and on the west by the house of Joseph with Ephraim as the head. In the center was the tribe of Levi, Moses, Aaron and his Priests on the east with the beautiful ark which contained the laws of the kingdom, and over it the two cherubims and in between them there was a most beautiful Throne with Christ sitting on it. On the south, west and north were the different divisions of the tribe of Levi who had the charge of the tabernacle. In the center of it all I beheld the tabernacle covered with ram's skins died red and the colors of the Rainbow in the curtains with woven cherubims woven in them, covering the inside. Everything was perfect in order and everything moved and worked like a wheel in a wheel. As I saw the camp move forward following the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, with Judah and his band leading them with Moses, and Aaron and the priests with the ark and the priests blowing their trumpets. The noise sounded to me like the wings of a flying army of birds like the eagle. Not a jar, not a contention, no sick in the camp, no worn out clothes, no crying, hungry women and children, all with their eyes full of light watching the cloud and the pillar of fire. I said this scene is too great for me, it is too wonderful to comprehend. Then I said this is God and His organization, I want to belong to it. It is so far ahead of anything I ever witnessed that was done by man. I then decided I should accept the genuine and give up all imitations of man made patterns.

But that was not all I saw, I saw the twenty-four Elders with their crowns on, I saw the priests with their crowns. I said truly we will be and are now a kingdom of Priests and Kings with Christ and we shall reign on the earth with the Prince of the Kings of the earth." I followed the cloud and the camp a little further and behold amidst, beautiful scenery appeared. It was a glorious country all prepared for those who love Him. The camp moved forward. Not a break in the order was made. The land was clothed with every kind of herbs and trees that was like fruit that was good for food. It looked like a vast Garden of Fruits and Flowers. In the midst of the Garden was the tree of life. We all ate of its fruit first. It gave us a new life of both body and mind. Our camp pitched near it for there is where the cloud stopped. The camp then enlarged its borders sufficient to take in the whole of the land. In this experience we there met those of whom we had read in the Bible of all the Children of God, who had lived before us. One of the beautiful scenes that interested me as I walked through the land was to see all the varieties of animals there that were first created on the earth. It was a pleasure to handle them and talk to them. All fear from us both were gone. Then the air was filled with beautiful birds and the streams with all kinds of clean fish. The air was clearer than any I had ever witnessed. The moon shone with the brightness of the sun. The sun seven fold to what I ever experienced, yet no oppressive heat from its effects. I began to see and realize that I was now in the new World where all things had been made new. The curse was all gone. I saw the Father's face. I heard no one say I am sick, neither wearied. I said for once, I was satisfied. I had returned to my inheritance promised to all His saints. The family was again made up never to be separated again. Such was the pleasant journey I took during the silent hours of the night while I meditated in my mind of God's perfect organization. Then I realized I was now translated into His Kingdom. I was now a member of the true organization of God, I now belonged to one of the twelve tribes of Israel, and was now sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise which was the earnest of my redemption.

I was now in the same organization of which all the family in heaven and earth belonged. I now was in God's civil government. I would never need any change of organization. I would never need to learn of any other. The one I now belonged to never would change. Oh Glorious Kingdom! Even so, come Lord Jesus, and take us to that final rest which Thou hast gone to prepare.

Everything we need is now for us. The one who is sealed as a member of one of the twelve tribes of Israel has it all, and Christ is now his King. The Jews said: "We have no King but Caesar." I say: "I have no King but Christ my Redeemer." Reader, who have you as your King?

## INFALLIBLE INTERPRETERS.

An interpreter is one who understands two or more languages and hence is able to translate one language into another. Thus he becomes able, by interpretation, to aid one person to speak to another person of a different language things he wishes to convey to that party who does not understand his tongue.

A teacher is one who teaches the people in their own language direct. This teaching is done by reading the word of God, giving, if necessary, the meaning of the words used, as defined in the language of the one being taught, and the comparing scripture with scripture. Thus making the person understand what the Lord has said to the people. In this manner the one taught learns to know what God wishes them to understand.

There has been developed another class of false teachers, of whom there are not a few. This class is composed of those whom the people are led to believe have supernatural power or gift from God of understanding His word in a manner which the common people cannot possess only being able to receive the true meaning from them. This class is defined by Paul as those who through **private interpretations lead the people astray from the truth.** This class of interpretations stand at the head of every organization in the land. From some cause or other they come before the people giving the impression that through divine providence, the Lord has used them to give special light and truth, which it is not possible for anyone to possess only as they receive it through them. I feel it is not saying too much when I say that, beginning as far back as the rise of the Roman Catholic church, this class of interpreters stand at the head of the list in all church organizations that have existed since that time. Satan has always practiced this deception. The apostle Peter speaks especially of this class of interpreters of God's word. He says as a warning, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:20, 21. This warning is given directly concerning the subject of the coming of Christ, thus showing the need of a correct understanding of what the Lord says in the prophecy, and not depending on some private interpretation from the class above mentioned. Note what he further says:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

"And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgement now of a long time lingereth

not, and their damnation slumbereth not. Second Peter 2:1-3."

Notice the word "**Privily.**" That word connects these verses with verse twenty of chapter one. These false teachers are those who claim a private interpretation which they claim was given them by some divine power or providence. Thus making them the interpreters of the scriptures. This power is used by some in the council of officials, by others in the chief head and by others in prophets and spiritual gifts. The people have been so thoroughly educated by this class, that today each denomination looks to them for the interpretations of the Bible. The prophet Hosea says, "They enquire of their stock (sect) and their staff (preacher) declareth it unto them." The Roman Catholic church has been greatly condemned by the Protestants for holding to this private interpretation of the scriptures. All who know the principles of the Roman church know that all translations of the scripture must have the sanction of the high authority of the church before it could be accepted. And second, that is not sufficient. Explanatory foot notes must be placed to the scripture which notes must also be passed by the censor of authority before the scriptures can be placed in the hands of the people. When this is done then the prayer book is furnished the member with other endorsed literature which has also passed the censorship.

The membership, in addition to this, is notified that it is not becoming or safe for them to read any other interpretation of the scripture. This is the logical results of the **private interpretation.** It is claimed that the Catholic church is the only church authorized by God and hence the Lord uses the head of the church to represent Christ on earth, that Christ has given that church the keys of the kingdom and vested them with all wisdom and authority. All this has been objected to by the Protestants. But are they justified in doing so? We reply, No. When we examine the various organizations of Protestantism we find every principle which they condemn in the Catholic, in each and every one of them, from the greatest to the smallest. All have patterned after the older church preceding them till there is in the last one no difference. The organizations all claim that some divine providence raised them up, and some special providence was given them in the understanding of the scriptures that caused their existence. Each possessing some peculiar feature, but in the main, the same principles governing them. This divine power is claimed by the followers for their founder, and his ways, methods, peculiarities and mind are so followed that the class is known by the peculiar characteristics of the founder. They are seen in the followers as clearly as in a child marked by the peculiarities and features of the parents. All this is the result of their claim for divine providence, and that the power of private interpretation has been given the founders of the sect. Thus superstitious fear is placed over all minds till they lose the power of logical reasoning on the scriptures, comparing scripture with scripture to know the truth of God. And God and Christ are hid from the people by the headship on earth.

### Comparison.

By comparing the organization principles of the Catholic and the Protestant in church polity we see the similarity and verification of my statement that the condemnation of the Catholic by the Protestant is not justified.

The Catholic have as their head the pope, next the cardinals, next the archbishop, next the bishop and last the priest. We now take a late Protestant organization. First, the president of the general conference,

second the general conference committee, third, the president of the union conference, fourth, the president of the state conference and last the ministry. Each department of both control, subject to the general head, a certain portion of territory and people, the same as the officials of the Catholic church. The Catholics have their church schools and colleges for the education of workers in the church. These workers, from the ministry up, are to reach a certain standard before they can be accepted. The Protestants do the same in their various organizations. Each and all workers must accept all interpretations of the church on the scriptures.

The next step is the propaganda of each church. After the school, the Catholic is to work for the sick. The Catholic builds hospitals in all cities. The principal solicitors for these and their maintenance are the Sisters of Charity. This system is all conducted as a propaganda for the church. As the final result Protestantism is following the same method. Recently a Protestant evangelist rented a large hall in one of our cities. He was advertised as an evangelist belonging to a certain evangelistic association. He had under him a company of trained nurses. These nurses visited the homes of the sick and gave free treatment. Multitudes attended the meetings. Later, however, it became known this evangelist belonged to a certain sect, and the doctrines of the sect were next preached in a general way, but not specific. For further instructions on such points, the people were invited to the church building of that certain sect on certain nights of the week to learn more specifically the church doctrines. But in the meantime more and more of the doctrines were taught in the assembly room. At last the objectionable feature of the sect was reached, which was Who was the divine interpreter. Thus the similarity of labor of the Catholic is being closely followed by the Protestant. We would not condemn the acts of charity in either of these two sects mentioned, but when such a work is done to secure a membership to a creed it is hypocritical and Satanic in the extreme.

#### Why the Division?

We reply, that each have a private (supernatural, as claimed) interpretation of the scriptures.

The Catholics say they are the representative of Christ on earth and that the correct interpretation must come through the head of that church. The Protestants above referred to, say they have a divinely appointed interpreter of the scriptures whom God gives visions and revelations. As a result of this, there is no union of fellowship though their methods are the same in organization and propaganda of religion.

So when each organization is logically examined, there exists in each the same superstitious darkness thrown over the mind, resulting from this private interpretation of the scriptures, "**Privily**" brought in by each to lead the people. If I were to stop right here almost every reader would ask, Who then is the correct interpreter of the scriptures? Each and all of the sects say they are right and providence is with them. How are we to know who is right? This last statement reveals the fact that all are expecting some one to tell them the truth, and that they are depending on that someone to do it. Is that the right way to get truth. We reply, No. **God never appointed any man or set of men to interpret the scriptures for another.** Man can **translate** the scriptures but cannot **interpret** them. He can **teach** them but not **interpret** them. The scriptures must remain the same. There are no interpreters. Again, we quote, "Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

Not man, nor any set of men. Man can teach and tell what the scriptures say, but the understanding must come from God alone. That understanding comes to each individual as they follow the rule laid down in the scriptures. No power of interpretation is, or never was given, to any church organization. All claim for such is a fraud and of the evil one, and tends to evil in every case where claimed.

The lawyer in the civil courts reads to the judge and the jury, decisions rendered on certain cases, by former judges. Thus he hopes to establish his claim. Each denomination reads to its followers the rendering of scripture by those who stand at the head of the church organization to which they belong, as authority. The Catholic fixes foot notes to the scriptures. Those notes stand to the people as greater authority than the word which they are supposed to explain. The individual thinks he can understand the notes, but the word is too high for him to understand. So the notes become of greater importance to them than the Word of God.

I go to this certain sect of the Protestant before referred to. I attend their Sabbath school. The lesson in the quarterly is presented to me. The question is asked. The answer is frequently printed answering the question by the supposed divinely appointed interpreter of the scriptures. That answer is infallible and stands in the mind of all the believers in preference to any thought they may have, or even the statement of the Word of God itself.

This interpreter is relied upon by all authors and writers of the denomination and all writings are to correspond with that interpretation. In order that the public may know whom I speak of, as a sample merely, of all, that sect is the Seventh Day Adventists. Their interpreter of the scriptures is Mrs. E. G. White. One of these men met me on the street one day and asked me to give him the scripture why I believed as I do. I replied, "Brother B., that is useless for me to do. You would not accept the plainest statement of the Bible till you first examined what your interpreter said about that text." He replied, "That is true." So it is a truth that neither the Catholic nor the Protestant accept any teaching, as a rule, till they first inquire "at their stock (sect)" and "their staff" upon which they lean, (the preached) "declares it unto them."

Note. This all grows out of the idea that some authority must interpret the Bible to them, and when done the interpretation stands ahead of the Bible to them. Sad indeed is the situation. It is all from a lack of knowledge of the teaching of the scriptures on this important point, of how the truth comes to each individual.

#### A Few Texts Considered.

First. Settle it in your mind forever that Christ has no divinely appointed interpreter of the scriptures on earth among men.

Second. Christ has no visible church on earth to whom he looks as the divinely appointed leader of His people.

Third. No pope, president, conference, committee or anything else on earth organized by men has any dominion over the faith of a single individual in the world. "To his own master he standeth or falleth."

Fifth. The only true church of God on earth is not visible as an organization.

Sixth. That invisible church has Christ as its head and he is the head of every member of that church. 1 Cor. 12.

Seventh. The word of God is the only authority

in that church.

Eighth. The Holy Spirit is the only divinely appointed instructor to give knowledge of that word as to what it teaches each and every individual.

Ninth. God has placed in that church by his own appointment those whom He alone has called for teaching men **what the Word says**. Again we quote, "Consider **what I say** and the **Lord give thee understanding in all things**." Man teaches **what the word says**, calling our attention to the comments of each writer of the Bible. **The understanding comes from the word**. Says the beloved John as he wrote under the influence of the spirit, "Ye have an unction from the Holy One, **and ye know all things**." Again he says, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you **and ye need not that any man teach you**; but as the same anointing **teacheth you of all things is truth**, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." 1 John 2:27.

Thus there are two teachers of men, one the man who teaches the word, the other the Holy Spirit which gives the understanding of the word. This shuts out all private interpretations and claims of the **so-called authority of men over men**. This teaching of the spirit **appeals to every individual** as the only one to impart knowledge on the word. That forever ends all this supposed authority or organizations on earth.

Again we read how the Spirit and the Word are to be united in the search for truth. Says the apostle, "Comparing spiritual things with that which is spiritual." "The word is spirit and it is life." Thus comparing the word with the word, is what that teaches. 1 Cor. 27:15.

Says the apostle, "**He that is spiritual is judged by no man**." This teaches me that no man is amenable to others regarding his faith and understanding of the word of God. Here is what the Master said when here:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments.

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

"He that loveth not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:15-18, 23-26."

That could not be more plainly stated than the scriptures cited have spoken on the point of Christian instruction.

So it is clear that not one of the so-called teachers in the whole world who are accepted as authority are any authority at all. The whole fabric is but a fraud and deception of Satan as he practices it on an ignorant people who know not what the scriptures say on the subject. It is right and proper when an individual so relates themselves to God that God accepts them in His service as a helper in His cause of truth, to "esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake" and minister to them the things they need, but to hold them superior to any other individual on earth as a divinely appointed authority and a private interpreter of the scriptures is wicked in the extreme. It will blind your own eyes to truth. It will lead you into dense darkness, as to what is truth. It will be truly a case of the blind leading the blind. Oh! how I wish that this veil of superstition could be lifted from

all eyes as it has been lifted from my own. How glad they would be to once enjoy that freedom which the truth alone can give to each individual. All who accept this truth we are here teaching will be brought to a unity of the faith and fellowship with one another and with God. It is then alone when "the watchman shall see eye to eye." God speed the day when freedom from Babylon will be enjoyed by all the true Remnant people of God.

#### Who Can Understand the Bible?

First. The understanding of the scriptures is based upon different principles from that required in the understanding of any other book in the world.

Second. In order to understand the Bible, the rule to follow, laid down in the Bible, must be strictly adhered to by the student.

Third. The character of the individual seeking the knowledge of the scriptures must be such as is acceptable to God, the Author of the book.

Fourth. There must be a longing desire to know what is truth.

Fifth. There must be a willingness and desire to comply with the requirements of the book on the part of the seeker, by obedience to the truth, as fast as they learn their duty.

Sixth. Each individual must consider particularly what the word says.

Seventh, and last, they must depend entirely on the Holy Ghost to give them the clear understanding of the truth as they compare scripture with scripture.

If the above rules are carried out there will be no trouble found in knowing the truth, for all who follow this rule will be in unity of faith and fellowship with each other, with Christ, with the Father and the Holy Ghost.

The first rule laid down is to consider what the Lord says. This is obtained by searching the scriptures daily to see what is true and what is not true. This searching must be as diligent as one who is seeking for a hid treasure, and by comparing scripture with scripture, "here a little and there a little," "precept upon precept, line upon line." If this is done we have the promise "we shall find the knowledge of God." Remember, no private interpretation is admissible. We must **consider what it says** and believe what it says, letting the Bible explain itself or any difficulties by comparing statement with statement.

The third rule laid down is that the character of the individual must be acceptable. This is plainly taught in the word. Says the prophet, "The wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." Dan. 12:10-12. "Light is sown for the righteous and truth for the upright in heart." The wicked are "ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." The god of this world has blinded their eyes lest they would see the gospel and be saved. "Let the wicked man forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts."

Said Christ, "He that doeth His will shall know of the doctrine." "A good understanding have all they who keep His commandments." "If ye love me keep my commandments and I will send you the Comforter and he will teach you all things." Thus it is clear that character is that which will determine as to a correct understanding of the scriptures.

The fourth requirement is, there must be a strong desire on the part of the learner. "He that hungereth and thirsteth after righteousness shall be filled." The Lord never urges beyond reason any man to receive truth. He says, "I have set before you this day life and death. Choose ye whom ye will serve." The

choice is left with each individual for them to do and desire what they wish.

The fifth thing required is the purpose for which they seek truth. No man can gain an understanding of the truth for any other purpose only the desire in him to **obey the truth** and thus please the Lord whom he serves. Let it cost what it may, he must be willing to forsake all and obey the truth. It will cost much. Self-denial is the lot of the follower of the lowly Nazarene.

The sixth rule is that after the full sacrifice of bad habits, and unwillingness to obey in all things, is made, then to consider carefully what each statement read says. Then compare scripture with scripture till all is made harmonious and clear. See that each writer speaks the same thing.

Then the seventh and last thing is, to rely entirely on the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth and teach you all things, giving you a clear understanding of the value of truth as compared to every other thing in the world. The Holy Ghost will then write that understanding of the truth on the tables of your heart. Then, and not till then, have you become a part of the truth, and it a part of you. Then, and not till then, are we sanctified through the truth that we may be one with both the Father and the Son. Thus it is clear that the whole gaining of knowledge of the truth is within each individual. Both the teachers whom God has appointed and the Holy Ghost are willing to lend all the aid necessary in the understanding of the Bible. But as to whether the individual obtains that understanding, is left with them and the Holy Ghost, and no one else in the world. Thus again it is seen that no authority or middle man or set of men stand between the individual and God in the question of salvation or an understanding of true faith. God has furnished helps, teachers, the benefit of fellowship, His Word and His Holy Spirit. But it is still for the individual to choose and comply by following the requirements laid down if they wish to know the truth and be saved by it.

#### The Holy Ghost as a Teacher.

Many have not realized in the search for knowledge the need of the divine teacher. Some will say (which so many claim) that the Holy Spirit taught them, and none of them agree. So how can I tell what is truth by that method?

The trouble with them is, that those who make such a claim cannot produce the word which says that such and such is correct. They have been guided entirely by their own desires and impressions. The spirit and the word must agree. No spirit of God will teach anything not in harmony with the Word. Says the apostle, "Try the spirits. If they speak not according to this word it is because they have no light in them." So the best evidence I may have that the right spirit is leading me into all truth is that the **word** agrees with my conclusions. "If they come to you and bring not this doctrine receive them not into your house neither bid them God speed." "No, not so much as to eat (commune)." There is a power in the Holy Ghost over the mind like the magnet has power over the point of the compass, to turn it whithersoever it will, thus leading us into all truth. But the spirit must be tried by the word. I hold that without that power to accompany us in the study of the word our human reasoning faculties are not capable of arriving at the real truth. Let us see what is said about this.

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

"And I was with you in weakness, and infear, and in much trembling.

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

"Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

"Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. First Cor.2:4-16."

Nothing could be more plain than is stated in the above scriptures. No true minister can preach the things learned of the world. They are patterned after the world. The above scripture cannot be too carefully studied by the child of God. The Spirit of God "searcheth the deep things of God." It throws light on the scriptures of truth and thus is demonstrated as the Spirit of God. "The natural man receiveth not the things of God." He does not understand that. But Paul says, "We speak to them which are perfect." It is true that there is sufficient amount of the Spirit of God accompanying the word, as spoken by those called of God, to impress the word spoken sufficiently to interest and reprove them of sin and create a desire to hear on the part of those whose hearts are honest. In this way their hearts are opened by the word, the same as when the Lord opened the heart of Lydia when Paul was preaching to those women by the river side.

It is the preaching of the word that leads to the new birth, at which time they become a babe in Christ. But to understand the scriptures of truth and show ourselves to be a workman, the promise to such is, it is done by the spirit, which teaches the deep things of God revealed in His word. That comes to each individual. "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to him willingly." Thus from any standpoint, or any angle we take it, we find no authority or supernatural power vested in an official or organization more than it is the privilege of the humblest member of the body of Christ to possess. In fact it is the weaker instruments whom God can use, that are generally accepted by the Lord to do his teaching. That is because they can be taught of God and do not look to man for wisdom.

"Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Appollos; and I of Cephas and I of Christ.

"Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

"I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

"And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptizd any other."

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called;

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty.

that no flesh should glory in his presence. had God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought base things of the world, and things which are despised, things that are:

"That no flesh should glory in his presence.

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

"That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."—1 Cor. 1:24-31.

of God, and how foolish to use anything else as such. It is our privilege to read anything for suggestions, the same as we would listen to teachers, but the proving of the things spoken or written must be by the word. The parent too often wishes to make a preacher by sending the son to a theological school to be taught by men. They can make him one of the same as they are, but they cannot make a preacher of God. That is accomplished in a different school. It is one in which "they are all taught of God." It can be learned in a theological school what this man and that man believes, especially in the denomination whose school they attend, but to know what God teaches they must take the Bible with perfect freedom of mind and search it as for a hid treasure according to the rules given in this chapter. Then they will find what God teaches. Then if God touches his lips with a coal from off the altar," then, and not till then, is he a preacher for God. Paul found it to be necessary to count all but dung, his denomination, his claims of blood, his learning, that all becomes cheap stuff to him. He "determined to know nothing but Christ and him crucified," which expression covered the whole Bible and every principle in the Bible. It all grows out of the redemption of man through Christ. No room for glorying of anything or associations was left. All was gone. Not even the association to any extent with those of like faith. He says:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

"Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

"As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

"For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

"For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it;

"And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceeding zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

"To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.

"Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

"Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

"But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

"Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

"Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia:

"And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ:

"But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

"And they glorified God in me."—Gal. 1:6-24.

That revelation which taught Paul, was that which had been written for his learning. He received it not from Gamaliel. He received it from the word and the spirit. Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus, that "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." Eph. 1:17.

Thus it is the privilege of every member of the church to have a revelation from God. The same spirit which caused the word to be written, is ours to possess, to reveal to us things in the word according to what the word says. Paul continues in his statements to show the relation of Christ to the church in verses eighteen to twenty-three. Can it be possible for any child of God not to see, after reading the above, that Christ has furnished to every individual everything they need. All wisdom, power, redemption and all things they need are provided for them. Paul says:

"If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

"How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

"Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

"Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

"That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

"According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."—Eph. 3:2-12.

That revelation given Paul by the spirit, in the understanding of those things not understood in past ages, in the reading of the word, is now, by the same spirit, given to the church to reveal to them as they read the word, that understanding also. How important that the church avail themselves of the great privilege and thus stop trying to get it from some theological school where man's wisdom is taught. One

will say, "But if that school would teach the truth would not that be all right?" Yes, so far as the truth in the word says. But if that word of truth was to become a creed, the power of that word would be lost. It must become a part of the individual. That individuality cannot be attained by a denominational school, especially where error is mixed with the truth.

#### Whom God Calls to His Work.

It is interesting to note the history of the called vessels of the Lord. We note especially the prophets who have written the testimony and revelation of God. Amos was a herdman of Tekoa. Samuel was dedicated to the Lord by his humble mother before he was born. Jeremiah was called to be a prophet to the nations before he was born. Isaiah simply says he was the son of Amos, making no claim to any special merit of his own. Ezekiel was among the captives at Babylon when the Lord appeared to him. Daniel was also among the captives at Babylon and a youth in years. All it says of Hosea is that he was a son of Beer. Abraham was a farmer and cattle man. Moses was learned in the wisdom of the Egyptians, but had to be taught by God forty years alone in the wilderness as he kept the sheep of Jethro the Midianite. David was a young lad who kept his father's sheep when the Lord appeared and called him. John the Baptist was a man who wore the leathern girdle and lived on locusts and wild honey. Peter, James and John were unlearned fishermen. Paul was a bitter persecutor as the result of denominational training. He was educated, but had to unlearn it all and count it but dung that he might win Christ, and be found of him. Luke was a physician. Matthew was a tax gatherer. As Paul later said, not many wise, not many noble, not many of that class, but God had chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. How wonderful it is, when realized, that through these weak instruments of the world, God can overthrow kingdoms, root up kingdoms, and plant kingdoms, all through the power of His Word through them. His Word through them, then, accompanied with the Holy Spirit, can do all things. But without Him, they can do nothing. Vain is the help of man. Let the Remnant forsake all, thus becoming strong in Him. Then the work will be carried to every honest soul in the world.

Let this be one movement that will not pattern after others before it. Let this be a movement that will not rely on theological schools, one that will not depend on authority which is claimed to be vested in men and organizations. One that will not rely on some private interpretation of the word from some one who claims to have visions, and power to interpret the word of God, as a result of those visions. Let it be one move which will be led into all truth by the Lord's spirit and word as the only teachers of all men. Who among the readers will subscribe to the Lord's creed only and fellowship all who do that?

#### OUR TRACTS.

Our tracts are more properly booklets, for they are the full size page of the books and some of them would make, if bound, a book. We are fixing them up in a strong envelop and expect to have the name of each on the envelop, with a view to placing them in shape to sell or loan to readers. When completed the whole will contain four hundred or more pages the full size of our books. They will represent twenty special subjects of the law and the prophets of the Bible. We have said that this teaching covered the whole Bible. It is not boasting by any means to say it is the only system of teaching that does this. As to the final results of this teaching there is no question. The one who connects with it will be connected with that which will stand while everything else will go to pieces in that day when all must stand the test.

#### DON'T FAIL.

Don't fail to read the comments on the seven churches of Revelation, second and third chapters, in the January issue. Then read "The Seven Seals." After that read the "Seven Trumpets" in the book, "Time, Tradition and Truth." In the meantime you will have the privilege also of reading "The Seven Thunders" of Revelation tenth chapter. The book of Revelation is now the book to study on prophecy. This book is the climax of the story of the prophets in every age. All the ancient prophets pointed to the things which John writes about. John finishes the story. The Churches, The Seals, The Trumpets and the Seven Thunders will be added to our tract list.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."—Rev. 3:7-13.

There is much that could be said about this Church. Christ in his address to this church says, "He that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that shutteth and no man openeth, he that openeth and no man shutteth." Thus he shows himself to be absolutely the one and the only one to look to in this time of need for that which is absolutely right and true to his church. He further says, "**I know thy works.**" Like all other of the churches **it is the works** that determine our standing before God.

Of every one of the entire seven Christ says, "**I know thy works.**" He does not say, I know how well you can talk in meeting. Neither what faith you have in the gift of tongues, nor the gift of healing, nor sore experience you had while you were being converted many years ago. But **it is works.** James says, "Show me your faith without your works and I will show you my faith by **my works.**" It is by works that faith is made perfect.

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## IMPORTANT ITEMS.

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