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## 1927 ANNUAL COUNCIL

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From the Office, Roosevelt, Long Island, N. Y.

The Council of the International Missionary Society, S. D. A., Reform Movement, American Union, Inc., was called at Roosevelt, Long Island, N. Y., at 8 P. M., October 22, 1927.

The Session was opened by the reading of Scripture by Dr. J. H. MILLER, and prayer by H. F. STUBBE and WM. C. DOWNS.

This Council had been held back for a few months because of Dr. J. H. MILLER being in the northwest in his missionary lecturing work.

The report of our Chairman, Dr. J. H. Miller, was most wonderful, and it does our hearts good to learn how the Lord is moving upon His perfect principles of truth, in a most signal way. Everywhere, souls are crying out for a firm Platform, built by the Master-Builder.

Upon such a Platform the work of a true Reform must move onward. We are not many in number, but rejoice to know that we belong to that little Flock to which belongs the Kingdom. Great things will be accomplished by this little Flock, though unseen by man, and hated by the enemy, still they are in the land.

In-as-much as OTTO WELP, who represents the German Reform in Germany has come to America for the purpose to consider unity with the different believers here in a true reform, but has gone by every Member of our Counsellors, and not one having received an invitation to come to their Council, therefore the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED—that, In-as-much as we have invited the German Reformers to attend our Council to consider unity, but they refused to come; and

In-as-much as we requested them to permit us to attend their Council for the sake of considering unity, and that was refused us, be it therefore

RESOLVED that we will continue in the Work to which the dear Lord has placed our hands, until we can see a spirit of Christ for unity in such as believe their Will must be the word for Action.

We cannot recognize any person or persons as reformers who refuse to counsel with their brethren upon Gospel Order.

Sister E. G. White: "There is now need of Unity, and there will be Unity." Workers Needed Now. October 16, 1903.

Sister E. G. White: "Unify, unify, but we are not to unify with those, who are departing from the Faith." To the Watchman, April 2, 1906.

Sister E. G. White: "We are to unify,, but not on a Platform of Error." Series B, p. 47.

The true Children of God should ever be ready to unify with such as are also true children of God. The first step towards unity for which Christ prayed is, a willing spirit to counsel together.

All such as have not this spirit of Christ, are none of His. This spirit of willingness no man can give to another, for this is a work of the Lord. Therefore let us pray that we may ever have the SPIRIT OF

**WILLINGNESS** to counsel with our dear brethren, who are willing to counsel with us. There is now need of unity, and we are willing to unify but we are not to unify with those who are so departed from the Lord that they have not even the spirit of Christ which makes us willing to counsel for unity.

#### THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother H. F. Stubbe, our treasurer, reports that the Lord has blessed us most signally, and besides paying some debts of the Union and keeping the printing of Literature which was needed, there is in the treasury \$239.91. The treasurer requested all present at the Council, as well as all those who shall read this report, to be honest with their tithe and offerings, so that the work of the Lord may move unhindered. Matt. 6:19-20.

#### SELECTION OF THE UNION COMMITTEE

Moved by Wm. C. Downs, that the following persons who have proved faithful to the cause of God, shall continue as counsellors for the coming year.

Dr. J. H. MILLER, H. F. STUBBE, WM. C. DOWNS, FRED H. MILLER, A. A. STUBBE. This motion was seconded by H. F. Stubbe, and was unanimously carried.

#### CHAIRMAN

It was moved by A. A. STUBBE, that Dr. J. H. MILLER continue for the coming year, as Chairman of the Union Committee, having proved true to his trust. This being seconded by Wm. C. Downs, and unanimously carried.

#### SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Brother WM. C. DOWNS having been called to take the chair, Dr. J. H. MILLER moved that Bro. H. F. STUBBE continue his faithful service for the coming year as Secretary and Treasurer of the Society. This being seconded by A. A. STUBBE, and unanimously carried.

#### EDITOR

DR. J. H. MILLER was again chosen by Lot as Editor of the Sabbath Watchman and other literature of the Society.

#### ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WM. C. DOWNS, was chosen by Lot as Associate Editor of the Society.

#### CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Following persons were chosen as contributing editors: H. F. Stubbe, F. H. Miller, F. Charles, A. H. van Edeen, H. A. Sauerman, C. R. Sparrow, S. W. de Lange, T. B. T. Nohliavn.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

H. F. Stubbe, Chairman; Wm. C. Downs, Counsellor; Dr. J. H. Miller, Counsellor.

#### SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS

It pleased the Lord to chose Brother H. F. Stubbe, by lot, to receive a self-supporting missionary credential.

The resolution of 1924, that nothing shall be published by the workers or members representing the Reform Movement, but that everything to be published shall be submitted to the Publishing Committee for prayerful consideration and approval, was again accepted.

The stand on Non-combatancy as originally given unto us as a people, was again unanimously passed upon.

The stand on COLOR, CASTE, CREED, and NATIONALITY, as passed into our original platform, stands unmoved. There are no colored or white churches in the Movement of the Remnant.

The question of the different officers of the Union was taken up, and it was again decided, in harmony with our Councils before, that the chairmen, counsellors, editors, associate editors, etc., should not receive any pay for their services, unless it was so decided by the Committee or Council.

The work of Dr. J. H. Miller, is to continue as spiritual adviser of the Reform Movement, and to establish treatment rooms and write literature and books on the subject of Naturopathic lines. This is a work which has been neglected in the past. The Denomination of Seventh-Day Adventists has most terribly apostatised on this question, having accepted the DRUG and KNIFE lines.

In the name of the Council, all present wish to give Dr. J. H. Miller a vote of thanks for the active part he took in Congress at Washington, D. C., against the different Sunday Blue Laws, which came up in the past year. We believe in religious, medical, and political liberty. Liberty means to us "Freedom. Freedom from any or all unlawful forces, whether it be RELIGIOUS, MEDICAL, or POLITICAL.

The work in foreign lands was considered. We believe that the dear Lord will raise up men and women in these different fields, who can and will answer the call to work for God. As it is not by power or might, but by the Spirit of the Lord, therefore we must permit this Spirit of the Lord to have His perfect way in these different fields. As we are all poor and have but very little of this world's goods, we must permit the Lord to work a work in these days, which no eye has seen before. Angels will do a work, which men might have had the privilege to do, had they walked in the advancing Light. Men and women will be chosen, whom the leading brethren will reject as unfit for the service of God.

The Message will and must go. Men and Women will go and do the Work of God, without pay, yes, even under the risk of life itself, but the Message must be finished.

Believing this, we call to all such as love the Lord and His Message, to put their hands to the plow and hold on to the finishing of the Work.

Do not wait for committees to recognize you, but be sure to hear the call from above. If such a call comes to you from above, you will work in Harmony with all other souls who have received their call from the same source. You may be out of harmony with some Committees of human origin, but in perfect harmony with all Committees of divine origin.

Fear not the different fanatical and extreme factions, and leave the Work of God for true Reform, but permit your soul to be comforted to know that the Lord knows His own. Cry aloud and spare not, show the people of God their transgressions, and the House of Jacob their sins.

Sister E. G. White: "Christ is the great center, and they would approach one another just in proportion as they approached the Center." D. of A. p. 296.

Sister E. G. White: "Every man is to stand in his lot and place, thinking, speaking and acting in harmony with the Spirit of God. Then and not till then will the

work be a complete, symmetrical whole." Test. Vol. 6, p. 293.

With love for the Truth more than life itself, we are walking as sincere and sober men with a conscience void of offense towards God and man. For this, though, we solemnly declare our allegiance to the truth of the Message as it was delivered to us since the days of 1844, by the servant of the Lord.

We appeal to the Judge of all the earth for the sanction of steps that in tears and sorrows and breaking of heart we have been forced to take. No matter if this Reformation is scouted at, as vagary and of a revolutionary character, upsetting the plans of man in the Valley of Laodicea. No matter if this work must withstand resistance from the DENOMINATION, even to ferocious violence, to changes deserving of a welcome.

With love to all such, as are traveling this path, and with a determination to do our part in this closing work, we pray for the keeping of us all, this council was closed.

Lovingly your Brethren,

DR. J. H. MILLER  
Chairman

H. F. STUBBE,  
Sec. and Treas.

## Bible Baptism

### ITS TRUE MEANING AND PURPOSE

Repent ye and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. There is no time for you to waste. Heaven and Immortal life are valuable treasures that cannot be obtained without an effort on your part.

No matter how faultless may have been your life, as sinners ye have steps to take. You are requested to repent, believe and be baptised.

Christ was wholly RIGHTEOUS, yet HE, the Saviour of the world, gave man an example by Himself taking the steps which He requires the sinner to take, to become a child of God, and heir of heaven.

If Christ, the spotless, and pure Redeemer of man, condescended to take the steps necessary for the sinner to take baptism, why should any with the light of truth shining upon their pathway hesitate to submit their hearts to God, and in humility confess that they are sinners and show their faith in the atonement of Christ by words and actions, identifying themselves with those who profess to be followers.

There will ever be some who do not live out their profession whose daily lives shew them to be anything but Christians, but should this be a sufficient reason for any to refuse to put on Christ by baptism into the faith of His death and resurrection. Acts 3:19; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27.

Except they are converted they cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven, they must

wash their robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. Jesus invites them to take the steps the sinners must take in order to become His children. He has given them an example in His life in submitting to the ordinances of baptism. He is our example in all things. Matt. 3:15

### Three Steps to Eternal Life

The claims of God are equally binding upon all those who choose to neglect the great salvation offered to them freely; who choose to serve themselves and remain enemies of the self sacrificing Redeemer, are earning their wages, they are sowing to the flesh, and of the flesh reap corruption. Those who have put on Christ by baptism, by this act showing their separation from the world, and that they have covenanted to walk in newness of life, should not set up idols in their hearts.

Those who have once rejected the evidence of sins forgiven, who have a Saviour's love, and who then persist in uniting with the foes of Christ, rejecting the perfect righteousness that Jesus offers them, and choose the way He has condemned, will be more severely judged than the heathen who have never had the light and have never known God or His law.

Those who refuse to follow the Light which God has given, choosing the amusements, vanities and follies of the world, and refusing to conform their conduct to the

just requirements of God's law, are guilty of the most aggravating sins in the sight of God. Their guilt and their wages will be proportionate to the light and privileges which they have had.

### BAPTISM

Christ has made BAPTISM the sign of entrance to His spiritual kingdom. He has made this a positive condition with which we must comply, who wish to be acknowledged as under the authority of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Before man can find a home in the Church, before passing the threshold of God's Spiritual Kingdom, he is to receive the impression of the Divine Name; The Lord our Righteousness. Jer. 23: 6.

BAPTISM is a most solemn renunciation of the world, those who are baptised in the three fold Name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, at the very entrance of their Christian life declare publicly that they have forsaken the service of Satan, and have become members of the Royal Family, children of the Heavenly King. They have obeyed the command; come out from among them, be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and to them is fulfilled the promise, "I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my Sons and Daughters said the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6: 17, 18.

One who is seeking to be baptised should study, Col. 3: 1-17 and know the meaning of the teaching written therein; He must denounce worldly pleasures, pride and self-indulgence, he is no longer a careless indifferent life, he has made a covenant with God, he has died to the world, he is to live unto the Lord, to use for Him all his in-trusted capabilities, never losing the realization that he bears Gods signature, a partaker of the divine nature. He is to surrender to God all he is and all he has, employing all the gifts to His Names glory.

That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit, John 3: 6-7. There must be a new birth, or born again of the Spirit before one can bear Fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Those who came to John the Baptist to be baptised he demanded, "Bring forth therefore Fruits meat for repentance, Matt. 3: 8. They had yet to learn of true Christianity and accept it in word and deed. When Phillip had preached to the Eunuch and made known why Jesus was crucified, he accepted the sacrifice and said, "See, here is water, what does hinder me to be baptised? Acts 8: 36, and thy went down into the water, both Phillip and the Eunuch, and he baptised him.

Then Peter was called to go to see Cornelius. He listened to him while he told how he had heard his prayer, and the angel had waited on him, he then said to Cornelius, "Thy prayers are heard and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God." Acts 10: 31. After preaching Jesus cruci-

fied, and how God had raised Him from the dead, they were ready to receive Him as their Redeemer, and he commanded them to be baptised. verse 48.

After Paul and Silas had spent part of the night in jail, God sent an earthquake and opened the doors and loosened their bonds; the keeper of the prison brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16: 25-30. After telling him the jail-keeper washed their stripes and he and all his house were baptised. For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ, Gal. 3: 27. (Now Paul writes, the way Christ is to be put on,) "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Christ were baptised into His death.

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death. That like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life, for if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. Rom. 6: 3-5.

As Christ set us an example to fulfill all righteousness, Matt. 3: 15, and as it requires much water, John 3: 23, that we might be buried or planted, Rom. 6: 4-5, so God has a way of his own, in which He declares one should be baptised, (for it is written) "There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. Eph. 4: 5. Christ could have restored the sight of the blind man in some other way, but He told him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. John 9: 7. God might have another way to restore leprosy, but His Prophet told Naaman to go and wash in the Jordan seven times, 2 Kings 5: 10. Many become angry like Naaman because they are asked to do just as God has commanded and will listen to other voices that say man's way is just as good, and so they obey man rather than God. It is nice to hear Paul tell of his conversion in the 22d chapter of Acts, how he told of one Ananias, a devout man, according to the law having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt at Damascus( how he said, "Brother Saul, receive thy sight." . . . After he had told of God's choice of him, he said, "And now why tarriest thou, arise and be baptised, and wash away thy sins calling on the Name of the Lord." Acts 22: 6-16. Afterward, Paul could say, "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism." Rom. 6: 4. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14: 6. As Christ has left us an example, 1 Peter 2: 21, may He find us ever walking in the way He has ordered.

That we may be dead to sin and alive unto righteousness, 1 Peter 2: 24. As it is written, "Let no sin therefore reign in your mortal body." Rom. 6: 12.

He that believed and is baptised shall be saved.

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# SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

## THE PREPARATION OF THE THREE ANGELS MESSAGE OF REV. 14: 6-12

1. Lesson Sabbath, January, 7, 1928

### QUESTIONS

#### PHILADELPHIA—CHURCH

**NOTE:** The word "Philadephia" signifies brotherly love.

- 1.—What does the ONE, who bids John say of himself? Rev. 3: 7.
- 2.—When Jesus told the disciples He would send the promise of the Father, what did He tell them to do? Luke 24: 49.
- 3.—What Commission had been given them? Matt. 28: 19-20.
- 4.—What were they to wait for? Acts 1: 8.
- 5.—What was this power called? John 14: 26.
- 6.—Where were they to begin to labor? Luke 24: 27.
- 7.—What was the Message called? Matt. 24: 14.
- 8.—What did Paul write of the Gospel in his day? Col. 1: 23.
- 9.—What is said of the Philadelphia Church? Rev. 3: 8, first part.
- 10.—What is said about works? Rev. 22: 12.
- 11.—What had Christ set before the Church? Rev. 3: 8, middle part.
- 12.—What is spoken of its strength and what has it kept, and not denied? Rev. 3: 8, last part.

**NOTE:** Light is shining from that Door, and it is our privilege to receive it. If we will, let us direct our eyes within that open Door, and try to receive all that Christ is willing to bestow. Test. Vol. 9, p. 182.

13.—What was the ray of Light the Philadelphia Church saw? Rev. 14: 7.

14.—What is written concerning the Judgment in? Acts 17: 31.

15.—Would God allow that day to come without a Message of the same? Test. Vol. 8, p. 26-27.

Christ ascended to heaven, and sent His Holy Spirit to give power to the work of His disciples. Thousands were converted in a day, in a single generation, the Gospel was carried to every nation under heaven. But little by little a change came. The Church lost her first love. She became selfish and ease-loving. The Spirit of worldliness was cherished. The enemy cast his spell upon those to whom God had given light for a world in darkness; light which should have shone forth in good works. The world was robbed of the blessing that God desired men to receive.

Is not the same thing repeated in this generation? Many in our days are keeping back that which the Lord has trusted to them for the salvation of a world unwarned, unsaved. For consecrated Christians, for Christlike consistency, for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. May God help us to repent, and change our sluggish movements into consecrated activity. May He help us to show in our words and works that we make the burden of perishing souls our own.

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world and a great terror is to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth, should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. Test. Vol. 8, p. 28.

## THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Continued

2. Lesson Sabbath, January 14, 1928

### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What is said of those, who say they are Jews, or Children of God? Rev. 3: 9, first part.
- 2.—What has Paul written of the Jews? Rom. 2: 28-29.
- 3.—In Christ's time, what did the Jews claim to be? John 8: 39, first part.
- 4.—What did CHRIST say? John 8: 39, last part.
- 5.—What is said of Noah's preaching? 2 Peter 2: 5.
- 6.—What is said further concerning the Philadelphia Church? Rev. 3: 9.
- 7.—What is said about Christ's patience? Rev. 10: 6.
- 8.—What is further said about patience? Rev. 14: 12.
- 9.—Those who fail to hold fast, what may they lose? Rom. 3: 11.
- 10.—What is said of overcomers? Rev. 3: 12.
- 11.—What is it that causes one to overcome? 1 John 5: 4.
- 12.—What does Paul write? Rom. 12: 12.
- 13.—What is written in Romans 12: 7?

**NOTE:** When one is converted, and submits to baptism, they become an overcomer, they are then a candidate for the new Jerusalem, wherein their possession is, but if they fail to endure to the END, it will be given to another. Mark 13: 13. Matt. 25: 28-30. Jas. 1: 12.

- 14.—As the Apostles started out to give a new Message to the world, what did they need to help their work? 1 Cor. 12:13.
- 15.—How does He set the members of the body? verse 18.
- 16.—What is a prophet called? 1 Sam. 9:9.
- 17.—When a Message could not be understood in Daniels time, who did they send for? Dan. 5:10-12.
- 18.—Why was Daniel given this Gift of Prophecy? Dan. 1:8-9,17; 2:27-28.

**NOTE:** While faithful to his duties in the King's Court, Daniel so faithfully maintained his loyalty to God that God could honor him as **HIS** Messenger to the Babylonian Monarch. Through him the mysteries of the future were unfolded, and **NEBUCHADNEZAR** himself was constrained to acknowledge the God of Daniel as a "God of Gods and a Lord of Kings and a revealer of secrets." Dan. 2:27. Test. Vol. 6, p. 220.

- 19.—What are we admonished to desire? 1 Cor. 14:1.

**NOTE:** May we ever purpose in our hearts to be fit vessels for the Master's use, that we may be used in **HIS** service at all times.

### THE TRUE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH BY NAME

#### 3. Lesson Sabbath, January, 21, 1928

##### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What had the pretended people of God done in Jeremiah's day? Jer. 3:4, 20.
- 2.—What two things had they committed? Jer. 2:13.
- 3.—What did God say was marked before Him? Jer. 2:22.
- 4.—What is said of the iniquity of Sodom? Ezekial 16:49.
- 5.—What is God's people admonished not to do? 1 John 2:15.
- 6.—Where is their love to begin and end? Matt. 22:36-40.
- 7.—What is said of the professed people of God, and their love in the last days? 2 Tim. 3:1-5.
- 8.—What did we find the word "Philadelphia" meant in Lesson 1, of this quarter?

**NOTE:** This must be the prevailing spirit among those, whom God has chosen for a special work.

- 9.—What is said of the **FEW**? Matt. 20:16; Luke 12:32.
- 10.—What was the burden of the Philadelphia Church? Rev. 14:7.
- 11.—On what base of prophecy did they build their Message? Dan. 8:14.
- 12.—What was in the hearts of some of the disciples while yet Christ was with them? Acts 1:7.
- 13.—What was the burden of the Message in Jesus time? Matt. 3:2, 17.

**NOTE:** The experience of the disciples who preached the "Gospel of the Kingdom"

at the first advent of Christ, has its counterpart in the experience of those who proclaimed the Message of **HIS** second advent. As the disciples went out preaching, "The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand," so Miller and his associates proclaimed that the longest and last prophetic period brought to view in the Bible, was about to expire, that the Judgment was at hand, and the everlasting Kingdom was to be ushered in. The preaching of the disciples in regards to time was on the **SEVENTY WEEKS** of Dan. 9. The Message given by Miller and his associates announced the termination of the 2300 days of Dan. 8:14, of which the Seventy Weeks form a part. The preaching of each was based upon the fulfillment of a different portion of the same great prophetic period.

In explaining Dan. 8:12, "Unto Two Thousand and Three Hundred Days, then shall the Sanctuary be cleansed," Miller, as has been stated, adopted the generally received view, that the earth is the Sanctuary, and he believed that the cleansing of the Sanctuary represented the purification of the earth by fire at the coming of the Lord. When therefore, he found that the close of the 2300 days was definitely foretold, he concluded, that this revealed the time of the second Advent. His error resulted from accepting the popular view as to what constitutes the Sanctuary. G. C. p. 351, 352.

**NOTE:** By following popular views in these days those who profess to be God's children will fall into a snare and be deceived. May the Master ever help us to search the Scriptures for in them is found the road to **ETERNAL LIFE**.

### THE BURDEN OF THE TRUE CHURCH WHOM GOD HAS CHOSEN

#### 4. Lesson Sabbath, January, 28, 1928

##### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What has God said of it? Rev. 22:17.
- 2.—What more has God said of His Church? Isa. 54:5; 2 Cor. 11:2.
- 3.—What will be its character? 1 Thess. 3:11-13.

4.—What was the burden of the **REFORMERS** in the days of **KNOX**? G. C. p.103.

**NOTE:** "Has not our Lord Jesus carried up our flesh into heaven?" said Knox, the Scotch Reformer, "and shall he not return? We know that he shall return and that, with expedition." Ridley and Latimer, who laid down their lives for the truth, looked in faith for the Lord's coming. Ridley wrote: "The world without doubt—this I do believe, and therefore I say it—dawns to an end. Let us with John, the servant of God, cry in our hearts unto our Saviour Christ, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come." Rev. 22:20.

- 5.—What was needed in the Philadelphia Church? Eph. 4: 11.
- 6.—What were these given for? Eph. 4: 12.
- 7.—How long are these HELPS needed? Eph. 4: 13, first part.
- 8.—What other THREE things more are mentioned? same verse.
- 9.—Seeing that God's people are looking for their Master's return, and His Kingdom, what must they ever look for? Luke 21: 25-26.
- 10.—Where are these signs again mentioned, see Matt. 24: 29; Rev. 6: 12, 13.
- 11.—What is said of the earthquake? Note, G. C. p. 304.

NOTE: These signs were witnessed before the opening of the present century. (1800). In fulfillment of this prophecy there occurred in the year of 1755, the most terrible earthquake, that has ever been recorded. Though commonly known as the earthquake of Lisbon, it extended to the greater part of Europa, Africa and America. It was felt in Greenland, in the West Indies, in the Island of Madaira, in Norway and Sweden, Great Britain and Ireland. In Africa the shock was almost as severe as in Europa. A great part of Algiers was destroyed, and a short distance from Morocco, a village containing eight or ten thousand inhabitants, was swallowed up. A vast wave swept over the coast of SPAIN and AFRICA, engulfing cities, and causing great destruction.

(more might be given if space allowed)

- 12.—What is said of the next sign? p. 306.

The 1260 days or years terminated in 1798. A quarter of a century earlier. Persecutions had almost wholly ceased. Between these two dates, according to the words of Christ, the SUN was to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled.

- 13.—As the Church saw those signs, what was the Church to know? Luke 21: 28.

May we ever look unto HIM, from whence our Help cometh.

#### FULFILLED SIGNS AND THE BURDEN OF THE CHURCH

5. Lesson Sabbath, February, 4, 1928  
QUESTIONS

- 1.—What was the last sign mentioned in Matt. 24: 29, last part?
- 2.—What signs were to proceed it? Rev. 6: 13.
- 3.—What does history say of this? D. & R. pp. 422, 424.  
And the stars of heaven fell. The voice of history still is fulfilled, being much later events than the darkening of the sun. . . . We refer to the great Meteoric Shower of Nov. 13, 1833, on this point a few extracts will suffice. . . .

"Extensive and magnificent showers of shooting stars have been known to occur at various places in modern times; but the most universal and wonderful which has ever been recorded is that of the 13th of November, 1833. The whole firmament, over all the United States being then for hours, in fiery commotion. No celestial phenomena has ever occurred in this country since its first settlement, which was viewed with such intense admiration by one class in the community, or with so much dread and alarm by another. . . . During the three hours of its continuance the day or judgment was believed to be only waiting for sunrise." Our First Century, 329.

- 4.—What was lacking in the Church at this time? 1 Sam. 9: 9.
- 5.—Can a body without an eye said to be perfect?
- 6.—What is said of such a spiritual body in CHRIST'S day? Matt. 23: 28. Prov. 29: 18.
- 7.—What does God call those whom he sends to interpret? Job 33: 23.
- 8.—What does HE call them in Isa. 42: 19?
- 9.—What is the ONE to do, spoken of in Mal. 3: 1, first part.
- 10.—Who is to come to HIS temple? middle part.
- 11.—What more is said of HIM? Mal. 3: 1, last part.
- 12.—What did the Angel show the seer? Dan. 7: 9-10.
- 13.—What was another Seer shown? Rev. 11: 19, first part.
- 14.—What else did He see another time? Rev. 14: 6, first part.
- 15.—What did that Messenger say? Rev. 14: 7.
- 16.—How far was this message to go? Rev. 14: 6, last part.

NOTE: Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. Test. Vol. 9, pp. 46-47.

#### THE MESSAGE THE CHURCH HAS BORNE TO THE WORLD

6. Lesson Sabbath, February, 11, 1928  
QUESTIONS

- 1.—What is said of the Message, as it went forth between 1821 and 1844?  
In ADVENT tracts, Vol. 2, p. 135. Durrant Brook, an English writer, is quoted as saying:  
"It is not merely in Great Britain that the expectation of the near return of the Redeemer is entertained, and the voice of warning raised, but also in America, India, and the Continent of Europe. In America about three hundred ministers of the Word

are preaching this Gospel of the Kingdom, while in this country (Great Britain) about seven hundred of the Church of England are raising the same cry."

Dr. Joseph Wolf traveled in Arabia, FELIX, through the region inhabited by the descendants of Hobab, Moses father-in-law. In his mission to Bokhara, he speaks as follows, of a book which he saw in Yemen:

"The Arabs of this place have a book called 'SEERA' which treats of the second coming of CHRIST, and HIS reign in Glory. In Yemen, I spent six days with the Rechabites. They drink no wine, plant no vineyards, sow no seeds, live in tents, and remember the words of Jonadab, the son of Rechab. With them were the Children of Israel, of the Tribe of Dan, who resides near Terim in Hatramawt, who expect, in common with the Children of Rechab, the speedy arrival of the Messiah in the clouds of heaven." D. & R. p. 594.

In Scandinavia, also the Advent Message was proclaimed, and a widespread interest was kindled. Many were roused from their careless security to confess and forsake their sins, and seek pardon in the name of Christ.

2.—Who is said to oppose the Message?

But the clergy of the State Church opposed the Movement, and through their influence some who preached the Message were thrown into prison.

3.—In what way was God pleased to send the Message?

In many places the preachers of the Lord's soon coming were thus silenced. God was pleased to send the Message, in a miraculous manner, through little children. As they were under age, the law of the State could not restrain them and they were permitted to speak unmolested.

4.—What more is said of Child Preachers?

The Child Preachers themselves were mostly poor cottagers. Some of them were not more than six or eight years of age, and with their lives testified that they loved the Saviour, and were trying to live in obedience to God's holy requirements, they ordinarily manifested only the intelligence and ability usually seen in children of that age, when standing before the people, however, it was evident that they were moved by an influence beyond their own natural gifts.

5.—What was the Message they gave?

"Fear God, and give glory to HIM; for the hour of His Judgment is come." They reproved the sins of the people, not only condemning immorality and vice, but rebuking worldliness and backsliding, and warning their hearers to make haste to flee from the wrath to come.

## A DISAPPOINTED CHURCH

7. Lesson Sabbath, February 18, 1928

### QUESTIONS

1.—What did Peter say when he became disappointed? John 21:3.

NOTE: When ones heart is set on a certain thing and receive it not when expected, they turn away from the very path that leads to their heart's desire.

2.—What has James written for the weary? James 5:7-9.

3.—What further is written in Heb. 10:35-37?

4.—What further comforting message is given in Hab. 2:2-3.

5.—What TWO classes are mentioned in Hab. 2:4.

6.—Where is the Lord said to be at this time Hab. 2:20.

7.—Where must we all stand? Rom. 14:10

8.—What are we to give? Rom. 14:1-2.

9.—What claim has God on us, if we are truly HIS? Rom. 14:7-9.

10.—What is the Church to put on? Rom. 13:14.

11.—When does the Church put on Christ? Gal. 3:27.

NOTE: The early Church had their disappointments, they had to tarry and wait before they could receive their promised power, before they could baptise or preach the Gospel in its fullness.

12.—What is the Church still to look for? Jas. 5:7, last part.

13.—What is the Church in these days to do? Joel 2:12-13.

14.—What are the Watchmen to do? Joel 2:15-17.

15.—What are we requested to say? Joel 2:17, last part.

16.—If the Church will do as God has requested them to, what will they do and receive? Joel 2:23.

17.—What will God's people then know? Joel 2:27.

18.—How will they be made to know? Joel 2:28-29.

19.—Who quoted these same verses? Acts 2:14, 16-21.

20.—How were those disciples found at that time? Acts 2:1.

21.—What happened to them? Acts 2:3.

NOTE: Mark 16:20.

Notwithstanding the fierce opposition that the disciples meet, in a short time, the Gospel of the Kingdom had been sounded to all the inhabited parts of the earth.

The commissions given to the disciples are given also to us. Today as then a crucified and risen Saviour is to be uplifted, before those who are without GOD and without hope in the world. . . . .

Not with tame lifeless utterance is the Message to be given, but with clear, decided, stirring utterances.



Hundreds are waiting for the warning to escape for their lives. . . . .

The world needs to see in Christians an evidence of the POWER of CHRISTIANITY. Test. Vol. 8, pp. 15-16.

### WHAT THE CHURCH SAW

#### 8. Lesson Sabbath, February 25, 1928

##### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What are the Saints said to be keeping? Rev. 14:12.
- 2.—What Commandment in the Law did the Jews break before they reached Horeb? Ex. 16:25-28.
- 3.—Who wrote the Law, and how was it written? Ex. 31:18.
- NOTE: This was 30 days after GOD had warned them against disobeying His Law.
- 4.—What kind of person will be blessed? Jas. 1:25.
- 5.—What is the Law said to be? same verse.
- 6.—What does David write concerning the Law? Ps. 19:7.
- 7.—For what other purpose is the Law said to be? Rom. 7:7.
- 8.—What is further said about the ROYAL law? Jas. 2:8.
- 9.—What is said of keeping it? verse 8.
- 10.—Whom has God chosen for the Kingdom? Jas. 2:5.
- 11.—What is the love of God said to be? John 5:2-3.
- 12.—What is said about asking? 1 John 3:22.

NOTE: To be pleasing in GOD'S SIGHT even the Jews had to take heed to GOD'S LAW, before they received it by the hand of Moses.

- 13.—What command in the Law did the Church discover they were not keeping in 1844, when they expected their Lord's return? Ex. 16:26; 20:8-10; G. C. pp. 434, 435.

NOTE: The Spirit of God impressed the hearts of those students of His Word. The convention was urged upon them, that they had ignorantly transgressed this precept by disregarding the CREATOR'S Rest Day. They began to examine the reason for observing the first day of the week instead of the day which GOD had sanctified.

They could find no evidence in the Scriptures that the FOURTH COMMANDMENT had been abolished, or that the Sabbath had been changed; the blessing which first hallowed the SEVENTH DAY had never been removed. They had been honestly seeking to know and do GOD'S will; now, as they saw themselves transgressors of the Law, sorrow filled their hearts and they manifested their loyalty to GOD by keeping HIS Sabbath holy.

### THE CHURCH AND THE SABBATH

#### 9. Lesson Sabbath, March 3, 1928

##### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What was the Message in Isaiah's day? Isa. 58:1, 13, 14; 56:1, 4.
- 2.—What message did JEREMIAH receive? Jer. 17:19-22.
- 3.—What is promised if they obey? Jer. 17:24-25.
- 4.—What was promised if they disobeyed?
- 5.—What same rate of caricature did those so-called children of God have in the time of STEPHEN? Acts 7:51.
- 6.—For not obeying the voice of GOD, to keep HIS Sabbath, what was to happen and for how long? Jer. 25:8-12.
- 7.—What further is said of this? 2 Chron. 36:21-22.
- 8.—Which one of the Commandments reveal the Creator? Gen. 1:1.
- 9.—Where else is it spoken of, and what did He do when finished? Gen 2:2-3.
- 10.—What two things will we know by keeping Sabbath? Ezek. 20:12, 20.
- 11.—What was, and has, and ever will be the cry of the faithful ones? Jer. 6:16, first part.
- 12.—What are many saying, even now? Jer. 6:16, last part, verse. 17.
- NOTE: Those who turn a deaf ear to the Sabbath message in these days, God will finally judge even as He will those that were in the days of Jeremiah.
- 13.—How long was the Sabbath to be kept, with the rest of the Law? Matt. 5:18; Isa. 66:22-23.
- 14.—What is said that the CREATOR had done? Rev. 14:6-7.

NOTE: The importance of the Sabbath, as the Memorial of Creation is that it keeps ever present the true reason why worship is due to GOD, because He is the Creator, and we His creatures.

"The Sabbath therefore lies at the very foundation of the DIVINE WORSHIP; for it teaches this great truth in the most impressive manner, and no other institution does this."

The true ground of divine worship, not of that on the Seventh Day merely, but of all worship, is found in the distinction between the CREATOR and HIS CREATURES. This great fact can never become obsolete, and must never be forgotten. It was to keep this truth ever before the minds of men that GOD instituted the Sabbath in Eden; and so long as the fact, that He is our Creator continues to be a reason, why we should worship Him, so long the Sabbath will continue as its Sign and Memorial. Had the Sabbath been universally kept,

man's thoughts and affections would have been led to the Creator as the object of reverence and worship and there would never have been an idolater, an atheist or and infidel.

The keeping of the Sabbath is a sign of loyalty to the true God, "Him that made Heaven and Earth, and the Sea, and the Fountains of Water." It follows that the message which commands men to worship God and keep His Commandments, will especially call upon them to keep the **FOURTH COMMANDMENT**.

In contrast to those who keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, the third Angel points to another class, against whose errors a solemn and fearful warning is uttered. Rev. 14: 9-11; G. C. pp. 437, 438.

### THE EYE OF THE CHURCH

#### 10. Lesson Sabbath, March 10, 1928

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What did we find the Seer, or Prophet saw was wrong with the Church in his day? Isa. 58: 13.
- 2.—What is said of those same people that trampled under foot GOD'S SABBATH? Isa. 58: 2.
- 3.—What did John see? Rev. 14: 12.
- 4.—What was he told the Third Angel's Message was? Rev. 14: 9-11.
- 5.—What name did GOD give the Power, who were to think to change the time and laws? Dan. 7: 25.

**NOTE:** In verses 7 and 8, the fourth Kingdom upon the earth is called beast or beastly as the angel explained it in verses 22-24. Another was to arise and the one that was to arise was to have eyes and mouth speaking great things, verse 8.

In the 25th verse we note what he was to think:

**NOTE:** The Papacy has attempted to change the Law of God. The second commandment, forbidding image worship, has been dropped from the Law, and the Fourth Commandment has been so changed as to authorize the observance of the first, instead of the Seventh Day Sabbath; but papists urge, as a reason for omitting the second Commandment that it is unnecessary, being included in the first, and that they are giving the Law exactly as God designed it to be understood. This cannot be the change foretold by the prophet. An intentional, deliberate change is presented; "He shall think to change times and the law"

The change in the Fourth Commandment exactly fulfills the Prophecy. For this the

only authority claimed is that of the Church. Here the papal power openly sets itself above God. It is a fact generally admitted by Protestants, that the Scriptures give no authority for change of the Sabbath. This is plainly stated in publications issued, by American Tract Society and the American Sunday School Union. One of the works acknowledges "the complete silence of the New Testament so far as any explicit command for the Sabbath (Sunday, the first day of the week), or definite rules for its observance are concerned. G. C. pp. 446, 447.

**NOTE:** "The abiding Sabbath," also p. 184 "The Lord's Day" pp. 185, 186, also a \$1,000 prize essay.

- 6.—What work was committed to the Seer? Ezek. 33: 7, first part.
- 7.—What was he to hear? last part.
- 8.—What was his message? Ezek. 33: 8-16.
- 9.—What charge is here made? Ezek. 33: 17
- 10.—What further is stated? verses 18-19.
- 11.—How does GOD judge? verse 20.
- 12.—Where must we some time have to appear? 2 Cor. 5: 10.
- 13.—What is the same? 1 Tim. 5: 24.

**NOTE:** May we ever be found with the former class that our title may be clear.

### THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

#### 11. Lesson Sabbath, March, 17, 1928

#### QUESTIONS

- 1.—What day did the disciples hold their preaching service? Acts 13: 44, first part.
- 2.—What was the result? Acts 13: 44, last part.
- 3.—What were the professed people of God filled with? Acts 12: 45, first part.
- 4.—How did they speak? last part.
- 5.—How did it affect the Apostles? verse 46
- 6.—What had the Lord commanded them? verse 47.
- 7.—What did the gentiles do, when they heard that? verse 48, first part.
- 8.—How many believed? last part.
- 9.—What has the Lord said? Matt. 22: 14.
- 10.—What is required of one to be chosen? 2 Peter 3: 18
- 11.—What warning is found in 2 Peter 3: 17?
- 12.—What other warning is given? Eph. 4: 30.
- 13.—What further admonition is given? Eph. 4: 31-32.
- 14.—How will God arouse His people? Test. Vol. 5, pp. 707.

**NOTE:** The fact that there is no controversy or agitation among God's people should not be regarded as conclusive evidence that they are holding fast to sound doctrine.

There is reason to fear that they may not be clearly discriminating between truth and error. When no new questions are started by investigation of the Scripture when no differences of opinion arise, which will set men to searching the Bible for themselves, to make sure that they have the truth, there will be now, as in ancient times, those who will hold to tradition and worship they know not what. . . . . God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the CHAFF from the WHEAT. The Lord calls upon all who believe His Word, to awake out of sleep.

15.—What will GOD do with the CHAFF? Luke 3:17.

NOTE: May we be found among the WHEAT when GOD calls.

### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### 12. Lesson Sabbath, March 24, 1928 QUESTIONS

1.—What was the first thing Christ taught after healing the sick? Luke 17:19; Mark 5:34.

2.—What is faith said to be? Heb. 11:1.

3.—How should the Church teach faith? Jas. 2:26.

4.—What is the individual work of the Church? Rom. 12:1-2.

5.—In what way are the church members connected with Christ? Rom. 11:16-22.

6.—What has Christ further said? John 5:1-6.

7.—What were the disciples to receive in order to work for the Lord? John 17:17.  
NOTE: Test. Vol. 6, pp. 240, 241.

Sanctified Ministry calls for self-denial. The Cross must be uplifted and its place in the Gospel work shown. Human influence is to draw its efficacy from the ONE who is able to save and to keep saved all who recognize their dependence on HIM. By the union of church-members with Christ and with one another, the transforming power of the Gospel is to be diffused throughout the world. Medical missionary work is in no case to be divorced from the Gospel ministry. The Lord has specified that the two shall be as closely connected as the arm is with the body. Without this union neither part of the work is complete.

The Medical Missionary work is the Gospel in Illustration. But God did not design that the medical missionary should eclipse the work of the THIRD ANGELS MESSAGE. The arm is not the body. The THIRD ANGELS MESSAGE is the Gospel Message for the last days, and in no case to be overshadowed by other interests and made to appear an unessential consideration.

When in our Institutions anything is placed above the THIRD ANGELS MESSAGE, the Gospel is not there the leading power.

The Cross is the center of all religious Institutions. These Institutions are to be under the control of the Spirit of GOD; in no Institution is any ONE man to be the sole head. The DIVINE mind has men for every place.

8.—What has the Lord said about being mindful? Isa. 17:10.

9.—What does the Psalmist say is the strength of his life? Ps. 27:1.

10.—What is a part of the church work? Isa. 35:3-4.

11.—In order to work successfully what must it do? Isa. 52:1, first part.

12.—How much can be done then? Phil. 4:13.

13.—What is further written? Phil. 4:19.

14.—Why does the Church not prosper as it should? Phil. 2:21.

15.—Why was a disciple once nigh unto death? Phil. 2:30.

16.—What further is written? Phil. 3:17-18

NOTE: May we ever prove true examples before men.

### THE CHURCH LOOKING TOWARDS THE END

#### 13. Lesson Sabbath, March 31, 1928 QUESTIONS

1.—What is the one thing to keep in sight? Matt. 5:48.

NOTE: Test. Vol. 8, p. 64.

Christ is the greatest Teacher that the world has ever known, and what is the standard He holds before all who believe in Him? "Be ye therefore perfect even as your FATHER which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48. As God is perfect in His sphere, so man may be perfect in his sphere.

2.—What is the HUB of the Church? Titus 2:13.

3.—Why did Christ give Himself? verse 14.

4.—What is one exhorted to do? verse 15.

5.—How should one live? verse 12.

6.—What is said of those who live Godly? 2 Tim. 3:12.

7.—As the disciples looked towards the end, what were they commanded? Acts 10:42.

8.—What charge are we to be mindful of? 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

9.—When was Eternal Life promised? Titus 1:2.

10.—What is one admonished to do? verse 9.

11.—How is the Church to be arrayed at Christ's coming? Rev. 19:8.

12.—What do we find written in 1 John 2:28-29?

13.—What promise is written in 2 Peter 3:13?

14.—What are we exhorted to do? verse 14.

15.—What two classes are mentioned at Christ's appearing? 1 Thess. 4:12-17.

16.—What are those who are alive said to be, and how are they made up and how many are there? Rev. 7:4; 14:12.

NOTE: D. & R. pp. 634.

The 144,000, those who died after having become identified with the THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE, are evidently numbered as a part of the 144,000, for this Message is the same as the sealing Message of Revelation 7; and by that Message only 144,000 were sealed. But have fallen in death. They die in the Lord, and hence are counted as sealed, for they will be saved. But the Message results in the sealing of only 144,000.

Therefore those must be included in that number, being raised in the special resurrection (Dan. 12:2, Rev. 1:7), which occurs when the voice of GOD is uttered from the Temple, at the beginning of the seventh and last plague. (Rev. 16:17. Joel 3:16. Heb. 12:26). They pass through the period of that plague and hence may be said to come out of great tribulation." (Rev. 7:14), and being raised from the grave only to mortal life, they take their stand with believers who have not died, and with them receive immortality at the last trump (1 Cor. 15:52) being then with others changed in the moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Thus though they have passed through the grave, it can be said of them at last that they are redeemed from among men." Rev. 14:4, that is from among living, for the coming of Christ finds them among the living, waiting for the change to Immortality, like those who have not died, and as if they themselves had never died.

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