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### NOTICE!

We note that Brother Abram Hamilton of New York has a new vision concerning the Banner. He has already sent into the office a goodly number of names for the month of June, subscribers for the Banner. Bro. Hamilton is a faithful member of the New York church. If he keeps this good work up it will surely have a telling effect upon the life and health of the Banner.

The Banner wants many more such good men and women to handle it. We hope that all of our members and friends likewise will catch this vision, and plan from now until December to make this a Banner year with the distribution of the Banner.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to Bro. Hamilton for his efforts along this line, and pray God's continual blessings for him in every walk of life. Let all catch the spirit of this brother.

### THE BANNER.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

The tithe is one-tenth of our income. The offering is any

amount taken from the nine-tenths.

The tithe of:

.10 is	.01
.25 is	.03
.50 is	.05
\$1.00 is	.10
2.00 is	.20
3.00 is	.30
4.00 is	.40
5.00 is	.50
6.00 is	.60
7.00 is	.70
8.00 is	.80
9.00 is	.90
10.00 is	\$1.00
20.00 is	2.00
30.00 is	3.00
40.00 is	4.00
50.00 is	5.00
60.00 is	6.00
70.00 is	7.00
80.00 is	8.00
90.00 is	9.00
100.00 is	10.00
1,000.00 is	100.00
10,000.00 is	1,000.00

The tenth is the Lord's: it is holy, and should not be used for any other cause than the support of the Gospel of Christ, the preaching of the Third Angel's Message.

"The tithe of the land, fruit of the trees, corn, potatoes, and all of the products of the field is the Lord's" and should be remembered and reported. Lev. 27:30.

Tithes of the herd or of the flock, the chicken, the eggs, should not be overlooked. If you are blessed to have a farm or a garden, when you gather your crop don't forget that the first is the Lord's—one-tenth. Chickens, the eggs, the milk, the butter, — one-tenth, when sold, is the Lord's.

The windows of heaven are open to those, and a blessing is pronounced upon all who are faithful to God to bring all the tithes into the storehouse. The storehouse is the local Church Treasury of the Assembly of Free S. D. A.

The general storehouse is located in the City of Savannah, Georgia, 610 W. 36th St. While we pray to God to send forth laborers, we must not forget that our unfaithfulness to God in tithes paying has to do with the answering of our prayers.

### Robbing God

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say,

Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3:8-9.

To rob means to steal that belonging to another. To rob God means to take the tithes and offerings which are God's, and use same for our own individual purpose.

Brethren and sisters of the Free S. D. A., let us be true and honest with our God, and bring all the tithes and offerings, as He has commanded, into the storehouse.

### Origin of Tithing System

Tithing originated under the Melchisedec Priesthood. Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, met Melchisedec, Priest of the Most High God, who said to him: "Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth. And he, Abraham, gave him tithes of all." Gen. 14:18-20.

Christ became Priest after the order of Melchisedec. The tithing system, which began under the Melchisedec Priesthood during the days of Abraham, continues under the Melchisedec Priesthood of Christ. Therefore as Abraham gave tithes of all, who is called in the Bible the father of the faithful, so we who belong to Christ and are Abraham's seed, will be faithful in bringing all the tithes and offerings to the appointed place. Gal. 3:29.

Jacob vowed a vow, saying, "If God will be with me" and will keep me in this way, that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, and of all that thou shall give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:20-22.

Let us not forget our vow, which we have made when we first took our stand for the Third Angel's Message. That we would be faithful to God, not only Sabbath keeping, and attending Church services, but that we would bring all the tithes and offerings into the storehouse, for the support of His cause.

### Funds Are Low—Why?

During the days of Nehemiah the people of God withheld of their tithes and refused to bring all the tithes into the storehouse. Neh. 13:10-11. The results of which, the Levites, who did

work, and the singers had to give up their work and go to the farm for support. God forbid that this should happen in these last days under the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message.

Let us take courage and renew our promise to God, and arise from our slothfulness and unfaithfulness, and not rob God any more of His tithes and offerings. Shall we all say, Amen?

May God bless our efforts this year, 1935, that many souls may be added to the cause of Christ, and that when the work is finished we may hear the voice of God saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy God."

EVANGELIST C. G. MANNS.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH AT MIAMI, FLA.

The 13th Sabbath of the second quarter found the believers all full of courage in the Lord, and enjoying the wonderful blessings of the Almighty God.

On the 13th Sabbath the Y. P. M. V. and the Home Missionary Societies rendered a joint program which was very interesting, and enjoyed by all. We thank our God for His keeping power over us during the quarter, and ask an interest in your prayers that His continued blessings may follow us through the ensuing quarter.

#### Program

Opening Song, Bring in the Sheaves.

Scripture Lesson, Psa. 100. Prayer, Sister M. J. Walker. Song, Here Am I, Send Me. Reading, Miss Louise Wade. Song, Jesus Is Tenderly Calling.

Reading, Master Eddie Byrd. Reading, Lula Williams. Reading, Jessie Mae Gibson. Solo, Bernice Wade. Reading, Grace Wade. Reading, Ella B. Johnson.

Bernice and Louise Wade contested against each other reciting the books of the Old Testament. Miss Louise won the victory, and was awarded a lovely prize, which she received with gratitude.

Sister Amos prepared the church missionary program, which was very inspiring and uplifting.

#### Program

Reading from THE BANNER, "Called to the Witness Stand," Bro. T. Amos.

Solo, Lead Kindly Light, Sis. M. J. Walker.

A Bible Recital, Psa. 25, Sis. E. J. Amos.

Brother H. R. Wade recited from memory all the Sabbath School lesson dates, numbers, subjects, memory verses, references, and Scriptures for all the second quarter.

We are few in number, nevertheless, we can say with the poet, "From a small acorn springs a large oak." We may not have a large sanctuary, but we take for our assurance the words of the hymn:

A tent or a cottage,  
O why should I care?  
They're building a pal-ace  
For me o-ver there!  
H. R. WADE,  
Leader and Reporter.

#### A SIGN TO ALL THE WORLD

(Continued from last issue.)

Rather, it was a signal that the hour of God's judgment was drawing near. The signs so long foretold were appearing, one by one, to register their enduring mark on the record of fulfilling prophecy.

Immediately following these times, there began an awakening concerning the vital Bible doctrine of the second coming of Christ, which has grown into the definite advent movement that is carrying the gospel message of preparation for the coming of the Lord to every nation and tongue and people.

#### The Sign of 1833 Emphasized By Other Displays

We have mentioned the fact that Humboldt had observed an extraordinary fall of meteorites in South America, thirty-three years before, in 1799. And he reported at the time that the oldest inhabitants there had a recollection of a similar display in 1766.

From these reports, scientists deduced the theory that these showers were to be expected every thirty-three years. Hence in 1866 they were watching for a repetition of the 1833 display.

That there was a measure of truth in the deduction was made evident by an unusual fall of

meteorites Nov. 14, 1866. This time Europe was the scene of the display. But the event was not to be compared with that of 1833. This appears plain from the account of observation made by Sir Robert Ball and Lord Rosse, the British astronomers.

Sir Robert Ball says that when the meteorites began to fall, he and Lord Rosse went out upon the wall of the observatory housing Lord Rosse's great reflecting telescope:

"There, for the next two or three hours, we witnessed a spectacle which can never fade from my memory. The shooting stars gradually increased in number until sometimes several were seen at once."

Grand as the spectacle was, it was but a reminder, apparently, of the star shower of 1833, when not "several" meteorites fell at a time, nor many, merely, but, as it appeared, "the stars of heaven fell unto the earth."

However, the spectacle of 1866, which was observed over a great part of the Old World, served to direct renewed attention to the incomparable event of 1833, as well as to the prophetic descriptions of the "wonders in the heavens" (Jcel 2:30) which were to appear as the end drew near.

Textbooks and astronomical works thereupon began to count it as fully established that every thirty-three years the displays would be repeated. It was confidently predicted that 1899 would witness a repetition, possibly on the scale of 1833.

Professor Langley's "New Astronomy" (published in 1888), said:

"The great November shower, which is coming once more in this country, and which every reader may hope to see toward 1899, is of particular interest to us as the first whose movements were subject to analysis."

Chamber's Astronomy, published in 1889, said: "The meteors of November 13 may be expected to reappear with great brilliancy in 1899."

But the November date passed in 1899, and the years have passed; and the wonderous scene of 1833 has not been repeated. Clark's "History of Astronomy in the Nineteenth Century," says:

"We can no longer count upon the Leonids (as the meteorites of 1833 were called, because they seemed to fall from a point in the constellation of Leo). Their glory, for scenic purposes, is departed."

#### The Lord's Signal to Watch

Thus the wisest astronomical predictions made shortly before 1899, based upon the apparently recurrent regularity of the phenomenon, failed; but the predictions of the sure word of prophecy, set down on the sacred record eighteen centuries before, were fulfilled to the letter.

At the close of the days of the predicted tribulation of the church, the signs began to appear—the sun was darkened, the moon withheld its light, and the stars of heaven fell.

The series began at the time specified, the signs came in the order given in Christ's prophecy. The record of history bears witness that the prophecy was fulfilled.

It may be that on a yet more awful and universal scale these phenomena will be seen again in that last shaking of the heaven which is to attend the rolling back of the heavens as a scroll, the immediate prelude to Christ's glorious appearing. But Christ's prophecy, at this point, was not giving a description of events at the very end of the world, but signs by which it might be known when the end was drawing near.

As the signs should be recognized, the Saviour intended that those who loved His appearing should be quickened with hope, and inspired to hasten to the world with the gospel message preparing the way of the Lord. The Lord's word for His children was, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption dreweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

Long ago these signs began to come to pass. Now may the Lord's believing children look up and rejoice, knowing that the day of eternal redemption is indeed nigh at hand.

#### The Sign of Fire

As this sign of fire in the watchtower was a signal to God's people anciently to flee from the coming danger (see Jer. 6:1), so the signs appearing now in the

heavens and in the earth are God's signals of warning to the people of our day.

#### THE GREAT SEAL OF JEHOVAH

(Continued from last issue)  
The Sabbath Commandment

##### Contains a Seal

The only part of the law of God which does this is the fourth commandment, the Sabbath commandment. This commandment gives validity to the entire law. This is that part of the law which distinguishes the true God from all false gods. It is that part of the law which informs us who the Lawgiver is.

There is nothing in the first commandment that reveals who it is that gives the law. It declares that "thou shalt have no other gods before me"; but it does not say who it is that speaks. The worshiper of Buddha or any other god might claim that this was the law of his god, and from this commandment alone he could not be gainsaid. The second commandment uses the expression, "the Lord thy God," but does not say who this God is, and as there are "gods many, and lords many" (1 Cor. 8:5), it would still be impossible to tell from this who the true God is. The third commandment uses the same expression but does not enlighten us as to the identity of the true God. The fifth commandment is equally silent in this respect. And the sixth, seventh, and eighth, ninth, and tenth commandments do not even contain the name of God. If the ten commandments were without the fourth, the law of God would contain no signature, no seal.

But in the fourth commandment the true God is pointed out as the One who "in six days" "made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." Ex. 20:11. Here the true God, the God who gave the ten commandments, is pointed out as the God who created the world and all that is in it. The Creator is the true God, and it is his power to create which distinguishes him from all false gods. Therefore, in order that his people may

ever worship him, he gives them a perpetual reminder of his power to create by establishing the seventh-day Sabbath, which is a memorial of his work of creation. The Sabbath was ever to stand before the people of the earth as a memorial, or monument, of creative power and thus lead the minds of the inhabitants of the earth every seventh day to the Creator himself.

The Sabbath commandment is, then, the very heart of the law, of God. It is the one commandment in the law which distinguishes the true God from all false gods. Thus with the fourth commandment in its rightful place, this remarkable law, the Decalogue, the only writing among men which God ever wrote with his own finger, has a signature; it has a signature which renders it intelligible and authentic; it has a seal. But without the fourth commandment it lacks all these essentials.

The Sabbath commandment, therefore, contains the seal of the living God. His name is "the Lord,—Jehovah." His title of authority is "Creator." The extent of his dominion is "heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." Here are all the parts of a true seal,—JEHOVAH, CREATOR, OF THE UNIVERSE. The Sabbath is the seal of God. And this we are not left to surmise or reason out for ourselves. We are plainly told in the Bible that the Sabbath is God's seal or sign.

"Verily my Sabbaths shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Ex. 31:13.

Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Ezek. 20:12.

"And 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. 20:20.

Thus the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is taken by the Lord as a sign between His and His people of all ages; the people, by observing that commandment, signifying that they are worshippers of the true God; and God, by the same com-

mandment, making himself known as their rightful Ruler, inasmuch as He is their Creator.

**A Message of Sabbath Reform**

We have now found the seal of God. It is the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. The prophecy, then, of the sealing of the servants of God in their foreheads with the seal of the living God, foretells the coming, in this present generation, of a worldwide message of reform with reference to the Sabbath of the Lord. The distinguishing feature of this message will be the seal of God, which we have found to be the Sabbath.

We now inquire if it is true that the observance of the Sabbath puts on the one observing it a mark or sign of distinction? The best answer that can be obtained to that question is for the reader himself to try it. Let him keep the seventh-day Sabbath in his community, and he will discover immediately that such a practise sets him apart both from professed Christians and the people of the world. It is a striking comment on the Christianity of the day that a person frequently can arouse the bitterest opposition in a professedly Christian community by simple obedience to all the commandments of God. Let a person once begin the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath and he is from that time a marked and peculiar person. Most assuredly the Sabbath is a mark which distinguishes between those who obey God and those who merely profess to obey Him.

The most striking feature of this prophecy is that it is actually being fulfilled at the present time. There is a message of reform on the Sabbath question being preached in all the world today. It began in weakness, as the rising sun, but it is rapidly becoming one of the most prominent religious issues in the world. This message has now encircled the earth with its truth. It attracts attention everywhere it is preached. It calls the people of God back to the observance of His true Sabbath. It restores that Sabbath which has been taken away by the Roman Church and for which a false Sabbath has been substituted. Thousands are being

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troubled regarding this message of truth, and are discussing it earnestly. Thousands are being convinced of its truth and are bringing their lives into harmony with it. It is God's final message. And now that it has come to you, do not turn away from it, for its purpose is that of preparing you to meet the Lord in peace.

In this wonderful message there is salvation from the destruction which is soon to come upon the world, and in it also is an abundant entrance into the kingdom of God. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14. Those who accept the last message of God to the earth, the sealing message, the message of obedience to the commandments of God, and bring their lives, through the grace of Christ, into harmony with His will as expressed in these commandments, will enter into the city of God.

### THE BLESSINGS OF A SONG

"What a friend we have in Jesus,"

Sang a little child one day;  
And a weary woman listened  
To the darling's happy lay.

All her heart seemed dark and gloomy,  
And her heart was sad with care.

Sweetly rang out baby's treble,

"All our sins and griefs to bear."

She was pointing out the Saviour  
Who could carry every woe;  
And the one who sadly listened,  
Needed that dear Helper so!

Sin and grief were heavy burdens  
For a fainting soul to bear;  
But the baby, singing, bade her  
"Take it to the Lord in prayer."

With a simple, trusting spirit,  
Weak and worn she turned to God,  
Asking Christ to take her burden,  
As He was the sinner's Lord.

Jesus was the only refuge;  
He could take her sin and care;  
And He blessed the weary woman  
When she came to Him in prayer.

And the happy child still singing,  
Little knew that she had a part  
In God's wondrous work of bringing  
Peace unto a troubled heart.

—Selected.

The world will be convinced, not by what the pulpit teaches, but by what the church lives. The minister in the desk announces the theory of the gospel; the practical piety of the church demonstrates its power.

### FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PROGRAM

#### Our Program Is:

1st—A deeper consecration to do service in the vineyard of the Lord.

2nd—To do our BIT in preaching the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, in all the world, for a witness unto all nations.

3rd—As a race, maintain self-respect, and do as Our Lord has said, "Occupy until I come."

4th—To establish among Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, Negro Conferences with Negro officers— Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bookkeepers.

5th—To establish schools for the training of our children and for workers in our organization.

6th—To establish a publishing house in which we may furnish employment to Negro Men, Women, Boys and Girls, as we strive to preach the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.

An invitation is extended to all "INTELLIGENT" Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, those, with a vision, with moral courage, with backbone, those who are strong in the knees, in short, just common self-respect, who have the love of God in the heart, to join with us and help to put this program over the TOP, for over the TOP it must GO.

"Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. Therefore, we are determined to, "Stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free." Gal. 5:1.