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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S VISION.

Originally published by Wesley Bradshaw. Copied from a reprint in the National Tribune. Vol. 4, No. 12, Dec., 1880.

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall which he had come to look upon once more before he was gathered home.

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Let us go into the hall, he said. I want to tell you an incident of Washington's life,—one which no one alive knows of except myself; and, if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified.

From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious, and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of '77, Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear, old commander's careworn cheeks as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, the interposition of whose Divine Providence brought us safely through those dark days of tribulation. One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of the officer I mention who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about a half hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this very table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite to me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time, did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself suddenly became paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy, and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' While at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.' At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being like an angel standing, or rather floating in midair between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a dark cloud raised from these countries, and joined in midocean. For awhile it remained stationary and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and

sprinkled it as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up, one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.'

"At this the dark, shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word 'union,' bearing the American flag, which he placed between the divided nation and said 'Remember ye are brethren.' Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, and united around the National standard. And again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: From each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'Union,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from heaven attended by legions of bright spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well nigh overcome, but who, immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle. Again amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard

the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

"Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'WHILE THE STARS REMAIN AND THE HEAVENS SEND DOWN DEW UPON THE EARTH, SO LONG SHALL THE REPUBLIC LAST.' And taking from his brow the crown on which was blazoned the word 'Union,' he placed it upon the standard while the people, kneeling down, said 'Amen.'

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon my mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: *Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the second, passing which THE WHOLE WORLD UNITED SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST HER. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for HIS GOD, HIS LAND AND UNION.* With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, progress and destiny of the United States."

"Such, my friends," concluded the venerable narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them."

WESLEY BRADSHAW.

For many years we have been familiar with reprints of this vision, one of the earliest being the very first publication, *circa* 1859. For comments thereupon the following introductory remarks, taken from No. 5, "Watch Mission Tidings," A. L., Garber, Publisher, Ashland, O., are sufficiently to the point.

The Washington Vision explains itself; and as will be seen, in reading the original document, it rests wholly upon two individuals: Anthony Sherman and Wesley Bradshaw.

It will be noticed that Anthony Sherman, was the only living person, at that time, to whom Washington had told the vision. Calculation shows that Sherman was about eighteen years old at the time of the vision, and the providence of God had kept him to an age of 99 years, to tell the vision just before the opening of the Great Rebellion, the second peril mentioned by the angel woman.

The third and last peril clearly indicates a future invasion of our country by the old World.†

The drift of events and Bible prophecy indicate that a great combination of powers will be the actor. This is now being formed. Russia, France, Turkey, and China are already in the combination, and including their dependencies and influence, already encompass the territory described under the third peril. The Mohammedan Empire is especially bitter against America, due to trouble over persecutions waged against American Missionaries, and the constant agitation of feeling over these wrongs will bring on the conflict described.

Notice also in the above that the description would seem to show that the THIRD peril was the greatest, while the interpretation declares the SECOND to be. What means this but that by united action and a work of righteousness the nation may escape the third peril, or lessen its force.

One more strange incident in history confirms the Washington vision and explains why the CROWN OF LIGHT was placed upon the flag. A work entitled "Our Flag," has recently been published which shows that an old gentleman whose name is not known in history, being known as "the Professor," was a member of the committee which met at Cambridge in 1775 to adopt a design for a flag for the Colonies. He gave the design which was adopted by the committee, and on doing so, predicted that before another harvest the colonies would be an independent nation, and that Washington would lead the American army, and for that reason recommended his design because it would need but little change to represent the principles of the new nation. This was before independence was thought possible. Then in 1777 he sent to General Washington the design of the original stars and stripes, and with it a "memoranda" in which he gives the popular meaning of the flag, and also "the esoteric interpretation or reason to be" of the same. After showing the defects of past and existing forms of government, he goes on to state that the coming and model govern-

† It is noticeable in this connection that this very year, 1898, such an invasion was actually imminent and would have materialized, in the assistance of Spain, had it not been for England's friendly veto thereof. It is now an open secret that under the auspices of France the Continental Powers had decided to intervene in arms, and the collapse of the plan came about by accident. England was not let into the secret until the very last moment, when the tone of some of her journals suggested that her attitude would be favorable or at least neutral. Accordingly, the project was laid before Lord Salisbury, whose decisive action caused the Powers to halt. He told them that not only would Great Britain not go into such an alliance, but at its initiation the Army and Navy of the British Empire would array themselves alongside of those of the United States. But the "intention" remains, and the spirit of the Continental powers is still decidedly Anti-American, so that at some nearby future date we shall not be at all surprised if the Latin races at least shall be found to be engaged in actual hostility to America, and the Anglo-Saxon Race in general.

ment is that of PHILANTHROPY, "which regards a nation as one man," and that the flag represents the principles of this ideal man "who with a pure heart, clear brain and working hands, is philanthropically, intelligently, and successfully, step by step, realizing his aspirations in developing into a higher and holier ideal, Divine Manhood." Then in treating on the number thirteen, he finds this Divine ideal in Jesus of Nazareth. Now consider the field of the original stars and stripes, twelve stars crowning a large, central star, and read Matt. xix. 28. Worthy that flag to receive the CROWN OF LIGHT.

THE VISION OF JOSEPH HOAG.

This vision is found in the journal of Joseph Hoag, a prominent minister of the Friends, who flourished in the beginning of this century. His grandson, Thos. Hoag, from whom the journal containing the prediction was obtained now lives at Waubeek, Linn County, Iowa. From this journal (transcribed in 1846, and printed in 1859) we learn that Joseph Hoag was born in 1762, being at the time of the vision 41 years old.

Minister Hoag was favored in various ways with prophetic revelations. During his travels he rode over a road which afterward became a part of the battlefield of Gettysburg, in Pennsylvania, and in surprise he exclaimed to his companion in travel, "My horse is wading blood to his fetlock!" The history of the battle tells too well, how the impression was fulfilled. Blood ran down the very road, fetlock deep, during that battle.

THE VISION.

"In the year 1803, probably in the eighth or ninth month, I was one day alone in the fields, and observed that the sun shone clear, but that a mist eclipsed the brightness of its shining. As I reflected upon the singularity of the event, my mind was struck into a silence the most solemn I ever remember to have witnessed; for it seemed that all my faculties were laid low and unusually brought into deep silence. And I said to myself, 'what can all this mean? I do not recollect ever before to have been sensible to such feelings.' And I heard a voice from Heaven say: 'This that thou seest which dims the brightness of the sun is the sign of coming times. I took the forefathers of this country from a land of oppression, I planted them here among the people of the forest, I sustained them, and while they were humble, I blessed them and fed them and they became a numerous people. But they have now become proud and lifted up, and have forgotten me who nourished and

protected them in the wilderness, and are running into every abomination and evil practice of which the old countries are guilty and I have suffered a dividing spirit to come among them. Lift up thine eyes and behold.' And I saw them dividing in great heat. This division began in the church upon points of doctrine. It commenced in the Presbyterian society and went through the various religious denominations, and in its progress and course, the effect was nearly the same. Those who dissented went off with high heads and taunting language and those who kept to their organized sentiments appeared exercised and sorrowful; and when this dividing spirit entered the society of Friends, it raged in as high a degree there as any I had before discovered. As before, those who separated went off with haughty looks and taunting, censoring language; those who kept to their ancient principles retired by themselves.

"It next appeared in the lodges of the Free Masons, and it broke out in appearance like a volcano, inasmuch as it set the country in an uproar for a length of time. Then it entered politics throughout the United States and did not stop until it had produced a civil war, and an abundance of human blood was shed in the course of the combat. The southern states lost their power and slavery was annihilated from their borders. THEN A MONARCHIAL POWER AROSE—TOOK THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATES—ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL RELIGION AND MADE ALL SOCIETIES TRIBUTARY TO SUPPORT ITS EXPENSES. I saw them then take property from the Friends to a large amount. I was amazed at all this, and heard a voice proclaim: 'THIS POWER SHALL NOT ALWAYS STAND; but with this power I will chastise my church until they return to the faithfulness of their forefathers. Thou seest what is coming on thy native land for their iniquity and the blood of Africa, the remembrance of which has come up before me. This vision is yet for many days.' I had no idea of writing it down for many years, until it became such a burden, that for my own relief, I have written it. Signed, JOSEPH HOAG."

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

We have just discovered a chronological reference in the Bible which, without altering the length of the general line of the genealogies brings one of its details into more accurate adjustment. The reference will be found in Amos i. 1. In harmonizing the regnal years of the Kings of Israel and Judah this reference was in some way overlooked. Its introduction, however, enables us to locate the year of the earthquake that

occurred in the reign of Uzziah and rectify our emplacement of the initial year of Jotham's Judgeship.

Those who possess Study Number Five will kindly turn to pages 66-69 thereof and note the following corrections:

1. Opposite 3240 A.M. the 38th year of Uzziah, introduce the reference "Amos i, 1." and the note "Two years before the earthquake." This is the latest year to which Amos i, 1. fits, and allows Jotham the maximum age of "13 years old," or at least to have been in his "13th year" when he was appointed Judge.

2. Hence under 3242 A.M., p. 67., write "Uzziah's sacrilege" (2 Chron. xxvi. 16-20.) *The Great Earthquake occurs thereat* (Josephus Antiq. B. IX. c. x. § 4. Compare Zech. xiv. 5.) Jotham appointed Judge when '12-13 years old', *i. e.*, in his 13-14th year (2 Chron. xxvi. 21).

3. Now change the text to suit. That is erase the paragraph under 3246 A.M. page 68, in that we have just accounted for it under 3242 A.M., and note that 3254 A.M. remains the last and 52d year of Uzziah's reign, to wit the 68th of his life and the 12-13th year of Jotham's Judgeship instead of the 9th as there stated. In this year Jotham was 24-25 years old, and the vision of Isaiah vi. 1. occurred therein; consequently insert that reference under 3254 A.M.

Comments.—The probable date of this earthquake *et cætera*, has never before been determined so as to satisfy Amos i. 1. and Josephus Antiq. IX. x. 4. Kitto in his Early Bible Illustrations under "The Earthquake," enumerates the difficulties experienced in the "Old Chronology." See Foot-note. Uzzah (strength), and Uzziah (*Jar-is strength*), both experienced the anger of the Lord for violating his ordinances. From this Great Earthquake 3242 A.M. to that which occurred at the Crucifixion 4027 A.M. are 785 years. These and the one that swallowed up Dathan and Abirah are the only ones mentioned *historically* in the Bible. The great *Dynastic* earthquake of 1798 A.D. occurred $7 \times 365 = 2555$ years after that of Uzziah, to wit: 3242 A.M. + 2555 y = 5797 A.M.

A SAMPLE OF LOOSE REASONING.

"If Spain geographically represents the left foot of the Image of Empire, and it is given to our people, as the other branch of the Anglo-Saxons, to finish the assaults on that foot, I think that when Spain is subdued the Image must topple, and that the xi.th of Daniel will be due. It says 'at that time' (when the Image falls doubtless) shall Michael stand up, &c. &c., &c." * * *

Our readers will kindly reconsult the Daniel chart and see there that Dan. x. xi. and xii. were completely fulfilled between

529 B.C. to 169 B.C., and 169 B.C. to 190 A.D. to wit: in two periods of 360 years each, as thereon explained. We do not doubt that *when* the Pedestal of Bogus Empire has been completely ruined, the Image will fall, but its fall has naught to do with Daniel x., xi., xii. Do reconsider the Daniel Chart, and secure one if you have not one already. To any one, and particularly to such as have not yet been *able* to purchase the complete chart (\$1.50) we will send the plain black imprint thereof for 50 cts., and have some good enough damaged copies to give away to such as will state candidly that they cannot afford to buy. If there is one book in the Bible we feel confident of understanding it is the Book of Daniel—our original “stumbling block”—and no one can convince us of error who does not fully grasp our own hard wrought and deep sought solution thereof quite as thoroughly as he does his own. The feet of Gentile empire have been *hammered* at for 552 years, ever since the battle of Crecy (1346 A.D.) Hence there is time enough to complete the operation without forcing an issue, and defining a limit. We disclaim any spirit of dogmatism, but have a right to demand a point blank conviction of error in our own unique solution of that wonderful book before we lower the colors of what we consider to be the *solitary truth thereon!* And of *all things* do we chafe under correspondence from such as have the true solution within reach, will not even examine it, but still persist in retailing a conglomerate solution made up of a re-skim of some few confused interpreters of the old school. The fact is we can stake the value of our entire work upon our accuracy on several separate things—and of all of them do we value the solution of the Book of Daniel most. It is the book the atheists and higher critics chiefly scorn, it is the Book that chiefly condemns them. It is the Book that the true church chiefly ought to understand and has been most confused about. It is a beautiful book and as round as completion itself. Dear friends, study it on the chart once more, and do not let personal opinion scatter your conclusions and if you can convince us of having employed them we conjure you to do so.

HOW TO SPREAD TRUTH.

We have been surprised and encouraged at the number of Anglo-American Private Postal Cards, etc., now upon the market. All sorts of designs, some good, some crude, are assisting us in spreading the fact of the growing cordiality between Ephraim and Manasseh, whether they are born of an understanding of its philosophy or not. The best ones are of Canadian origin, but the postal regulations of our own country (whose official and clerical authorities always tie up a new privilege so as to make it of little practical effect) forbid the

use of any design upon the address side of the Private Card. This, with the added necessity of "licking" a postage stamp every time such a "private" card is employed, and of the regulation making a foreign "private" card cost just as much as a letter! effectively kills its utility in the United States. In the meantime we have copyrighted a special form of private *envelope* for both foreign and domestic use which compasses all of the desirable ends much better. It is a white Number Six Government envelope printed in red and blue with blanks for return to sender, and can be furnished at twenty cents per package, or will be printed in larger quantities at a proportionately less price. We can also furnish estimates for Patriotic Stationery, paper and envelopes to match, according to any submitted design, the printing or lithographing to be done by the firm that has furnished all of our own expensive printing and lithography. Pending any particular estimates we submit below (save as to coloring) the design placed upon our Standard Envelope, and which, if used in general correspondence, will do much to pave the way for ultimate recognition of the fundamental Anglo-Israelitish premises upon which we contend this great *desideratum*—the fraternity of Joseph's sons—is to be brought about.

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall."



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THE PYRAMID—IN EVIDENCE.

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G. W. G."

SO GOES THE WORLD ASTRAY.

We met a genuine Higher Critic this summer. He is "way up" in authority, and is well versed in all of their defensive argument. He took serious and aggressive offense, to a sort of personal degree, at our explanation of those difficulties that have made atheism flourish. At last, in definition, we told him that we believed the Bible to be "the most accurately written and perhaps the most inaccurately translated and understood book in the world." "Ah!" said he, "now I have you; we consider the Bible to be the most inaccurately written and the most accurately translated book in the world!" There you have the whole issue. Those Higher Critics know naught of and care nothing for or as to the harmony of things. They are grossly ignorant of the *numerical* "secrets" of Hebrew, Greek, and even Latin. They magnify their own textual and *ex parte* interpretation and exposition, and are as "far as North from South" or "East from West" from the real issue. Blind guides. Let them R. I. P.

GARNERS FULL OF BREAD.

Signs of the times. The editor of the Topeka (Kansas) *State Journal* records for 1898 that his State alone garners wheat enough to give every soul upon our latest census one bushel each. The ratio of the Federal Commissioner of Agriculture is generally too conservative, and always falls below the fact in "crop figures." The Hungarian Commission estimates the world crop "short," and later reports from Russia show that the grain crop has failed again in seven provinces. Our crop last year was "long," and this year is much "longer." Manasseh is still on top. Moral: Grow Wheat Bread, O Sons of Joseph!

HEAT.—PERIHELION DATA.

We are still breaking the records as the years (see Study Number Seven) culminate. We once had much to say, seven years ago, about solar culminations, but have had little time

to follow the records since. Yet all of our "theory"—Knapp's and Benner's, and that of the St. Louis philosopher—still holds good. The measures fill and their capacity is an astonishment. Sun spots, seismic disturbances, meteors, auroras, cyclones, etc., are in order now to end of 1903.

MEMORANDUM.

Spain is her own greatest menace; just as France was about a century ago. The worst foes of a false system are always to be found at home. "Shrewd politics" always overreaches itself. Spain is facing a crisis in which the element of true patriotism is conspicuously absent. Her best men dare not help her; her worst men are scheming for ascendancy. Her motto is, "The last monkey gets killed." That of France was, "After me the deluge." They both amount to the same thing. See if they don't!

POOR LEO. XIII.

The Pope's redoubtable *failure* to prevent the Hispano-American war is a matter of "record." The anti-American vituperation of his foreign representatives (for instance, the Manila proclamation of its archbishop) is already both famous and infamous. Leo had hard work to control such men as Bishop Ireland—an American. The other day they raffled for souls in Mexico—to extricate them out of purgatory!—so much a dime for Indulgences. Let it not be forgotten that the Infallible Pope blessed the arms of Spain as against those of Cuba, but dared not curse openly those of the United States. Once more we aver that we had rather merit the Pope's official curse than his deliberate blessing. Disaster always follows his conference and the acceptance of the order of the "Red Rose." The Pope has been a prisoner since 1870; his estate is rapidly consuming! Watch its final phases, soon to take the stage. Papacy is on its last legs, and its fall—the completion of its fall—will surely follow that of Islamism. Keep your eye on Turkey, Rome and Russia.

THE NEW CONVOCATION.—VAIN!

The Papacy is nearing a genuine crisis! The days of the present Pope are constructively numbered, *Mene, mene, tekel, Upharsin*, and the representatives of the nations most interested are already gathering at Rome to influence the choice of his successor. They are to help make their God and then worship him! Verily, the method of erection is a *travesty*, and its harvest is to be a surprise. Islamism now is in order due to fall, and Papalism is thereafter soon to be snuffed out. It fell in 1870.

POOR FRANCE.

We have already said enough about the Dreyfus matter (Leaflet LXXXI.—III., p. 88; and LXXXIX. p. 303). We retain our judgment. French justice is a farce; it will reap the whirlwind. Zola will clear his skirts. Germany has forced France to the issue of a revision; Russia has left her in the lurch. French honor is about as high toned as that of Spain. It is merely a matter of degree—both false. The people are all right; the politicians, as everywhere, are the selfish ones. Let the lightning strike soon and clear the atmosphere! They say that Germany holds the cards and Russia is “bluffed.” France is at any rate dismayed and her Ministers are in full retreat. The Jews have good cause for “hope.” Henry’s suicide has put a real color to the issue. How *mean* it is that justice should have to be *forced* to do its duty! The world has already condemned the army of France and her method of justice. If the Dreyfus matter is an exposition of “Liberty, Equality and Fraternity,” as set forth upon the Continent, give us the incontinent and the “Red, White and Blue [even the “yellow”] forever!” For in America one can, in due time, hope to transmute even the “yellow” of iron-pyrites journalism into the true gold of solid public opinion. But in France! Alas! How far from a Re-*public* is that SELF-condemned case of gout.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

“Surely you have much to confirm you in your interpretation of God’s blessed word. The assured alliance of America and England; the victories of our arms at Santiago, Manila, etc. These battles are but parallels of the battles of Israel of old in the land of Canaan when led by God.—c. t. s.”

“You seem to have now reached a great time of development of the Anglo-Israel Theory. People appear to be willing to listen seriously, and to admit the probability of its being truth.—w. b. e.”

“Mr. Moodie says he thinks it [Study Number Twenty-one-Twenty-four] is the most wonderful thing you have yet done.—e. l. c.”

“I congratulate you on the success at Manila, to which place I paid a visit in 1879, and am anxiously looking out for a similar one in the Atlantic.—r. h.” a Surgeon-General of Great Britain. This was written May 10, 1898. He got it at Santiago later on!

JUST WHAT WE ALSO THINK.

“There is too much ignorance of the Word and secularization of Divine things in the church to-day. So many public

men seem to be bent on eliminating the Divine or supernatural from their own thoughts and lives. My conviction is that we are further on the way toward 'The Apostacy' than is generally conceded even by many Bible students. The fact is, while 'Jacob's trouble' is about drawing to its consummation the Gentile chastening and judgment is hastening to its appointed time and will break like a whirlwind over their heads before most of them are aware. The Lord pity those who are caught in its desolation.—REV. W. C. S."

BLIND—BOTH BLIND!

"At a recent large and representative S. S. convention held in our town a query was placed in the question box: 'Do the signs of the times indicate the near coming of Christ?' Our M. E. pastor (who has just been away teaching *theology* at a summer school), with a pompous and squelching air, answered: 'I don't know anything about it, and I know as much about it as any man in America—unless it be Dr. O——' (a Presbyterian D.D. who sat just before him), whereupon the people laughed. Dr. O—— meekly responded: 'I don't know any more about it than our Brother S—— does,' and the people laughed louder than before. Christ's coming made the subject of a jest; and in His own sanctuary! Blind guides; we knew they were before they admitted it; but where will the people go who only know enough to follow?—L. C. P." Why, into the by-ways and hedges, where I went, and where Bob Ingersoll still wanders. We were driven out by just such *frauds* as this correspondent notices, and that we have found a satisfactory solution while he has not is merely due to a difference of method and opportunity. At any rate, I, for one, had rather sit in the bramble hedges, stark naked, than be clothed in fine linen and ensconced in the front pews under such blind guides as those referred to.—C. A. L. T.

WESTWARD WITH EMPIRE.

"Have you noticed that when the Tribes were numbered Ephraim and Manasseh were placed side by side?" Yes; as the two horns of Joseph they belong together, and are found to the West of the camp, even as their place apart is in the West, and their correlated destiny is likewise shown in the blessing which Israel is yet to realize and familiarly repeat, "God make thee as Ephraim and Manasseh."

"WHAT ARE YOU AT?"

The main object of our work is to lay bare the truth so as to discover and destroy the foundations of error. As the Sanctity of the Historical Bible in contra-distinction from the His-

stories of all other peoples lies in the verification of its *prophetic* element it has therefore behooved us to set all Past Time in order and harmony, and thereby establish the fact that what the Prophets foretold (by virtue of *Inspiration* as their postulate) came duly to pass upon the self same day and so demonstrates the validity of their claims.

NOTICE.

Those who will send 25 cents to George Gunnell, Beaver, Penn., and request a copy of his "Mystery of God revealed from His Word, together with a plan of the Ages and the gospel as preached to Abraham" will assist a worthy man and obtain a brick to build into their wall of faith after some little necessary trimming with the trowel of the sharper chronology set forth in the Our Race Series. There is no little straw in this brick, and of course no little stubble, as there is in all human work—particularly when it essays to enter into the counsels of the Almighty. But in so far as the investigation is legitimate it is certainly a suggestive and interesting effort.

ZIONISM.

The Jewish Calendar has just reached a "node" or chronological punctuation of considerable significance, in that 5658 M.J., their "year of the world," now current and closing on September 16th, 1898, A.D., is as near to 1801 π as can be written in whole numbers. 1801×3.141592 , etc.—5658.008. The decimal .008 carries us to Tishri 3d, 5659 M.J.—September 20th, 1898, which is the fast of Guedaliah and Autumnal Equinox. But already Judah has much to rejoice in upon this famous Fast day. As a matter of fact she has held two Congresses at Basle during the true year 5896 A.M. The first upon true Tishri 1st—August 29th, 1897 (see last year's News-Leaflet), and the second which has just ended, September 3d, 1898, falling in the same year. (See Calendar VI. p. 379, Study Number Sixteen.) The Jews themselves do not know of this *double* celebration nor do they perceive the Jehovetic import of 5660 M.J. which comes in *next* Fall (*i. e.*, on September 5th, 1899). We doubt not that the brief "twelvemonth" now ahead of us will be even more filled with startling events than the past one has been.

In the meantime the reports as to the late Congress at Basle are most encouraging. The gathering was a notable one. "All countries were represented" and that by "Representative men"; the Sultan is reported as cordial to the aim in view; King William had a special representative there; the census of results accomplished in this first year of effort at Jewish Irredentalism showed that Zionism has increased therein *seven fold*, and that both Liberal and Orthodox Jews are now unit-

ing in the promising effort to recover the land so long laid waste. The six pointed shield of David in Blue upon a white Field was hoisted for the first time as the Standard of the rejuvenated nation. A Bank with a preliminary capital of \$10,000,000 has been authorized and its stock is being rapidly taken up by the rank and file of Judah in \$5 subscriptions! A telegram of thanks for his proposal of disarmament was sent to the Czar, and "the congress resolved to ask the powers of Europe to couple therewith some measure that would restore the people of Israel to the land of their fathers."

Verily things do move rapidly in these our days, and how should we all rejoice in that all of these things now in sight are the very ones for which we have been contending from the issue of our very first Study! Awake! wake up! O wake, wake, wake!

We wonder how long it will take such Adventists as follow the teachings of "The Crisis," "Our Hope," "The Herald of Life," etc., to get their eyes open to the truth. Thus far they and their leaders are blinder than bats at midday, and we often think that they are as radically wrong upon all of their little side-issue quibbles as to texts, dogmas and theology, as they are upon the great things in store for "Judah" and "Israel" during the Millennium. They understand as little about Daniel as they do about Revelation. They will not tolerate the restoration of Judah, Judea and Jerusalem, and it is our opinion that their own intolerance of every effort at "new light" will return upon them seven fold when oil and light become necessities. They more than all others have raised the cry, "Come out of the churches and into the camps." The true cry is, "Come out of the camps and into the church"! There is more of genuine tolerant Berean Adventism in the various Protestant divisions than obtains outside of them so far as we can judge by our own experience with several thousands of correspondents during the past decade, more than half of our own subscribers are clergy and laity of Protestant churches, and like Paul worship in the Temple.

CLEVELAND, O.

"I see you refer to Queen Victoria's birthday in Number 89, N. L. This brings to my mind that this is the 61st anniversary of her coronation. I was then nearly 7 years old and was one of a number of lads that was hired to sweep the street to set the public dinner table in the village in which I then lived in England, for which I received a half penny, 61 years ago to-day, I well remember it. Especially the plum pudding that was dealt out to the boys. Well, Dear Bro. T., I will do all I can to help in your good work.

"Yours looking for the King in his beauty. L. C. C."

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