

of the week. Mr. Bates had a thousand copies of this pamphlet printed in 1846 A.D., and widely distributed them.

Up to this time neither Miss Harmon nor Mr. White had accepted the doctrine of the Seventh-day Sabbath. However, when they read Mr. Bates' pamphlet, they were both convinced of it. This was about the time when Miss Harmon and Mr. White were united in marriage.

Then in April, 1847 A.D., Mrs. White had a vision which she said confirmed the doctrine of the Seventh-day Sabbath. In this vision Mrs. White said that the temple of God in Heaven was opened, and that she saw the ark of God and the mercy seat which covered it. She said that an angel was standing at each end of the ark with its wings spread over the mercy seat and its face turned toward it. She said that the angel who was with her when she had this vision told her that these two angels represent "all the heavenly host looking with reverential awe toward the law of God which had been written by the finger of God."<sup>28</sup> Mrs. White said that she then saw Jesus lift the mercy seat which covered the ark, and that inside the ark she saw "the tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written."<sup>29</sup> As she looked at the Ten Commandments, she said that she was amazed to see that the fourth commandment had "a soft halo of light encircling it."<sup>30</sup> She said that the angel who was with her told her that this commandment was the only one of the Ten Commandments which defined "the living God who created the heavens and the earth and all things that are therein,"<sup>31</sup> and that if this commandment had been kept, there never would have been an athiest or an infidel, and the world would have

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<sup>28</sup>Howell, op. cit., p. 43.

<sup>29</sup>Ibid.

<sup>30</sup>Ibid.

<sup>31</sup>Ibid.