Q. Who are meant by the three unclean spirits like frogs?

A. Emissaries of the three powers making a united

and last effort to excite a religious war.

Q. Is the time here predicted near at hand?

A. It is thought by many that we are living in the Sixth Vial, and the signs of the times strengthen this conviction.

Q. What may we understand by Armageddon?

A. The vale of Megiddo, near Carmel and Esdraelon, the battle-ground of Palestine.

Q. What is meant by the Seventh Vial being

poured out upon the air?

A. The air is thought to be the seat of Satan's earth-power, since he is called the prince of the power of the air.—Eph. ii., 2: vi., 12.

Q. What does this imply?

A. That Satan's cause within the dominion of the beast will be completely crushed, according to the first promise.—Gen. iii., 15.

Q. What is meant by "the cities of the nations fell?"

A. They fell from their allegiance to the First Beast and his dominion.—See xi., 18.

Q. What are symbolized by the mountains and and islands?

A. The greater and lesser Provinces and States.

Q. Were hailstones of a hundred-weight ever known?

A. Meteoric stones heavier than this have been known to fall in various places.

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