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We Have a Message

THERE are multitudes of people today who have hundreds of different messages that they believe are due to be delivered to the world. And many of these bearers of messages are so sincere and energetic and unselfish in their advocacy of their particular gospels that they gain large followings of self-sacrificing men and women, and build up huge organizations and great institutions. The subject matter of their messages ranges over a wide area: social and political reform, better babies, apple a day, pro-this and anti-that. There is nothing unique in having a message to deliver now.

But our message is unique. Proof: It never could have been delivered at any other time in the world's history. It never will be delivered again. It is the last great message the world will ever receive. When heard and rightly understood, it interests intensely and concerns mightily every man, woman, and child on earth. For it offers happy life without death, free for the taking, to whomever wants it; and the offer is backed by an absolutely reliable life-giving Power. Can any other message being carried by every modern means of communication equal this one in interest and promise?

Now it is well-nigh universally acknowledged, at least by all who know and understand, that Christ was the greatest single factor that has molded the world's thought and stimulated its progress. Whether one considers the man Jesus a mythical figure in religious literature or a divinity, he is compelled to admit that Christianity is the one greatest fact and most potent influence to be taken into account in today's world.

But Christianity's potency lies in the fact that its Founder taught men the best way to live, and then sacrificed His own life that they might have the power to live it. He proclaimed a message, the

most renovating and miracle-working that humanity had heard up to modern times.

But our message (forgive this boasting; rather, God's message being carried by us) is even greater than the message of the Christ of the Galilean road. For it embodies His message of that day, and adds as a complement to it that the time has almost come for the life-without-death to begin.

For a message is essentially new and fresh. There is no message for men today in a proclamation that the World War is over, that electricity is discovered, that Lincoln preserved the Union. These are now only facts of history, though powerfully affecting present-day life and thought. So the message of Christ's salvation is now a blessed fact of history, though working today to save men as it did in the first Christian century. It is ever new to individuals, but it is old to the world.

But we want something more than forgiveness of sin and help to keep from sinning. What lasting good in forgiveness, if we sin again? We rise, but we want never to fall. We are healed, but we want never to be sick. We overcome sin, but we want to see no more of sin and its baneful fruitage within us and about us. We live and enjoy life to a degree, but we also die, and we want to see no more of death.

Christ's message for today is that within the lifetime of men now living He will return to this earth, entirely eradicate sin, and all who cling to it and all that flows from it, will make this earth new and will people it with all who have chosen His salvation. This is the only vital message for mankind now, for it out-voices all others, however good and great they may be.

This is our message.

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The Urge to Merge

Trusts are taboo. But the merger in big business is with us in gigantic corporations. What is back of all this?

By Lyndon L. Skinner



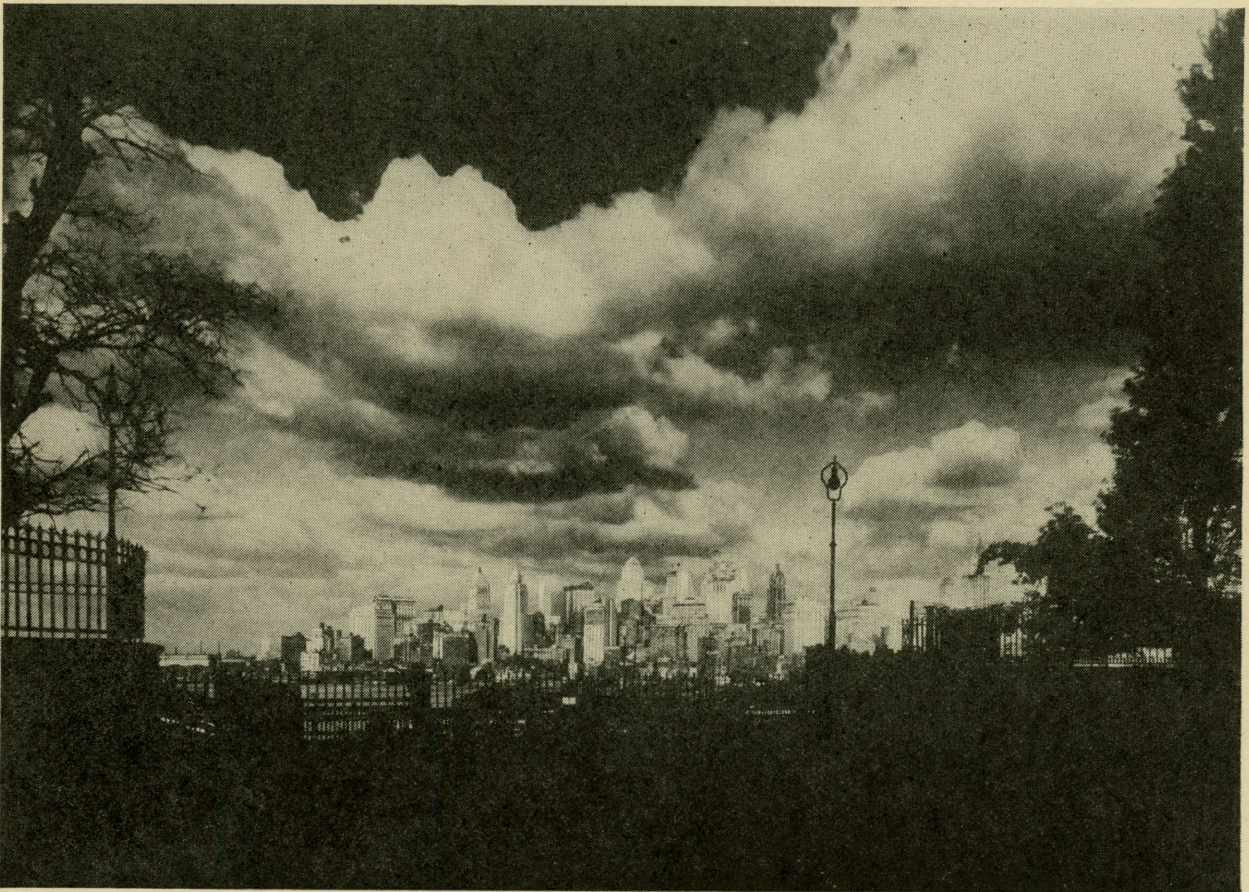
SHOULD Theodore Roosevelt, William Jennings Bryan, Senator John Sherman, and others of the noted enemies of business monopoly, return suddenly to the land of the living and see the way good old Uncle Sam is failing to enforce the carefully prepared Anti-Trust Law (enacted July 2, 1890) they would probably die again of heart failure.

The manufacturer of any consequence who has not had at least one merger proposed to him in recent years probably does not exist. We are living in an era of "distribution mergers" today, in contrast to the "production" merger period that began in 1888 in a time of prosperity and ended abruptly with the panic of 1893, only to be renewed again during the first years of this century.

In this first period the "trust" was created. Control of voting securities of numbers of competing firms were obtained and their business merged for

"economies of production." Politicians waved "the big stick" and decried the growth of the great moneyed powers that ground down the poor laborer, so they thought. It was during the second breath of their period of mergers (1897 to 1903) that the United States Steel Corporation was created, and Standard Oil was split into a half dozen pieces to prevent it from becoming too large. Today, one of those pieces, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, is larger than the whole organization was before the split. If the trusts that were formed during that period were large, the mergers of today are colossal.

As has been stated, the early mergers were for "economies of production"; that is, to reduce the unit cost of manufacture, to effect savings in cross freights, in selling expense, and to bring about



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A remarkably beautiful photograph of the skyline of New York City. Here is the center for America's largest business mergers

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improvement of the financial status of the firms concerned. The important merger of today is a "distribution merger" in the majority of cases.

The merger of Jello, Minute Tapioca, Log Cabin Syrup, Hellman's Mayonnaise, Baker's Chocolate, and Swans Down Flour with Postum Company, Inc., is an example. To these products Postum has recently added Maxwell House Coffee at a cost reported at \$43,000,000, and more recently Calumet Baking Powder in which \$32,000,000 was involved. Thus has been formed what is without a doubt the greatest food distribution organization in the world.

Another firm, the Borden Company, is constantly acquiring lesser and allied firms. Borden's latest acquisitions are Thompson's Malted Milk Company, Kennedy Dairy Company, and Cloverleaf Milk Company.

Allied Packers, Inc., have tentatively agreed to sell out to Hygrade Food Products Corporation. Together they do a \$70,000,000 meat business annually.

We learn that Kraft Cheese Company has acquired Phenix Cheese Company and A. E. Wright Company. The Kellogg Company, considered the world's largest manufacturers of ready-to-eat breakfast foods, now controls Kaffee Hagg Coffee, the caffeine-free coffee that lets you sleep. Lehn & Fink Products Company now owns Hind's Almond Cream, Dorothy Gray Products, Lysol, Inc., and Pebecco Tooth Paste.

Quaker Oats Company has bought Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour and Muffets breakfast food. The United Biscuit Company of America now controls Sawyer, Lakeside, Union, Streitman, Felber, Merchants, Manchester—all leading competitors—as well as the Chicago Carton Company.

IN EVERY FIELD OF MERCHANDIZING

ENORMOUS consolidations are constantly taking place in the public utility field such as electric power lines, and gas, telephone, and electric traction systems. The Insull interests in Chicago alone are now said to control more than 500 public utilities.

Late July of this past year also witnessed the merger of Palmolive-Peet Company, makers of the soap that "keeps that schoolgirl complexion" with Colgate Company, the oldest soap company in America. Their combined sales for 1927 were officially estimated at \$100,000,000.

All interested in automobiles have noted the marvelous growth of General Motors and of Chrysler, who recently acquired Dodge Brothers motor car, one of the oldest and best merchandised cars on the market. When Studebaker acquired Pierce-Arrow few ever gave it second thought, mergers have become so common.

All of these recent mergers of enormous financial



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Henry Ford, head of one of the largest corporations in the world, shakes hands with Thomas A. Edison, noted inventor

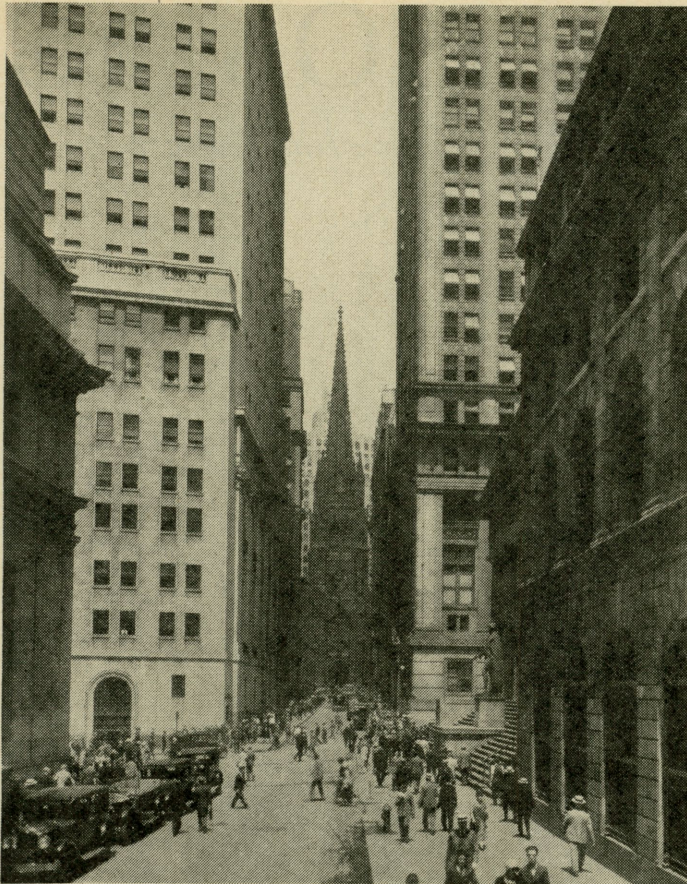
interests are cited to lead up to this important question: "What is back of this great movement toward big business mergers? Do these events have any significance to the sincere student of Bible prophecy?"

To the student of modern history in the light of prophecy these great combines of industry immediately suggest the prediction of the apostle James that in the last days men would heap up great hoards of wealth, and that there would gradually come in a widening breach between capital and labor. (James*5.) This subject has received attention many times in recent years through the columns of this magazine.

There is, however, possibility of another significance of intense interest to those who have been wondering how many of the prophecies of John the Revelator would be fulfilled. This is particularly true, since much of the book seems so confusing to many. In fact, it is well known that some Bible students have found the only logical solution to his allegorical prophecies so hard to accept as possible from the viewpoint of the modern mind that they have come to question the possibility of ever being able to understand the book.

In previous issues, *THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE* has many times referred to the allegory in Revela-

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Trinity Church, buried among the skyscrapers of Wall Street.
Great business interests are fast submerging religion in America

tion 13, which most Bible students agree is a prophetic reference to the growth and great power of the United States of America.

It is understood from this prophecy that the United States will eventually enact legislation to compel Sunday observance and that there will be such strong influence brought to bear on the issue that no man will be permitted to buy or sell who fails to comply with this law. In other words, there is a clear indication here that a gigantic economic boycott against all who refuse to recognize Sunday as a day of rest will be organized.

It takes no great stretch of the imagination to recognize that a movement to bring about such religious legislation in America is at work right now, or that such a law is imminent. Every session of Congress is besieged with bills and lobbies attempting to force a law through. The number of friends of the movement sponsored by the Lord's Day Alliance are increasing in Congress after each election. It is only a matter of time until there will be a national Sunday law in the United States.

Once this move is made, it is a short step to the formation of an economic boycott of all who refuse to accept the substitute day (Sunday) for God's seventh-day Sabbath, which He instituted at Eden, proclaimed at Sinai, and which He later observed

Himself when He was on earth as a man.

Bible students who have recognized this interpretation of this prophecy and have been seeing it gradually unfolded in fulfillment during the past fifty years, have wondered how such a boycott would be brought about, "that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

It is possible that an answer to this question is found in the rapid consolidation of gigantic interests in the business world, not only in the United States but abroad as well. You will notice the prominence in the list of mergers taking place of the merger of food-product organizations, as well as the rapid growth of chain stores. These consolidations bring under the control of an ever smaller group of men, the authority for the control of whole industries. Thus it is possible that in time, with men in these positions of authority controlled by interests backing strict Sunday observance, not only will the law raise its hand against the man who dares worship only on God's true rest day, but the hand of the grocer, clothier, fuel dealer, and all other purveyors of the necessities of life will also be against him.

This may be the thing back of big business mergers when they are viewed from the light of God's word. Certainly a day is coming when the remnant who "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14: 12) will be tested and only those who have

"the patience of the saints" will be able to overcome.

At that time will come about the complete fulfillment of the prophecies in 2 Timothy 3: 12 and Acts 14: 22 that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution," and "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." This will be the final testing time of God's commandment-keeping people, and then it will be that "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matthew 24: 13.

The prospect before those who choose to obey God may not be very bright as the world would view it; but in reality the prospect is "as bright as the promises of God." There are many passages in the word of God that in the past have supported His people through periods of trial. These also will meet their perfect fulfillment in this time of greatest stress. The ninety-first Psalm applies especially to this time, showing how God will protect and deliver those who have learned now by daily obedience to "do always those things that please Him." In Isaiah 33: 15, 16 is a promise most particularly directed to those who pass through this time of supreme test: "He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his water shall be sure."

SAVE OUR HOMES

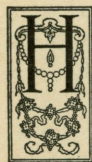
And the nation is safe. But American family life is being wrecked. There is a remedy.

By LOUIS K. DICKSON



International Newsreel

Two thousand years of married life. Twenty couples gathered in a church in Los Angeles, all of whom have been wed over fifty years. No indication here of the break-up of the home. But golden wedding anniversaries are becoming more scarce in America



HOW long will it be before the modern home will become a total wreck? This question is, or should be, uppermost in the minds of all serious-minded men and women in this country and in the world today. The shocking decline of authority and the widespread revolt against the fixed standards of life have touched the family life of the world more directly than any other one sphere. Paul's word concerning the perilous last days, of which he wrote in 2 Timothy 3: 1-5— "without natural affection"— is largely true of both parents and children these days to a horrifying degree. The rapid increase of divorces in this country alone is sufficient to make one's blood run cold and bring the question to the lips, "What about the future of the home life of America?"

Divorces in the United States according to *Current History* have increased from 31,375 in 1889 to 132,000 in 1920. Government figures show that desertion is the principal ground of divorce, with cruelty only second in the list; these two causes account for nearly two thirds (65.1 per cent) of the divorces granted. Of divorces granted to the

husband, desertion has been the cause in practically one half the cases, adultery the cause in one fifth, and cruelty in a little more than one sixth of all cases. But of divorces granted to the wife, the most frequent causes has been cruelty, with desertion next. Divorces granted to the wife because of the husband's adultery constituted 7.5 per cent of all the cases, as against 20.3 per cent granted to the husband for the same cause. A little more than one half of all divorced couples had no children.

"There will be one marriage dissolved for every marriage made in the United States during 1938 if divorces continue to increase at their present rate. Barring a checking of the rising tide by some moral, religious, or legal agency, not yet discovered, the annual matings and unmatings will equalize each other by, or before, then.

"The divorce habit, urge, frenzy — call it what you will — gathers additional momentum with each year. In 1924 one marriage was broken for every 6.89 contracted. In 1925 one couple was legally parted for each 6.33 who were wed. This was an increase in divorces over marriages of .56. Continue this rate for twelve years and you reach

the balance point in or about 1938. It may come earlier. The proportion of canceled marriages to matings is increasing like the speed of a barrel rolling downhill. In 1906 there was one divorce to every 11.84 weddings; in 1916, one to every 9.11. During this decade the divorce rate gained 2.73 on matrimony. In the subsequent ten years, just completed, it increased about 3.00. Mathematically the day when, in America, the divorce decrees of a year excel in number the marriage licenses issued is not far away."—*Ladies Home Journal*, February, 1927.

A great many divorces are sought with the deliberate and shameful purpose of forming new so-called marriages, which, when fancy changes, may be given up in favor of others. Bishop Manning, while speaking upon this topic a short time ago, said:

"In 1906 the records showed one divorce in thirteen marriages. In 1916 they showed approximately one divorce in nine marriages. In Oregon and Washington investigation is said to have shown that during a recent six months' period the ratio was one divorce to every two marriages. On Manhattan Island alone, 1335 divorce suits were entered in 1919 as against 886 in 1918! To say that men and women may live together for a time and then, with legal sanction, separate and form new alliances as often as they please, is practically to abolish marriage and to substitute a system of legalized free love. Statistics show that our nation has now gone to a point which perhaps few of us realize. We are sinning against the law of God and against the law of our own life as no nation calling itself Christian ever has done."

While divorce, some years ago, was looked upon as a diversion reserved almost wholly for the rich, its growth today has spread over all classes of society. However, it would appear from the court records that the wealthier classes still maintain the lead in keeping the divorce courts busy. In fact, the divorce fad has spread to the French courts, and many wealthy Americans, to avoid the airing of their domestic grievances in public, have recently appealed to the courts of France for deliverance from their matrimonial partners. Experts admit that it is as

difficult to trace the relationship of many well-known families, because of the numerous divorces, as it would be to undo a Chinese puzzle. The standards of the home and the family have crumbled before the oncoming, ever-increasing flood of pleasure-loving, self-seeking, wanton, perverted, and lustful affection, which has about reached the free-love stage. If the rules of conduct laid down by the Great Teacher two thousand years ago were adhered to today by married people—rules that apply to every phase of human existence, such as love, unselfishness, forbearance, patience, justice, and truth—if these became a part of the family life, divorce courts would be abolished and divorce would cease to exist.

REBUILD THE FAMILY ALTAR

THE bulwarks of the home must be speedily rebuilt if the flood tide of present-day life currents does not sweep it altogether from its moorings. Parents need as never before to guard carefully the foundations of the family altar in their homes lest, by letting them slip and crumble, the wrongs that there should be confessed and righted shall live and grow until unfaithfulness rules in the hearts of all concerned. The voice of prayer and

Bible reading and study must be heard. Where are the family circles that once we could find in so many homes gathered about the father, the high priest of the home, with ears open and hearts attuned to the whisperings of a conscience melted under the powerful rays of the Sun of Righteousness?

One of the most disquieting facts about modern home life is the almost universal neglect of home religion. The general breakdown in this regard is a most dangerous

condition facing the lives of our young people today, and holds little promise of better home life in this mad-rushing generation. Undoubtedly this very fact lies at the bottom of much of the present-day growth of the volume of crime among the youth today. The average age of the criminal is now much lower than ever before, for the simple reason that whereas formerly the children were gathered around the parents to hear the word of God read both night and morning, today the Bible (*Continued on page 24*)



Wide World Photos

The distressed officers of a junior bank. Ever earlier in life the burdens of the world are being pressed down on young shoulders and immaturity is making serious mistakes

Science has done remarkable things for our modern world; but it has not changed men's desires. It has made it

Easier to Sin

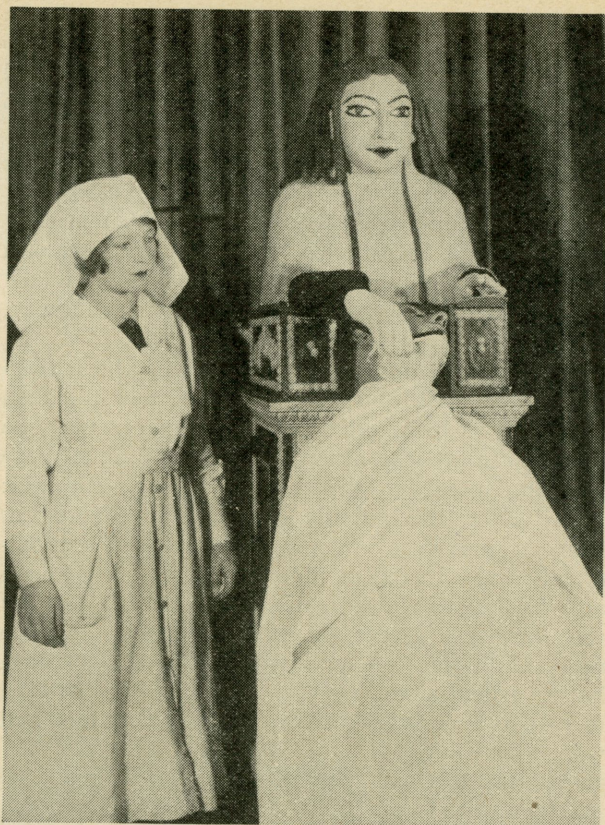
By L. Ervin Wright

WHILE millenniums have been crowded into the past century and centuries into the past decade in the progress that man has made in harnessing the world of nature in its component parts of land, sea, and sky, he is today a greater slave to self than he was in the times of Abraham, four millenniums ago. "Science has not altered man's desires," C. E. M. Judd tersely puts it in *Harper's Magazine* for September, 1928; "it has merely made it easier for him to carry them into effect." While there has been an increase in the potential of human power through thermodynamics, there has not been a corresponding increase in the potential of human character.

Human character is not measured by the number of miles an hour we can travel; nor morals by the number of stories we add to our skyscrapers; nor virtue by our progress in chemistry and physics; nor goodness by our numerous developments of labor-saving machinery; nor righteousness by our love of civic beauty, of lovely parks, imposing centers, art galleries, increase of libraries, love of fine homes and appreciation of aesthetic values. In the midst of our mechanical achievements we have produced a crop of flaming youth, and what is more significant we have developed a crop of flaming elders. We are not so alarmed about the revolt of modern youth as we are alarmed about the revolt of the modern adult.

We have analyzed and classified the rocks, but have not built on the Rock of Ages. We have searched the heavens and charted a million stars, but have not charted the Bright and Morning Star. In medicine we have discovered the remedies for a thousand ills, but refuse to use the Balm of Gilead for the broken heart. We have mastered hundreds of chemical formulas, but know not how to remove the stain of sin by means of the Blood of the Lamb. We have delved into a thousand laws of physics, and have yet to learn that we can lift ourselves up only by the Strength of Israel. In biology we have attempted to find out what life is, but refuse to go to the Creator, the Source of life. At night we turn our cities into day, but neglect to allow the Sun of Righteousness to brighten our dwarfed lives. In psychology we have analyzed the learning processes and delved into personality, but have failed to crucify the old personality and become new creatures in Christ

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A lady robot that automatically shaves a man. This age of machines makes more idle minds for devils' workshops

Jesus. We listen to the voice of man coming over the radio from across a continent, but stop our ears from hearing the Voice from heaven. We have read the world's best sellers, but we scarcely glance at the Book of books. We plan and write about world peace, and know not the Prince of peace.

We have well-kept lawns, neatly trimmed shrubbery, well-designed homes. We have electric street lights, paved sidewalks, and paved streets. We have civic centers, and social and civic clubs. We have churches, high schools, colleges, and universities without number. We have, in short, a wonderful exterior, a whitewashed civilization, but not a washed white civilization, for beneath is a seething mass of nauseating corruption, bursting forth with increasing rapidity into revolts against the spirit of authority, both human and divine.

THE REIGN OF LAWLESSNESS

NO ONE can deny that there is today a revolt against the discipline of law and the wise restraints of human conventions such as has not existed within the memory of living man," states James M. Beck, Solicitor-General of the United States, in his brilliant book, "The Constitution of the United States." "The reign of lawlessness," he continues, "has crept over the world like the huge shadow of an eclipse, but too few have realized the portentous change that has come over civilization." —Pages 296, 297.

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Just the other day the citizens of a growing city on the Pacific coast were amazed to see pictured on the front page of one of that city's dailies two young men who, while living apparently regular lives in that city, had been, according to their own confessions, going to a near-by city and committing hold-ups of various kinds.

The editor of one of the newspapers of the city where these young men lived said editorially: "One of the young men lived in a new and modern bungalow in a pretty residence tract. He has personal good looks, an attractive wife, and three pretty little children. According to the wife he has been very successful as a salesman, and there was no apparent reason for a Jekyll-Hyde existence. No doubt by

We have placed suggestive reading matter on the news stands of nearly every hamlet in the country where flaming youth and flaming elders eagerly buy this stuff. We print and read stories of the most suggestive and salacious character. We sometimes put a moral at the end of the story that "it doesn't pay," or "you can't get away with it"; but chapter after chapter of the stories depict the characters through daring situations and in suggestive environments as they pander to the lowest lusts. Our motion pictures are oftentimes these same novels, which, because pictured out, excite the purple passions of flaming America still more. And many people who would not read one of these stories will sit hour after hour before the silver screen allowing these debasing affairs to register on the brain through the eye. Our very billboards are covered with advertisements of suggestive pictures or daring shows.

COPYING PAGAN ROME

WE CALL ourselves a Christian nation, but we more closely approximate pagan Rome. In fact, we are fast following the corruption and abandon of pagan Rome, and are whitewashing ourselves while we are doing it. But we must be fair with ourselves, and remember that Rome lived, feasted, lusted, and paid the price. Rome, the iron monarchy, who crushed



International Newsreel

Miami, Florida, from the air, a great resort for the idle rich in winter

this he would be willing to cut off his right arm if he could wipe out the misdeeds of the past few months and get back to his wife and babies, his pretty bungalow, and his job. Crime doesn't pay," concludes this editor.

This is but an instance that could be almost daily duplicated in every part of the land. The number of similar cases if unearthed would perhaps appall us. It will be noticed that automotive transportation played a large part in the cited instance. It permitted the young men to leave their own town and within an hour to carry out their double lives in another, and be back again at their own firesides a few hours later. The automobile — economical transportation — a gift of science — yet, what crimes are committed by its use!

Sordid morals are not limited to the large cities or even to the smaller ones. The condition pervades the country districts as well. In a certain prosperous section of one of the leading agricultural states, full of churches and schools, there came to light not very long ago that there had not been a marriage in that vicinity in a decade but had been forced because of sexual irregularities. That this might be duplicated in scores of other communities, there is little doubt.

her enemies in the dust, today herself is in the dust. Will America take warning?

For more than five centuries after the founding of Rome, divorce was unknown among the Romans. Family life during that period was held a sacred trust. But under the empire marriage came to be regarded with disfavor, disdain, and distrust. "Women of the higher class were so lascivious, depraved, and dangerous that men could not be compelled to contract matrimony with them; marriage was displaced by concubinage," states John William Draper in his "History of the Intellectual Development of Europe," Vol. 1, page 253. Today men are becoming afraid of matrimony. With many women all marriage means is alimony, and we are filling the country with "Alimony Annies." To many others, marriage is just a cloak for sexual excesses. And in the meanwhile we are sending one out of every six marriages on the rocks of the divorce courts, and tossing the children of these wrecked homes upon an unsympathetic sea of society already crowded with the cares of this life. Our near-nude exhibitions on the bathing beaches, our suggestive abbreviated women's dress that exposes and still conceals are (Continued on page 28)

God's Photograph Album

How the Bible fits yesterday, today and tomorrow



BECOMING weary of her quiet home life, a daughter ran away to know for herself the dark doings of the great world. Her parents were frantic with grief, and tried in many ways to locate the adventuress, but all efforts appeared fruitless. At length, the heart-broken mother decided upon a new plan, and visiting many of the underworld resorts in that vicinity left in a conspicuous place in each a photograph of herself. Entering one of these haunts, the daughter was shocked to find her mother's picture. But the sight touched her heart, and she said to herself: "Oh! That is the face that has so often pressed tenderly against these unworthy cheeks; those are the eyes that have so often been wet on account of my waywardness. My mother must love me and want me home again, or she would never hang her likeness there!"

The Bible is God's wondrous photograph album. It contains word pictures of patriarchs and saints; there, too, is the "rogues' gallery." But imprinted on every page there may be found that masterpiece of divine art, the portrait of Jesus. Our presence is requested, our association is desired, in a better world than this, and the character and image of the Saviour is clearly displayed to win and woo the straying back to our Father's home.

As the planets in their courses circle round the sun, so the truths of Holy Writ revolve about the person of the Lord Jesus. In the beginning, Christ, the Word, was associated with His Father in the creation of the worlds. (John 1: 1-3.) Every Hebrew sacrificial victim slain pointed onward to "the Lamb of God, that beareth away the sins of the world." John 1: 29, A. R. V. By judgment and cloudy pillar, by patriarch and seer, He sought to guide their devious footsteps. "In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old." Isaiah 63: 9.

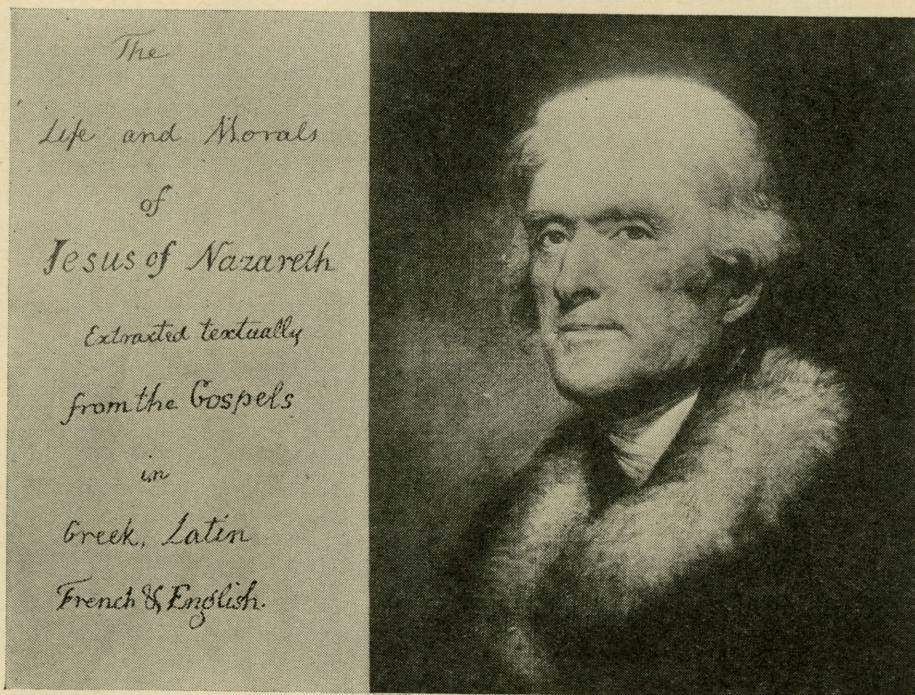
More than three hun-

dred times the ancient prophets visioned the Redeemer's coming, indicating the important epochs in His experience from manger to Calvary and the throne. With that sinless, virtuous life, none other is comparable; and though rejected by the once-favored nation, His disciples went forth with unparalleled zeal and power to tell the world the wondrous story of Him who died, of Him who is risen, of Him who gave the promise, "I will come again." Thus is Christ the Alpha and Omega of Scripture.

ENCIRCLES GOD AND MAN

BUT in another sense the Bible begins with God and ends with man. "In the beginning *God* created" are the first words of the Sacred Volume; while the last pronounce the benediction: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be *with you all*." Like the Saviour of the world, it reaches out with one arm around the Infinite and with the other encircles man in his helplessness.

The divine plan of Scripture is also disclosed in Genesis as the book of beginnings, and in Revelation as the book of endings. The former tells that God created the heavens and the earth, and placed man in a sinless Paradise with access to the tree of life; the latter visions a "new heavens and a new earth," a restored Paradise with the wonderful tree and its



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The title page of an interesting book on the life of Jesus that was prepared and used by Thomas Jefferson. This page was written in his own handwriting

By Roy Franklin Cottrell

majestic story of creation, all the profound speculations of philosophers and elaborately spun theories of evolutionists are as sorry fancies of childhood.

BEST BIOGRAPHIES EVER WRITTEN

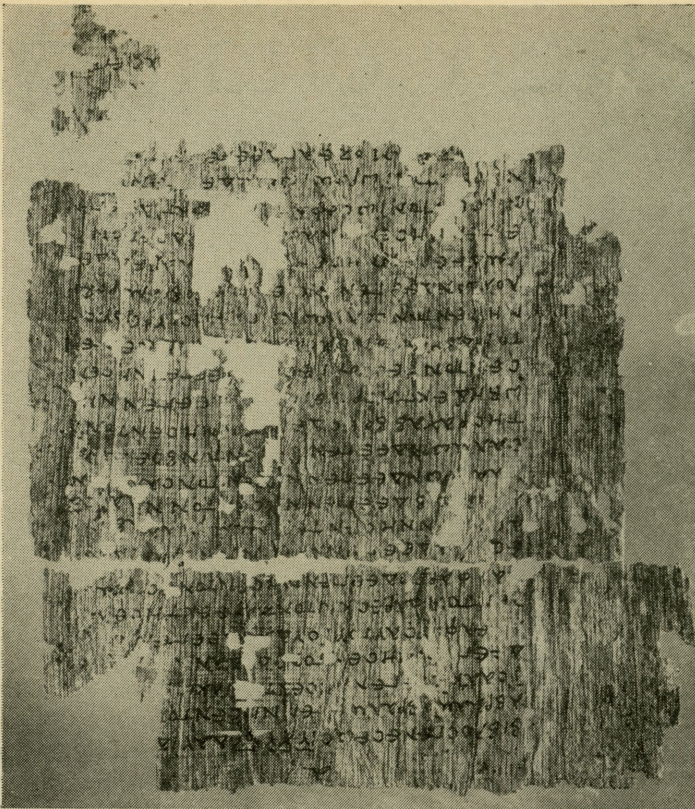
THE characters of sacred history are portrayed without any "touching up" or "toning down." Secular biographers are prone to magnify the virtues of their heroes, minimize their weaknesses, and excuse or cover their faults; but God writes up the record just as it is. We have the crookedness of Jacob, the mistakes of Moses, and the tragic blot in David's experience. Some would cast away the good Book on account of these exposures, but the unerring accuracy in the delineation of Bible characters constitutes the highest evidence of the Divine Biographer. Again, were all the men and women of Scripture narrative featured as models and saints, we, who in our human frailties contend against the world, the flesh, and the devil, would easily despair of victory. But in God's Storybook the inner life, the motive, and the struggles are all laid bare. We catch the inspiration of their

conflicts, we rejoice in their trophies, and in the name of Jesus lay hold upon the victorious life.

2. *God's today.*—The Bible supplies the prize formula for life's present problems and issues. In its pages every emergency has been anticipated, every experience finds its parallel; for every trial and temptation is provided conquering grace; every sorrow is granted its compensation and comfort; for every disease there is an antidote, and for every sin a remedy.

The Book contains wisdom for king and peasant, statesman and agriculturist, educator and artisan, and for all sorts and classes of men. Its business principles are as high above "twilight honesty," "dollar diplomacy," and the mailed fist of monopoly, as are the stars above our heads. In life and health men frequently pass along indifferent to the claims of God and in contempt of His word. But when at length they come face to face with the great beyond, their minds often turn for a gleam of hope to the neglected volume, and, like Sir Walter Scott in his dying hour, exclaim, "There is but one book; bring me the Bible."

3. *God's tomorrow.*—Another unique feature of the Bible, and one which distinguishes it from all human productions, is its comprehensive program of future events. According to popular estimate, the prophecies of Scripture partake of the mystic, the occult, the allegorical, (*Continued on page 28*)



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Tattered fragments of a papyrus New Testament found in Egypt, and estimated to have been written A. D. 250. It is remarkable how God has preserved His word

twelve manner of fruit. The one outlines Satan's deception, man's hiding from God, the entrance of sin and pain, sorrow and death, and the cursing of the earth; the other pictures the final death of the deceiver, God's dwelling among men, no more tears, sorrows, nor funeral trains, and a world freed from every vestige of the curse and taint of sin. In the beginning was solemnized the first marriage of an upright man and woman; at the end is celebrated the marriage of the Lamb at a great imperial supper. One tells of a world destroyed by water; the other prophesies of its purification through fire. One narrates man's expulsion from Eden, his attempt to clothe himself, and the confusion of tongues at Babel; while in the other he is welcomed back to the everlasting Eden, clothed with robes of righteousness, and unites with multitudes of tongues in praises and blessings to the Redeemer. In Genesis the great controversy between Christ and Satan for the kingship of this world began; in Revelation, the victory is won and Jesus is crowned King.

THE KEY TO MYSTERIES

THE Bible holds the key to three mysteries, the past, the present, and the future.

1. *God's yesterday.*—Bible history penetrates to the otherwise dark and uncertain past, gives the origin of our race and the source of the myriad forms of animal and vegetable life. Beside the simple,

The Absolute Certainty

of the near coming of Christ

By John Lewis Shuler

THE world in general is incredulous regarding the nearness of the coming of Christ. Men are ready to point to the long centuries of Jesus' absence, during which the hopes of those who were unwise enough to attempt to set the date of His return have been repeatedly dashed to the ground, as proof enough, to their mind, that such a thing as the literal return of Christ will never take place.

But let them remember that all the centuries of waiting that have passed since Jesus declared, "I will come again," do not invalidate this promise of His return. God does not take any particular note of the lapse of time in carrying out His great plans. A thousand years are as a day, so far as any effect that passing centuries can have on the certainty of those plans coming to pass. The promises of God do not become doubtful because of long delay. Any word from God that is deferred two thousand years is just as sure as that which is fulfilled in the same week or month in which it was spoken.

Peter declares, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness." How

do men count slackness? When men make promises, leaving the time indefinite, it is natural for us to lose confidence in proportion to the delay. Men actually count others slack in their word, if long deferred.

But God is not slack in His promises, as men count their fellow men slack; nay, in this respect, a thousand years is with the Lord as one day. In other words, His promise is just as sure to come to pass though deferred ten thousand years, as if it were fulfilled in ten days. He never changes, and He never forgets His word. The Lord is not slack to His people in the matter of Christ's return, but He is longsuffering to the sinful, because of His determination to save as many as possible.

While the world waited four thousand years between the first prophecy of Christ's incarnation and His actual birth, yet at the appointed time He appeared. So the vision of His second coming is "for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because *it will surely come.*" Habakkuk 2: 3.

"But," says one, "did not Jesus declare in Revela-



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Many people other than Seventh-day Adventists are firm believers in the near-coming of Jesus Christ. A parade of fifteen hundred people through the streets of Boston, Massachusetts, in the interest of the gospel of the second advent

tion 22:20 that He was coming *quickly*, and more than eighteen centuries have passed since then, and yet He has not returned!"

The explanation of this supposed difficulty is very simple. When the Lord Jesus said, "Surely I come quickly," He spoke from heaven, and *heaven's measurement of time is very different from earth's*. Never once while He was here upon earth did the Saviour say or even hint that He would return "quickly." On the contrary He gave plain intimation that after His departure a lengthy interval would have to pass ere He came back again. In this very book of Revelation given to John of Patmos, Jesus opened up before His servant long vistas of the future with their chain of intervening events, which must come to pass before His return at the end of this Christian age.

A TICK OF ETERNITY'S CLOCK

AS TO heaven's measurement of time we need to bear in mind Peter's explanation: "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Peter 3:8. To Him "a thousand years . . . are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." Psalms 90:4. Time is but an insignificant tick in God's great clock of eternity.

God does not reckon time as do men. With us there is a great difference between a day and a year and a vast deal more between one day and a thousand years, but with God, who comprehends in Himself all time and inhabits eternity, with whom there is no succession, there is no difference. Measured on this scale of eternity, according to the calendar of heaven, how "little," how very "little" is all the time of waiting during the centuries of the Christian era, until we shall see Him again!

This viewpoint furnishes an explanation of the apparent difficulty that some have thought they found in such texts as Hebrews 10:37, where it was said in A. D. 64, that in a "little while" Christ would come, or in Romans 16:20, where it was declared that God would bruise Satan under foot "shortly," yet eighteen centuries have already passed without its accomplishment. In the same way in Haggai 2:6, 7, in B.C. 520, God declared that in "a little while" He would shake the heavens and the earth, the sea, and the dry land. This "little while" covered not only the five hundred years up to Christ's first coming, but it has not ended yet. It is destined to reach to that last great earthquake, which will occur in connection with the Saviour's second advent. In these texts the Holy Spirit was speaking not only to those people in that day, but to God's people of all succeeding ages even to the end of time; and to make the same language appropriate to all succeeding generations, the time element in the accomplishment of the predictions is according to heaven's measurement.

Then it is well to remember that some Scriptures spoken hundreds of years ago had application to a

far-distant day, in connection with the fulfillment of certain conditions and events predicted in the prophecy. Thus *when* the events predicted in the Book of Revelation are fulfilled, *Jesus will come quickly*, just as He declared in Revelation 22:20.

When we tell people that Christ is soon coming, some are ready to exclaim, "Why, I have been hearing about this thing for years. People have been preaching this for nearly one hundred years. Surely there is something wrong when they have been preaching it so long and He has not come yet. How can you say that we have been living in the time of the end ever since 1798, and yet over a century and a quarter has passed by, and the end is not yet in sight? How could the coming of Christ really be at the door ever since the falling of the stars in 1833, when that was nearly one hundred years ago?"

Right in connection with the statement of Jesus that His coming would be near, even at the door, when the signs He mentioned were fulfilled, He declared that the days preceding His coming would be like the time of Noah. Scripture informs us that Noah preached about the coming flood to the people of his day for one hundred and twenty years. Doubtless, after he had been preaching his message for more than one hundred years, people began to say, "Why, Noah, what is the use of your continued preaching about a flood's coming? You have been talking about it for over a hundred years, and there is no more sign of a flood now than when you began preaching. We have not seen even one drop of rain fall during all the years of your preaching about a flood of water. Surely you are wrong."

But Noah stuck right to his text. For one hundred twenty years he warned the people of the impending deluge. And at the appointed hour the great catastrophe came, and the only ones who were saved were those who had heeded Noah's warning message.

PREPARATION FOR EACH EVENT

LEADING up to every epochal event in the divine plan of redemption of the earth, there has been a period of preparation and anticipation prior to the decisive moment of realization. Prior to the flood — the greatest disaster in the history of the race — there was a period of preparation one hundred twenty years in length. Prior to the exodus movement, or the call of Israel out of Egypt to be a separate nation for God, there was a period of preparation of four hundred thirty years from the call of Abraham.

The first advent of our blessed Lord, and with it the dawn of Christianity, marked a climax and a consummation. The world was prepared through a long process for the coming of the One and the preaching of the other. From Paradise to Bethlehem the centuries were preparing for the coming of the Promised Seed. As the successive and progressive processes of creation on the six different working days prepared the earth for (*Continued on page 30*)

If Europe would

Lead the Way to Peace

the other parts of the world would follow on

By William G. Wirth

IN MEN'S search for world peace, in their quest for international amity and concord, they would be successful if only Europe could learn to be peaceable. It is in Europe that this vital problem of peace or war must be settled before it can be settled for the rest of our sphere.

If my statements seem to be a bit too strong, if the reader thinks I am stretching the truth of this world question beyond proper limits, let him consider modern history. Where have been fought practically all the important wars since the sixteenth century? In Europe. Not to think of naming all of them, there are the Hundred Years War that resulted from the Reformation, the frequent conflicts between France and England, the Prussian wars of a Frederick the Great and the French invasions of a Louis XIV, the Italo-Austrian wars, the Franco-Prussian War, the Balkan Wars, and the last World War. And when one reflects on the tremendous loss of human life and property caused by these European struggles, it is staggering.

When we go outside of Europe, we are struck at once with the fact that in regions remote from Europe the European influence has been felt, issuing ultimately in conflict and struggle. Go to the Far East, which normally during recent centuries has been peace-abiding, and we think of the Russo-Japanese war, with one of the participants a European power. When we leave the Far East, and pass

over other military troubles caused by European spheres of influence and European grabbing of territory in China, for instance, and come farther west, we still see the sinister hand of Europe provoking war. India becomes the battlefield of France and England; to the north Afghanistan and adjacent lands become a war theater for England and Russia, using other peoples as the warriors for the most part.

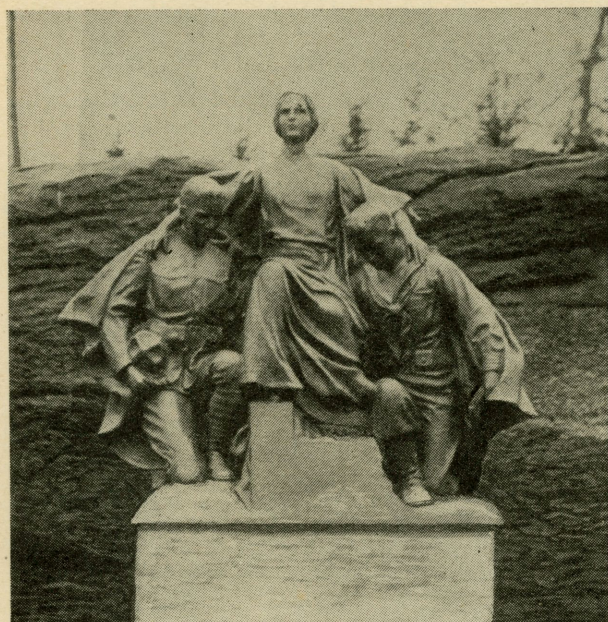
In Africa we witness the Boers struggling with a European power for their independence, and losing. In the northern part of this continent, France, Britain, and Italy war with natives to secure their pieces of territorial pie; we see France and Britain, old-time colonial rivals, whose guns have spit out at each other in all quarters of the world in their desire for more colonial possessions, withstanding each other militarily in the Sudan and elsewhere on African soil.

As to the Western Hemisphere, there is no escaping here the influence of Europe and its attendant wars. The United States had to win its independence from a European nation. In Latin America, independence was won from nations that are European. Even in the many revolutions that have occurred as a distinct feature of Latin-American life, it has been only the watchful attitude of the United States through its Monroe Doctrine that has kept our Latin-American neighbors free from warlike interference on the part of Europe. Do we not remember our own Civil War, and how perilously near we came to being involved with Europe in this conflict?

IN TERMS OF EUROPE

FOR centuries the destinies of the world's civilized life have been in the hands of the Western nations, which means that Europe has held the center of the stage; for when we speak of Western civilization, it is spelled in terms of Europe. We of the Americas, North and South, owe our civilization to Europe. So far as the rest of the world is concerned, have not European colonization and European territorial interest exerted their potent influence, so that its life is largely dependent upon what Europe does and plans?

The most important question in world politics today, therefore, is: Can Europe overcome the war spirit and so turn the fields of battle in both the Eastern and Western hemispheres into the plains of peace? The prompt and positive answer and the only one that can be given is, *it cannot*. Any idea or



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A monument to war mothers recently dedicated in Philadelphia



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The recent League of Nations session met at Lugano, Switzerland. The flags of the several national delegations are here shown flying from the front of the Grand Hotel. We may well wonder if any of these flags will be carried on opposite sides in the next war

hope that Mars will lose his standing in the countries across the Atlantic is a chimerical dream, without the slightest chance of ever being made real. And this in spite of the League of Nations and the Kellogg Treaty to Outlaw War. Every student of international politics knows it; and all statesmen are well aware of it. Only the other day the Italian dictator in his usual utterly frank speech declared, emphasizing the need of Italy's being adequately prepared for war: "The truth is that the whole world is again arming itself. The number of bayonets and cannon is constantly increasing, yet everybody speaks of peace."

Frank H. Simonds is one of the most intelligent popular writers on European affairs; and yet, as optimistic as he is wont to be, he writes that he believes war is ahead because many European nations feel they are the victims of gross injustice on the part of their fellows. Then he adds, significantly: "The diseases due to conflicting nationalisms are becoming chronic and constitutional."

I want the reader to note those words "conflicting nationalisms," for they indicate the outstanding reason why

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Europe cannot put itself in the state of continuing and enduring peace, and why war, and war of a more terrible and terrific kind, can only be the future of this greatest theater of world activities and affairs.

If Europe could drop its "nationalism," Simonds could be truly and positively optimistic, for he could boldly and with reason prophesy an enduring peace for Europe and so for the world. Therefore, we ought to pause a bit to ponder just what this "nationalism" means and why it is so inimical to international concord.

All of us, of course, know roughly what nationalism is. It is the common love of country that a group of human beings feels, which binds them together in what we call patriotism for the native land. Usually the people actuated by this patriotism speak the same language, pride themselves on the same historical traditions of the past, and have what we term a country psychology or consciousness. If the reader will say that England and France, and other European nations as well, have always had this nationalistic life, which warrants our calling them nations, he is right.

THE AGE OF NATIONALISM

BUT never have the European nations been so intensely nationalistic as they have during the past century. So true is this that historians designate the nineteenth century as the Age of Nationalism. One of the great reasons for this is the Industrial Revolution, which has brought with it rapid means of communication and travel. Up to the end of the eighteenth century people in Europe and elsewhere traveled in the same slow way that they did back in the days of the Pharaohs of Egypt, thousands of years ago. Suddenly this was all changed. The steamboat, the railroad train came in; the telephone, the telegraph; and people who knew little of what their fellows in the same country were doing, who never traveled about even in their own country, came more and more in (Continued on page 28)



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A regiment of the Red army in Moscow. The Soviet army is a continual threat to world peace



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Members of the Geological Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which recently met in New York City and made notable announcements of the achievements of scientific research during the past year

Peace Passes

THE much-discussed Kellogg peace treaty, previously signed by some sixty nations, passed the United States Senate (noted for treaty-killing) early in January with but one dissenting vote. It will be remembered that this agreement condemns recourse to war, renounces it as an instrument of national policy, and pledges to settle international disputes by pacific means. Senator Borah, of Idaho, as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, steered it through to final passage, although at times he was hard pressed to satisfactorily explain its provisions and show how it could insure peace under various hypothetical conditions.

In fact, the treaty breaks down entirely when it comes to considering it a war-proof instrument, but no doubt its signatories did not expect that much of it. It was nearly wrecked on the rock of the differences of opinion on what really is self-defense. No nation would have signed it unless it made careful provision for a nation to go to war in self-defense. But since almost invariably every warring nation is sure that its fighting is in self-defense, who is to decide, and where is any assurance of holding back, when provocation comes?

An impartial observer in the Senate galleries would have concluded when the debate was over and the pact safely confirmed by vote, that the whole thing did not mean very much of anything after all, because it could be so easily evaded in a pinch. But of course it does mean something for sixty nations great and small to solemnly announce to the world and each other that, as one editor put it, "war is an extremely deplorable weapon to be

used only when a nation really feels it must."

It seems quite fitting now for America to set awing the peace dove. But we fear that if Americans sanguine of world peace under our benign leadership could see into the hearts of the nations of Europe and Asia and South America, their dreams of international concord would dissipate in the region of rare air. But should we not be thankful that even a short step has been taken toward ultimate settlement of all differences by arbitration? We should, and could, if it were not that we see in these well-intentioned efforts more camouflage than calm of mind. They lull the world's inhabitants into a comfortable state of belief that all is well along the outposts and that we are not going to study war any more. They see battleships being melted into harvesters, and vision poison gas supplying power for the world's industry. Then when the war-dogs are unleashed, as they will be for Armageddon, they are altogether unprepared for the catastrophe, and go down with gnashing of teeth in the horrible carnage.

Let us call the attention of all America and the world to the fact that at about the same time we were adopting the Kellogg peace instrument, we decided that during the year 1930 the United States would spend for all government expenditures the sum of \$3,601,000,000. Of this stupendous sum, all but \$585,000,000 is to go for payment for past wars and preparation for future wars. That is we look forward with one eye to blessed peace by agreement a year hence, and with the other to spending five out of every six of our national dollars for war expense; and the image, somehow, is blurred and confused.

This by way of no disloyal criticism of our government. All the other nations are doing the same, or worse, and none of them can help it. The world is caught inextricably in a maelstrom of strife, the vortex of which is Armageddon. As citizens of nations we will do all we can to support our governments in staving off the inevitable; as citizens of the kingdom of heaven we will prepare for the worst by putting no trust in man-made treaties and agreements, but will take our stand with the Most High, who rules in the kingdoms of men, and who alone can, and will, bring peace to this troubled world.

Balm for the "Deadly Wound"

THE government of Italy and the Roman Catholic Church are ever coming closer together. For some time it has been evident to even casual observers that Premier Mussolini and the pope have been making overtures of good will. The negotiations have been covered with secrecy, and many details of anything definite have been made. But lately the proposals have been brought into the open. Two representatives each from the Quirinal and the Vatican have been working for over two years to come to an understanding for the cementing of the break of three-score years ago between the State and the Church.

As is well known, in the year 1870 Italy deprived the pope of all temporal power and appropriated the Papal States. In protest, the popes have since refused to leave the Vatican grounds. The pope may travel anywhere in the world as he chooses, but the Church has always bitterly complained over the "prisoner of the Vatican," and has hoped for a return of civil power. That hope seems just about to be realized.

Authoritative word comes from Rome that the negotiators have reached an agreement entirely satisfactory to both sides, and it only waits the sanction of the pontiff and the premier to become final. All has been done with the full knowledge of the Holy See and the Italian Government. The proposal is for the State to cede to the Church a small extension of territory adjacent to the Vatican grounds, and with it are to go extra-territorial rights. There would be an indemnity paid by the State of over \$52,000,000 to compensate the Church for the properties taken by Italy in 1870. The inhabitants of the transferred territory would be subjects of the pope, not of the king. In other words, the Church would bear civil rule in the ceded territory, would gain in principle her contention

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for civil power, and the pope would be free to travel anywhere.

Whether or not these plans are due for immediate consummation, it is plain that within a very short time the Roman Catholic Church will be granted civil power. For the Church claims it as its right, and the Italian Government is so eager for the favor and help of the Church in furthering its imperial ends that it is sure to find a way to grant the heart's desire of the Hierarchy.

What does this mean to the rest of the world? It means that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled with remarkable accuracy right before our eyes. In Revelation 13:3 we have a forecast that the papal power would be "wounded to death." This was obviously fulfilled when the line of popes was broken by the French in 1798, the then reigning pontiff being taken prisoner and the Church being for a time without a head, and also by the taking away of the civil power of the Papacy in 1870. But the prophet added, "and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered."

We have long been expecting, and have for years been predicting, what is occurring just now. We claim no prophetic power ourselves, but we echo the words of divinity. We may fully expect in the near future to see the Catholic Church have full and unrestricted civil power. We may expect here in America a visit from the pope of Rome, and Americans will go wild over him. We may expect the Papacy to use its civil power and its influence over other civil powers to make and enforce laws that are purely religious. We may expect to see religious persecution of the bitterest sort, such as characterized the Middle Ages. For "it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Revelation 13:7. We voice this prophecy in sorrow, but in complete confidence of its fulfillment.

Though it looks as if "all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him," yet a few will not. Those whose names are written in the book of the Lamb will refuse to bow to his mandates, and will triumph over him in the end. (Revelation 13:8; 15:2.) Today we take our stand with them, and we invite all who read this to stand with us.

A Gassed World

FROM a revealing article quoted from a French journal by the *Living Age*,

entitled "Chemical Preparations for War," we glean these appalling facts:

As early as thirty years ago all the nations began to forbid the use of gas in war. And all the recent important treaties between and among the great powers have made the use of poisonous gases "and all analogous liquids, materials, or devices" absolutely a breaking of international law.

Yet every nation of any consequence has its gas division of national defense and offense, and large amounts of money are appropriated every year for the study and manufacture of deadly gases, the United States setting aside \$1,300,000 for this purpose this year.

Chemical secrets can be easily guarded, and it is not difficult to camouflage gas manufacture. At present all the chemical factories are, or are supposed to be, engaged in making chemicals for industrial uses. All can be transformed for war purposes over night.

The leading nations make no bones of saying that, should war begin, they would endeavor to get the participants to eschew the use of gases, but if all would not, then all are ready to use them to the limit.

It will be the studied plan in the next war to carry the killing "behind the lines," for those who make weapons and gases are equally active enemies with the regular soldiers. There will be no non-combatants. Men, women, and children will constitute "nations in arms," and airplanes will carry the war to every nook and cranny of every warring nation.



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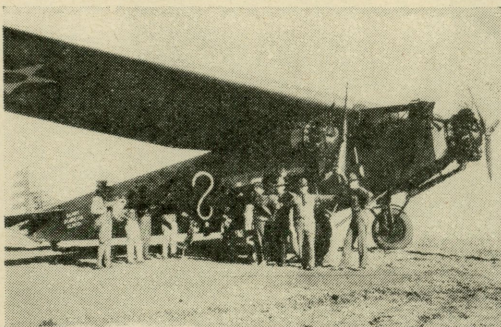
Mr. Herbert Hoover, United States President-Elect, being entertained in Lima, Peru, on his South American good-will tour

Germans will come into general use in the next war. Very small laboratories can produce disease cultures by the billion. These will be spread in enemy countries, and ruthless will be their slaughter. The eight diseases that are being planned for in this way are yellow fever, dysentery, diphtheria, malaria, typhus, plague, cholera, and typhoid fever.

In view of these terrible preparations for universal death, the writer observes that when they come into use that war will certainly be the last war. And we may well believe it. Sometimes scoffers at the Bible have ridiculed the idea that all the world could be in arms at one time, as is predicted for Armageddon. Now we begin to see the possibility of such a catastrophe. And we may see, too, how men themselves may help pour out the seven last plagues on humanity.

The French writer sees only one way of escape, an appeal to everyone's *self-interests*, that all may see how foolish it would be to slaughter one another thus, and so desist. But, sad to say, self-interest doesn't work that way. It is too much self-interest that has already made men foolish and insane when war breaks out. More of it will not make them wise. How quackish are the remedies of the desperate!

There is only one way out, and that for only a few, for Armageddon will come, and well-nigh every soul on earth will be involved in it to his destruction. But the few who will take their stand for the Prince of peace now will stand then. They shall not be afraid for the terror by night. No plague shall come nigh their dwelling. (Psalm 91.) Rather than fear gases and disease germs, let us fear God, and all will be well with us.



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The army plane, "Question Mark," which recently made an endurance flight record of nearly seven days at Los Angeles, California

As God Views History

“**A**ND Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. . . . And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. . . . And it came to pass as

they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

In this brief and simple record from the book of Genesis we have the beginning of the story of the nations, the beginning of the colorful pageant of postdiluvian humanity.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR TELLS WHAT HAPPENED

AND on a clay tablet found in Borsippa, a suburb of the once proud city of Babylon—a ruin that the Arabs have from time immemorial called “Birs Nimroud,” the tower of Nimrod—we read the result of the experiment, as recorded by Nebuchadnezzar:

“The first, which is the house of the earth’s base, the most ancient monument of Babylon, I built and finished it. . . . This edifice, . . . the most ancient monument of Babylon, a former king built it but he did not complete its head. Since a remote time people have abandoned it, without order expressing their words. Since that time the earthquake and the thunder have dispersed its sundried clay; the bricks of the casing have been split, and the earth of the interior has been scattered in heaps.” The record on another tablet is:

“. . . the father of all the gods he turned from. The thoughts of his heart were evil. . . . Babylon corruptly to sin went and small and great mingled on the mound.

Their work all day they founded.
To their stronghold in the night entirely an end he made.

In his anger also the secret counsel he poured out.
To scatter abroad his face he set;
he gave a command to make strange their speech
. . . their progress he impeded. . . .

Violently they fronted against him,
he saw them and to the earth descended.

Violently they wept for Babylon,
very much they wept.”

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The latest view of the Sphinx, with the accumulated debris has always been thought of as looking back to the dim of the secrets of years gone by. The word of God is the

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE

*A page out of the past that
as a lesson for the present.*

By KELD J. REYNOLDS

The Genesis record of what happened to the tower builders reads:

"So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city."

Thus the ancients have left in their own words on their monuments the record of their defiance of God, their turning from Him to sin, their great efforts to build, and how God confounded their plans.

With these records before us it is not difficult to reconstruct the story. From Ararat the restless spirits in the family of Noah spread south into the fertile valley of the Tigris and the Euphrates. Probably they were enticed by the glowing reports brought back by the hunters who had boldly set out from the settlements in pursuit of the new delicacy, the flesh of animals, which Jehovah had first permitted men to eat after the flood, before the earth was restored to cultivation.

Finally the pioneers came to the lower end of the valley, to a place that was then near the sea coast, and there someone — perhaps it was Nimrod himself — conceived the idea of the tower. This tower was to serve the threefold purpose of providing an ascent to the heavens, an

asylum in case of another flood, and a point of attraction to hold the population from scattering.

In thus establishing an urban center the new settlers were going directly counter to the commands of God, and were showing their disregard for His pledged word. He had ordered them to scatter; they planned to remain together. He had promised them that there would be no more floods; they set about the building of a great tower to which they could flee for safety from a flood. Their activities were a direct challenge to Jehovah, and they knew it; for both Noah and righteous Shem were living long after the tower episode was finished. This is shown by the significance of the name Peleg, in the tenth of Genesis, in whose day the earth was divided, and who was born about one hundred years after the flood.

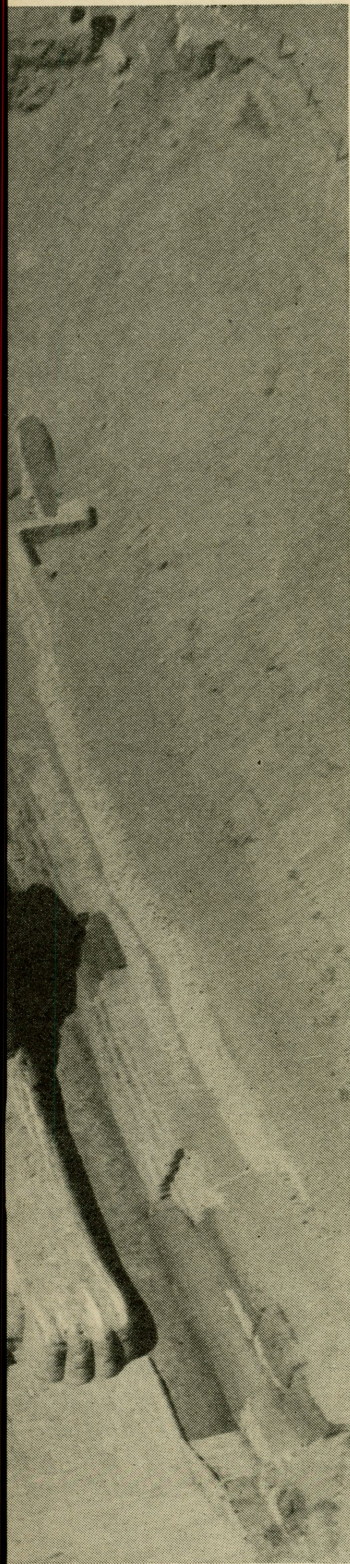
But then, as now, there were people who deliberately shut their minds to the evidence of divine interposition in human affairs, and there were some who denied the very existence of God. The flood they attributed to natural causes. These were the leaders in the tower project. And they found a ready following among those who, while still believing in God, had allowed rebellion to fill and harden their hearts.

THE BEGINNING OF IDOLATRY

RECOGNIZING the human need for an object of worship, now that Jehovah had been rejected, impressive and splendidly furnished chambers were built into the tower for the occupancy of the gods that the leaders had had made for the people. In another portion of the tower were built the humbler quarters of the workers and their families. Thus the people were attached to the project by the two strongest ties their leaders could devise. The tower was their home and their temple.

As the magnificent ziggurat rose higher and higher the imaginations of the people rose with it. This tower, they thought, was to be an eternal monument to the wisdom and skill of the builders. And their city was to be the capital of a world empire.

Probably Nimrod was the leader behind this ambitious scheme. "And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel." Possibly the power that may have come to him as the designer, foreman, or labor organizer, he used to better his position until he was able to assume command over a race of men who had never before acknowledged royal authority. That his leadership was in a direction away from God is suggested by the fact that one ancient manuscript calls him a mighty warrior against Jehovah. This idea is further attested by his name, which means "supercilious contempt," or the "extremely impious rebel." (Continued on page 34)



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DON'T BE AFRAID

THE great four and one-half year war was responsible for the loss on the field of battle of seven million lives. Immediately following the war, the "Spanish influenza" slew more in three months than was slain in the entire war. Twenty-eight per cent of the population were attacked. The average mortality throughout the country was about 15 per cent.

The cause of "flu," termed the "disease of mystery," remains unknown. The specific germ has not yet been isolated and identified.

So it becomes increasingly important to learn measures of prevention. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

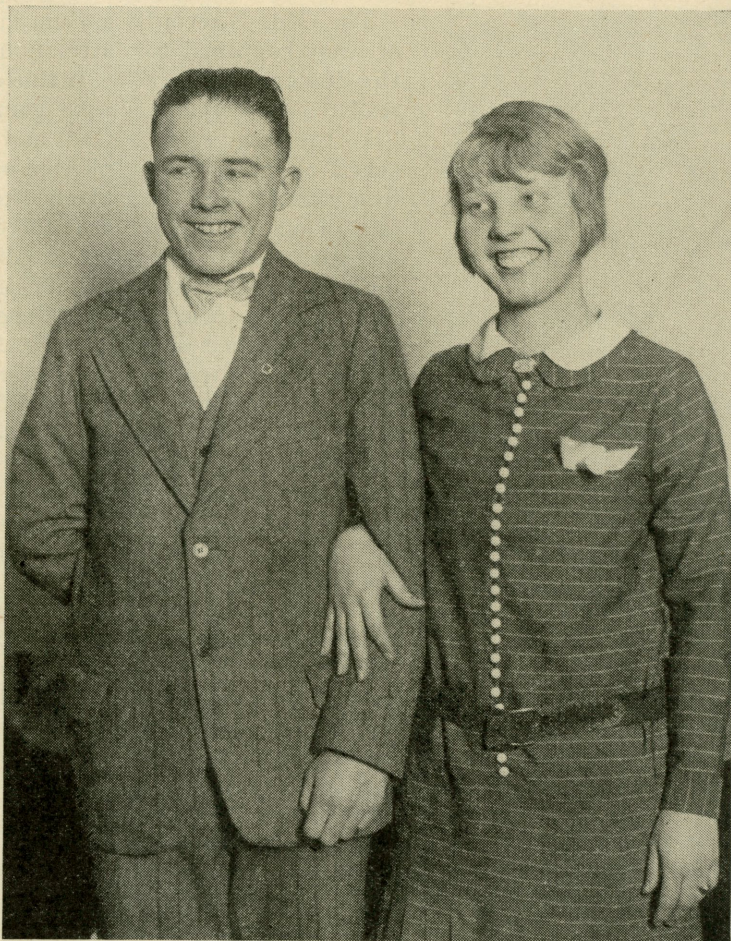
How the infection is carried is not known.

This from the Philadelphia Record: "Something is the matter with the germ theory, or the bluejackets are tougher than the rest of us. A 'poison squad' of 100 sailors at Gallup Island, Boston, have used influenza germs as snuff, and as seasoning for their food, and have been injected with germ cultures, but have absolutely refused to develop influenza. On the contrary, their appetite increased and they manifested more vigorous health. Of course, the experiments will be continued. Those men have got to have influenza. The germ theory must and shall be maintained!" It seemingly was impossible that all of those engaged in the experiment were immune. The lesson we gather is that less hope can be held out that the disease will be conquered through battling the germ of the disease, an unknown quantity, than in building up the defenses of the body.

WORSE SOURCES OF INFECTION

DURING the epidemic of 1918, in some California towns a person was subject to arrest if he appeared upon the streets without wearing a mask. Undoubtedly the persons thus muffled had their resistance reduced by depriving them of the maximum of fresh air, for these masked individuals were required to breathe their own breath over and over again. Face masks cause people to neglect other supposed paths of infection, such as soiled hands, common drinking cups, restaurant dishes, soda fountains, roller towels, infected foods, etc.

The disease was less prevalent in New York City



Wide World Photos

These two have the title of the healthiest girl and boy in the United States, given to them at a competition that recently took place in Chicago

where schools and theaters were allowed to remain open than in Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington, where they were closed.

There are two factors in "flu" and all other infectious diseases: one, the invading germ, which may be known, as in diphtheria, typhoid, tuberculosis; or unknown, as in smallpox, measles and the "flu." But the other and most important factor is the condition of the soil at the time of invasion — the health of the patient or his reactive powers against disease. "The first thing to do in order to avoid 'flu' is to become healthy and remain healthy." Germs must have soil favorable to their growth, otherwise they won't grow.

It is not the man who is enjoying health, normal circulation, fine and good elimination that, as a rule, succumbs to the disease, but it is the man of low vitality, suffering local congestion, general depletion, and poor circulation, caused by improper elimination and poor eating habits. The tissues of

OF THE "FLU"

Some lessons America has learned, it is hoped, from the recent epidemic

By A. W. HERR, M. D.

this man prove a fruitful soil for the rapid development of invading bacteria. "Chronic toxæmia is the basis of all chronic diseases. To treat the fever get rid of the toxæmia." Keep up the fences and look to your defenses. Build up resistance. Fear and worry lower resistance.

As one principle preventive of the "flu," don't catch cold; and you will not catch cold if you keep your blood stream and your tissues clean. It is essential that one have a certain amount of exercise out of doors daily, and a morning cool hand rub. Chilling lowers the resistance and bacteria find a ready entrance. A cold is caused by a chill on the surface of the body and resulting congestion of some internal organ. Ordinarily the nervous system sets up a reaction and the blood is returned and caused to flow in the capillaries in the skin in even greater quantities than before; but if these same nerves are benumbed by the presence of body poisons (auto-intoxication we call it), then they will lack the power to carry stimuli, and the message will not be carried and delivered to the various membranes. These membranes remain congested; repeated congestions mean chronic colds and catarrhs. A chronic cold means that the body is poisoned, that the nerves of reaction are blunted, that the vitality of the system is lowered, the bars are let down, the defenses fail; there is a germ invasion and a battle ensues. Then either the germs are victors or they become victims of the white corpuscles of the blood; here the invaders are invaded and destroyed. So the best preparation to meet the "flu" is to be "cold" proof, and the best way not to catch cold is to build a wall of defense around the system by toning up the body, cleaning out the system (the bowels are nearly always loaded), and keeping the system clean. By heading off a cold you most certainly and surely head off the "flu."

The germs must find a suitable habitat for rapid growth. They must have a prepared soil, in a depressed system. They flourish in a congested mucous membrane, a depressed glandular system, an enervated body. Vital forces must first be lowered by improper habits of living, by gormandizing and the use of improper and over-cooked foods.

DIET AS PREVENTIVE

RAW foods are vitalized, they contain the enzymes necessary for bacterial control. The enzymes present in foods are necessary to aid in the work of digestion. Fruits, particularly pineapple, grape-

fruit, and apples, are rich in enzymes — pectoses and pepsins—and so are all the succulent vegetables, as celery, lettuce, beet greens, radishes, carrots, and onions. Plenty of raw food and leaf and stem vegetable salads will supply an abundance of pepsin, pectoses, mineral salts, and vitamins, and these will lessen or destroy all bacterial growth. Then to destroy the "flu" germ, to keep up the body forces, to strengthen the system's defenses, eat plenty of vital foods. Cooked or devitalized foods more readily undergo fermentation and serve as better soil for the culture of bacteria. Those who eat freely of cooked foods to the exclusion of vital foods are the ones who develop toxæmia. The live foods, those containing mineral salts, enzymes, and vitamins, as fruits, salads, and vegetables, are alkaline and develop the alkalinity of the blood and thus overcome toxæmia by neutralizing the acid state — the acidosis.

"Flu" begins its ravages as we house up in the fall. "Flu" germs don't like fresh air. Live where the birds live, live out of doors; close housing is a fruitful source of infection. Bring the out-of-doors into your houses by adequately ventilating your living and sleeping rooms. Sleep with your head near an open window, use few bed clothes by night and fewer other garments by day.

If by chance you are exposed to wet or cold, when you get inside dry your feet immediately, take a hot drink and a hot bath to equalize the circulation, and thus keep well.

Drink plenty of water, avoid crowds, ventilate night and day, avoid fatigue and secure plenty of rest; especially give the stomach a little rest and time to recuperate from the previous meal. The stomach should be empty at bedtime.

"There is nothing so depressing and nerve annihilating as fear. Fear so weakens resistance that the 'flu' influence kills. Fear is a child of ignorance. Intelligence banishes fear."

THE DISEASE SELF-INDUCED

SYMPOMS of influenza (lightning catarrh) are developed in the susceptible — the suggestable — through the mental impressions made by so much talk of the disease.

Remember that only symptoms are developed at first; but by pondering aches and pains and conjuring symptoms, eventually the fearful persons develop the disease, a disease in these instances bred of fear.

Doctors should instill hope and not fear into the minds of their patients on coming into sick rooms; but instead of greeting the patients with a smile, they meet them bedecked with masks. No wonder that patients are "scared to death," increasing the danger of mortality.

The colored population of the South are optimistic. They are improvident (*Cont. on page 33*)

Death and the Resurrection?

By Allen Walker

IN THE "Notes on Open Letters" department of a popular religious weekly there recently appeared the following: "I am sure it would throw a flood of light on the Scriptures if you could see that there is no consciousness for the saints or sinners between death and resurrection. It seems to me that the supposed consciousness of the soul or spirit between death and resurrection must get its origin outside the Bible. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 that if there be no resurrection, then they which have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If the saints are in heaven with Jesus, how could they perish, even if there were no resurrection?"

The conclusions of this argument are Scriptural and consistent. They are unanswerable. They certainly prove that there is no life after death except through a resurrection "at the last day." In the meantime the dead are sleeping and there is no consciousness. (Psalm 146: 3, 4.) Paul's exact words on this point are: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." 1 Corinthians 15: 17, 18. The question that arises is this: If those who had died with their sins pardoned ages before the resurrection of Christ, like Abel, Joseph, David, Daniel, and myriads of others, were immortal by nature and incapable of death and were already in heaven, how could their future life be in any sense dependent upon the resurrection of the Lord?

PAUL'S ARGUMENT DEMOLISHES THEORY

PAUL makes it plain that life beyond the grave depends entirely upon a resurrection, and if this never comes the righteous dead are "perished." Further on in his argument Paul says: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22. Note that Paul's contention is that the resurrection of Christ as "the first fruits" is the pledge and assurance that in due time "shall all be made alive." Then Christ's resurrection is the proof that "the dead in Christ" are not "perished." Their resurrection is assured on the basis of His resurrection.

In replying to the communication quoted at the beginning of this article, the editor of the religious weekly declared that the dead were with Christ and that what Paul had reference to was the "body." That is, unless Christ were raised, the bodies of all the sleeping saints were perished. That is a very abnormal and far-fetched argument. Paul never

said anything about their bodies. He was speaking of the real personalities—"then they which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." If they were immortal and had gone on to be with the Lord, how could "they" perish even though there never should be a resurrection of their bodies?

NOT WHAT PAUL MEANT

IF ALL that Paul says in this chapter about the importance of the resurrection has reference only to their "bodies," it must be that there is nothing very desirable about being with Christ in the disembodied state, as this editor contended. The inconsistency of the claim that Paul's argument had reference to the body only is made evident as we read verse 32 where he declares: "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die." How could language more conclusively repudiate the claim that there is life beyond the grave independent of a resurrection and that Paul's argument had reference only to the "body"? If what Paul said about the importance and necessity of the resurrection had reference to the "body" only, then we must conclude that what Paul meant was that he was going through many hardships, privations, and sufferings on account of his loyalty to Christ; but if there never was to be a resurrection of the "body," and if all he would get was to be with Christ in a "spirit" state without a raised "body," then what was the consistency of going through all the hardships that he encountered day by day? If this "body" was never going to be raised, then it would be more consistent to live on the program of, "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die." Then if Paul's argument had reference just to the resurrection of the "body," we can only conclude that to be with Christ without a body was so undesirable that it was not worth what he was going through, and it would be better to "eat and drink," and get what he could here and then die. How easy it is to see that this is not what Paul had in mind! He was speaking of life beyond the grave and not a "body" beyond the grave. His conviction was that a resurrection is the only hope of life beyond the grave, and if this resurrection were never going to take place it would be folly for him to suffer the hardships necessary to loyalty to Christ.

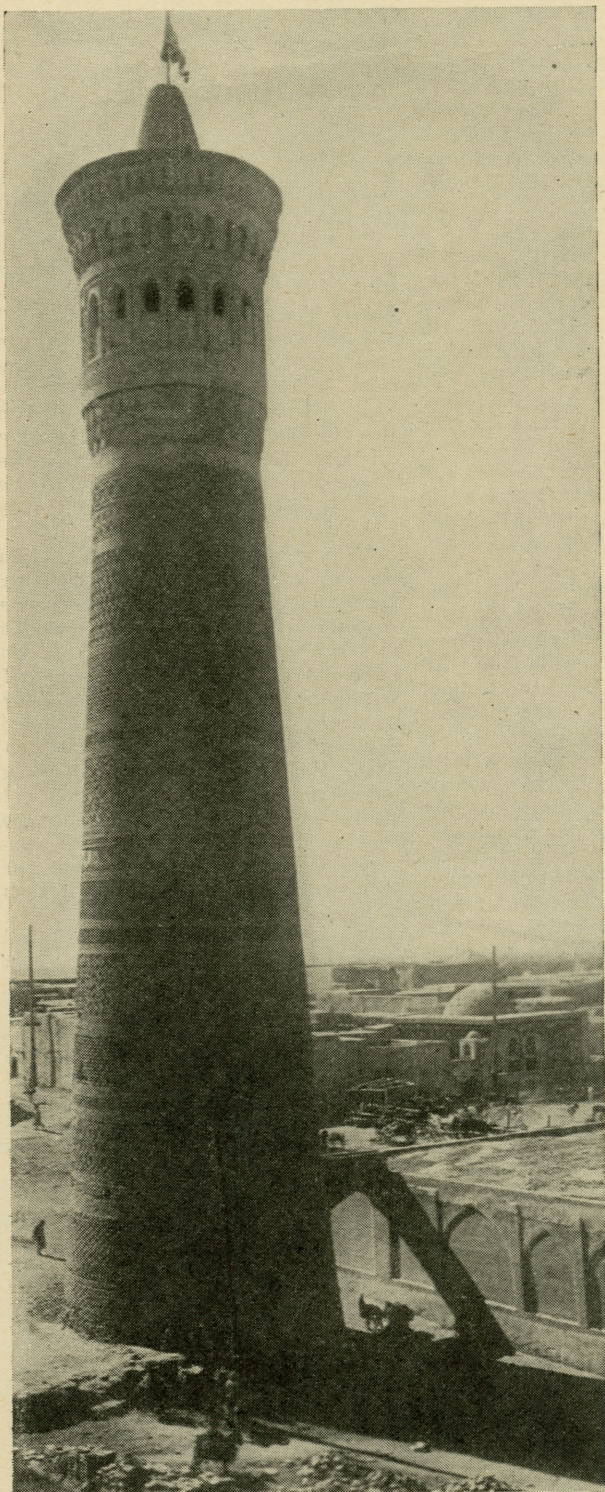
When Paul came to die he had no idea that at death he would be with Christ. He looked ahead to the day of "His appearing" for that. His hope was expressed thus: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4: 7, 8. How very plain that he had his hopes fixed on

"the day of His appearing." If he was to be with Christ in some disembodied, spirit form, he never prized such an existence very much. If there was such an existence, it is plain indeed that according to the interest Paul had in the second coming it would be a great relief to get out of that disembodied state into the raised "body." He speaks of the Lord's return as "that blessed hope." (Titus 2: 13.) Would it still be to him "that blessed hope" after he died and was with Christ in that existence without the "body"? Would he up in heaven with Christ still be longing for the second coming of Christ and thinking of it as "that blessed hope"? If so, that disembodied existence must be a burden from which he would eagerly await deliverance. The fact is that Paul expected to sleep until "His appearing," and then the day will come when "the Lord himself" will "descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first," and it was after this event that we shall be "with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17. So whatever Paul said about being "with Christ" or "with the Lord" after death he certainly meant that there would be a period of time intervening that would be until "the day of His appearing." Since the Scriptures plainly state that "the dead know not anything" (Ecclesiastes 9: 5), there is no recognition of the passing of time and to Paul it would be just as though he had fallen asleep one minute and had awakened the next instant "with Christ."

PERVERSION OF THE "BLESSED HOPE"

LET us picture the second coming of our Lord according to the theory of being "with Christ" immediately after death as disembodied spirits. We are told (by man, not God) that an immaterial something comes out of the body at death and goes on at once to be with Christ. This, they say, is true of all the millions who have died "in Christ." They are up there in heaven with Christ now awaiting the day of "His appearing" when the "body" shall be raised. So then the day will come when Christ will announce to these myriads of "spirits" that the day of His return to the earth has arrived. Then Christ with all these "spirits" will leave heaven and descend to the earth. As they near the earth the Lord raises lifeless bodies, millions of them. Then Peter in "spirit" form will go down, enter one of these bodies, and return back up "in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." At the same time these other millions of disembodied saints will come down to the ground, enter into these lifeless bodies, and go back up to Christ in the "clouds" and then they will all return to heaven, and that is "that blessed hope"! What an ugly perversion of the second coming of our Lord! According to such a theory there can be no importance to it, or no "blessed hope" about it, unless it is to get relief from that disembodied state and again (Continued from page 33)



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The Turret of Death at Bokhara, Russia, where many political prisoners were imprisoned and executed. But the world is full of reminders of the death that inevitably awaits the human race

If we were sure which day of the week is

The Lord's Day

Would all of us keep it?

By William H. Branson

NOW the Scriptures clearly teach that the Sabbath is the Lord's day and that the Sabbath falls on the seventh day and not the first day. The Lord definitely claims to be Lord of the Sabbath. He does not claim to be Lord of Sunday. He states nowhere that Christians should so regard Sunday. When John the Revelator declares: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day" (Revelation 1: 10), he does not say this was Sunday. He simply says on "the Lord's day," and only Lord's day known to Scripture is the seventh-day Sabbath. If the first day is so recognized in the Bible, we have never been able to find the text. The Bible is silent on this matter.

There is not the slightest hint in the Bible that the first day of the week should be regarded as the Lord's day, but the Scriptures abound with declarations that the Sabbath is the Lord's day. Thus we read: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day." Isaiah 58: 13. Again: "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2: 28. And again: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Exodus 20: 8-10.

WE WISH to call attention to a remarkable statement by the Rev. E. T. Hiscock, the author of the "Baptist Church Manual": "There was and is a commandment to 'keep holy the Sabbath day' but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will, however, be readily said, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week, with all its duties, privileges, and sanctions. Earnestly desiring information on this subject, which I have studied for many years, I ask, Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament—absolutely not. There is no Scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week. I wish to say that this Sabbath question, in this aspect of it, is in my judgment the gravest and most perplexing question connected with Christian institutions which at present claims attention from Christian people."—*From an address before a Baptist ministers' meeting in New York City, as reported in the "Examiner," of November 16, 1893.*

Here Dr. Hiscock boldly declares before a meeting of Baptist ministers

that there is no Scripture for Sunday observance. Now if this be true—and it is—then we inquire: Where then, is the authority for stating that Sunday is the Lord's day? If it is not based upon Bible authority, what other authority may Christians recognize?

BUT why is the Sabbath, and not Sunday, called the Lord's day? Because Christ is its author. He was the mediator between God and all His works of creation. He was the maker, not only of the universe, but of the earth and all things therein. Note the following: "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. . . . And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands." Hebrews 1: 8, 10.

Again we read; "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1: 1-3.

In these verses it is expressly declared that the Son of God, or the "Word," is the one who made all things, and that without Him was not anything made that was made. In Colossians 1: 12-17, we are informed that this included all things "that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."

Now, if Christ be the Creator of the earth and all things, then He is the one who made the seventh day Sabbath as recorded in Genesis 2: 1-3. That one who did the work, of course, did the resting. And this one was the Son of God, called the "Word," who, 4000 years later, "was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1: 14. Jesus Christ, therefore, is the author of the Sabbath, and hence the seventh-day Sabbath is the "Christian Sabbath" or "Lord's Day." Thus He declares that "the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2: 28.

Not only so, but it was Jesus Christ who spoke the ten-commandment law from the summit of Sinai and who accompanied the children of Israel in all their wanderings through the wilderness. He is the mediator between God and man. God the Father speaks only through Him. The Father has never spoken to man directly, but only

through the Son: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1: 18.

Paul clearly states in 1 Corinthians 10: 1-4 that those who were led by Moses "drank of that spiritual rock that followed them: and that rock was Christ."

Later when Christ was upon earth in the flesh He spoke again from a mountain. In Matthew the fifth chapter, we have His first recorded sermon, and in this, in the beginning of His earthly ministry, He made it clear that no alteration was to be made in the law that He had given to Adam and spoken from Mount Sinai.

"Think not," said He, "that I am come to destroy the law." He knew that people might draw a wrong conclusion concerning this matter, so He proceeded to place a safeguard against such an error at the very outset. "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5: 18, 19.

This then settles the question for all time. Christ did not destroy the law. As long as heaven and earth remain, not a jot or tittle will pass from it. Those who break even one of the least commandments, and teach others to do likewise, are considered by the God of heaven as "the least" of all people upon earth, for the transgression of this law is sin. But those who do and teach them are counted as "great."

SOME may say, Why did not Christ enjoin the ten commandments in the New Testament if Christians were expected to keep them? I reply that in the foregoing statements He clearly stated that every jot and tittle of this law would remain as long as heaven and earth endured, and that He had not come to destroy it, and this settled the matter. He here reaffirmed it in its entirety by this one statement. He was its author; He had written it with His own finger; He had commanded it with His own lips; and now He declares it will remain forever. Thus the moral law, which included the seventh day Sabbath, remained in full force in the Christian

dispensation, and the Sabbath is therefore still the "Lord's day."

Also the seventh day is the Sabbath of the new covenant. "For this is the covenant that I will make, . . . saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts." Hebrews 8: 10. God's law written upon the heart is unchanged even in one jot or tittle, for thus Christ declares in Matthew 5: 18. All His commandments "stand fast forever and ever." Psalms 111: 7, 8. So when He writes this unchangeable law in our hearts, the fourth commandment still reads: "The seventh day is the Sabbath." Indeed Sunday observance came too late to get into the new covenant; for when Christ died on Friday the new covenant was sealed, or confirmed, by His blood. (Luke 22: 20.) It was then forever too late to add to, or take from, it. (Galatians 3: 15.) Hence, as Sunday did not come into the church until after His death, it can have no part in the new covenant; and therefore Christians should not keep it.

Save Our Homes

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is not used by our parents, and the voice of prayer is seldom known.

Can there be any question that we are living in the midst of the last days on which the Saviour and all the holy prophets fixed their prophetic eyes? How apt are the words of the prophet Hosea in this connection:

"Hear the words of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away." Hosea 4: 1-3.

Who can gainsay that "swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery" are on a most terrible increase everywhere today? The sins of Sodom are piling up before God until one wonders how long the holy and pure eyes of God can endure it. How long will it be until the close of the history of Sodom will be repeated in the closing up of the world's history? There can be no mistake regarding the fact that we are now living in the midst of

a universal Sodom wherein the corrupting vices are spreading over the whole face of the earth. It is most cheering to know that these very conditions are signs of the soon coming of Jesus Christ, wherein He will put an end to all wickedness and reign forever and ever.

UNDOUBTEDLY at the door of the parents of today must be laid a great portion of the cause of the criminal and social conditions that are making our times most perilous. Recently Judge William McAdoo, chief magistrate of New York City, after

with the breakdown of religious faith and traditional ideals, has been this collapse of parental control. . . . If one can point to any one cause more than another that is responsible for the demoralizing of the younger generation, it is the prevailing lack of faith in religion. I am a constant attendant, though not in a technical sense myself a member of any church, but I believe in religion, a belief strengthened and confirmed after nineteen years' experience in dealing with crime. I have found one thing more definitely established than all others; that is, people who go wrong and drift into crime are those who have lost faith in God. What inducement is there to lead a righteous life, if there is no faith? Ethics are not a substitute for the sermon on the mount. In my dealings with young criminals, I find the parents of many have brought them up without any spiritual teachings whatever, and this is not confined to the parents of boys and girls who become criminal. It prevails through the higher orders of society. What this lack of religious training, of simple belief in a divine Creator to whom we are responsible for what we make of our lives, brings about, one can see in the rampant dissipation, moral degeneration, and intractability of the young today."

The unprecedented revolt against and the neglect of the standards of the home as seen in the lives of most parents today is being most definitely reflected in their offspring. There seems to have come upon the rising generation an equal slump in the recognition of authority in every branch of life, manifesting itself in impatience against all authority in religion, hatred of

convention in manners and customs, and general contempt of technique in all the arts, "coupled with," as Cloudesley Brereton writes in the *Contemporary Review* "a sort of fierce determination to build up everything *de novo*."

IT MUST be conceded that the younger generation, so much discussed today, is the most important generation. Upon its estimate of right ideals, manners, and conduct depends the character of the days to come. Anyone who loves the human race cannot but be interested in the welfare of the younger set of our times and alarmed in viewing the lack (Continued on page 34)

Truth Never Dies

By ROBERT HARE

*Truth may be worsted in the fight,
And then in scorn passed by,
Trampled in rage upon the sod,
'Neath tyrant's foot and tyrant's nod;
But still it holds the life of God,
And truth can never die!*

*Ten thousand foes may plan its doom
Beside the open grave,
Determined that its hallowed light
Must evermore be hid from sight
Within the deepest, darkest night,
Where not a hand can save!*

*But all in vain men whet their swords,
And raise their battle song;
Behold, it raises from the dust,
The shackles that would bind it rust,
While all the cords of bondage burst,
For truth must conquer wrong!*

*Still vested with the life divine,
Its fountain fixed on high,
It faces time and scorn and hate,
Careless of high or low estate,
Heedless of all that wills its fate;
For truth can never die!*

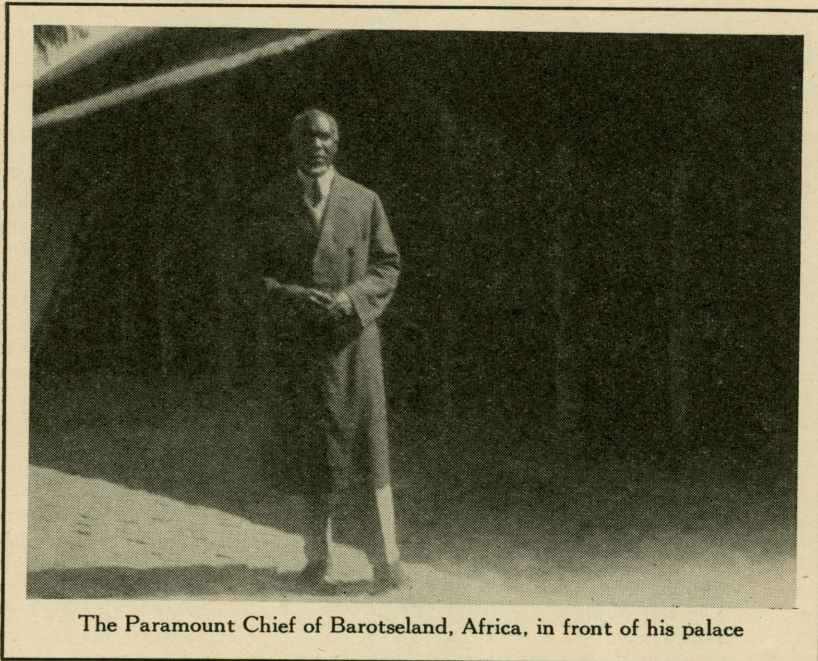


seventeen years of experience as a judge, wrote:

"As chief magistrate of the City of New York, through whose courts each year pass more than a half million cases ranging from petty larceny to murder, I can state from observation that most crimes on the part of young people are committed by those whose parents have failed to bring them up according to religious precepts, or who have lost the faith of their forefathers. With their own allegiance to their religious traditions weakened, they allow too great laxity to the young. . . . To one who has viewed the changes that have taken place since the Armistice one of the most outstanding manifestations, coincident

SEARCHING *for* DIAMONDS

The black ones bring the highest price



The Paramount Chief of Barotseland, Africa, in front of his palace

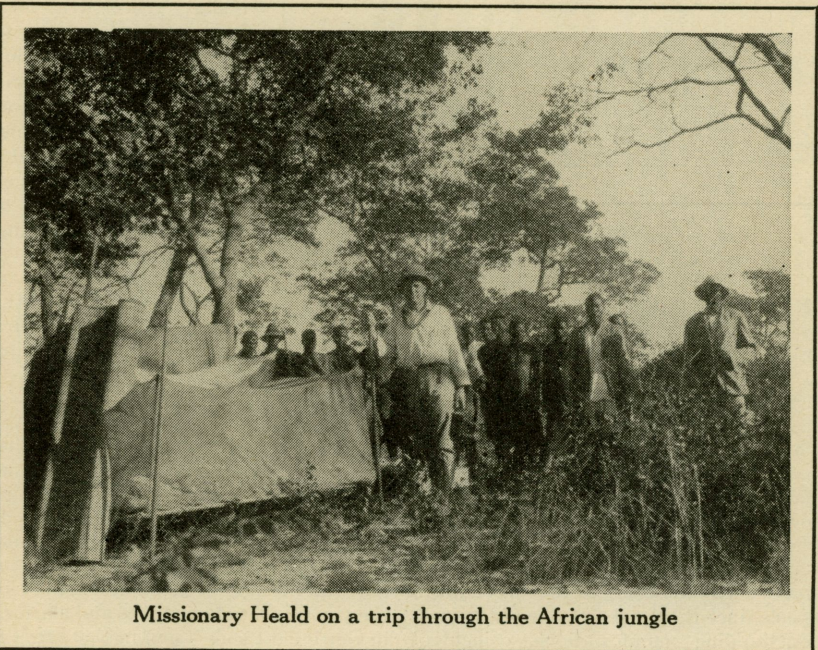


HERE are two great diamonds fields in Africa. In the recent diamond rush in South Africa men and women endured all kinds of hardships trying to find stones that would glisten.

The conditions in the diamond fields are such that those who have families are advised to take their children and go elsewhere to live, where there is not so much sin and vice.

All over the central part of Africa a company of men and women are hunting black diamonds and finding many. Are they as precious as the kind found in the south? Some have proved to be many times more so.

Some people call these black diamonds savages. But many of these people show marked talent when given the least chance to express it. If some of us were faced with the problem of providing food



Missionary Heald on a trip through the African jungle

and clothes for our families with no better equipment than the native has with which to provide for his family, we would be helpless and could not hope to succeed as well as he does.

The Paramount Chief of Barotseland, whose picture is on this page, is a fine man. He will not allow his people to be exploited for whisky. When we visited his capital we found him well dressed. His palace is a work of art, and his grounds are well kept. He himself is no mean photographer. His son drives his car, and his royal barge, with its thirty-three paddlers, is a beautiful sight on the river.

Thousands of natives are moving out of Portuguese territory and settling in Barotseland. Many of these people clear huge spots in the bush and burn the trees to get the ashes for fertilizer. As the timbered lands are limited, the Paramount Chief sent out a prince to map the country and tell each headman just where his people could cut gardens and which timber lands should be reserved. I was surprised at the fine, comprehensive map made by this prince Suu, who had received only a fourth standard (fourth grade, you call it in the United States) education from some of those people who had come away up here on the Zambezi River to hunt for diamonds.

WE WERE on our way to our new mission site on the Lwete River, four days' travel above the capital. We had already come twenty-one days in a small barge, four feet by thirty-five feet, in which rode thirteen paddlers, the head boy, the cook boy, besides four Europeans, with our camp outfit. When we went on, after our visit to the Chief, Prince Suu was our guide.

One gets all the thrills one wishes while traveling on the main river. There are a number of dangerous rapids to climb. In some, the barge must be pulled up by a rope. If the rope breaks, or the paddlers lose control for a few seconds, we get more than a thrill. At Ngambwe everything must be unloaded and just the empty barge pulled up the rapids. At the Sioma Falls both our things and the barge must be carried, the goods in a wagon, and the barge dragged by an ox team to be launched farther up the river. The boatmen are very skillful, and all their powers are needed, for it is no mean task for the head boy to take a big transport barge through the rapids without an accident.

Some of these fine native men receive some education in mission schools, some attend night schools, while in a few places they can attend government

MONDS *in* AFRICA

By S. M. KONIGMACHER, *Missionary in the Dark Continent*

schools. Some of the natives become fine tradesmen, doing beautiful carpentry, bricklaying, and other construction work.

With the advent of the flying machine and the motor car, the real jungle is fast disappearing. The pioneer missionary must go away from the beaten tracks to hunt for the diamonds still in the rough. But although the ways of the white man are becoming widely known in Africa, it is too often his vices and diseases that spread among the natives to their ruin, body and soul. The missionary must break down the barriers of heathenism before he can occupy the diamond fields at all. Then he must dig the diamonds out of the defilement of superstitious and degrading customs, and guard them against the alcohol and self-indulgence of those whose motives for being in Africa are not to elevate the native peoples.

THE Mawiko people are a fine tribe.

The men are good hunters, nearly all having their own axes and knives. They build quite good huts. The women spend much time fishing with huge baskets. They use a bit more grease and rouge than we think necessary, but that is a matter of taste. They are skillful in all the native arts of handicraft, often showing great precision in handwork. When their men can find the money to buy their cloth, they dress very nicely. It is almost impossible for them to buy good cloth, for that manufactured for the native trade is inferior stuff, almost transparent even with dressing in it. The native cannot afford many changes of raiment, or to buy soap with which to wash his only shirt.

The Mawiko men are often recruited to work in the mines or to help in any other big work. The regular wage for a workman is eight shillings a month (about two dollars in United States money), and the man must provide his own food. With earning money to buy cloth at a shilling a yard, and to pay a hut tax of ten shillings a year, and with his garden to get in, the native has not as much time to sit as many would think.

The poor native has hard work to escape the many schemes to cheat him out of the little he has. Sometimes a trinket takes the money that should go for soap or cloth. Before condemning his bad judgment, think of how some who have had better chances spend their money for "junk."

These people worship the spirits of the departed, and their villages are filled with painted sticks and altars. Often one sees a hole with a small bridge across the center. A sick man, who is troubled with an evil spirit and wants to shake it off,

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Great excitement in riding the rapids at Ngambwe

may crawl through the hole, and if he does not look back afterward, the evil spirit cannot crawl through the same hole and follow him back into the village.

Someone may ask how we know a diamond if we find one. In opening up a new station we very soon learn who are faithful men and women. Social gossip is not lacking in the jungle. By talking to the natives in their own language, watching them at their work, or in school, we soon

learn which way each individual is heading — whether for a useful life, willing to help uplift his fellow men, or whether for the easier path downward.

The natives love music. They also appreciate pictures of Jesus, and are grateful for any help given the sick. After many years of service for the natives, I am convinced that God has many black diamonds in Africa who will shine in His coming kingdom.



Oxen dragging the barge and loads of goods around a falls in an African river

Easier to Sin

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not far behind the nude exhibitions of ancient Rome. The mothers of America dress their growing girls up to ages of twelve and older in such scanty garments that it is not to be wondered at that there is little modesty in the girl of eighteen, in the woman of twenty-five, and in the matron of forty.

The prophet Hosea surely described modern conditions when he wrote: "There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." Hosea 4: 1, 2. These were the conditions prior to the wreck of the antediluvian world by the deluge, and the conditions in Sodom and Gomorrah before the judgment of God fell upon them. And Jesus Christ said just such conditions would prevail in the world before He returned. Today we can flee from modern Sodom; tomorrow may be too late. Until Jesus comes, the Christian must live in the world, but he need not partake of the world. He must learn to see no evil, think no evil, taste no evil, feel no evil, and hear no evil. Of course, he cannot cauterize his senses in a literal way, but he can be impregnable through Jesus Christ to outside influences on his senses.

Lead the Way to Peace

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contact with one another, and felt in a stronger way than they ever felt it before the common bond that made them citizens of the same native land. Instead of being, as they were formerly, citizens of their country in a loose and more localized sense, now, and with ever increasing force as scientific and mechanical invention is bringing men closer and closer together in communication and travel, they are citizens of the same country in a very close sense, and localized patriotisms are melting into the intensified nationalistic form.

The result has been that this growing nationalistic spirit has made the people of the various countries more on the defensive and the offensive. It must be obvious that the more patriotic the people of any particular nation become, due to the fact that they are being more amalgamated into one people by more rapid means of contact and communication, the more likely and seriously is this patriotism to run counter to a like patriotism being built up in like manner in other countries, and the more likely is it to be hostile to, and jealous and suspicious of, the other patriotism.

Let the reader not misunderstand me, I am not at all decrying patriotism. I value highly, as every good citizen should, the patriotism that I owe to my native land. The Scriptures teach patriotism in Romans 13: 1 and onward and 1

Peter 2: 13, 17. But the kind of patriotism that I am speaking of is that unfortunate brand of it known as the militant variety, so general in our day and promoted unfortunately by the very forces I have been speaking of, which sticks out its bristles at other nations, offensively and defensively, jealously and suspiciously and selfishly. It is that "my-country-right-or-wrong" kind, that

Look Ahead

with us to a partial content of
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The Clean-up of Crime in our Large Cities is receiving the attention of every law-abiding American, and also the outlaws. Read **LOUIS K. DICKSON'S Whence All This Lawlessness?**

Men Have Been Flying for Only Twenty-five Years, yet today airplanes and flying are ordinary. What is the significance of the world's air-mindedness? Read **ROY F. COTTRELL'S Aviation Spreads Her Wings.**

The New China Is Getting Into Our Vision, and perhaps onto our nerves. Read two views of the Oriental situation as it concerns the West. The first by an American observer, **JOHN L. SHULER'S China Is About to Move the World.** The second by an inland China missionary, **SHERMAN A. NAGEL'S Shall Revolution Bring Evolution in the Far East?**

The Men Who Love to Delve into the Past are industriously digging at old Ur in Mesopotamia and are turning up some marvelous finds. Besides being the center of ancient moon worship, Ur was the early home of **Abraham, the Friend of God.** Read **KELD J. REYNOLD'S** article on this subject for a fresh insight into the way God directs and interprets history.

A Fight Is on between Candy and Cigarettes. For a healthy body and a trim figure which shall we choose? Read **DR. DANIEL H. KRESS'S Cigarettes or Sweets?**

In addition there are articles on Health, Social Problems, Knotty Bible Questions, and the Meaning of Current Events.

flag-waving kind, that I am condemning, which has been aggravated so sadly by the increasingly compacted nationalism of our times. We all know about the "national destiny" of pre-war Germany with its *Deutsches Kultur* and of the post-war Italy with its *Italia irredenta*.

So long as we have this national sensitiveness and national self-consciousness and pride manifesting itself in Europe on the part of its various nations, we shall have these nations with their feelers out for trouble, just as sensitive, self-conscious, and proud people with

whom we may chance to mingle have their feelers out for trouble or supposed insult. Trade jealousies, territorial ambitions, suspicious surmisings about their neighbors — all of these intensely nationalistic manifestations breed trouble, and only trouble, and Simonds is right when he points this out. So long as the flag-waving Frenchman counters the flag-waving German, what hope for permanent peace can there be between them? And so long as a quickened patriotism of Italy vaunts itself, stirred and fired by a Mussolini, against other nations with a "Take care" and "Don't tread on me" spirit, what chance is there for the angel of peace?

The marvelous thing is that the Bible saw it all as characteristic of our times, the days that would usher in the return of Jesus. The scientific and mechanical knowledge that paved the way for this intensified, militant, self-conscious, proud, antagonistic present-day nationalism is clearly stated in Daniel 12: 4: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

The prominence of the nations as embodiments of intensified nationalism in the day when Christ comes, and the permanent peace that His coming as "the Prince of peace" will give to this world of ours, are beautifully and significantly suggested in the words, "The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22: 2. But more on this next month.

God's Photograph Album

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and are of doubtful value; but how often does superficial judgment pass for a demonstrated fact!

There are approximately one thousand prophecies in the Sacred Volume, a very large proportion of which have been accurately fulfilled. Consider the inspired words spoken by ancient prophets concerning Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Tyre, and many other powerful nations and cities of antiquity, no two alike, yet each specific, and all verified in the drama of subsequent history.

So definitely and minutely had the prophecies of Daniel crystalized into world events that Porphyry, writing in the third century, A. D., and finding no other loophole for "his hard-pressed skepticism," asserted that the predictions must have been written after the occurrences themselves happened. But were he living today, how would this celebrated freethinker account for the precise and unerring parallel between history and prophecy as fully since his day as prior to it?

When the heathen oracles of old uttered their mysterious messages, the language was so cleverly chosen, so ambiguous, that it could cover almost any possible happening. How different

Current Events in the of Divine Prophecy

THE PARADE through the Chicago police court of nearly 3,500 "crooks" caught in a recent week-end raid of unusual energy and extent has caused a stampede from that city of undesirable. Similar energy on the part of the "guardians of the law" throughout the country would do much to restrain widespread crime. It is when "sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily" that "the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

THE WORLD WAR'S TOLL of lives was not checked by the Armistice, but has continued in decreased birth rate and increased civilian mortality. According to statisticians of the League of Nations, the actual loss of life during the war was 10,135,000, loss through decreased births since the war is 20,850,000, and in civilian death, 6,016,000, a terrible total of nearly 37,000,000. We long for the fulfillment of Psalms 46:9. "He [God] maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth."

THE URGE TO MERGE appears in religious as well as business circles. Three great Protestant denominations — Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Presbyterian, South — are holding conferences this winter to consider union. Unity among believers in Christ is greatly to be desired; but union of great church machines, which already show signs of coercive influence over civil government, is but a step toward the fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation 13: 14-17 of a gigantic combine to force religious observance on all.

BOOK PRICES SOARED at the recent auction sale in New York of the Jerome Kern library of rare books. A copy of Shelley's "Queen Mab" sold for \$69,000, the highest price ever paid for a book in the United States. Other top prices were \$12,500 for "Tristram Shandy," \$19,500 for a letter from Edgar Allen Poe, and \$29,000 for Pope's "Essay on Man"; and there were many prices ranging from \$10,000 down. So much for old books, when the oldest, yet newest, Book in the world may be had for a few cents, and is often forgotten and neglected, and many times despised.

THE NEXT STEP after the restoration of the temporal power of the pope, now apparently soon to be arranged between the Vatican and the Italian government, will be the consideration of the membership of the Papal State in the League of Nations. There is, so far, official silence on both sides on this point; and we would not venture to ferret the outcome. But we do confidently assert this: that whatever steps are taken they will increase the prestige of the Holy See, as prophecy has foretold, until "all the world wondered." (Revelation 13: 3-10.) But we just as confidently predict, on the same authority, that this counterfeit system will come to an end under the judgments of God at the second coming of Christ. (Revelation 13: 10; 18: 20-24; 19: 20.)

PRIZES FOR PROHIBITION enforcement plans have been awarded to Major Mills, veteran Prohibition administrator, and to Malcolm D. Almack, fifteen-year-old schoolboy of Palo Alto, California. The man's plan — to prevent diversion of industrial alcohol — is meeting much criticism. The boy's plan is winning respect. He sums up in seven points: "(1) teach what the law is; (2) convince people that it is a good thing and persuade them to support it; (3) provide a research division to study the effect and administration of the law; (4) lead people to co-operate in the enforcement of the law; (5) provide an efficient body of enforcement officers; (6) improve the courts through specializing duties, adding to number of judges, and electing capable and honest persons; (7) adopt supplementary enforcing legislation in all the states. The results," he concludes, "will not only be better enforcement of Prohibition but greater respect for and obedience to all laws."

PERSONS USED TO SHUN the church because of its stern discipline, Hugh Elmer Brown observes, but now they neglect it because of its soft requirements. Human nature has not changed, but the church has. It has toadied to the world, and the world now slights it not so much because the world despises softness, but because it realizes the church's lack of loyalty to first principles. Now, as in Christ's day, His true follower must "take up his cross and follow" to Gethsemane and Calvary — which is the only road to Olivet and the ascension.

WE STOOD ON THE HEART-SHAPED plaza at the north end of the Michigan Avenue bridge over the Chicago river, and the traffic about us — on foot and on wheel — seemed in hopeless confusion. We stood on the top of the Tribune Tower and looked down on the same plaza and every unit in that traffic was seen to move according to law and design and in relation to every other unit. In the same way God looks down on every heart and on all the earth and everything moves according to law ordained by Him, except those who choose their own way. And the result to them is the same as to the traffic-law violator — disaster and destruction.

AUTOMATIC EYES AND ELECTRICAL EARS are the latest acquirements of the "robot," or mechanical man, enabling this strange device to serve as traffic officer or watchman. In one type, the sound of an approaching car, caught by the "electrical ear," causes the traffic signals to be set; in the other, the shadow cast by a passing car starts the electric currents. But there are limitations to his intelligence, and mischievous children take advantage of them to set the mechanism to work at wrong times. In the uses to which we put the marvels God has revealed to human minds, we all seem children. Too often we "consume upon our lusts" the blessings God intended to facilitate His work in the world.

SIR ARTHUR QUILLER-COUCH, noted English novelist, is leading editor of a proposed "new Bible," which by leaving out references, center margins, and the numbering of verses, as well as by extensive changes in subject matter, intends to attract more readers, especially the young. "At the present moment," he says, "people are not buying the Bible and it is not a paying concern." Certainly the sale of the Bible is not building great fortunes for any publishers. It never has. At the present moment, however, more people are acquiring the Bible than ever before, for the reports of the Bible Societies show a steady gain in Bible circulation. But this increase is brought about by those who love the Bible as the word of God, not as a source of revenue, and are willing to give effort and means to bring the precious Book to the poor and unenlightened.

AMANULLAH'S IMPETUOUS ATTEMPTS to modernize Afghanistan have brought on civil war, his abdication and that of his brother and successor, and the elevation to the throne of a former "water boy," leader of the rebels, who is pledged to restore the authority of the mullahs, or Moslem priests, who most bitterly of all opposed Amanullah's liberalizing of the condition of women. But the modernizing of Afghanistan goes on anyway. The two dethroned kings, their families and retainers, foreign residents of Kabul the capital, and others siding with Amanullah, have been rescued from the war area by British airplanes from India. Also foreign invasion of Afghanistan to protect the legations, meaning war and hard fighting, has been averted. Whatever the turn of political events, the march of prophecy toward the swift penetration of every corner of the earth with improved means of communication goes on in preparation for all the world to hear of the soon coming of Christ.



The Watchman Answers

This is a service department where questions pertaining to the Bible and its interpretation are answered for WATCHMAN readers. Anyone is free to address questions to the Editor, who puts himself under obligation to answer here only those that will be of general interest to our readers. Others may be answered by letter. Inquirers must give name and address, but these will not be printed.

Remarriage After Divorce

Is it Biblical for me to marry again if my wife has left me and married a former sweetheart?

The teaching of the Bible on this point is plain. Christ said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Matthew 5:32. "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery." Matthew 19:9. It is evident from these texts, first, that divorce is proper in case of fornication only; second, that it is a breaking of the seventh command (a sin) for the guilty party to marry again; third, that in case of divorce because of fornication, the innocent party is free to marry again. We do not know all the circumstances of our questioner. But if his wife secured a divorce from him for other cause than fornication on his part, or he divorced his wife because of her fornication, in either case he being innocent of this Biblical reason for divorce (in the sight of God as well as by the decision of a civil court), then he is free to marry again.

The Wearing of Gold

Is it wrong for a man to wear a gold watch and chain?

Surely the use of gold is in itself no more a sin than the use of iron, copper, or any other metal. God instructed ancient Israel to adorn the sanctuary and temple with the most costly metals and precious stones. And gold has its more practical uses, such as a medium of exchange in money. Combined with certain alloys, it has excellent wearing qualities. But, like everything else that is beautiful and valuable, it can be put to wrong uses. The Bible condemns the use of gold on one's body in the form of jewelry for adornment only. (1 Timothy 2:9.) Much depends on the attitude of mind of the possessor of a gold watch. We see no harm in making a necessity somewhat attractive, providing the heart is not set on its ornamental rather than its practical value. The sin is in the pride in "costly array" just for the sake of the array.

Jesus in Heaven

What did Jesus do when He went back to heaven?

The prophet John says that Christ shares the throne of the universe with His Father. (Revelation 3:21; Hebrews 12:2.) He has a part in creating, upholding, and ruling the kingdom of God, as He had in the beginning. (Genesis 1:26; Hebrews 1:2.) His special work is to act as high priest for the righteous in this world, and to plead their cases before God the Judge, offering His blood in their behalf. (Hebrews 6:20; 9:24; 4:15.) In this work of judgment He has been engaged since the year 1844, according to the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and 9:24-27.

The Source of Spiritist Power

Do spirit mediums forecast the future by natural or supernatural power?

We know of no dependable forecasting of the future by mediums. The work of many of them has been proved by scientific tests to be guesswork, fraud, or sleight-of-hand trickery. There is no doubt in our minds, however, that some mediums employ supernatural power. The Bible has prophesied of such. See Matthew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11; Revelation 13:13, 14. But the power they use, while beyond human, is not of God. God does not bring back the spirits of the dead to talk to us; neither does He deceive people. (Isaiah 8:19, 20.) We have been commanded not to seek to the dead for the living. The Bible teaches that when a man dies he is totally unconscious till the resurrection at the last day. (Job 14:12, 14, 21.) The devil told the first lie ever uttered, and it was to the effect that dead men are not dead. (Genesis 3:4.) And any supernatural power that spirit mediums use comes from him, usually to substantiate his lie.



the revelations from God with their marked clearness and definiteness of expression! The event corresponds exactly with the predictions; in the fulfillment is afforded infallible proof of a divine agency in human affairs.

In no instance has the sure word of prophecy ever failed or been found in error; it "came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21. This same word testifies that the present generation is to witness the most marvelous development in science and invention, the most prodigious accumulation of wealth, the most unprecedented reign of lawlessness and crime, the greatest distress and perplexity among the nations of earth, the most tragic destructions by land and sea, the most subtle onslaught of atheism, together with the most extensive missionary movement in history, all culminating in the second coming of our Lord and Saviour. Today these prophecies are rapidly crystallizing into history; and as an exponent of such momentous truths, we accord THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE a leading role in the religious journalism of our country.

To tell the values, the marvels, the excellencies, the uplifting influences, the aggregate of good to be found in the treasure-house of Scripture, would require a library. Diligent study and increasing knowledge but deepens the appreciation, and excites our loftiest emotions. "The entrance of Thy words giveth light." "Every whit of it uttereth His glory." Psalms 119:130; 29:9, margin.

The Absolute Certainty

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man, so all history prepared the way for the birth of the Son of man. The divine Hand was on the lever of circumstances, and all streams converged to one center. And "when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman." Galatians 4:4.

Prior to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, there was a definite period of anticipation and typification fifteen hundred years in length, during which the ceremonies of the slaying of the passover lamb at three o'clock in the afternoon on the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, and the waving of the sheaf of first fruits before the Lord on the sixteenth day of the same month, were carried out year after year.

The great Reformation of the sixteenth century had its definite period of preparation from the days of John Wycliffe in the fourteenth century, so that he is often called "the morning star of the Reformation."

Likewise the greatest event in all earth's history — the winding up of all earthly affairs and the reaping of the gospel harvest at the second advent of our Lord Jesus — has its definite period

of preparation and anticipation. The nineteenth century, and whatever portion of the twentieth century shall pass ere Jesus shall return, is God's day of preparation for the end of this present world order. An extended era of liberty, discovery, advancement, Scriptural enlightenment, world exploration, Bible multiplication, mission expansion, rapid transportation and quick communication was necessary to prepare the way of the Lord for His return. A period of preparation for the development of a religious movement with a world-wide organization, with a band of ministers in all the different countries of earth, to preach God's last message to every nation, tongue, and people, with schools all over the world to train such ministers, with publishing houses to spread the message by the printed page — all this is necessary in preparing the way for the coming of Christ. And such a period of preparation will take time.

Dr. J. H. Merle D'Aubigne has well said: "God takes ages to prepare His work, but when the hour comes, accomplishes it by the feeblest instruments."—*"History of the Reformation,"* book 2, chapter 1.

NEARER THAN EVER

MEN must often hasten their work on a certain task, lest they die before its accomplishment. But there is no such necessity with the ever-living God.

The allotted age of man according to the Psalmist is three score and ten. But if you were to meet a man one hundred years old, and he would declare that, because he had lived thirty years beyond the allotted age, he would live another thirty years and reach the one hundred thirty mark, would you believe his statement? Not at all! You would conclude that his end was doubtless all the nearer because he had gone so long beyond the allotted age. So it is with the coming of the Lord, in reference to the many years of the proclamation of its special nearness.

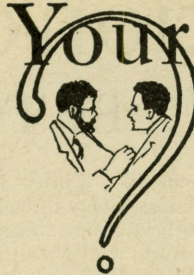
Many will be lost because the warning of the nearness of the end has become an old story to them. Twenty-seven people lost their lives recently in a factory fire, when not one of them would have been injured in the least if, when they heard the alarm, they really had believed there was a fire in the building. In this factory there was a daily fire drill. The sounding of the fire alarm every day became an old story to some of the workmen. Then one day when a fire really broke out and the alarm was sounded, they thought it was just an ordinary fire drill, and they remained inside till it was too late to escape. So it will be with many in reference to the warning of the Saviour's coming.

The great preparation for His coming is now well-nigh complete; shall we not quickly accept of the invitation, "Come, for all things are now ready"?

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How's Your Health

Medical and hygienic information of interest to the general reader is given in this column



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Receding gums.— *My gums are receding from my teeth; what is the cause?* J. L. T.

One of the chief causes of receding gums is the collection of tartar upon the necks of the teeth. A frequent cause also is chronic irritation from overhanging edges of poorly fitting crowns or rough margins of fillings or bridge work. Pyorrhea and certain constitutional diseases may produce spongy, bleeding gums with recession from the teeth.

Stomach ulcer.— *Can stomach ulcers be cured without surgery?* J. C.

Patients suffering from ulcers of the stomach that are not causing obstruction to the outlet of food or severe hemorrhage should be given medical treatment under the supervision of a physician. Many cases of acute gastric ulcer, when put to bed to rest and given a milk and cream diet with perhaps some simple alkali such as magnesia or bismuth to neutralize the excess of acid, will speedily recover.

Shortness of breath.— *Of late I get short of breath when doing my ordinary housework. Do you think I have lung trouble?* K. O.

In a great majority of cases, shortness of breath, incident to slight physical or mental exertion, points to the heart as the seat of the difficulty. Difficult breathing in such a case is the result of faulty circulation within the lungs and no time should be lost in arranging for a thorough physical examination and proper treatment. Acute Bright's disease is also a frequent cause of difficult breathing. Only in cases of advanced disease of the lungs is shortness of breath a noteworthy symptom.

Neuritis.— *I am greatly troubled with pains in my arms; I have been told it is neuritis; what is the cause?* R. O. S.

It may seem strange to look in the mouth for the cause of pains in the arms, but just here is the most common source of origin of such pains. An X-ray examination of all teeth is essential. This should also include any areas where teeth have been removed. Often a piece of a root is left when a tooth is extracted and this may harbor infection. The examination should include a careful investigation of the tonsils. These organs at the gateway of the body occupy a position

peculiarly exposed to infection. All the food, drink and air taken in must pass over these glands. If they become diseased they are a menace to health and should be removed.

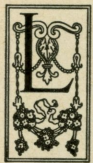
Treatment of influenza.— *Please outline a program for the home treatment of influenza.* M. S.

Influenza is best fought with the patient lying upon his back. Rest in bed with arms and shoulders well covered is very important. Bed rest should be continued until the patient's temperature has remained normal for three days. This precaution will also serve to protect the heart against too early strain. Elimination should be encouraged by early administration of a laxative. For an adult, a tablespoon of castor oil and half bottle of magnesium citrate, or a teaspoonful of cascara, will suffice. The diet should consist of liquids only, while there is fever; fruit juices are best. Vegetable broth, buttermilk, malted milk, etc., are permissible. The patient should be encouraged to drink freely of water or lemonade, hot or cold. A hot foot bath containing a tablespoonful of powdered mustard — duration ten minutes — may be given in bed twice daily. This will draw blood from the congested lungs and balance the circulation. If there is pain in the chest, heat should be applied for twenty minutes, three times a day. This may be in the form of hot towels, electric pad, or hot poultice of antiphlogistine. The latter may be left in place over night. A warm soap bed bath should be given daily with special care to avoid chilling the patient. It is well to apply to the chest and back twice daily, a counter-irritant such as camphorated oil, oil of eucalyptus, Vick's Vapo Rub, Musterole, etc. Then cover the chest with warm, dry flannel for protection. For the feeling of tightness in the chest and the rasping cough, a medicated steam inhalation for ten minutes two or three times a day is very acceptable. We recommend one teaspoonful of oil of eucalyptus and one teaspoonful compound tincture of benzoin in a quart of boiling water. Put the medicine and hot water in a teakettle. A paper funnel attached to the spout of the teakettle will conduct the medicated steam to the patient's face. In case of a child, one may improvise a croup-tent by draping a sheet over its bed or over an umbrella raised above the patient.

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A Question of Believing God

By Tyler E. Bowen



LIFE and death, salvation or loss of it, hinge upon the question of believing or disbelieving God. Sin entered our world because Eve lost confidence in what God said about partaking of that forbidden tree.

She knew what God said about it, for she quoted God's words. But Satan, speaking through the serpent, shook her confidence in the truthfulness of God's word. Satan contradicted God by saying she would not die if she ate of the tree. Instead, she would be made wise, like unto a god. Eve believed the contradictor, and in so doing disbelieved God. Through this disbelief she fell and Adam with her, and consequently death entered our world.

On this point the conflict has raged from that day to this. Do men believe God, by obeying His word, or do they not? The real history of every life centers around this point. "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God." Mark 11:22.

Every act of Christ Jesus, with all His teaching, was to encourage men and women to believe God. His acts of healing were all based upon the condition, "According to your faith be it unto you." Men received their sight, the lame walked, withered hands were restored, lepers were cleansed, and even the dead restored to life, all through the living faith in God exercised in Him whom the Father sent into the world to restore and save the lost.

FAITH DECIDED DESTINIES

THE dividing line between those who entered the promised land and those who did not was drawn between those who believed what God had said about it and those who believed not. It was thus each individual decided his own destiny.

"With whom was He grieved forty years? Was it not with them who had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Hebrews 3:17-19.

This same lesson with great force comes down to us. Using this same object lesson the apostle Paul entreats:

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest." Hebrews 4:1-3.

Christ Jesus can enter our hearts only through faith. Satan enters through our unbelief. Therefore it is written:

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back [into unbelief], My soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

Eternal life or perdition, consequently, depends upon whether we will walk by faith, live by faith, or whether we will cease believing God, and drop back into that unbelief that ends in perdition.

FAITH GAINS RICHES

IN his solicitude for Gentile believers the apostle Paul wrote:

"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." Ephesians 3:16, 17.

And explaining to the believers of Galatia how that inner life of faith exhibits itself in the life of the follower of Jesus, Paul has this word to say:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

Unbelief in God's word, like a pall of blackness, is settling down upon the earth. The Lord foresaw this time when He asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find *faith* on the earth?" Men are systematically being trained in unbelief. As one outstanding illustration among many that might be cited, by which a training in unbelief is being given the rising generation, take the theory of evolution so generally being taught today in most of the universities, as well as in the lower schools of education of our land. No more effective contradiction to the plain words of God could be expressed than this seductive theory, which attempts at one stroke to set aside the mighty power of Jehovah's word, by which He created the worlds. And it is this, His creative power, that God sets forth as the very evidence that He is the only true God, to whom our worship and allegiance are due. Very clear it is, therefore, why Satan wishes to eclipse the creative power of God with all this camouflage of evolution. Here are some of God's own recorded words as to the manifestation of His creative power:

"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." Exodus 20:11.

"Thus saith God the Lord, He that

created the heavens, and stretched them out; He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He giveth breath unto the people upon it. . . . I am the Lord: that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another." Isaiah 42:5, 8.

"Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. . . . I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even My hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded." Isaiah 43:10; 45:12.

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. . . . For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:6, 9.

"In the beginning was the Word [Christ Jesus the Lord], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:1-3.

In place of believing these words of truth from God's own lips, authoritatively telling us by whom the earth and the things therein were made, and exactly the length of time He used in creating them, including man, men have concocted (under the inspiration of that same foe who in Eden beguiled Eve) a scheme of plain denial of all this, a point-blank contradiction of God's word, which sets aside God and His Son, by saying that all things including ourselves simply evolved from some star dust and some minute organism, requiring millions of years to bring all this about. Thus God is made a liar. Yet in the face of all this we have from God's word, "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Romans 3:4. And what is still more astonishing is this: so amazingly filled with pomposity is this evolutionary octopus becoming that it so far excludes God from having any part in creation as not to even admit of any testimony *from Him* as to *how* He did it. Could greater insult than this be offered the Infinite One, who by His almighty power created not only this speck of a world, with all upon it, but the unnumbered worlds on high?

FAITHLESS LEFT OUT

SHALL not God visit for such infidelity, such flagrant unbelief? We may draw some conclusion as to how offensive to God is this cultivated trait of unbelief in His word, as manifested in evolution, and all other contradictions of His word going with it, by the classification given it by the beloved apostle John writing from the lips of Jesus himself:

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and

whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21: 8.

How different the prospect for those who have believed "to the saving of the soul"! Those who now live, and those who have "died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" by their faith have declared plainly that they seek a country, "that is an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." Hebrews 11: 13-16.

To those who have thus learned to believe and obey their God, blessed indeed is this promise of a glorious inheritance that shall be made sure unto them:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He [Jesus] said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be My son." Revelation 21: 4-7.

Between Death and the Resurrection

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have the comfort of being in a "body." How much more consistent and beautiful is the truth of the Lord's return when we accept the doctrine of Paul that the saints are "dead in Christ" and not living "with Christ," and that the hope of life beyond the grave is dependent upon a resurrection, and this resurrection depends upon the Lord's return. That puts the "blessed hope" sentiment into the Lord's return. When death came into the church at Thessalonica Paul wrote them that some day "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first," and instructed them to "comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18. If there were such a thing as these "dead in Christ" going on to heaven in a disembodied state there must not have been much "comfort" about it, for Paul never mentioned this, but did tell of the Lord's return and the resurrection, and said, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

The Bible says that death is an enemy—"the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." 1 Corinthians 15: 26.

If death be the gateway to immediate presence with Christ, how could it be an enemy? The Scriptures also teach that death is of the devil. (Hebrews 2: 14.) Death is of the devil because "death came by sin" (Romans 5: 12) and "sin" is of "the devil." (1 John 3: 8.) Then if death transports us out of this old world into the very presence of Christ it is plain that through "sin" and "death" the devil made a way for departure from his territory to heaven. If that be the case, how could sin be a "curse" and death an "enemy"? The truth is that theology is in darkness and error on these questions and absurdly inconsistent. Death is an "enemy." Death is cruel. It takes from us our life; it robs us of our dearest on earth and lays them in the grave. But the second coming of our Lord and the certainty of the resurrection bring a comfort and relief that constitutes our Lord's return as "that blessed hope," and we can "comfort one another with these words."

Don't Be Afraid of the "Flu"

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It is true, but in whatsoever state they find themselves to be, they are therein content. They have no worries, no cares, no fears. Did you ever see a piccaninny worry? The white man has a habit of borrowing trouble. He worries, he frets, he fears, and the "flu" "gets him." The death rate from "flu" was higher among white men than among colored.

Imagination alone may kill. Cases of such are on record. Good cheer never kills. Cultivate it and enjoy life. Have fun and laugh. Keep smiling, and smiles will return to you with interest. Seek the association of those who are congenial. Fear nothing. Fear is a curse. "Perfect love casteth out fear." When we are well we fear we will get sick. When sick, we fear we will die. Live according to the law, live the healthful and radiant life and you will have no reason to fear. You can forget yourself and live to cheer others. Epigrammatically expressed:

Smile clear through,

And you won't get the "flu."

If you will fast,

The "flu" won't last.

Take castor oil,

And the "flu" you'll spoil.

Drink water a quart,

Then no death report.

We do not sufficiently recognize the influence of mind over matter, of the mind over the bodily functions. Imagined symptoms that are dwelt upon, enlarge and grow and develop out of proportion. Bad bodily conditions are the fruition of abnormal thought and fantastic fears. That dryness of the throat noticed and pampered will develop a congestion and soreness in time.

The will has power over the human organism to maintain it in a state of health, while on the other hand an imagination left free to wander is disease

abetting. If you think you will catch cold you certainly will. If you fear the "flu," then it will get you. If our minds are accustomed to the play of exaggeration we should exaggerate in the direction of well-feeling and not ill-feeling, or dis-ease, disease.

Sidestep the disagreeable; ignore the fleeting pain, the casual ache; contemplate the defenses of the body. Speak to your body cells and tell them that you have recognized the laws of sanitation and health, that you have obeyed them, and therefore you are entitled to reap the fruit of obedience to physical law, that you are entitled to the continued possession of a state of health; that health is yours. First obey the laws of health, and then confidently expect to reap the fruit of well doing.

The mind and will must learn to assert their freedom and their harmonious power of command over the physical body. It is not the toe that commands and directs the mind but the mind has authority over the toe, the muscles, the nerves, and the other tissues and organs of the body. Let higher things have first place, let the diffusive power of the will fill the human organism. One member of the family will come down with the "flu"; a physician adorned with a mask is called, the grave aspects of the case enlarged upon, both by the doctor and the newspaper; an element of fear is engendered in the very atmosphere; and soon, one by one, other members of the family develop symptoms and come down with the disease.

At one time I was called, in consultation with another physician, to see a family in which mother, son, and two daughters were down with influenza. A careful inventory of conditions was taken, sanitary suggestions made and treatment instituted, and then hope was inspired in the minds of all that by attention to directions there was no good reason why all should not recover health. Then began the work for the patients. We saw that elimination was increased, that all foods except liquids were withheld, and these in the form of water and fruit juices were given freely. We treated symptoms as they developed and all four patients fully recovered.

Remember that when the epidemic is on, everything is likely to be diagnosed as "flu." Yes, headache is a symptom of approaching "flu," but it is also a symptom of the approach of other infections, fevers, and conditions less detrimental and of less importance.

WHAT TO DO

WHEN you get the "flu," take a hot bath, take a warm enema; take a dose of salts or one-half glass citrate of magnesia, to clean the bowels. Avoid food for a few days. Drink of fruit juices and water a plenty. Go to bed and apply heat to the feet. Ventilate well. Keep warm, maintain a good circulation in the

skin and extremities to prevent internal congestion. This is accomplished by means of the hot bath or the full hot blanket pack, and drinking freely of hot lemonade. Follow by an alcohol or witch hazel rub to prevent chilling, for chilling leads to pneumonia. In institutions where hydrotherapy was carefully and scientifically carried out, the mortality was less than one per cent. In uncomplicated cases, fever terminates on the third day, therefore it is sometimes called a "three-day fever." Stay in bed for three days after the fever falls, and subsist upon a very light diet of fruit, toast, and baked rice. Stay there until you are strong. Take plenty of time for convalescence. Never try to wear out the disease. Unless you take good care of yourself after an attack of the "flu," there may be danger of arousing old infections, such as tuberculosis.

Eucalyptol and pine needle oils can be inhaled by vaporizing, or a drop or two on sugar may be taken several times a day.

Where pneumonic symptoms develop, make use of a cloth wrung out of hot water and sprinkled with camphor and turpentine. Place on the chest and cover with a dry cloth.

Save Our Homes

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of self-restraint among its members. While we would not say that all the younger set are on the straight road to perdition, yet the tendencies of our times, as reflected in a large number of young men and women of this day with their viewpoints of morality, their expositions of standards, their revolt against natural authority, lead one to realize that there is a dangerous situation abroad in the world today.

The absence of serious-mindedness that seems to be going on to an uncheckable degree is ominous. The call for so-called broad-mindedness and a generous spirit in our attitude toward the younger generation seems but a snare that carries a serious jeopardy for the future of the world. Under the guise of good sportsmanship, many abuses of good conduct are allowed to make their inroads on the conduct of the youth, which cannot but have their direful consequences in later years.

In the light of what the Apostle Paul foretold would exist in the church in the last generation (2 Timothy 3: 1-5) the question naturally suggests itself, "Who is to supply our youth with the idealism that unfortunately has been left out of their training in the home?" This is a serious question, and because of the absence of the answering voice from the home, and too often the church as a result of her decline also, our civilization is fast losing its balance. Unless a regeneration can come to the homes of the land, society and its individuals can be, and will be, quickly lost. This re-

generation can come and must come. Through the application of the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ it will come. How welcome is the voice, how cheering the thought, that in Jesus Christ there is hope! The awful results of the history of sin and rebellion, which are ever on the increase, are to be fully cleansed from this world, the future Edenic home of the saved of earth. The story of the gospel is not a gloomy one, but the brightest one. Through the processes of the grace of Christ, the souls of men may find succor from the thralldom of sin and woe and ever-increasing revolt and decline. To those who believe in, and yield to, Him, Christ has planned to give an equal share of the inheritance that is His.

Parents, into your hands has been committed the destiny of men. Around your firesides you, under God, may determine the course of the life of this generation, the history of nations, the course of a world. Be conscious of your trust. Bind about the flock that God has given into your hands the mighty cords of His love. Open before them the gates of salvation and of power over temptation and the awful flood of sin that this generation must face. Yours will be the overcomer's reward if you prove faithful to your trust. The reward of the righteous stretches out before those parents who, setting self and selfish interests aside, determine to present the solid phalanx of a home possessed by, and filled with, the presence of the Spirit of God. Make your home the haven of rest for the souls within. Turn from mere success in worldly affairs to godliness, and see that through true devotion to God the home is overshadowed by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

As God Views History

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Certainly Nimrod was the embodiment of the spirit of rebellion that actuated the whole settlement, and since he was king we naturally assume that the leadership in impiety was his.

Because the leadership turned away from God, ruin overtook the people of Babel. The Lord would have His purposes accomplished; so He confounded their tongues, and in small groups whose members were held together by the ties of a common speech, they sadly scattered. "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, . . . Let us . . . confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them . . . and they left off to build the city."

TWO CITIES DOMINATE TIME

THE tower story should be given serious thought by every student of history. This is true in the first place

because it records the founding, by a company of rebels of Babylon, the city that in the Bible stands as the symbol of insurrection against God and all His plans. As stated in the notes of Dr. A. B. Smith on Isaiah, in the Expositor's Bible: "Throughout the extent of Bible history, from Genesis to Revelation, one city remains, which in fact and symbol is execrated as the enemy of God and the stronghold of evil. In Genesis we are called to see its foundation, as of the first city that wandering men established, and the quick ruin that fell upon its impious builders. By the prophets we hear it cursed as the oppressor of God's people, the temptress of the nations, full of cruelty and wantonness. And in the Book of Revelation its character and curse are transferred to Rome, and the new Babylon stands over against the new Jerusalem. . . . Babylon is the atheist of the Old Testament, she is the anti-christ of the New." This is the city founded by Nimrod, the impious rebel.

TRIUMPH OF JERUSALEM OVER BABYLON

IN the second place, the swift and complete retribution that overtook the empire builders clearly demonstrates the determination of God to have His commands obeyed. Had the Babelites gone on unchecked, they would have demoralized the world in its infancy by the creation of a tremendous iniquitous power. God intended otherwise. The event was one of the great crises in the struggle between good and evil. And the outcome demonstrates the supreme power of God and His willingness to use that power to interfere in the affairs of men for the accomplishment of His plans.

This is the philosophy around which our studies are to be built. Everyone who goes behind the facts of history must have some viewpoint to guide him in his study. And this is ours, that we regard history as a record of the titanic struggle between good and evil, between God and Satan, the former winning the ultimate victory, in which His city and His people are to share. History is the story of the triumph of Jerusalem over Babylon. It is the record of the orderly progression from certain well-defined causes to this divinely willed end. And in the Bible is found the key to this interpretation of history. In the words of Dr. Bernard, in his "Progress of Doctrine in the New Testament": "The Bible . . . places before us the restoration, not only of the man of God, but of the city of God. . . . In its appearance the revealed course of redemption culminates, and the history of man is closed; and thus the last chapters of the Bible declare the unity of the whole book, by completing the design that has been developed in its pages, and disclosing the result to which the preceding steps have tended. Take from the Bible the final vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, and what will have been lost? Not merely a single passage, a

sublime description, an important revelation; but a conclusion by which all that went before is interpreted and justified. We should have an unfinished plan, in which human capacities have not found their full realization, or divine preparations their adequate result. To the mind that looks beyond individual life, or that understands what is necessary to the perfection of individual life, a Bible that did not end by building us a city of God would appear to leave much in man unprovided for, and much in itself unaccounted for. But as it is, neither of these deficiencies exist. The great consummation is there."

It is the steps or the crises in this progression toward the sure and satisfying consummation of all things, the triumph of God, that we will examine in the series of studies of which this is the first.

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New York by the Science Theatre, intended to portray "man's rise from the ooze." The source of material for such a play is mostly imagination, for the best scientists still admit that evolution is a hypothesis. The credulity, not to say gullibility, demanded of believers in this synthetic story of mankind is far greater than the faith in God asked of the believers in the Bible.

THE NEW PRAYER BOOK just adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church has been "modernized" in many ways. No one who uses it will ever again confess that he is a "vile, miserable sinner." We wonder if our times have eliminated all such from the church. The most striking change has been made in the ten commandments. They are shortened, and the "purely Hebrew" reasons for their observance are omitted. "Thou shalt not covet" is an example of the shortened form. But what about the fourth? Is the fact that God commanded the seventh day Sabbath because He rested, sanctified and blessed it after six days of creation, a "purely Hebrew reason" for keeping it? What had the Hebrews to do with creation? In cutting out the reason for the Sabbath command, the seal of God is taken from the whole law, for the fourth alone contains it. This opens the way for another day to be brought in, as has been done. A shortened law leads to an obscure law, and ultimately to a broken law.

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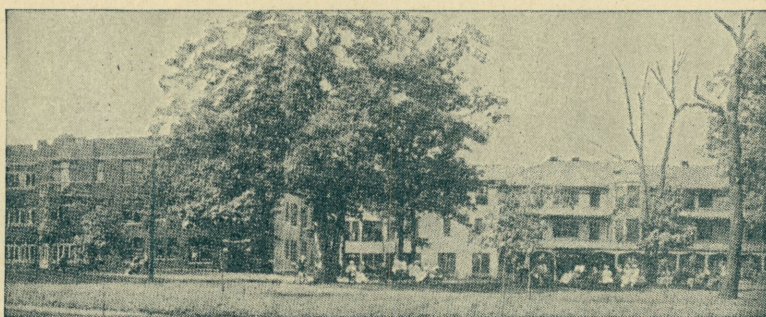
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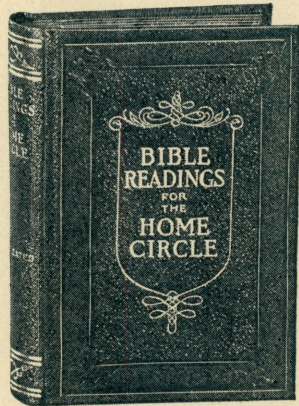
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