

Signs of the Times

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Squaring with Destiny

The Carving of Turkey Bound Up in the Present Mighty Conflict — This Partition Will Bring on the Fatal Crisis, in Which the Age Will Perish

By Louis H. Christian

"IT is the last Judgment. Every one has handed in his account. Now we have to get square with destiny." Thus spoke a high Russian official early in the war to an American author. To him destiny meant the fate and future of each nation.

"The fate of the world is bound up in the Eastern question." With these memorable words, the learned Dr. Dollinger began one of his historical lectures. For more than a century, this Eastern question has been the great unsolved and unsolvable world problem.

Concerning this, Clarence Barton writes in "The Audacious War": "Now who in Washington knows anything about Mesopotamia and the Bagdad railway? Yet here is the key of the most far-reaching problem in any peace proposals. It is because this matter can now be settled that the plunging of Turkey into the war by Enver Bey has made all Europe rejoice. The Germans think Turkey is another 16½ howitzer or 'Jack Johnson' spreading black smoke over the British Empire. For the first time, the Turkish problem can be really settled instead of patched."

To Be Driven Out of Europe

FOR many years, the publishers of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES have called the attention of their readers to the Bible proph-

ecies concerning the Eastern question. They have studied the eleventh chapter of Daniel, as well as the predictions in Revelation, where the fate of the Turk is clearly portrayed. Again and again, competent and conservative writers have shown that "the king of the north," spoken of in the latter part of Daniel eleven, is Turkey. They have ventured to assert that according to this prophecy, sooner or later the sultan will be driven out of Europe, bag and baggage, and will transfer his seat of government from Constantinople to the Holy Land — there ultimately to meet his doom. On the strength of plain Bible statements, they have emphasized that this ending of Turkey is the last great political event mentioned in prophecy, before the setting up of Christ's kingdom.

One of these divine predictions reads as follows: "And he [the king of the north, the sultan] shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." Dan. 11: 45; 12: 1.

The unfolding of events in the present war has demonstrated beyond doubt that the exposition of Daniel's words which has been given in the SIGNS is correct. The fact is becoming more

and more evident that the carving of Turkey is the vital issue in this conflict, and that this partition will bring on the fatal crisis in which this age and civilization will perish. In the many articles dealing with the Eastern question and the present war as a link in fulfillment of prophecy, the quotations used have been largely from American or British authors. Possibly it might be well to consider the Eastern question and the present war as presented in books by German or at least by pro-German writers. To do this will but further establish the conclusions of the SIGNS concerning the fulfillment of Bible prophecies in the war of to-day.

Germany and the Balkan Imbroglio

DURING the life of Luther, the Turkish forces were repeatedly at the gates of Vienna, and threatened to overwhelm all Europe. In the following two hundred years, there were continual wars between the Teutonic races and the Turks. Step by step, the armies of Austria forced the Mohammedans back toward Asia, whence they had come.

In course of time, Russia became the great opponent of the Turks. During the nineteenth century, Austria and the German states did not take a very active part in the Turkish wars, while England and France became the great champions of Turkey and the opponents of Russia. The Teutons seemed to withdraw somewhat from the constant struggle over Constantinople. As late as 1875, Bismarck said: "What may happen in the Balkans does not concern Germany, but only Russia, Italy, Austria, and England. It has always been my aim to keep out of this. For this reason, we put a stipulation into our treaty with Austria, that we are not obligated in any way in Balkan affairs."

"Bismarck even stated that he would have no objection to Russia's taking Constantinople, and thought that with the possession of this gate to the Black Sea, she would be even less dangerous to Germany than at present. Of course, he knew that this would endanger England's possession of Egypt and the Suez Canal — both of which she needs as much as her daily bread." — Dr. George L. Schurger, in "What Would Bismarck Say?"

Russia's Century-Old Ambition

THIS policy of Bismarck has now been completely changed. The German states, which for centuries waged a relentless warfare against Turkey, are to-day the allies and protectors of the sultan, while England and France, especially England, are at his throat, with the avowed purpose not only of driving Mohammedanism from Europe, but even of ending the Turkish dominion in Asia and Africa. Russia wants Constantinople and a free outlet to the sea. England plans to take all of Arabia, Palestine, and southern Mesopotamia, hoping to build and protect a railroad from Alexandria to the Persian Gulf.

We quote from an address by Dr. Paul Rohrbach to the Protestant Union of Hamburg: "The present war has three roots: (1) The one we can dispatch quickly. That is the French. For more than forty years, France has expressed the desire to renew the combat with us. (2) As Germany became politically engaged in the Orient and in Turkey, her interests began to conflict with those of Russia. (3) In the year 1898, when the German emperor was in Jerusalem, and gave utterance to the dramatic words regarding his friendship with entire Islam, when German diplomacy supported the plan of the Bagdad railway, the chief interest of Germany and England was that the railway cut through Asia Minor, passed over the Taurus, reached Aleppo, made connections with the Syrian and Mecca railways, and extended to a point within 300-400 kilometers of the Suez Canal. The English believed that the German emperor desired to establish

a basis of attack against England in anterior Asia, which was inevitable as a result of economic developments in Germany. This was a misapprehension — Germany planned no attack upon England."

Another writer, Prof. H. C. G. von Jagerman, says: "Russia's ambition for more than a century has been to extend her dominion over the Balkans and to win Constantinople. She might probably have done so long ago had this been in accordance with the designs of England and France. In order to win Constantinople, Russia must first dominate the southern Slavic states, Servia and Bulgaria; and she has for a long time arrogated to herself the part of their patron and protector. That Russia has a firm right to this position,

Austria does not admit; for she is a Slavic power, and her commercial interests demand an open route to the sea and to the Orient, as much as Russia. Indirectly Germany's interests are at stake, for through Austria lies Germany's land route to the Orient."

Removing the Disturbing Factor

THE reader will notice that these writers make plain that the partition of Turkey is the cause of this war. We quote from another who calls himself a pro-German and a personal friend of the kaiser:

"For some time, Germany had been looking upon the Turkish empire in Asia as a new and profitable region for trade; and in

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Signs of the Coming End

*To Be Recognized and Proclaimed, as
Truly as the Outrunners Announced Christ's
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

By BENJAMIN G. WILKINSON

THE signs of history tell their story, and cause to burn bright in the hearts of Christ's followers the hope of His soon return. Likewise the promised signs in heaven begin to appear. The Saviour has said: "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." Mark 13: 24-26.

The same is said under the sixth seal: "And I beheld when He had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6: 12-17.

You will note that Mark says, "In those days, after that tribulation." Those days, according to other scriptures, as we have before shown, ended in 1798. While the peace of Westphalia, and the teaching of Roger Williams about 1650, diminished the intensity of the tribulation, yet the persecution continued for some time afterwards. Now did there begin to appear, sometime between 1650 and 1798, such great signs as a mighty earthquake, darkening of the sun, turning of the moon to blood, and the falling of the stars? — Certainly there did. To name the events that would seem to fulfill the prediction of the sixth seal, is to be met frankly with the question: "How do you know that the earthquake, the darkening of the sun and the moon, and the falling of the stars, which you point out under definite dates, are the ones predicted under the seventh seal, and by the writers of the three Gospels? Have there

not been other fallings of stars, and other darkenings of the sun?" — Yes; but we might ask the same question concerning the prophecy in Zech. 9: 9:

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

One Sunday morning, which we now call Palm Sunday, the Saviour rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. The shouting crowds, the waving branches, the spread garments, were accompanied by the cries which said that this was the event to fulfill Zech. 9: 9. Now had not many a man ridden into Jerusalem on an ass, accompanied by "a colt, the foal of an ass"? — Most surely; but you will notice that this event was definitely located by two supporting reasons: first, it fell exactly in its place as one link in a chain of many events; and secondly, there was a people raised up by God to note it and to proclaim it. Matthew found no difficulty in recognizing Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the fulfillment of this prophecy. So today there is a people, one hundred twenty-five thousand strong, who, scattered all over the world, recognize definite signs in the heavens, as well as in history, as proclaiming clearly to them the thrilling news that Christ is soon to return.

Ruined from Top to Bottom

THE first of these signs was a great earthquake. Did any remarkable earthquake occur in the period of time set forth above? — Yes; the great earthquake of November, 1755, which, though called the earthquake of Lisbon, extended to the greater part of Europe, Africa, and America.

Its unusual importance is thus recognized by Vivienne de St. Martin, in his "Geographical Dictionary": "In 1755, an earthquake, the most famous in history, practically destroyed the city. Lisbon, the admiration of strangers, as much because of her exceptional situation as because of the beauty of her monuments, suffered a terrible shock, when the two earthquakes of 1755 ruined it from top to bottom. November 1, at nine o'clock in the morning, was felt the first upheaval. Subterranean crashings sounded forth; temples and houses

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The Neanderthal man, a race that is supposed to have lived in caves of central France many thousands(?) of years ago.

How Old Is Man?

A Protest Against the Popularizing of the "Bestial Origin"—The Gulf Between Fancy and Fact

By Prof. George McCready Price



A head reconstructed on the Piltown skull, found in Sussex, England; believed to have lived there 100,000 to 300,000(?) years ago.

WHEN an ex-president of the United States has an inclination to indulge in literary work, he can at once command an audience. And when this same individual has already acquired a considerable reputation as a hunter, a naturalist, a patron of scientific work, almost as himself a scientist, we may be sure that people will listen to his pronouncements on scientific matters with great interest if not with absolute reverence. And such an effect will be increased, if possible, when the writing of such an author, on such a subject, appears in a publication of a technical or a semi-technical character.

All these specifications are combined in an article by Theodore Roosevelt, which appeared in the *National Geographical Magazine* for February, 1916, under the same title as stands at the head of the present one. The article mentioned is really a review of a recent book—"Men of the Old Stone Age," by Henry Fairfield Osborn—which is a professedly scientific work, written by one who stands very high among scientists in this country. And the very outspoken attitude of the colonel toward this book may be judged by his statement that "it is the most important work on the evolution of our own species that has appeared since Darwin's 'Descent of Man.'"

In this sentence, we have Professor Osborn described as the continuator of Darwin's work and theories; while the article by Colonel Roosevelt may be called an effort to popularize these teachings by boosting this latest and most authoritative book on the subject. With the book itself we shall have nothing to do at present; but the article to which reference is made contains so many astonishing characteristics that it well deserves some consideration.

Popularizing the Bestial Origin

In the first place—as might be expected from its being printed in the *Geographical Magazine*—the article is elaborately illustrated. But these illustrations take the form of *photographs* of what profess to be "restorations" of models of ancient men and animals found as fossils, with several maps of Europe during various stages of the so-called "glacial period," when—according to the maps—the British Isles were joined to the continent of Europe, with an extension of this land mass reaching past Iceland into the arctic regions. The first cut is a half-tone with the following legend below it: "The Ape Man of Java, a Prehuman Creature Who Lived Probably 500,000 Years Ago." Another illustration shows us the features of "a head reconstructed on the Piltown skull, found in Sussex, England: *Eoanthropus dawsoni*," who the author assures us is believed to have lived 100,000 to 300,000 years ago. Still another is that of the Neanderthal man,

"a race which lived in caves of central France 50,000 years ago."

From these titles of a few of the illustrations accompanying the article in question, the reader can get an idea of some of the reasons why I feel justified in saying that the publication of such an article, with such illustrations, is much to be deplored; for it is an example of methods of "popularizing" the theory of the bestial origin of man, methods which partake of the character of the "science" one expects to find in the Sunday supplement of the daily paper, but which were supposed to have been discarded by reputable scientists long ago—and have been discarded by all writers on strictly scientific subjects when dealing with *any other subject than this of the ape origin of man*.

My reasons for such strong remarks are almost obvious. There are no facts whatever known to modern science which justify any such representations. These photographs are made from "reconstructions" supposed to represent these ancient men; but in most cases, these "reconstructions" have been made from only one or two bones, while the geological "age" in which they lived, and the character of the creatures when alive, cannot be proved to justify even partially the absurd statements made in connection with them.

Indulges Theoretical Propensities

In other words, these pictures of ancient men, and, indeed, the whole article accompanying them, can be called "scientific" only by a greatly modified use of this much abused word. *The first quality of a truly scientific mind is the ability to keep facts and theories separate and distinct from each other.* Theories are all right in their place; but their place is in the warehouse or the basement, and not in the show window. No scientist can get along without theories, and plenty of them. But when a man shows a manifest incapacity for distinguishing between real facts and very highly questionable theories, and when, moreover, he indulges a propensity for exhibiting his unproved theories in his show window, along with what the public have a right to regard as objective realities, he thereby shows that he is sadly lacking in the prime essential of a scientific mind.

To drop the figure, and to speak in plain language: Colonel Roosevelt's article puts forward as absolute facts what are mere theories, and theories that are by no means universally received among modern scientists; and these theories are advanced with all the air of being the only view held by anybody to-day. The rawest and most highly questionable theories, which are received by only one extreme faction of the educated world as even possible, are put forward as incontrovertible facts, and the existence of any other views is merely ignored with lofty scorn.

Let me explain what I mean, by the help of some facts regarding the first picture given in the article; namely, that of "the ape man of Java." This specimen is usually dignified

with a Latin specific name, to mark it as a distinct species of animal; and I cannot do better than to give here a portion of an article found in the last edition of "Encyclopædia Britannica":

From Two Bones and Two Teeth

"*Pithecanthropus Erectus* (erect ape man), the name given by Dr. Eugene Dubois, of the Dutch army medical service, to the imaginary creature which he constructed from fossilized remains found by him in Java. These fragments consisted of a thigh bone, two teeth, and the upper part of a skull, and were unearthed in 1891-1892 on the left bank of the Bengawan River near Trinil. The skull appears to have been low and depressed with strong supraciliary ridges; the teeth are very large, and the femur is quite human. The teeth and skull were found together, the femur a few yards away a year afterwards. The discoverer, however, stated it as his belief that the fragments were portions of the same skeleton and belonged to a creature half way between man and the higher apes and of the Pleistocene age. Much discussion followed the 'find,' and many authorities have given an opinion adverse to Dr. Dubois's theory. The prevailing opinion is that the bones are human."—Volume 21, page 665.

From information gathered elsewhere, we learn that these bones were found under a bed of volcanic ash; and the "age" of this rock deposit is variously given as Pleistocene, Pliocene, or even as Miocene. But the "age" of the rock in which these bones were found does not prove that the bones themselves are necessarily very old—perhaps not even antediluvian. The reputed age of these bones is one of the weakest points in the whole argument that would seek to make this "ape man" represent one of our direct ancestors. But this point cannot be considered here; it must be reserved for another time.

A further fact to be remembered regarding these bones is that the roof of the skull was very "imperfect" when found. That is, not all of it was recovered. Hence the cubic contents of the skull could be estimated only approximately. The size of this person's brain has been usually estimated at from 900 to 1000 cc., or about two thirds that of an average modern man, or to quote the words of a recognized authority, it "stands at the level of the smallest which have been occasionally found among the reputedly lowest savage peoples."

Manifestly That of an Idiot

BUT it should be distinctly remembered that many first-class authorities regard this piece of a skull as manifestly that of a degenerate or an idiot. That is, they say it is a pathologic specimen, not a normal one by any means; and why should such a pathologic

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JESUS was the Man of prayer. God's blessed Son, the lover of sinners, was a constant practitioner in the art of prayer. He believed in prayer, taught prayer, lived prayer.

Prayer was the delight of His soul. It was rest and refreshment, quietness and repose, inspiration and revelation.

His hours of prayer were the oases that gladdened and recuperated Him as He pressed on through the desert of His earthly sojourn. They were the storehouses of righteousness, the stations for spiritual repair, the recesses of blessed uplift.

A Mighty Soul Struggle

WHATEVER other thought relative to the Lord Jesus we may entertain, we are constrained to hold this,—that He was one who wrestled with God. Prayer in His experience was a mighty soul struggle. He "offered up prayers . . . with strong crying and tears." And Heaven bowed in obedience to His faith. He was never denied. He could say to His Father, "I knew that Thou hearest Me always."

Inspiration has been brief in its record; but sufficient is told to enable us to know that early and late, and sometimes all night, He shut Himself away from men, in communion with God. The privilege of petitioning was more to Him than life itself; and hours were but as moments to His soul as He strove to reach up through the clouds which sought to obscure the skies of His humanity, that He might find miraculous recognition. All other needs were forgotten while the need of power pressed His soul.

We sometimes wonder why God's only Son should have been so terribly in earnest in this matter of prayer. Why need He, the pure, the holy, the divine Man of men, pray in agony, pray until His very blood oozed from His flesh? Was it not impossible for Him to sin? Was not His divine nature a sufficient guarantee that He should forever triumph?

Took the Place of the Lowest

AH, dear brother, sister, friend, please walk softly here, and walk slowly. Has it ever come to you, fully and clearly, that Jesus assumed human nature with all its liabilities to sin? Have you comprehended that He took upon Him fallen human nature, and became sin in our behalf? Have you entered into the secret place of His gospel experience, and ascertained that He made every interest of ours identical—absolutely identical—with His own? Has God whispered into your soul that Jesus voluntarily took the place of the lowest of His lost ones, and shouldered the responsibility of seeing that the human race should have salvation?

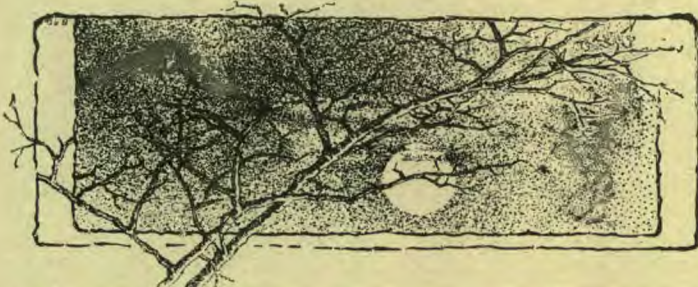
Stop, please, and reflect upon this: Not only did He take upon his heart the load of human helplessness and hopelessness, but *He promised God to lift that load as a man only*. He covenanted to exercise no power except such as any other one of God's human family might know. He would make His sole trust the Father's promise, His only refuge that of faith.

In the light of this remarkable condescension, this sublime humiliation, we may find the secret of His soul anguish. Having lowered Himself into the pit of world wickedness and horror, having become man for man's sake, His humanity made prayer necessary to His very existence. Yes, and away beyond this, it made prayer necessary to our

The Way of Prayer

*Soul Winning as
Jesus Knew It*

By Charles L. Taylor



"TIS mid-
night; and
for others' guilt,
The Man of sor-
rows weeps in
blood; Yet He
who hath in an-
guish knelt, Is
not forsaken by
His God."



existence; for having taken the sum total of human weaknesses into and upon Himself, His failure would have meant ruin to the whole race. No wonder that He poured out His soul! No wonder that He stormed the very battlements of heaven in His superhuman effort to bring man from a state of rebellion into reconciliation with God!

Jesus prayed. Prayer was the largest part of His life. His wonderful mission for men was accomplished chiefly on His knees, in secret. The healing of disease, the casting out of evil spirits, the lifting up of the fallen, the encouraging of despair-driven men—these and all other miracles of mercy were but the fruitage of those seasons when His soul, in prayer, mounted to the very summit of the mountain of God, and there listened to the counsels of the Eternal. He bore the great world with Him into the presence of the Lord of hosts.

Listened to Counsels of the Eternal

OH, how I should like to have been with Him as He presented before God the longings of His life! What pleading I should have heard, what sympathy expressed, what anxious inquiry, what intense asking!

You will remember the night in the upper room, and Peter's self-confidence. You will recall that Jesus looked upon His weak and erring disciple, and, foreseeing all the shameful denial which lay just before, tenderly said to him, "Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not."

When had He made supplication for him? Where? The exact time and place have not been revealed; but sometime, somewhere, He had held Peter up before God, and held him until He knew deliverance would be given.

He had prayed and wept, He had struggled and toiled, He had interceded and invoked, until it pleased God to send Him assurance that Peter would not be given over to Satan.

The Boldness of the Lover's Love

HE is in the secret place of the desert. No human ear is permitted to listen while the Lover's love breathes forth its pathos and tenderness, yet in holy boldness and power, for the man who shortly will deny His name, even with cursing. Ah, how His heart bleeds as He reminds the Ancient of days that He has taken Peter's place, and must meet Peter's needs! Listen while He pleads the tremendous issues at stake, and what it will mean to the very throne of God itself if failure overtakes Him. "Oh, My Father, My Father, give to Me this one, and give him to Me now! Thou canst not say No. I give My life for him, because I love him. And Thou dost love him. O My God, let the angels come now, just now, and shield him from overtemptation. Bring him repentance, and give him a heart to understand Thy love, that he may flee to refuge and be saved."

No wonder He could say, "I made supplication"! Why, He had gone to the cross for him. He had prayed His very life away, that that same poor man might be rescued from himself. And Peter was saved—marvelously saved. The prayer was answered.

Such was the prayer life of Jesus. It was thus He prayed for poor Mary of Magdala. Not once, nor twice, nor thrice; but again and again and again and again He prayed, until He saw her safely footed in the way of life. And one day, we shall see of His soul travail, for we shall meet Peter and Mary in the better world.

Deliverance Through "Travail"

MARK that word "travail." It is a Bible word, and is used to express the experience of Him who died for mankind. And nowhere did Jesus know *travail* for His earthly kindred more than while He prayed. His prayers were birth throes. In Gethsemane, He knew the anguish of ten thousand deaths, while the bitter cup was pressed to His lips. Yes, in truth, a new world and a new race were born that night in the secret and awful heart suffering of the Son of man. That night, He decided that He would allow God to banish Him, if that was necessary to man's salvation.

Yes, Jesus prayed the unselfish prayer of the one who gives himself for others, of the one who takes the place of the lost. Thus Paul prayed. Rom. 9:1-3. Thus Moses prayed. Ex. 32:32. And thus should all soul winners pray.

Prayer commands angels. "Thinkest thou that I cannot beseech My Father, and He shall even now send Me more than twelve legions of angels?" And angels are the forces that work for the deliverance of men. Heb. 1:14. They encamp round about the children of God, and deliver. Ps. 34:7. The true soul winner is he who finds in prayer the sweetness and blessedness of angel ministrations, and who is able, by their powerful persuasive force, to attract men to the good.

Prayer and the Soul Winner

THE praying man is one who draws men. The lost will come to him, even as to Jesus, (Continued on page 6)



"**A** *AGAINST* this infinite fiat that the earth should be divided into a number of kingdoms, which should never be united, have been hurled, each in its time, with titanic force and herculean effort, the clans of Clovis, the legions of Charlemagne, the flower of knighthood under Charles V, the dragoons of Louis XIV, and the battalions of Napoleon. The world reeled under the fierce charges of these world-empire-grasping warriors; but the word of the Lord stood fast, and Europe has remained divided."

Defying the Fiat of Heaven



THE iron monarchy of Rome was the last of the so-called universal empires. Of the four — Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome — she, the last, was by far the greatest. Every acre of Rome's vast territory had been bought with blood. The brutal cut and thrust of conquest hewed its way through everything, from peaceful Carthage to sunny Gaul, in whose behalf the brave Vercingetorix made his mighty fight. The battle of Actium, B. C. 31, was followed by the last conquest of Egypt. And says the eloquent De Quincey:

"That conquest rounded and integrated the glorious empire. It was now circular as a shield — orbicular as the disk of a planet. The great Julian arch was now locked into the cohesion of granite by its last keystone. From that day forward, for three hundred years, there was silence in the world. No muttering was heard. No eye winked beneath the wing. Winds of hostility might still rave at intervals: but it was on the outside of the mighty empire; it was at a dream-like distance; and like the storm that beat against some monumental castle, and at the doors and windows seemed to call, they rather irritated and vivified the sense of security than at all disturbed its luxurious lull. She could suffer only by the wrath of Providence; and so long as she continued to be Rome, for many a generation, she only of all the monarchies has feared no mortal hand." — "Essay on the Cæsars," Introduction, paragraph 9.

The world monarchy of Rome was anything but a merciful government. The world at large suffered much under the gross misrule of the Roman Senate. And when at last the foreign wars of Rome were ended, then Roman unsheathed sword against Roman, and the men and women of the unhappy empire learned anguish still keener during the three civil wars of the great Julius against Pompey, and the authors of the Triumvirate against Brutus and Cassius, and of Octavius against Mark Antony. Truly was the little finger of Rome thicker than the loins of the three universal kingdoms in whose wake she followed.

Governed by Brute Strength

SUCH were the workings of the "iron rule" of Rome. The "Eternal City," risen from a bog once situate between the Tiber and the Anio, had become the metropolis of the earth, and that band of robbers whose keep had been the Mons Palatinus had become *le vainqueur des vainqueurs de la terre*.

There is a deeply significant thought in the very idea of an "eternal city" and empire. Curious it is that the early memorials of Rome appear to be Greek in their origin. That name, "Rome," was Grecian in its genesis, and literally interpreted, means "Brute Strength." And "Brute Strength" correctly describes the foundation upon which the entire edifice was reared. Brute strength was what their woof and warp was woven from. And brute force is the intrinsic, the ultimate thought which is and ever has been



CAESAR CROSSING THE RUBICON

By Percy T. Magan

mantled beneath that word "Rome," from the founding of the *Urbs Aeterna* in the misty gray days of the dawn of history, down to these, its twilight hours. In Rome, both pagan and papal, brute force has ever been the great, the last resort. By this one weapon did that genuinely heathen nation seek to bring the world beneath her yoke, and by that same sword has the great pseudo Christian church sought to enforce her sway.

It was brute force that gave to Rome her territory. That vast and fruitful domain brought forth her riches, riches bred luxury, and luxury gave birth to those most wretched of all twin sisters — corruption and vice.

Now the rule and ruin of Rome was foretold in the sacred Scriptures. Daniel the prophet, himself a statesman of renown, speaks of "the fourth kingdom," which "shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, *the kingdom shall be divided*; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as

iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." Dan. 2: 40-45.

The Dragon's Supreme Effort

THE twelfth chapter of the book of Revelation opens with a view of a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Of her it is written that she brought forth a man child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God on the throne. Without question, the man child was Christ, and the woman can be nothing else than a symbol of the Christian church. Luke 24: 51; Mark 16: 9; Rev. 12: 3-5.

And there stood before the woman a great red dragon, "to devour her child as soon as it was born." And now the question arises: What instrumentality, what power, did Satan — the original "dragon" of the Bible — use in his attempt to devour the Child Christ Jesus as soon as He was born?

Ah, he had a world power, strong as iron, all ready for his undying purpose of annihilating the truth of God in the earth. That world empire, which for this very purpose he had planned at Babel, which he had accomplished in part in Babylon — "the hammer of the whole earth" — which he had tried again in Medo-Persia and Greece, he had accomplished as near to the full as the confusion of tongues would permit in the giant Roman Empire.

There can be no question but that Satan had indeed timed nicely that such an empire, with such an emperor over it, ruled the earth when the Son of God was born in Bethlehem. For truly when the Son of God was on earth was the all-crucial day in the history of redemption. If Satan could destroy the power of Christ, or annihilate Him, he knew that his hellish principles would triumph. And so it was that he marshaled a world empire, under the master hand of the imperial Cæsars, absolutely controlling all things religious as well as all things civil. Never in the history of the world before that time were his forces better prepared for the battle.

Slain by Roman Authority

ROME, the world empire of the dragon, lost no time in her endeavor to put to death Christ, the Man Child born of the woman. First came the decree of Herod that every male child should be put to death. Herod was king of Judea, king by decree of the Roman

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Did Paul Preach on Sunday?

An Examination of the Only Record in the New Testament of a Religious Meeting on the First Day of the Week

By Carlyle B. Haynes



THE seventh mention of the first day of the week, in the New Testament, is in the book of Acts: "And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together." Acts 20:6-8.

There is no doubt that this passage contains the record of a religious meeting on the first day of the week. And in this it is unique, for it is the only passage in the Bible which does contain such a record. Because of this, it is worthy of close study.

At this meeting, Paul was preacher. And it was a special meeting, a farewell meeting to Preacher Paul. Paul and his company had stopped at Troas on their way to Jerusalem. Acts 20:16. At the time this meeting was held, they had been at Troas for seven days (verse 6), and now the last meeting of their stay was called; and while Paul tarried to conduct it, his companions, having already made their farewells, were on their way by boat to Assos, Paul intending to walk to the same city, after this last meeting was ended. Acts 20:13, 14.

The meeting was held at night, for Paul wished to get an early start in the morning. "There were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together." Paul was "ready to depart on the morrow," and "he continued his speech until midnight." Unquestionably this was a night meeting.

A Saturday Night Meeting

Now, according to Bible reckoning of the days, there is but one night to the first day of the week, and that is Saturday night. The Bible days begin and end at sunset, while by our present reckoning, the days begin and end at midnight. The first day of the week of the Bible begins when the sun sets Saturday night, and ends when the sun sets on Sunday night. Therefore this meeting which Brother Paul conducted at Troas, being held during the night of the first day of the week, was held on what is now known as Saturday night. That is, this meeting was a first-day meeting, but not a Sunday meeting; for our Sunday is not the same as the Bible first day, Sunday being from Saturday night at midnight until Sunday night at midnight, and the Bible first day being from Saturday night at sunset to Sunday night at sunset.

Affords No Comfort

HENCE this verse affords no comfort to those who cite it as proof that the apostles kept Sunday. This meeting, while it extended over into Sunday morning, was in reality and properly a Saturday night

meeting, beginning after the Sabbath had already passed.

Composed of Parts of Two Days

It may be well, in this connection, to point out that those who now observe Sunday are not observing any one day at all, but parts of two days. By beginning the observance of Sunday at midnight, they observe a part of the first day of the week; and by continuing its observance until Sunday at midnight, they observe a part of the second day of the week, for the Bible second day begins at sunset Sunday night. In addition to this, none of the time observed, on either the first or the second day, is holy time.

Not a Collection

THE eighth instance of the mention of the first day of the week, in the New Testament, is in the book of 1 Corinthians: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them



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will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me." 1 Cor. 16:1-4.

This passage has been made the basis of the claim that the early Christian churches were accustomed to hold their services on the first day of the week, and take up a collection at these weekly meetings. But the passage itself says no such thing. Paul does not here give instruction to hold a weekly meeting. Instead of holding a meeting on the first day of the week, "every one" was to "lay by him in store." They were not to put their gifts into a public collection, but to lay them by "in store," at home; and when Paul came, these were to be gathered and sent to Jerusalem for the relief of "the saints" there, who were suffering want. It was a special relief fund, not a regular weekly offering. It was made up on the first day of the week, when the brethren all returned to their work after their observance of the Sabbath, and had opportunity to cast up their accounts,

and see how the Lord had "prospered" them. Then they were to "lay by" themselves, at home, or at their places of business, the amount they decided to give, and keep it "in store" until Paul came to Corinth.

There is in this passage no evidence at all of Sunday sacredness, or that the early churches held weekly meetings on the first day of the week. In fact, the evidence all points in the other direction.

First Day Mentioned Eight Times

AND now our task of studying every passage in the New Testament that mentions the first day of the week is completed. There are no other texts that speak of this day. It is mentioned eight times in the New Testament. And in these eight passages, there is no command to keep it; there is no record of its being appointed as a Sabbath; there is no account of the placing of any blessing upon it; there is no account of its being made holy; there is no record that any sacredness was attached to it; there is no promise of blessing for its observance; there is no threat of punishment for its nonobservance; it is never once called the Sabbath, nor is any sacred title given to it; there is no record that the apostles kept it, or commanded it to be kept; there is no record that the early Christian churches observed it; in fact, there is nothing—absolutely nothing—in all the Bible that gives the slightest hint of a Sunday institution. The observance of Sunday is a practice for which there is not a shadow of Bible authority, and it is therefore a practice that should be immediately discarded by all Bible Christians.

THE WAY OF PRAYER

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drawn by a something which they themselves do not understand.

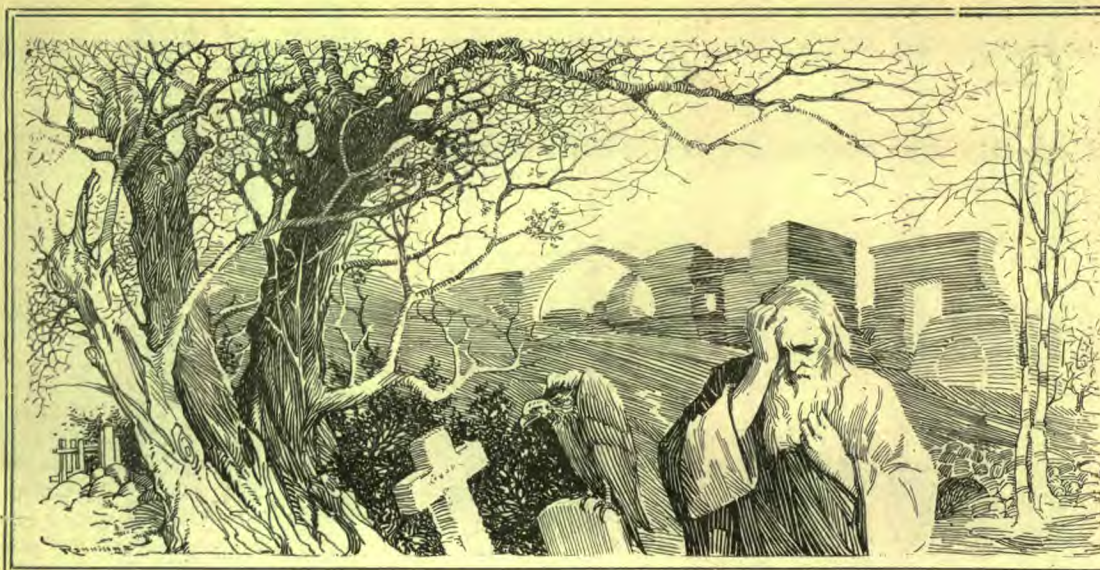
Wonderful plan—the prayer plan! But wonderful to those only who in utter self-abandonment throw themselves into the breach, and actually take the responsibility of lifting men up to God! Wonderful to those only who have so fully devoted themselves that their souls cry out in them, and tears flow, and hearts bleed, and life ebbs away, because men are lost!

O Jesus Christ, if *Thou* didst pray and have untold anguish, and if, through prayer, *Thou* didst break the hold of sin upon the tempted and tried, why may we not follow Thee? Come, Master, and lead us in the prayer way of soul winning. "Teach us to pray."

"THE church through all the ages has been singing of the glorious day when every sleeping child of God shall be brought forth from the grave to enjoy the bliss of endless life, and to experience the substantial realities of eternity. The church in past ages has had to content itself with the prospect of participating in the blessedness of these resurrection scenes at some distant future time; but now the day is at hand, the hour is almost here, the Lord has caused the guiding tokens to be charted by which we may know it."

EVERY truth, as well as every error, springs from a seed planted in the heart. Christ said, "Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Matt. 15:13. The Sabbath is a divine plant from the Garden of Eden. Any and every weed which seeks to supplant it, shall be rooted up. The rooting up process implies the destruction of the individual who cherishes and cultivates the weeds. Matt. 13:29, 30.

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Is Death a Sleep?

*Is Immortality
Bestowed upon the Believer
Conditionally,
or Absolutely?*

By Lucas A. Reed

WE wish to emphasize the fact that while we quote from certain ministers to explain why the world is obsessed with the idea of man's inherent immortality, we do this with no intention of casting any reflection upon the character of the men from whom we quote. We believe, for example, that Mr. Moody did a vast amount of good in the world during his lifetime. In many things, he exalted the word of God, and held it forth as the true standard of Christian living. Nevertheless, in reference to man's nature and his condition in death, Mr. Moody followed the current teaching of the day. Thus in his sermon on heaven, he said: "There is a class of people who say that the soul becomes unconscious, and sleeps until the resurrection. I cannot believe that." Then, to prove that we shall know each other there, he quotes, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness."

Put these two statements together — Mr. Moody's and the one he quotes from the Bible. One moment, he says he does not believe that the soul becomes unconscious, and sleeps until the resurrection; in another statement, he declares, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake." Let us put them still closer together: I do not believe that the soul sleeps, for the Bible says I shall be satisfied when I awake. Do you not see the inconsistency of the reasoning? If we are to be satisfied when we awake, it is plain that we must have slept.

Over and over again in the New Testament, the death of God's chosen is called a sleep, — a sleep because they are to awake on the morning of the resurrection. As Paul says, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." That is to say, there will be some alive when Jesus comes. These will be changed, though they do not sleep and need a resurrection.

Considered an Unanswerable Argument

SPEAKING of the scripture, "He that believeth on the Son hath . . . life," Mr. Moody said: "It doesn't say that I am going to get eternal life when I die, nor at the general resurrection. 'He that believeth on the Son hath . . . life.' I have not got to wait. 'He that believeth on the Son hath . . . life,' h-a-t-h — present tense."

Mr. Moody thought this an unanswerable argument for immortality. We have no doubt whatever that the person who believes in life at death, will say, as he reads these words from that good man, Now, there is an argument that settles the matter. But we ask you to wait a minute. Let us look into this. Just previous to the words that we have quoted, Mr. Moody said: "If a man receive eternal life when he is converted — and that is what God says he receives — how are you going to bury eternal life in the grave?"

Yet Mr. Moody knows that a man who is converted, and receives this eternal life to which he refers, can backslide. He has preached sermons on the prodigal son, the lost sheep, and the lost piece of money. He

knows that, as the Bible teaches, a man can turn away again to the beggarly elements of the world — as Peter puts it, return like a dog to his vomit, "and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

When the man was converted, and received eternal life, he must have had it in such a way that it could be lost, else we are face to face with the situation of once converted, always converted; and this we know is utterly untenable, according to the Bible.

Absolutely, or by Faith — Which?

If the scripture means that we really receive eternal life at conversion, when we accept Christ, — receive it in the absolute sense, — then the argument should be that we will never die, but like Elijah and Enoch, will be

Christ makes the promise; for this is the way in which we must receive the promise. Notice in what way Christ has granted eternal life; for in whatever way He has granted it, in that very way we must receive it. We quote Christ's words:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." John 5: 24, 25.

Christ very plainly, in this, bids us hope in a resurrection from the dead. He says, "The hour is coming" — that is, the future resurrection — "when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." He says the hour "now is"; for at His resurrection, many of the saints came forth from their graves in a partial resurrection. Matt. 27: 52, 53. And some of the dead that were in their graves heard His voice; and they that heard, lived.

To show even more clearly how we receive this eternal life, note the following scripture: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." 1 John 5: 11. According to this text, only those who have Christ have life. "He that hath the Son," the scripture concludes, "hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Verse 12. In whatever way, then, we have Christ, that is the way in which we have life. The veriest novice in Christian doctrine knows that Christ dwells in our hearts by faith. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." Eph. 3: 17. See also Gal. 3: 26 and Rom. 5: 1.

Immortality Bestowed at Resurrection

THAT life eternal, or everlasting life, is a matter of faith, is stated in Christ's own words: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3: 36. He says in another place, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day." John 6: 39. Here Christ intimates that one might think that those who had died were lost; but He tells us that it is the Father's will that these should not be lost; and the reason why they are not lost is not that they did not really die, but that He will raise them up — resurrect them — at the last day. Again He says, "And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise Him up at the last day." John 6: 40.

On the occasion when Nicodemus came to Christ, the Lord told him the two alternatives: "For God so loved the world, that He



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translated without seeing death. But every one knows that this is not true of Christians generally.

Then in what way do we receive eternal life when we are converted? The answer is this: We receive it by faith, just the same way that we receive Christ. Christ abides in our hearts by faith, and He is the life, and so we have His life by faith. Over and over again in the Bible, we are told that this life will be given to the saints on the morning of the resurrection. Notice the way in which



Pastor N. J. Aalborg and wife, whom we found working in the mountain districts of west central Jamaica

One way of visiting the churches. E. C. Boger, president of the Jamaica Conference and Mrs. Boger, with their motor.



In Beautiful Jamaica

An Encouraging Report of the Gospel's Triumphant March Among These Dusky Islanders

By William A. Spicer

THE prettiest of the West Indies, so far as I have seen, is Jamaica. At every visit, one wonders at the mountain scenery in an island so small, and at the rivers that come rushing down to the sea.

One falls back always on Columbus's old method in trying to describe it. When he told Queen Isabella of the beauties of Jamaica, it is said, he crumpled up a sheet of paper, then partially stretched it out, saying, "The island is like that." It is all mountains and valleys, save for a few level strips along the coast.

Thirteen years ago, I visited parts of it by horse and carriage—a slow method up and down these mountains. On a recent trip, I found the times had indeed changed. Things have been speeding up in all the world in the last decade. There is a call for haste in doing things, and gospel work is hastened on by the new methods. Otherwise I hardly see how our work in populous Jamaica could be administered so successfully. First, Elder E. C. Boger, the president of the Jamaica Conference, made his rounds by motor bicycle, Mrs. Boger often joining in visiting the churches by means of the side car.

For all weathers and roads, however, the more recent plan of using an automobile has proved the best method. "I can reach any church in the island," Elder Boger told me, "in one day's run from the Kingston conference office."

Two Thousand Dusky Believers

WITH fifty-nine companies of believers and over two thousand members in the island, it is good that the day has developed the means by which close supervision and administration of the work may be maintained. On our recent trip among the churches, we were able to hold meetings in from one to three places a day, the longest day's run being 143 miles.

On the mountains and in the valleys I found the little churches; and everywhere, one could see signs of growth. One church on a mountain top—meeting in a fine stone chapel—is near the wild maroon country, and they have taken the burden of bringing the truth to the maroons. The maroons are descendants of the runaway slaves of the old Spanish and planter days, who found refuge among the dens and rocks of the wild cockpit country, still little known.

Pleasing experiences and kindest hospitality one meets among the believers in the Jamaica circuit. When we reached one mountain church for a ten o'clock week-day appointment, it was raining. But there was a congregation gathered for the brief forty minutes' stop. As the visiting ministers entered, we were greeted by the song:

"Welcome, thrice welcome,
Ye loyal host of God!
Welcome, thrice welcome,
From near and from abroad!
Though changing years pass swiftly by,
Our cause is still the same;
And thus we gladly greet you in
Our Master's conqu'ring name."

The welcoming hymn had a ring that really warmed the hearts of the visitors as it sounded out that misty morning in the mountains.

The Acme of Belief

HERE is the testimony borne by a country woman in another meeting, on the north side of the island. It illustrates the manner in which the Spirit of the Lord flashes the truth into simple hearts.

"I had heard," she said, "that Seventh-day Adventists did not believe in Christ. One Saturday, going to market, I met Brother —, who said to me, 'Good morning, sister!' I thought, Why does he call me sister? I said to him, 'Why do you call me sister, when you do not believe in Jesus?' 'I do believe in Jesus,' he said. 'Do you?' I asked. 'Yes,' he replied; 'and if you believed in Him as I do, you would not break His Sabbath.' There for a few minutes he told me about the Sabbath and the coming of Jesus. I went on to the market, but I could not buy a thing. I went home, and told my husband: 'I cannot go to market any more on the Sabbath; I must follow Jesus in Sabbath keeping too.' And I do thank God



LOADING BANANAS ON THE STEAMER—JAMAICA

for what this truth is to my soul, and for the blessed hope of seeing Jesus when He comes."

So up and down beautiful Jamaica the message of preparation for the coming of the Lord is making its way. And lives are transformed by it. Drink and tobacco are put away. There is a reformation where the message of reform goes. The truth appeals to all classes and to those of all faiths. The Lord

is coming. That is the great and overwhelming fact. Whether one is Protestant or Catholic, believer or unbeliever, the message of prophecy fulfilling before our eyes in token of Christ's soon coming is a word that appeals.

"Last season, we held a tent meeting in Kingston," said Elder Boger. "About forty took their stand for the truth; and of these, half were Roman Catholics." To-day there is no apparent difference. All are made one in taking the stand upon the platform of Christ and the apostles, "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

In Jamaica I found the printing headquarters of the West Indian work, under the management of an old SIGNS office worker, A. F. Haines.

SIGNS OF THE COMING END

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shattered to pieces; and six seconds were enough to destroy the monuments and almost forty thousand individuals. The number of persons who were crushed in the houses and in the streets was not to be compared to the people who were buried in the churches."

Of the extent of the earthquake outside of the city of Lisbon, Larousse says: "The earthquake of Lisbon was felt over a surface of area computed as four times the surface of Europe. It was in Portugal, Spain, and in the northern part of Africa, that the first shock was the most violent. The port of Setubal, some distance from Lisbon, was submersed by an enormous wave. At Cadiz, high walls near to the banks were carried away by the sea, which rose to more than sixty-five feet above its ordinary level. In Morocco, many villages were devastated. At Algeria and at Fez, more than ten thousand human victims could be counted. On the western slope of the Atlantic, in the Lesser Antilles, where the tide is not high, the water suddenly became entirely black, and rose higher than twenty-two feet. At the same moment, the lakes of Switzerland and of Sweden, and the ocean which bathes the shores of Norway, became violently agitated. It is reported also that Vesuvius, then in motion, suddenly grew quiet the moment of the earthquake."—Article "Earthquake."

One of the great signs of the soon-coming Saviour as outlined in the series under the sixth seal is past. Three more great signals in the heavens were to occur before the people would be raised up to announce the second coming, as were the outrunners on Palm Sunday to welcome the first advent.

HOW OLD IS MAN?

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relic be paraded as representing the normal condition of the race contemporary with him? By evolutionists, this particular specimen is regarded as the very oldest relic yet found of the direct ancestors of the human species — regarded as oldest, of course, chiefly because it is so low and bestial in type. But not another specimen has yet been found that is by any one even claimed to be contemporary with him. Then how absurd to say that this one specimen represents the normal character of a whole race!

This was essentially the argument of the great Rudolf Virchow, the highest authority in Germany on such matters, when these bones were first discovered. Virchow is called the "father" of the modern science of pathology, and he doubtless knew more about the pathologic changes that take place in the human body than any other man before or since. Not only so, but he was also the foremost authority in Germany on anthropology. Indeed, he occupied somewhat the same position in scientific circles on the continent of Europe that Colonel Roosevelt himself now occupies in American politics. But Virchow unhesitatingly pronounced not only this skull from Java but also the Neanderthal skull to be manifestly pathologic; that is, the peculiarities of each were the result of disease. Hence he protested, in his vigorous way, against the scientific use of such specimens as in any way representing the normal human being, *Homo sapiens*, in those periods of long ago.

It was ten years after the discovery of these bones in Java, or in 1902, that the great Virchow declared before an illustrious assembly of scientists in Vienna:

Virchow's "Perverse Ingenuity"

"THE attempt to find the transition from animal to man has ended in a total failure. The missing link has not been found, and will not be found. Man is not descended from the ape. It has been proved beyond a doubt that during the past five thousand years there has been no noticeable change in mankind."

Colonel Roosevelt cannot, of course, altogether ignore the testimony of such a world famous champion of the conservative views. But he speaks of him in the following language with reference to the Neanderthal skull:

"The perverse ingenuity of the great anatomist Virchow, who, with wrong-headed insistence, declared its peculiarities to be pathologic, delayed for a generation the full understanding of its importance."—*Geographical Magazine*, page 125.

But it was exactly as a pathologist that Virchow made these strong statements; and we must remember that he was head and shoulders above his contemporaries in this very subject of pathology — that, in fact, he was the founder and developer of the science of pathology. Further, it should also be remembered that multitudes of other eminent scientists agreed with Virchow in these respects, and just as many *still agree with him*. To-day Professor Osborn and Colonel Roosevelt have no light on these matters that was not known to these masters in pathology and anatomy ten or twenty years ago. Why, then, should these men be so sure of their theories regarding these bones, that they can give us photographs of just what these degenerates looked like, can quietly assume, contrary to the highest authorities on the subject, that these bones represent the normal characteristics of their contemporaries, and can confidently teach their innocent and unwary readers who may have had few opportunities of informing themselves on these matters, that these photographs represent what our

ancestors looked like half a million years or so ago?

The colonel himself has more than once been very severe on some people whom he accused of "nature faking," because he thought they were not altogether accurate in their statements regarding important facts of natural history. But in view of the facts given above, we are almost forced to ask: Who is now doing the "nature faking"? Or why should such doubtful and highly questionable assertions be allowed to pass without a protest on the part of those who demand facts instead of theories in their science?

The reputed "age" of these deposits is just as weak a point in the general theory of these evolutionists; but it is quite another matter, and must be left over for consideration in another article. But I think that when the facts along this line also are presented, the statements about the age of these bones will appear even more inaccurate and more unscientific than the assertion that these bones belonged to normal representatives of the men of the long ago.

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gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

Thus you see it is evident that only through faith can one escape ruin. Christ declares that the person who does not possess Him shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. Only the one who has Christ has hope of immortality; and this immortality is to be given on the day of the resurrection. This is the uniform teaching of the Bible.

Before concluding, we wish to call attention to a decided inconsistency in Mr. Moody's argument. He says: "Death has had its hands on Jesus Christ once; he never will have his hands on Him again. He tasted death once. He conquered death. He bound him hand and foot. He went down into the grave and overcame him." There is no question whatever that Christ had eternal life, and He held it in a sense in which no one of His followers could possibly hold it; for He tells us that He has this eternal life in the same way that God has it: "For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; and hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5: 26-29.

Quoted Only Part of the Text

CHRIST had immortality. He possessed it in Himself. Yet He died. He was buried in the grave. He was actually dead. Otherwise, only the human died, and we have only a human sacrifice for sins. Christ, the Eternal One, died. How could that be? — Because He voluntarily laid down His life. "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. . . . This commandment have I received of My Father." John 10: 17, 18.

Thus every argument that Mr. Moody offers from his "h-a-t-h, hath," falls to the ground.

One time, in Minneapolis, some years ago, a prominent minister accepted the doctrine of the Bible as we believe it — that only through Christ are we to have eternal life, and that on the resurrection morning. Practically all the popular churches of the city set apart a Sunday on which sermons were to be preached against this doctrine — which, as

it happens, is the doctrine of the Bible; and I recall that one of the preachers who was attempting to show immortality for all, and eternal life begun at the grave, broke out in his sermon with these words: "Why not believe the words of Christ, 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life'?" At this point, the minister hesitated, quoted no more of the scripture, but went on with his sermon, attempting to refute what he considered the fallacy of life only in Christ. Yet had he quoted all of that text, he would have proved that the minister who had accepted and was teaching the doctrine of eternal life through Christ only, had the absolute truth. The whole text is as follows: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

DEFYING THE FIAT OF HEAVEN

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Senate. Satan had sought the life of Christ when he inspired the decree that all the male children of the Jews were to be killed. Christ had escaped him, but he was not to be halted by this. He never rested until Pilate, a Roman governor, sentenced Christ to death; till Roman soldiers nailed Him to a cross; and till a Roman seal sealed Him in a tomb, over which a detachment of Roman soldiers mounted guard.

And then, as if the whole gigantic scheme which Satan had with such master cunning perfected were as a mere nothing for God to deal with, He sent one angel from heaven — the stone was rolled away, the guard of Roman soldiers became as dead men, and Christ arose to life.

In all this, God had met Satan, as it were, at his own time and under his own circumstances, and triumphed over him then and there; for the "man child" "was caught up unto God, and to His throne."

The Mirror of Satan's Mind

AND to the last day that the Roman Empire remained, she remained as Satan's instrumentality; and he used her to persecute the church, until the measure of the great empire's iniquity was filled, and the decree went forth, as against "the hammer of the whole earth" before her, "It is time to thresh her." Then that dragon empire, the mirror of Satan's mind in civil and religious government, was crushed to pulp and ground to powder beneath the heel of the barbaric tribes of ancient Germania.

The prophet Daniel had stated of this kingdom that it should be divided into ten parts. Seven of these, according to the Scripture, were to remain until the end of time, when the God of heaven is to set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. Therefore any attempt on the part of any of the great powers at the present time to set up a world monarchy is bound to be in vain, for the division of the earth into a number of kingdoms is to stand until Christ shall come and set up the everlasting kingdom of God. Out of the present war there will never — there never can — come one overshadowing world power.

But against this infinite fiat that the earth should be divided into a number of kingdoms, which should never be united, have been hurled, each in its time, with titanic force and herculean effort, the clans of Clovis, the legions of Charlemagne, the flower of knighthood under Charles V, the dragoons of Louis XIV, and the battalions of Napoleon. The world reeled under the fierce charges of these world-empire-grasping warriors; but the word of the Lord stood fast, and Europe has remained divided.

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A SMOLDERING VOLCANO OF VIOLENCE

Things Not Always What They Seem—Days of Violence and Bloodshed Await the World

IT pains our hearts to refer to present-day conditions in some directions. We prefer not to do so, and often hesitate; but on more sober reflection, we dare not wholly refrain. We look out upon the beauties of nature, on the calm and peaceful things about us. We see quiet peasantry on farm and countryside places. We hear the innocent prattle of beautiful childhood on every side. Churches lift their spires heavenward, and summon the people to come and worship God as their conscience dictates. We visit the galleries of art and science, and sit amid the silence of libraries; and the quietude that reigns is often most impressive. Men talk of peace and a good time coming.

These things all appeal to our hearts; and naturally we would be glad to believe that what our eyes see, and our ears hear, is a correct interpretation of the state of things in the earth after six millenniums of sin. But our minds go back over history. We recall that men were pursuing, uninterrupted, the regular business of life, when the heavens were getting ready for the Deluge. The day before, the dark, angry clouds, muttering thunders, appeared as precursors of the destruction that was to sweep the earth with the besom of destruction. The sun shone as brightly as on any day since God brought light out of darkness.

Obliterated by a Tornado of Fire

THE day before, every appearance was against the terrible tornado of fire and brimstone which came from heaven and put an eternal period to the pleasure and shocking filthiness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Earthquakes take place when least expected. No one knew that Martinique was doomed that day.

So, as we scan with unbiased mind the situation about us, aided by the certain forecast of God's book, we are led to believe that the future will not be so lamblike and peaceful as some things indicate, or as some people would have us believe. Rather, a volcano seems to be muttering beneath us, and an eruption is imminent. The pen of an inspired man has told us that in the last days men would be "fierce." 2 Tim. 3: 1-5. This is a strong word, betokening a ferocity like that of untamed and bloodthirsty animals.

The Saviour has drawn this picture of the days immediately preceding His second coming: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the Flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17: 26-30.

This is indeed a dark picture, a cloud with no silver lining. Of the days of Noah, when the earth was corrupted by the

wickedness and debasing passions of sin, we read: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." Gen. 6: 11-13.

Notice that the earth then was "filled with violence." The victims of rage, greed, and lust could be found everywhere. We deplore the fact that similar excesses are fast filling the earth. The press chronicles the most shocking details of crime, vice, and sensual debauchery, driving men in retaliation to the most inhuman deeds of lawlessness and disorder. The following, from an editorial in the *Independent* of May 29, 1916, is a sample of many others, and reflects the savage brutality and violence existing in the earth:

"In the town of Waco, Texas, last week, a crowd of 15,000 persons watched a human being burned to death. It was no accident, but deliberate intent. A Negro boy of eighteen had criminally assaulted and killed a white woman seven days before. He had been arrested, indicted, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death in astonishingly brief space of time.

"Then the mob seized him, and burned him to death in the public square, while men, women, and children looked on. It was a peculiarly atrocious case of lynch law. It had none of the usual circumstances that are offered in palliation. The offender had been convicted, and would have been put to death legally in due course. There could be no contention that justice might be cheated. His lynching was simply an orgy of mob brutality and savage lust.

"The young Negro's crime was a horrible one. The crime of the people of Waco was more horrible and a deeper stain upon the fair name of Texas."

The deed of this inhuman monster, standing on the threshold of manhood, is shocking in the extreme. The vengeance visited upon him startles us and unstrings our nerves. If the multiplication of these cold-blooded deeds does not indicate that beneath the surface, a volcano of violence and cruelty is smoldering, in fulfillment of the word of the Most High God, what would? The elements betoken the end, and the approaching vengeance of God, whose wine cup of wrath will destroy sinners out of the land.

Then look at the awful conditions occasioned by the war raging in Europe. Such scenes of carnage, judging from the published reports, are awful in the extreme. They seem never to have been equaled in any age. Every means of slaughter is used. A writer who was present on one occasion, says they were "surprised by a gas attack, and with their eyes streaming, their lungs torn by the knife-like stabs which accompany every effort to breathe, they retired."

Appalling Conditions Face Us

SPEAKING concerning the wounded lying on the battle field, where sharpshooters made it impossible to render them help, the same writer says concerning their sufferings:



A SUBMARINE RISING TO THE SURFACE. WITH AIRCRAFT, ONE OF THE MOST MODERN BRANCHES OF NAVAL POWER

"A few of our boys lived through the broiling hot day, with sun pouring down on them, heaps of dead around them, the stink of decaying flesh in their nostrils, and their throats parched with thirst. Yes, a few of them lived, but, oh, it was a pitiful few!

"In the afternoon, I saw one poor fellow who had been worming his way in inch by inch. He probably went mad, for he suddenly staggered to his feet, faced the trenches, and started shrieking curses at the top of his voice. The words died in his throat, and he went down riddled with bullets. During the day, many of them managed to get a weapon in their hands, and did the deed themselves."

The conditions that face us in the world are truly appalling. We look out upon a sea of violence and bloodshed similar to that predicted in Holy Writ. The sign of the day of God is here. It is time to prepare for the coming of Christ, who will establish a kingdom of peace. Lord, hasten this glad day.

G. B. T.

IS THERE LIFE BEYOND THE GRAVE?

If Death Is a Dreamless Sleep, How Can Life Be Resumed?

IS there life beyond the grave? This is a question that has been much debated for many generations, and from many varying standpoints. The operations of nature afford no affirmative answer to the inquiry, but bear positive negative testimony. In fact, every rule of logic is against it. Must one therefore conclude that the few short, disappointing years of human life tell the story of eternity's plan in behalf of man — a creature so highly endowed with comprehensive and inventive faculties as to rank far in advance of every other class of animated beings?

This problem is one that an ancient patriarch debated with much clearness. His observation taught him that a man's days were few, and filled with anxiety and care, after which he was cut down, to appear no more among his kind. The great question was next presented, What becomes of him? Was he left as a thing to be forgotten forever? Even the root life of a dumb tree might replace the first growth, hewn down by the woodman's ax; but nothing of the kind was observable regarding the noble structure of man. When cut down in death, his life is entirely snuffed out, so that no spark is left from which to kindle anew the man that once was.

Can Life Be Resumed After Death?

AFTER viewing the question from many angles, and finding that in some way man had forfeited the last element of life, which nature affords even to the plants of the forest, he concludes that if man does live after passing off the human stage, it must be through some power outside of himself. So, after asking direct the question, "If a man die, shall he live?" his faith settles the point, and he quietly says, as though talking with God: "All the days of my appointed time *will I wait*, till my change come. *Thou shalt call*, and I will answer Thee." Job 14: 1-15.

There is, in fact, no other method by which man can be made to live, after having once yielded up life. Sin having entered his system, he is deprived of the power of life; because the sin he permitted to find entrance within, became the "sting" of death in the fullest sense (1 Cor. 15: 56), thus executing the fiat of Heaven, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2: 17.

The apostle fully recognized this point, and was therefore led to say emphatically, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6: 23. Had man not sinned, the element of continued life would have been his forever; but since that privilege was forfeited, life after death can be resumed only as a gift of God through Jesus Christ.

Death a Dreamless Sleep

DEATH has ever been recognized as a dreamless sleep, from which none have ever awakened except through a special dispensation of God's grace. More than this, no one who is born into this world has any prospect of perpetuated life beyond the grave except by virtue of the added life of Jesus Christ. True, Enoch passed on to eternal bliss, because "God took him." Gen. 5: 24. Elijah reached the undying state by ascending to the presence of God in a "chariot of fire" specially prepared for his conveyance thither. 2 Kings 2: 11. Moses also took bodily flight from the valley over against Beth-peor, upon being raised from the dead by Michael, who is Christ. Compare Deut. 34: 6 and Jude 9 with Dan. 12: 1; 1 Thess. 4: 16; and John 5: 28.

But from the words of Christ to Nicodemus, it is clear that all these had received that life which is more than human; for in that interview, He plainly stated that "except a man be *born again*, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3: 3. This requirement demands that a *new life*, one that has never suffered the taint of sin, shall, in some mysterious way, known only to the Founder of redemption, be transfused into the needy human soul, in order to restore it to the standing of God's image, which was lost by sin.

This can come only from Him who has "life in Himself" to bestow, and thus become the "*everlasting Father*" to those who receive Him and His power of eternal life. This done, and though one yields up the human life which sin demands, the hour comes when "all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." John 5: 28, 29.

Will Come from Their Dusty Beds

IN view of this positive assertion by the Giver of life for the reward of faith, an inspired apostle attempts to reveal the time and manner of such an event. Writing to a people who seemed to be troubled about the future of deceased friends, he says: "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." 1 Thess. 4: 13, 14.

This seems a most natural conclusion when one stops a moment to think of it; for as Jesus has "the power of an endless life" (Heb. 7: 16), being "made higher than the heavens" (verses 25, 26), and therefore "continuing ever," because, as the Son of God, "it was not possible that He should be holden" in death (Acts 2: 24), is it not plain that those who are His by faith, and who are to be forever with Him and behold His glory (John 17: 24), should also be raised from the dead, as was He who is their *everlasting Father*?

This scripture is not intended to convey the idea that those of whom the apostle speaks are already in heaven, and will come from there with Him to earth; but that as He was brought

from the grave by the voice of God, so all who share His life by faith, will also be brought forth from their dusty beds after the same manner.

This thought is confirmed by what immediately follows in the divine exhortation. Thus we read: "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [or go before] them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself [not a substitute] 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." 1 Thess. 4: 15, 16.

His Voice Penetrates the Tomb

So those who "sleep in Jesus" *cannot be forgotten*, from the fact that His sheep hear His voice at that time as well as when they listened to it amid the dead issues of human pil-



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grimage. John 5:25-29. Quickening power is in that triumphant voice as it penetrates the vaults of the sleeping ones, and they respond to its demands as in former times. But those who turned a deaf ear to its earlier entreaties, will be heedless to its summons now.

But happy are they whose senses are thus quickened by the trump attending the advent of our Lord. These are borne aloft by strong angels to the welcoming arms of Jesus (Matt. 24:31), who sits in midheaven. They will hear His invitation, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34.

This gracious benefaction extends not only to those who have awakened from their long sleep to the realization of their hope, but it includes as well those who live to witness the Lord's descent from heaven, and exclaim with ecstatic joy at the sight: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation" (Isa. 25:9); for these, with the others, are "caught up" "to meet the Lord in the air."

But the best of this prospect is that all who have part in this last-day demonstration will "ever be with the Lord," and be permitted to bask in the sunshine of His eternal glory. Matt. 13:43. Believing this, why should not one be able to comfort others with such a hope? There can be no other so thrillingly satisfying as this. J. O. C.

APPROPRIATED BY THE DEVIL

The Popular Millennial View as Far from the Truth as Heaven Is from Earth

AN interesting editorial appeared in the August number of the *King's Business*, under the heading, "The Devil's Monopoly." It follows: "For a generation, we have been boasting of our great inventions. We have looked with supercilious contempt upon past generations, that have not discovered or invented the telephone, the telegraph, the automobile, the aeroplane, wireless telegraph, etc. These certainly were great discoveries and inventions, and capable of immeasurable usefulness; but to-day, across the water, they are almost entirely monopolized in the service of the destruction of men, women, and children. They were taken, two or three years ago, as sure signs that the world was getting better, and that the millennium was just at hand; but now even the ambassador of our nation cannot have an automobile for his own use in Berlin, because all the gasoline is monopolized for war automobiles and the destruction of human life attendant upon war. Telegraphic communication by cable and by wireless is largely monopolized in the interests of the military in the various lands at war. The most notable use of the telephone is in communication between trenches dug for the destruction of the men on the other side. The aeroplane and the dirigible are used almost exclusively for war purposes, and are reaping an awful toll of women, children, and noncombatants murdered. These are indeed 'grievous times.' If we are in the millennium, it is the devil's millennium, not Christ's."

Earnest, thoughtful men everywhere are beginning to sense the "grievousness" of the times. Many of the former self-appointed heralds of the approaching millennium have become silent. And true it is that the twentieth century entrance upon the golden age is not very impressive when stated in plain prose and cold facts.

Inexcusable for Their Failure

YET Bible students and teachers were inexcusable for their failure to discern the truth. In clear and unmistakable language was it written that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived"; that "in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Tim. 3:13, 1-5.

The popular belief that the saints will be on this earth during the millennium is as far from the truth as heaven is from earth; for the saints will be in heaven, and not upon earth, during that thousand years. The popular view is based upon the fallacy of the world's conversion. But according to the Bible, this fond hope, however desirable, will never be realized. There will be two and only two classes when Christ comes — the righteous and the wicked.

Resurrected a Thousand Years Apart

THE Bible unquestionably teaches that there will be two resurrections, one of the righteous dead, and the other of the wicked. These two resurrections are separated by an interval of one thousand years. The millennium opens with the resurrection of the "blessed and holy." It closes with the resurrection of "the rest of the dead" — the wicked. Rev. 20:6, 5.

At the second coming of Christ, the holy of all ages will be resurrected, and the living saints will be translated.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For 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: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:15-17.

Thus the millennium opens with every righteous person removed from the earth.

From 2 Thess. 1:7-10, we learn that all the wicked who are living when Christ returns will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming. "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power; when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

Earth Utterly Depopulated

AS the wicked dead "live not again until the thousand years are finished," it must be apparent to all that the earth is utterly depopulated during the millennium.

Let no one be deceived by the false hope of another chance during the millennium. It is the devil's death lullaby. The millennium will close with the destruction of all who refuse to obey God in the present age. Rev. 20:7-10; 21:8. Then from the wreck and ruin of this old world shall appear the "new heavens" and the "new earth" all glorious, and which will be the eternal home of the righteous. Rev. 21:1-5.

Have you placed your trust in Jesus, or are you trusting in some mistaken and fanciful scheme of future opportunity? If we are not safe now, we are not safe at all. If we do not accept Jesus before He comes the second time, we will be utterly lost. Life is short, and the end important. We cannot afford to be mistaken. L. E. F.

"EVERY building erected on other foundation than God's word, will fall. He who, like the Jews in Christ's day, builds on the foundation of human ideas and opinions, of forms and ceremonies of man's invention, or on any works that he can do independently of the grace of Christ, is erecting his structure of character upon the shifting sand. The fierce tempests of temptation will sweep away the sandy foundation, and leave his house a wreck on the shores of time."

It may be safely said that no live, working, spiritual church ever asked civil aid, or enforced human laws to promote its operations. For a church to turn to the world for help is always an evidence of weakness. It shows that she has forsaken the Fountain of living water for the broken cisterns of men. M. C. W.

The Twin Sister of Gossip

*A Satanic Trait That Was Implanted
in the Heart of Man*

By Mary Alice Hare Loper

THE first sin that ever darkened the universe of God was that of jealousy. Lucifer, the anointed cherub, occupying in heaven the exalted position next to Christ Himself, became jealous — jealous of the Son of God — and cherished this sinful trait of character until he lost his position, lost the blessed association of holy beings, and was banished from the courts of heaven.

But the sin of jealousy did not stop with the sad experience of Satan in heaven; for when he as lightning fell to this earth, he brought with him all his jealousy, and implanted this fiendish tendency in the heart of man, where it has lived and flourished from that time to this.

Jealousy wrought sad havoc in the first family of earth. Because God approved of right-doing in Abel, and disapproved of wrong-doing in Cain, Cain became jealous, and took the life of Abel — the first murder that blotted the pages of human history; the first example of its kind in all the universe. And could we but behold the lengthened list of murders caused by jealousy since that time, could we know the vast numbers of innocent victims to fiendish distrust, surely we would stand aghast before the awful spectacle.

Human Birds of Prey

"JEALOUSY is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." S. of S. 8:6. Jealousy burns into the very vitals of human happiness, making of innocent people targets for the vilest thrusts. It paints in midnight colors the spotless reputation, maligns the character that is pure as snow, and places upon the black list of moral delinquents fair names which Heaven cherishes in the Lamb's book of life.

Hannah More apostrophizes thus:

"O jealousy,
Thou ugliest fiend of hell! Thy deadly venom
Preys on my vitals, turns the healthful hue
Of my fresh cheeks to haggard sallowness,
And drinks my spirit up."

Jealousy may be termed a symptom of a species of insanity for which the possessor should consider himself responsible. The example of the archfiend is never safe to follow. The soul who imitates Satan will fall, and will find himself in the demoralizing company of human birds of prey — vultures who love to feast upon dead carcasses of gossip, and relish that which is vile and loathsome.

Some neighborhoods possess inquisitive characters whose own legitimate work is left undone while they seek secretly to ascertain how others are prosecuting theirs. The old saying, "Eavesdroppers never hear any good of themselves," surely is not without foundation; for a person of that character is not likely to be a favorite in the community.

The Real Calamity Howlers

JEALOUSY is the twin sister of gossip. Both enjoy the same atmosphere, and subsist upon much the same diet. What one knows, the other loves to hear, while both exert themselves to be fully up to date, or indeed prophetic. And they are real calamity howlers, prophesying for others domestic troubles that will never come to pass. They have vivid imaginations, which make mountains of molehills, and crimes of mere indiscretions.

The church possesses many jealous members whose Christian experience is not such



"Could we but behold the lengthened list . . . since that time."

as to insure a prosperous and safe journey to the holy city. As yet, their hearts are centered in this world. They imagine that they should occupy places of prominence which have been accorded to others; and because of this, they are jealous of those holding the coveted offices, are disagreeable and unhappy. The jealous church member needs to have a new experience. He needs to be thoroughly converted, that he may possess the humbleness of a little child.

How beautiful it would be if every one would weave into the web of his everyday life the golden thread of divine love, "Let each esteem others better than themselves"! But how few, even of the professed followers of Christ, cheerfully step aside in the path of life to permit some one else to pass on the way to higher attainments! How much more natural to remain as a hindrance, cherishing the sentiment, I have not yet reached that height, and I do not want that other soul to reach it! Many refrain from encouraging and assisting others to reach higher altitudes of usefulness, seemingly for fear they themselves may become less prominent thereby. But the fact is, one never loses his own place on the ladder of success by reaching down to help some one in need of assistance. "There is always room at the top."

The Victim of a Morbid Imagination

JEALOUSY in the home kills the sacred plant of love, and brings in bitter estrangement between husband and wife, causing untold misery and the blighting of life's fondest hopes. Many divorces are the result of jealousy; and the myriads of ruined homes from this one cause, eternity alone will reveal.

If permitted to do so, jealousy will so permeate the entire being that one will be kept in a state of constant turmoil, and be the victim of a morbid imagination. The wife may come to believe that she is not loved as she should be loved; the husband may imagine that he is not honored as he should be honored. Each may consider the other lacking in due appreciation of superior excellence — truly a harrowing state of mind to cherish!

The husband who is jealous of his wife, and the wife who is jealous of her husband, would better leave imagination entirely out of the controversy. They would better look at things in a sensible way, and be careful

not to cherish the spirit of evil surmising; for oh, how often —

"Trifles, light as air,
Are to the jealous, confirmations strong
As proofs of Holy Writ!"

Children should not be permitted to cultivate the habit of being jealous of one another. Parents should carefully guard this point, by being so impartial in their treatment of their children, that slumbering jealousy shall not be early brought to notice.

The sons of Jacob had a sad experience because of the older brothers' jealousy of Joseph. And many sons of other families since that time have been very unhappy because of jealousy, that "green-eyed monster" which, if allowed to cross the threshold of the home, is sure to become a disturber of the peace.

The Bible has a list of many sins of which humanity is guilty; and while there are heinous sins of the imagination, there is no such thing as an imaginary sin — no such thing as a person's being guilty simply because some other person imagines him to be so.

Worse than Poison Ivy

WEEDS are of the earth earthy, while flowers are of heavenly origin. But, sad to say, many a heart garden is as overgrown with weeds as was the vineyard of the slothful man described by Solomon in Prov. 24:30, 31.

I knew of a man, years ago, whose heart garden was so grown up to weeds of jealousy that he could scarcely see his wife present a neat appearance in the home without surmising that she was expecting to receive some man friend. The poor woman was exceedingly miserable. The husband also was wretched. Both filled untimely graves.

The poison from the weed of jealousy is much more virulent than that from poison ivy or poison oak, in that it may destroy the soul as well as the body. Yet many persons cultivate jealousy from as senseless a cause as that of the case above mentioned.

If a young man or a young woman is jealous of a prospective life companion, it is hazardous to presume that the marriage ceremony will eradicate this miserable trait of character, which seeks to heap blame upon one who is innocent. A person does well to remember that it is much better to part before marriage than after, and to beware of the person who is cherishing this phenomenal characteristic of evil.

There is such a thing as "godly jealousy," of which the apostle Paul makes mention. Every one should cultivate that jealousy which demands that the sincere affections of his heart be constantly given to Christ. And while the affections are centered in Christ, how easy it is to adjust the little differences that creep into everyday life!

When husband and wife are one in Christ, the eavesdropper, the gossip, the scandal-monger, and all other human vultures, find such a starvation diet that they seek a different location, where there is more to satisfy their gruesome appetites.

Any method one can pursue that will aid and honor the gospel of Christ, any service one can render that will assist souls in keeping their affections placed upon Him, is surely commendable.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Pork and Cancer

Alarming Ravages of Cancer Inseparably Connected with Flesh Eating

By Daniel H. Kress, M. D.

IN the classification of unclean animals as recorded in Leviticus 11 is one whose flesh is found on the table of almost every American's home. It is the swine. "The swine," says the scripture, "is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat." This is language too plain to be misunderstood or misapplied.

Again in Deut. 14:8 it is repeated, "Ye shall not eat of their flesh." Shall we take the position that the swine was an unclean animal, and unfit for human food, in the days of Moses, but that the prohibition does not apply to the present? There has been no change, at least none for the better, in this creature. The pig is still an unclean animal; and if it is still unclean, the command, to those who would glorify God in body and spirit, still is, "Of their flesh shall ye not eat."

It seems strange that in Christian homes, where the Bible is supposed to be the rule of life, pork should be eaten. Evidently Dr. Adam Clarke found it difficult to harmonize the practice of pork eating by Christians with the teaching of God's word. When invited to invoke God's blessing upon a meal including pork, he once said: "Lord, bless this bread, these vegetables, and this fruit; and if Thou canst bless under the gospel what Thou didst curse under the law, bless this swine's flesh." That he did not highly esteem swine's flesh is evident; for he once said that if he were to bring a burnt offering to the devil, he would choose a pig stuffed with tobacco.

Why Was the Pig Made?

THE question arises, Why did God make the swine, if it is not to be eaten?—For the same reason that He made the rat, the cat, the mouse, and other scavengers. These creatures all serve a useful purpose. They eat up decaying matter, which would pollute and poison the air. If a hog discovers the putrid body of another hog, he will devour it with the keenest relish and gusto. The hog will eat snakes, rats, cats, or mice, dead or alive. Is there need of any further evidence that this creature is unclean? And if it is unclean, is it not unsuitable for man as food?

There was a time when I was rather fond of sugar-cured ham. One day, I called at a butcher shop to make my usual purchase. The butcher said, "We have none to-day." And then, to my surprise, he added, "The stuff is not fit to eat." He gave me his reasons for thinking so. They appealed to me with such force that I concluded to deny myself, ever after, sugar-cured ham. In slaughter houses, pigs are kept for the chief purpose of eating up the entrails and other refuse from animals that are slaughtered. This butcher had closely observed the habits of the hog; and without knowing what the Bible says, he voiced the word of Scripture, "Of their flesh shall ye not eat; . . . they are unclean to you."

To convert this butcher seems to have been easier than it is to convert some people who profess to be obedient to the heavenly vision.

In referring to this class, the Lord said: "I have spread out My hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, . . . which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels." Isa. 65:2-4. Certainly it is displeasing to God to have those who claim to obey His word, eat the flesh of swine.

Paves the Way for Cancer

GOD withholds no good thing from His people, and never has. He says, "Eat ye that which is good." Isa. 55:2. Pork, being an impure food, fills the blood with impurities, which pave the way for various filthy diseases, chief among which is cancer. Cancerous tissue grows only in filth.

Pork produces grossness of body and of mind. Some one has well said, "He who eats pig becomes pigified." This is not an extreme statement. Look around among your friends, and see if you cannot single out the pig eaters. True culture and refinement are seldom found in one who feeds largely on pig. A person cannot partake of such gross foods without defiling the body—God's temple—physically and morally.

Daniel, when commanded to eat the meats on the royal table of Babylon, "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with . . . the king's meat." Daniel was blessed with health and long life. He was blessed spiritually. Those who subsisted on the king's food, shortened their lives thereby, and their gross mental state made it impossible for God to communicate with them. It meant physical and spiritual death to them.

Paul, in addressing the Christian church, said: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy." 1 Cor. 3:16, 17. They that eat "swine's flesh . . . and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord." Isa. 66:17. This is not an arbitrary exaction on God's part, but it is the sure result of pursuing a course contrary to His established laws and will. It is simply a matter of sowing and reaping. Pork eating is one of the fleshly lusts which war against the soul, and it may shut men who cling to its use out of the kingdom.

Increasing by Leaps and Bounds

M. M. VERNEUIL, of Paris, an eminent investigator, after careful research and observation, concluded that cancer was caused most frequently by the eating of pork. In fact, he questioned whether this was not the sole cause. He says, "In the course of a long and laborious surgical career, it was observed that the Israelites who follow closely the law of Moses respecting the use of pork as an article of food are always refractory to cancer."

M. Roux, of Lausanne, gives his experience as confirmatory of the conclusions reached by Verneuil. While the use of pork is not the only cause of cancer, yet cancer is increasing at a tremendous rate in all flesh-eating countries. Indeed, it is practically



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confined to these countries, and to flesh eaters in them. In all flesh-eating countries, pork forms one of the leading foods used.

While pork may not be an exciting cause of cancer, it certainly is a predisposing cause. I mean, by this, that it prepares the tissue soil for this abnormal growth. Ehrlich, a famous German investigator, found that when mice were fed on a diet of rice, they could not be inoculated with cancer; and when fed on meat, the implanted cancer tissue developed quickly, and caused the death of the animals so fed. He also found that when cancerous mice were put on a purely rice diet, the tumors ceased to grow, and in some cases actually disappeared.

Eats 130 Pounds of Meat

IN Great Britain, there are cities where the death rate from cancer is already greater than that from tuberculosis. Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley, the noted American skin and cancer specialist, in referring to this, calls attention to the fact that the use of meat in England has doubled during the past generation, until now they consume 130 pounds each year for every man, woman, and child. During the time that the use of meat has doubled, cancer, he says, has increased fourfold.

In the United States, the annual consumption of meats per capita is higher than in England. It has reached 172 pounds. Cancer also has increased to an alarming extent. Dr. Charles Reed, ex-president of the American Medical Association, says: "I am no alarmist, but I cannot shut my eyes to the facts that are forced upon me in my daily experience. That experience teaches me that cancer is increasing in this country literally by leaps and bounds. Tuberculosis causes more deaths than any other one disease. Cancer is now second on the list. In less than ten years, if present tendencies are permitted to continue, their position in the death-dealing category will be reversed."

With this much-to-be-dreaded disease so rapidly on the increase, and in view of the universal testimony of experts that it is a meat eaters' disease, pork being the most objectionable of all flesh foods in use, it is not difficult to conclude that the free use of swine's flesh is possibly the chief cause of the tremendous increase in mortality from cancer. Would we not therefore do well to follow the command, "Of their flesh shall ye not eat"?

"THE most beautiful spot on the face of this earth has some trace of the curse upon it to mar its present beauty, so that the mind may be directed to the faultlessness of the Eden redeemed. Our God would not have us fix our affections on the passing things of this earth, but would have us see and lay hold on that which will endure forever."

SQUARING WITH DESTINY

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1898, the German emperor made his famous visit to Constantinople, Damascus, and Jerusalem. The German idea was that instead of following any further the expensive and destructive and immoral policy of dismembering the Turkish empire, it would be more economical, constructive, and humane to maintain its integrity, and to seek its regeneration by bringing it into close contact with Europe.

"The German idea was prompted not only by the desire to extend German trade, not only by the desire to help on the development of the inhabitants of the Turkish empire, and not only by the conviction that the Turks were the best fitted among all the races of the empire to govern, but also by the desire of removing the Turkish question—that is, the question of the partition of Turkey—as the great disturbing factor of Europe, from the arena of European politics. Great Britain, on the other hand, evidently did not understand the German idea, or did not trust the German intentions. Her statesmen appeared to apprehend that the intentions of Germany were territorial acquisition in the Turkish empire, and naval hostility to Great Britain.

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"An understanding between Russia, Germany, and Turkey in the Asiatic question could, to the British mind, mean just one thing; namely, the shunting of Russia away from Constantinople and from the Bay of Alexandretta, and her advance from the Transcaucasus through Persia to the Persian Gulf. Here Russia would at last reach the open sea and have an ice-free port. But she would then flank India. This mortal danger to the British Empire must at any cost be averted.

The Key to the Present Situation

"It is to this task that the British diplomacy of the years between 1901 and 1914 has addressed itself. The plan of the British government then found and now pursued by force of arms is the acquisition of the vast territory lying between Egypt and the Levant on the west and lower Persia on the east, the connecting of the same with Egypt and the ports of the Levant by a railroad leading from Alexandria to the Persian Gulf, and the establishment, probably at Mecca or Cairo, of a new caliphate of the Mohammedan believers under the control of the British

government. This would defend the British possessions of India, and it might open the way some day for the acquisition of all Mohammedan North Africa by the British Empire."—"The European War of 1914," by Dr. John William Burgess, pages 57, 58, 60, 61.

The Turkish problem does indeed hold the key to the present world situation and the future destiny of nations. The divine word regarding the solution of this problem will not fail. The statement of Dr. Burgess that "the plan of the British government" is "the establishment, probably at Mecca or Cairo, of a new caliphate of the Mohammedan believers under the control of the British government" reminds one of the prophecy that the sultan "shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain." While the nations are trying to get square with destiny, God is working out His own divine will. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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The Craze for Pleasure

MORE than 2,000 delegates attended the "Motion Picture Exhibitors' League of America," in Chicago. The convention lasted for something like ten days. Among the striking statements made in some of their open meetings was one to the effect that an average of 25,000,000 people in the United States attend the motion picture shows each day. There are 21,600 of these shows, and they represent an investment of \$2,000,000,000.

One of the subjects to receive prominent discussion was "The Curtailment of the Rapidly Mounting Salaries Paid to Players by Film-Producing Companies." Some of these players receive salaries as high as \$650,000 a year. It was thought that the only way to curtail them would be for the exhibitors to combine, and thus crush out competition.

The Amusement Trust

It is a very interesting thing to those who are studying world conditions, to note the tremendous craze for pleasure and fun that characterizes our time. True pleasure and real enjoyment is a natural condition for the human being, and may properly be sought in any legitimate and sane way. But the amusement trust is working to create excitement and to form habits and dispositions among the people that will intoxicate them with the ideas of pleasure.

When the records show that one out of every four of the people of the United States attends the moving picture shows each day, the fact is superabundantly clear that this form of amusement has become an alarming craze. The statistics given out a year ago indicated that about 18,000,000 a day were attending the motion picture shows; but it would seem that during the last year, there has been an increase of some 6,000,000. Such things have a tendency to increase; and the more rapidly they do so, the more do individuals become intoxicated with the thought of pleasure, and the less taste they have for the real substantial and necessary things of life.

As Nations Go to Pieces

ANY one who has studied the history of the various civilizations of this world has observed that as a nation is going to pieces, one of the strongest and most prominent symptoms is the passion for exciting amusements of various kinds.

The populace of Rome, during her last hours, while the barbarians from the north were breaking her up, was clamoring for the theater, the chariot race, the gladiatorial fights, and other exhibitions of that sort. The people in great droves moved from the country to the cities, and demanded of the rulers that they be permitted opportunities for these exciting pleasures, which were often in the form of gross, debasing follies.

Yet, while Rome was thus engaged, she was persisting that she had stood so long, and was such a tremendous power, that she could never go down. Rome continued to point to her past glories, and to the great principles that she had held when she was a powerful nation, not realizing that "Ichabod" had already been inscribed across her portals, indicating that her glory and power were departed.

Not Awake to the Danger

MEN who are making their millions out of amusing the people, become so overwhelmingly interested in that one thing as to fail to take into account that they are undermining the foundations of society, and preparing the world for inevitable ruin. Men ought, from the sheer philosophy of history, to see these things. And those who have confidence in the divine Book of God, will know, from its prophetic utterances and inspired warnings, that the conditions which are so rapidly developing in our time have been foretold, and furthermore, that they mean disaster to those who are looking to this world with the thought that the conditions of the present time may continue indefinitely. God has most plainly pointed out, in His inspired Book, that one of the perils of the last days will be the placing of the love of pleasure above the love of God. Please read carefully the first part of the third chapter of 2 Timothy, and allow this warning to have its full weight.

God does not condemn pleasure. On the contrary, one of the most beautiful promises in His inspired Book reads, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures

forevermore." Ps. 16: 11. God promises "fullness of joy" and "pleasures forevermore"; and the true joys that He gives, and the real pleasures that He promises forevermore, are upbuilding, refining, and ennobling. But in order to keep men from receiving these, Satan invents counterfeits that lead to follies, vices, and degrading, degenerating debaucheries. It is against these counterfeit pleasures with which Satan is flooding the world, that God has warned us. They are prominent among the things that will fill the last days with peril. Men who are intoxicated with greed, or pleasure seeking, or any other consuming passion, may not be able to see these things; but wise men and women will keep sober, and open their eyes wide. Men should see these things in the light of God's word, for the great day of the Lord is bursting upon an unprepared and wicked world.

Warring for Commercial Supremacy

THE Chamber of Commerce of the United Kingdom of Great Britain is busying itself extensively now with "the subject of the defense of trade and employment within the empire after the war."

The conference of the allies recently held in Paris was for the purpose, in the main, of discussing the question of commerce, and of forming an offensive and defensive commercial alliance.

Speaking of the meeting just before it convened, Premier Asquith called it a conference



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The submarine *Deutschland*, which recently entered Baltimore harbor after crossing the Atlantic with a cargo of dyestuff. The photograph shows her beside the tug that is taking her to her berth. The entrance of a submarine into the occupation of commercial shipping is causing international discussions, and bids fair to lead to international complications and strifes.

"at which all the allied states will be represented, and at which the whole of this question of the economic and commercial relations *inter se*, and as between them jointly and individually on the one side, and our present enemies on the other, will form the subject of debate and deliberation."

The French government took the initiative in convening this conference; and upon the subject, the parliamentary correspondent of the London Times in a recent issue said:

"It is understood that the French government some time ago took the initiative in advocating an unsparing commercial war against Germany. It is only within the past week that the British government have given their adhesion to the proposal."

Another paragraph from this same article in the London Times reads: "The obvious method is that the allies should agree that at the end of the war, none of them should make commercial agreements with the enemy without the consent of the others. There is, however, a party in the

British Cabinet which is willing to go further than this. Some ministers, it is understood, are ready to decree an absolute prohibition against trade with Germany for a specified period. Whatever may be the outcome, it can be asserted with confidence that Germany will shortly feel the rigor of a commercial alliance."

We take no interest whatever in discussing the right or wrong of these proposals, or whether they are expedient or inexpedient. There is a far greater question involved. Men generally recognize that the war which is now in progress in Europe really has for its foundation the great question of commerce. It is a war as to whether this nation or that shall dominate trade, and shall drive railroads in this direction and that, and whether or no they shall control certain waters and harbors for the use of commerce.

And now, rising up in the foreground, so strongly as almost to shut out the vision of everything else, is the question of commercial supremacy, which is to enter into the discussion of the proposals of peace following the great struggle.

Any one with half an eye ought to be able to see that the conflict is in reality not being settled. The great bone of contention is still there. The love of self and the love of money, which the apostle said would make the last days perilous, is still one of the prominent features in the controversy. This war will without doubt temporarily cease, but it will leave feuds and international hates and complications that will further prepare the world for the great Armageddon that lies just ahead. He who is standing under the clear light of God's prophetic word will not become confused by the conditions of this time, but will understand clearly each step in the great program of this last controversy with sin and evil.

Permanent Peace Between Nations

IN his speech before the recent Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration, the president of the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, among other things, said: "A great peace conference lies ahead of the world, in which the United States will desire to have a part. Still other conferences, and more significant ones, will deal with a multitude of plans for securing permanent peace between nations."

One of the greatest dreams of the time is to secure "permanent peace between nations"; and without any question, "a great peace conference lies ahead of the world." The time will come when the great mass of humanity will think that it has secured permanent peace, but that will be just before destruction visits this wicked world through the great glory that will shine forth from the presence of Christ at His coming; for does not the Book tell us, in the plainest language, that it is when they are saying, "Peace and safety," that "sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape"? 1 Thess. 5: 3.

Before this war broke out in Europe, men everywhere were presenting their theories that we would never again have a clash between two first-class powers. A general war, they assured us, was an impossibility. But to-day Europe, on a far-flung battle line, is soaking her soil with the blood of men that have come hither to fight from practically all parts of Europe and Asia, as well as other portions of the earth. The United States is embroiled with Mexico. China is trembling before the revolutionary spirit. The Arabs are in rebellion against the Turks. There is practically no section of the world but is gripped by the war demons. Certainly we are having enough war at present time to shatter all the theories of the past. Still men theorize still further.

The prophets, however, have all the time been telling us plainly that the war of Armageddon will involve all the world. We are getting a little foretaste of it, and are seeing, as the revelator told us, that when the Judgment day was imminent, the nations would be angry.

Where will we stand,—on the side of truth and fact, with God and His divine word as given to us by His prophets, or on the insecure theories and speculations of mere men? It is well that we take care lest we be deceived in this great time of turmoil and strife. We need a stronger foundation than the doctrines of men. Nothing short of the Eternal Rock will endure the stress.