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has increased from 120,000 to 5,500,000.

For hundreds, yes, thousands of years, men lived in abodes that were little more than the Indian wigwam. Even within the reaches of modern history, the residences and hotels of the world were rarely more than two-story or three-story buildings. It is only in this very age, the epoch of the automobile, the aeroplane, the wireless telegraph and telephone, that our buildings reach into the clouds, and under one roof thousands lodge.

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## Is Clemenceau a Prophet?

*He says, "The war is not at an end; there is merely a lull in the storm."*

By DANIEL H. KRESS

**S**ECRETARY of the Navy Daniels recently said, "It is my firm conviction that if the conference at Versailles does not result in a general agreement to put an end to naval building on the part of all nations, then the United States must bend her energies, must give her men and give her money, to the task of the creation of incomparably the greatest navy in the world." "This means," says the editor of the *Baltimore Sun*, "that America will embark upon a great naval program; that if England builds six cruisers, we will build twelve; that if she builds twenty destroyers, we will build forty; that if she will build two battleships, we will build four." Great Britain wants peace, but she knows that her only safety lies in making herself secure by maintaining a great navy. England has the greatest navy, and is still building mammoth ships. We cannot blame her. Past history has taught her that this is the only security she has. But other nations feel as does she,—that in order to have assured peace, they must arm to the teeth. In their own interest, they cannot permit themselves to be out-done.

Justice Clarke of the United States Supreme Court, at a meeting held in Boston in the interest of "the League of Na-

tions," said: "Something new, something different, must be introduced into the international organization of the world if we can hope, and legitimately hope, for anything like permanent peace. Unless something is done, we shall certainly drift on into another war; and what is this next war to be? The experience of this country teaches us that the expense of preparation for the next war will be so great that the carrying of the burden of it by the masses of the nations will bring suffering to them almost as great as the war itself."

He then explained what another war would mean. He said: "It will be necessary to perpetuate conscription, and that will produce armies of unprecedented size. Our industries must be organized for war, and the women conscripted for noncombatant service as the men for the ranks. Great guns and tanks that have been used in thousands must be provided by the tens of thousands. Submarines, dirigible balloons, and airplanes used in tens of thousands will be multiplied into the hundreds of thousands. Chemicals are prepared to produce poisons so deadly that when used from airplanes and long-range guns, they will wipe out whole armies and cities in a single night. There is no measuring the destructiveness of the next war. An



abyss opens up before us unless the civilized nations find some means of averting it. The spectacle of a world that is literally rocking on its foundation should give us pause."

At the same meeting, Secretary of War Baker said: "We had in this war the submarines, the airplanes, and poison gas. I do not know what we will have in the next war, but I know that already we were on the eve of seeing implements which will be controlled by wireless devices, and which will be launched from here, say, and aimed at a place 150 miles away, and will be controlled by unseen wireless waves until they get there, and then drop down in the middle of a populous city 250, 300, or 500 pounds of TNT, and blow up men and women indiscriminately by the thousands."

He added: "We are at the parting of the ways. We can blunder along as we have blundered. Why, in 1914, I said, 'War in Europe, a general European war, is impossible and unthinkable;' and you said it. We can keep on believing that way if we want to, or we can say to the people of Europe who have suffered these incalculable sacrifices and wastes: 'Join hands with us. Let us make of the world a place of beauty and of justice.'"

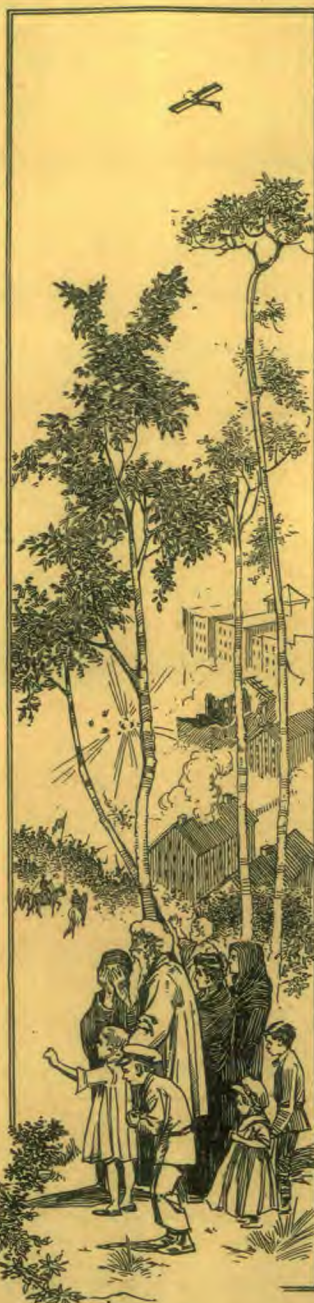
#### OUTSTRIPS THE IMAGINATION

There will be another world war, and that war will be more horrible and more frightful than man's mind can imagine. The implements and elements of destruction are either in readiness or in preparation for that time. President William Allen Neilson, of Smith College, at a meeting of the League of Free Nations Association of Massachusetts, said, "If a league of free nations cannot be secured, strife will come again in a few years; the U boat murders, the poison gases, and the battles in the air multiplied a thousandfold. 'The war,' he said, 'finally evolved into a war to end war. Schemes of the allies were afoot, when it ended, which would propel colossal airplanes over enemy territory to drop bombs on German cities. These bombs were to be filled with a gas that would kill every form of life within a mile of its landing place.' Entire cities with a population equal to that of Berlin could have been wiped off the face of the earth in one night."

In addition to this, we learn that Great Britain had a new super-Zeppelin ship. A description of it appeared in the *London Mail*. It is 670 feet in length and is capable of carrying a cargo of thirty tons. It can fly from England to America and back without stopping to take on fuel. A fleet of such ships could fly out of sight six miles up in the air, where no strong winds ever blow. This ship was built for war, and was capable of carrying bombs weighing 500 pounds each, and plenty of guns.

Germany was also prepared to launch new inventions of destruction that we know little about as yet. They were ready to make a terrific air attack upon Paris. Thirty-five airplanes were in readiness to fly over Paris and drop five thousand bombs containing chemicals which would cause fires of a nature that pouring water on them would but serve to feed the flames. A second squadron of thirty-five was to follow with bombs to be dropped upon the crowds by the light of the burning buildings.

Why this little lull in the storm? It seems that a divine hand has interfered and stayed the elements of destruction just in time to prevent the annihilation of entire cities, peopled with men and women who have not yet passed the bounds of God's forbearance, and who have been crying to Him for deliverance.



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This little period of peace is granted for the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all the world as a witness to all nations. When this has been done, "then," said Jesus, "shall the end come."

The war, the pestilence, and the famine have been instrumental in opening countries to the gospel that have been closed for centuries, as Austria, Turkey, and Russia,—countries that could not have been opened, it seems, in any other way. More than that, they have opened homes and hearts in America, as well as in foreign fields, for the reception of the truth pertaining to the plan of salvation and the second coming of Christ.

God has been favoring the people of the earth in the past by holding in check the elements of strife; but men have been going from bad to worse, as though there was no God. A change in His dealings with mankind has become a necessity. The prophet said, "Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord." But he said, "When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Isaiah 26:9, 10.

Judgment will do what favor failed to do. Through war, pestilence, and famine, which themselves are results of sin, God is making a final appeal to the people of the world to cease to do evil and learn to do well. Some will respond to this appeal; but the masses will cast aside the restraining influence of the Spirit of God, as did those in the time of Noah, until there is no remedy. Then the restraining influence of God's Spirit will be removed, and men will be suffered to destroy themselves. That will be Armageddon.

#### NO PEACE WITH HUMAN NATURE SELFISH

In the year 1914, influential peace societies were in session in Europe. The members were discussing the impossibility of war, at the very time when the world war was precipitated. One of the American members present at the Congress said: "We pointed out that modern methods of transportation and communication had knit the world into one vast community; that modern inventions in the instruments of destruction had made its losses too appalling to be faced; and that the interlacings of commerce and finance were so complex that the nations could not afford to sever them." "A great war, a world war, was absurd. It was unthinkable. It was impossible." They voiced at that assembly the feeling which everywhere prevailed. But the fact has been demonstrated that colossal armaments will not insure peace.

One writer said: "Men fought when they had no armament except the bow and arrow."

They have fought at every stage of advancement up and down the line to the laying of the keel of the latest dreadnaught and the creation of the greatest gun in the world." He added—and the words are significant: "You can never abolish war until you change human nature, and only God Himself can do that." This is absolutely true. To secure enduring peace, it is necessary to remove the causes of war. The apostle James said: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain." James 4: 1, 2.

War has its origin within human hearts. It is the outgrowth of self-seeking. Human nature is the same the world over. Human hearts are fashioned alike. There is no difference between the king upon the throne and the

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# Rival World Builders

*The nebular hypothesis, a substitute for God, is nebulous in fact, hypothetical in statement.*

By LUCAS ALBERT REED

Almighty has enabled him to deal successfully with many problems which, even now that they have been solved, seem as though they had been placed beyond all reasonable hopes of mastery. But it has not been given to many to solve all the mysteries that surround him, and it may well be questioned whether it will ever be in his power to solve that great mystery, the origin of the wonderful scheme of worlds of which our earth is a member. . . .

"There is, of course, nothing to prevent any man from believing that precisely as the solar system is now it was created so many thousands of years ago. The Almighty might have chosen that at a certain instant Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, and Jupiter, the zone of asteroids, and the family of minor planets, to which our earth belongs, should come into being, should be set revolving each on its proper orbit, and rotating each with its due period, should be clothed with atmospheric envelopes, diversified with oceans and continents, and in fine created just as they at present exist.

"I say there is nothing to prevent any one from adopting this view, because a Being of infinite power could have so arranged matters that all the evidence available on the subject should be precisely as it now is; and, as we have no record handed down by actual witnesses of the earlier history of the solar system, it is impossible to know certainly that this was not the actual order of things. Now, as in the days of Job, no man can answer when the questions are asked, 'Where wast thou when God laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath

laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it.'"—Richard Procter, in "Expanse of Heaven."

Yet there have been many minds bold and presumptuous enough to attempt to show how the universe, or parts of it, came into existence. Of all these attempts, probably the nebular hypothesis of Laplace has had more consideration by astronomers, and by scientists in general, than any other.

## WHITE-HOT AND TURNING OVER

By this theory, the solar system is supposed to start with matter in a hot and rotating condition. There is nothing in the theory to account for the origin of this matter, or to explain why it got to whirling in space. But contrary to the ideas of Laplace, the laws of science show that if such a whirling mass of matter did exist, there would be a contraction into one non-rotating body—a central sun, with no planets about it. Laplace evades the difficulty by not taking from the first a diffused gas, but a sun already in motion, with an atmosphere filling space to the orbit of Neptune. He says:

"It is four millions to one that all motions of the planets, rotations and revolutions, were at once imparted by an original common cause, of which we know neither the nature nor the epoch."

Helmholtz acknowledges regarding the rotation, "the existence of which must be assumed."

Henry White Warren says of the assumptions of this theory:

"The materialistic statement of the theory is this: that matter is at first assumed to exist as an infinite cloud of fire mist, dowered with power latent therein to grow of itself into every possi-

It is "through faith" that "we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God." Creation transcends the thought of man, and by no method of reasoning can he formulate its process. Our thought is limited to the things of experience. We cannot go outside of what we have seen and known. Creation is entirely different from anything with which we have to do.

We cannot picture the sudden appearance of material things where before there was nothing visible. But faith grasps the conception of a great, wise Being by whose commands all things were brought into existence. The astronomer has said something regarding the attitude of science toward the work of creation.

"In considering the wonderful processes which are taking place within the limits of the solar system, and still more in endeavoring to trace back the course of events during former ages, we find ourselves surrounded by a hundred sources of perplexity. Nor is it to be expected, perhaps, that we should be able, either now or at any future time, to form clear ideas on a subject so involved in mystery. The powers of man are wonderful. The

## BELLAH'S SERMONETS

- ¶ SOME men are only brothers-in-law to the church.
- ¶ The church of God is built upon Christ, not Peter.
- ¶ The church should groan under, not over, its burdens.
- ¶ All the religion some men have, is in their wives' name.
- ¶ The key that unlocks heaven doesn't fit every church door.
- ¶ Have real Christian graces. Don't tie your flowers to a bush.
- ¶ Heathens are true to false gods, while many professed Christians are false to the true God.
- ¶ A hypocrite is as much out of place in the church of God as an owl is in the daylight.
- ¶ There is a vast difference between a washed white Christian and a whitewashed professor of Christianity.
- ¶ Knock down a hypocrite in the church, and you'll upset a dozen outsiders who are leaning against him.
- ¶ The blood of the Lamb, and the personal testimony, are still the Christian's best weapons of warfare.

- ¶ You have found the true church when you have found one that follows the example of Christ and His apostles.
- ¶ Some tauntingly ask, "Why are there more women in the church than men?" Why are there more men in prison than women?
- ¶ A mere profession is only painted pagantry, to go to hell in like plumes on the hearse, which bears men to their graves.
- ¶ Some professed Christians whose homes are only a block or two from the church, in reality live at a great distance from it.
- ¶ A remnant of cloth is the last portion, and must be exactly like the first yard. So the remnant church must be like the apostolic.
- ¶ Some people think they can get to heaven without being members of the church. So the antediluvians thought they could get through the Deluge without entering the ark.

CHARLES C. BELLAH



bility of world, flower, animal, man, mind, and affection, without any interference or help from without. But it requires far more of the divine Worker than any other theory. He must fill matter with capabilities to take care of itself, and this would tax the abilities of the Infinite One far more than a constant supervision and occasional interference. Instead of making the vase in perfect form, and coloring it with exquisite beauty by an ever present skill, He must endow the clay with power to make itself in perfect form, adorn itself with delicate beauty, and create other vases."

To such lengths of credulity and assumption and imagination men will go, that they may shut out of mind the idea of God and a responsibility to Him. They make matter a substitute for God, as, according to their theories, it is in some way endowed with all that power of development and that infallible directing power which everywhere else we find forever associated with mind. Thus creation is made to hide the Creator. More wonder is associated with the things of nature than with the God of nature. Thus men "exchange the truth of God for a lie, and worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever." Romans 1:25.

Sir Isaac Newton could say, "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being."

#### GOD OUTLAWED BY EVOLUTIONISTS

How different from this attitude of the greatest scientist of modern times was the attitude of Laplace! When Laplace went to make a formal presentation of his work to Napoleon, the latter remarked, "M. Laplace, they tell me you have written this large book on the system of the universe, and have never mentioned its Creator." Whereupon Laplace drew himself up and answered bluntly, "Sire, I had no need of any such hypothesis."

What strange reasoning is this, that, taking so much as he does to begin with, he should think he had really discovered a method by which to show how the world could be created without any reference to its beginning in the great Originator! We cannot do better here than refer to the words of another in this connection. In reference to the incident between Napoleon and Laplace, we quote the following comments:

"Rupert, I particularly like that phrase, 'Whereupon Laplace drew himself up.' Can you not see the straightening of that backbone, the hardening of the muscles, and the tilt upward of the gentleman's head? What a picture it would make—that historic scene! Think of it hung side by side with a picture of the bowed and broken Christ, crying, 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?' Laplace's superiority to God: Christ's despair of God!

"But do you not see, apart altogether from the immodesty of M. Laplace (who, in drawing himself up, Rupert, certainly transmitted from his will to his bones and muscles an order, but how transmitted and how carried out he could not tell us, though he could do without a God in his scheme of creation), that his statement really amounts to very little

more than the statement of our carpenter that in making a door, he has no need of the tree hypothesis? Laplace takes what he finds, and describes it. What he does not actually see, he imagines, takes for granted, postulates. He neither tells us how that which he found came to be, nor explains why it is what it is. Behind everything, be it vapor or fire mist, or what you will, there is Origin; and to say that blind haze or fire mist has in itself the potentiality of everything that is and everything that is to be, this is only to assert that the Origin so determined the properties of that fluid or fire mist."—"The Proof of God," pages 89, 90.

#### ONLY DIVINITY CAN BRIDGE THE GAPS

No matter what theories any of them believe, all must admit that once the earth was without form and void, and darkness rested on the mighty deep. And we all know that now, instead of chaos, we have a cosmos; that whereas once there was formlessness, now there is order and beauty; that once there was no life, and now life springs everywhere; in earth and sea and air, multitudinous

Neither can life remain dormant and eventually spring out of a fire mist whose heat is many times hotter than a blast furnace.

3. Protoplasm is produced only by living matter. Only protoplasm reproduces protoplasm. And think for a minute what the heat of the fire mist would do to it. A hard-boiled egg is enough evidence.

4. Organized matter is made up of cells, and these can be produced only by other cells. All the nebular hypothesis eloquence of the ages cannot tell how the first cell originated.

5. Living vegetation can be produced only by the seed, or germ. The tongues of the evolutionists are silent when we ask them to tell us how the first plant came into existence.

6. Granted that vegetable life exists, an animal cannot be produced from a plant. Even the evolutionist Drummond plainly tells us that. The nebular hypothesis is exceedingly nebulous about the origin of that first animal.

7. Mind cannot be produced out of mere matter, or even mere sensation;

## A PENITENT'S PRAYER

By A. J. MEIKLEJOHN

FATHER of love, down from above,  
Thou must watch o'er us.  
Sinful and weak we are,  
Drifted from Thee afar;  
Be Thou our guiding Star,  
Ever before us.

Foes are about, demons of doubt  
Ever assail us.  
Hear Thou our plaintive cry,  
Nor let us sink and die;  
We would on Thee rely,  
Never to fail us.

Dark is the night, heavy the plight  
That doth fall o'er us.  
On a rough, raging sea,  
Shipwrecked alone are we;  
Master of Galilee,  
Still the sea for us.

Storm has now ceased, stars have increased,  
Angels surround us.  
Pilot—at hand is He,  
Guiding us o'er the sea;  
Leads to eternity,  
Now He hath found us.

Lord, may we be ever with Thee,  
That Thou be near us.  
Then, when the storms arise,  
Lifting to Thee our eyes  
Will turn to joy our sighs,  
For Thou dost hear us.

Ancient of days, angels in praise  
Ever adore Thee.  
Praises and majesty  
We would ascribe to Thee,  
Now and eternally  
Worship before Thee.



and variant life throbs and vibrates and pulsates in millions of organisms. How came the earth from condition chaotic to condition cosmic, from discord to harmony, from nature void to nature beautiful, from death to life?

Between that past and this present there are mighty gaps and chasms, which only the power of an infinite Creator could ever bridge. That which is not life cannot produce that which is life, for something cannot come from nothing. It will not do to attempt to bridge these by the airy, atheistic fancy of man, or to ignore them altogether, because the following statements are unchallengeably and incontestably true:

1. Chemical action cannot be produced by mechanical power. In all chemical action there are manifest force, choice, uniformity of action, and a purpose. And these are attributes, and attributes only, of that directing power we call mind.

2. Life, even in its lowest forms, cannot be produced by nonliving matter.

and when we add reason and conscience, with their acknowledgement of the eternal fitness of things, nature demands a God as the Originator of all things, so loudly that it cannot be quieted or stilled.

Regarding the origin of life from the fire mist, we quote the words of another: "You have told me, Rupert—quite absurdly—that the earth came from the sun. That is so absurd that I won't stop to tell you how absurd it is. The earth did not come from the sun. It was, however, composed of the same materials as exist in the sun. . . . But I am not interested in rocks and water; I am interested in delicate, fictile, and evolving life. Did life come from your sun, or your sunlike materials?"

"Potential life was certainly in the sun or of one substance with the sun. Everything on and in this earth was once in the sun." . . .

"You tell me, then, that your protoplasm was part and parcel of the sun?"



"At any rate, it was part of the same nebula as the sun."  
 "How hot is the sun?"  
 "How hot? Several times hotter than I should care to say."  
 "And protoplasm existed in that great heat?"  
 "Why not?"

Compare this cant with the account given by inspiration in the first chapter of Genesis, and ask yourself which is more reasonable, man's way or God's. Which seems most credible? Which taxes the imagination most?  
 "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

He "tasted death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9) when He "poured out His soul unto death" (Isaiah 53:12); and without Him, man has absolutely no claim on life. God "only has immortality" (1 Timothy 6:16); He tells us to seek for it (Romans 2:7); and He has made a way, through the gospel, that man's search shall be successful (2 Timothy 1:10); and He promises that this glorious boon will be granted at the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:51-54).

These scriptures are the only passages in Holy Writ which speak of immortality, and they all accord in the teaching that life comes only through Christ, and only to those who accept Him, and that the glorious resurrection morning will awake every child of His love, and then each will receive a glorified, immortalized, spiritual body, which will be fitted for a place in His glorious kingdom. (1 Corinthians 15:42-49.)

#### RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD, NOT FROM HEAVEN

What folly to charge Jesus with summoning from glory Lazarus, or the son of the widow of Nain, or the daughter of Jairus, to return to this earth, and again experience its sorrows, and again suffer death! No; He only awakened them from sleep, that their presence might comfort those who mourned. But soon, with all the saints from all ages, will He grant real life, endless life, immortal, glorified life, to each one who has been willing to accept the proffers of His grace. Are we not told that the overcomers of the past "without us should not be made perfect"? Hebrews 11:40. And are we not assured that even David, the man after God's own heart, "is not ascended into the heavens"? Acts 2:34.

Does God's plan admit that one shall have life, either in glory or in infinite torture, hundreds or thousands of years longer than others of like earthly experience?—Not at all. At one glorious moment, each child of righteousness, every believer in Christ, of whatever age or clime, all who have been redeemed through His blood, down through all the ages, together will be gathered to Him, to share the inheritance of the saints in light. "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: so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

Thus the doctrine of the resurrection is a positive one. Through sin, man lost character, life, and home. But the Son of man came to seek and to save all which man, through transgression, had lost. His character is restored in man through the operation of the Spirit, and the indwelling Christ fills and transforms the soul. This accomplished, at the resurrection, a spiritual and glorified body will be given; and the Christ life, developed through man's acceptance of and walking in the "exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:3, 4), will have a fitting personality; and thus redeemed, man will then be ready for the restoration of the Edenic home, which will also be given through Christ, the "Tower of the flock" (Micah 4:8), and so the eternal purpose will be completed.

## Why the Disagreement on the Resurrection?

*Six preachers champion four different views*

By William A. Westworth

THERE were six in the party, and the conversation was so earnest and so loud that any one near them could not well avoid hearing them as they told the differences of their belief in that all-absorbing topic, the resurrection. Their garb and casual remarks proclaimed them as ministers of the gospel, and they were all going to attend a convocation of their denomination to be held in the city that was also my destination. The very fact that all these men were members of one common faith immediately enlisted my attention; and as we rode along, I was most interested to learn that among the six men, there were four distinct and radically different ideas enunciated concerning the resurrection.

One maintained that while there is no denying the Bible doctrine of the resurrection, it is after all a spiritual thing, and merely evidences that transition from the mortal state to the immortal which he claimed is experienced at death. "Why should it be otherwise?" he argued. "You all admit that the soul of man goes to reward or punishment at death; therefore why the need of anything more than this evident and necessary change?"

The next one startled us by the claim that the resurrection is the change which comes to man in the new birth, when the old life of sin is exchanged for the new life in Christ, and, basing his argument upon practically the same doctrine as the first speaker, queried why the need of anything more, as the change to the new birth was all that was necessary to determine the final disposition of the immortal soul.

The third took the position that there must be a physical awakening, but held most firmly to the belief that the resurrection is of the body only, and that at the second advent of Christ, the soul will once more inhabit the body, which will be purified and immortalized to fit the already glorified condition of the soul.

The fourth speaker varied but little from the second one, but added the conviction that the resurrection claims are all met in the death and rising to walk in newness of life which is indicated in baptism. Baptism answered every demand, and enabled him to pass over all the objections of his fellows.

And who could forbear asking that old and well-worn question, "If the doctors disagree, what shall the patient do?"

But as we carefully consider the differences above expressed, we are all

bound to confess that the difficulty lies not in any ambiguous statement concerning the doctrine of the resurrection, nor in the want of sufficient light from the Word of God regarding this important theme, but rather in the preconceived theory of the natural immortality of man. The idea that man will continue eternally, irrespective of his connection with the character of the Christ, and of



any development during this probationary life, is the sum total of the cause of the disagreement which so widely prevails concerning the resurrection. And all this is so foreign to the plan of God, so contrary to the plan of salvation, that any candid student of the Word of God can but admit that to claim inherent immortality for the human race plainly contradicts the teachings of the Bible and vitiates the very story of the cross of Christ.

Christ came to bring life to man, who, through his sin, had lost all claim to life. (Romans 5:12-17.) If man is naturally immortal, why are we told that Jesus came to bring life, and to give it more abundantly? (John 10:10.) Again, what means the statement that "he that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"? 1 John 5:12. And the statement of the apostle Paul, that those who do not hold the divine view of the resurrection "are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:16-19), surely indicates that death means not a mere transition, but an actual cessation of life. But through Jesus, who gave Himself for us, we can understand that we shall be restored to a real existence through His sacrifice.





# The Sanctuaries of Jehovah

*The ritual service of the old dispensation was not meaningless, but a constant witness to the work of Christ.*

By RODERICK S. OWEN

**I**N the court before the door of the sanctuary stood the altar of burnt offering, made of acacia wood overlaid with brass, five cubits square and three cubits high. It was hollowed in the top, and had a network, or grate, of brass to hold the sacrifices and the wood. Underneath was an ash pit. On each corner was a horn of brass. On this altar was burned all the fat of the peace offerings, and the sin offerings, and the whole burnt offerings, and the refuse and filth of many of the sacrifices. In this was a representation of the destruction of sin that has been separated from those who are finally to be saved. This is illustrated in the fat that was stripped from the peace offering and there consumed while the peace offering was being eaten.

Directly associated with this altar was a place outside the camp, called the "clean place," or "place of ashes," where many of the sacrifices were consumed, being completely destroyed. Also, to this place was carried any portion of a burnt offering which was found remaining on the altar of burnt offering in the morning, and its destruction by fire was completed there.

This represented the final destruction of all sin and sinners; and the clean place of ashes was a type of the earth when sinners shall have been finally destroyed by fire, and out of that fire the earth shall have come forth a clean place, but filled with the ashes of the wicked.

Everything sacrificial that was destroyed by fire was burned either upon the altar of burnt offering or in this place outside the camp. This altar of burnt offering, besides representing the destruction of sin also represented a place of continual atonement; for here, as often as sin offerings were presented for the people, a little of the blood was taken by the priest and placed upon the brazen horns on the corners of the altar. This provided a temporary atonement by which the sinner could be forgiven and his sin carried over to the final Day of Atonement, by a process which we shall consider later.

## SALVATION'S TRUTHS TYPIFIED IN EVERY DETAIL

A horn is a symbol of power, and this union of the blood with the horn signified the union of the blood of Christ and the power of God in pardoning the sinner and saving him from his sins.

There is a sad fact represented in connection with this altar. In nearly all the sacrifices of the daily services, only a small portion of the blood was used, much the larger part being poured into the ash pit. So, although Christ shed His blood for all men, yet the greater portion was shed in vain, since the larger part of mankind will not accept salvation, and will finally be destroyed and brought to ashes in the pit.

In the court, and near the door of the sanctuary, stood the laver, a basin in which all cleansing connected with the services was done. It stood close beside the place where the sacrifices were slain, and it represented the fountain opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness, through the slain Lamb of God.

Passing behind the first veil into the holy place, we find three pieces of furniture; to wit: On the right-hand, or north side was the table of shewbread; on the left-hand, or south side, was the seven-branched candlestick; while in the center, but close to the second veil, stood the altar of incense.

The table of shewbread was made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold, with a crown of gold around the top of it. The table was two cubits long, one cubit wide, and one and one half cubits high. Upon this table were placed twelve loaves of bread, a layer of

frankincense being put between the loaves. These were replaced by fresh bread every Sabbath day; and after removing the frankincense from the loaves taken from the table, the priest ate the shewbread.

## CHRIST PREFIGURED IN EVERY SERVICE

This bread represented Christ as the bread of life for all who will accept Him by faith; that is, for the true Israel of God. There were but twelve loaves, one for each tribe; and only those who by faith become members of one of the tribes of Israel may eat of the true Bread of life. This bread was called the bread of presence, because, although Christ's place is in the immediate presence of God, yet to those who partake of Him by faith, He is the bread of

The altar of incense. Upon it was burned incense every morning and evening.



God's presence in the heart of the believer; and by this indwelling presence we live. Jesus said: "I am that bread of life." "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." In the typical service, the priests ate the bread, as the representatives of the people for whom they ministered.

There was another representation of Christ as the bread that came down from heaven, in the manna that fell about their camp and was gathered by the people every day, a homer for every one. But, unlike the shewbread, the manna represented Christ as the bread of life for everybody; for Christ is the Saviour of all men. As the manna fell for every one in the camp, believer or unbeliever, and sustained the physical life of each, so Christ sustains the present life of every one, and gives us this present probationary period. But for His substitutionary work in behalf of the unrepentant, they would perish, each one upon the commission of his first known willful sin. But Christ sustains them and continues their probation, that they may have time to repent, just as the manna sustained all in the camp day by day. As the antitype of the manna, Christ gives us only this temporary life; but as the antitype of the shewbread, He gives us eternal life, and will

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# Will Capital and Labor Ever Forgive and Make Up?

By STEMPLE WHITE

FOR over eight months, *Everybody's Magazine* has been conducting an open forum devoted to the problems of world reconstruction. Many well-known writers are contributing thereto, giving opinions as to what will come to this world after the war issues are completely settled. In the February number, Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, says:

"What will come out of this war for labor? In one word—disenthralment from every vestige of wrong and injustice. . . . There can be no question that righteousness will prevail between the nations of the world. There can be little question that here in America, no one shall be again enslaved, no castle enthroned. For kings are to be relics. Thrones are to be curios. And the workers of the world will, at last, come into their heritage."

Beautiful words, these are. But will they ever be realized in this present evil world?

In October, 1909, a writer in *Shield's Magazine* positively declared *no more war*, in these words:

"There is no further doubt of it; no way of disguising the fact. The airship has put the battleship out of business. The great coast defense guns, the bristling field guns, the thousands of infantry and cavalry small arms, and the hundreds of tons of ammunition stored at the various army posts and arsenals, are simply so much junk. . . . Armies and navies will be kept hereafter merely for centennials, world's fairs, Fourth of Julys and for social and official intercourse between nations. War is a thing of the past. Verily, the sword shall be turned into the plowshare, and the Springfield rifle into the picket fence."

Just think! "No way of disguising the fact," back in 1909, that there would never be another war! I wonder if that editorial writer is still living. Just five

years after he had made that unwise and shortsighted prediction, a war suddenly broke out in Europe, that swiftly drew into its swirling vortex nearly every nation in the world, actually putting fifteen sixteenths of earth's population in a state of unprecedented carnage and strife. Fifty separate declarations of war were made. Not only was travel by water distressingly imperiled, and commerce on the seven seas paralyzed, but world famine stalked abroad, and pestilence and plague slew their victims so rapidly that those claimed by influenza outnumbered the millions who perished on the blood-soaked battle fronts of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Dynasties were overthrown, thrones toppled, and kings were exiled. Such rapid, unheard-of-before events took place in the world's kaleidoscopic movements, as have baffled all human calculations.

## PACIFISTS CUT THEIR EYETEETH

In fact, for over four years, war has so gripped this distressed world, that there has been "no way of disguising the fact" that those who sent broadcast the human predictions of "no more war" simply did not know what they were talking about. Since 1914, many "pacifists" have cut their eyeteeth, and many religionists who had been sawing away on the one string of a "world's conversion" to the tune of "a temporal millennium" was temporarily silenced when Mars severed that string with his sword. Yet this "no more war" talk will continue to be heard, even right up to the marshalling of "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" to Armageddon's battlefield, "to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:12-16); for do we not read in 1 Thessalonians 5:3: "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail



upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape?"

It is also the same with the capital and labor question. Even if the Word of God had never spoken on this subject, in the light of all human experience, and with the human heart as it is, with innumerable germs of sin in the black soil of carnality, no one could reasonably expect not to see trouble and strife in this old sin-cursed world. It is true that individual hearts and lives can be and are being transformed by the omnipotent power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that these "new creatures" can and will live the Christ life daily. And such truly converted people will be as willing to settle disputes amicably as was Abraham with Lot when serious differences arose between their herdmen. But only a "little flock" of earth's inhabitants will ever be thus transformed. (Luke 12:32; Matthew 7:13, 14; Revelation 20:8.)

## STRIKES OCCUPY THE CENTER OF THE STAGE

From the lookout, many are saying, "All is well." While the false "peace and safety" cry is being sounded throughout the business, social, political, industrial, military, and religious spheres of life, facts harmonize with Timothy's prophetic description of our day: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." When men turn away from the only Book that lights the future, and thus neglect to ask counsel of Him who alone can give certain help in the solving of perplexing questions, they are tossed on the waves of human speculation, without chart or compass.

Pick up any daily newspaper and scan the news. Why, capital and labor struggles are so frequent that one is surprised not to read of a strike somewhere. We hear of metropolitan newspapers being tied up because of the newsboy strike. In opposition to government protest and



Factory strikes, railroad strikes, textile workers', bricklayers', masons', painters', and plumbers', are among the many pictured and mentioned in the daily papers.



warning, telephone operators temporarily paralyzed business in the Twin Cities, at a time when influenza was raging, and thus greatly interfered with calls for medical attention. Young women who volunteered to act as "hello" girls for a while, were made "scab" targets by the idle girl strikers, but received proper police protection. Express strikes, railroad strikes, building trades and shipyard workers' strikes, carpenters', painters', plumbers and steam fitters', textile workers', machinists', bricklayers', masons and plasterers', silk mill workers', garment workers', is the list I hastily gleaned from a few of the latest papers.

It is the same across the water. A cable says, "Ask any one you meet how many strikes are now on in London, not to mention other towns in the United Kingdom, and he will throw up his hands." It mentions the barbers, who have been out since Christmas week. Numerous factory strikes also were mentioned, but especially the big railroad strike, which has so effectually tied up

traffic in that great city, that those who cannot walk to their work are glad to clamber upon and hang on to anything that has wheels. The war office mobilized over a thousand motor lorries along the principal routes of traffic to supplement the omnibuses. Two hundred and fifty thousand persons are thus freely carried each day to and from their work by military drivers.

Mr. John Spargo is quoted in the New York World as saying that America's greatest political need to-day "is a genuine, clean-cut labor party." William Randolph Hearst also is advocating such a movement, through his group of newspapers. Other agitators urge that all "hand-and-brain workers" organize just such a party. Human efforts may temporarily dam the ever increasing angry waters; but when at last the break comes, as long foretold in Habakkuk 2:5-8, there will be such "violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein" in the taking of "booties" as sober men have scarcely dreamed of.

While men are airing their opinions as to what they think will follow this war, let us remember that in the Holy Bible, God has for centuries foretold the exact truth as to the future. The utterances of holy seers have never been, and will never need to be, followed by apology or explanation. The apostle James has contributed to the "after the war" department of Holy Scripture; and in all Bible versions, his contribution is found in James 5:1-9:

"Come now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have

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## THE ANCESTRY OF JESUS

By WILLIAM P. PEARCE

TRACING the family pedigree is an interesting fad among certain people. To be remotely connected with a person of blood or fame is considered an honor. I recall the pleasure I found in tracing my ancestry through a book once placed in my hands. It showed that the Pearces were of royal Stuart blood, stated that John Pearce built the Mayflower, and that Captain William Pearce, on his fifth voyage to this country, brought the renowned Roger Williams. When I wrote to an English aunt for ancestral information, she replied that she thought I had enough to do without bothering about dead relatives.

An old Latin motto is, *Obsta principiis*—"Resist beginnings." But beginnings are interesting. The genealogy of Jesus is very remarkable, as it begins with the beginning. (John 1:1.) Confucius was born five centuries before Christ, and tradition says that he descended from Hang Ti, one of the early mythical rulers of China. But that is only tradition. Buddha was born six centuries before Jesus. His parents' names are given, but no record have we of his ancestry. Zoroaster began his career seven centuries before Jesus, but his ancestry lies hidden in obscurity. Not so with Jesus. Matthew begins his Gospel by tracing the family relationship of Jesus through forty-two generations—back to Abraham. This covers a period of nearly two thousand years. Luke goes back to Adam, and calls Jesus "the Son of Adam." Luke 3:38.

Matthew and Luke differ somewhat in their genealogical tables. Matthew deals with the legal line, through the genealogy of Joseph. (Matthew 1:16.) This was designed for the Jews. Luke deals with the natural line, through the genealogy of Mary. (Luke 3:30, 31.) This was intended for the gentiles. Both writers are correct. If any flaw had been found in these genealogies, the Jews of the first century would have quickly detected it, and used it as a weapon against the Christians.

Adam was the first man—the beginning of the human family. Jesus, as "the Son of Adam," is conceded to be the greatest of Adam's posterity. He towers above all in goodness in brilliancy. What Horace lightly said of Zeus, can be truthfully said of Jesus: "There is nothing like him, nothing next to him."

Matthew, coming up the genealogical line, says Jesus was "the Son of Abraham." (Matthew 1:1.) I say up, because in



Genesis the genealogies descend from Adam; but in the New Testament they ascend from Abraham to Christ. Abraham was the head of the covenant nation to whom the promise was given. (Genesis 22:18; 12:3.) Referring to this promise, Paul calls it "the gospel unto Abraham," saying, "And to thy seed, which is Christ." Galatians 3:8, 16. Summing up the Abrahamic relationship, he says, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Verse 29. This meaning of "Abraham" is "father of a multitude." Genesis 17:5. Abraham was a Hebrew. So was Jesus. He was born in the covenant, and His mission was to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Matthew 15:24.

But Matthew goes another step, and touches the royal relationship of Jesus. He was "The Son of David." Matthew 1:1. This title is often used in the Gospels. David was the founder of the royal line. (2 Samuel 7:13-16.) The angel informed Mary that God would "give unto Him the throne of His father David." Luke 1:32. As Son of David, Christ completes the Old and New Testaments. Malachi's prophecy of Christ's coming ends the Old Testament. Matthew's Gospel takes up the thread. It is God's last appeal to the Jews, written originally in Hebrew, and issued before the destruction of the great city. It can rightfully claim to be "the book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham."

Mark writes more specifically, and records the people as calling Jesus "the Son of Mary." Mark 6:3. Her genealogy is recorded in the third chapter of Luke. Undoubtedly she was of Davidic line. (Luke 1:30-32.) Eusebius tells us that a general impression prevailing of the coming Messiah, Domitian caused search to be made, and the only members of the Davidic family found, were of Mary's family. Like all others, she was but a woman; but unlike all others, she was "most highly favored and blessed among women" (Luke 1:28), because Jesus, whom Lord Kelvin called the "greatest discovery," was born of her. On Him our hopes depend, and in Him our destiny centers.

"The holy Child of promise,  
Light of all the world is He."





# EDITORIAL



## A WARNING IN 1909

IT was in the year 1909 that the late Mrs. E. G. White made the following significant statement,—a statement which at the time was published broadcast, and which is preserved in one of her books.

"The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. . . . The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. . . . Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming,—a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host cannot destroy them; for angels that excel in strength will protect them."

The foregoing statements were very different from those which the people of the world were generally making at that time. For instance, just previous to the outbreak of the war in 1914, the National Peace Council, the strongest organization of its kind in England, said through its secretary:

"War, the product of anarchy and fear, is passing away under the growing and persistent pressure of world organization, economic necessity, human intercourse, and that change of spirit, that social sense and newer aspect of world-life, which is the insistent note, the Zeitgeist of the age."

In line with the preceding form the secretary of the National Peace Council are the words from Dr. David Starr Jordan in the *World's Work* for June, 1912. Dr. Jordan, as president of Leland Stanford, Junior, University, and as a writer of many books, and as a lecturer in practically all the countries of the world, is one of the best known international characters in the field of education. He voiced the popular sentiment of the world in saying:

"War is dying. It dies because it cannot pay its way. It dies because, through the spread of education and the demands of commerce, no part of the civilized world can be suffered to engage in a life and death struggle with any other part. The nations are no longer separate entities, but each is a part in a unified whole, to which international war is mischievous and hateful. In our belief, whatever the apparent provocation of noisy speech or hectoring diplomacy, we shall never see another war among the great nations of Europe. There is too much at stake."

Even the most casual observer will readily recognize that the events of the last few years have shown that the people who were looking for and prophesying peace have been very remarkably mistaken; and at the same time, the utterances made by Mrs. White are directly and strikingly fulfilled in the events since those closing days of July, 1914. Mrs. White claimed to get her understanding of what was about to occur through the light of prophecy, as set forth and supported by the divine Word of God. The Bible was the one source and the one sure foundation to which all were called in order that the light which God causes to shine might be clearly seen and the deception of mere human reasoning be avoided.

On the other hand, thousands of the great and noted women of the world, guided largely by human reasoning, and by their own desires, were proclaiming that the world was too civilized, too highly commercialized, to engage in warfare. It was too much of a brotherhood to be ever again involved in war.

Human reasoning is not to be despised and set aside. Research and study are commendable when we have a proper guide. But human reasoning, unaided, is wholly inadequate to pierce the future. God alone has prophetic power. He alone is able to read the future as an open book; and we should be thankful that He has seen fit, through the Scriptures, to lift the veil from the future sufficiently that we may know the meaning of the events about us in the world to-day,

and how these events all point, with unmistakable accuracy, to the great consummation, the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven.

When Jesus was approaching the supreme climax and tragedy of Calvary, the record affirms that "from that time began Jesus to show unto His disciples, that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up." Matthew 16: 21. And when the Lord not only showed them His own sufferings, but told the disciples something of what they themselves would have to pass through, the record says that Jesus said to them, "Because I have spoken these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart." But the Lord did not leave His disciples or His church to sorrow and doubt. He gives us the unequivocal promise of His return to earth in mighty power to receive His waiting children.

"Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for



U. S. A. Official Belgian orphans and other children victims of the war are cared for by the American Red Cross. The Belgian queen has made a particular appeal to the American nation for these little ones who are suffering so much, and through no fault of their own.

you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know the way." John 14: 1-4. And again He affirmed, "The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then shall He render unto every man according to his deeds." Matthew 16: 27.

The Bible in general, and the New Testament in particular, is freighted with many rich promises similar to the foregoing, in regard to the second coming of Christ. Not only do we have promises of His return, but we have clear lines of prophecy which point unmistakably to the fact that the world to-day is treading along the verge of the end of the age—the supreme moment when Jesus will return to redeem His oft repeated promises.

The "alarms of wars" and the general strife in this time are indeed portentous. And the conditions of war and strife are only one among the many things that the Lord has given us as signs of His speedy return.

Are you studying these prophecies? Are they speaking to your soul? Are you resting in the hope and the ineffable joy of a soon-returning Saviour?

## HOW IS HE SPEAKING TO YOU?

NEARLY two thousand years ago, Jesus of Nazareth predicted that various calamitous conditions on earth would assume such proportions as to cause men's hearts to fail them for fear while they were looking at the conditions confronting them. The internal evidence of your own heart should lead you to know the truthfulness of the word of Jesus.

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# Modern John the Baptists

*Heralding a Kingdom of Permanent Peace*

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

conditions that now prevail in the earth. It not only tells men what they ought not to do, but it tells them what to do. It not only calls men to fight against this beast and his image, but it tells them how to get the victory. It does this in the expression "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

## THE CLIMAX OF THE REFORMATION

This final message of the gospel of Christ will so fully prepare those who receive it to meet God, that they are said to be "without fault before the throne of God." Revelation 14:5. Evidently, therefore, this message will contain all the truth of God. It is through the truth that the people of God are sanctified (John 17:17); and if those who accept this message come without fault before His throne, it will be because they have the full and complete truth of the gospel.

"This gospel of the kingdom," the message of the coming kingdom, will also "be preached in all the world for a wit-

vealed to it all the truths of the gospel, the truths which Satan so successfully hid under his great counterfeit system during the centuries of the Dark Ages. It will therefore not only preach the message that the Lord is soon to come, but it will also possess and teach the truth concerning the true God, the true Saviour, the true sanctuary, the true priesthood, the true law, and the true Sabbath.

The people, therefore, who deliver the final message of the gospel to the world, will believe in God the Father as the great King of the universe. They will also believe in His infinite love for all His creatures, and in His great plan for the salvation of sinners.

## BLUE PRINT AND SPECIFICATIONS

They will believe in and preach Christ as the only Saviour from sin. They will present Him to the world as the great sin-bearer for the human race, and will show that whereas He was in the image of God, He emptied Himself, and was made in the form of man, and then humbled Himself to die the death of the cross, thus linking the divine with the human.

They will believe and preach Christ as the only Mediator between God and man, that all blessings which have ever come from the hand of God to the human race have come through Him, and that through His mediation, the whole creation was brought into existence.

They will believe and preach Christ as the only true Advocate with the Father, offering His blood constantly in our behalf—our Intercessor, who presents for us the merits of His own sacrifice for sins.

They will believe and teach that the Bible is the only true, full, and complete revelation of the will of God to mankind; that it is the inspired and authoritative Word of the living God.

They will believe and teach that the Holy Spirit is the only true Vicegerent of the Son of God on earth, and will accept no other.

They will believe and teach the true gift of prophecy; that the gift of prophecy has been given to the church of Christ; that it is the authoritative and infallible voice of God to His people; and that this gift will be manifest among God's remnant people, to lead them in giving the last message of the gospel to the world.

They will believe and teach the truth regarding the sanctuary question,—the true sanctuary, "which the Lord pitched, and not man,"—the heavenly sanctuary, in which the Lord Jesus is our High Priest.

They will believe and teach the truth concerning the true sacrifice once offered on Calvary for the sins of the human race; and they will show that this one sacrifice for sins was sufficient for the salvation of the human race,

**B**EFORE the first coming of Christ, John the Baptist delivered to the Jewish nation the message of His coming. This message was based on the prophecies of the Bible, and was designed to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17.

Before the second coming of Christ, another message will be delivered to all the world, warning the people of the coming of Christ. This also will be based upon the prophecies of the Bible, and its acceptance will likewise make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

As God inspired the message that heralded Christ's first coming, so has He inspired the message that proclaims His second coming. It is found recorded in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation:

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. . . . And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud One sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle." Revelation 14:9-14.

In this message, there are five things that are worthy of special attention. They are: It warns against a certain beast, his image, and the reception of his mark; it leads to obedience to the commandments of God; it teaches the faith of Jesus; it develops patience in those who accept it; and it is the last message to be given the world before the second coming of the Son of man.

This message is given for this particular time, and to meet the special



*They have sent out hundreds of missionaries into heathen lands. In these lands, they have organized schools and training centers for native assistants. Above is the faculty of the Bible School at Soonan, Korea.*

ness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. That is, a people will be raised up, as was John the Baptist, who will take the message of the coming Saviour, and the fullness of the truth of the gospel, to all the world, before the second coming of Christ. And when they have completed this task—when they have warned the world, and given it the truth, and each individual in the world has either accepted or rejected the message—"then shall the end come."

This last church, which will be the full fruitage of the Reformation, will have re-



without the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass.

They will believe and teach the truth concerning the true priesthood of Christ, who was made a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek, and who, by offering Himself, interceding through His own blood in the heavenly sanctuary, is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him.

They will believe and teach the truth concerning the necessity of confessing our sins to the High Priest above, and not to any earthly priest.

They will believe and teach the truth concerning the fullness of the forgiveness of the sins which are confessed to this High Priest, and the completeness of His cleansing of the repentant sinner from all unrighteousness.

#### THE BIBLE THEIR PLAN BOOK

They will believe and teach the truth of Bible baptism; that it is a burial and a resurrection; that it typifies the complete death of "the old man" of sin, "the body of sin," and its burial, and then a resurrection to "walk in newness of life."

They will believe and teach the truth concerning the true communion, the Lord's Supper.

They will believe and teach the truth regarding the true law of God, which existed in the very beginning, which was given in thunder tones on Mount Sinai, and which is the perpetual standard of righteousness, the very foundation of the government of God.

They will believe and teach the truth regarding the true Sabbath, which was made by the Creator in Eden, and given to the human race as a perpetual memorial of the exercise of the creative power of God. They will discard the false and counterfeit sabbath, as they will also all the counterfeits of the false system, and observe only the true Sabbath of Jehovah, the seventh day.

They will teach the truth also of the nature of man, the state of the dead, the reward of the righteous, and the fate of the wicked, all of which have been perverted in the false system. Instead of preaching a purgatory or a conscious state of the dead, they will teach the truth of the Bible, that the dead are unconscious, that they "know not anything," that man is mortal, and that the time of rewards and punishments is not at death, but at the resurrection from the dead.

They will believe and teach that the "beast" of Revelation 14 is the papacy, and that the "image" is one of its right-hand supporters, and that the whole system is Satan's false gospel, to be brought to the full fruition of "deceivableness of unrighteousness" in these last days.

#### THE COUNTERFEIT UNIVERSALLY EXPOSED

Thus this people whom God chooses to deliver his final message of truth, will believe and teach every truth which has been counterfeited by the papacy, Satan's counterfeit of Christianity. The message which they will present to the world will obviously be the exact opposite of the teachings of the papacy in every part and detail; and therefore, when it is preached, it will constitute a great warning against "the beast and

his image," and against the reception of his mark.

Inasmuch as this last church of Christ is the exact opposite of the system which Satan has designed shall take the place of the gospel, it is not to be wondered at that "the dragon" makes special war against this remnant that "keep the commandments of God" and deliver the last message of God to the world. Revelation 12:17.

That this movement which stirs the wrath of the dragon is the same as that which gives the warning message against the beast and his image, as recorded in



"He is not here,  
He is risen."

THE hope of the world is in the second coming of Christ. And this blessed hope is being agitated throughout Christendom. Godly ministers of various denominations are preaching this great Scriptural doctrine to their churches, and earnest and devout people everywhere are asking concerning the question. In a recent number of the *Christian Advocate*, the Rev. Harry Dawson Mitchell, pastor of the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., contributes an able article on this question. He says:

"Many are asking the meaning of this marked revival. Some tell us it is the periodic 'flareup' which has always followed every national calamity or war, while others see in it a well financed propaganda in order to divert the church from her task in this period of reconstruction. In our opinion such explanations are not only unkind, but fail to explain the persistency of this inquiry. May I suggest three reasons for this marked revival of an old doctrine?

"1. It is due to the world's expectancy. We are told by church historians that just prior to the first advent of our Lord 'the world was on tiptoe of expectation.' They were looking for a great deliverer. The belief was prevalent that the time had come for a new order of affairs, and the then known world was looking for 'the coming one,' who would set all things right. It has always been admitted that the birth of Jesus, in Bethlehem, was the fulfillment of this expectation. This same expectancy is in the hearts of the multitudes of the earth to-day. The impression cannot be shaken off that we are again to have a new order of things. The cry of the whole world is for one who can right the wrongs and who can unravel the tangled religious skein. . . .

Revelation 14:12, is evident from the fact that they are described in almost identical terms. Read both Revelation 12:17 and Revelation 14:12. Those who give God's final message will be commandment keepers, and therefore will observe the seventh-day Sabbath.

This last message of the gospel, containing the full truth of God, will not be preached in a corner, to merely a few people, but will be taken to all the earth—"preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." When it has been taken to all the earth, Jesus will

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## A Renaissance in the Doctrine of the Second Coming

By George B. Thompson

"2. It is the soul hunger of people asserting itself. The soul must have the living bread; it cannot live on stones. It is the quiet but positive revolt against pagan scholasticism and destructive criticism in our schools of learning. It is the protest against the infidelity which denies the miraculous in the Bible and seeks to make diminutive the Son of God. The cry of the world's great heart is, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' The church is mourning for the absent Bridegroom, crying, 'If ye find my Beloved, tell Him I am sick of love.' She will not be satisfied with any substitute. The attempt may be made to divert her by the introduction of the revelry and minstrelsy of the world, but these will not comfort her. Nothing will satisfy her but the Bridegroom. The lamentation of the church is, 'Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.'

"3. It is the modern movement of the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous for any one to claim to know the 'mind of the Spirit'; but, knowing the mission of the Holy Spirit, we are safe in asserting that this movement, which exalts Christ, and which points to Him, is a movement of the Spirit of God. Like the great searchlight which illuminates the top of Washington's monument in the capital of the nation on the darkest night, so the Spirit of God, through this new awakening, amid all the materialism and German rationalism of this age, makes manifest the person of the Son of God. It revives 'the imperial hope' of the Old Testament, and points to 'the Kingship of Jesus' as foretold in the New Testament.

"The end of the revival is not in sight, but we must look for the increasing emphasis until 'He shall reign whose right it is.'"

How the heart of every true Christian should rejoice that this glorious hour, when our King will return, is fast approaching! It is a glorious day. It is the beacon light which has lightened the footsteps of God's waiting people through all ages. Their hope is soon to be revealed.



## Modern John the Baptists

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come the second time, and the great controversy between Christ and Satan will come to an eternal end.

It will be a matter of deep interest to the reader to learn that just such a people has been raised up as is described in this chapter as the remnant church, and that they are now engaged in the very work called for in the prophecy, that of taking the final and complete message of truth to all the world. It will also be of interest to know how far they have progressed in the work of preaching the last message of the gospel to all nations. We shall be able to gather some idea of how near the coming of Christ is, from the extent of the preaching of this final message; for when it is preached in all the world, the end is to come. If it has been taken to nearly all the world at this time, the end is very near at hand.

### THE SPROUTING OF A STURDY PLANT

About the year 1845, there came into existence in the New England States a movement which developed into the organization that is now being used of God to give His last message to the world, the message of warning against the "beast" and his image. A few people at that time, in studying the question of the sanctuary, came to the conclusion that men ought to obey the commandments of God, the Sabbath commandment with the others. They at once began the observance of the Sabbath. At the same time, they became profoundly impressed with the thought that God had commissioned them to bear to the world the message of the second coming of Christ. To this small people, God restored the gift of prophecy; and this gift ever since has been a great blessing to them.

Being inspired with an earnest missionary zeal at the very beginning, they began to teach the truths which God had revealed to them. Ere long some of their neighbors began the observance of the Sabbath. These told these truths to others, who told still others, until churches began to multiply, and conferences were organized. The message spread to the western states, and other churches and conferences came into existence. Missionaries were sent to California; and in a few years, there were hundreds of believers on the western coast. To-day there is not a state in the United States where they are not carrying forward their work of presenting the final message of the gospel. And this work has grown at a remarkable rate. They have approximately doubled their numbers every ten years since their origin. In 1850, they numbered approximately 1,500; in 1860, 3,000; in 1870, 6,000; in 1880, 12,000; in 1890, 25,000; in 1900, 50,000; and in 1910, more than 100,000.

In 1874, they sent out their first missionary to a foreign land, believing that God desired them to carry the message to the ends of the earth. Since this first missionary was sent out, more than forty years ago, they have practically covered the earth with their missionary operations. They have organized con-

ferences and churches throughout Europe, with more than 30,000 members. They have sent out hundreds of missionaries into heathen lands. They are working in China, Japan, Korea, Burma, the Philippines, the East Indies, the Pacific islands, Persia, Turkey, Siberia, in all the countries of Europe, in Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania, in Africa, and in South America. And their missionaries go out with the firm conviction that they are bearing the last message of God to a dying world. They are all working with but one purpose,—to take to all the earth, in a single generation, the last and the complete message of the gospel of Christ; and they believe, with all their hearts, that when this work has been completed, the end of all things will come.

### THIRTY THOUSAND IN TRAINING

During the growth of their work, they have established for the training of their

the message which they feel impelled to give to the world.

They have also established scores of sanitariums for the treatment of the sick. These sanitariums are scattered over all the earth.

Because of the two characteristic features of the message they teach,—the keeping of the commandments of God, and belief in the second coming of Christ,—this body of people has come to be known by the name "Seventh-day Adventists,"—"Seventh-day," because they keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, the true instead of the false Sabbath; and "Adventists," because they proclaim the second advent, or coming, of Christ.

After studying this movement and its message for years, with the time of its arising, the fact that it followed the churches of the Reformation, and has gone beyond them in advanced light, observing that it is in very truth delivering to the world the message of the coming of Christ, that it meets all the specifications of various prophecies regarding the last movement of the gospel, that it teaches the observance of the Ten Commandments in fulfillment of these same prophecies, that it teaches Sabbath keeping, that it is the very opposite of the papacy in every part and detail, that it is preaching the warning message against the "beast" and his image, and that all the fundamental truths of the gospel of Christ are contained in its message, the writer has no hesitation in confessing his profound conviction that this movement is in very deed and truth what it purports to be, the final work of the gospel among men.

### SATAN WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL

Having swept all the world into one deception or another, having turned the truth of God into a lie, and having succeeded in getting men to believe that lie, Satan, in his last attempt against the church of Christ, will seek to destroy from among men this remnant church of Christ, which carries the banner of truth to the world. He will bend all the energies of his master mind to the work of bringing these servants of God to destruction, and with them the truth which they bear to the world. He knows that he has but a short time in which to work. The controversy between him and God, which began in heaven, is fast closing, and he realizes that what he does he must do quickly. He is determined to banish from the earth the truth of God and also the people of God. "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17.

The time of the coming of Christ is near at hand. We may doubt it, dispute it, deny it now; but at that time, we shall be compelled to meet it. Can you meet it with composure? Do you tremble when you think of it? Are you ready for that day? Are you in Christ? Are you safe? Have you obeyed God? Have you heard the great final message of the gospel, the third angel's message? It

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When this first woman traffic officer of the United States says "Stop!" to vehicles of Washington, D. C., they dare not move, for she carries dignity of command that is absolute. When she signals "Go!" they dare not tarry. Jehovah also has traffic signals for those who pursue the narrow way to a life eternal.

young people and children more than fourscore colleges, academies, and similar schools, and more than seven hundred lower schools. In these educational institutions, they are training about thirty thousand children and young people in the principles of the third angel's message, and many of them are definitely preparing themselves for service in the proclamation of that message.

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"Hands on hips. Bend as far as possible to right, then to left, then to position."

# Constipation, a Menace to Health

*An Ailment Which Medicines Will Not Cure*

By GEORGE H. HEALD, M. D.

ONE of the most common ailments of modern life is habitual constipation. It is not a disease in the sense in which typhoid fever and malaria are diseases, but is a condition, manifested by a familiar train of symptoms.

Contrary to the loud preachments of some prominent medical men who may happen to be interested in the sale of certain laxatives, one cannot define constipation entirely by the frequency or infrequency of the movements. For instance, it is not true that one who fails to have a movement after each meal is constipated, neither is it true that one who does not have a movement every day is necessarily constipated. One might as well attempt to standardize the human being as red-headed, blue-eyed, five-feet-seven in height, and weighing 140 pounds, and call everything else abnormal. Black hair is as normal as red, and brown eyes are as normal as blue, and five-foot-three or five-foot-ten is as normal as five-foot-seven.

Some persons enjoy perfect health with one movement a day or less. Others seem to be disturbed if they do not have three daily movements. When Horace Fletcher began his experiments in prolonged mastication and light eating, he noticed that he would not have a movement for several days,—there was so little residue in his food,—but when he did have one, it was entirely inoffensive, much more so than that before his new régime.

## CONSTIPATION A RESULT OF CIVILIZATION

Constipation is a condition incident to modern civilization, and has its chief factors in sedentary habits, use of refined foods, and business or social arrangements which often cause one to neglect nature's calls, until the bowel finally becomes tolerant of the fecal mass, and no longer makes protest. The use of tea, with its large proportion of tannin, is a frequent cause of constipation. We can in part blame for this malady the milling companies, which rob us of our cellulose; the trolley and motor cars, which rob us of our morning walks; and the business and social conventions, which cause us to delay answering nature's call; and we can blame ourselves for the rest. Continued procrastination leads to obstinate constipation. Perhaps in most cases, this is the prime cause; and often it goes away back into school life, when the schoolboy or the school-girl hesitates to ask to be excused from the room, or when some teacher ignorant of the first principles of physiology refuses to grant the request.

Constipation may be manifested by a dryness and hardening of the feces, or by an insensitiveness of the intestinal wall, which is too much deadened to move the mass forward. But this is not the only condition. Not infrequently the bowel is in a spastic, or overactive condition, so that it cramps or closes down in a spasm on the contents. In this latter case, the movements are not well formed, are unusually small, or in some cases are passed only when the bowel contents are liquified by an enema or some other measure. In these cases, there may be alternate constipation and diarrhea, accompanied by more or less griping, the result of spasm.

Constipation may also be a manifestation of a faulty surgical condition, such as stricture of the bowel, new growth, or pressure from some other organ. Such conditions may require the attention of a surgeon; and in any case, an X ray examination is advisable.

But there are many cases of constipation which are the result of insufficient exercise, of faulty eating, of irregularity, or neglect in the matter of nature's



"Arms sidewise stretch, palms down. Twist as far as possible to right, to left, to position. Repeat."

calls; and such can be corrected without other means than are suggested in this article.

For those whose constipation is the result of wrong habits of living, the following suggestions are made:

**Exercise.**—Do less riding and more walking. Bring into more vigorous exercise the muscles around the hips.

1. In your room, practice forward bending, something as follows:

- a. Stand firmly, arms at side.
- b. Tiptoes; arms upward stretching vigorously.
- c. Bend forward at hips (not at knees) till fingers touch floor.
- d. Same as b.
- e. Same as a.

Repeat 5, 10, 15, or 20 times, according to your strength, but do not exhaust yourself.

2. Side bending. Hands on hips. Bend as far as possible to right, then to

left, then to position. Repeat 5, 10, 15, or 20 times.

3. Side twisting. Arms sidewise stretch, palms down. Twist as far as possible to right, to left, to position. Repeat as above.

4. Lying on lounge or floor. Hands stretched beyond head. Come suddenly to sitting position, with hands stretched forward. Repeat.

5. Leg raising. Lying on lounge or floor, without bending knees, raise alternately the right and the left leg as high as possible for a short time, then both together.

6. Thigh flexions. Same position, bending at hip and knee, draw the knee upward as far as possible, first alternately, then both together.

7. Rowing a boat is excellent exercise for the abdominal muscles.

**Massage** of the abdomen may be performed on one's self by means of a "cannon ball" weighing about six pounds, covered with leather, which can be rolled circularly around the abdomen while one is lying on the back. The ball should follow approximately the course of the large bowel. Starting in the right groin, move upward, then across to left, then down to left groin, then to point of starting. Continue five minutes.

**Diet.**—This applies to those who are not subject to spastic constipation, accompanied by cramps and griping, with small, poorly formed stools. Use no white bread, or white rice, or milled corn meal or cereals, or cheese, or other foods with little or no residue. Especially avoid tea. Use either Graham or bran bread, bran rolls, brown rice, unmilled cereals, and an abundance of vegetables rich in cellulose, such as cabbage, lettuce, spinach, turnips, and carrots. Fruits generally are laxative. Use apples or oranges freely before breakfast, and take with the meal such fruits as stewed prunes, figs, and dates. Drink freely of water.

**Mechanical Laxatives.**—If the foods do not produce the desired result, it is well to use agar, such as is furnished in bacteriological laboratory supply houses. Or proprietary preparations may be obtained in cartons at the drug stores. The agar, finely chopped, may be eaten dry on some food, as mush. It gradually absorbs water, and makes a bulky mass that stimulates gentle bowel action. Mineral oil also is useful in supplementing the effect of laxative food. This is now put up in convenient form by the various petroleum companies, and can be obtained at the drug stores.

Probably the most important measure in the cure of habitual constipation is the establishment of a regular habit. Having followed the directions for exercise, massage, diet, and laxative measures, the patient should select some time that will be free from interruption. It should be after some meal, preferably breakfast. The first attempt may not be successful. Then it might be well to have recourse to an enema. Mean-



time, continue the laxative diet, the abdominal and other exercises, and abdominal massage, and if necessary, add a little laxative in the form of cascara; but in any case, go regularly to the toilet and wait. If the mind is set on securing regularity, the function will in time return, perhaps a little irregularly at first, but persistence will in the end establish a regular habit.

If, after all these measures, constipation is still persistent, it is probably a case that requires surgical interference, or at least the assistance of a physician. There should be a thorough examination of the bowel function, including an X ray examination.

### Is Clemenceau a Prophet?

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poor man asking alms on the street corner. The only difference is one of position.

By nature, men are selfish; and selfishness is responsible for war. It precipitated war in heaven. "Lucifer, son of the morning," said in his heart: "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . . I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13,14. Selfishness and self-seeking have been responsible for every war since. To abolish war, human nature must be changed. This is an individual experience, and can be brought about only through the grace of God. The peace obtained through alliances always has been, and always will be, so long as the principle of selfishness reigns in human hearts, merely a truce for greater military preparations. History sustains this assertion.

#### ALLIANCES ONLY A CRUTCH

In the Napoleonic wars, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, and Russia were allies, and France was their enemy. In the Crimean War, Great Britain, France, and Turkey were allies, and Russia, the former ally of Great Britain, was the enemy. In 1905, Japan and Russia, allies in this war, were enemies. At the beginning of this war, Italy was the avowed ally of the central powers. Until recently, France and Great Britain were unfriendly. What a medley! With such a record, it is not surprising that nations have lost faith in each other.

In referring to the kingdoms of Europe, the prophet Daniel, centuries ago, in interpreting the world-power dream and aspiration of Nebuchadnezzar, said, "They shall not cleave one to another" (Daniel 2:43), and that no reliance can be placed in alliances. The prophet Isaiah, referring to the time of the end and these same nations, said, "Give ear, all ye of far countries; . . . take counsel together, and it shall come to naught;

speak the word, and it shall not stand." Isaiah 8:9, 10. So long as sin reigns in human hearts, peace is impossible; for "the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." There can be nothing but ferment so long as sin exists.

## LITTLE FOXES



VERY few people, comparatively, will be lost because of what are termed the "more grievous sins,"—murder, adultery, theft, idolatry, *et cetera*. We quite generally shrink from these hideous deeds, and denounce the doers of them in strong, uncompromising terms.

At the same time, in many lives are found evidences of anything but the indwelling meek and lowly Christ. Such manifestations as ill temper, intemperance, jealousy, pride, love of pleasure, talebearing, evil surmising, and the like, are lightly passed over—often with the apology that they are mere outbursts of the weakness of the flesh. "Small sins" they are called; but how they darken the life and cause us trouble and heartache! How we have longed to bring them into subjection!

Doubtless this is what Solomon meant in Canticles 2:15, when he said, "Take us the foxes [hold or bring into captivity], the little foxes, that spoil the vines"—the vines upon which the fruits of the Spirit should grow in our Christian lives. The foxes are typical of those "minor faults" that are often found instead of the graces of Christ which should be revealed in His followers.

In looking through an old scrapbook some time ago, I found the following, which is quite to the point:

"The fruits of the Spirit are 'love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.' Galatians 5:22, 23.

"The little fox 'selfishness' will spoil the fruit 'love.'

"The little fox 'discontent' will spoil the fruit 'joy.'

"The little fox 'anxious thought' will spoil the fruit 'peace.'

"The little fox 'impatience' will spoil the fruit 'long-suffering.'

"The little fox 'a hasty word' will spoil the fruit 'gentleness.'

"The little fox 'indolence' will spoil the fruit 'goodness.'

"The little fox 'doubt' will spoil the fruit 'faith.'

"The little fox 'pride' will spoil the fruit 'meekness.'

"The little fox 'love of pleasure' will spoil the fruit 'temperance.'"

JOHN W. CHRISTIAN.

"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isaiah 57:20, 21.

We certainly have reached the time predicted by Christ. In answer to the question, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" He said: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

To comfort believers at such a time, He added, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:25-28.

### Will Capital and Labor Forgive and Make Up?

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lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; ye have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned, ye have killed the righteous one; he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand." A. R. V.

These very world-wide conditions announce, in trumpet tones, that the second personal coming of Jesus Christ with power and great glory is near. The capital and labor trouble will not be settled until that time, and then it will be settled once and for all. Then all sinners, whether rich or poor, will be absolutely rooted out of the earth; and in the new earth, "wherein dwelleth righteousness," the redeemed of all the ages will find an eternal, happy home. "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Revelation 21:4), and "affliction shall not rise up the second time." Nahum 1:9.

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has been sent to you—through this article, if in no other way—that it may prepare your heart to meet God. Have you brought your life into harmony with it, and thus permitted the Lord to prepare you to meet Him in peace? If not, let me plead with you to seek the Lord while He may be found. Before the door of mercy is shut, and while probation still lingers, believe the message He has sent to you, and give Him your heart.

**RENASCENT!** The one bright spot in all the abysmal scene which surrounds our position in the world to-day, speaking in a spiritual and ethical sense, is the great renaissance of Catholic religion which has swept over the Old World as the bodies of the myriads who have fallen victims to autocracy were being swept into the pits that war has dug for their mangled remains. It is wonderful.—*Catholic Standard and Times*.



## THE SANCTUARIES OF JEHOVAH

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raise up all who are worthy at the last day. Jesus said: John 6:49-58 "This is that bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead." "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." Let us be thankful for Christ as the manna, sustaining our physical being and extending our opportunities for salvation. But let us not be satisfied with this; let us be sure that we are partaking of Him as the bread of God's presence in our hearts day by day.

The seven-branched candlestick, which stood on the south side, opposite the table of shewbread, was made of one piece of gold, and was not molded, but was beaten into form. It had three branches on each side; and the seven lamps, or flames, on the seven branches, were to be kept burning continually, night and day. The care of the lamps was intrusted to Aaron, the high priest; and he was to trim them, and see that they were kept burning. It was the duty of Eleazar to see that the supply of oil was kept up.

## THE CANDLESTICK A SYMBOL OF THE CHURCH

John the revelator, in his view of the heavenly sanctuary, saw the antitype of this seven-branched candlestick, and stated that it represents the seven churches, while its seven flames represent the Spirit of God. Since the number seven denotes completeness, or fullness, we must conclude that this candlestick, with its flames, was a symbol of all the people of God in all their varied experiences, and of all the manifestations of the Spirit of God through them, as the light of the world.

When Jesus was here personally, He was the Light of the world, because He was baptized with the Spirit of God; but when He left the earth, He promised the baptism of the Holy Spirit to His people, and said to them, "Ye are the light of the world." The fact that the candlestick was of beaten work indicates the tribulation which purifies the church so that through them the Spirit of God may give light to the world.

John 8:12  
Matt. 5:14

## What Is Sin?

HOLY writers of the Bible call attention of those who live near Christ's return, to God's own definition of sin. "We know," says John, "that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him. . . . Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:2, 4.

In these remarkable and forceful words, the Holy Spirit warns all who live near the close of time that he who violates one of the ten precepts is guilty in the presence of God.

Because of sin, Lucifer, that mighty leader of the heavenly host, was hurled from the divine presence, and a third of the angels with him. Will not the Lord do likewise with men and women who persist in rebellion? Every violator of the Decalogue ought to ponder over this question. God never changes. Sin is still "the transgression of the law." Every command is binding. The setting aside, by human authority, of the sacred precepts, has given rise to myriad springs of evil, to discord, hatred, and iniquity, until the earth is fast becoming one vast field of strife, one foul sink of corruption.

Soon Christ will lay aside His priestly robes of mercy, lay down His censor, and put on the crown. Soon He will cease to pardon iniquity. Then the guilty inhabitants of earth will learn that by trampling beneath their feet the law of God, they have rebelled against its Author, and rejected Christ, their Life-giver.

DANIEL A. PARSONS.

The altar of incense, immediately in front of the second veil, was made of acacia wood, one cubit square and two cubits high. It was overlaid with gold, and had a beautiful

Ex. 30:1-10 crown of gold around its edge, and a golden horn upon each corner. Upon it was burned incense every morning and evening; also the frankincense scraped from the shewbread on the Sabbath day. This incense was made of aromatic herbs, the rarest and sweetest scented known to that time. In burning, it gave off a most pleasing odor, and the smoke of it ascended up before the presence of God, which was manifest in the earthly sanctuary. From this altar, on the Day of Atonement, burning incense was taken and placed upon the golden censer by the high priest, who then used it to fill the holy of holies with the same sweet fragrance, before he entered that apartment.

Incense represents prayer; hence this altar, with its continual service, represents the constant intercession of Christ as He pleads for all the human race, and presents His merits in their behalf. Thus in these two altars, the altar of burnt offering and the altar of incense, we have represented a continual service of both atonement and intercession. The atonement brings to us temporary forgiveness of sin, and covers all sins of ignorance; and the intercession, mingled

Rom. 8:26 with our own defective prayers, fills them with "groanings" which we cannot utter, while the combined work represented by both altars, extends probationary time until the final Day of Atonement.

## HOW IS HE SPEAKING TO YOU?

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By His Spirit, He speaks to the heart through the written Word of God. But when we fail to heed this voice, He then speaks to our souls through calamities, through judgments, and through various distresses that are coming upon the earth.

God loves us, and He is in earnest in seeking our salvation. Will we turn to Him, or will we allow our hearts to become so hardened that the divine Spirit can no longer impress or influence us?

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## May Other Worlds Be Reached?

SIR OLIVER LODGE, the principal of the university at Birmingham, announces his retirement in July, and says that he will devote the remainder of his life to the study of "the problems of the ether of space, in both its physical and psychical relations." An editorial writer, speaking of the study of the ether that surrounds us in space, believes that ere long we may establish a medium through which we may be communicating with Mars and other neighboring planets.

When Jesus was here in person, He said to the Jews, "Whither I go, ye cannot come." And on another occasion, speaking to His disciples, He said: "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say unto you." John 13: 33. Peter asked the Lord, "Whither goest Thou?" And Jesus answered, "Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow afterwards." John 13: 36.

"Thou shalt follow afterwards" is a great promise. And Jesus made that promise still more emphatic, as follows: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 2, 3. It is at Jesus' coming that the promise will be fulfilled that those who have accepted His salvation may be with Him. But until that time, all the inhabitants of the earth are consigned to this planet. Because of sin, they are quarantined here, so to speak; but when Christ comes, and the quarantine is lifted, then, and not till then, will humanity communicate with the other worlds through "the ether of space" out beyond us.

It is a normal and natural instinct for man to wish to communicate with the

worlds about us; and one of the greatest possibilities for deception lies in the fact that spiritualism, of which Sir Oliver Lodge is a great student, is claiming to put us in touch with those who have died and with the worlds out beyond.

He who strictly follows the teachings of the Bible knows very well what spiritualism really is. The fallen spirits, headed by Satan, and not the spirits of our dead friends, are the ones that communicate through the so-called "psychics," or spirit mediums. And we need not be at all surprised if, through some of the great manifestations of Satan that lie just before us, and which the Bible abundantly warns us against, there should be the claim that an individual has actually visited us from another planet. But if we believe in and are constantly seeking for the close guidance of the divine Word, and if we are intimately acquainted with the God of that Word, there is no danger that we will fall under such silly delusions.

## "The Inter-Church World Movement"

"THE Inter-Church World Movement" is one of the leading topics scheduled to be considered by the North Baptist Convention, called at the Municipal Auditorium, Denver, Colorado, May 21 to 28. No question in modern times has engaged the attention of church people more strongly than this "Inter-Church Movement."

God calls for unity in His church. The Bible has much to say upon "the unity of the faith." But the Bible also seems quite clear in its teachings that this "unity of the faith" is to be brought about by the study of the divine Word, and by the influence of the Spirit of God acting upon the hearts of men through that Word.

No one will deny that the ideals of an "Inter-Church Movement" upon the part

of Christian people would appear to be very desirable. And on the other hand, we must not fail to heed the warnings of history which point to the regrettable things that were brought about through popular church councils outwardly seeking for unity and concerted action.

Any unity or concerted action that may be secured by persuasion and preaching will be recognized as coming properly within the realm of the individual or groups of individuals. But no spirit that ever takes possession of man is more intolerant than the spirit of religion when it is so misguided as to make the other man's religion a crime. Christian people in this great land of free America must stand unitedly for the principles of liberty, and there never was a time in our history when we more needed to do this than to-day.

There are untold possibilities in large federations of religious men and women; and history shows that these possibilities are even greater in the field of oppression and tyranny than they are in the direction of any good that may be accomplished.

## Would Raise Six Million

OUR brethren of the Baptist persuasion are making big plans for extending their work; and among their aggressive operations is that of a drive to raise \$6,000,000 this year for the purpose of rebuilding the destroyed Baptist churches of France and Belgium, rehabilitating their religious work in other sections of devastated Europe, aiding returning soldiers, and entering the open doors occasioned by the world war.

This \$6,000,000 fund will mean an increase of nearly \$4,000,000 over the past yearly apportionment for similar work. Certainly this is not too great a sum for the millions of Baptists in this country to raise, and we trust that they may be more than successful in their endeavors.



GROUP OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSIONARIES SAILING FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ON THE STEAMER SANTA CRUZ, FOR THE ORIENT, ON APRIL 1, 1919. From left to right: M. Belle Shryock, returning to India from furlough in this country. She has previously spent five years in labors in that field. Elenora Reid, who has spent several years in India with Pastor and Mrs. Dr. Wood, and is returning to India after her furlough in this country. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Denoyer, returning to Burma. Mrs. Denoyer was formerly Miss Gibbs. Pastor George F. Enoch, returning to India after five years spent in this country under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board in helping to arouse sentiment in favor of missions. A. E. Iverson and wife, from the Southeastern Union Office at Atlanta, Georgia. He goes to Singapore to act as secretary and treasurer of the Malaysian field. R. A. Hubley and wife, with their baby daughter, from the Eastern Canadian Conference, going to Calcutta, India. Brother H. J. Jewell, who also sailed with this company, unfortunately was not present when the picture was taken. This is but one of numerous similar groups that the Seventh-day Adventist people have sent out to the Orient in recent months.