

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

THE WORLD'S PROPHECY WEEKLY

FOUNDED 1874

Vol. 66, No. 45



See page 5

November 14, 1939



the flight of TIME



WHENCE SHALL
SALVATION COME?

IN A recent issue of the *Christian Century* the editor raised this question: "What power is there which can rescue that blood-drenched continent [of Europe] from the vicious cycle of double-dealing, attack and counterattack, tyranny, revenge, and fostered hatreds?"

Evidently unable to answer the question himself, he directed this challenge to the churches: "If the churches have an answer for that question, which millions in their despair are asking, this is the hour of all hours in human history for them to speak out with the voice of prophecy."

It is a perfectly proper challenge. The churches should have an answer, and

they should speak it out "with the voice of prophecy."

What is that answer?

There is a solution to Europe's problems. There is a way out of its "vicious cycle of double-dealing," of hatred and revenge. But it is not a way of man's devising. It is not by planning some new League of Nations, some modernized World Court, some grandiose United States of Europe. Alluring as such plans may be to some, they are foredoomed to failure. They cannot succeed, for there is no solid, enduring foundation of good will, friendliness, and Christian character on which to build them.

Then what can be done?

INTERNATIONAL
Off to the war. This scene from an English village is typical of what is taking place all over the world today. Millions of men are waving farewell to their womenfolk. How many will return?

Preach the gospel? That has been tried for nineteen centuries. No continent has had such large and ample opportunity to know and understand and embrace the gospel as has Europe. If not actually the birthplace, it was certainly the cradle of Christianity, and through century after century Christian preachers and teachers have borne their witness. It was in Europe that the Reformation began, that the Bible was first printed and so widely scattered; and there that most of the great missionary societies of the nineteenth century were born.

No doubt a further preaching of the gospel would help in some degree. It might even lead to phenomenal revivals here and there. It might, and no doubt would, bring many a hardened sinner to the foot of the cross. Yet we do not believe that it would meet with that universal response that would be necessary to a vital change for the better in the course of Europe's history.

Well, if the gospel cannot save Europe, what then?

Even so God is not at a loss. There is yet one way. Prophecy reveals it, and "with the voice of prophecy" it should be proclaimed.

Jesus Himself mentioned it in the familiar words: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

After the preaching, the end. He did not say that all the world would be converted, or that all the world would grad-

SIGNS of the TIMES

Belgium, though neutral, is fully prepared for war. King Leopold is here seen making a tour of inspection of the defenses on the frontier.



ually come under one central, benevolent government, or that all nations would at last resign their sovereignty to some league, or court, or conference. No. After the world-wide preaching of the gospel should be accomplished, He said, then the end would come. The end of Europe, of course, and the end of the world itself.

In this same discourse Jesus went on to describe the state of affairs that would prevail when the preaching of the gospel would be almost over. It would not be a time of peace, prosperity, and mutual understanding among the nations, but rather a time of "distress" and "perplexity" with "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:25, 26.

"Then," He said, "shall they see. . . ." See what? A new Europe? A new peace conference? A new Versailles? A new Geneva? A new world?

No. "Then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Verse 27.

No more tremendous declaration has ever been made to humanity; for it involves the sudden cessation of all earthly activities as we know them now and a complete change in the course of events, political, social, and international. It means nothing less than a divine intervention in human affairs on a scale hitherto unknown and unimagined.

After it has happened, there will be no more Europe to worry about. All the frontiers will be wiped out, with their Siegfried and Maginot lines, their balloon barrages and their antitank defenses. There will be no more Hitlers, no more Stalins, no more Mussolinis. And no more dread bulletins broadcast from Berlin, Moscow, or Rome. No more stories of submarines and sinking ships, no more frightful pictures of blasted homes and burning cities. It will all be over—then.

It is God's way of settling the problem.

There is no other.

And remember, Jesus also added: "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:33.



THE FROZEN HORSES

IN DAYS to come it may well be recognized that the most important event of 1939 was not the outbreak of war, or the announcement of some new alliance between nations, but a strange discovery in a lonely, desolate region of the Altai Mountains of Siberia.

There, fifty feet below the frozen surface of the earth, Professor Gryaznov of

OUR COVER PICTURE

The destructive power of the submarine is again being demonstrated in the present war, thousands of tons of shipping having already been sent to the bottom by this means. On our cover this week is shown the U. S. submarine "Sargo" passing under the Manhattan Bridge.

International.

the Soviet Academy of Science of Eternal Frost suddenly penetrated a cave-like opening and beheld to his utter astonishment ten sorrel horses staring at him, all saddled and bridled, ready for a journey they never took.

According to Harold O. Whitnall, Professor of Geology of Colgate University, "they were not skeletons, but flesh and blood horses, with every hair of their coats intact, even their eyes, the blood in their veins and the half digested remains of their last meal still in their stomachs."

Here indeed is a challenge to the scientists, the geologists, the evolutionists. Whence came these horses? How long have they been standing there in that far-off subterranean stable?

We have all heard, of course, of the frozen mammoths of Siberia—and the efforts of evolutionists to date them back several hundred thousand years. But what are the evolutionists going to do with these horses?

The worst of it, so far as they are concerned, is the fact that these seem to be perfectly normal horses. There is no suggestion that they possess any abnormal features whatsoever, either in their hoofs or in their heads. None of them has been reported to be in any recognizable phase of the evolution process. So that if, as has been announced, they met their death in some sudden catastrophe ten thousand, or twenty thousand, or thirty thousand years ago,—there does not seem to be any unanimity of opinion as yet on the matter of time,—then at

least that number of millenniums ago horses must have already "evolved" to their present form and stature.

But the most damaging evidence against the whole evolution doctrine in this case is that these horses are all saddled and bridled, and moreover, all their equipment is such that it was obviously manufactured by "a race of high-grade artists and artisans." And that, if you please, at a time when supposedly only the wildest and most animal-like cave men were roaming about the earth!

This discovery, the most astounding of its kind in history, is in fact but one more overwhelming proof of the unsoundness of popular geology and the complete falsity of the whole evolution theory.

What is the true explanation of the frozen horses? We believe it is to be found in the ancient Bible record of creation and the Flood. Space forbids our going into further detail at this juncture, but we have asked Mr. Benjamin Franklin Allen, one of the best authorities on Flood geology in the country, to deal with the subject fully in an early issue of the *Signs of the Times*.



IS RELIGION BANKRUPT?

CERTAIN so-called "freethinkers" issued a statement not long ago ascribing all our present world troubles to the failure of religion.

"Violence and brutality," they said, "are attempting to replace tolerance and persuasion. The lack of morality has assumed proportions which indicate the degradation of character. The claim of religions, based on belief in the supernatural, to regenerate the world, are proving a complete failure. Everything indicates the bankruptcy of the religious system."

(Continued on page 7)

The tragedy of Poland. Nearly 700,000 prisoners like these fell into the hands of the German invaders.

International.



YOUTH ADrift



LAMBERT

RUSHING past me as fast as he could run, one of my neighbors recently dashed to his car and sped off down the road. Others were riding or running in the same direction. "Where are you going?" I shouted at one of them.

"To the fire!" he replied. "The school building is on fire!"

Usually when people rush anywhere at such a high speed they know where they are going—but not always.

Yesterday I had the experience of stopping at random about twenty young people, all strangers to me, between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five, not one of whom knew where he was going. In fact, only two had given the matter of his destination any thought whatsoever. I endeavored in questioning them to find out what young people are thinking about today in their spare time, and what their plans are for the future. Here are their answers:

A. "I have never given the future a thought. I never read the Bible or go to church any more. I guess I think about dancing or sports more than about anything else when I am not reading. I read Western story magazines and the funnies mostly. This fall I am going to join

What Young People Are Thinking Today. More Amazing Revelations

by

MURL VANCE

the CCC. I do not know what I shall do when I get older. I do not know whether or not I am accountable to God for my conduct. Much of my thinking, I must confess, is along immoral lines."

B. "My chief interest is in sports. I never attend church or read the Bible—I do not like to read. If war comes, I'll go; and, if I get killed, I don't know what will happen after that. I've never given the future any thought, and don't know what I think about in my spare time."

C. "I spend most of my spare time thinking about how to make a better living, though I let down very often and go out for a good time, either at dinner, a dance, or the movies. I have never given the future a thought, and don't know anything about it—the present is more than I can take care of. I work night and day, and still cannot make a

decent living. I never go to church or read the Bible, though I used to. I am absolutely not accountable to God for my conduct, or to anyone else. I don't believe God has anything to do with this world, or with what we do in it. It is nobody else's business what I do. We are living in too fast an age to have time for the things our grandfathers used to be interested in."

D. "My main interest is in music. I go to dances mainly to listen, not to dance. I expect to be a player in a jazz dance orchestra someday. I have never given the future world a thought, and don't know anything about it. I never read the Bible or attend church."

E. "Movies are my chief form of diversion; yes, and reading. Because of a physical infirmity I am, unfortunately, unable to dance. I have never thought about the future or what happens after death; but I do believe we are accountable to God for our conduct. I read the Bible some, and go to church quite regularly."

F. "I don't care to talk about the future or what I think about in my spare time. I'm not interested in the subject."

(Continued on page 12)

The War Crisis and Beyond

Where Are We Going?

by

G. W. WELLS

AGAIN the European nations are engaged in deadly conflict, and no one is wise enough to forecast the outcome. Thrones are tottering, governments and institutions that appeared stable are being undermined.

At a time like this no greater mistake can be made by Christian people than that of neglecting to take seriously and to study earnestly the prophetic utterances of God's word. We need to bear in mind that God inspired the prophets to write, and we should turn to God's word as never before, and seek counsel of Him "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3.

The perplexities of the human family are all as an open book to God. This whole situation we face today is but the fulfillment of divine prophecy. Long ago God outlined in His word the program that both people and nations would follow, and today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of the last great crisis. Indeed, the Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things and tells us where we are in history, and what we may expect in the near future.

Christ's disciples on one occasion asked Him concerning His return, and He gave much careful instruction on this point. Earnestly warning them against deception, He gave them specific signs that would precede that important event, adding, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:33.

"Nation shall rise against nation," said Christ, "and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Verse 7. We see His words fulfilled.

With prophetic eye the Master Teacher traced the scenes to take place in the last generation. He knew that the final crisis would steal gradually upon the world, and He earnestly warned us, lest that day come upon us unawares. "If, therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3.

To all who make this earth their one interest, the day of the Lord will come as a thief. Said Christ: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21:34.

Because we know not the hour of His coming, we are commanded to watch. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching." Luke 12:37. Those who watch for this blessed event are not to wait in idle expectancy. Their zeal is to be quickened to co-operate with divine agencies in working for others. Expectation of Christ's coming should lead men to fear God and His judgments, to turn away from sin, and to love righteousness.

God's message for the inhabitants of earth today is: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. The conditions that prevail in national and international affairs, the uncertainty and fear that have gripped mankind today, are astounding. Christ said there would be "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:25, 26. He also said: "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matthew 24:12. The corruption and wickedness in all the cities of the world no pen can describe. Every day brings heartsickening revelations. In many places today there is strife and violence, indifference to human suffering, and destruction of human life and property.

All this proclaims in loud tones that the hour of God's judgment is at hand

and the end of all things earthly is near. "Behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Isaiah 26:21. Only those will stand who respond to the divine invitation to become sanctified through obedience to Christ.

The Saviour, speaking of "these things," said that when they "begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

Well may we rejoice that this glorious event is near, that soon the Lord will appear in all His glory. With living interest we may study the delineations of divine prophecy. They make clear the fact that we are living amid the closing scenes of earth's history, and that "these things" which are now coming to pass are events for which the faithful of all ages have watched and waited, longed and prayed.

Soon the battles of time will be over. Soon we shall see Him in whom our hope of eternal life is centered; and in His presence there will be pleasures forevermore. Let us look up, and lift up our heads and rejoice. He who died that we might live is coming again. He is coming in glory. He is coming soon. We must cherish and cultivate the faith of which prophets and apostles have testified—the faith that lays hold on the promises of God, and waits for deliverance in His appointed time and way. The sure word of prophecy will meet its final fulfillment in the glorious advent of our blessed Lord. Then He will open wide the gates of Paradise to all who believe.



This woman yet hopes to recreate a home, though she has been driven out of her country by hostile invaders.

Genesis and SCIENCE

EACH "AFTER HIS KIND"

The Creation of Animals and Man

by H. W. CLARK, Professor of Biological Science, Pacific Union College



THE record of the fifth and sixth days of creation is concerned with the peopling of the earth with living forms. The expression, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly," gives the picture of the waters being filled with an abundance of living creatures. The expression, "fowl that may fly," might be more literally translated, "Let winged things fly," including not only those creatures which we now call fowl in a strict sense, but rather all flying creatures.

In verse 21 we read that God created "great whales"—more literally, great sea monsters. Ancient literature is full of references to many large creatures, which were called by different names, such as, for example, dragon, behemoth, leviathan, etc. Much speculation has been indulged in by Bible commentators as to which animals these names referred to. It is possible that some living creatures, such as our elephant or rhinoceros or hippopotamus may have been meant, but it is also perfectly possible that other creatures that do not now exist may have been meant by the Bible writers. The rocks of the earth contain bones of many huge animals that have become extinct and, without a doubt, some of these were included among the great sea monsters referred to in Genesis.

In the record of the fifth day we find the same expression, "after his kind," that was used in referring to plant life; and we shall observe the same words in the creation of animals on the sixth day. Another Bible writer in referring to the point under discussion speaks of the fact that "all flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds." 1 Corinthians 15:39.

It would seem, therefore, that Bible writers recognized in the record of creation and of life after creation the principle that, when God created living water animals and flying creatures, He did it according to a plan and a system. He made each after its own plan, or pattern, which would differ from the pattern of other kinds.

This fundamental scientific truth is very evident when one studies in the field of comparative anatomy, for here we observe that every different kind of animal has its own characteristic anatomical structure. The various organs of the body are co-ordinated in such a way as to make a well-integrated functional unit. In this connection it is very important to observe that animals which are simply constructed in one part will be comparatively simple in all; while those that have a complex structure in one part will have others of corresponding complexities. Thus the expression, "after his kind," carries with it the significance of



The Red Sea Place

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life,

Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out, there is no way back,
There is no other way but—through?
Then wait on the Lord with a trust serene,
Till the night of your fear is gone;
He will send the wind, He will heap the floods,
He says to your soul, "Go on."

And His hand will lead you through—clear through—

Ere the watery walls roll down;
No foe can reach you, no wave can touch,
No mightiest sea can drown.
The tossing billows may rear their crests,
Their foam at your feet may break;
But over their bed you may walk, dry-shod,
In the path that your Lord will make.

In the morning watch, 'neath the lifted cloud,
You shall see but the Lord alone,
Where He leads you on from the place by the sea,

To the land that you have not known;
And your fears shall pass as your foes have passed;

You shall be no more afraid;
You shall sing His praise in a better place,
A place that His hand has made.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

a definite type, or pattern, for each group of animals that was created.

In verse 22 we find the blessing that God pronounced upon the animals as they were created. They were told to be fruitful and to multiply upon the earth. The powers and instincts and energies of each one were to be exercised as it fitted with its environment. Here we have the wonderful truth of adaptation of living things to their surroundings. They were not only created in a systematic way, but were blessed and provided with means of continuing their existence. Not only that, but, by multiplying, they would eventually fill all the places in the earth fitted for their existence.

With the 24th verse the record begins the story of the sixth day and, in the same way that the waters and the air have been peopled, we find that God made creatures to occupy the solid earth. We are told that God *made* these animals. The Hebrew word used is *asah*, or formed; so that God not only created animal life, but He used an orderly process for bringing the animals into existence.

The expression "living creature" here used in reference to animal life is the same as that which is translated "soul." This is more clearly expressed in the record in the creation of man, where we are told in chapter 2, verse 7, that God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," and he became a living soul. The idea is not that the soul was an entity sent into the body, but rather that it was produced by a union of body with the divine spirit, or breath of life. The fact that this applies to animals as well as to man is suggested in Revelation 16:3, where it is said that "every living soul died in the sea." The soul is used here for a living creature, and cannot exist apart from the body.

In Genesis 1:26 we read of the creation of man. It is significant that God said, "Let Us make man." Not as in the case of the sun or moon, "Let there be," nor as in the case of the animals, "Let the earth bring forth," but "Let Us make . . . in Our image." Man was not made

like the beasts after their kinds, in fact, man did not even constitute a kind of his own, but was made in the image of God. The close relationship between man and God is expressed by the apostle Paul in Acts 17:28, 29, where he tells us that man is the "offspring" of God. Here we have the plain distinction between animals and man. Although they were both made with bodies that were somewhat alike, man was made after the divine similitude. Man was created as an animate and a spiritual being, for his creation was different from that of the animals. He was created in God's image. The Bible gives a picture of God as a trinity, or threefold being, with a personality. He is also an active being, and possessed of intelligence and spiritual power. We find in comparison with the divine nature that man is a personal being with life, or soul, and a spiritual nature residing within his being. So the body, soul, and spirit of man link him up with the great Creator.

Man's position in nature was above the other creation. While, like a beast, he was made of the dust of the ground, being created in the image of God he was higher than any beast. The fact that man today does not reveal the image of God is due to the fact that he has degenerated, and retains but little more than the animal form in which he was made.

The Flight of Time

(Continued from page 8)

Everybody admits the seriousness of the situation, but why blame religion? True it is that violence abounds, that the old standards of morality are being sadly discounted, that character is on the downgrade; but to place the responsibility for these regrettable developments in the affairs of nations and individuals on religion is unjust.

True religion still possesses the latent power to change the world for the better and improve conditions in every phase of human life, but this power is operative only when willingly received into human hearts.

In some respects it resembles some potent vaccine, capable of preventing the outbreak of an epidemic of a loathsome disease. If people are willing to receive it, the disease will be conquered from the start; if they refuse it, then death and disaster will follow. In the latter case, however, who would blame the vaccine?

The truth is, of course, that the fearful conditions in our world today are due to the fact that mankind as a whole has repudiated religion. It has despised and rejected all Christian principles.

Christianity is just as potent as it ever was to transform men and women and enable the basest to live lives of purity

(Continued on page 9)

Those SMALL TASKS

Their Deeper Meaning

by

INEZ BRASIER

SOMEWAY, the day with its ceaseless round of small duties had seemed unusually long. Dishes to wash, beds to make, meals to cook, mending to do—was there never an end to these tasks? What had I accomplished through the day that was really worth while? or, for that matter, through any of the days that stretched behind? A bit discouraged, and with a feeling of defeat at the candle-lighting hour, I picked up the Good Book.

As I turned the pages, one of its stories caught my attention. It was just a simple story of a marriage in Cana of Galilee. Now, marriages were common, and the serving of wine a most necessary part of the wedding feasts in those days. In that there was little difference between this occasion and all others. At this particular feast, however, there was not enough wine to last through the hours of festivity, and that was a serious matter. Those in charge were greatly disturbed. Soon Jesus, the divine Guest, heard of their difficulty, and, at His word, a bountiful supply was provided.

I thought of this story as twilight deepened. Jesus—He who could hold a multitude spellbound through a long hot day on the mountainside, who at a word could give life to the dead and restore sight to the blind—had helped out at a wedding feast! His power was not used in some striking miracle that first time, but just to supply a material need.

Only this morning I had asked for opportunity—even just one—to serve. The opportunities came, but not as I had wished. Ah no! They came disguised as the many little daily duties, and I had failed to know them. In not recognizing them, I had lost the deeper meaning of service. I had not remembered that the doing of great deeds comes but seldom, and the doing of small ones comes always.



The hands of the divine Master, which were laid in blessing upon the heads of little children, whose tender touch brought healing to their wasted bodies, were hands that had known the common duties of life. They had been worn and calloused holding the tools of a carpenter. He who worked in the Nazareth shop from youth to manhood knows the value of these little common duties of life, else there would not be so many of them. He knows, too, that they may be made beautiful if performed gladly. Life means service; and only through service is character developed.

The story is told of a young soldier whose duty it was to wait on the general and his staff; but he performed his tasks with much grumbling. One morning he awakened to find the water jars filled, and the boots, even his own, standing polished and in orderly rows. The next morning he again found his duties perfectly performed. Then he was summoned to the presence of his general; through his shame and misery he heard these words:

"You must try your hardest to do your service to men perfectly and joyfully, now and always, not because of the severe order and discipline, but because of joy hidden in every perfect service. Don't forget, every perfect service hides a perfect payment in itself, because—because, brother, it hides God in itself."

Today the beds must be made, the meals prepared, and the dishes washed. Tomorrow, and all the tomorrows, will bring the same tasks to you and to me. In themselves they count but little. May we do them joyfully, knowing that Jesus serves with us. With Him who was a worker in common things they become the highway of service, making life beautiful and complete.

OUTSIDE the realm of material things with which our eyes have to do there exists a world of the immaterial with which we are constantly in touch and with which our welfare is intimately concerned.

Gravitation is invisible, but the activities of life could not go on without it. Electricity is invisible, and not even Edison could tell what it is; yet we use it almost as freely as water, and present-day civilization could hardly go on independently of it.

Love, hatred, greed, jealousy, pride, ambition, are invisible; but from them come wars with all their visible panorama of armament and marching hosts and ghastly wake of wreck and ruin, testifying that these invisible forces are terribly real.

The realm of the invisible is not confined to these things alone. It includes intelligent life. Invisible spiritual agencies, both of good and of evil, are intensely active in all that concerns the welfare of mankind.

In the light of these facts, it becomes apparent that human beings are not the only actors, or even the chief actors, upon the stage of world events. Without taking this truth into account, we cannot correctly understand the causes and significance of what is taking place in our troubled world.

The Bible, that neglected Volume, would throw a flood of light upon the present world situation if men would but go to it for information. The Bible is a revelation of God's plan of salvation from sin, and as such deals throughout with the working of spiritual agencies concerned with the accomplishment of the divine purposes.

Rebellion Began in Heaven

The Inspired Volume makes known to us the origin of sin, which is rebellion against the government of God. This rebellion, we learn, began in heaven, and was afterward transferred to the earth. The record says: "There was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:7-9.

Satan and his angels were once in heaven. Before he rebelled against God, Satan, whose name in heaven was Lucifer, was a perfect and sinless being. The

account of his exalted position there and the cause of his rebellion and its consequences is given in Isaiah 14:12-19 and Ezekiel 28:12-19.

Since the fall of man in Eden, which occurred after Satan was cast out of heaven, our world has been the battleground of the kingdoms of Christ and of Satan, contending for the allegiance and control of mankind. We are today in the climax of the controversy between these rival kingdoms.

Satan and his angels constitute a mighty host; but even more numerous are the angels of God, all of whom, Scripture affirms, are "sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." Hebrews 1:14.

While evil seems to run an almost unrestricted course in our world, God has ever had a restraining and controlling hand in human events. Always there has been a limit set to the encroachments of evil. Again and again the Almighty has interfered to change the course of events that the purposes of the plan of salvation might be served.

Behind the visible human or natural agencies concerned may very often exist invisible and superhuman agencies that are the direct cause of things that appear

to come by the exercise of man's will only, or by chance.

The calamities that came upon Job, God's servant of old, depriving him of his possessions and of his sons and daughters, were apparently chance events; but behind the visible causes of them was the unseen but direct cause in the form of Satan and his angels. Job 1:7-12; 2:1-7.

When King Belshazzar made a feast marked by impious revelry in ancient Babylon, the revelers were suddenly made aware that an unseen being was present in their midst by the appearance of the hand writing words of doom upon the palace wall. "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it" (Daniel 5:26) stated the real reason why the city of Babylon was taken that night by the Persian army.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them," the psalmist wrote. Psalm 34:7. When the servant of the prophet Elisha was frightened because he saw a hostile army surrounding the city, Elisha said to him: "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Then, in answer to Elisha's prayer, the Lord opened the servant's eyes, "and he saw: and, behold,

Behind the Scenes of the

WORLD DRAMA

Invisible Agencies at Work

by

LEON A. SMITH



*Words of doom written
One*



! of Belshazzar's feasting hall betokened
Babylon's wickedness.

the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." 2 Kings 6:15-17.

Today these unseen spiritual agencies of good and of evil are more than ever active in human affairs, because we are in the climax of the controversy between good and evil, between the kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of Satan, as witnessed by the rapid and momentous changes sweeping over the world. Our world is in the rapids of the stream of time, and no human power can stay its swift onward rush to the destiny awaiting it.

The worst propensities of human nature—greed, covetousness, hatred, jealousy, selfish ambition, things beyond the reach of governmental control—have broken loose from all restraint, and have become dominant in the world.

The Spirit of God has ever been the greatest force in the world for the restraint of evil. This mighty invisible agency is being withdrawn from the earth because of the persistent impenitence of its inhabitants, and the world is being given over to the control of evil spirits.

These spirits incite the nations to war. While the nations know the horrors and

the cost of war and have made the greatest efforts to banish it and to bring about lasting peace, they have been helpless to prevent themselves from being engulfed in it again.

The present situation in our world is a subject of inspired prophecy. Looking forward to the time when the gospel work would be nearing its finish, the apostle John wrote: "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." Revelation 7:1-3.

God has a work to be done in the earth, a work of sealing His servants for His kingdom. That this work may not be stopped, His angels are commissioned to hold in check the winds of strife, which, if fully turned loose, would sweep the earth with destruction.

Not the agreements of statesmen, but the accomplishment of the divine purposes in the work of the gospel, is the deciding factor in the question of war or peace. When the gospel work is finished, as Jesus in His prophetic discourse on the Mount of Olives stated that it would be (Matthew 24:14), the winds of strife will be loosed completely, and the earth will present a scene of general strife and confusion.

Invisible satanic agencies will be actors in the drama with which this world's career will close. Inspired prophecy so depicts it. The prophecy says: "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13, 14.

They are gathered to Armageddon. Verse 16. So long as sin fills the world, and Satan and his host of evil angels have control of sinful human beings, peace will not come to our world, however confidently statesmen may affirm that world peace has at last been reached. Peace and sin do not go together.

But there will be a sinless world following the destruction of this present world by fire (2 Peter 3:10), and then

will be fulfilled the inspired prediction, "The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psalm 37:11.

The Flight of Time

(Continued from page 7)

and truth. Anybody who wishes evidence of this needs but to put the matter to the test either in his own life or in the life of some other needy person. Christianity can and does change men. But Christianity as a system for regulating community or national conduct has never really been tried. Indeed we doubt if Christ ever expected it to be tried successfully this side of His return in glory. Over and over again He gave warning of a progressive deterioration in human affairs right down to the time of the end. Not until His own beautiful kingdom of righteousness and peace has been set up will Christianity really have a fair chance and a square deal. After that, however, it will prove what it can do in preserving peace and brotherly love among men throughout eternity.

We must be careful not to confuse religion with the churches. They should be identical, but all too often they are not. Many churches have failed and still fail to carry out their divinely appointed functions. Assuming all too often that their main duty in this world is to raise money for various worthy enterprises, or to entertain their members by ingenious methods, they have forgotten that God raised them up primarily to dispense religion. Therefore they have a form of godliness, but are devoid of the power thereof. Consequently when free-thinkers, and others of the godless, are looking for a scapegoat on whom to roll responsibility for the world's ills, they point to the churches and say that the failure of religion is to blame.

But it is not religion that is at fault, for that, in its highest and purest form, is still "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Romans 1:16.

In these last few words we have the real source of all the trouble. If only more people within and without the church—professed Christians and free-thinkers alike—would start *believing*, we would soon indeed be on the high road to a better world.

God has provided the way of deliverance if we want to take it. It is found in religion, the religion of Jesus Christ. There is no bankruptcy here, only rich, untapped reservoirs of infinite power and boundless grace.

OPTIMISM in Time of TRIAL

The Example of Robert Browning

IN THE same generation that produced Alfred Tennyson, poet of wavering faith, there appeared another man of letters who stands as the nineteenth-century example of firm optimism. Robert Browning is the famous poet whose faith is unshakable, whose motto is, "I believe." When other men were bowing to the new speculative science, he was dismissing evolution by declaring that since it opposed God, he knew it was false. A contemporary says of Browning: "In an age when on every wind comes borne the cry of realism, he remains faithful to the spirit of idealism."

The poet's outlook on life did not arise blindly. He was no optimist simply because he refused to look at sin and suffering. He knew the world was vice-ridden, he saw that misery and death were the lot of the multitude; but he also knew that, beyond and above the powers of evil, there was an omnipotent God who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son. His bright outlook was the result of faith in the salvation a heavenly Father had proffered to man.

Robert Browning has a Christian vision that transcends the sin-cursed world and fixes the eyes upon a new heaven and a new earth. Man's life now is a testing and a preparation for a nobler and an eternal life with the redeemed if he proves faithful.

"A Man like to me,
Thou shalt love and be loved by, forever: a
Hand like this hand
Shall throw open the gates of new life
to thee! See the Christ stand!"

When the origins of man and of this world are considered, Browning believes the Scriptures. Man was created in the image of God. Sin came as the result of man's disobedience; but the divine love makes possible a return to the original perfection as human beings accept the salvation of God through Jesus Christ.

"I see the whole design,
I, who saw power, see now Love perfect
too;
Perfect I call Thy plan:
Thanks that I was a man!
Maker, remake, complete—I trust what
Thou shalt do!"

Can we not repeat such a prayer to God:
"Maker, remake, complete"?

In the same poem Browning sees God as the potter molding human lives that submit to His love. It is the divine plan



by

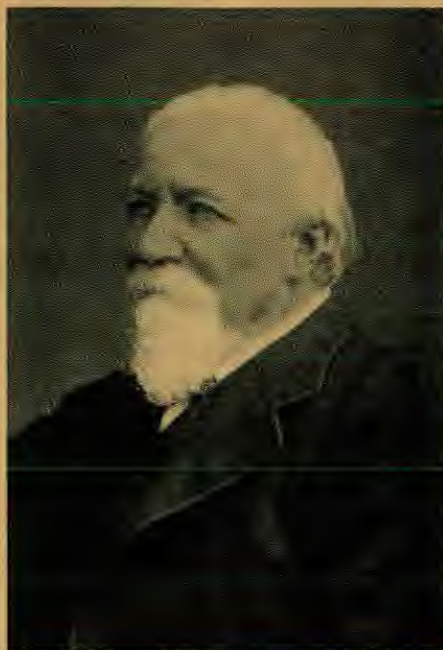
MERLIN L. NEFF

Professor of English and Journalism
Walla Walla College

"To give thy soul its bent,
Try thee and turn thee forth, sufficiently
impressed."

Yielding his life to God, he prays that he may be fashioned into a cup that shall bring spiritual nourishment to another thirsty soul.

"So, take and use Thy work:
Amend what flaws may lurk,
What strain o' the stuff, what warpings past
the aim!
My times be in Thy hand!
Perfect the cup as planned!
Let age approve of youth, and death complete the same!"



Robert Browning, 1812-89, one of the two greatest poets of the brilliant Victorian era.

"There are other religious poets who have written psalms of life, songs of devotion, hymns of aspiration, which men have made the channels of their prayers and the marching music of their lives," wrote Ealand. "There are none who can surpass or even rival Browning in the chastened beauty, the restrained but earnest enthusiasm, the catholic and genuine sympathy of those of his poems which deal directly or indirectly with religious life." He was a man who lived as he wrote, with sincerity and spiritual power.

The supreme duty of life is to love God and man. There is beauty in life which every Christian should take into his soul, for, according to Browning, beauty in its true proportions leads to a knowledge of the Creator.

"O world, as God has made it! All is beauty:
And knowing this is love, and love is duty."

When we see beauty in the universe, though at many points in our world the beauty has been marred by sin, this beauty causes us to want to love God and man more perfectly.

In a twentieth century of materialism we need a message of beauty. Life has become mundane, ugly, and sordid for many souls groping in darkness. The Christian should look for the beautiful and the true. And the most sublime beauty in the world is a sincere Christian character. As we approach the life of Jesus Christ, we see a character altogether lovely. Too often our eyes are held by the glitter of temporal charms, which pass away. Browning said that man should catch the vision of what God plans for every life; then he would see the beauty of the heavenly design.

Music was to this English poet an inspired message lifting men to a spiritual experience. In his quest for divine beauty, he portrayed the influence that music had upon Saul as David played before the king. God's Spirit worked upon the monarch through inspiration and the melodies of the harp. Browning also shows the power of organ music to lift the soul of man toward the choir of heaven. It is his hope that his life may strike the "C major" chord so that harmony and melody may emanate from his soul to inspire his fellow men.

When a Christian sees the spiritual power in God's creation, when he is

raised to nobler thoughts by music, by art, and by all beauty, he can live a positive and more radiant Christian life. He is not afraid to face old age, death, or sorrow, for his hope is in God. "For faith, in Robert Browning, is a spiritual fire that never burns low."

In the autumn after his wife died Browning wrote the poem "Prospice." The title means "Look Forward," and it expresses the poet's attitude toward death, and his hope of a life through Christ beyond the grave.

"Fear death?—to feel the fog in my throat,
The mist in my face,
When the snows begin, and the blasts denote

I am nearing the place,
The power of the night, the press of the storm,

The post of the foe;
Where he stands, the Arch Fear in a visible form,

Yet the strong man must go:
For the journey is done and the summit attained,

And the barriers fall,
Though a battle's to fight ere the guerdon be gained,

The reward of it all.
I was ever a fighter, so—one fight more,
The best and the last!"

Near the end of the poem he is reminded that in the future, eternal life he shall meet his wife again, and his hope is triumphant.

"I shall clasp thee again,
And with God be the rest!"

Browning is optimistic through all his days. It is interesting to know that Browning published the last poem to appear in his lifetime the same month of the same year Tennyson published "Crossing the Bar." Browning's poem, "Epilogue," is filled with faith, with plans for the future. He does not see the sunset and evening star as did Tennyson. No, he looks toward the sunrise of Tomorrow in a land where there shall be no more night. Take one stanza from the poem:

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
Wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

Truly this nineteenth-century poet will rank among the great spiritual forces of literature. William Lyon Phelps says of his life: "For Browning was a Christian, not only in faith, but in conduct; it was the mainspring of his art and of his life. There are many writers whose lives show so painful a contrast with the ideal tone of their written work that it is refreshing and inspiring to be so certain of Browning; to know that the author of the poems which thrill us was as great in character as he was in genius."

Through the writings of this poet, as in the enduring masterpieces of all great writers, we hear "one supreme note, a yearning for God, a kind of divine homesickness." His sensitive contacts with beauty, his spiritual interpretations of life as he knew it, can cheer every child of God who journeys toward the celestial city.

How refreshing it is to read the thoughts Browning has expressed after one reads the twentieth-century poets and prose writers who are groping without hope and without God! Take courage from lines such as these written as the pages of his life were closing:

"When the singers lift up their voice,
And the trumpets made endeavor,
Sounding, 'In God rejoice!'
Saying, 'In Him rejoice
Whose mercy endureth forever!'"

"Then the Temple filled with a cloud,
Even the House of the Lord;
Porch bent and pillar bowed:
For the presence of the Lord,
In the glory of His cloud,
Had filled the House of the Lord."



WE MAY be busy, we may be swept onward with an almost irresistible power in this modern age of haste and hurry; but let us pause for a moment and take a look at Jesus as He hangs upon the cross. In all our activities we can well afford to pause and look anew upon the Son of God, hanging there on yonder tree. We may hear Pilate saying, "Behold the Man!" but we shall see in Him more than man. We shall see in Him the Son of God. It was His love for His enemies that led Him to the cross. He so loved a rebel race that He gave His life to save the lost. This unspeakable love caused Him to be nailed to the tree. This love led Him to die.

Behold Him hanging there in His innocence. He died that I might live. He bore it all for me. Love paid the price. Once I was undone and lost. I was a sinner away from God. He drew me to Himself with the cords of love. By faith I see my sins laid upon Him. I see Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. I hear His agonizing cry as the cup trembles in His hand, and His sweat is, as it were, great drops of blood that fall to the ground. I see Him suffer in my stead. I see Him crucified for me.

As I look upon the Son of God hanging there on the rugged tree, memory recalls

There is adoration and worship in these lines of thanksgiving and praise. Finally, let these lines remain in the mind to inspire and cheer:

"Man is not God but hath God's end to serve,
A Master to obey, a course to take,
Somewhat to cast off, somewhat to become."

HAVE you ever noticed how much of Christ's life was spent in doing kind things—in merely doing kind things? Run over it with that in view, and you will find that He spent a great proportion of His time simply in making people happy—in doing good turns to people. There is only one thing greater than happiness in the world, and that is holiness, and that is not in our keeping—God reserves that to Himself; but what He has put in our power is the happiness of our fellow creatures, and that is to be secured by our being kind.—Henry Drummond.

Behold the SON of GOD

by N. P. NEILSEN

the scene when He was taken by the angry mob and led away to the judgment hall. I hear Him falsely accused by the priests. I hear Him mocked by the Jews, but He opens not His mouth. I see them spit in His face, but He seeks no revenge. I see Him crowned with thorns, I see Him scourged, but He bears it all without a murmur. Then I see Him led away to be crucified on Calvary's height. The nails are driven through His hands and His feet. He is lifted up, and hangs there between the heavens and the earth—a sacrifice for sinners, but He does not complain. He forgives His persecutors, and prays for His enemies.

Behold Him on the cross! Behold His pitying look while bearing the sins of the world! Behold His unspeakable love toward His enemies! Hear His pleading cry, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. He bears our guilt that we may escape the punishment that is justly ours. The innocent suffers for the guilty. He came to dwell among us that we might dwell with Him; but we nailed Him to the tree. Behold, He dies that we may live! No greater manifestation of love can ever be shown. Behold the Son of God upon the cross!

Youth Adrift

(Continued from page 4)

G. "I spend most of my spare time reading sea stories. I read the Bible some, and attend church. I believe we are accountable to God for our conduct, and I believe in a future life; but I don't know anything about just how or when it will come. I do know that something will have to happen soon, the world is going downhill so fast. I don't think there is any bottom to stop its descent. I believe Christianity is about the only staying force on human conduct, and that has almost disappeared."

H. "Yes, I believe we have something to look forward to after this life, but I don't know whether I shall get there or not. With immoral movies, immoral literature, and indecent dress on every hand, I don't know how we young people today can be expected to go straight. I have thought a great deal about the future, and I believe that God does reward every man according to his works. I read the Bible occasionally, and usually go to church; but we are moving at such a rapid pace today that Christianity has been pushed into the background. I am getting tired of the blare of jazz music, the advertising of nudity and immorality, the raucous shouts of drunkards who think they are having a good time, and the eternal threat of war. I long for a better land, but cannot feel assured of reaching it. I am on my way, but I don't know where to."

I. "Most of my spare time is concerned with my business. I have never thought about the future, and have no use for the sanctimonious hypocrites who go to church. Genuine religion is all right; and, if men really lived as Christ taught that we should live, everything would be all right. But most people today use religion merely as a means of getting business or for political purposes. There surely must be an afterlife of some kind. I don't believe we would be put here to live just a few short years in misery, then cease altogether. But I have never spent any time thinking about the future—I have been too busy with the present. I'm not concerned about going to war, for I had my leg cut off in an auto accident, after drinking two bottles of beer and one glass of wine. I don't believe that it was the alcohol that made me round the corner too fast; but I haven't drunk any since, anyway. I believe we are accountable to God for our conduct, but have never worried about the matter any."

The results given here agree with those in the remainder of the interviews. If these young people can be taken as an average cross section of American youth, then indeed young people today are running a race without a goal. They find themselves driven by an angry wind on a



A Certain Samaritan

A man went down from Jerusalem
On an old road long ago;
Blithely he walked that far-off day,
Going to Jericho.
But thieves lay waiting, who stripped him
bare,
Wounding him, leaving him lying there.

A priest came mumbling through his beard
Pious prayers, as the hurt one cried
Pleading for help, and, seeing his plight,
Passed by on the other side.
A Levite, also, after one look,
Departed, conning his holy book.

But "a certain Samaritan," going that way,
Had compassion, and, kneeling down,
He bound his wounds and he slaked his thirst,
And carried him into the town.
"Which was the neighbor?"—which of these?
The question rings down the centuries.

"A certain Samaritan," name unknown,
Lives still because of a kindness shown.
—Grace Noll Crowell.

troubled sea, and they are using the weathercock instead of a compass to steer by. They are on the way, but they do not know where to. Without a knowledge of the Scriptures, they drive on, knowing not whence they came, why they are here, or where they are going.

Probably one of the most pathetic sights one can see is someone drifting from cradle to grave without ever having any kind of goal. Such a creature stumbles along through life—a problem to society, no use to God or man. Yet as far as any worth-while goal is concerned, this seems to be the condition of a great majority of young people today; and it is we, the parents, who are largely to blame for not giving them this goal. We have permitted them to trade an eternity of happiness for a few short years of transient pleasure. We have cast most of them out among their fellow men with only their own desires to govern their conduct—and we are beginning to reap the harvest.

What a difference it would make in true happiness for modern young people if each could say with the apostle Paul: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14.

With such a goal in mind throughout life, they could also say with Paul, at the journey's end: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

It might be well for each of us today to stop where we are and ask ourselves, "Whither bound? Where will my present course of action lead me?"

LET no one dream, who follows Christ, that he will be saved from outward trouble, or have peace from the sorrows of mankind. It was spiritual peace that was His peace; it was that which He left to us.—*Stopford Brooke.*

Coming Next Week



IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR FEATURES:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| Why Does God Permit Suffering? | John A. McMillan |
| God's Finished Work | H. W. Clark |
| Homeward Bound | Orley Ford |
| The Faith of Our Fathers | Merlin L. Neff |
| Giving Yourself Away | Anonymous |
| God's Holy Sabbath | A. L. Manous |
| The Prophetic Gift in the Church | R. A. Anderson |
| Thanksgiving | Donald W. McKay |

HALF HOURS WITH THE BIBLE



Conducted by R. ALLAN ANDERSON

No. 8. The LORD'S DAY and Its COUNTERFEIT

1. Which day is the Lord's day?

"He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Revelation 1:10.

2. What was Christ's attitude to the law of God?

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17.

"The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the law, and make it honorable." Isaiah 42:21.

"Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the Book it is written of Me, I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:7, 8.

"If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." John 15:10.

3. What was Paul's relation to the law of God?

"This I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets." Acts 24:14.

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31.

"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Romans 7:7.

"The law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression." Romans 4:15.

4. What did the apostle declare would happen before Christ's return?

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of

sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.

"I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Acts 20:29, 30.

5. How did Daniel and John describe this apostasy?

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." Daniel 7:7, 8. See also Revelation 13:1, 2, 5-8.

6. How long was this apostasy to have dominion?

"He shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:25.

"There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Revelation 13:5; 12:6, 14.

NOTE: The 1260 years began in 538 A. D. when pagan Rome was subjected to the ecclesiastical power of the popes, and ended in the year 1798 when the papacy was overthrown following the French Revolution. In 533 A. D. the emperor Justinian declared the bishop of Rome "head of all the holy churches." Just 1260 years later, in 1793, the "Reign of Terror" began with the execution of the Catholic king and queen of France.

7. What did God declare would be the attitude of the papacy toward His people and His law?

"He shall . . . wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws." Daniel 7:25.

"An host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered." "And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people." Daniel 8:12, 24.

"It was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." Revelation 13:7, 6.

8. What two commandments has the papacy especially attacked?

ANSWER: The second and the fourth.

9. How does God regard those who profess to serve Him but disregard His holy day?

"Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned Mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them." Ezekiel 22:26.

"In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15:9.

10. How is the observance of the psuedo sabbath described?

"He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." Revelation 13:16.

11. Does the papacy claim Sunday as a mark of her authority?

"Question. How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days?

"Answer. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of."—"An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine" (R. C.), Rev. Henry Tuberville, D. D., page 58.

NOTE: In a letter written in November, 1895, Mr. H. F. Thomas, Chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons, replying to an inquiry as to whether the Catholic Church claims to have changed the Sabbath, said: "Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act, . . . and the act is a

mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things."

12. What is the gospel message for today?

"I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 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." Revelation 14:6-10.

"I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4.

13. What is the character of those who heed this message?

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Revelation 14:12, 5.

"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 remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth." Zephaniah 3:13.

14. What do they have in place of the mark of the beast?

"I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads." Revelation 14:1.

15. Where do we find the sign, or seal, that contains the Father's name?

"Moreover also I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." "And hallow My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." Ezekiel 20:12, 20.

"Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." "It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:13, 17.

16. Where will the sealed of God finally stand?

"I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 15:2; 20:4.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Advocating a return to the simple gospel of Christ, and a preparation for His imminent second appearing

EDITOR ARTHUR S. MAXWELL

RATES in U. S. A.: Single copy, one year . . . \$1.50
Clubs of five or more to one address, each . . . 1.25
To Canada and other countries taking extra postage:
Single copy, one year \$2.00
Clubs of five or more to one address, each . . . 1.50

Please make all checks and money orders payable to "Signs of the Times," Mountain View, California.

In requesting change of address, please give both old and new address.

No papers are sent except on paid subscriptions, so persons receiving the "Signs of the Times" without having subscribed may feel perfectly free to accept it. J. R. FERREN, Circulation Manager.

TRUE GREATNESS

by J. BERGER JOHNSON

IN Harry Steel Morrison's writings he tells of his crossing the Atlantic, as a boy of sixteen, to interview Mr. Gladstone for a New York newspaper. Arriving in London, this venturesome lad at once took up correspondence with Gladstone, never dreaming that he was trying to see a man who every day was denied to famous people. He was refused by the secretary, a son, a daughter, but finally, through persistence, got a hearing from Mrs. Gladstone.

He told his mission and showed her a New York newspaper containing a narrative of his experiences, as well as a drawing of himself, seated in the castle interviewing Mr. Gladstone. Mrs. Gladstone was very much amused, saying that if Mr. Gladstone would see him it would at least be a change for him. Mr. Gladstone did see that sixteen-year-old boy, treated him like a young prince, and sent him away with a new outlook on life.

Writing of the interview afterward, Morrison said that Gladstone made one statement that would remain with him always. "Remember," said the "Grand Old Man," "that fame and notoriety are not the things which count at the last. I would be very unhappy if I felt that in being a statesman I have sacrificed any of the principles I embraced with the Christian faith." There lay the secret of the man's greatness.

Indeed, the key to all human greatness is the attitude of man toward the relation of himself and his work to God. No man is

really great, no matter what his rank and station, apart from this. One writer, speaking of Mr. Gladstone and of the secret of his greatness,—which made him the foremost citizen of the world in his day,—says: "He led a third life also, the secret of the soul. Religion was of all things that which had the strongest hold upon his thoughts and feelings."

Genuine greatness is not that which is emblazoned in the electric signs of our great cities. It is not gauged by the prominent place occupied in the list of Who's Who. It cannot be checked up with Dun's or Bradstreet's. True greatness is not determined by what man thinks of us, but by the way God estimates us. Real greatness is a matter of the soul. It gives us surety of permanence. It carries its possessor beyond this vale of tears and toil and trouble, where human emoluments and plaudits are so many times subject to passing whims, to the better world whose builder and maker is God. He who makes sure of a place and part in that world reveals true greatness in his life.

"The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Greatness as the world considers it is transitory. It is ephemeral. It lasts but a few short years at best, and it is gone. But the greatness that recognizes its dependence on Him from whom we draw our very breath, and lays hold of the things which are not temporal, but eternal, is that which shall endure throughout eternity.

FILL IN . . . MAIL TODAY

Date _____

Circulation Dept., PACIFIC PRESS
Mountain View, California

PLEASE send the SIGNS OF THE TIMES for one year to the following address. I enclose \$1.50 (\$2.00 in Canada and foreign).

Name _____

Address _____

Literature Wanted

THE following persons desire late, clean copies of *Review and Herald*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Present Truth*, *Watchman*, *Health*, and *Signs of the Times*, for free distribution.

Prof. A. N. Atteberry, 1208 Sycamore St., Ashland, Kentucky. (Except *Review*.)

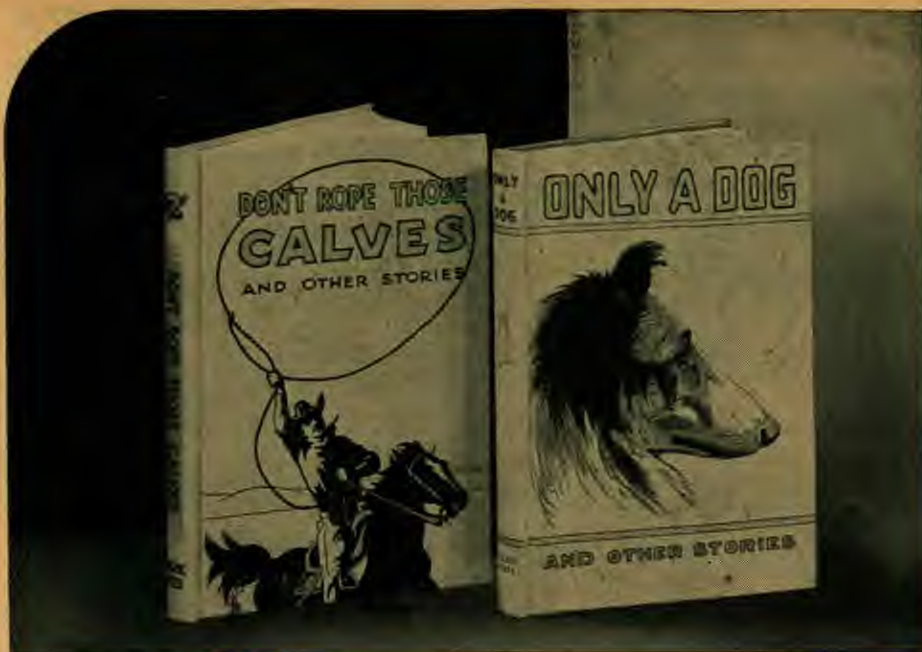
Mrs. L. M. Wilson, Route 2, Ridgeway, South Carolina. (Except *Review*.)

Mrs. Mary McCart, Fallon, Nevada. (Especially *Signs*, *Little Friend*, *Present Truth*.)

Harry E. Ohl, 2515 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, California.

A. T. Gober, Route 1, Box 16-A, Warren, Texas.

John H. Ohl, Route 3, Box 32, Palmdale, California.



TWO NEW BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

DON'T ROPE THOSE CALVES

AND OTHER STORIES

AND

ONLY A DOG AND OTHER STORIES

Both by C. L. PADDOCK

IN these books we offer two very fine groups of interesting character-building stories that will lead the little readers to clean, useful, and happy manhood and womanhood. As the little men and little women read these stories which teach their lessons without being preachy or boresome in the very least, they will unconsciously absorb the valuable lessons contained in the stories. They are designed for children from 8 to 15 years of age.

Here is the list of stories in DON'T ROPE THOSE CALVES AND OTHER STORIES:

Don't Rope Those Calves, Son
Just Little Things
A Doctor's Peculiar Prescription
Drive On
Head Winds and Tail Winds
Prayer—Is It Out of Date?
Positive Proof
A Foolish Farmer
Troubles
Sermons We See
Friendly Counsel—No Fees
Is Prejudice Robbing You?
Don't Break Your Looking Glass
God Has Promised, and He Keeps His Word
Then What?

Here is the list of stories in ONLY A DOG AND OTHER STORIES:

Only a Dog
A Real Friend
Jiggs and Maggie
Jim's Examination
A Very Kind Man
He Read Himself Out of the Coal Mine
Wise Old Tom
Why and How
Conscience Did It
A Prairie Hailstorm
The Poor Old Gander
Skyscraper or Shanty?
Keep the Oilcan Handy
Those Little Deeds Well Done
Yellow Roses
Jimmy's Wish
What Made Him a Tramp?
Inventory Time
Don't Be Too Hasty

Each is well illustrated with half-tone pictures, contains 128 pages, and is bound in pyroxylin-treated cloth, with ink title and cover design printed in colors.

Price, postpaid, only \$1.15 each

BOOKS

Are the BEST GIFTS

Any BOOK your child has not read is a NEW BOOK for him . . .

HERO TALES OF THE BIBLE

Very interesting stories of incidents connected with the heroes of the Bible. Duro Art, paper covers . . . 50c

UNCLE BEN'S BIBLE STORIES

Eighteen stories depicting interesting characters of the Bible. Special color process in reproducing the pictures makes the book more interesting for children. Paper covers . . . 40c

SLAVE BOY WHO BECAME GOVERNOR

Children never tire of the story of Joseph. The author of this book tells it in a way that captivates the children. Illustrated. Paper covers, 50c

HAPPY HEALTHLAND

A very inspirational group of stories on health topics for the children up to eight or ten years of age. Paper covers . . . 25c

GOLDEN STORIES

A beautiful 190-page book with profuse illustrations, many of which are in color. Cloth bound, regular price, \$1.90 Holiday special \$1.25

SWEETEST STORIES

A fine group of stories by the author of "Uncle Ben's Cobblestones," all on the life of Christ. Fine character-building stories in every sense of the word. 96 pages; paper covers . . . 25c

SUNSHINE STORIES

This is one of the new books of the year. Cloth bound, 128 pages . . . \$1.15

OLD HOMESTEAD TALES

A group of four fine nature books as follows:
The Bluebirds and Their Neighbors
The Mallards and Their Neighbors
Paddletail the Beaver and His Neighbors
The Wild Creatures in Winter

These four books describe scores of birds and animals and their living habits as they are found on the plains and mountains of the middle western part of the United States. Authentic, educational information in story form for boys and girls up to twelve or fourteen years of age.

Regular price, each volume, \$1.25; special, .88
Full set of four books in a beautiful box, regular price, \$4.75; Special, \$2.99

WILD ANIMAL STORIES

Volume 1. Wild Animals of North America. This book describes the larger animals found on the continent of North America and gives their life story in a very interesting manner.

Volume 2. Wild Animals of South America. In this second volume the author takes his little readers to the continent of South America, describing many of the most interesting animals found there.

Price of each book . . . \$1.25

Order from our representative, or the

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, Mountain View, California, U. S. A.

BIBLE STUDY *made Easier* and more interesting by **THIS HELPFUL PLAN**



55 FEATURES...
7 GREAT DEPARTMENTS MAKE—

THE NEW CHAIN-REFERENCE BIBLE Truly a Bible PLUS a Biblical Library in ONE Volume

EDITED BY REV. F. C. THOMPSON, D.D., PH. D.

READ WHAT OTHERS SAY:

Elder W. H. Bronson, Vice-President of North America, General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, says: "I cannot speak too highly of this splendid work. I feel that the author, Mr. Thompson, has made a real contribution to the religious world by giving it the New Chain Reference Bible. The references are easily traced, well arranged, and make systematic Bible study easy and interesting. I trust that this splendid book may have a very wide circulation." J. A. Huffman, Dean, Winona Lake Bible School, says: "I have never seen so much splendid help crowded into a single volume." F. M. McConnell, Editor, Baptist Standard, says: "I firmly believe that a boy in the 7th grade can get more information from this Bible in two days than a preacher can get from an ordinary Bible in a week." H. Framer Smith, Pres., Pennsylvania Bible Institute, says: "It surpasses them all for real practical helps." Evangelist W. W. Loveless, says: "A thousand dollars could not buy my copy if I could not get another."



India paper,
1 1/2-inch thick
... "A Master-
piece of
Condensation."

Rapidly Replacing Other Bibles—Has So Many More New Helps!

1. Unique chart showing Origin and Growth of the English Bible.
2. The Outline Studies of Bible Periods, comparing Biblical History with Contemporary Secular History.
3. The Analysis of the Bible as a Whole.
4. The Analysis of each of the 66 Books of the Bible.
5. The Analysis of every Chapter of the New Testament.
6. The Analysis of the Verses of the entire Bible.
7. The Numerical and Chain Reference Systems.
8. Special Analysis of the Important Bible Characters.
9. Contrast between the Old and New Testaments.
10. The Topical Treasury. New Topics for Prayer Meetings, Men's Meetings, Women's Meetings, Missionary Meetings, Young People's Meetings, etc.
11. Special Bible Readings for private devotions and public services. New and different subjects.
12. Bible Harmonies of the Lives of Moses and Paul.
13. Special Portraits of Jesus.
14. Chart of the Messianic Stars.
15. Chart showing cause of the Babylonian Captivity.
16. Chart of the Temple of Truth, illustrating the Sermon on the Mount.
17. Chart of Jesus' Hours on the Cross.
18. The Christian Workers' Outfit. Of special value to soul winners.
19. All Prominent Bible Characters Classified, listing the Patriarchs, Leaders in Early Hebrew History, Courageous Reformers, etc., with meaning of their names given.
20. Golden Chapters of the Bible.
21. A Complete General Index of over seven thousand topics, names and places.
22. Special Memory Verses selected from each Book of the Bible.
23. Chart Showing Seven Editions of Divine Law.
24. Graph of the Prodigal Son.
25. Bible Mnemonics, or how to memorize.
26. The Principles and Best Methods of Bible Study.
27. Pictorial Illustration of the River of Inspiration.
28. Bible Markings, Explaining best methods of marking one's Bible.
29. Concordance.
30. Atlas of 12 colored maps with index for quickly locating places.

Other Features in Text Cyclopaedia

31. Topical Study of the Bible. Correlated Scriptures printed out in full under 2467 topics and sub-topics. Three times as many as in any other Bible.
32. Contrast Study of Great Truths of the Bible. Enables

- you to study the Constructive and Destructive Forces of Life, with the Bible verses printed out in full under such subjects as Faith—Unbelief, Love—Hatred, Courage—Fear, etc.
33. Life Studies, such as Business Life, Home Life, Devotional Life, The Surrendered Life, etc.
 34. Bible Stories for Children. A list of 59 stories to be read from the Bible itself.
 35. Miracles of both the Old and New Testaments listed in Chronological Order.
 36. Parables of the Old Testament. Parables of the New Testament, listing those given in One Gospel Only, those given in Two, and those given in Three.
 37. Titles and Names of Christ; of the Holy Spirit; of God the Father; and of Satan.
 38. General Bible Prophecies.
 39. A List of the Prophets of the Bible.
 40. List of Judges of Israel and Judah given in Chronological Order.
 41. List of the Notable Women of the Bible.
 42. Mountains and Hills referred to in Bible, listing the Scenes of Great Events.
 43. Dictionary Material.
 44. Tables of Time, Money, Weights and Measures.

Eleven New Features Added in the Third Improved Edition

45. The Historical Bridge, covering interval between the Old and New Testaments.
46. Chart showing the History of the Apostles.
47. Harmony of the Gospels, citing references in different Gospels where events are given.
48. Calendar of the Christian Era.
49. The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus, illustrated with well-known paintings.
50. Chart of the Seven Churches of Asia, described by John.
51. An Outline History of the Evangelistic and Missionary Work of the Early Church.
52. The prophecies concerning Jesus and their fulfillment, arranged Chronologically, with principal verses printed out in full.
53. Map Showing Approximate Distances from Jerusalem to Various Historical Points.
54. Chart Showing the Interior Arrangement of the Temple at Jerusalem.
55. Thirteen Special Illustrated Maps Showing the Journeys of Jesus, Peter, Paul, and the Journeys of the Children of Israel from Egypt to Canaan. These are separate maps, mind you—not several crowded together on one page.

The Revised Version is given in the wide margin opposite the verses, wherever an important difference in meaning occurs.

THE BIBLE OF NO REGRETS!

No other Bible has won the praise of so many renowned Bible students. See this remarkable reference work before you buy any Bible—or you may regret it as others have.

SEND NOW
for this
big FREE
descriptive
BOOK



Agents Wanted

B. B. KIRKBRIDE BIBLE CO.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
Dept. S5-119, Meridian Life Bldg.

☐ Without cost or obligation to me, send a copy of the big illustrated book, "A New Bible for a New Day," and full particulars concerning the Third Improved Edition of your New Chain Reference Bible.

☐ Send your special terms to Representatives.

Name

Address

City State

B. B. Kirkbride BIBLE CO.
Dept. S5-119 MERIDIAN LIFE BUILDING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA