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THE AFTERMATH

SO ENGROSSED have we become in the titanic battle of empires raging throughout the Old World that we have scarcely spared a thought as yet for the aftermath.

Bulletin after bulletin from the war zones has kept our minds so occupied, and our nerves so tense, that we have not begun even to imagine what is likely to happen when the guns at last cease to thunder over the war-scarred continent.

But there will be an aftermath, let there be no mistake about that; and we venture to predict that it may well be

A SURVEY OF WORLD EVENTS

by the EDITOR

more terrible than the war that caused it.

There is going to be poverty—more widespread and heartrending than ever. The masses of Europe have always been poor. They are going to be poorer. History has demonstrated that the price of war is subsequent impoverishment, both for victors and vanquished; but after all the colossal expenditure upon armaments that has taken place during the past five years, and the extravagant squandering of vital resources in recent months, we may be absolutely certain that inflation is ahead, with financial dis-

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Two of Germany's Stuka dive bombers which have wrought much havoc in the new world war. Each plane carries a 1,000-pound high explosive bomb and dives at 500 mph at its target.

aster for millions. Almost every nation was virtually bankrupt before war broke out; their position after the war, with their assets consumed in its devouring flames, defies description. There may well be a complete collapse of the whole financial structure of Western civilization.

There is going to be famine. Millions may starve to death. Even now the signs of this approaching disaster are visible all over Europe. Vast armies of men who would normally be tilling the soil are at the front, or working night and day in munitions factories preparing engines of destruction. Hundreds of thousands of acres, which normally would be covered with wheat or corn, are lying waste and uncultivated, while other vast areas have been ruined by shellfire or submerged by sea water in protective inundations.

Invasion after invasion has led to the greatest disruption of life that the world has seen in all history. The whole complex mechanism of a highly organized continent has been broken up and hopelessly entangled. Train services have been discontinued, bus lines have ceased to operate. Telegraph and telephone systems have been wrecked. Trucks and cars have been commandeered for military purposes, so that the shipment of goods has become a hazardous and uncertain undertaking. Great seaports, which depend upon world trade for existence, have not cleared a ship for months. And in the midst of all this bewildering confusion the cry of the multitudes for food becomes more and more insistent.

Soldiers of the Turkish army ready for action in the Near East.

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Then there are the refugees, thousands upon thousands of them, utterly helpless, utterly dependent upon those who shelter them, and all helping rapidly to consume the last reserves of foodstuffs.

Even in the best of times there were too many people in Europe who barely managed to keep themselves from actual want and hunger. After a war like this, starvation on a vast and terrifying scale would seem to be inevitable.

There is going to be pestilence. It came after the last war. It will come after this. There are many alive today who remember the steam shovels requisitioned even in America to bury the dead of the great influenza epidemic of 1918-19. Just why pestilence follows war may not be clear; but that is the course of history. Perhaps it is because of the multitudes of dead upon the battlefields; perhaps it is because of the undernourishment of great hosts of people; or perhaps it is because of the constant and terrific strain upon the nerves; but it happens this way, and it will happen again.

There is going to be revolution. This is another of the lessons of history which the leaders of the nations should have remembered before they plunged into this new and dreadful blood bath. Did not the greatest revolutions of all time result from the war of 1914-18? Indeed, most of the evils that plague us now were the direct outcome of these vast upheavals of humanity. And we need not hope that the future will spare us similar sorrows. Already in nation after nation there must be gathering such a storm of bitterness and hatred as the world has never seen, a devastating force sufficient to bring what remains of law and order crashing down in a hopeless medley of carnage and confusion.

So we find ourselves once more in the midst of the age-old cycle of tragedy, which Christ, with His divine insight into human frailties, so clearly enunciated. "Nation shall rise against nation," He said, "and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:7.

Will nothing break this vicious circle, this endless round of calamity, which has cursed mankind from time immemorial, and now, in its most aggravated state, threatens to wreck our modern civilization completely, and engulf the whole wide world in unimaginable chaos?

Yes, something will break it; and Christ tells us that that will be His own return in glory.

Just when everything seems at its very worst, when hope of better times has almost died out, when men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth,"—then shall we see "the Son

OUR COVER PICTURE

This wonderful picture shows eighteen scout bombing planes attached to the U. S. S. "Saratoga" during a formation flight over peaceful Southern California. Hundreds of planes like these have been destroyed in one week of fighting in Europe.

of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:26, 27.

Thank God for this word of hope and consolation in these desperately evil days! Indeed, there is no other hope left but this now.

And listen, every sad and aching heart: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Verse 28.

Well may we respond with heartfelt earnestness: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20.



AS RUTHLESS forces of destruction sweep over nation after nation, bombing, burning, killing, maiming, and leaving behind a trail of frightfulness and devastation, even the most devout Christian is apt to question the justice and the sovereignty of God. Some even begin to wonder whether God bothers to think any more of this mad and murderous old world. Indeed, more than one has asked of late: "If there be a God in heaven, how could He stand aside and permit such horrors as have so

What invasion means. As soon as the people of Norway realized the full import of the conquest of their country, crowds besieged the banks. Here is a line waiting outside one of Oslo's biggest banks in the greatest "run on the bank" the stricken country has ever known.

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recently been visited upon a dozen peace-loving and inoffensive European countries?"

But just at this moment the Bible opens and gives us this remarkable description of our time: "The nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." Revelation 11:18.

Here indeed is a most remarkable passage. But when is it intended to apply? Undoubtedly in the closing days of world history. Indeed, it occurs just after the sounding of the seventh trumpet, during which "the kingdoms of this world" become "the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." Verse 15. It is at this time that "the mystery of God" is to be finished, which we understand to be the final preaching of the gospel in all the world, now taking place. Chapter 10:7.

Every statement connected with this prophecy clearly shows that it has reference to this very time of trouble and tragedy in which we are living today.

On earth the nations are angry; but in heaven God is angry. "Thy wrath is come." That does not sound like indifference or forgetfulness; nor do the subsequent statements concerning the judgment.

But note especially the closing phrase of this passage: "And shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

So God is watching after all. Not a city has been shelled nor a church de-

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Chariots in the Clouds

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WAR clouds may, in some cases, even become a means to further God's work in the earth. It is probable that the psalmist (in writing psalm 104, verse three) had only physical clouds in mind when he wrote, "Who maketh the clouds His chariot;" but in China, at least, war clouds have also resulted in many advances for the cause of Christ's gospel.

Christians have gone as refugees to many places where Christianity was unknown, and have carried the gospel story with them to the new communities. Thousands of non-Christian people have, to avoid danger, flocked to places more protected, and there have come in contact with those who were preaching and proclaiming the truths of Christianity.

In refugee camps multitudes have had time and opportunity to listen to the messages from God's Book. Help, which has been received by thousands in need of physical assistance, has opened the door for spiritual light to enter many hearts that otherwise would never have been opened.

The report of the secretary of the China Bible House shows that in 1939 Bible sales were 179 per cent higher than they were ten years ago, and 500,000 more copies were sold than in 1938. Bibles and Bible portions sold by the China Bible House alone in 1939 reached the astounding total of 3,971,984 copies. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23. This means that seven copies were distributed every minute, day and night, throughout the year. It means also that on the average, one family in thirty throughout China received some portion of the Bible in 1939—a thing unheard of in times of peace.

IN THIS illuminating and encouraging article Missionary Hartwell calls attention to a feature of the present world chaos that many are apt to overlook. Undoubtedly in other countries besides China, which have suffered the horrors of invasion, people are turning again to the Lord. Thus once more God is causing the wrath of man to praise Him. EDITOR.

A year ago, invading armies were active in some fourteen provinces, while bombing operations were going on in no less than five others. Today the field of operation is no smaller. But all during this time a noble work has been carried on by Christian workers of all denominations operating in the land of China. The Chinese have not only been more receptive to God's truth as individuals, but many of them have had a deep desire to help in the work. Individuals among the Chinese have sent in large contributions to Bible houses and other Christian organizations in order that larger numbers of their people might learn the story of Jesus' love.

The influx of Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria has been another opportunity for Christian workers in Shanghai to put forth new efforts. These people are in a condition of poverty and need, which makes them more reachable by Christian workers than ever before. And such workers are trying to do their best to help these people to see that "salvation is of the Jews," and also for the Jews if they will accept it. Some, we are happy to say, are responding to such influences.

New chapels have been opened up in

many interior places because Christians who fled there for refuge have sent for evangelists to come and hold meetings in these communities. Some of these places are far off from the beaten tracks of commerce and communication. And so it may be said in the words of another: "In spite of the war, perhaps because of the war," God's work has had a new impetus in China. God's ways are past finding out, but it seems to be a fact that He "maketh the clouds His chariot."

He doubtless makes other clouds His chariots as well. Sickness, pain, sorrow, death, poverty, loss of property, failure in business, and many such clouds of great adversity may and do serve as chariots of God to bring people into a condition where they can and are willing to listen to God's pleading call. Dark storm clouds often oppress the spirit and soul; but if they serve to bring us back to our Father and home, let us thank God for them. There is an old hymn which says, in part,

"But should the surges rise,
And rest delay to come,
Blest be the sorrow, kind the storm,
Which drives us nearer home."

Of course, it is right and proper to pray that God will send peace and prosperity; but it is also our duty to learn the lessons God wishes us to learn from the experiences through which He permits us to pass. While most earnestly longing for the day when all these troubles will be over, when bloodshed and human anguish shall cease, yet it is the high privilege of every child of God to take advantage of present opportunities to make God's love known to those who may be reached. This is a work that missionaries in China are today trying to do.

CHAOS

SPREADS AROUND THE

WORLD

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*Everything "Off Schedule"
Where Are We Going?*
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by A. R. OGDEN

RECENTLY on a voyage of more than a week from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, to Cristobal, Canal Zone, it was my privilege to dine with the officers of the very splendid boat on which I was traveling. With all the uncertainty, and more or less irregularity, of boat service, I was naturally quite interested to know when I might expect to get a boat for my return trip.

In response to my inquiry at the dinner table one day, the captain said: "Our boats are not running on schedule any more. We have no timetable."

And, I thought, not only are the boats of this world, operated by renowned steamship companies on all the seven seas, off schedule, but a great many other services of our modern civilized life are off schedule. Chaos is spreading round the world. These and other matters ran quickly through my mind at the kind-hearted captain's response to my anxious query as to the probable time when I might get a return boat. "We are not operating on schedule; we have no timetable."

I was not unmindful of the fact that I was not riding on the boat on which I had originally, some weeks before, made reservations. That particular boat never made its return from Europe, as it struck a hidden mine,—an unseen trap of death and destruction,—and was suddenly sent to the bottom of the sea with its cargo of freight and human life, even as many other vessels are constantly being sunk without a moment's warning, bringing untimely death to innocent men, women, and children. In view of all this, the captain's reply to my anxious inquiry as to the possible return of a boat from the Canal Zone was of particular interest. "Our boats are not sailing on schedule; we have no timetable," kept ringing in my ears.

That the world has gone mad, having lost its timetable, chart, and compass, must be evident to all thinking people. And who isn't thinking seriously of present world conditions? Yes, the world is running riot. The unheard-of, the unthinkable, is daily brought forcibly to the attention of all peoples of all the world. By the press, by the radio, and by personal contacts in war-torn areas, men in all lands are having constantly thrust upon their attention the fact that things are out of order. What is the source of trouble? What is wrong with this old world? And what is the remedy?

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking on the subject of world peace during the early

summer of 1937, said: "The leadership of nations is vacant." Only six words, but how very significant! And if they were true then, how much more so are they now! Yet God has, through His holy word, and in other ways, sought to help man, and to give him the direction and leadership he seeks. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7.

The God of heaven has given to us a true Guidebook, and a divine law—a chart and compass. Only as man takes heed thereto is there safety and a sure path for his feet. The farther man departs from the divine blueprint, the farther he departs from the plan and purpose of the Creator, the greater will be the perplexities and problems of the human family.

History abundantly demonstrates the



When the Bible—the divine timetable, chart, and compass—is discarded, no wonder the world is "off schedule."

truthfulness of this statement. And today is it not true that it is those nations which have departed farthest from God that are now foremost in imposing their false theories of life upon neighboring states? When brute force, instead of the principles of peace and righteousness, is in the ascendancy, nations are forced into war.

Let us pause for a moment on some of the trends of the present age. Those of us who can remember back a half century or more can readily recall how, in those days, a family which did not conduct morning and evening worship in the home was considered very godless. Yet how few today, even in professed Christian homes, maintain with any degree of regularity either family worship or the giving of thanks for daily food?

Has not the world, yes, even we in professed Christian lands, gone considerably "off schedule" in such essential Christian privileges as prayer, the saying of grace, and the study of God's Book? All these are essential that we might daily be kept close to the chart and compass of our divine Lord and Saviour. The Bible is rapidly becoming an unknown or at least an unread book in many professedly Christian homes. We laud the noble purposes and accomplishments of the great organizations, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society and their auxiliaries. Yet these, with all their mighty achievements in the ever-enlarging circulation of the Book of God, avail but little unless the Book itself is brought into the actual heart and life experience of men and women.

Should not the present tragic hour, the appalling condition of our world, be a mighty challenge, a definite call, for a spiritual revival and reformation, in our own lives, in our homes, in our churches? This and this only will meet the needs of the present crisis.

Then, too, God, in the prophecies of His holy word, has placed signposts to mark the highway of human history, so that we may know where we are in the course of earthly affairs. These signposts point to the haven beyond. In the prophecies of both the Old and the New Testament, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and the Lord Jesus Himself have given many signs, to mark well this present generation as the one that will be the climax of earth's history.

Among the signs mentioned by Jesus as pointing directly to His second coming, we read His own words: "Nation

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IMAGINE for a moment that a stratosphere rocket arrives on our earth from another planet, and from this strange craft step a perfect man and woman of superior strength and wisdom. They inform us that they have come from a Utopia where there is no sin. Their planet has an Edenic state similar to that which originally existed in this world. Certainly we would welcome this man and woman to our civilization, and we would proceed to show them our twentieth-century accomplishments.

The office buildings of Manhattan, towering a thousand feet into the sky, would attract their attention. Giant bridges spanning bays, mammoth dams impounding the waters of broad rivers, would meet their eyes. We would guide them through our art galleries, libraries, museums, and institutions of learning.

To impress this modern Adam and Eve with the progress of civilization, we would take them to the magic laboratories of science. They would watch the television broadcasts, the construction of airplanes, and the marvels of commercial chemistry.

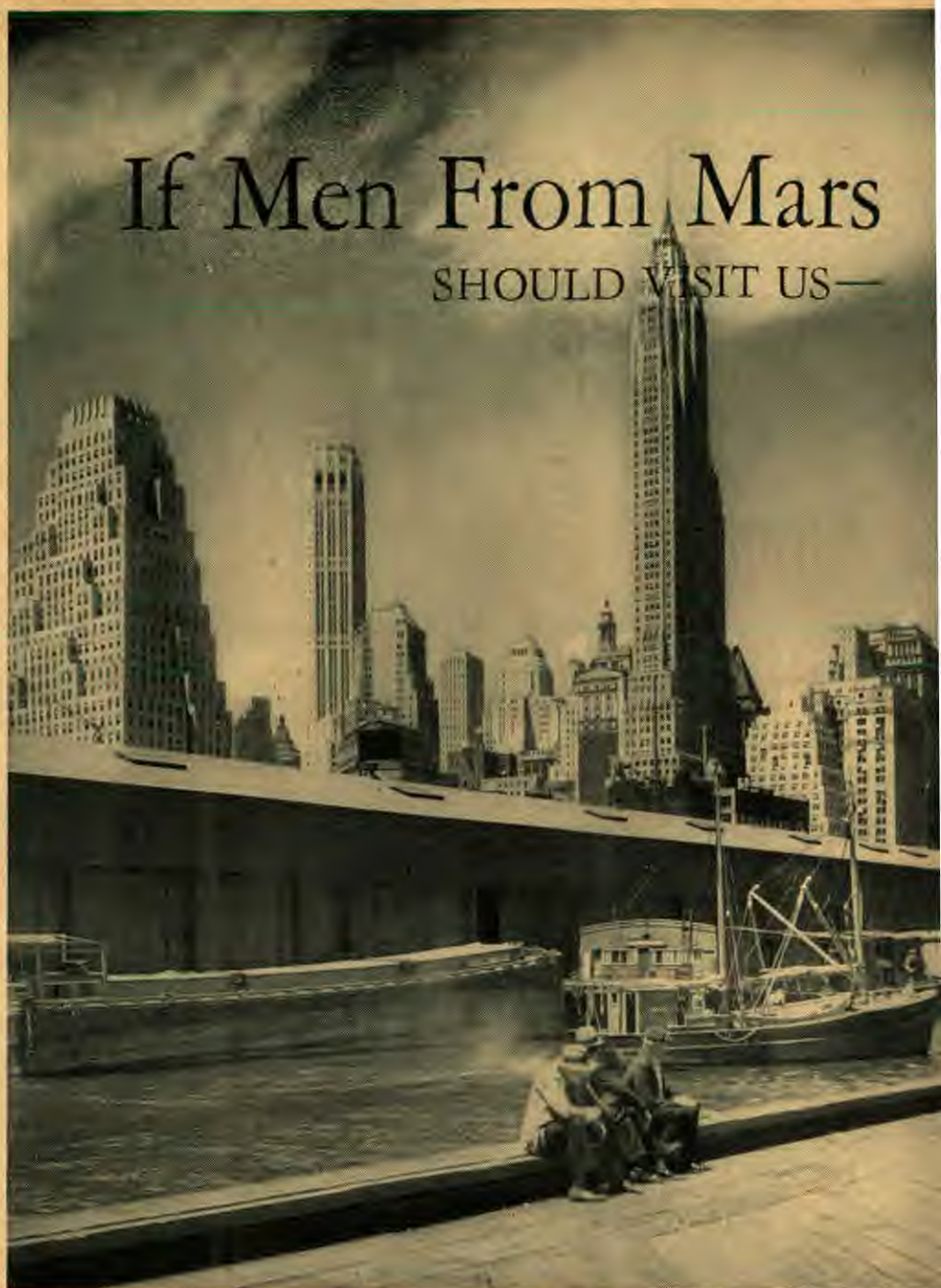
But, as citizens of this earth, we would hang our heads as this perfect pair from another world looked upon our prisons, asylums, and morgues. What could we tell them about suffering and sickness as they would see it in our metropolitan medical centers? Our only statement could be: "This is the result of sin. Humanity is reaping the harvest of suffering and death because of disobedience." There is no other reason for the pain, sorrow, and tragedy which are the common lot of every man.

The only history of sin's origin is found in the inspired word of God; its pages show that sin originated within the precincts of heaven. The angelic hosts saw revolt spring up in their midst, and many of them "kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation." Jude 6. Lucifer, a brilliant leader among the angels, was made a perfect being. "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." Ezekiel 28:15.

The heavenly hosts gave God complete allegiance of their own volition. However, a spark of discontent and jealousy seethed in Lucifer's brain. He whispered: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13, 14.

This angelic leader stirred rebellion among the angels until a third of the host of God accepted Lucifer's plans. Revelation 12:4. Open warfare was inevitable to protect the law of God and

If Men From Mars SHOULD VISIT US—



Marvelous as are the physical achievements of man, he must needs build the "more stately mansions" of the soul in order to reach God's ideal for him.

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the loyal beings from Lucifer's anarchy. Here is the vivid account in Revelation 12:7-9: "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."

God did not create evil. He desired the willing obedience of perfect beings who possessed free minds. They must know and obey the laws of the universe through free will. Harmony with heaven's principles would result in happiness, but anarchy would bring chaos. Satan, desiring to usurp the throne of God, was overthrown. God desired that

His creatures love Him; but love can only be given, it cannot be demanded. Therefore, if God would have angels who adored Him, they must have the power of choice. Free will is essential to love. The moment force is employed love leaves the heart and fear enters.

The love of God and the love of self are opposites. They cannot be harmonized. The words of Lucifer reveal his egotism. His thought centered in "I, I, I." Sin was a new idea, a radical departure from the everlasting love of the heavenly Father. Justice demanded that the anarchists be cast out of heaven, even though the archrebel stood next to the throne of God. Peter states that "God spared not the angels that sinned," but cast them from the divine precincts. 2 Peter 2:4.

The problem of sin might have been

What Would They Think of Our Present World Situation? How Would We Explain the Presence of Evil?

by MERLIN L. NEFF

solved quickly by annihilating Satan and his hosts. It would seem right for an omnipotent God to destroy the evil before it spread destruction. But the doctrines of Lucifer had enticed one third of the millions of angels. If all these creatures were immediately blotted out of existence, what would the loyal followers of God know of right and wrong? Into heaven had come a strange doctrine, startling in its effect over many minds that possessed the power of reason and the right of choice.

If sin had been destroyed at that moment, the loyal creatures of heaven might have served their Creator through fear instead of through love. They would never have been certain that Satan was wrong, for the results of his lies could not be proved; therefore, a just God must demonstrate to the universe that His laws are benevolent, that His love is from everlasting to everlasting.

The scene now shifts from heaven to our earth. The Father and His only-begotten Son created this earth, and all forms of life. Man was made in the image of God, and he was pronounced a perfect being. This new world was sinless. There was no death, no sickness, no suffering, no evil. Adam and Eve were taught the plan the Father had for this earth. The dominion of the world was given into their charge, and, in turn, they were to show their allegiance to their Creator. The children of men were given free will in order that they might decide their course of life. It was a dangerous gift; but it was necessary if they would love God, not merely fear Him.

Into this perfect state Satan came with his seditious teachings against obedience to God. His ambition to be God was voiced to Eve through the serpent. "Ye shall be as gods," he hissed, "knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:5. These perfect human beings, stung by the desire for selfish power, chose evil. They transferred their allegiance from their Creator to their archenemy. The germ of sin was inoculated into this world. What would it bring forth? The apostle James wrote the answer. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15.

For millenniums the controversy be-

tween good and evil has been waged on this earth. Sin is no longer an experiment. It has demonstrated its forces and proved to be antithetical to goodness, truth, happiness, and life. Satan's doctrines have brought the wages of sin in their full payment.

The devil's autograph has been written on men's lives, on nature, and even on the Son of God. Forever Jesus Christ will bear the marks of sin's hideous penalty in His wounded side, and in the nail-prints in His feet and hands. But the victory was assured by the life and death of Jesus Christ. Satan and his cohorts are doomed to final destruction.

There will be a Paradise regained. We cannot create a sinless world by law, by education, or through science. Only the world's Creator can make the promise that is found in the last book of the Bible:

"Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5. The long-dreamed-of Utopia will be a reality when sin is destroyed, and iniquity shall not rise up the second time. Nahum 1:9. God shows us the world of tomorrow in these thrilling words: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. . . . And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:1-4.

Satan's days are numbered; his doom is sealed. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12. Does this not answer the problem of sin and suffering? The scourge of war, the cry of dying children, the gaunt specter of famine, are not the desire of God. The germ of sin is reaching its full growth. To Adam and Eve, the selfish choice was but a minor infringement of God's commands; but it opened the door for the Frankenstein, which not only will destroy itself, but it would destroy all of the human race if God did not intervene.

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Flashlines

by W. L. EMMERSON

TOWARD FEDERATION "My view," says Sir Wm. Beveridge, Master of University College, Oxford, "is that our peace aim ought to be to end this war by a federation of all the present belligerents and all the neutrals deeply implicated and who are suffering by it."

WAR BREAKS ALL COMMANDMENTS "The Christian pacifist," writes the Rev. W. Mauleverer in *The Modern Churchman*, "is not mainly concerned with the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill,' as is so often supposed, but with the fact that not only does modern warfare transgress all or most of the commandments (including especially the first) but that it is, in effect, the final denial of the doctrine of the cross, of the divine method of redemption through complete self-giving love, which still remains a stumbling block to some, and foolishness to others."

WITHIN BOMBING RANGE America is not so sure as she once was of immunity from invasion. "The rapidly increasing range and speed of bombers necessarily raise doubts about our own security," writes the *New York Times*. "The bombing of Boston or New York by long-range planes that follow a great circle over

the Pole in good weather, or cross the Atlantic, is no longer to be dismissed as a wild improbability. . . . In a word, the time is rapidly approaching when we shall no longer be isolated from Europe by several thousand miles of air."

AN UNOPENED BOOK "A vast number of persons who possess Bibles, and are glad to possess them, very rarely open them," declares Dr. E. R. Micklem, in his latest work, "A Book on the Bible for Everyman." "The prevalent ignorance of the Bible even amongst churchgoers is notorious. We may believe quite sincerely that the Bible is a book of priceless value, and yet many of us are conscious of a dreary sense of oppression when we are told that we ought to read it."

NEWS—BAD AND GOOD "The Christian religion," said the Rev. A. H. Rees, M.A., in a recent sermon, "is not primarily concerned with ideals or theories or codes of morals—though, of course, all these things are to be found in it. It has what none of the other world religions have or claim to have—a gospel. That is to say, its first concern is to make known a certain piece of news. . . . The Christian religion has news about God and man; and its first news—yes, let us admit the fact—is bad news, the news of man's sin and God's wrath against sin;" but he added, "the Christian religion has not only bad news; it has—and this is the important thing about it—good news."

IS RELIGION JUST “Pie in the Sky”?

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*How Peace and Happiness
Can Be Enjoyed Now
A Modern Criticism of
Christianity Answered*
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by GWYNNE DALRYMPLE



TO EXPRESS their contempt for the Christian religion, modern skeptics have a little phrase or rhyme, which they claim represents the real teaching of Christianity:

“Pie in the sky
By and by.”

This, they say, is all that the gospel amounts to; it merely trains people to submit to their exploiters and tyrants now, in the vague hope of receiving in the hereafter some indefinite reward. The same thought is expressed in that famous dictum of Marx: “Religion is the opiate of the people.”

But the gospel does not really teach that by a life of misery here men must purchase the happiness of heaven. If we turn to the New Testament, we can see immediately that the men who knew Jesus best regarded the Christian life not as something forlorn and wretched, but as something joyful and glorious even in this present world. True, they looked forward to the perfection of that better world to come; but, before that, right here and now, they felt that the Christian was happier and better off, if we may so say, than those around him who had no connection with Christ, and knew only the cheap pleasures of this world.

Notice what the Bible has to say on

this topic. Such words as “cheer” and “gladness” and “joy” are found very frequently in the Scriptures, as an examination of any concordance or the reading of the Bible itself will quickly show. Thus we find Jesus declaring to His disciples, when only a few brief hours remained before His crucifixion: “These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” John 15:11. And again: “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:24. And again: “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” Verse 33.

These are the words of Jesus. But the same language, expressing the same frame of mind, is constantly found in the record of those who followed Him. “The disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost,” is the statement of Luke. Acts 13:52. Paul adds that “the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost;” or, as Goodspeed renders this passage in modern English; “The kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of uprightness, peace, and happiness through the

possession of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17.

Perhaps the most impressive passage on this point is that found in another place in Paul’s writings—verses so grand and so helpful that every young person would do well to remember them, to engrave them forever on his mind and on his consciousness: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22. Not inquietude and restlessness, not misery and wretchedness, are the points emphasized by the apostle, but “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness.” And who that is widely acquainted with Christian persons can deny that in many instances these virtues are observed to a remarkable degree in those who are followers of Christ?

Gloom in this present world is not an



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Can a Man Be Happy and a Christian at the Same Time?

not. We would like to reform—but reformation is beyond our power.

That has been our situation. But in Christ we have been redeemed! We have surrendered ourselves to Him, and He has bought us back from our slavery to evil. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1. And because he has been rescued from the power that subdued and afflicted him, as of old slaves were bought back from a cruel master who hated and despised them, why should not the Christian believer rejoice that he is free in Christ?

There is another secret of the Christian's joy. There was a time when it seemed to every person living

in this our twentieth century that our world was approaching closer and closer to perfection. War, injustice, racial hatred, economic injustice—how swiftly these cold, hard things were melting beneath the rising beams of civilization and progress! Then the vision faded, as fades some foolish dream of splendor, and we now know that all our progress, all our civilization, all our science, have been insufficient to check the frightful evils that flourish in the heart of man. We now know—and by how many unhappy evidences!—that our world is going down, that our civilization is struggling with evils from which it can scarcely be expected to emerge.

And under the shades of the chaos that is fast enveloping our world, what hope or what assurance or what consolation can be found or surmised, save that which is found in Christ? Therefore a second source of the Christian's joy lies in this, that he has the privilege and blessing and happiness of leading others to a knowledge of that which alone can survive, which alone can strengthen in the storms of destruction that are now beating upon this earth. In any catastrophe, how are we encouraged and made strong, how are we made joyful even in the midst of sorrow, by the knowledge that our hand has saved a sinking

brother, our effort has brought to safety another who without us would have perished!

Now, it is exactly this source of joy that is the Christian's. He may not only rejoice that he himself has been saved by Christ; but he may rejoice that in the providence of God he may communicate that salvation to others. He may help them who need to be helped as badly as he has needed to be helped. From his lips they may learn of the Saviour; the pamphlet he distributes, the Bible he lends, may be the means of leading them to safety and joy and peace—the same safety and joy and peace he himself has found.

Thirdly, the Christian is happy because he can indeed look forward to a better world than this. "Ah," says the critic, "that is exactly what we mean when we accuse you of teaching a religion that offers only 'pie in the sky by and by.'" Very well; we confess to the charge. But why should we not look forward to something that is a reality? Here in this present world we look forward to all kinds of things, some of which materialize and some of which do not; but who blames us for our hopefulness?

Why should the Christian believer, then, be blamed for believing in that which God Himself has promised? As it is written, "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Romans 3:4. The words of our heavenly Father are true and sure and certain. He will not disappoint us. His word cannot fail. The one who trusts in Him, who obeys Him, who yields his life to Him, shall not be ashamed. In Him is indeed redemption and salvation.

Christianity is not a delusion. The gospel is not a myth. Are you debating whether or not you shall yield your life to the Saviour? Remember that the religion of Jesus is not a kind of self-persuasion that all is well when all is not well. Rather it is entering into the plan of God Himself, whereby fallen and defective men may be changed, transformed, redeemed, saved; and that forever.

WHAT we do upon a great occasion will probably depend upon what we already are; what we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline, under the grace of Christ or the absence of it.—H. P. Liddon.

essential of Christian living. But what is the cause of the Christian's joy? After all, there must be a reason for everything. Why is the believer happy, with a happiness that is not vouchsafed to those who are agnostics, infidels, atheists?

There are several reasons; let us consider some of them. First, the one who has been led to Christ is happy because he has been redeemed from the chains of sin and evil. "Redeemed," of course, is not originally a theological term, but a commercial one. It properly means "bought back," and is quite correctly used in such expressions as "to redeem a mortgage," or "to redeem a pledge." But in Bible language what is its meaning? Simply this, that all humanity has been, if we may borrow Paul's expression, "sold under sin." Romans 7:14. We are no longer our own. Satan, the prince of this world, has led us captive. We would like to do better—but we can-



Round the World With the Gospel

Christianity Battles WITCHCRAFT

*Wonderful Work of Medical Missions
in Darkest Africa*

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WHO is the all-conquering power? Who is the all-mastering hand? Who is the chief potentate in the African jungle? There can be but one answer—only one! That important personage is the medicine man, the witch doctor.

Go into any heathen village, and you will find him posing as rain maker or as doctor. You will behold him arrayed in his hideous garb of feathers, skins, furs, beads, and colorful attire. Around his neck hang his charms, together with the little horns of animals filled with his most powerful medicine. These concoctions have been handed down from father to son, from generation to generation; indeed, they have been passed on from one to the other as a most sacred legacy.

As you draw nearer, you will behold him busily engaged in throwing bones—a means of divination; or he may be burning charcoal made from such things as roasted bats, cony dung, jackal livers, baboon and lion hearts. While doing all this, he utters the most weird incantations. He stands forth the chiefest among his fellow tribesmen, moving with great decorum—all this to bring the onlookers under the spell of the magic he is endeavoring to cast upon them.

No paramount chief, no European administrator, no other high official of whatsoever rank in government circles is regarded with more awe, more hatred, or more fear than is Africa's medicine man.

His word is law. From his counsel there is no appeal. Many a victim's life has been quickly snuffed out at his command. When all other means have been exhausted by a native chief and his counselors to locate the evil in the village or to discover why some affliction has befallen them, the medicine man is sought. According to native custom, he alone can save the day, regardless of the consequences.

Some years ago, General Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, addressing a large audience in Toronto, Canada, said in part: "The true ruler of

Africa today, as he has been for thousands of years in the past, is the medicine man, and the man to fight him effectively is the scientific medicine man. It is a matter for congratulation that our Christian missionaries more and more are developing the medical side. Medical missions are the missions for Africa. The devils of Africa are witchcraft and disease; witchcraft the demoralizing, and disease the most widespread and terrible."—*Quoted in the "Literary Digest," Dec. 21, 1929.*

Such a picture as is here so graphically portrayed by General Smuts is not overdrawn. It in no way overstates the situation. And what a fearful, unsightly condition it is! According to this illustrious statesman and lecturer upon African

problems, the only man who can successfully oppose and defeat the witch doctor, with his soul-damning, murderous, evil-working magic and death-dealing activities, is the Christian medical missionary who follows in the footprints of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

The medical program of Seventh-day Adventists is world-wide. They have their sanitariums and hospitals in many countries; yet space permits mention only of what this mission board is doing (in co-operation with other mission boards) in an endeavor to bring about better conditions among the black-skinned races and tribes of Africa. This society has looked for many years upon medical work as second to none in labor among the heathen as one of the great

Natives of Central Africa attired in the hideous costumes which are used in their devil dances.



key powers in helping to effect the most—spiritually, morally, and physically—for the people. In every section of the country wherein the medical missionary sets foot, hospitals, leper colonies, dispensaries, and baby clinics are rendering a valuable service in the uplift of fallen humanity. Such a service is deeply appreciated, and is highly commended by various governments wherein the work is being conducted.

In 1927, a doctor, a close personal friend of mine, left the glowing possibilities of a lucrative medical practice in California to devote his life to the needs of humanity



Lying before this African witch doctor are the bones which are commonly thrown by these men in practicing divination.

in Angola, West Africa. He had to pioneer the way for a new medical station. Such is not an easy task; but he refused to give up.

When he arrived, he found that a home had to be erected for his family, and materials must be secured for the hospital. In other words, he had to be doctor, builder, mission director, and instructor. His early experience gained on the farm, in the dairy, at the carpenter's trade, and in the mechanic's field prior to the days of his medical course now stood him in good stead.

Not long after his arrival, he and the nurse began their dispensary work, while the hospital was in course of construction. However, to their disappointment, the native people did not come as expected. Only one, two, or three a day. What could be the trouble! In spite of their kindness, their smiles, their efforts to win, the witch doctor had gotten in the master stroke. He had thrown his bones in the various villages; he had consulted the spirits; he had wrought his magic; he must warn the people to stay away from the white doctor. He must let them know that the white man's medicine was no good; that he was not so powerful

as the witch doctor. The white doctor would not cure. He would simply cut them, and many of them would die. To go to this man would bring down the wrath of the spirits of some departed dead. "Stay away!" he most loudly commanded, and the people obeyed him.

Six months of this sort of program brought its tests, its trials, and its dark discouragements. The doctor naturally wondered whether divine Providence after all had had anything to do with his appointment to such a task.

One morning when he felt about ready to send up the white flag, he looked up and, behold, a company of men were drawing near. Soon they deposited their burden at his feet. It was the paramount chief of that part of the country.

"Doctor," said he, through the interpreter, "I have been warned to stay away from you. I have been warned against your medicine. I have been told you were here simply to exploit my people. So I have not come before. But now I am here. I am a sick man. The magic and the medicine of the witch doctor avail me nothing. I am growing worse each day, and must soon die unless I can find help. *Can't you help me, doctor?*" was his ardent appeal.

The doctor took in the situation at a glance. An immediate examination revealed the old chief to be in a frightful condition. Surgery might save the day. He said to the chief: "You are a very sick man. I fear that you have come too late. However, I will do my utmost. I shall have to give you some strong medicine, which will make you sleep peacefully. Then I'll make an opening in your side, and try to take out the trouble."

"All right," exclaimed the chief, "I am in your hands, doctor; do as you think best."

During the operation, the doctor said: "Nurse, this man has come too late. He can never get well, unless—"

The nurse interrupted, "Unless what, doctor?"

"Unless God helps, the man will die in a few hours," was his answer.

There was silence. What if this man should die? What would it mean? The doctor recalled the statement of the chief that he had been warned not to come; but that was not the most important of his thoughts right at this supreme moment. He knew—indeed, he knew—that in this patient he held the key that would either unlock the door to that people, or forever bar it the more tightly.

Quickly the doctor and the nurse completed their work. Then falling upon their knees, they committed their patient to the Great Physician.

Almost at once a change for the better was observed by the hospital staff. Days rapidly passed. They could see that di-

vine aid had come. The earnest appeal of this God-fearing doctor and nurse had been heard by the Great Physician above. The old chief recovered in a little while, and went home a happy man.

Everyone was out to welcome him. All were wondering, and anxious to hear what he would say. Eager they were to learn what the white doctor did—yea, what magic, what medicine, did he use to make the chief well? And the story was told.

The death knell of witchcraft and magic had been struck in that territory. "Go, go quickly," said the chief; "tell my people everywhere that the white doctor is our friend." The news spread like a forest fire. Around many a campfire that night the news held the center of discussion.

A little while after this the doctor wrote: "I have had a rather busy time of it today. We have cared for 186 patients at the dispensary and hospital this morning. Both the nurse and I feel ready for a good night's rest."

Today, that hospital is known for hundreds of miles in every direction. No longer do the people fear. The twenty beds are always full, with a waiting list. The hospital is now being enlarged to accommodate more.

In Central Africa

Over in Runda, on Lake Kivu, Dr. — of the Ngoma Mission Hospital was accosted by a native one morning, "Doctor, I have come to have you cut my throat." That was how he let the doctor know that he wanted a tonsillectomy. He had

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In many instances the witch doctor has had to give place to the representatives of the Great Physician, who alone can bring healing to mind and body.



The True Christian Sabbath

Saturday or Sunday?

*A Strange Discrepancy
Explained*

by

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MANY persons are still perplexed as to which day is the true Christian Sabbath.

Incredible as it must seem to those who have been brought up to hallow Sunday, there is no command in the Bible for Sunday observance. There is no penalty for nonobservance of Sunday in the Bible. There is nothing in the Bible in favor of Sunday observance. It just is not mentioned at all!

Sunday was not kept by Christ. Sunday was not kept by the apostles of Christ. Sunday was not kept by the early Christians.

There *is* a commandment in the Bible to keep the Sabbath. That Sabbath was not Sunday when the commandment was given. It is not Sunday now. That commandment has no reference to Sunday. It deals with an entirely different day.

Somewhere in the dim ages stretching between Christ's time and ours Sunday observance found an entrance into the church. It was not brought in by divine authority. It was brought in directly against divine authority. It was brought in by an enemy of Christ, an enemy of truth, an enemy of the church, and an enemy of man.

It did not belong in the church when it was wrongfully brought in. It does not belong in the church now. It never will belong in the church.

There is a commandment in the Bible to keep the Sabbath. There is only one such command. It has been in the Bible from the beginning. It is there now. It has never been changed. It has the same force now that it ever had.

This single, solitary commandment for Sabbath observance will be found in Exodus 20:8-11. Just turn to the place, and look at it. It plainly declares that "the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work."



INTERNATIONAL

An airplane view of Constantinople, the place anciently chosen by Constantine the Great as his seat of empire. It was largely through Constantine's profession of Christianity and his Sunday law that the false Sabbath gained prestige.

I repeat: There is no other command given in the Holy Scriptures that names another or a different day from the seventh. The Bible in its entirety, both the Old and the New Testament, commands, upholds, defends, and teaches the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath.

What Does the Bible Teach?

Now, here is a strange and singular thing. The textbook of Christianity, upon which the church is founded, the Holy Bible, teaches nothing, commands nothing, says nothing, about Sunday observance. It does teach and command the observance of the seventh day. And very nearly the entire Christian church today, while professing to follow "the Bible and the Bible only," has never once observed the only Sabbath the Bible says anything about.

The Bible makes as plain as day the duty of observing the seventh day. Very few Christians today have ever obeyed the Bible in this matter of Sabbath observance.

The Bible declares the seventh day to be God's Sabbath, and commands all men to keep it. Practically the whole Christian church today is going exactly contrary to this command, ignoring it altogether, violating it every seven days, some ignorantly, some knowingly, some unwillingly, some willfully.

And so there is a discrepancy, a wide discrepancy, between the present-day practice of the Christian churches in the matter of Sunday observance and the plain, straightforward, unequivocal teaching of the Bible.

This discrepancy has disturbed the minds of many of the children of God who have been seeking for reliable information on this subject.

There is a real need of accurate, full, and dependable information regarding the truth of this important subject.

Someone will interject here, "But is it important? What difference does it make, anyway?"

We shall come to that later. It does make a difference, a stupendous difference, as we shall see. That difference is the very real and vital difference between obeying God and disobeying God.

But we shall not be drawn aside from the main issue just now. Let us carry on with our subject.

What we need to know is the origin of the true Sabbath of God, and the divine purpose for which it was given to man.

We should know, too, where Sunday observance originated, how it was clandestinely and slyly brought into the Christian church; by whom, and why, and when, and by what authority, and for what purpose, and what the effect has been.

There was a time when the whole

Christian church was observing the true Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. Then came a time during which nearly the whole Christian church forsook the true Sabbath, and allowed a substitute and counterfeit and false sabbath to be foisted upon it.

The influences at work can be positively identified. Their true character can be readily exposed. What they were seeking to do can easily be understood. And we can actually obtain a confession from the perpetrators of the fraud and the sponsors of the conspiracy against God and His truth; and the whole plot was foreseen and foretold before it happened! Indeed, God Himself issued a warning against it centuries before it took place.

There has been a conspiracy to overthrow the truth of God. And the forces at work cover their tracks, hide their true character, conceal their real purposes, and pretend to be what they are not. These forces are mighty in their power, malignant in their purpose, treacherous in their working, and their sole design is the deception and ultimate destruction of the world.

Let us be clear first, however, about the facts connected with this matter of the Sabbath. Clarity here will help us later.

The Sabbath is something that God made. He had a purpose in making it. We shall come to that later. Just now let us understand what the Sabbath is.

The Sabbath is not something God placed upon a day, which can be pushed about and transferred to another day; *the Sabbath is the day itself*. God took the seventh day, and out of that seventh day He made the Sabbath. He takes pains to make this clear: "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

We are not commanded to "remember the Sabbath, to keep it [the Sabbath] holy." The command is, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it [the day] holy."

The day God blessed can never be separated from the Sabbath. The Sabbath can never be separated from the day God blessed. You cannot take them apart. They are not separable. They are one. The *seventh day* is the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the *seventh day*.

The Sabbath is not a day for ordinary labor, for idleness, for amusement. It is for rest—spiritual as well as physical, for meditation, for worship—private as well as public, for holy joy, and for mutual helpfulness. It was designed to be, and it may be made to be, the happiest, the brightest, the best day, of all the seven.

The Sabbath is one of two survivals of Edenic life that have persisted since the fall of man, the other being the marriage institution.

This day of rest occurs weekly, in order to keep always before us the fact of God's

rest at the close of creation week. We are to remember God every day; but the Sabbath comes to us weekly, bringing larger opportunities for rest, meditation, and communion with the Creator.

Before its blessed and precious effects have been lost, the approach of another Sabbath renews its hallowing influence. Thus it sweetens all days, and extends its blessing to all our time, as we "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

At the beginning of human history, when God brought the earth into existence, He blessed the seventh day. He blessed it because He had rested on it. And then He made it holy, or set it apart for a holy use and purpose. He appointed it to be kept.

The seventh day was thus the recipient of all the blessings God had conferred; the rest, the sanctification, and the holiness all pertain alone to the seventh day.

When, therefore, some other day is used as a sabbath, every element that constitutes the Sabbath is left out and lost.

When another day is taken in the place of the day upon which God rested, then we have a day upon which God did not rest, a day He did not bless, a day that is not holy. Hence, whatever else we may have, we do not have the Sabbath,

for the Sabbath is the seventh day, and that day alone.

Over a period of a third of a century I have made an exhaustive, scrupulously careful examination of the Bible, of history, both civil and ecclesiastical, of theological writings, commentaries, church manuals, catechisms, and the candid admissions of Sunday observers, and I say to you in all honesty and with all earnestness that there is no authority in the Holy Scriptures for the observance of Sunday, no authority given to man to make a change of Sabbath observance from the seventh to the first day of the week, no divine sanction given such a change now that man has made it; that this substitution of a false sabbath for the true Sabbath of the Lord was entirely the work of an anti-Christian power, which adopted a purely pagan observance, and wickedly brought that observance into the Christian church; and that this observance of Sunday has no binding obligation upon Christian believers, but should be instantly and firmly repudiated and discarded as a matter of practice, and the true Sabbath of the Lord restored to its rightful place, both in the hearts of His people and in the practice of His church.

CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIPS

by MARY STARCK KERR

"I WISH we could move from this neighborhood," said Mrs. Welborn. "Benny brings home dirty little youngsters to play with him, and he learns bad manners from them, and when I criticize them, he defends them hotly."

"I'd send them home," said Mrs. Multer, "and punish him if he brought them back again."

"What would you do, Mrs. Williams?" asked Mrs. Welborn, turning to an older neighbor who was with them. "Did you ever have a problem of this kind?"

"What mother does not, if she lives in a congested neighborhood like this?" Mrs. Williams answered. "And it makes a good deal of difference to the character of the child whether such problems are solved in the best way. One of my friends did as Mrs. Multer suggested; she broke up some undesirable friendships in childhood. But her boy did not learn from that experience how to choose friends, and, in later life, made a mistake in his marriage in consequence."

"What did you do?" asked Mrs. Multer. "Not liking dirty children as companions for my boy, Tommy, at first I sent them home to wash; but, discovering that often the results were quite unsatisfactory, I then provided a washbasin, soap, water, and towels for them. Tommy always washed first to prevent any embarrassment."

"Then, the manners and even the morals of some of the children were far from desirable; but I did not criticize the children for that. Instead, when I talked to Tommy

about them, I commended some good quality I had found in one of them—and told Tommy to watch out for evidences of traits worth copying. I pointed out, however, that many of these boys had not had a chance to learn some of the things we knew, and we ought to help them find out how to think and act better in certain respects than they were then doing."

"And how did Tommy like that?" asked Mrs. Welborn.

"He responded to the idea in fine spirit, and tried not only to keep from imitating their undesirable habits but to help them form better ones. With some of them, this method was successful, and those who did not improve before long dropped out of the circle or were dropped by Tommy and the other boys."

"As for Tommy himself, it made him more discriminating. Besides this, he had formed the unpleasant habit of whining when he could not do or have what he wished. None of these little fellows did that. I called Tommy's attention to this in a friendly way. He watched them when they were disappointed; and, although some of them displayed other faults, there was no whining. After that the unpleasant tone was less often heard from Tommy, and soon it ceased altogether."

"I can see how that was a better way," said Mrs. Multer.

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Battles Witchcraft

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met a fellow comrade who had been to the hospital. That was all the recommendation he required; he was off immediately to secure the needed attention.

This physician and his staff find themselves busy day and night. On injection days, when those who have yaws come in for treatment, as many as from 500 to 600 injections are administered. The Government furnishes the medicine.

A few months ago, I visited Dr. — in the South Congo region. In looking over his records for the first five months of 1938, it was discovered that this man had performed 75 major operations and just over 100 minor operations, and had cared for 65 maternity cases, aside from the dispensary work and the supervision of the leper colony of 135 inmates.

His hospital is always full to overflowing. Government assistance is now being given toward the construction of a much-needed maternity ward. And all of this, mind you, is now happening among the Baluba people, who were the wildest and most savage human beings I ever saw twelve years ago. It seemed that among this tribe the headquarters of witchcraft in Africa had been located. Really they were a dirty lot, and in a most frightful condition. But what a change the years have brought! After I witnessed what I did there a few months ago, no one can ever persuade me that medical missions do not pay. I know that they do!

Today these Christian hospitals and dispensaries scattered here and there in Africa are, so to speak, worth their weight in gold to the native people. In them, the stricken body finds a haven of rest. Pain and suffering are being relieved. Mothers are learning at the baby clinics how better to care for their children. Knowledge relative to sanitation and more healthful surroundings is being imparted. Epidemics are being curbed. Souls are being lifted from filth, disease, and degradation into a more wholesome and happy atmosphere. Indeed, as General Smuts said, "medical missions are the missions for Africa." The only man who can successfully over-

come witchcraft is the medical missionary. My heart cries out, "O God, give us more such men and women, who can help us wage to the utmost a victorious fight against sin, witchcraft, and disease!"

The Flight of Time

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stroyed but He has been stirred thereby. Not a humble home has been blasted by some bombing plane but His wrath has risen. Not a mother or a babe has been done to death by machine-gun bullets but He has become the more resolved to end this devilish barbarism once and for all.

So while the would-be conquerors of the world amass their guns and tanks and planes to march forth to further bloody conquests, the arsenals of heaven have been fully stocked and God's preparations completed to "destroy them which destroy the earth."

Thank God this final overthrow of wickedness is not to be much longer delayed! Soon all who love Him, and trust Him through this crisis, will be saying with unmixed joy: "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned." Verse 17.

CALM IN THE STORM

FOLLOWING Christ's warning to His disciples that there would come "wars and rumors of wars," there occurs this rather surprising exhortation: "See that ye be not troubled." Matthew 24:6.

Now if there is one thing more than another that is calculated to trouble us it is war news of one sort or another. Indeed, we believe we are not far wrong in asserting that 90 per cent of the people of America are feeling the burden of it very heavily today.

Not only is the news from the European battle front depressing in the extreme, but, coupled with it, are increasing rumors that this last haven of civil and religious freedom may be the next on the list of nations to be affected by the spreading tide of totalitarianism. Certainly the

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enormous military and naval expenditures recently approved by Congress, amounting to nearly four billion dollars this year, are an ominous sign of the times.

Nevertheless at just such a time the Master's words come floating gently down the centuries: "See that ye be not troubled."

Not troubled!

No, not even in time of war. Not even when the radio blares out one disaster after another.

Not even in famine or pestilence or earthquake.

Always He whispers to His children: "See that ye be not troubled."

But how, Lord, how?

How can we be at peace in the midst of such uproar and confusion, such doubts and fears and sorrows?

It is hard to explain, for the peace of God "passeth all understanding." Philippians 4:7.

And it is a gift. We cannot purchase it or force it upon ourselves. We must simply and willingly receive it. Said Jesus to His perplexed and sorrowful disciples: "Peace I leave with you, *My peace I give unto you*: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

God help us to accept His gift of peace today, and so find calm in the storm.

Chaos Spreads

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shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:7. And again He assures His church and people that there shall 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. Have we not clearly come to just such a time?

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Christ said: "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." Luke 21:32. We are living and seeing with our own eyes the very signs that Jesus gave. Yes, this is the marked generation, according to the Bible. Jesus will soon come to establish an everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness upon the earth. The world is moving on; and, while many peoples and nations have gone "off schedule," and have lost the chart and the compass,—the Bible and the divine, eternal law,—the challenge of the present hour to the church is to rally to this holy standard. Keep to the schedule. Walk in the light of the Guidebook, and live according to the blueprint as exemplified in the life of Christ, and in loving, loyal obedience to God's holy will as commanded in the precepts of the divine law.

So while boats may be irregular and all normal processes of civilization be out of order, let the church of God in such a time keep her eyes clearly and definitely fixed upon the well-marked signposts and the divine timetable.

Men From Mars

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Out of this experimental world God is saving men and women who of their free will accept His salvation. We are given the power to decide our destiny. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Romans 6:16.

If a man and a woman came from a sinless world to this earth, we would ask them the secret of their perfection. But we need not speculate imaginatively. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world from heaven with the remedy for suffering, sin, and death. If we accept His sacrifice, if we follow His life and teachings, we shall reach that sinless world He is preparing for those who love God. "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth," declares the Lord; "and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isaiah 65:17. Sin and its originator shall be blotted out. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10.

Thanks be to God, the problem of sin will be settled for all eternity! Affliction shall not again trouble the universe, for it shall be forever proved that God is love. The redeemed shall look upon the face of Jesus their Saviour, for He shall have saved His people from sin and given them eternal life.



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