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A worker and a five-hundred pound bomb from one of Canada's munition plants.

Some Things Every LOYAL CANADIAN Can Do



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MODERN war affects every citizen, old or young. Whole populations are involved. None can sit idly by. Nor will any loyal man or woman wish to do so. We invite you to check your present programme against this list.

1. Take every care of your health. A sick person is a liability. Remember that much sickness is avoidable. You yourself have a great deal to do in this matter of how healthy you will be. There's nothing very bright in flouting the carefully worked-out results of scientific experiments on healthful living, correct diet, etc. Nor is there anything patriotic in dying needlessly because of failure to care for your health.

2. Learn to economize and to live more simply. Our fathers lived more simply, and generally lived more happily. We cannot maintain civilian morale if we are constantly pitying the sad state of affairs that has deprived us of a new car or a new refrigerator. Our church-going fathers found contentment in their sparsely furnished homes by remembering those classic words of the apostle Paul: "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." 1 Tim. 6:7, 8. That philosophy of life is as good today as when it was written long ago.

3. Make your personal plans secondary to national needs. There is one thing that war ought to do for us, and that is to help us realize that there are many other vital matters besides our own personal problems, business, or pleasures. Too often we have been accustomed to excuse ourselves

● We cannot all make guns, but there are many things every Canadian can do to help in this time of crisis.

from civic duties and community tasks on the ground that we had no time. We urgently need to recognize that the community and the country have a prior claim on us. If each one is willing to give cheerfully of his time, much can be done for national defence on the home front.

4. Volunteer for some particular form of defence work. This is a natural application of the principle just set down. In order to give our time intelligently, we need to offer our services for some well-defined branch of defence work. There are many such. For example, air-raid wardens, auxiliary firemen, fire watchers, nurses' aides, emergency medical forces, rescue squads, etc. If you are not trained in the branch in which you would like to serve, take a special course, if possible in that line. For illustration, there are many persons who would like to render some help in first aid or home nursing. The Red Cross and certain other well-prepared organizations offer courses that train you for these types of work. Have you enrolled yet?

5. Buy Bonds, War Savings Certificates and Stamps. Some people are tempted to think that the Government owes them a living, and that it should support them. Canada was not founded on such thinking, nor could it long endure if such thinking ever became widespread. One of our duties in relation to government is to support it.

6. Maintain your poise and go for-

ward each day with the task that is yours. Straight thinking is very necessary in critical hours, but straight thinking flies out the window when the jitters come in the front door. One of the greatest services a citizen can render to the country is to keep a cool head and a steady hand. That kind of man is an asset either in community councils or in the production line of the factory.

7. Put your trust in God.

The problems that confront the country are often too great for the wisest statesmen to solve. Why not offer a daily prayer that wisdom shall be given to those at the head of government? The problems that confront us individually are often more than our fragile nervous constitutions and spirits can meet. Why not offer a daily prayer for personal guidance, for peace of mind, for poise, for strength for our tasks, and for a conscience void of offence? The man who comes into the presence of God each morning is not afraid to face his problems each day.

There is vastly more to life than making a living. That we all admit when we speak of the ideals we hope to see preserved in the world. But ideals belong to the realm of the spirit, and that is the realm of prayer and communion with God. Why talk about ideals unless we are ready to talk with Him who is the Source of all noble ideals? Why talk about liberty unless we are ready to talk with Him who is

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A FAIR QUESTION

AT one time Bulstrode Whitelock, an ambassador of the Great Cromwell, was on his way to Sweden as an envoy for his leader.

The night before his journey he rested in Harwich. It was a stormy blustery night. Whitelock was much worried about the state of the nation, and could not sleep. He rolled and tossed on his bed, now and then heaving a sigh.

One of his servants slept in the same room with him and was troubled by the sleeplessness of his master. After a period of quiet he inquired of Whitelock if he might ask him a question.

"Certainly," the ambassador replied. He seemed glad to know his servant was awake also.

"Please sir," asked this humble man of his master, "do you not think that God governed the world very well before you came into it?"

"Without any doubt," replied Whitelock.

"Well, then sir, do you not think that God can and will still govern the world just as well when you have left it?"

"Surely," he answered tersely.

"Pardon me then sir. I hope you will not be offended if I ask if you cannot trust Him to run the world while you are still in it, just as well as after you are gone?"

It was a hard question to answer, and Whitelock turned over on his side, and was soon asleep.

The lesson is all too plain. It needs no explaining.

Can we trust God with the affairs of the universe, with the affairs of our world? That does not mean we shall have no interest in world affairs nor fail to do our part in the nation. There are burdens we can and must bear. But there are a good many things we can never do and must leave to God. We lose a lot of sleep over matters which are entirely beyond our reach, which God alone can control. We carry burdens that were never meant for human shoulders. Many of these things we must leave to Him who doeth all things well.

Why I Believe in the

INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

(Continued)

By W. B. OCHS

IN the last article which appeared in this magazine, the following reasons were given why the Bible is the inspired word of God:

Because of its origin and contents;

Because of its depth;

Because it is always up-to-date;

Because it is the key that unlocks all human mystery;

Because it contains the finest of all literature;

Because it is a book of prophecies.

These reasons, when studied with an open mind, must lead one to the conclusion that truly the Bible is the inspired word of God. There are other reasons that might be given. In this article we shall deal with only two more.

Inspired — Because It Has Stood the Test

The Bible is the most loved and the most hated book in all the world. No book has ever been attacked as the Bible. From the first of its existence until the present time, the Bible has been fought by skeptics; abused by infidels, many of whom possessed keen intellects and silvery tongues; and yet this precious book has weathered all storms; its pages are still brighter than gold. The reason: It is inspired. Gladstone said, "Though assailed by camp, by battery and by mine, the holy scriptures are nevertheless a house built upon a rock, and that rock impregnable." The opponents of the Bible say there are inconsistencies in it; but the greatest inconsistencies are generally found in their lives and not in the Bible. An infidel was compelled to say: "The only objection against this book is a bad life."

God has been so careful to guard the Bible, that He has woven into it every fiber and fabric of human his-

tory. There are those who desire to destroy it; but in order for them to accomplish this, they must buy up the millions of copies of the Bible printed in hundreds of languages and dialects, and circulated throughout the world. They must go into the libraries of the world, and take from the shelves all the books in which the Bible has been cited or referred to or reprinted. But that is not all. In order to destroy it, they would have to go into the art galleries of the world with the millions of dollars' worth of valuable paintings and destroy them. They would have to destroy the greatest of all music; silence the songs that have been written. Then they would have to destroy

someone has written about it. No wonder they know so little what it contains. Do you know that an infidel started the question: Is life worth living? And that a woman infidel started the question: Is marriage a failure? Do you know that France at one time spent \$4,500,000 a year to print and circulate infidel literature; that God was denied, the Bible rejected; and that between 1792 and 1795 over a million people were put to death? But in spite of all of this the Bible stood unshaken. The empire of Caesar is gone; the legions of Rome are smouldering in the dust; the pride of Pharaohs is no more; the pyramids that were raised on their tombs, are gradually sinking daily in the desert sands; Tyre is a rock for bleaching the fishermen's nets; Sidon has scarcely left a wreck behind; but the Bible still stands, and all that have threatened to extinguish it have only aided it.

Surely the Bible has proved to everyone how transient is the noblest monument that man has been able to build and how enduring is the least word that has been spoken by God. Tradition has tried to dig a grave for the Bible; intolerance has lighted for it many a fagot. There has been many a Judas who has betrayed it with a kiss; and many who have tried to deny it with an oath. But in spite of all of these things, the Bible still stands as God's Book. It has been tested a thousand times; not once has it failed. Yes, the Bible has been hated, fought, trodden under foot, burned. Julian, the apostate, Voltaire, Renan, Strauss, Mill, Hume, Darwin, Payne, Ingersoll, and scores of others have been hammers, but they are all gone. Thank God the Bible is still with us. With the Psalmist of old we can say: "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89.

FAITH ON TIPTOE

By MARJORIE LEWIS LLOYD

My faith is not quite tall enough
To look across the wall
Of human doubts and reasonings,
And see beyond them all.

But when it stands on tiptoe,
And climbs up on His word,
It just can reach the Master's hand,
And know its prayer is heard.

the marble and granite of rare beauty and worth; deface slabs on which are inscribed bits of scripture. But is that all? No. To destroy the Bible they must go into the hearts of millions of saints who have found happiness and contentment in this great Book, and silence them. Yes, to destroy the Bible,

The enemies of the Bible are very unreasonable. They always are. They never read the Bible, only read what you must destroy God who spoke the words that are found in it.

Inspired—Because It Satisfies the Human Heart

The Bible satisfies the human heart as nothing else will in all the world. Truly Carlyle said, "It is the one book wherein thousands of years the spirit of man has found light and nourishment and a response to all whatever was deepest in his heart." The Bible satisfies because it is a pillow on which we may lay our heads in the time of trouble, of need and sadness. It satisfies because it comforts us when we face death. The great Gladstone uttered the words, "I have spent seventy years of my life in reading that book to satisfy my heart. It is the word of God. I will bank my life on the statement that I believe this book to be the solid rock of the holy scriptures."

God's book satisfies because of its wholesome influence. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." There is something about the Bible that causes one to listen attentively when he reads it. The voice of God speaks to his heart. The Bible has produced the most noble characters; it has taken the deepest fallen beings and made saints out of them. The great men of the ages have been on the side of the Bible. Notice the difference in the countries where the Bible is followed and where it is rejected. There is no comparison. The Bible satisfies the human heart and because it does, we can tell the infidel, the skeptic, the atheist, that it is criminal for them to go to those who love the Bible, the greatest book of all time, and to steal it from them until they have something better to offer; or something that can really take the place of the Bible.

The Only Sensible Conclusion

Considering all proofs that might be given to convince one that the Bible is God's inspired book, we can come to only one conclusion, namely, that the One who has placed us here to live, has also given us a guidebook, and a stepping stone, that we might not fall or stumble; and that guidebook is the Bible. This book contains the mind of God. It reveals the state of man, and the awful doom of the sinner. It holds out eternal happiness to the believer in Christ. All of the doctrines in this blessed book are holy. Its precepts are binding, and the histories true. In order to be wise, we should read it; to be safe, we should believe it; and to be holy, we must practise it. Shall we not accept it as our guide, our creed? Doing this, we shall always be able to say:

"Holy Bible, Book divine;

Precious treasure, thou art mine."

The Impossible Made Easy

A LARGE block of stone broke loose from a ledge above the railroad cut, slid down, and lodged solidly between the rails. A passenger train was due in a couple of hours, and if that two-ton rock was not removed before that time, or something done to warn the engineer, the train would be derailed, plunged into the gulch and many would be killed. All of this flashed through my mind, and I was excitedly trying to conclude what would be the best thing to do to prevent such a catastrophe when a speeder came purring around a bend. A wave of the hand was enough to cause them to throttle the engine and the two men coasted down the grade, coming to a stop before the obstructing block.

The men payed little attention to me and my excited explanation. They lifted the speeder around the obstruction, and placed it on the track again. One of them started the motor and to my astonishment sped away down the line on his inspection trip, leaving his companion to do what seemed to me an impossible task—remove that great stone from between the rails.

Nervously I inquired what he was going to do to prevent a wreck. He

quietly smiled and answered, "Remove it, sir."

There was no possibility of our lifting such a mass from the rails, and as far as I could see there was no jack nor lifting tools about which could be utilized for such a purpose.

Just as I was about to voice my opinion of his friend who had gone down the track leaving him with such an impossible task, he picked up a heavy rock-breaking hammer, which I had not seen, and with several powerful blows broke off a large corner. In less than an hour the track was cleared, and then my friend paused a moment to comment on the work.

"You see, mister, I couldn't move that rock all in one piece, but when I broke it up into small pieces the impossible was made easy."

Too many of us fret over tasks which seem impossible at first glance, but when analyzed and approached in an intelligent way, with appropriate industry, such lose their immensity, shrinking in proportion to the care and skill with which we attack. Even the most difficult things are accomplished with at least much less work than the average person thinks when the execution is properly planned.

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Put Your LOVE INTO ACTION

By C. WEIS



● Actions always speak louder than words.

MOST people say that they love Christ, but when it comes to obeying His voice by keeping His commandments they say we will do about that as we please. They are like naughty children who are always making promises but never mind their parents. Parents do not appreciate when their children behave in this manner. They want their children to obey them. Christ calls us His children. In the spiritual realm we who accept Christ are His children. Christ wants us children to obey Him in all that He has commanded us.

Do you love Christ even as He loved His Father? Put your love into action by keeping His commandments. "Actions speak louder than words." God, the Father, not only spoke His love to us, but He put that love into action by sending us His Son to die for us. Now, in return, let us accept that saving grace of Christ and show our love to Him. Not by reading His commandments, not by committing them to memory only, but by living them.

"Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of heaven; but, whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:19. Would you like to be called great by those who are in heaven? Jesus tells us how that is possible. Personally, I would rather be called great by those in heaven, even though they call me a fool down here, than to be esteemed in the eyes of the world, and never go to heaven.

The great founders of the Protestant churches agreed with the Apostle Paul, with Jesus and with the other Apostles that the law is still binding on the Christians to-day. They firmly taught in their day that the law is

good, holds good and will hold good throughout eternity.

We are not saved by the keeping of the law, but rather we keep the law because we are saved. Saved from what? Saved from sin, or saved from our transgressions, "For sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. Saved from that transgression by the precious blood of Jesus. Saved by the grace of Christ. "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Romans 6:14. Man cannot keep the law and save himself. So saving grace steps in and does it for him. Grace gives you something you do not deserve. Something you have not earned and which you cannot earn. It is unmerited favour. Favour and pardon, signed by the blood of Jesus. Jesus writes you out a pardon for your transgressions. After you have confessed your sins and your transgression of the law, Jesus writes the pardon, and then He says, "Thy sins are forgiven thee; Go, and sin no more." As soon as Jesus writes out the pardon you are no longer under the condemnation of the law. You have now passed out from under that penalty of death which is the wages of transgression, and you are under the grace of Christ. Does this give you license to go and sin all you want? Have you a right now to disregard the law? No, He says, "thy sins are forgiven thee; Go, and sin no more." I have forgiven you your transgression of the law, but now go and do not transgress it any more, keep it.

One of the laws in Canada, says that killing is wrong. You are not under the condemnation of this law unless you break it. You may be going about your daily work hardly realizing there is such a law. You walk by a policeman with a smile on your face, feeling happy to be living in a free country. But one day you might be tempted and kill your neighbour. Immediately the law cries out to you, you did wrong. It is wrong to kill. An officer of the law comes to enforce the law, and takes you to court. In court you face the judge. The only way the officers of the law know that they have a right to bring you to court is because there is a law against killing. If there were no law against killing the officer would have no right to bring you to court. That is the only way Paul knew whether he had done wrong or not, for he said, "For until the law, sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Romans 5:13. Standing before the judge you say, "I am very sorry I have done this great evil, if you will let me go free, I will promise to keep the whole law." Would that save you from the death penalty, that is the result of breaking this law? No, the law cannot save you, nor any promise you may make. The law can only condemn, and it has condemned you and you are now sitting in the death-cell. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight. . . ." Romans 3:20.

Your friends who are sympathetic towards you say, well if the law can-

not save him we better do away with the law. Would that be reasonable? Foolish, you say. Well, that is just what I say when people take that attitude toward the law of God. After the judge has considered the case and he, having the authority and reasons to believe you are a trustworthy soul may appeal to the Governor, or a law-giver. The law-giver will write you out a pardon. That pardon is grace. It means he has given you freedom when you deserve punishment. The police have no longer any hold on you. You have been saved by the grace of the Governor. According to the law you should have been punished, but the law-giver has forgiven you, and now you are just as free as if you had never done wrong. Now, can you go and kill all you like? Have you nothing to do with the law any

more? Did the pardon you received abolish the law? Can you go and kill now, and when the police comes to take you to jail, can you say, "You can't hurt me, I am not under the law, I am under the grace of the Governor. The Governor pardoned me, and now I can live as I like and do what I like. Nonsense, you say. Surely, that is just what I say. You are now obligated to keep the law and doubly so, because you are under the grace of the law-giver. Christ is the law-giver. He pardons us for our previous transgressions. Now, when we have received His pardon, He wants us to transgress no more. No man has a right to say that he is under grace, until he actually keeps the law. When a man sins, he transgresses the law and is therefore under the condemnation of the law of God.

Every soul who reads these lines and has not had his sins pardoned is sitting in the death-cell. Because sin is the transgression of the law, and the law says you must die. "For the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.

To escape this death penalty you must confess your sins to Jesus and upon your confession, He writes you out a pardon. When you have received this pardon, you are under grace. Does that give you license to transgress the law? Does that do away with the law? No, that establishes the law. You are like the man the Governor pardoned. You are now under double obligation to keep the law of God.

With the Psalmist we will say then, "I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments." Psalm 119:60.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER - THEN?

Lessons from the Hebrew Calendar

By E. A. BEAVON

IT is often said that this is the eleventh hour of the world's history, or "five-minutes-to-midnight" by God's reckoning. More probably we are long past midnight—approaching that "darkest hour" which comes "just before the dawn." Were we to liken the passing of time to the procession of the months through the year, we would probably be justified in likening this period of the world's history to the month of November—with December, and all the rigours of winter lying between us and the spring. Frederick Birchall, managing editor of the *New York Times*, expressed the opinion on September 11 last, that "even with ordinary good luck" the war is not likely to end before "the end of 1945 or the beginning of 1946." A few days later the president of the United States assumed that the war would last another three and one-half years. Military experts regard these forecasts as entirely too optimistic.

"High Days" in the Jewish Calendar

Let us look for a moment at the calendar of the Jewish year. It was a succession of solemn feasts which pointed

forward to, and established the order of epoch-making events from the death of Christ to the setting up of His Kingdom. These feasts are described in their order in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus. After brief reference to the Seventh-day Sabbath of the Decalogue there follows a catalogue of other holy convocations, or sabbaths, spread throughout the year, which were to be observed "beside the sabbaths of the Lord," (verse 38).

Whether or not Gentiles should observe these *additional* sabbath days became the subject of serious controversy in the early Christian church. (See Gal. 4:10, 11.) Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who himself strictly observed the Seventh-day Sabbath, (Acts 13:14, 42-44; 16:13; 17:2; and 18:4) settles the issue of the ceremonial sabbaths in Romans 14:6: "He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord," says he, "and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it." This sensible attitude should, of course, be our attitude today to such occasions as Christmas, Easter, and Armistice Day, or other days in the year regarded as fast or feast days by our neighbours. None of us should judge another—not even in

respect to the Sabbath of the Decalogue, which Jesus and all the apostles undoubtedly kept. (See Matthew 12:8; 24:20; Mark 2:27, 28; Luke 4:16 and 31; John 5:1-16; cf. John 14:31.)

Passover, Pentecost, Atonement Tabernacles

It is illuminating to note the order of the Hebrew feast days. In the 23rd chapter of Leviticus, where these ceremonial sabbaths of the Jews are listed, we find, first, the feast of the Passover. This feast reminded them of their liberation from Egyptian bondage, but it also pointed forward to the most significant event in the history of mankind—the sacrificial death of the Son of God. It is by faith in the efficacy of the sacrifice that we are liberated from bondage to sin and death.

Next in order came the feast of Pentecost, pointing forward to the outpouring of the Spirit of God on that first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. In God's order, the feast of the Atonement *followed*. It was a day for the solemn blowing of trumpets, typifying a future day of judgment on unconfessed sins, and the end of the

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OUR age differs from every other age of which we have heard or read. For almost six thousand years the human race carried on its affairs in about the same way in which it had started. But suddenly, a little more than a century ago, things began to happen. Into the mind of man flowed an avalanche of new ideas. From the sleep of centuries came a mighty awakening. In a few short decades the whole world was transformed. It was not evolution—it was revolution!

If we could turn time backward,—go to sleep to-night and wake up one hundred fifty years ago,—we would surely be in a strange world. We would hardly know how to live. Just think of it—in the home no electric light, not even a kerosene lamp! You would have to stumble to bed with an old tallow candle. The richest king on earth had no sanitary plumbing, no modern bathroom. No lover could look at a photograph or put in a telephone call. No one had ever heard the click of a telegraph key or even dreamed of a radio broadcast.

Out on the farm we would see no reapers, mowing machines, threshing machines, gang plows, steel cultivators or harrows; no grain drills or tractors. Just the old iron plow, the one-man scythe, the cradle, and the pitchfork.

Suppose we take a look into a city one hundred fifty years ago. At night the streets are quite dark, lighted here and there by a few, smoky whale-oil lamps. There are no bright show windows, no rush of traffic, no streetcars, no automobiles, no elevated railway, no subway trains. In the world's greatest cities, there were no steel frame buildings one hundred fifty years ago, no cold storage, no cash registers, no

typewriters. All business correspondence and office records were tediously written out by hand. Cripples had to get along without artificial limbs. There were no glass eyes or false teeth. Just think of it, housewives, no canned foods, no pasteurized milk! How would you cook without a gas jet? How would you prepare food without a can opener? And still worse for the ladies, no electric irons, electric washers or wringers; no electric hair curlers and no permanent waves. Alas! what a strange world! No India-rubber goods, no celluloid articles. That surely would be a strange age to us.

In the newspaper offices, no linotypes or monotypes. Surgeons had no ether or chloroform, and the conditions in most hospitals of that day were nothing less than a nightmare, in spite of all the efforts of kindhearted men—and yet some of our grandfathers believed that human progress had reached its limit.

Someone, looking over the old files in the United States Patent Office recently, found a letter written in 1833. It was from an old employee of the Patent Office offering his resignation because, he said, as everything inventable had already been invented, the Patent Office would soon be discontinued, and there would be no further need for his services. He therefore decided to leave before the blow fell. Think of that!

The writer of that letter traveled in stagecoaches and canalboats. He had probably never seen a railroad train. He had never taken a ride in an elevator. He read by candlelight. He had never seen an electric light. Moving pictures would have reminded him of the black art, and the idea that a machine could be invented whereby a

man would fly above the clouds like a bird would have seemed to him utterly absurd. The modern printing press, the linotype, the X ray, the radio—these things were yet to be invented long after he was dead. He could not imagine the automobile. He could not dream that a cannon would be made to throw shells more than seventy-five miles.

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● Practically every century. This was one hundred years ago.

And to think that right now invention is proceeding so rapidly that we have ceased to wonder at anything new! Television is just around the corner.

The question comes, "What do these things mean?" It is not my purpose in calling attention to the wonders of our day merely to arouse a sense of astonishment, but rather to show the significance of these wonders in the light of Bible prophecy. Why have all these laborsaving devices and marvelous inventions of communication and rapid transportation come in our day? Why have they been crowded into the last century? Here is contained a lesson for all the world. Here is a sign from God Himself: All these inventions have come about in just this way and at just this time as a fulfillment of an ancient Bible prophecy, and they are here for God to use in

carrying out His purpose for the earth. This is the prophecy:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.

Here Daniel is instructed to seal his writings until a future time called "the time of the end." In this "time of the

Ponder again the words of the prophet: At "the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Think of the great speed-up in transportation in the last generation. Compare the stagecoach with the railroad train. In the year 1817, a member of the New York Legislature came to be regarded as a proper subject for a

strait jacket because he expressed his belief that steam carriages would be operated successfully on land. A little later—in Lancaster, Ohio—the use of the schoolhouse for a discussion on railroads was denied the young people of the community, the board giving their reasons as follows:

"You are welcome to use the school to debate all proper questions, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of fifteen miles an hour by steam, He would have clearly foretold it through His holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."

Just think of that! Fifteen miles an hour! Our modern streamliners make a hundred miles an hour—and will do much better when the roads are straightened out and the rails are heavier. The first railway advertisement published in America appeared in a Philadelphia paper in these words:

"NOTICE: The locomotive engine, built by Mr. Baldwin of this city, will depart daily—when the weather is fair—with a train of passenger cars. In bad weather horsecars will run on the same schedule."

One of England's first passenger railways, the line from Liverpool to Manchester, published a list of rules for travelers. From this list I read:

"1. Any person desiring to travel from Liverpool to Manchester, or vice versa, or any portion of the journey thereof, must, twenty-four hours beforehand, make application to the station agent at the place of departure, giving his name, address, place of birth, age, occupation, and reason for desiring to travel.

"2. The station agent, upon ensur-

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venience of this modern age has come to us within the last
be a strange world if we could turn the hands of the clock back

end" his writings and all the great Bible prophecies would be unfolded and disseminated widely over the earth. For this purpose, knowledge would be increased, and many would run to and fro.

Is not this an exact picture of our day? The whole world is afflicted with "speeditis." We travel faster than our ancestors, but do we live better than they? We "go places and see things," but are we as pure in heart—and do we pray as well? We rush from one place to another at eighty miles an hour, and when we get there often know of nothing better to do than to start off somewhere else at the same speed. This generation may not know where it is going, but it's certainly on its way! For the hearts and souls of men, the present temporary hardship in transportation may be a blessing in disguise.





- Jesus promised the disciples that He would come back to the earth again and gave them signs which would tell us when His coming is near.

THAT event toward which every other event is to-day so swiftly tending is the *second coming of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*. The second coming of Christ is the golden milestone of all human history; it is the focal point of all divine prophecy.

Does the Bible say in so many words that Christ will appear the second time? Let us see. Hebrews 9:28 says: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Notice that this text says definitely, directly, and specifically that Christ will appear the second time. Some people find it hard to believe that the day will ever come when the heavens will be opened, and Christ appear in all His glory. But on the basis of Hebrews 9:28 we can see that the second coming of Christ is as sure to take place as the fact that He hung on the

rugged cross nineteen hundred years ago.

This brings me to the question: How sure can we be that Christ will come again in His glory? On that memorable night preceding the day of the crucifixion He announced to His disciples that He was about to leave them. This brought great sorrow to their souls. They loved Jesus. He was now about to leave them. Jesus saw the sorrow that entered their hearts, and to comfort them He spoke these assuring words, as recorded in John 14:1-3:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Will

CHRIST RETURN

to this Earth Again?

By J. L. SHULER

Notice how He puts it. He says, "If I go, . . . I will come again." Did He go? Yes, there is no question about that. His disciples actually saw Him go. Then as surely as He was here, and went back to heaven, so surely He will return. He has not gone to heaven to stay there. He went there for His church's benefit, and for His church's benefit He will return.

Everyone who believes that Christ was here nineteen hundred years ago must, on the basis of Christ's own words, believe that He will return. If you believe Christ's words, you are bound to believe that He will come again, for He says, "I will come again." I think this truth is so plain that everybody must see it.

Christ is coming. There is no question, or doubt, or uncertainty about it. But how will He come? Many strange erroneous ideas have been circulated as to how Christ will come. Some people claim that the coming of Christ means a "spiritual coming" into our hearts by the agency of the Holy Spirit when we are converted; or a coming of Christ for the saints when they die. Others say that the coming of Christ is a figurative coming in the arrival of better conditions.

Some will tell you that Christ is to come, invisibly, and the righteous will be snatched up to heaven, while the ungodly live on and wonder what has become of these missing ones.

It is very important that we know the truth as to how Christ will come, because nearly the entire world will be deceived by counterfeit representations of the second coming of Christ staged by the master deceiver, Satan.

The Lord Jesus Christ especially warns us about false ideas regarding His coming. You will find this in Matthew 24:3, 4, 23-27. When His disciples came to Him one day, and asked, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world," what was the first thing Jesus said? "Take heed that no man deceive you." This shows that deceptions will be especially prevalent regarding the second coming of Christ. He warned them not to be deceived by any local or sectional "appearing" of a so-called "christ." Christ said, "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not." Some claim Christ will appear at their temple in the desert, but Jesus declares: "If they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Forty days after our Lord's resurrection, He walked out to Mount Olivet with His disciples. Many times they had walked with Him over the hills and valleys of Judea. But this was the last time He ever walked visibly with them. As they walked along, Jesus explained to them various things about the kingdom of God. While they were on the mountain, He began to ascend. They watched Him as He went higher and higher. Then a cloud passed over Him and covered Him. They strained their eyes watching that cloud grow smaller and smaller until it became a mere speck in the far-distant sky, then disappeared from view. While they stood gazing upward, they heard voices near, who said: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

Isn't that plain? How is Christ coming? He is coming as He went away. His second advent will be on the order of His ascension.

Please note three particulars about His ascension. First: He went away literally and bodily; not figuratively, or spiritually. He had a real body after His resurrection, and with that real body He went back to heaven. He is to come in like manner. He went away with a real body, and He will appear with a real body.

The second coming of Jesus Christ is a literal, bodily coming. It is not a figurative or a spiritual coming. The second coming of Christ cannot mean a spiritual coming of Christ into our hearts by the Holy Spirit at conversion. It cannot mean a spiritual com-

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BIBLE STUDY

Second Coming of Christ

1. Do the Scriptures positively declare that Jesus Christ will appear the second time?

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28.

NOTE.—The New Testament mentions the return of Christ more times than there are chapters in that volume. The second advent of Christ is mentioned about 318 times in the 260 chapters of the New Testament. One verse on an average out of every twenty-five points to this glorious event. It is such an outstanding doctrine of the New Testament that no one can really comprehend what the Bible teaches without a correct understanding of this most important and precious truth. In fact the second coming of Christ is one of the master keys that opens up the special truth contained in the Holy Scriptures for the people of to-day.

2. When Jesus was about to leave this world what special promise did He make to His disciples?

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 1-5.

NOTE.—The very fact that Jesus Christ Himself, as the infallible Son of God, repeatedly declared that after His departure from the earth He would return in power and great glory, forever settles the certainty of the second coming of Christ. He said, "If I go, . . . I will come again."

According to these words, the return of Christ to this earth is just as sure as the fact that He actually lived here nineteen hundred years ago and then went back to heaven. The second advent of Jesus will be just as real and definite an event as was His birth in Bethlehem or His death on Calvary. Every person in the world who believes that Christ lived here nineteen hundred years ago must also, according to Christ's own words, believe in His second coming.

3. What warning has Christ given concerning false views of the manner of His return?

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matthew 24:23-26.

NOTE.—Unless we know for ourselves and cling to the exact Scriptural teaching as to how Jesus will come and what He will do at His appearing, we are bound to be deceived by the false conceptions of His second coming already abroad in the world and by that coming masterful delusion when Satan himself will stage a counterfeit coming of Christ. (2 Thess. 2:9-12 and 2 Cor. 11:14.)

4. Does the Bible furnish definite information as to how Christ will come?

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11.

NOTE.—The return of Christ will correspond to His departure from Olivet at His ascension. He went away literally with a real body. (Luke 24:36-51.) He went away visibly. His disciples saw Him go. He went away personally as the same Jesus with whom the disciples had been associated. The angels' statement that this same Jesus will come in like manner as He went away cannot mean anything less than that the coming of Christ will be a *literal, visible, personal coming* like His literal, visible, personal ascension. This one text forever disproves all ideas ever put forth that the return of Christ will be a figurative or a spiritual coming.

5. Can His coming then be secret, or of a private nature; or will it be apparent to all in the world?

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"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27.

"Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

5. How many people living on the earth will see Christ when He returns?

"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7.

NOTE.—Jesus will come suddenly and unexpectedly, but not secretly or invisibly. The idea often advanced that Christ will appear secretly and invisibly in the air and snatch away the righteous, while those who are left on earth will wonder what has become of these missing saints is contrary to the Scriptures. The second coming of Christ will not occur in secret manner known only to a select few. It will be a universal, world-wide appearing of Jesus Christ. "Every eye shall see Him." "All the tribes of the earth" "shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven." His coming will be just as open and visible as the lightning. Christ will appear not only to those who are prepared to meet Him, but the wicked will also see Him as He approaches the earth, and they will try to hide from His presence. See Rev. 6:15-17.

7. Who will attend Christ at His coming?

"When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." Matt. 25:31.

8. What part will the angels act in the drama of His second coming?

"And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24:31.

NOTE.—The supreme purpose of Christ's return is to gather all the good and pure of all ages from this earth to that heavenly place which Jesus has prepared for His followers. (John 14:1-3.) All the angels of heaven, comprising countless millions (Rev. 5:11; Heb. 12:22), will accompany the Son of God on His glorious return to the earth to act their part in gathering all His elect from the east, west, north, and south.

9. At the second coming of Christ what will happen to all the righteous who will have died before He appears at the last day?

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thess. 4:16.

NOTE.—Christ is not coming silently. The mighty shout that Jesus utters at His appearing will tear up cemeteries all over the world, and all who have died in Him will rise victoriously, with immortal bodies.

10. What should be the attitude of every Christian toward the second coming of Christ?

"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 Tim. 4:8.

NOTE.—The second coming of Christ is the only real and lasting cure for all of earth's ills and troubles. The second coming of Christ means reunion for the parted, health for the sick, land for the landless, habitations for the homeless, plenty for the destitute, sight for the blind, hearing for the deaf, speech for the dumb, youth for the aged, liberty for the captives, riches for the poor, beauty for ashes, life for the dead, immortality for mortality, peace for the troubled, the oil of joy for mourning, rest for the weary, gladness for the sorrowing, society for the friendless, songs for the sighing, perfect bodies for cripples, crowns for crosses, strength for weakness, harmony for discord, with an eternal inheritance in the kingdom of God for all His ransomed people.

11. What is necessary on our part if we would be among that blessed company, who will be gathered to the city of God when Jesus comes?

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.

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ing of Christ for the saints when they die. It cannot mean a figurative coming of better living conditions. It means the same kind of a literal coming as His literal departure from the Mount of Olives.

Second: Christ went away personally. So He will come again in His own person. "This same Jesus . . . shall so come," not somebody else. "This same Jesus," the Lord Himself, shall descend from heaven.

Third: He went away visibly. The Bible says that while He was taken up they beheld Him. The disciples saw Him go up. There is no question about it. They had their eyes fixed on Him. The angels said, "As ye have seen Him go." The ascension of Christ did not take place in some invisible manner. With their natural eyes in their natural bodies they saw Him go up. That means that people in their natural bodies, with their natural eyes, will see Him come again. "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." It means that the second coming of Christ refers to a literal, bodily, personal, visible descent of Christ from heaven, before the world, just as His ascension to heaven was a literal, bodily, personal,

visible ascension before the eyes of the disciples.

The coming of Christ cannot mean a "private," "sectional," or "local" coming. It is a universal, world-wide appearing of the Son of God. He will appear to the entire world. Every living person will see Him. Everyone will know about it, and see Him.

In Revelation 1:7 we read, "Behold, He (Christ) cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." You will not need the *Washington Post* or the *San Francisco Chronicle* to tell you that Christ has come. You will see Him. "Every eye shall see Him." You won't have to turn on the radio, and hear someone announce that Christ has come to Chicago or Calcutta. "Every eye shall see Him." Everybody in the world will know about it, and see Him.

Matthew 24:30 declares that all the tribes of the earth shall see the Son of man coming. He will not appear only to the elect. Revelation 6:14-17 tells us that when Christ appears the sinners will flee, and will pray to the rocks to cover them. If the wicked did not see Him they would not flee. They would not be praying for the rocks to cover them. The unprepared people will see Him come as well as will the prepared ones.

Angels escorted Jesus Christ back to heaven at His ascension. The cloud that received Him out of their sight was a company of holy angels. When He returns "in like manner" the holy angels will attend Him. Matthew 25:31.

Why do the angels come with Him? Matthew 24:30, 31 will tell you why. It says in the thirtieth verse that "all the tribes of the earth . . . shall see the Son of man coming." Then the next verse tells how Christ shall send His angels with the great sound of a trumpet, to gather together the elect from the four corners of the earth, from one end of heaven to the other.

The angels are "the reapers," coming with Christ to gather the saints to glory. The crowning purpose of the return of Christ is to receive His followers unto Himself. This is according to His own promise. He said: "If I go, . . . I will come again." What for? To "receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." He will accomplish that purpose by resurrecting the righteous dead to immortality, and changing the righteous living "in the twinkling of an eye" to the same blessed condition. 1 Corinthians 15:52.

Christ is coming suddenly and unexpectedly, but He is not coming secretly or silently. No! He will come with a shout. Paul says: "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a

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world. (Revelation 14:7, 16-20; Matt. 24:3, 14). Last of all came the feast of Tabernacles, (Lev. 23:39-43)—a seven day period of rejoicing for the children of Israel (verse 40), looking forward to the reign of the Messiah, and the end of earth's tribulations. Beyond the terrors of the judgment day we too can look forward to joy and peace under the Kingship of Jesus, the Son of God.

The Anti-Typical Day of Atonement

A judgment preceded the feast of rejoicing. We cannot expect any real "peace on earth" this side of the Lord's return. Any kind of peace following the war will have to be an "armed" peace. The prophecy is that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Tim. 3:13. Cf. verses 1 to 5.) We are now living in the anti-typical day of atonement, which began in 1844. (Daniel 8:14. Cf. Daniel 9:25. Counting 2,300 years, or prophetic days, from B.C. 457, when the commandment went forth "to restore and build Jerusalem" brings us to the fall of 1843.) Christ, as our High Priest in heaven, is now cleansing His sanctuary of the record of sins confessed and repented of. (Heb. 8:1-3; cf. Acts 3:19.)

In 1844 students of prophecy in the the different Christian communions awoke to the fact that the longest time prophecy of the Bible (Dan. 8:14) had expired. Noting also the fulfilment of Daniel 12:4 and a host of New Testament prophecies pointing to "the time of the end," they began to preach the nearness of Christ's second coming. Under their ministry, what has come to be known as "the midnight cry" went forth—"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!" Matthew 25:6.

The expression "go ye out to meet Him" was interpreted by the early Adventists (i.e. those who believed in the nearness of Christ's advent) as a challenge to make preparation for His coming, to finish the unfinished Reformation, and to worship in spirit and in truth "Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Rev. 14:7. This demanded a new recognition of the claims of Divine law, and a turning away from all man-made traditions which conflicted with the commandments of God. Matthew 15:6-9. It involved a return to the Sabbath of the commandment (Exodus 20:8-11; Cf. Isaiah

58:12-14), since the Scripture plainly states: "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10.)

A Work of Grace in Progress

Through the challenging ministry of the Seventh-day Adventists, God's new covenant of grace is being embraced by thousands, in whose hearts, and in whose minds, is being written the laws of God. (Hebrews 10:16-17. Cf. Romans 6:14-18.) These people do not set dates for the Lord's return. They recognize that no man knoweth the day nor the hour. (Matt. 24:36.) They believe that "the Lord is not slack concerning His promise . . . but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief

PLEA FROM A MILLION THROATS

Planes over England's fair countryside.
Death from the skies! Let the children hide!

Take them away from the fiends of hell;
Find them a place that is safe to dwell.
Innocent children. They must not share
This terror of death from the air.

Planes over England. Dear God of peace,
We have been brave. Make the war to cease!

—Mildred Wood Harris.

in the night . . ." 2 Peter 3: 9, 10.)

It was in "the fourth watch of the night" (in the darkest hour, just before the dawn) that Christ came to His disciples of old, walking over the turbulent waves of the storm-tossed sea of Galilee. (Matt. 14:25.) In just such an hour of this world's history, Christ will come. When earth's condition seems hopeless; when the chill mists of earth's "November" are yielding place to the rigours of winter; when "every man's sword shall be against his brother" (Ezekiel 38:21), then shall appear "the sign of the Son of Man in heaven" (Matt. 24:30) and those who have made the needful preparation will be "caught up" to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thess. 4:17.)

Living "in November"

We have been for many years living in the "November" of the world's history. How well the words of Thomas Hood's famous poem might be applied to the world of to-day—confused, bewildered, lacking a clear conception of right and wrong, blind to the claims of the law of God, hopelessly lost in a quagmire of misery and sin:—

"No sun, no moon,
No morn, no noon,
No dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day . . .
No travelling at all, no locomotion,
(It's true, the world is getting nowhere spiritually!)
No inkling of the way—no notion . . .
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member . . .
—November!"

In this "spiritual" November the confusion and bewilderment is due to disregard of the Ten Commandments. Men have turned their backs upon the bright light streaming from Calvary's cross, and rejected the government of God for license to do just as they please!

The Way Out

Such a period in the world's history calls for men still unconfused in their thinking to lead the way out of the mists and fogs of fatalism into the light of the Christian Gospel.

It must be emphasized anew—and it must be repeatedly emphasized—that "faith without works is dead," (James 2:26); that faith does not "make void the law," (Romans 3:31); that those who sin wilfully after receiving a knowledge of the truth are doing "despite unto the spirit of grace"; (Heb. 10:26-29) that "sin"—from which Christ saves us—"is the transgression of the law," (1 John 3:4); and "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

Until the Protestant churches grasp and set about teaching these basic truths underlying the Christian Gospel, the mists of "November" will envelop the world. And if they are never grasped, then the garments of death will fold themselves about the churches and the world; the killing frosts of winter will steal the fruits of Christian philanthropy, and a new "dark age" will be ushered in.

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" asks the psalmist (Ps. 11:3.) We may not succeed in forestalling the consequences of years of rebellion against the government of God; but we can at least save many from despair and ruin by calling their attention to the root cause of all the distress, and introducing them to "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. "The day-spring from on high" Luke 1:78 will visit all who return allegiance to the Creator. The sunshine of heaven will penetrate earth's mists, bringing warmth and

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ing himself that the applicant desires to travel for a just and lawful cause, shall thereupon issue a ticket to the applicant, who shall travel by the train named thereon.

"3. Trains will start at their point of departure as near schedule time as possible, but the company does not guarantee when they will reach their destination.

"4. Trains not reaching their destination before dark will put up at one of the several stopping places along the route, for the night, and passengers must pay and provide for their own lodging during the night.

"5. Luggage will be carried on the roof of the carriages. If such baggage gets wet the company will not be responsible for any loss attaching thereto."

Compare this with our wonderful modern railway trains traveling night and day across the continents. God foresaw the future. He looked at our day and by the pen of inspiration pictured our highways, our fast trains, and our speeding motor cars.

It is said that in 1896 there were only four automobiles made in the United States. They were owned by Ford,

Duryea, Elwood Haines, and Benz. Now, in normal times, twenty-six million cars race over our highways. Every man, woman, child, and household pet could be on wheels at once!

The father of modern science, Sir Isaac Newton, was a diligent student of the Bible. He believed that, in fulfillment of its divine predictions, there would come an increase of knowledge, and a mode of transportation far beyond the dreams of his generation, that would enable mankind to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

The infidel Voltaire, an avowed enemy of the Scriptures, held these ideas up to ridicule, saying, "Now look at that mighty mind of Newton who discovered gravity, and told us such marvels for us all to admire. When he became an old man and got into his dotage, he began to study that Book called the Bible; and it seems that, in order to credit its fabulous nonsense, we must believe that the knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour."

Who was right? — Voltaire, who laughed at the Bible, or Newton, who believed it?

According to the prophecy, speedy travel identifies this age as "the time of the end." Our world has certainly been shrinking. To make the circle of the earth—

Magellan, in 1519, took 1,126 days. Thomas Cavendish, in 1588, from Plymouth, England, took 781 days.

Nellie Bly, in 1889, from New York, by boat and rail took 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes.

Charles Fitzmorris, in 1901, from Chicago, took 60 days, 13 hours, 29 minutes.

John Henry Mears, in 1913, from New York, took 35 days, 21 hours, 36 minutes.

The "Graf Zeppelin," in 1929, took 20 days, 4 hours.

Wiley Post, in 1933, took 7 days, 18 hours, 49 minutes, 30 seconds.

Howard Hughes, 1938, took 3 days, 19 hours, 8 minutes, 10 seconds.

Wilbur and Orville Wright aspired to learn what Solomon called, "The way of an eagle in the air." Proverbs 30:19. After more than two thousand trips in gliders, they installed a motor, and, in December, 1903, made their first successful flight. Now men fly five hundred miles an hour, and they promise a thousand—faster than cannon balls in the Civil War!

In 1864 the *Scientific American* published an article which proved absolutely that it would be impossible for man to fly in heavier-than-air machines. However, in 1842 Tennyson dreamed better than the scientists of his day—

"For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,

Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;

Saw the heavens filled with commerce, argosies of magic sails,

Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;

Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rained a ghastly dew

From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue."

According to Daniel's prophecy, men were to run to and fro, and knowledge was to be increased in "the time of the end."

"The time of the end" is not the end of time. It is a short time preceding the end. There is to be, just before Jesus returns, a time during which Daniel's prophecy is to be made plain—to be preached in all the earth—to acquaint men with the importance of the time in which they live and to prepare them to meet the Lord when He comes. This is here called "the time of the end."

This increase of knowledge will be primarily knowledge of the Scriptures, and this running to and fro will be primarily for the purpose of spreading that knowledge. That is, when God's day is about to dawn and His Son is about to come, He will quicken all the faculties of the human mind, for

the purpose of bringing into use all manner of devices, equipment, and inventions in order that this gospel of the kingdom may quickly be carried to every land and people on the globe. This age of marvels is, therefore, only the carrying out of the purpose of God. It is all His doing, and He will use it all for His own design.

The purpose of these great inventions is made clear in Christ's great prophecy of Matthew 24:14:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Before the age of modern transportation it would have taken centuries to carry the gospel of the kingdom to the world, because transportation and communication were so limited and so slow.

In the things that meet our eyes all about us,—the airplane, the automobile, the steamship, and the railroad,—we find evidences of our Lord's return. Do not miss the lesson in these signs of the times. This is "the time of the end"!

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shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: . . . then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

This shows that Christ will not come down here upon the earth at His second advent to live as He did nineteen hundred years ago. He will appear to all the world in that one great day.

There is no question about the rapture of the saints. They will be changed "in the twinkling of an eye" and be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. But Scripture does not teach that the saints are to be caught up in any secret, silent, or invisible manner. Anybody who believes that the ungodly, the unprepared, will be left alive to wonder what has become of the missing ones has failed to take into account the whole truth of Scripture about His appearing. The ungodly will flee to the rocks, to be struck dead by the brightness of the coming of the Lord, as they try to hide.

"The dead in Christ shall rise." 1 Thessalonians 4:16. Together with the living righteous they shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. As Paul says, in Philippians 3:21, He will "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body."

Friends, think what a reunion the coming of the Lord will be! It will be the happiest, grandest, best reunion that has ever been held, or that ever will be held. Friends long parted by death will meet, never to part again. That is why Paul says, "Comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:18.

If you are Christ's, it means that when He comes you will have a body like His glorious body, a body that will never have an ache or a pain, that will never grow old, and that will never die. I challenge you,—no matter how much money you have,—can you think of anything better than to have this body changed "in the twinkling of an eye" to an immortal and incorruptible body, that will never grow old, never have an ache or pain, never get sick, and that will never die? Who would not gladly make that change? This is why Paul called the second coming of Christ "that blessed hope." In Titus 2:13 we read, "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

The second coming of Christ means reunion for the parted, health for the sick, land for the landless, habitations for the homeless, plenty for the destitute, sight for the blind, hearing for the deaf, speech for the dumb, youth for the aged, liberty for the captives, riches for the poor, beauty for ashes, life for the dead, immortality for mortality, peace for the troubled, the oil of gladness for the mourning, rest for the weary, gladness for the sorrowing, perfect bodies for cripples, crowns for crosses, light for darkness, harmony for discord, and an eternal inheritance in the kingdom of God for all God's ransomed children. My friend, is it not indeed a "blessed hope"?

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the source of all true liberty?

These are days that try men's souls, and the end is not yet. Pridelul satisfaction in material possessions seems quite foolish to-day. We must take hold upon something better than this if we are to preserve our sense of direction and our sense of values in the midst of the hurricane.

God still lives and guides in the affairs of men despite the whirlwind and the tempest. One writer has beautifully set forth this heartening truth in these words:

"In the annals of human history the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as dependent on the will and prowess of man. The shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, behind, above, and through all the play and counterplay of human interests and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will."—Ellen G. White, in "Education," p. 173.

For courage in the face of reverses, for strength to do the right as God gives us to see the right, for inner poise and fortitude that make us a strength in our community, what better course could we follow than to turn to the God of our fathers and the Book of our fathers! We have been forgetful long enough.

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

● In the United States there is a retail store of some kind for every 74 people.

● German prisoners are among the thousands who have been given glass eyes by a unique Government factory in the north of England.

● It requires the sugar from one-fifth acre of sugar cane to make the powder for a single 16-inch shell. Do you wonder that sugar has to be rationed?

● There are 2,000 known species of snakes in the world, but most of them are harmless. Only about 200 of these are poisonous enough to cause death.

● The Canadian Bank of Commerce has introduced an improved mail-order banking system. This will save tires and gasoline and time for many who live in out-of-the-way places.

● Our Canadian government needs ten million dollars every day this year, about nine millions of which will be used in financing the war. This of course means sacrifices for all of us.

● Rhode Island has a population of 668 people to every square mile. If Canada were as densely populated we might have as many people in the Dominion as are now in all the world.

● Motorists with flat tires may now drive the wheel of the car onto a "wheel-crutch," lock it there and drive without injury to the flat tire, to some place where the tire may be repaired.

● The American Can Company announce that they have developed a new fibre can to take the place of tin. This fibre container can be used for all dry products such as scouring powder, talcum, spices, drugs, etc.

● What does a baby cost in dollars and cents? A young couple in Chicago kept an accurate record of the expense of keeping a baby. At the end of the third year, the records showed a cost of \$779.16. Of course we all will agree that they are well worth it.

● Fifteen members of one family were killed by a bomb dropped in an air raid over Glasgow, Scotland, last year. The victims of this tragedy were a grandmother, a mother, six sons, one daughter, a daughter-in-law, and her five children.

● We have heard a great deal about fifth column activities. President Roosevelt has labelled rumour spreaders as sixth columnists, and a large insurance company has started a drive on the Seventh Column—carelessness.

● There are over 2,000 species of mosquitoes, but only about 65 of these make Canada their home. The female mosquito is the one that does the biting. Her husband satisfies himself with sucking plant juices, but "Mrs."

brazenly attacks mankind. She can take her own weight of blood at one feeding.

● Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi at the age of 13, married a girl of ten. At fifteen he was a father. He is a strict vegetarian, except for goat's milk. His diet consists of dates, nuts, fruits and vegetables, which cost about \$5.00 a month. He sleeps only four hours out of each 24 and is so busy that he often receives visitors when in his bath.



● Rural mail carriers are now picking up salvage material in Canada.

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