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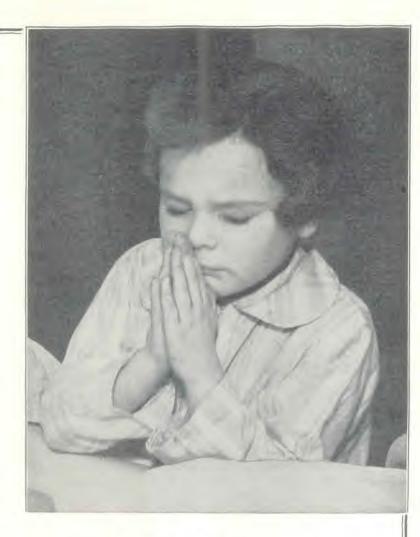
By A. D. Mackintosh, M.D.

In everything give thanks, Be it sorrow or care, A sickness, pain or death Or railings hard to bear, Have unkind words been said, An accusation false? Take all to God in prayer, In everything give thanks.

> In everything give thanks, Though earthly friends have failed, Though parents criticized And children oft have failed, Though all have thee forsaken, Though many've been the pranks, Though bitter is thy lot, In everything give thanks.

> > In everything give thanks, Though failure's now your plight, Though grief and darkness shroud And wrongs seemed turned to right, Though doubts and fears assail, And all around are cranks, Look up, lift up your eyes, In everything give thanks.

> > > In everything give thanks, God's power will yet prevail Though fiery be your trials, Temptations fierce assail His promises are true So stay within His ranks, He'll always care for you, In everything give thanks.



In everything give thanks, E'en in the furnace hot Where characters are tried And all the dross burned out. Jesus has need of you Within His mighty flanks, And He will take you through, In everything give thanks.

> In everything give thanks, Refining fires we need Our sinful souls to purge, Cleanse every thought and deed, For Jesus soon will come, He's marshalling all His hosts He'll make a way for you, In everything give thanks.

> > In everything give thanks, Ne'er cease to give Him praise. Trials are good for us And turn us to His ways. On Him for strength rely And sing and shout His love And His name glorify, In everything give thanks.







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The Red Cross

THERE is one organization in Canada to which every loyal Canadian, regardless of racial origin, religious belief, or political leanings, should be able to give his wholehearted support. That organization is the Canadian Red Cross.

At the time of the Crimean War (1853-1855) the searchlight of publicity was turned on the neglect of thousands of British soldiers wounded in that struggle. Fortunately, Florence Nightingale had just completed a course of nursing in Germany and France, and Sidney Herbert, then Secretary of War in England, suggested that Miss Nightingale take a group of volunteer nurses to the Crimea, to care for the neglected and suffering British soldiers. This she consented to do. In her heart was born the idea which later developed into the Red Cross organization.

The Canadian Red Cross society was organized in 1896. During the first World War it did a noble work building hospitals, recreation rooms, nurses' dormitories; supplying ambulances, motor lorries, hospital coaches, etc. Almost a half million cases of hospital supplies were sent overseas. Financial assistance was also given hospitals in England and France. During that awful war, millions of dollars were spent in alleviating suffering, saving life, helping those in need.

The Red Cross has a record of which it may be justly proud. Through more than three-quarters of a century it has carried on its work of mercy. Wherever, or whenever there have been tempest, tornado, flood, fire, pestilence, famine, or war, the Red Cross has been present to help distressed humanity; binding up their wounds, supplying food, lessening their pain and suffering.

They are today carrying on a work much like that of the Master when He lived here on earth. If He were here today we believe He would be a member and a supporter of this organization.

What a relief to those of us who have loved ones in this present struggle to know that the Red Cross is operating in all parts of the world. These loyal self-sacrificing workers of this humanitarian organization are working, even in the lands of our enemies. Delegates of the Red Cross regularly inspect the prisoner-of-war camps to see that prisoners are cared for according to international agreement. Packages of food, and other necessities are delivered by them to our boys who are in enemy prison camps. Hundreds of thousands of these parcels are being packed by volunteer workers in Montreal, Toronto, and other Canadian cities. In one year alone more than 200 steamers were used in transporting Red Cross supplies over the seas.

The Canadian Red Cross has more than one million adult members, and more than eight hundred thousand Junior Members. The annual membership fee is only \$1.00. (Continued on page 15)

TEA and COFFEE RATIONED

Are They Necessary for Our Health?

By D. H. KRESS, M.D.

THE use of these beverages is becoming well nigh universal, they are to be found in almost every home and are considered indispensable and essential, to the health and well being of the family. Yet strange to say, our sturdy forefathers knew nothing of these beverages.

Three hundred years ago little was known about tea and coffee in European countries. In the year 1664 a present of two pounds and two ounces of tea was made to Charles II by the East Indian Company. The price of tea at that time was about \$15.00 per pound. Through Catherine, wife of Charles II, who had formed a fondness for the beverage while visiting at Portugal, tea later became a fashionable beverage in court life.

Through the influence of a treatise published about the same time by Bontekoe, a Dutch physician, in its favour as a stimulant, its use became more general among the well to do. The price was very high and made its use prohibitive among the poor. As late as the year 1728 tea still retailed at five dollars a pound in England. It was sold in public houses the same as beer. By an act of Parliament a charge of thirty cents per gallon was imposed by the government when sold in the coffee Inns.

In 1771 the consumption of tea per head annually in Great Britain was only one half ounce. At the present time over two hundred times this amount is consumed or about seven pounds per head.

West Australia exceeds this by three pounds, using ten pounds.

Coffee as a beverage was also introduced into European countries a little over three centuries ago. As its use became more popular, coffee houses were established; the first one of these was opened in London in the year 1652. These places became a common resort for coffee tipplers and proved a nuisance and injury to the community. The following poem published in 1665 describes "The Character of a Coffee House," at that time.

"Of some and all conditions,

Even vinters, surgeons and physicians The blind, the deaf, and aged cripple, Do here resort and coffee tipple."

An effort was then made to close up these places,

In the "News Views of London" published in 1708 there appeared the following, "One James Farr, a barber, who kept a coffee house, which was afterward The Rainbow by the Inner Temple-gate, was in the year 1657 prosecuted by the St. Dunstan-in-thewest for making and selling a sort of liquor called coffee, as a great nuisance and prejudice of the neighbourhood."

Coffee drinking has increased by leaps and bounds. While Great Britain and Australia lead in the use of tea, Germany and America take the lead in the use of coffee, consuming annually fourteen pounds of coffee a head. America takes about one half of the entire coffee crop of the world.

Cocoa is a more modern beverage. The amount consumed is considerably less than that of tea and coffee. Many after having become acquainted with the harmful nature of tea and coffee use cocoa in their place. The use of cocoa and chocolate is as a consequence rapidly becoming popular.

These beverages are not nutrients, they do not impart either heat or energy. They are stimulants and are taken because of the feeling of exhilaration or well being experienced by their use. A stimulant acts merely as a whip, it imparts no strength, for although the one under its influence feels stronger, by actual test it is found he is weaker. The tired worn out horse is not strengthened or even benefitted by the application of the whip. The whip does not keep him up. There are thousands of tired worn out men and women who try to keep up on the use of stimulants. Sooner or later this will end in nerve exhaustion and a nervous or mental break-down.

The man in business can not long continue in business if from day to day he draws upon the capital invested to meet the running expenses. He must have an income in proportion to, if not in excess of the outgo, in order to carry on a healthy business or to prevent bankruptcy. The only reason why men and women use stimulants is because they feel a lack of energy. They feel unable to meet the demand that is made upon them by their daily occupation. A stimulant enables them to draw upon the little energy which nature would wisely hold in reserve as capital. The continuance of this practice is responsible for the many nervous and mental wrecks we see lying by the wayside, or housed up in our insane asylums. In proportion to the increase during the past of these stimulants, have nervous disorders increased. The fact that the use of stimulants has become so univesal and that something new along this line is constantly sought for, is evidence that the human race is in a state of decadence or that its vitality is at low ebb. Men and women feel a lack of energy and hence the supposed need of something to goad or urge them on.

The lack of energy is especially felt on waking in the morning-strange is it not that at the very time when man should be at his best, he should feel at his worst? During the sleeping hours energy is stored up in the brain cells; for this reason normal man like the birds and everything else in nature, should be at his best. He should awake with a song of praise in his heart, if not on his lips, and be ready to spring into the harness, feeling not only fit for work but a delight in toil. The user of stimulants, however, feels his energy poverty most in the morning. Being kept up during the day by the use of stimulants, during the sleeping hours the influence exerted by them

has time to wear off, consequently when he awakes he has an opportunity of beholding his real condition. The wise thing would be to say, "I cannot afford to continue in this suicidal manner any longer, I must call a halt and discard the use of these deceptive drugs." But instead of this often the cup of tea or coffee if not something stronger, has to be taken to the bedside. The morning meal can be dispensed with but the morning cup is felt to be a necessity. How true it is "wine is a mocker," not because it is wine but because it contains alcohol "he that is deceived thereby is not wise." The one in possession of health feels no need of a whip to urge him on.

What is responsible for this universal lack of energy which calls for the universal use of stimulants? No doubt the modern strenuous life is in part responsible for it. The intense strain of business, etc., results in nerve exhaustion. But this is not the only or even the chief cause. Probably the principal cause is to be found at our tables. We eat the wrong kind of food.

Energy is stored up in food. The vegetable kingdom stores up the inorganic elements found in the soil and air, it organizes them and vitalizes them for man's use. In order for man to possess the energy he is entitled to and should possess he must get his supply from the fountain head, or direct from the vegetable kingdom. While the vegetable kingdom stores up energy, the animal tears it asunder, or dissipates it. In this process wastes and poisonous products are formed, the retention of which would prove destructive to its own organism. This in itself is evidence that the animal creation does not exist for the purpose of storing up energy for man to utilize and that nature designed that each creature should get its supply of food from the vegetable kingdom.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, in his report to a National Committee at Washington said, "The cereal eating nations of the world can endure more physical toil than the meat eating nations. You cannot tire out a Japanese, who eats rice. He will draw you all around town on a pound of rice and be as fresh at the close of the day as when he started. You could not do that on a pound of

• Our government must feel that tea and coffee are not good for children, for they took the green tea and coffee coupons out of all books issued to children under 12 years of age. meat to save your life."

The rice eater possesses an amount of energy to which the beef eater is a stranger. At another time in speaking of the value of beef broths he said, "There is no nourishment in the broth or in the so-called extracts of meat. Every one of these so-called invalid foods made from meat is a fake of the worst kind. Extract of beef is absolutely without value as a food. A dog fed on beef extract for eleven days died of starvation. He was given all he could eat." Nearly three fourths of beef by weight is beef juice. Withdraw the moisture from one pound of meat and there is left about one quarter of a pound of fibre. The nutriment lies in the fibre not in the juices. The three fourths of a pound of extract holds in solution only poisonous body wastes. These when taken into the body of man stimulate.

The immediate feeling of strength experienced after eating a juicy beef steak or taking a cup of beef tea is due to the presence in it of these poisons. Meat eating therefore creates a craving for stimulants. To satisfy this constant craving has created the demand for tea and coffee.

A tremendous effort is being made by temperance advocates to check intemperance. But it is a hard matter to chain a full grown lion. "Touch not, taste not, handle not" is a motto that must take in more than alcoholic beverages. It must include all foods and drinks which fever the blood or are stimulating in nature, of which Tea, Coffee and Cocoa form a part.



HOW OLD IS OUR EARTH?

By J. A. BUCKWALTER

OW far back can you go in your thinking? To really grasp the full significance of the subject under consideration it will be necessary for you to go back, in your imagination, far beyond the oldest memories you can recall; in fact back before you or your parents or grandparents were born, back before the birth of John A. MacDonald and the reign of Oueen Victoria, back before the birth of the British Empire or the Dominion of Canada. But your imagination has scarcely begun its backward journey into the past. You must go back before the birth of Christ and the Conversion of Paul, back before Abraham left the Ur of the Chaldees and before the nation of Israel was born, back before any nation was born, before Noah entered the Ark, before Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden, back before there was a garden of Eden, back before there was a place called earth on which the garden could be made, back BACK BACK into the eternity of the past when God alone occupied the arena of the universe. With your imagination back there ask your-self the question, "What personal knowledge can man have of events that took place in that long ago?"

Events Beyond Our Personal Knowledge

Now, really, what can man possibly know about the events that transpired in those acons of the past? No wonder God asked Job: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?" and then added, "declare, if thou hast understanding." Job 38:4. What did Job know about it anyway? He wasn't there. Away back in the morning of this earth's history Job could not possibly know the mysteries of creation save only as God revealed them to him. But then Job did not have a chance to read Darwin. That at least was one blessing he had amidst all his troubles. Too bad he was not aware of it.

How ridiculous seem the evolutionist's conjectures regarding the origin of the universe and life! With what reckless unconcern they boldly announce their assertions regarding momentous events which took place thousands of years before their birth. How can man be so sure regarding *events* of which no man living has personal knowledge? Nor has any man who has ever lived witnessed them. The first man was given dominion over the finished creation. Even he did not witness the origin of matter and the various life forms. Nor does nature now demonstrate their origin. Present day processes in nature do not explain their past origins, simply because they

GOD WALKED ALONE

Revelation 21:3

God walked alone in Eden At the close of that dreadful day; His heart all broken with sorrow— He had sent His children away.

God walked alone in Eden,

And the lovely garden was bare; No answering voice or footstep In the dim, shining stillness there.

God walked alone in heaven The night that Christ came to earth, While all the choir celestial

Were singing to mortals His birth. God walked alone in heaven,

And not even angels above Could know the weight of His anguish,

The wonderful depths of His love. God walked alone, designing

This part of His infinite plan That one day again in glory

His earth might be open to man. Long the years He has waited;

But Eden restored will atone When in His eternal glory

Our God will walk no more alone.

-Mildred Wood Harris.

are not the processes of the original creation. God ended His work of creation within the first seven-day period of this planet's history. On what reasonable basis, then, can man, so far removed from the beginning of all things, conjecture the evolution of matter and life, when available scientific data does not furnish the necessary demonstration of the processes of the original creation? Either we must seek the truth of the matter from God who alone is in a position to give it or remain confused and confounded amidst the maze of unsatisfactory speculation and unscientific hypotheses.

Estimates of the Earth's Age

Did you ever wonder about the age of the earth? I am sure you have. Just how long ago was its birth celebrated? And celebrated it was. According to the Bible record after God had swung this earth into space to take its ordained place in the vast universe of flaming worlds, shining suns, and scintillating stars; a great birthday service was held, attended by the representatives of the whole universe and "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:7. According to Bible chronology that was approximately 6,000 years ago. But that is far too short a time for the workings of the processes of the evolutionary hypothesis, so to meet the need, the evolutionist has postulated a theory that the earth is hundreds of millions of years old. It is self-evident that a tremendously long time would be nec-essary to evolve all the various forms of life since this process is so slow as to remain imperceptible throughout the whole period of recorded history; and so the evolutionist accommodatingly suggests that the earth is really very, very old. But they are not consistent in their efforts to establish this consistency between their theories and their estimates of the earth's age. They differ greatly in their age guessing. Dis-crepancies abound. Estimates usually run from one thousand million to ten thousand million years, with a number favouring a two thousand million year period. The methods by which they seek to produce some semblance of scientific support for their theory of the antiquity of this orb are manifestly defective in certain particulars.

Evolutionary Ages Not Established Scientific Fact

Abundantly evident is the fact that science does not establish such an extreme age of the earth. "A study of the available data indicates that no adequate time interval sufficient to make organic evolution possible is allowed."

Contrary to the belief of some, a study of the salts of the ocean does not bring evidence anywhere near the age of the earth the evolutionists need. 6

For example, if every bit of rock above sea level were completely leached of sodium, the amount provided would be only about one third of the sodium now present in the ocean. Thus it is evident that we cannot safely determine the earth's age from the length of time necessary for the amount of sodium now present in the ocean to accumulate, since it is certain that most of it must have been there from the beginning and did not accumulate by leaching. Again, if, as it is estimated all the chlorine at the present rate of removal, would be removed from the land in approximately a million years time; it follows that no such period of hundreds of millions of years is permissible for the chlorine is not yet removed from the soil. Radioactivity also is weakened through lack of our knowledge of the original relative proportions of lead and helium in a given sample of rock, as well as the amounts which may have left or entered the composition of the rock in the meantime. Regardless of the intricate calculations entered into, any conclusions must inevitably be inaccurate, misleading, and only a guess at the most and hence valueless when it comes to the actual determination of the age of the earth.

Scientific Evidences of the Youth of the Earth

Scientific evidence verifies the conclusion that the earth is quite young, comparatively speaking. Science lends far more evidence in support of the Bible chronology than can possibly be manufactured to bolster the theory of an incredibly old earth permitting the equally incredible development of man from primeval ooze. The findings resulting from attempts to arrive at some scientific conclusion as to the age of the earth suggest a history far too short for evolution to have taken place. Herein lies another fatal shortcoming in the theory, for if the history of this planet is too short to admit the possibility of millions of years of evolutionary development it is evident that the whole philosophy must be a pseudo-science.

As briefly as we can we set forth the following scientific inferences of the youth of this earth.

(1) Volcanoes An enormous amount of water and

• There has been a great deal of speculation and conjecture as to the age of our world. The estimates vary by millions of years. If we wish to believe God's Word, the answer is positive and definite.

other gases has been discharged from volcanoes. It is said that one of Mt. Etna's minor cones emitted 2,100,000 cubic meters of water in 100 days. This mount is known to have been active over a period of about 2,500 years "which would mean a total output of 40 cubic miles of water." If it had been active since the flood it would have discharged 100 cubic miles of water. "But geologists estimate from a study of the size of its cone, at its present rate of increase that this volcano has been active for 300,000 years, which would mean a total output of 50,000 cubic miles. But this is quite impossible.'

When we realize that according to estimates there are 420 active or recently active volcanoes to say nothing about those that once may have been active and undiscovered, and that evolutionary hypothesis suggests that volcanism has been going on continuously for fifteen million years, we begin to see how incredible the whole theory is. If we extended the period to the 1,800 million which Dr. Lane suggests would be plenty of time to discharge the ocean, it is evident the evolutionist would have been flooded out long ago.

(2) Comets and Meteors

Comets provide astronomical evidence that the earth is not particularly ancient. The rapidity of the wasting of comets suggests a brief period of earth's history. As the meteors are burned to dust by friction, this meteor dust settles upon the earth and leaves its deposit of nickle which the iron of meteorites contains in considerable quantities. Thus if meteors and meteorites have been falling to earth for millions of years there should be an appreciable amount of nickle over the earth's surface, or if dissolved and carried by the rivers to the oceans and there precipitated, it should be found on the ocean's floor. But there is not more than a trace found in either place.

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WHAT NEXT?

ARVELOUS indeed is the era in which we are living, with its ever-increasing list of amazing inventions and brilliant scientific discoveries. Surely it is a most remarkable fact that these sweeping changes have not developed gradually with each succeeding generation, but in-stead these vast changes and this wonderful advancement have been introduced since the days of the French Revolution. Since that time the mind and heart of man have been constantly energized to invent, to discover, to revolutionize, and to-day the world stands agape, wondering, "What next?"

During the last hundred years or so, through invention and the use of the elements of nature, men have been able to make greater improvement in living conditions than had been made in all previous ages. What the Egyptians had long ago done by the slow, incredible toil of labourers and multitudes of slaves; what the Romans had done by patient, intelligent toil; what the Europeans had done in the Middle Ages by these same methods of slow, arduous labour, our forefathers continued to do until the dawn of this new era of increased knowledge. After that tremendous changes were wrought throughout the world. Everywhere tasks were more easily and more speedily accomplished by the use of machines; thus was ushered in the Industrial Revolution.

The fundamental problems of feeding, housing, and clothing people were solved as never before. Far superior agricultural methods were developed. The extension and scientific use of fertilizers made it possible to produce much more from the soil. Because of the invention of laboursaving machinery, prodigious quantities of food could now be produced to feed other men and women who, by the use of other labour-saving machinery, were employed in the manufacture of goods. Transportation facilities were improved by the building of new roads, bridges, and canals. Railroads were constructed, and later, motor transportation was developed. Magnificent buildings were easily constructed, vast warehouses, depots, railway stations, docks, and bridges were built on a scale never before dreamed of.

For the first time in the history of the world such reservoirs and aqueducts were built that a great many people had sufficient water and could if they desired, keep clean. Improved methods of heating houses were intro-duced, that people might be comfortable in their homes. Small bathtubs were made in large numbers. Then came illumination for the homes, and later electricity began to supplant gas for lighting purposes. Few inventions brought greater convenience to many people than matches, which appeared about 1827. In ancient and medieval times, good clothing and cover for the feet were difficult to make and expensive to buy. The masses of the people could neither make nor buy very many clothes.

All of us are acquainted, more or less, with that distinguished line of inventors including Whitney, Fulton, Morse, Howe, McCormick, Bell, and on down the list of notables until we come to the great wizard of electricity. Thomas Edison. If we could turn back the old cloth on the stairs for little more than one hundred years to consider what has taken place, some of the inventions we would see, are: The operation of the first public railroad cars in 1825, the reaper and mower in 1831, the submarine cable in 1858, the automatic air brake in 1872, the electric railway in 1879, the steam turbine in 1884, the telephone in 1876, the phonograph in 1877. Then we would see Marconi fling his thoughts across the Atlantic without the use of wires; while others harness the ether waves to broadcast their words to countless unseen millions and to distant continents, all within the range of a single human voice. Not only have signals and words been able to make their flight through immeasurable space at the speed of lightning, but men have also acquired a rapid mode of transportation. The steam engine, automobile, and airplane have revolutionized travel on the globe. In these days of inventive genius men can move through the air with greater speed than bullets and cannon balls in the days of the American Civil War. Added to the list of almost numberless planes

that are being built, we have the Flying Fortress with its armoured hull, manned and equipped with a battery of guns, which is playing such a vital part in this present war. There seems to be no limit to the possibilities of science and invention, for we learn of immense cargo planes now under con-



THE QUESTION ALL THE WORLD IS ASKING

Harry B. Taylor Gives us the Bible's Answer

freight over the seas.

Modern Medical Science Before the latter part of the eight-

struction which are to carry their eenth century very little was known about the structure and functioning of the human body, or of the diseases to which it is subject. Bleeding was still the general remedy. In 1801 a French-



tissues of the body. Many investigators devoted their time to the study of the appearance and action of the organs of the body, both diseased and in health. After a while a great deal of information was obtained about the heart, lungs, and kidneys. A great revolution came in 1861 when Pasteur a Frenchman, demolished the old idea that diseases originated spontaneously. He found that diseases come from minute organisms. These organisms are alive, and he called them "bacteria." The science of bacteriology was carried forward with great brilliancy by Pasteur and others, and through this study it became possible to determine not only the causes of many of the worst diseases, but also the means of preventing them. In the field of surgery no less notable results were attained. Not only was there a greatly increased knowledge of the human body, but in the year 1846, anesthesia was introduced by an American doctor. and his methods were at once used everywhere. Through this discovery a great deal of pain was banished, and the dread that accomplished operations was largely removed. Then in 1867 Lord Lister brought forward antisepsis, which lessens the danger from infection. This new scientific knowledge saves the lives of millions of infants and increases the average life span for civilized man. In 1895 a scientist, Roentgen, announced the discovery of the X ray, which made it possible to penetrate opaque substances and obtain pictures of objects that lay on the opposite side of such substances. The X ray and the newly discovered radium became potent al-

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 Monster armoured ships of the air now carry tons of weight at lightning speed for hundreds of miles. Huge cargo ships are now being built to carry freight over the seas. There seems to be no limit to the possibilities of science and invention.

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THE RIGHT TO RULE the WORLD

By L. H. DAVIES



Director of Public Information

 Some men and nations have ambitions to rule the world. This right is being disputed on the battlefields of the world to-day.

WHO has the right to world leadership? This is an interesting question and divine revelation gives the answer.

When this world was created, Adam, a son of God, was given the dominion of this earth. And God said, "....let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Gen. 1:26. Adam sinned by disobeying a command of God's upon the instigation of the arch-rebel against God's government resulting in the dominion passing into the hands of the evil one.

This truth is manifested by one of the temptations of Jesus. Jesus was taken to a high mountain, where the devil "sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." In harmony with the fact of the devil's control of the world implied in the above temptation, Jesus himself, on three other occasions refers to him as "The prince of this world." (See John 12:31; 14:30; 16: 11.)

Jesus did not fall into the trap of endeavouring to secure the princeship of the world by bowing down and worshipping Satan for there was another and better way to secure that. It was not the way of compromise with evil. It was the way of so living that in life, and death, He could defeat the devil. Satan won the princeship by defeating Adam. He in turn lost it by being defeated by Christ. After His resurrection and just before His ascension Jesus stated, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18 "... Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of nations (marginal reading). Rev. 15:3. Thus stands out the truth that the right to world rulership belongs to no other but Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

We will now trace this right of world rulership in its relationship to the nations of the world. God knew that eventually through the work of Jesus Christ as the redeemer of this world His rulership would become supreme. He therefore chose a nation of people to be His own nation in this world, that through them the principles of the divine kingdom might be expressed and developed. This purpose was expressed by Moses to the children of Israel just before they crossed the River Jordan into Palestine in these words, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day. that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth. . . . And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee." Deut. 28:1, 10.

Persuant to this purpose God placed these children of Israel in a country

which was destined to become the cross roads of the world. The nation of the Israelites eventually grew into a mighty nation reaching its zenith during the reign of Solomon. It is to be noted that concerning Solomon, David said, "He (the Lord) hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel." 1 Chron. 28:5. "And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom." 1 Kings 4:34. "The Manual of Biblical Geography, page 70, quoted in "Empires of Bible Prophecy," page 176, states, "And the empire which David had thus built up, and which he was enabled to transmit in peace to his successor, was the largest, the most wealthy, and the most powerful in the Oriental world at that time." This was God's kingdom in this world and it was God's purpose for it to so develop until it would control the whole world.

Furthermore, it was also God's plan eventually for Jesus Christ to be the King of this kingdom. When David desired to build a temple and God would not permit him to do so since he was a man of blood, he was given a promise. God said, "And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdoms. He shall build me an house, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom forever: and his throne shall be established forevermore." 1 Chron. 17:11-14.

This purpose of God's was, however, conditional. It depended on the children of Israel doing all of God's commands. It depended on their being faithful to His divine principles. They failed. Failed so miserably that God finally allowed them to be taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and to Zedekiah the last king of Judah was spoken, "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." Ezekiel 21:25-27. The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

In the days of Rome during the golden age of the iron monarchy when Caesar Augustus was on the throne, the one whose right it was to rule was born of David's sons in the city of David. He came unto His own but His own received Him not and with the assistance of the Romans they crucified Him as a malefactor. Jesus the king was rejected, consequently when Pilate asked Him "Art thou the king of the Jews?" Jesus virtually rejected the Jews as His peculiar people and answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." John 18:36.

The prophecy referring to these days said, "And it (the diadem, the crown) shall be no more until He come whose right it is; and I will give it him.' Ezekiel 21:27. Thus the right to world rulership passed from the hands of men to the Son of God. The conclusion is inevitable. No man or nation will ever rule this world. It is not their privilege. There will be no more universal kingdoms until He come whose right it is, and He is coming soon as Lord of lords, and King of kings. Are you ready to meet Him with the character His subjects should possess? The character that He alone through the power of His atonement can give us? "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:37.

IS THIS LIFE A DEAD-END ROAD or is there Life Beyond the Grave?

By C. A. REEVES

THE darkest picture that this old war-scarred, sin-cursed world ever saw was Golgotha's cross. The very heavens bowed themselves in midnight mourning and wept. The flinty rocks burst in dumb grief because their Maker was put to death by the hands of those whom He came to save and bless. And if the seal that was placed on Joseph's new tomb had remained unbroken, death would have been to us an endless sleep. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that sleep. Because He lives, we shall live also.

Firm and strong on the basis of incontrovertible facts stands the resurrection of Jesus. Pagan and Jewish historians alike bear witness to the belief of the early Christians in this great truth. It is one of the best attested facts in history. "Such statements," says one, "as that His reappearance was simply recovery from trance, or a phantasm, or the result of hallucinations and so on, are but the pitiful subterfuges of those who are hopelessly biased by unbelief."

Babbage has shown by mathematical calculations that if there are twenty-five men who are known to tell the truth ten times as often as they lie, and they testify concerning any matter of sufficient importance to make them careful in their testimony, and they agree in that testimony, there are a billion chances to one that it is the truth.

Testimonies for the Resurrection

As, therefore, we have more than five hundred reputable, competent witnesses who testify concerning this most important fact of history, doubt surely is impossible.

There were actually ten groups that saw Him alive after His death. First, Mary Magdalene at the tomb. Second, Peter. Third, the two disciples at Emmaus. Fourth, the disciples in the upper room. Fifth, the disciples with Thomas. Sixth, the disciples on the shore of Galilee. Seventh, the five hundred brethren at once. Eighth, the disciples on Olivet at the ascension. Ninth, Stephen at his martyrdom. Tenth, Paul on the road to Damascus. And some of these witnesses saw Him not once, but several times. How could they have been mistaken?

The fact that many of them died for their testimony indicates their own deep conviction. Men do not die voluntarily for nothing. Men do not willingly suffer torture to sustain a story based on lies. Yet these men and women gladly suffered martyrdom rather than deny the resurrection of their Lord.

The founders of all the world's religions have died, but no other has



ever been resurrected. Christ and Christ alone arose. When Tallyrand, the great agnostic, wanted to found a new religion, he found it hard going, so he asked counsel of the king of France. He received this answer: "Go and be crucified, and on the third day rise again, and men will believe in your religion."

The importance of the resurrection cannot be over stressed. Every fundamental truth of Christianity centres in His resurrection. If this could be overthrown, every other doctrine would be invalidated.

A Mohammedan, as proof of the superiority of his religion to that of Christianity, exultantly pointed out: "We have the tomb of our prophet; you Christians have only an empty tomb." Ah, he little knew that it is on an empty cross and an empty tomb that the Christian church was founded. It made all the difference in the world to the disciples whether that grave in Jeseph's garden was empty or not. The truth of the resurrection was the determining factor in their life and destiny, and it be-

Back from the Dead

came the basic point in their testi-

mony.

By virtue of His resurrection from the dead, Jesus has power to bring men forth from the tomb. When He arose from the grave many other graves were opened, and their dead occupants came forth, trophies of His victory over death. (Matt. 27:52, 53.) Their resurrection becomes an assurance of a future life of blessed immortality for the believer.

The Word of God makes it very clear that the dead are to be raised. Jesus said, "Marvel not at this, for Honourable J. L. Ilsley, Finance Minister for Canada. He bears heavy responsibilities in these trying times, and deserves the support of every citizen of the Dominion.

the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. Thus there are to be two resurrections, one of "life" and another of "damnation." But they do not occur at the same time. Every man is to be brought forth "in his own order," "they that are Christ's at His coming." 1 Cor. 15: 22, 23. The dead in Christ shall be raised first. (1 Thess. 4:13-16.)

Paul said he was willing to have fellowship with Christ in His sufferings if by any means he might attain unto the resurrection "from among the dead." Phil. 3:11 (literal translation) . This statement immediately suggests that all the dead do not rise at once; others would be left in the grave, after some had +risen "from among the dead." Paul knew that "blessed and holy are they that have part in the first resurrection." The glories of that day were so great as to dazzle him. The horrors of the second resurrection he knew also, and knowing this, he strove to attain the one and escape the other.

The two resurrections will be separated by one thousand years. (Rev. 20:6, 5.) The resurrection of the righteous, the first resurrection, is synchronous with the second coming of Christ.

Resurrection in Nature

Some have thought such a resurrection impossible, and have questioned how it could ever be. But we need to remember that our bodies change every seven years, and yet, in one sense, each is the same body. We do not lose our identity. If God can and does sometimes rebuild a man five, six, ten times, in the course of his earthly life, is it mysterious that He can rebuild him once more by resurrection?

We find in the natural world many illustrations of this truth. You take from your finger the gold ring you are wearing, drop it into certain acids, and it soon disappears, though held in solution. Then you drop into that solution certain salts, precipitate that gold, and mould it again into a ring.

Again, take that repulsive worm, that spins its own winding sheet and, for a season, sleeps. When that winding sheet bursts the worm, no longer repulsive, comes forth a beautiful moth or butterfly, winging itself away on the free air of heaven.

At the return of Christ the child of God will be transformed and glorified. "We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." Phil. 3:20, 21.

Good-bye But Not Forever

A touching story is told of a father and mother who stood beside the little white casket of their six-year-old darling, cold in the sleep of death. The father, who was an unbeliever, came in and bent over the little form, so white and still. He planted a kiss on the child's marble forehead, and then with tears flowing down his cheeks he cried, in an agony of sorrow, "Goodbye little tot, forever!"

A few minutes later the poor, frail mother, weak and worn from her nights of watching over the bed of her darling child, stumbled to the side of the coffin, and with tears in her eyes she kissed the little cheek and said, "Good-bye little tot, but Mummy will see you again beyond the sunset and the night."

What was the difference? Ah, the father had no hope. But in the heart of that mother was the glowing assurance that she would meet her child again. Hers was the blessed hope of a resurrection at the last great day.

Praise God for such a hope as this! What else does this sorrowing, deathstricken world need so much? Tell it forth to all mankind. He is the "resurrection and the life" and through Him we shall live again and reign with Him in majesty and glory for ever.

"Up from the grave He arose,

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a Victor from the dark domain,

And He lives for ever with His saints to reign,

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

How Old Is Our Earth?

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At the rate of falling meteors it is estimated that a layer 100 feet thick would accumulate over the earth's surface in two thousand million years. Whether that estimate of Niningers is correct or not, it is evident that if this earth were as old as the evolutionists would have us believe there would be an abundance of nickle found over the face of the earth. Instead it is found in

such small quantities that the inference is plain that the earth's age is not nearly so old.

(3) Atmospheric Helium

Evolutionary geologists offer no satisfactory explanation for the small amount of helium in the earth's atmosphere. Atmospheric helium is known to be forming at a quite rapid rate and since it is heavier than hydrogen by several times it is not likely that it is escaping. If it is not escaping into space and its formation is fairly rapid it is evident that the process has not been going on for the millions of years that evolutionary time calls for. The amount of helium present in the

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QUITE suddenly and without warning it came. One moment the sky was clear and the sun shining, the next a heavy cloud of swirling, stifling dust obscured the sun. For hours the wind blew eddying billows of sand into the atmosphere until we panted and gasped for breath.

In my suffering I thought of what the Psalmist had written centuries ago as he had looked out across the desert upon a similar scene: "He remembereth that we are dust." Yes, troublesome to Him, light, wayward, shifting, restless, driven this way and that by the wiles of Satan. Unstable as the shifting gray dust, never settled for very long. God in His mercy however remembers this and does not "Deal with us after our sins; nor reward us according to our iniquities." — "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

earth's atmosphere finds a satisfactory explanation in the acceptance of the Biblical Chronology.

(4) Astronomical Chronology

Our attention has been called to another interesting scientific comment verifying the Biblical record. Mr. Dimbleby's findings in the field of astronomical chronology are certainly worthy of more attention and examination than they have received. In his book "All Past Time," J. B. Dimbleby, one time premier chronologist to the British Chronological and Astronomical Association asserts that the creation record of the first chapter of Genesis is "a sublime scientific statement demonstrated by every period of planetery motion that is known." (p. 191.)

The author has left on record a num-

ber of statements clarifying the remarkable manner in which the laws of astronomical motion authenticate the Genesis record. He found that Biblical time was the only truly scientific time and as the first enumerator of all eclipses and transits discovered that the first year of Astronomical motion or the Prime date of Creation was approximately 6,000 years ago. He asserts that the historic fact of Creation is "demonstrated by every period of planetary motion that is known." (p. 191.) The prime date of Creation was, he reveals, when the ten cycles of time began together. We will let Mr. Dimbleby speak of his own findings. He

"There are ten cycles of time and they all began together at Creation, o A.M., but they have never been together since, and it would be impossible for them to get together at the starting of Creation year by the present known motions of the earth and the moon, because they all differ in length and character. . . . Men who speak lightly of the first chapter of Genesis do not know what they are talking about. . . . All the motions known to us by the sublime science of astronomy have had a beginning, and it would be destruction to allow such prodigious motions to begin without control. Measurements show that they began at the epoch of Creation, and there also we find all the features of a beginning." ("All Past Time," p. 184.)

Truly the heavens "declare the glory of God" and testify to the reality of the supreme Creative Power of God. The harmony and precision of planetary motion without His control would be utterly impossible. Ten cycles of time began together and mark the prime date of Creation according to the author and "Owing to their various lengths, and their physical character, they have not resumed this unique position, nor could they get together prior to Creation without prescribed arrangement. Indeed as cycles of time are the result of planetary motion, it is a manifest conclusion that they could not begin before these motions began, and that they did begin with year o A.M. we see by finding them there beginning all abreast from that point." (Id. p. 190.)

Creation involved as far as this planet is concerned the "institution of the present laws of motion, by which the round world for the first time, began to rotate on its axis. We must believe this because the cycles of time were not together on the second day ... they were all abreast on the first

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CHINA in Desperate Need You can help By N. F. BREWER

IN the midst of appalling conditions and ever present danger, our missionaries in China are carrying on their work in behalf of the spiritual, physical, and educational needs of the people. Sanitariums, hospitals, and clinics are doing a marvelous work under most forbidding circumstances. Our large medical centre at Chungking has been bombed repeatedly. Sometimes as many as five air raids in one day have been experienced. At the sound of the air-raid alarm, all patients must be carried into the hospital air-raid shelter. It is also necessary to transfer supplies of Medicines and X-ray tubes from the main building to the shelter. As soon as the "all clear" signal has sounded, patients and supplies are returned to the hospital. When this programme has to be re-, peated four and five times a day, the nerve strain on patients and nurses is greatly intensified. But day by day our Christian doctors and nurses, calmly and patiently, carry on this labour of love in behalf of the sufferers in body and mind. Our many medical institutions in China have adopted as their motto-"Loving Service in Christ's Name for Humanity," and the true meaning of this motto is constantly being demonstrated and is gratefully recognized by China's multitudes who are without God and have no ray of light and hope for the future.

Scattered throughout the provinces of China, our educational institutions are doing much to mould public opinion and in training efficient workers for the different branches of our mission endeavour. After the surrender of Hong Kong, teachers and students of the Central Training College took as much of the equipment of the college as could be carried, and escaped

through the fighting lines into Free China. The school is now carrying on its work at Dabao, near Chungking, where we already had a middle school. Agriculture, printing, and various other lines of work are carried on as industries in, or as a part of, our educational system. In this way students learn to use muscle as well as brain, thus becoming better prepared for life's duties. Through this means also, students are enabled to meet a portion of their expenses for board, room, and tuition. The spirit of the teachers, both foreign and Chinese, is greatly admired. Although conditions seem so discouraging, they press forward undaunted and unconquered, and in face of tremendous obstacles are accomplishing the seemingly impossible. More buildings will be needed to accommodate the students who are anxious to enter our schools.

Through the efforts of consecrated, self-sacrificing evangelists, hundreds are accepting the Christ as their personal Saviour. In the face of persecutions and threatenings by those who would hinder or destroy, they valiantly and fearlessly proclaim the message of Christ and His power to save. Gospel literature, printed at our three publishing houses in China, is carried by the many colporteurs who journey into most remote parts, often robbed and sometimes losing life itself at the hands of marauders.

Nothing can stop the work of the gospel. Troubles, famines, wars, and persecutions serve to direct the attention of the people to the need of that Power in their lives which alone can impart peace and hope. In this hour of unprecedented need, China pleads for your help and support.

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day, and must have been so arranged, for there are no natural means by which ten cycles of varied character and length could get into a line. . . . This impulse motion, and its adapted force is regarded as inexplicable. *It could not be evolved.*" (Id. p. 188.)

As a summarization of the above we note the following:

- The ten cycles of time were together on the first day of creation.
- (2) This was an impossible arrangement by natural means.
- (3) And impossible without prescribed arrangement.
- (4) They were not together on the second day.
- (5) They have never been thus together since.
- (6) It would have been destruction to have allowed them to begin without control.
- (7) This impulse of motion could not have evolved.

And Mr. Dimbleby's enumeration of eclipses and transits places this beginning year o A.M., 3996 B.C., approximately four thousand years before Christ or 6,000 years ago. This agreement of Biblical chronology and astronomical motion cannot be a mere co-incidence. Not only do the laws of Astronomical motion demand the "arrangement," "prescription" and "con-trol" of an all-powerful and all-wise Creator, but they also give the lie to the "evolutionary ages" and the supposed age of the earth. You cannot trace back eclipses and transits for periods of millions of years, for as far as this earth is concerned there were none back beyond 6,000 years ago. We have considered only one evidence from the realm of astronomical phenomena. Yet how foolish the evolutionist's estimates are in the light of science and astronomy.

No wonder Mr. Dimbleby closed his book on "All Past Time" with the words: "Genesis is unique for the number and weight of confirmation which it receives from true science."

Editor's Note — Many who read these lines may wish to donate something to help carry on our mission work in China. Many missionaries are there, ministering to the people. The needs are tremendous, the dangers are great. But they stay by their tasks. If you would like to have a part in this work, send your contribution to Editor Signs of the Times, Box 398, Oshawa, Ontario, and your donation will be passed on through the regular mission channels.

The Red Cross

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The Red Cross needs money, but it also needs the volunteer services of men and women. Many societies across Canada are knitting, sewing, making garments for those who have been bombed from their homes. Aid has been sent to Britain, to Russia, to China, Poland, Greece, Belgium, Norway, Holland, and other countries. Since the war began in 1939 the Canadian people have given to our Red Cross society about \$26,000,000 for the relief of our fellow men. Blood donor clinics are conducted throughout Canada. We just haven't the space to enumerate the many activities of the society.

During the month of March there is being conducted a nation-wide campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for the work of the Red Cross. This money will be used in feeding the hungry, healing the sick, relieving the oppressed. We trust every reader of this magazine will have a definite part in this good work, and that the goal will be reached and even doubled.

Your gift may save a life. It will bring joy to some troubled hearts. It will ease the suffering of some boy on the battlefield or in a military hospital. It will put clothes on the backs of the naked. Be assured it will be a blessing. And remember too the words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." P.

What Next?

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lies to the physician. The advancement of physiological chemistry has unearthed secrets of food values and nutrition. This has brought to light the mysterious vitamins contained in food, and the essential mineral salts so necessary in body building.

Creative Chemistry

Farther and farther into the mysteries of the physical world man has pushed his quest for knowledge. Recognized impossibilities yield to the untiring search of the physicist, the chemist, the engineer, and the mechanic. The dream of to-day becomes a reality to-morrow. For instance, the dirty drops of water and the black "stickystuff" that came from the destructive distillation of coal were considered worse than useless. But to-day this byproduct is one of the most useful things in the world. The chemist is able to pull out of the black mass all the colours of the rainbow. This evil-smelling stuff now outstrips the rose in the production of perfume and surpasses the honeycomb in sweetness. The reason why tar supplies all sorts of useful materials is that it is indeed the very quintessence of the forest, from which comes the coal. This "buried sunshine" supplies alcohol, dyes, gas, lubricating oils, rubber, sugar, preservatives, disinfectants, antiseptics, gasoline, fertilizer, photographic materials, perfumes, soap, and almost numberless chemical products.

Achievement in Many Fields

And what shall we say of the many modern household appliances, of typewriters and dictographs, of electric signals, of machines that perform mathematical problems, of printing presses, of pictures that live and move and talk, of paint spraying, chromium plating, rayon, nylon, precision machinery, ball bearings, mechanical refrigerators, and thousands of other inventions of this modern age?

One of the greatest events in modern study of ancient Egypt was the discovery, by Napoleon's soldiers of the Rosetta Stone near the mouth of the Nile River in 1799. On it were written three kinds of characters. One was the Greek, while others were the late Egyptian and early Egyptian characters. These last two no living person was able to read. On the supposition that the Greek and the Egyptian inscriptions meant the same thing, the French scholar Champollion, who easily read the Greek, set out to decipher the Egyptian.

After long and patient study he learned to read the early Egyptian writ-in hieroglyphics, and thus the ancient libraries began to be unlocked. Other discoveries were made, all of which sustained and substantiated Bible claims. One hundred years ago copies of the Bible were scarce and expensive. Its circulation was limited. Printing facilities were needed to place the Bible in the hands of the people. Since then the great Bible Societies of Europe and America have been organized, and now the Bible rolls off the press in more than a thousand tongues. To-day the Bible, in whole or in part, has found its way into all the corners of the world.

The Meaning

What does it all mean? What is the explanation of this era when knowledge has been so tremendously in, creased? Why did the world run along in its slow and ancient ways until the last century and a quarter and then suddenly change? Why did all the inventive genius of man lie dormant in past ages and then burst forth upon the nineteenth and twentieth centuries? Is it just a coincidence? No! The Scriptures make this very plain. The light shining from God's word has projected its prophetic rays far into the future and made clear the meaning of this modern progress which we are witnessing to-day.

Nearly twenty-five hundred years ago the Lord gave the prophet Daniel a vision of the history of this world reaching from Daniel's time down to the end of the world, nearly all of which has been strikingly fulfilled in the history of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome, and the nations of Western Europe. To-day we are approaching the grand climax of Daniel's prophecy. From a study of these prophecies, we know that we have come to "the time of the end." Let us notice one statement: "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. What a definite, striking forecast of our times! In every field of endeavour there has been a transformation. When the hands of the prophetic clock pointed to the hour, the dawn of a new day came into being. And now in the words of another, "There are no more impassable deserts, no more unfathomable seas, no more inaccessible mountains. The adventurer has no more worlds to conquer."

In this age of increased knowledge, it was given to mankind not merely to provide for the comfort, convenience, and progress of the race. The Bible student also sees something infinitely greater. The gospel message from heaven must be given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. To use the words of Christ, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

Surely we have reached "the time of the end," when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." The unparalleled increase of knowledge is evident. Multitudes rush from one end of the earth to the other by land, by sea, by air. Other Bible prophecies, many of them, declare that the second coming of Christ draws nigh. Are you prepared for this supreme event of the ages? Are you ready to meet the Saviour when He comes for His own?

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