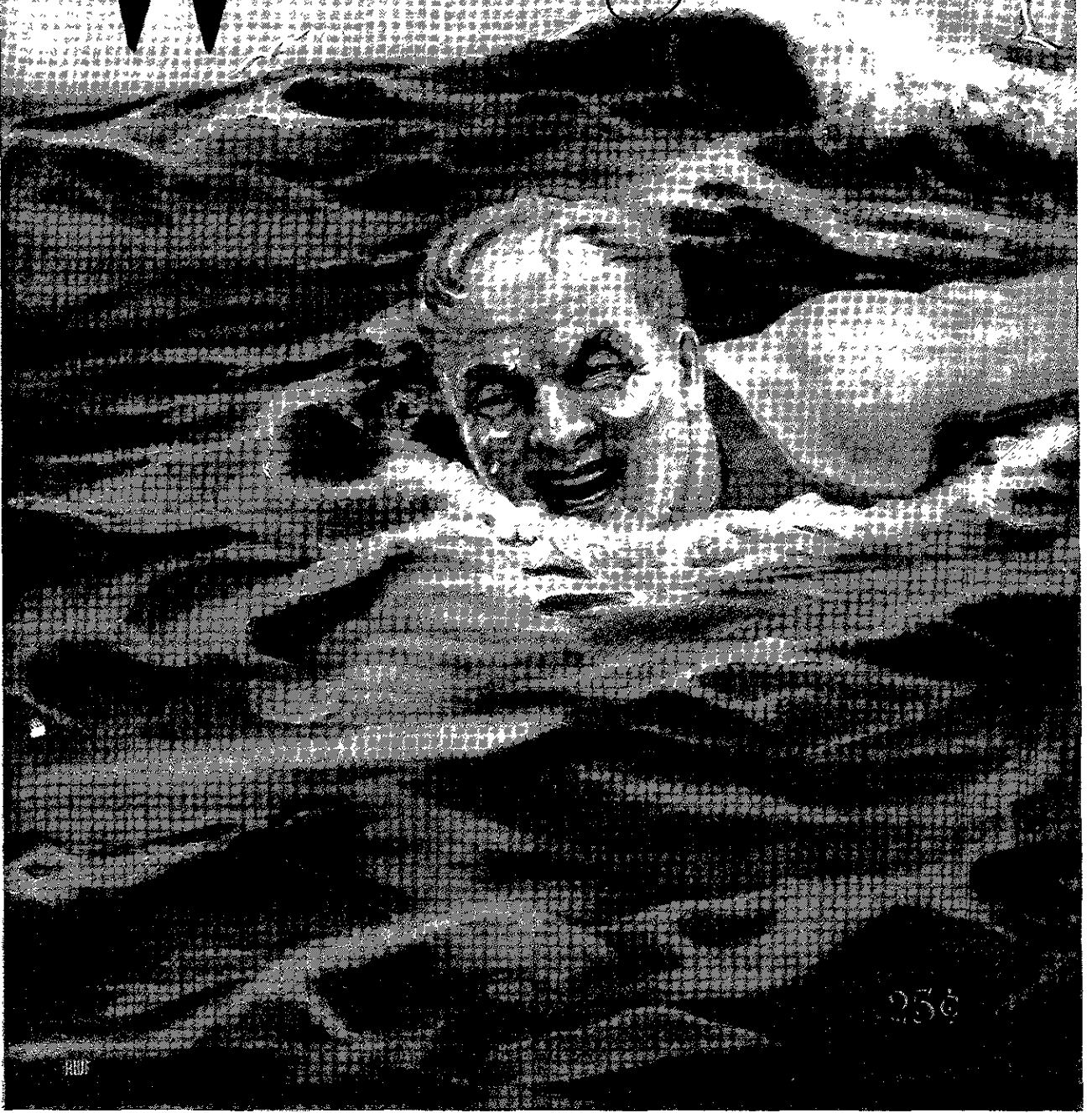


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“Weaker, But Wiser”

YOU have heard the observation that civilized man is growing weaker but wiser; meaning, of course, that we know more now than we used to, but are not so strong and healthy in body. The truth is that though intellect may dwell in a sickly body for a time, yet wisdom and weakness are far from being complementary.

The World War revealed America's wealth of money — and her poverty of health. The physical showing of the majority of our youth who appeared before army and navy medical examiners was far below what we had reason to expect from a land of freedom and opportunity and a country of prosperity and open spaces. Immediately the question became pertinent: Are we a nation of weaklings?

Awakened and alarmed, the people of this country have been more insistent during the past decade on efficient public health service, and individual well-being has received more close attention and study. Never before were so many specialists engaged in medical research; never before so many millions of dollars spent in investigating and combating disease.

The medical pirates and the quacks have taken profitable advantage of the agitation, as usual, and in consequence we have an unprecedented number of cure-alls and short-cuts to health foisted on the public. But on the whole, reliable curative measures have advanced remarkably in the past few years.

But there is something fundamentally the matter. Science is better able than ever to cope with disease, yet disease still has the upper hand. Epidemics continue, weak-

ness increases, degeneracy more than ever saps the vitals of civilization. It has become a matter for news publicity when a comparatively perfect physical specimen of childhood or manhood is discovered.

To change an age-old adage: Whom the devil would destroy, he first makes ill. No race or nation ever went down into oblivion whose people remained hale and hearty.

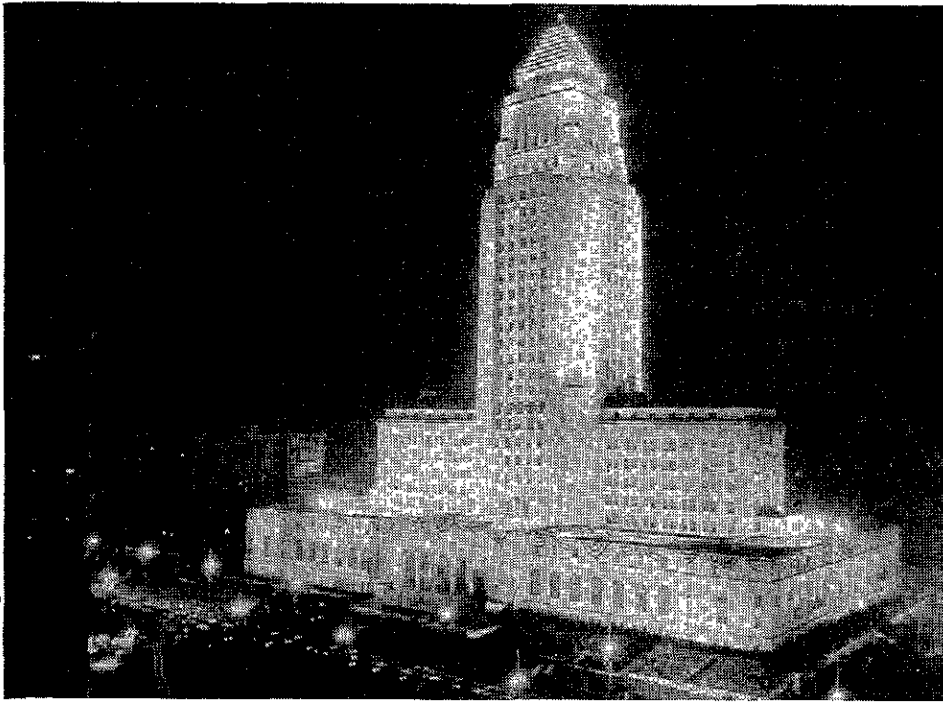
Health has a weighty influence on character. It is the ailing man who loses his temper. A headache has broken many a close friendship. Bloody wars have been started by a sour stomach.

The reason for increased weakness in the face of surer cures is that more emphasis has been placed on remedies than on preventives. An ambulance has been provided at the base of the cliff instead of a fence at the top. Men want to do as they please in indulgence, and appeal to science for escape from resultant pains. But science will never be able to prevent the harvest that follows the sowing.

The whole question resolves itself into a moral one. The life must be purged at its source. The will must be set right before it acts. The only way to keep or get health is by obeying the laws of the body. And the only way laws can be kept is by help from Heaven. A well-known writer of old sums it up, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

We may be healthy and strong by first being wise, and “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

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Night is turned into day when the new ten-million-dollar city hall of Los Angeles is illuminated by searchlights.

Science

Turns NIGHT into DAY

But what hope for darkened minds?

By MERLIN L. NEFF

THE day of miracles is not past. Out of the murky darkness of night shine the beams of a giant searchlight as it lights the fog-banked heavens. The night is driven back. Darkness is baffled by the silver beams that send their light fifty, sixty, and even seventy miles across the sky. It seems as if there is no limit to the size of these great searchlights. On the new Los Angeles city hall is the Lindbergh Beacon, which throws a path of light for sixty miles across the country. On the roof of a New York hotel is the most powerful searchlight for commercial purposes, which sends forth a beam of a half-billion candle power.

LIGHT PERVADES THE WORLD

BUT searchlights are only one phase of the light of the century. Modern science as a fairy has touched the darkness and made it light. At the word of men, a mass of steel stretches a magic ribbon across broad rivers, or forms a tube beneath the river bed. At men's will and planning, a giant skyscraper rises on Broadway and soars into the blue of heaven. The flashlights on the modern age are startling. Look at the wonders they reveal!

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A great, winged hawk squats on the field. Men are entering its heart. The door of the cabin is closed. There is a whirl of propellers and a lifting of wings, and the men are far above the swiftly vanishing landscape. Below are the wearisome mountain passes, flooded waters, or stormy winds, but the eagle flies swiftly and comfortably above them.

Look again! A manuscript lies on the desk of a Wall Street financier. It must reach San Francisco at once. The fairy assistant is called. A small blue stamp is affixed to the envelope, and it wings its way in flight. Over busy cities, across the plains, high above the Rockies, it rides, and within a few, short hours it rests on the desk of the San Francisco business man. Magic? Yes; yet merely a flash of life in the twentieth century.

Thousands of dollars worth of goods are to be purchased in Paris. The buyer is puzzled or dubious over certain purchases. If only he might talk to the manager in Los Angeles! Out of the silence comes the voice of his manager almost ten thousand miles away. The impossible has been accomplished by radio and long-distance telephone.

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A disaster occurs in a mid-western city. Wind and frost play havoc with men's ingenuity. Storm and snow block all communication. The city is frozen in to itself. But out into the cold, stormy night goes a flash. Light of today in science and invention is working. The radio calls for assistance. In the gray dawn appears an airplane dropping parachutes of provisions and first-aid remedies for the injured.

Turn the searchlight once more. The printed word must go. A Los Angeles traveler leaves by

combination motion picture and phonograph became a commercial reality. Arc-welding in place of riveting in steel construction was perfected, whereby skyscrapers and steel ships may be constructed silently, rapidly, and perfectly.

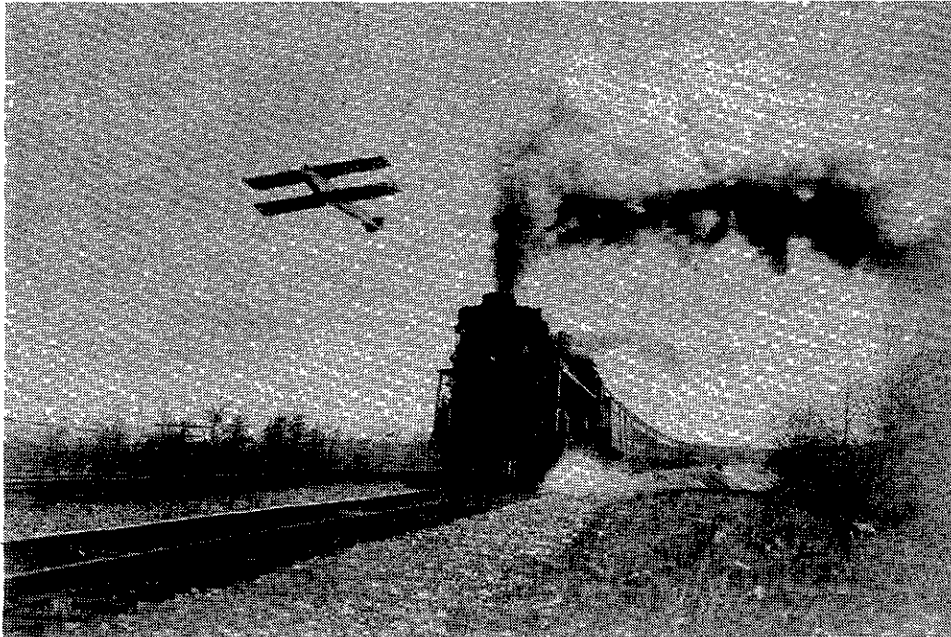
And still the age of wonders is not past. If men's dreams come true, ships will pass in the night over the waves of the Atlantic carrying passengers from America to Europe in less than forty hours. Every comfort of the modern steamship will be found on these great air liners. Concerts and entertainments

will be given the passengers as the airship speeds through the air at ninety miles an hour.

A few weeks ago I stood in a dirigible hangar in a Western city where all-metal dirigibles are being constructed for passenger service across the United States. When present plans materialize, you may leave Los Angeles one morning to find yourself in New York thirty-six hours later. And the end of wonders is not yet.

We are living in an "incandescent age," according to a writer in the *Saturday Evening Post*. "So many wonderful things have happened that nothing seems impossible." Electricity is our servant, gasoline is our horse, and the air is our messenger.

At the present rate of invention, we will soon do everything by machinery. Tractors have plowed acres of land without the touch of a human hand. Radio is soon to control railroad trains as they speed across the country. Beacon lights guide the airplanes throughout the night to a safe landing port. Science has given birth to an electrical and mechanical slave called



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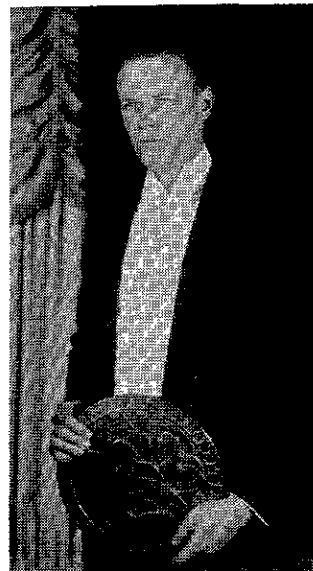
Modern marvels of quick communication and transportation. The "International Limited," the Canadian National Railway mail train, running neck and neck with a mail plane.

fast train for San Francisco at the close of his day's business. Five hours later in the still of night the morning paper from the southern California city leaves by tri-motor airplane for the sister metropolis in the north. The morning paper is on the streets at five o'clock, and several hours later the Angeleno arrives in San Francisco to buy a morning newspaper from his own city.

Modern miracles have become so common that the miraculous has become ordinary. Men speed through the air at three hundred and fifty miles an hour. They run over the earth at over two hundred miles an hour. They talk ten thousand miles apart and their voices are heard instantly.

FUTURE WONDERS

THE searchlight of science turned to new achievements in 1927. The world's largest airplane motor, of 1300 horse power, was constructed by man's skill. Television became possible, whereby individuals might, while talking with people hundreds of miles away, see their every motion. The great trans-Atlantic radio-telephone between Europe and America became another everyday occurrence. The



International
Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the world's most famous flying hero, holding a medal presented to him by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

the "televox." And still we look forward to even greater possibilities.

But while we have illumined the sky with the knowledge of our age, we have not made equal progress in social and moral problems. While we have thrown a beam of light sixty miles in a dark night, we must have 500,000 policemen holding 2,000,000 criminals at bay. While the electric light has grown to billion-candle-power proportions, the spiritual light has grown dimmer and fainter.

OBSCURING THE STARS

AS A giant skyrocket at a Fourth of July celebration, we have illumined the heavens with our wonders; but in so doing we have hidden the eternal glories of the heavens beyond. An age of invention has not given us more time to think seriously. What shall it profit a man if he fly through the air on the wings of light, yet fall to the depths of darkness morally and spiritually?

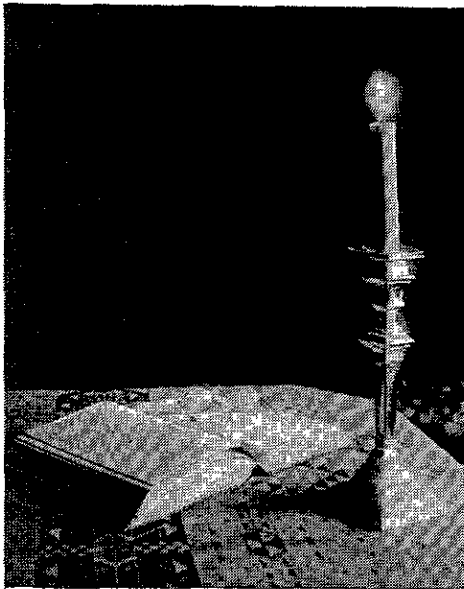
The brightest Lamp in all the world has been sadly neglected. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," was the psalmist's declaration. The light of that Lamp has illumined the pathway of humanity through the centuries, and only in the last generation have proud minds claimed that it has flickered into "an unnecessary book" in a "scientific age."

With all of the brilliance of our "incandescent age" we are living in a darkness that is enveloping our thinking and living. New lamps are substituted for the Lamp of Life. Evolution, higher criticism, infidelity, and modernism have blinded the youth of today. And as a result the Bible is a forgotten book. The late king Edward of England, speaking of the value of the Holy Scriptures, said, "The young man of today knows less about the Bible than the young man of any generation for three hundred years."

The remedy must lie in the reading and assimilating of the word of God. The prophet Jeremiah said: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts." Jer. 15: 16.

To be truly great does not consist in the length of the non-stop flight one is able to make in the fastest plane. True greatness does not consist alone in mechanical and scientific inventions. There must be a character behind an individual to make him truly great. The greatest character builder in the world is the Bible. President Woodrow Wilson.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

said: "A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world, who has deprived himself of an intimate knowledge of the Bible." And Grover Cleveland emphasized its sterling worth by saying: "I look upon it [the Bible] as the source from which those who study it in spirit will derive strength of character, a realization of the duty of citizenship, and true apprehension of the power, and wisdom, and mercy of God."

In a letter to the organizer of a Bible class President Coolidge said: "Every one who has given the matter any thought knows of the great literary value of the Bible and the broad culture, aside from its religious aspect, that comes

from general familiarity with it." And Arthur Brisbane, journalist, adds: "Read the Psalms, Isaiah, Job, the Sermon on the Mount, ten or twenty times and you will write better poetry, prose, or advertising copy."

To disregard the Lamp means to return to the darkness of the Middle Ages when the Scriptures were chained and forbidden. To cast aside the Bible is to despise the foundation of our government, for, as Andrew Jackson put it, "That Book, Sir, is the rock on which our Republic rests," while George Washington affirmed: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

REAL VALUES

FOR centuries and millenniums men existed happily without automobiles, airplanes, radios, and electric lights; but when France threw aside the word of God, chaos reigned at once. The world goes on in its speed-dazed pace without thought for the eternal values of life.

There was a similar man almost two thousand years ago, who rushed through life to gain all that this world had in store for him. He buried himself in his business, he increased his stocks, his bonds, and his lands. He hurried hither and yon, until he was the most successful business man in his locality. But in his rush, the man went on blindly in the dark without the thought of the Lamp. He believed he was looking ahead, for he said, "I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.'"

But this successful business man failed. God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12: 18-20. (Cont. on page 31)

Is the Earth Splitting in Two?

A startling theory and the larger truth about earthquakes

By Arthur S. Maxwell



TWO nations are to-day suffering from the effects of terrific earthquake shocks that occurred during the month of April. Greece mourns the loss of the city of Corinth, while Bulgaria weeps for Philippopolis and scores of other towns and villages that have been completely destroyed.

Not since the Japanese disaster of 1923 has the world been visited with such an overwhelming tragedy. Besides hundreds who have been killed, there are 400,000 persons destitute and homeless in Bulgaria alone.

INDESCRIBABLE HORRORS

IN THE territorial department of Philippopolis," says the *Daily Express*, "thirty-nine villages have been completely wiped out, while in the neighbouring province of Cherpon, further east, at least forty-eight towns and villages have been demolished. Ruins in some instances have almost disappeared under great lakes created by the earthquake.

"Everywhere the incredible story is the same. Papzlee, which a fortnight ago was an agricultural town of 5,000 souls, has been completely razed to the ground. Fifteen persons were killed and at least a hundred wounded. Refugees, caught like wharf rats in a flood, scurried for safety over the water-soaked roads to Philippopolis, sixteen miles away, only to find their plight here even worse than before.

"A number of smaller villages along the course of the Meritza have been demolished and inundated by the sudden rise of the river. Many miles of roadway are impassable owing to floods or lakes, which developed overnight by reason of the earthquakes.

"The most tragic picture of all is presented by Philippopolis itself. . . . No one at this stage can estimate the extent of the damage. Entire streets of dwellings have been laid waste. More than 4,500

buildings have been demolished beyond repair, 8,000 have been partially destroyed, and 2,800 rendered uninhabitable. In hundreds of cases roofs have been carried away as cleanly as though they had been purposely removed.

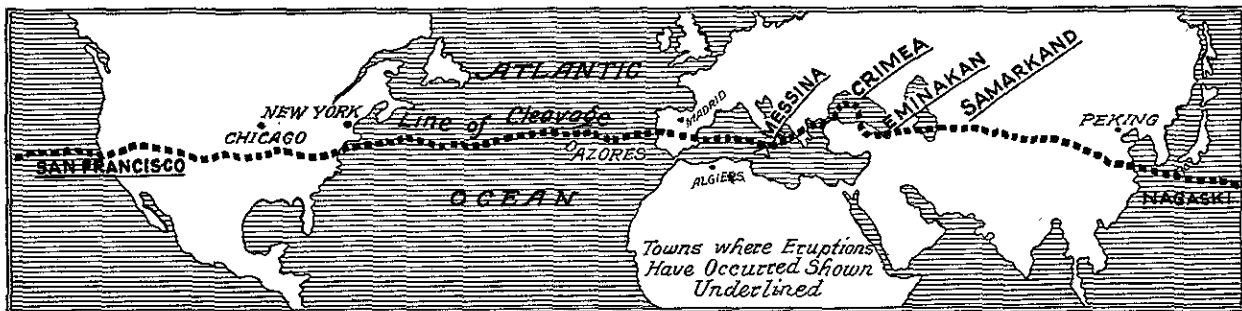
"Tremors, though slight, have continued intermittently since last week, and each disturbance is a threat to half-ruined buildings, many of which are already split in two and require only an added jolt to send them crumbling to the ground. For this reason all public institutions, including the railway station, which is only partially destroyed, have been abandoned for fear that at any moment they may be the next to go. Not an hour of the day passes without some fresh structure collapsing like a house of cards."

Similar stories are told of the disaster in Greece. We quote from the *Times*: "Corinth presents a lamentable spectacle. Most of the houses have entirely collapsed, while those which are still standing display large fissures and are uninhabitable. Kalamaki, at the northern side of the Aegean entrance to the Canal, is entirely destroyed, while Loutraki, the watering place on the Isthmus opposite Corinth, has been much damaged. Some thousands of homeless people are camping in the squares and open spaces of Corinth, and along the roads leading away from its ruins there is a continuous procession of refugees hastening to get outside the afflicted area.

DESERVES DEEPEST SYMPATHY

TORRENTIAL rain and hailstorms completed the discomfiture of the sufferers. Many of the homeless sought shelter in the ruins, when renewed shocks occurred, demolishing the remaining ruins and causing a new panic."

It is a terrible picture, and one that arouses our deepest sympathy for the unhappy sufferers. Certainly we who live outside the earthquake belt may well be thankful that we have mercifully been spared



The line around the earth where scientists believe the earth may split in two.

such horrors. Some, perhaps, have heard the distant rumbling of minor shocks, but few have been called to face "the sudden terror of a major earthquake, when a vibration like a titanic dentist's drill makes the strongest structures tremble, when the earth heaves like the sea or opens in gaping fissures, when walls fall out and roofs and ceilings crash in, and the great cloud of dust covers ruin and slaughter like a vast pall."

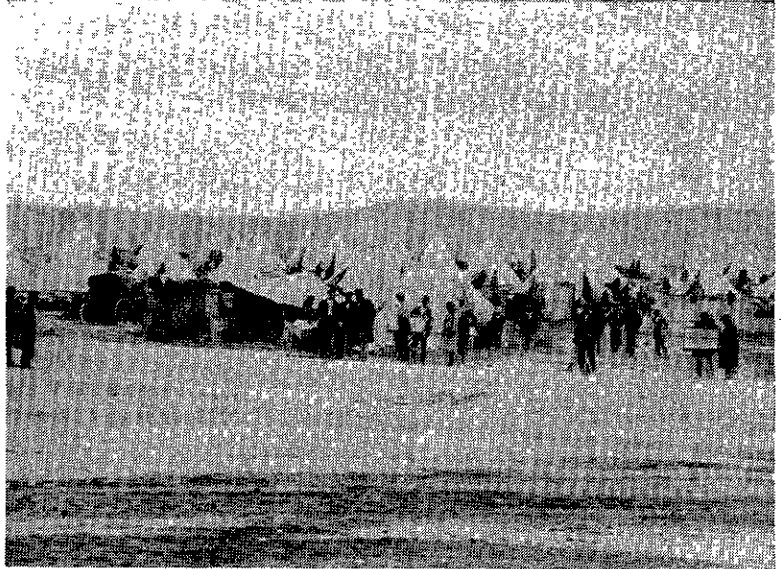
SCIENTIFIC GUESSES

SCIENTISTS have been studying earthquakes for centuries, but none has put forward a thoroughly satisfactory theory as to their cause or prevention. In fact some have honestly admitted that, while some measure of success in the building of earthquake-resisting structures may be attained, the force displayed is so terrific that it is beyond the power of man to harness or to tame.

Not long ago a famous scientist made the startling suggestion that the location of recent earthquakes seems to indicate that the earth is actually in

of no little significance. At once the mind reverts to the stirring words of the prophet Isaiah:

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. . . . The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.



International

A tented city of refugees whose homes were destroyed by the earthquake at Corinth, Greece.

The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again." Isa. 24: 1, 19, 20.

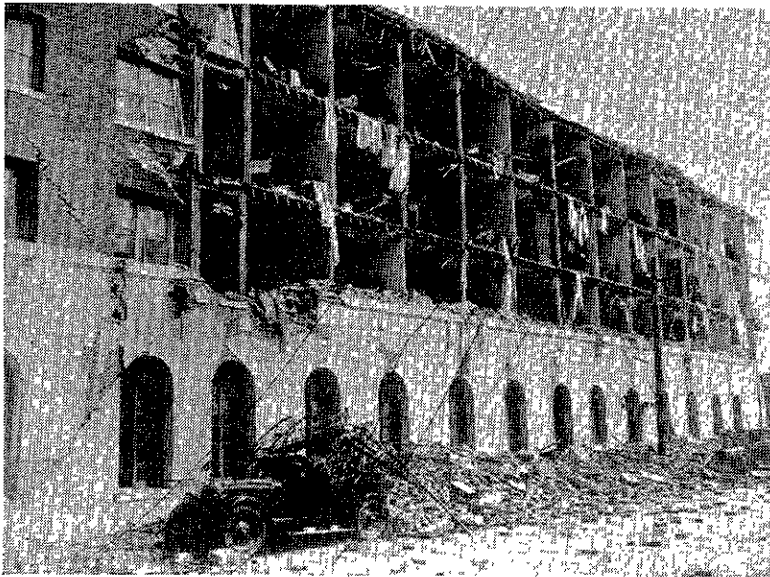
CHRIST HIMSELF EXPLAINS

AND again we listen to the familiar words of the Master, when answering the disciples' question, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matt. 24: 7.

True, there have been wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes all through the centuries. No one would attempt to deny it. Yet is it not a fact that in our day, in this generation, we have seen the greatest war, the greatest famine, the greatest pestilence, and the greatest earthquakes in all the history of the world?

Is it all coincidence? Dare we say at this time, when so many prophecies of the old Book are meeting a marvellous fulfillment,—when, as never before, the gospel of the kingdom is being preached in all the world "for a witness unto all nations,"—that it is all happening by blind (Continued on page 30)



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A hotel stripped of its walls by the earthquake in Santa Barbara, California.

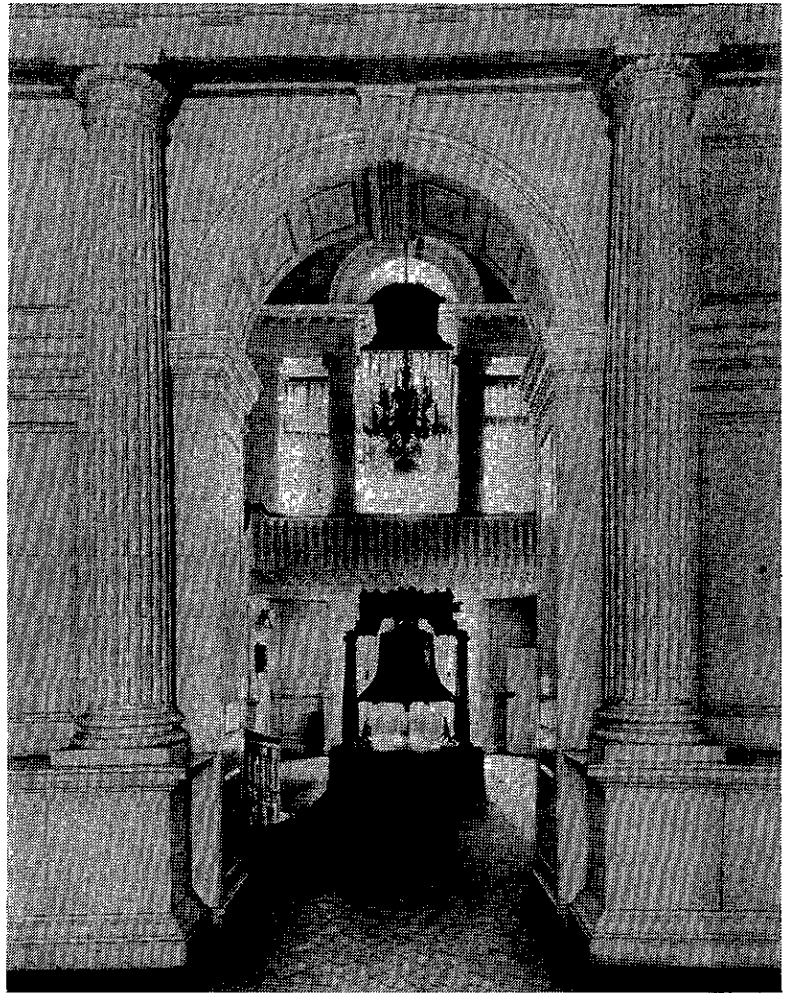
process of splitting in two. Notice the map showing where all the great earthquakes have occurred during the past 25 years. Certainly it is a remarkable fact that they have all taken place along a clear and definite line that encircles the globe. Notice how the line passes through both Corinth and southeastern Bulgaria.

Whether or not there is any serious foundation for the theory of the earth's cleavage, only the scientists can decide; but from a theological point of view the recent succession of major earthquakes is

HANDS OFF

There is no call for men to establish God's kingdom on earth. A distinction that many well-meaning Christian leaders are missing.

By
Charles S.
LONGACRE



Ewing Galloway

The famous Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

THE BISHOP of Salisbury, Chairman of the Missionary Council of the National Assembly of the Church of England, while addressing the International Missionary Council assembled in Jerusalem, March 24, 1928, said: "God will, through us, 'make all things new,'" referring to the fulfillment of Rev. 21: 5, which reads: "And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." As a result of God's making "all things new," John, the Revelator, says, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; . . . and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

These are but a few of the things that God is going to "wipe away" and cause to "pass away" when He makes "all things new." Peter, referring to the new heaven and the new earth that the Lord shall make, says, "The heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and

perdition of ungodly men"; for, says he, "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. . . . Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

NOT "THROUGH US"

NOWHERE are we told in the Scriptures that God will accomplish this work "through us." In fact, the prophet Daniel tells us very plainly that when the God of heaven sets up His "kingdom, which shall never be destroyed," He will "break in pieces and consume" all other kingdoms, and all this shall be done by the Lord himself "without hands," that is, without human instrumentality.

Certainly it is not in man to raise the dead to life in the resurrection morning, when man himself needs a resurrection. Man may relieve some pain, assuage some sorrow, appease some crying, and prevent some premature deaths, but the general resurrection of the dead, and the complete restora-

tion and restitution of all things at the last great day, is accomplished by God himself without the instrumentality of human intervention. Paul tells us in 1 Thess. 4: 16 that God needs no human help, "for the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout," and "the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live." In that day the Lord shall bare His holy arm, "and out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations," and He "shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." All this is done by the Lord himself without the aid of man. If we read the Scriptures aright, it is evident that God, without man, will "make all things new."

It is true that God works through man to prepare the way of the Lord's coming and "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." This is a work of grace and relates to the building up of His kingdom of grace in the hearts of men. This kingdom of grace comes without outward observation. But "the kingdom of glory" and "the King of glory" come with outward observation, because the Sacred Volume tells us that when the King of glory comes to rule supremely over all things "every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." God will cleanse and renovate the earth with fire — the earth "shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." Certainly this work is not the work of men but of God.

MISCONCEPTION

THE majority of the popular churches have changed front during the past century, and have completely reversed their teachings on the manner of Christ's second coming and the way the kingdom of glory is to be ushered into the world. For nearly nineteen hundred years practically all churches, both Catholic and Protestant, taught that there was to be a personal, visible return to this earth of Jesus Christ, known as His second coming; that there was to be a final judgment day; that the day of final rewards for the righteous was still future; that there was to be a literal resurrection of the dead; and that the earth was to be clean dissolved with a literal fire, and the ungodly destroyed by the presence of the Lord. And out of this final renovation and cleansing of the earth, God was to "make all things new." Man was to be given a new body "fashioned like unto His glorious body." The earth made new was to have no cemetery to

bury its dead, no hospitals to heal the sick, no drugs to alleviate pain, and no sheriffs to execute criminals, because sickness, pain, and death were to be no more; yea, say the Scriptures, for "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death," "and there shall be no more curse." God's kingdom of glory was to be established by His own divine power in the last day of time and the first day of "the ages to come." God was to do all this by the power of His word, just as in the beginning the heavens were made "by the word of the Lord," "and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."

Many of the popular churches have completely abandoned these old-time doctrines, and they are now teaching and boldly declare that "the kingdom of Christ must enter the realm of law through the gateway of politics."

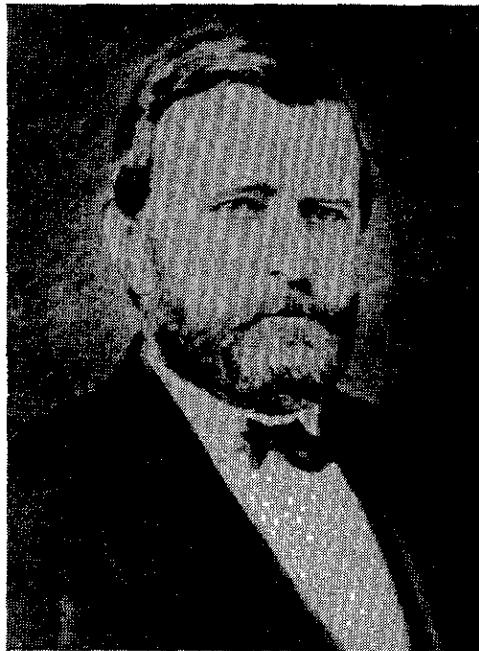
PAST FRUITS OF THIS DOCTRINE

THIS new doctrine of the manner of the establishment of the kingdom of God is most dangerous. It is dangerous because it will lead the church again, where it led it before, to aspire to supremacy in civil government and to repeat the bloody history of the past. The churches that are laboring to reform the world by law, and thereby to set up the kingdom of God upon earth through the realm of law, are in the gravest danger of destroying their own spirituality, and their own usefulness in the future. The church in politics has always been an engine of tyranny. It assumes to speak and act for God in law. It puts its own interpretation upon the precepts of God and forces them upon dissenters.

The greatest and cruelest persecutor of the past was the so-called Christian church when she entered the political arena. It has been conservatively estimated by reputable historians that approaching one hundred millions of martyrs were sacrificed at the stake, on the gibbet, on the rack, by the axe and the guillotine,

and tortured to death by the most inhuman means ever invented. All this was done in the name of the Christian religion by those who thought they were rendering service to God. All the religious persecutions of the past grew out of the doctrine that religion should control in temporal matters.

If the kingdom of God is to be set up and established in this world through the enthronement of Christ in law, and if Christ is to become (*Cont. on page 34*)



Keystone

General Ulysses S. Grant, who said, "Keep the church and state forever separate."

The Lengthening Bread Line

Unemployment, more conspicuous in winter, is with us in summer also. Its meaning in the trend of our times.

By Lyndon Lindsley Skinner



International

Fifteen hundred jobless men are given free meals in New York City.



HAT all is not well in this country, so far as labor is concerned, is clearly evidenced by the increasing number of men who are appealing to agencies of charity in many of the larger cities throughout the country.

Bread lines like the one shown in the picture accompanying this article have led to the large number of newspaper and periodical articles appearing on the subject during the past few months, demanding federal investigation of labor conditions. The summer months bring some relief from suffering, but little from unemployment.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee has been investigating charges of labor leaders that mine operators have failed to keep their contracts with employees. The mining industry has been one of the leading fields of unemployment since the World-War inflation collapsed.

A VAST GULF

MOST astonishing to the committee, and to the public as well, has been the admission by the capitalists behind large mining operations of absolute ignorance of conditions under which average coal miners are compelled to live. How the mines are operated, and whether the companies keep their end of labor contracts, seem to mean little to the backers of these enterprises so long as the quarterly stock dividend check comes through regularly. The investigations of this committee bring to light with renewed vividness the vast gulf that lies between the real employer and the man who works with his hands in the great industries of this country.

While it is true that labor conditions in general are better in this country than anywhere else in the world, still authentic statistics show that unemployment is on the gain. It was recently reported that the Labor Bureau, Inc., of New York City, an unofficial research organization, placed its estimate of the unemployed at not less than four million.

The political machines immediately saw in this

report an excellent "mud slinging" opportunity and lost no time in getting into action. An investigation by the United States Department of Labor was requested from the Senate floor.

In presenting his report to the Senate, Secretary of Labor James J. Davis is quoted in *The Literary Digest* of April 7th as saying:

"The present slump in employment, while not so extensive or grave as the estimates which have been given general circulation, is nevertheless serious."

The Department of Labor sets its estimate of the unemployed at less than two million. Senator David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, is quoted by a Washington correspondent of the *New York World*, as making the following observation on the Senate discussion: "The powers that be are now willing to admit some unemployment in this country. The army of unemployment has grown so it has become necessary to make some admission. Big business is prosperous. Stocks are flourishing. But small business is depressed. How far are you going to squeeze the great middle classes?"

While there is no doubt that some politics is mixed up in this talk about unemployment, it will be noted that both parties admit an unusual amount of unemployment. Big business is probably not entirely responsible for this present increase in unemployment, as some radical labor leaders and I. W. W. agitators would like to have us believe. Still it is known that large employers of men have resorted from time to time to questionable means of keeping a plentiful labor supply and consequent low wages.

SEEK PROTECTION FROM EMPLOYERS

THE American Federation of Labor, at Washington, and the State Federations, at their various state capitals, are working unceasingly to get legislation enacted that will give workers some protection against unscrupulous employers and make conditions more conducive to the health and

well-being of the laboring classes who make up the greater bulk of our population. Their results are almost disheartening. In the March 31, 1928, issue of the New York State Federation of Labor *Bulletin* is published a list of labor bills introduced in the last session of the New York Legislature. Of the 62 bills introduced, each seeking better labor conditions in that state, only 13 became laws. Every legislative act favorable to labor has been obtained only after a long and bitter battle with the opposition from the moneyed interests. Standing out in the memory of many who read these lines is the battle for child-labor laws and laws governing the hours and employment of women.

While unemployment is on the gain, new millionaires are also springing up almost overnight. One day last fall the writer happened to meet Albert MacDonald, associate editor of *System*, "the Magazine of Business," in charge of their bureau of business analysis. Each month Mr. MacDonald prepares an editorial on "The Trend of the Month." In response to my question, "How's business?" he replied, "Very hopeful. We look for big things

to break during the early months of 1928. Industries are holding production down to immediate demands and there is plenty of money. I was talking with a big financier just last week who said he had large sums of ready money on hand but did not know just where to invest it at present."

How well Mr. MacDonald predicted the trend of the early months of 1928 in the financial world is evidenced by the fact that March was by far the biggest month the New York Stock Exchange has on record. Newspapers reported that at least 300 new millionaires were made during the record-smashing rise in stocks in March.

A financial writer in the New York *Evening Post* writes "that in corners as far separated as Maine and Washington, and California and Florida, men are hanging over stock tickers just as they are in Wall Street."

Not only from practically every state in the union, but from many foreign countries have come cabled orders for active stocks. A seat in the New York Stock Exchange that sold for \$80,000 in 1924 went up to \$375,000 in March of this year.

The mad rush of the stock market is but one of

the many avenues of making wealth in America today. To quote Senator Walsh of Massachusetts again, "The income tax returns show that millionaires have increased by leaps and bounds. But small business is depressed." The many war-made American millionaires are proverbial throughout the world. But while America is being pictured in other lands throughout the world as a money monarch, so wealthy that Uncle Sam does not know what to do with all his money, at home we actually have thousands joining the bread lines, millions unemployed, and still millions more who have just enough to keep body and soul together. Truly the rich are becoming richer. The poor are becoming poorer. The middle classes, the backbone of the

nation, are fast disappearing.

Still there is no labor war imminent in this country. Regardless of how bad labor conditions seem to us, we can be thankful that our lot is cast in so favorable a land. A review of unemployment to the point of starvation in many other countries should make us happy to be where we are and have what we have.

England is faced with a staggering load of unemployment. So is France, Germany, Austria. The conditions of the workers in Russia, the home of socialism, and in China, ravaged by civil war, are familiar to all.

The recital of these facts brings to mind very forcibly the prophecy of the apostle James, who predicted that such conditions between laborers and their employers would exist in the last days. It is interesting to read what he said in the light of the facts, presented in this article.

A TRUE PICTURE

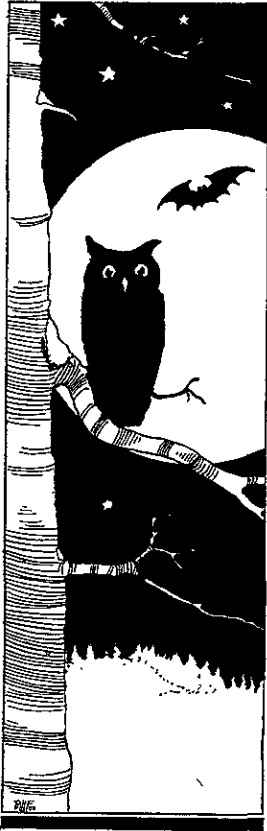
TO THE rich, he said: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasures together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in (Continued on page 28)



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Scene on Westminster Bridge, London, during a transportation strike.

Trying Out the Wonder Workers



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Magicians at Los Angeles imitate the tricks of spiritualism.

HOU DINI — the Great Wonder, the Handcuff King — Will be put in an iron box that will be dropped into a tank of water. In a few seconds he will extricate himself and appear on the stage. Come and see this remarkable feat." So the announcements used to read, and many flocked to see him.

Now from Europe comes: "German miner, exuding blood at will, amazes hundreds of Vienna physicans."

Some one goes to the country fair, and comes home with a story of "The Great Mystery Solver" who can tell your past, present, and future. If he tells the truth, he charges you a fee; if he gets it wrong, it costs you nothing. Or you may be in perplexity and need some advice, and so you visit an astrologer to see if the planets of the heavens prophesy success or disaster for you, and if your star is lucky. We might go on indefinitely multiplying the records of signs, wonders, and miracles wrought by an innumerable company of magicians, fortune-tellers, fakirs, mediums, healers, monks, priests, apostles, and Christ himself. We find them recorded in both secular and sacred history from the beginning, and the daily press publishes them in our times.

What is the source of these wonders? What do they prove? How shall we regard them? What claim have they upon us?

THE FIRST MIRACLES

IN THE beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Those were the first wonders. Their source was God, the giver of "every good and perfect gift." But soon a contrary element was introduced, in the character of Satan, who made a serpent talk. This, too, was a wonder; but a "lying wonder." It was not deception, in that the serpent only appeared to speak. The serpent really spoke, but he spoke *lies*. Here we see the two sources of supernatural occurrences — God and Satan. The miracle worker derives his power from one or the other. He must necessarily be in closer contact and communion with that power than you or I. The prophets were mouthpieces for God. The snake was a mouthpiece for Satan. As mouthpieces they are entitled to a hearing. But until verified as to source and purpose, it is dangerous to give reverence or allegiance to them. (Deut. 13:1-5.) What then are the tests to be applied?

Upon investigation we first determine whether the feat is really of supernatural origin, or only a fake produced by slight of hand or some such trick.

A Common-Sense Attitude Toward Miracles

By Letha M. Thurber

If we are convinced that it is produced by supernatural means, we ask if the power comes from God or from Satan? For the devil, as well as God, is more than human. God has put within man a power to recognize the truth when it is shown him. "Like attracts like," we say. The Bible says, "He that is of God heareth God's voice." John 8:47. If we really desire to know the truth, we have the additional promise, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17.

Besides the witness of our own hearts, the written word of God is a test. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20. Then lastly, the purpose and aim of the wonders themselves are a test. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:16, 20. Surely, by all these tests we need have no fear of being deceived. All who receive the love of the truth will be saved from believing a lie. (2 Thess. 2:9-12.) Any one who is deceived by false miracles shows that the truth has not previously sanctified his heart.

THESE THREE AGREE

THE word of God, the contrite heart, and the true miracle must all agree, because they are all examples of God's power. The human heart or the miracle may be wrong, but God's word is never false. Hence, the Bible is always the final standard of judgment. Why then have miracles, if His word is sufficient? Signs are not for those who believe, but for those who do not believe. (1 Cor. 14:22.) This refers not to those who are hardened in unbelief, but to those who through no fault of their own are unbelievers. To such a class the miracle serves to gain attention and hearing. It gives the worker an opportunity to deliver his message. When his words find a receptive heart, the miracle shows that he possesses a power, and the fact that he has this power shows that he is in closer contact with a higher source than his hearers are, and hence is worthy of attention. Jesus said that the works that He did bore witness that God had sent Him. (John 5:36.) The character of the works testified to the character and source of His message. Thus the people were led to accept the message. So the true miracle,

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being itself good, is a sign of that which is good.

But, on the other hand, if the message preached by the miracle worker is contrary to the word of God already received and sanctioned by the heart, no number or wonder of miracles should be allowed to switch us to some new doctrine. They are rather warnings that this worker stands nearer to the power of evil than others, and as such is to be the more carefully avoided.

CANNOT PROVE A FALSE DOCTRINE

AS AN example of a false doctrine that is supported by the accounts of many miracles, we might notice the one of transubstantiation. This doctrine of the bread of the communion being changed into the very body and blood of Christ was not one promulgated by the apostles, but made its appearance in the Catholic church about the tenth century. To think of partaking of flesh and blood was repulsive to the conscientious person. It savored of cannibalism. But the appeal to the ignorant is ever through the senses. Hence many miracles and wonders were reported to persuade belief in the doctrine. Many testified under oath that they had seen blood trickle from the consecrated wafer, and others told of seeing the wafer changed into the form of a small boy sitting on the altar. More wonderful still are the accounts of the asses who knelt before the wafer, or the dog who, when a plate of bread was placed before him, ate all the wafers except the one that had been consecrated, and before it he knelt.

Whether these accounts are true or false is not the point. We have Jesus' own words as to what He meant when He said we must eat His flesh and blood. In John 6:63, He plainly says, "The flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak

unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." The doctrine being contrary to God's word, the miracles cannot compel our assent.

Therefore, the genuine miracle from God, being a sign or seal of good, cannot be an immoral act. It must be wrought for purposes of good. It must have a direct connection with (Cont. on page 30)



Wide World Photos

A committee appointed by Congress to investigate fortune tellers, with Houdini (upper left), the famous wonder worker, among them.

HOT and COLD



HOUGH Seventh-day Adventists deny the right of the majority to secure legislation dictating how Sunday shall be observed, they join with the majority in the attempt to secure legislation outlawing the liquor traffic. Are they inconsistent in this?

If the majority in a republic has the right to dictate as regards one matter, why should they not have the same right as regards any matter, provided they can muster enough votes in Congress? Does, or does not, the majority in a republic have a right to dictate the policy of the government in all things? This is a question on which sincere people may be puzzled.

CONSTITUTION PROTECTS MINORITIES

IT IS a question that came up to the framers of the Constitution for decision. And they were not satisfied with their work till they had added a check that they hoped would forever prevent a majority from oppressing a minority in religious matters. That explains the passing of the First Amendment to the Constitution, forbidding Congress to enact any law "respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

In adding that Amendment, the framers of the Constitution attempted to guarantee to every religious minority, no matter how small or insignificant, that no majority, no matter how great, should ever, through Congressional enactment, infringe on the religious rights of the minority. That Amendment, our forefathers, with almost prophetic foresight, saw was necessary in order to give a guaranty of religious liberty. While not attempting to dictate to state governments, it declares that the federal government must keep its hands off religion — that religion and the government must remain forever separate.

So well do the hodies that are working for Sunday enforcement understand this that they freely admit their hostility to the First Amendment.

Seventh-day Adventists, standing on that Amendment as a guaranty of liberty to all religions, want no special favors from the government. On the other hand, they have reason to fear the result when any denomination, or coalition of denominations, attempts to secure legislation requiring the practice

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Is that the way this magazine blows on the personal-liberty question? Why we oppose Sunday laws and uphold liquor laws.

By

George Henry Heald,
M. D.

of any religious observance, including Sunday observance.

But the liquor laws are on an entirely different basis. For though Prohibition is favored by some people who are also working for Sunday laws and for other religious legislation, and though these people may be working for liquor laws from a religious motive, Prohibition of the liquor traffic is not a religious issue in any sense. There are other non-religious laws, perhaps excellent

laws, that have had the active support of the group that is agitating for more drastic Sunday laws. The fact that some of these laws for which they have been working restrict certain activities does not constitute them oppressive, so long as they are laws in the interest of the public welfare.

It is conceded that the state has a right to pass laws for the general good, even though these may seem in some way and to some extent to interfere with the "liberty" of individuals. Government, whether municipal, state, or federal, has the right to curb individuals in the interest of the whole community. So we have regulation of automobile traffic, and of railway crossings, the requiring of safety devices on railways and other public conveyances, enforcement of fire protection and ample ventilation in places of general assembly, prohibition of the sale of diseased and contaminated foods, and regulation of many other activities that concern the welfare of the people. Many of these regulations are by the local governments. Some must be by the federal government. Each of these laws, or regulations in the interest of the public, interferes with the liberty of certain individuals to do as they please.

REAL BASIS OF LIQUOR LAWS

IT IS on this basis, that of public-health protection and public welfare and the curtailing of a traffic that has always made for poverty, corruption, crime, and the ruin of character, that the liquor laws have been passed. They could never have been passed by the influence of the religious people alone. The evil effect of alcohol on the individual and the community has been so generally observed and attested by police judges, police chiefs, large employers of men, insurance actuaries, and others qualified to judge, that very large numbers voted

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for its abolition in the interest of the public good. It is on this basis that Seventh-day Adventists have felt it their duty to throw their influence on the side of Prohibition.

THE COUNTS AGAINST ALCOHOL

1. It is a habit-forming drug; and, even granting that in so-called "moderate" doses it does no serious harm, no man can know that he will remain a moderate drinker. No gutter drunkard, when he began to drink, expected that he would become a slave to drink.

2. It takes the bulk of the family purse, and thus creates unnecessary poverty and misery, and increases the taxes for the upkeep of jails, almshouses, and insane asylums. The influence of alcohol in pauperizing the people has been well demonstrated through the increased purchasing power of families all over the country as a result of Prohibition, even though it has been imperfectly administered. Social workers everywhere attest to this fact.

3. It is an incentive to crime and lawlessness. Many a person wanting to commit crime, but lacking the courage, takes a quantity of liquor to paralyze his higher faculties and let loose his lower nature. Alcohol lessens the moral powers, and gives free play to the animal passions. Many a girl of good family can trace her downfall to a glass of wine taken in a road house.

4. Alcohol makes a man so unfitted for a position of trust and responsibility that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have banished drinking from their midst. They want no drinker to attempt to handle a locomotive engine. But drink is just as dangerous for those who drive motor cars. Alcohol and gasoline make a bad mixture. A man does not need to be heavily alcoholized to be a menace to

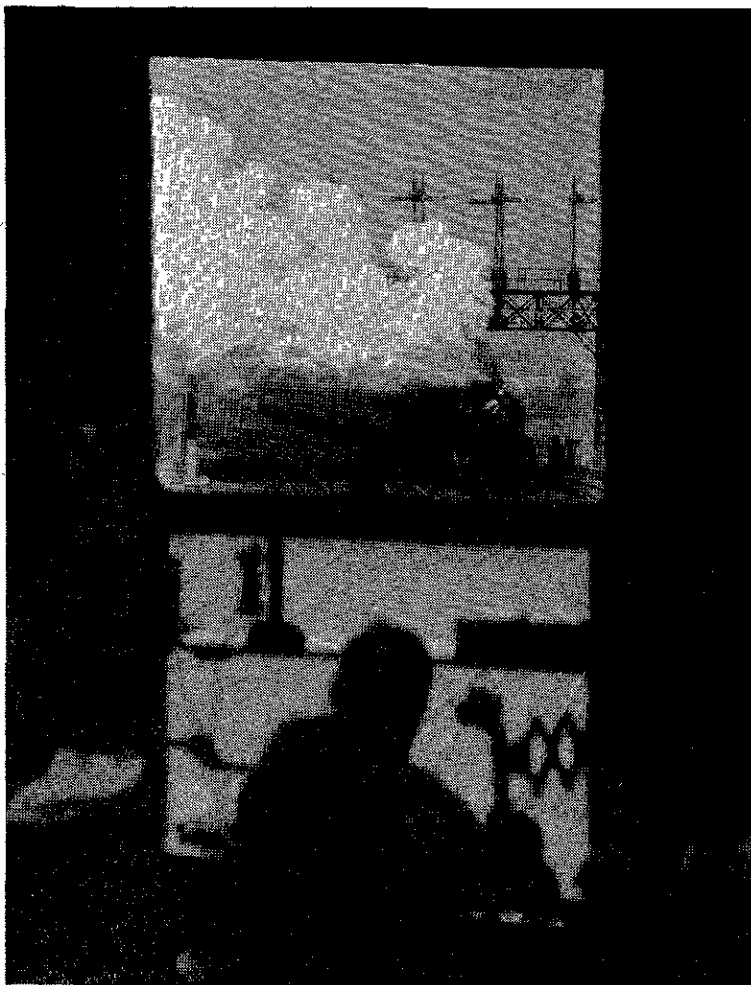
traffic, for a small amount of alcohol, while rendering his judgment and skill less trustworthy, leads him to imagine that he is more competent than ever, and he is likely to take risks that a sober man would avoid. Moreover the man who has taken one or two glasses is the more likely to take more. In the interest of road safety, no man who drinks should be given a driver's license. And any driver convicted of driving while under the influence of liquor should forthwith have his license confiscated.

5. Alcohol fills our jails, hospitals, and almshouses, turning men and women who should be an asset to the community into a liability.

Thus it will be seen that the laws against the liquor traffic are on the same basis as the laws for the health, prosperity, and welfare of the community. It is true that they run counter to one of man's age-long indulgences; and many persons, especially those who still hold to European traditions, have never been convinced there is a better way. The violent reaction caused among this class, and the fact that criminals have turned from other activities to swell the ranks of the bootleggers, proves nothing

against the prohibitory laws, but should be a reminder to those who believe in a sober nation that they have before them an important program of education, as well as a campaign for better enforcement.

Everyday experience proves that it is altogether possible for a man to believe and practice something different in religion—such as keeping a different day—and still not interfere with the religious beliefs and practices of others. But the same is not true of the use of liquor, for its use by men and women breaks down, in spite of all their efforts, the very self-control that would keep them within their rights and safeguard the lives and property of others.



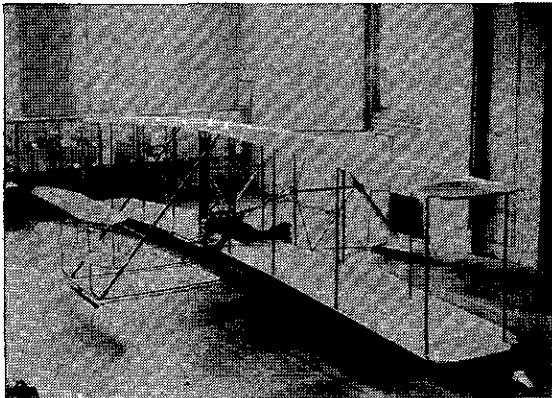
H. Armstrong Roberts

Positions of great responsibility, such as that of the train dispatcher, require total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquor.

The News Interpreted

Organized Crime

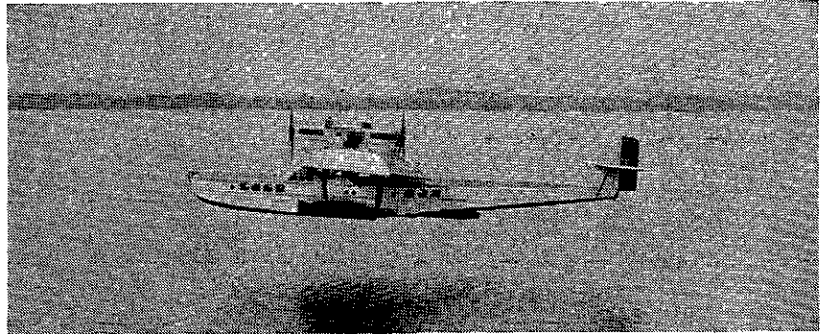
CHICAGO is exhibiting crime at its worst. A survey of its vice conditions has just been completed, and reports "an amazing story of interlocking interests of gambling, hootlegging, vice, and politics; and use of gangsters by certain lines of legitimate business as a means of destroying competition. Administrations come and go, but the overlord of vice continues in power. Gambling, prostitution, and liquor selling can exist on a profitable basis only by the consent of officials.



But the hootleggers, gamblers, and operators of commercialized vice houses cannot depend upon the regularly constituted agencies of law for protection from competitors in their own class. The courts are closed to them. The syndicate having the largest force of gunmen is best able to enforce its claims to supremacy, and in turn is most likely to be favored by the politicians who engineer official protection."

The appalling increase of crime committed by criminals themselves, in this city and elsewhere, is not the only and most alarming indication of general lawlessness. Worse yet is the ahetting of these crimes by police and court officials; and still worse is the employment of criminals and use of crime by the supposed-to-be better business elements for the protection of their business. A legitimate drycleaning business, long persecuted by the gangsters and gunmen hired by its rivals, has at last gone into the "game" itself, and has employed "Scarface" Al Capone to protect its interests by lawless means. This man is one of the most notorious murderers and vice overlords Chicago has ever known.

There may be some good come from letting gunman kill gunman and thus spare the public. But what shall we



Wide World Photos

The new giant thirty passenger German flying boat.

The famous airplane first used by the Wright brothers, now in an English museum.

Fotograms

say when respectable business houses of a city employ assassins as a regular item of expense in competing with rival firms, and the courts look with complacency on the whole procedure? Surely we have fallen on evil days.

Back of it all, and most to blame, are the changing and lowering moral standards of the general public, led by the popular teachers of religion. The city's churches may well have special prayer for God's help. Better still would be a return to obedience to God's law, and its standards inculcated in the minds of the rising generation. Sin will not cure crime.

A Religion That Saves

A CERTAIN noted ultra-modernist preacher in New York is given to making striking statements. But sometimes his statements strike back upon his own head. He is quoted as saying recently, "Multitudes of people are trying to save religion. For my part I am through trying to save religion. The only successful way to save religion is to get a religion that will save us."

We are ready to say "Amen" to that. But what is there about the modernist conception of the Christian religion that will save a man? We can well understand that this preacher's con-

gregation needs to be told to get a religion that will save them. If they have been accepting what he has been offering them in the past, they need to turn to a saving religion. For modernism teaches no atonement, no salvation by the vicarious sacrifice of the blood of the divine Son of God. And there is no other way to be saved.

Modernism is a beautiful moral philosophy patterned along the lines of Christ's ethical teachings. But that is all. It points out the road to virtue. It gives advice. It urges reform. But it claims no miraculous power (and only miraculous power can change hearts) to do what it urges. Let the hearers of the modernist preachers seek a religion that will save them.

Hypothesis Versus Fact

IT BECOMES necessary constantly to define our terms when we discuss whether or not science and religion agree. The controversy over it never ends; for it is vital, and involves basic and eternal principles. Our conception of religion is (1) belief in the Christian Bible as the self-interpretative and inerrant word of God, the Creator and Upholder of the universe; and (2) implicit faith in salvation from sin by the atoning power of the blood of Jesus Christ His Son. The Bible does not teach science, but contains nothing contrary to science. And science is the knowledge of *proved facts* from nature. Evolution is based on hypotheses—substantially guesses. Therefore, it is *not* science. Real religion and real science agree. Evolution and God's word do not agree.

In *The Literary Digest* of June 9 appears a warning from a noted educator, himself an evolutionist, against false leads in the education of youth in science and religion. He is quoted: "Intelligent persons interested in religion should be instant in season and out of season to require of those who educate



A Chinese family in starving despair during the recent famine in China.

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our youth that they shall *carefully define the limitations of science*. Its function is to observe truthfully and completely and then to describe accurately and to *keep its hypotheses within facts*. Constant appeal must be made from the popular dogmatists of science to the Cæsars of science. Mere creedal hypotheses masking under the name of science must be challenged. As such they are more dangerous to the human spirit than theological creeds. . . .

"Not long since I stood in the laboratory of an eminent physicist. He was explaining to me by a model the most recent theory of atomic structure, and outlined his hypothesis that the appearance of certain green lines in the spectrum of the aurora was due to the 'jump' of an electron from one supposed orbit to another. I asked him, 'Why did the electron "jump"?' 'There,' said he, 'you have asked an ultimate question; *our hypothesis is only a deduction from certain visible facts.*'"

We are ready to believe in theories as theories. We have many ourselves. But we do not put them forward as facts. The Bible is no theory. It deals with truth, only truth, and all truth. It does not contain all facts to be known; but its conclusions are in perfect harmony with all facts that can be known.

Every time scientists meet in solemn conclave there are new discoveries announced that cause previous fin-spun theories to be entirely revised. And the scientists pat themselves on the back for the remarkable progress they are making. But they forget to call attention to the fact that their former theories discredited the Bible, and their revised estimates keep coming closer and closer to God's truth touching science, as expressed in the Scriptures.

The Dragon's Voice

IT IS part of the message-bearing of this magazine to keep its readers in touch with the declarations and activities of the Roman Catholic Church in fulfilling the prophecies of God's word. Without disparagement of God-fearing, sincere Catholics as individuals, we must warn against the Papacy's false system of doctrine, its placing of tradition above the Bible, and its claim to the right to dominate civil government. In keeping with the latter, we quote from a recent speech of Mayor Walker of New York City, who, in common with Alfred E. Smith, Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, is a devoted Roman Catholic. We do not find it necessary to accuse Catholics of seeking to get control of the American government for the furtherance of papal aims in church control of the state, for Catholics themselves make their own boasts and boldly express their own desires to this end.

We have it from the best news authorities that Mr. Walker said in a recent speech before fellow Catholics: "It is not so long since I was forced to listen to a tirade of a sort not unfamiliar to you, when a friend from one of the bucolic districts asked me if it were not a fact that all my public acts were dictated from Rome. I said no—I had to be honest with him—they were not, but more's the pity.

"Then he said to me: 'Now really, don't you know that if Al Smith is elected President he will take his orders from Rome?'

"And I answered him, 'I hope to God he does,' because of the patriotism and the love of country in my heart. I tried to show him that during all the

ages the Church of Rome has ordered nothing against civilization, and I almost got him to concede that it would be for the good of the country to have a direct connection with Rome."

New York's mayor is given to joking ("wise-cracking," to use the slang phrase), but he spoke these words in all seriousness. This is evidenced by the reaction to his speech on the part of Roman Catholic Cardinal Hayes, who sat listening. The Cardinal applauded Mr. Walker's expressed sentiments, and added: "If what you said tonight could only reach the ears, the hearts, and the souls of the citizens of New York and also of our great country they would be made to realize that the United States has no better friend than the Holy Mother Church."

There are those who will say when faced with such hopes and expectations of the Church of Rome, "Well, what of it?" We answer, This much: The Catholic belief (and practice, whenever



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Ordinary printed books may be read by blind persons now, through the medium of a new radio device perfected by Robert E. Naumberg, of Winchester, Mass. Through vibrations transmitted by the device—called the Visagraph—the blind, and the blind and deaf, can get the message of the printed page independent of the Braille system of raised letters.

it is allowed to practice its belief in this regard) in the relation of church and state is absolutely subversive of the great American principles of civil and religious liberty. Again and again we have outlined in these pages the designs of Rome on America, and it is our solemn duty to continue to do so. Often, as in this instance, we are relieved of the burden of proof by Rome's taking it out of our hands and doing it for us. We thank Mayor Walker of New York for his frankness. We commend Catholics for not always covering their true motives.

HOW TO KEEP COOL



THIS is the time of the year when men and women are going to the seashore or seeking out some spot on a mountain side, in an endeavor to escape the heat and to enjoy a few weeks of relaxation and comforts. Some are planning to take an ocean trip with this chiefly in view. All of this involves expense; consequently, only a few are able to avail themselves of these privileges. The majority have to remain at home and tarry by the stuff, and make the best of it. This article is written especially for these.

It is possible to keep comfortable almost anywhere by giving heed to a few suggestions in regard to mental attitude, food, and clothing during the warm weather.

BODY MECHANISM FOR KEEPING COOL

FORTUNATELY, the human body is capable of adapting itself to changes in the temperature. If it were not for this, we would be most uncomfortable during the summer months. On a hot day the stones, and the earth itself, absorb the heat from the sun and may become very hot. This is not the case with the human body. It is capable of adapting itself to these external conditions in such a way that the internal temperature is kept about the same, winter and summer. The normal temperature by mouth is about 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. It matters not where we are or what the outside temperature may be. This equable temperature is maintained through a delicate nervous mechanism controlling the circulation of the blood. The temperature of the liver and other active glands is quite high, ranging from 101 degrees to possibly 104 degrees, while the temperature of the muscles is a little less, or about 100 to 102 degrees, and the temperature of the skin is only about 97 degrees, or even less. It is in the muscles and glands that oxygenation takes place, and heat and energy are generated. This explains why the deeper tissues are so much warmer. The heated blood from these comes to the surface, where, through a very delicate network of blood vessels, known as capillaries, it is spread over the entire surface of the body for the purpose of cooling by the evaporation of some of its moisture. The blood coming to the surface, with a temperature of possibly 103 degrees, leaves the surface at a temperature of about 97 degrees, to be conveyed to the muscles, glands, and other deeper body structures, thus cooling them off. In this manner an equable body temperature is constantly maintained.

In cold weather, impressions of cold are made upon the sensory nerves of the skin to that effect. These impressions of cold are conveyed to the heat-regulating nerve centers, which control the blood supply to the surface, and a smaller amount of



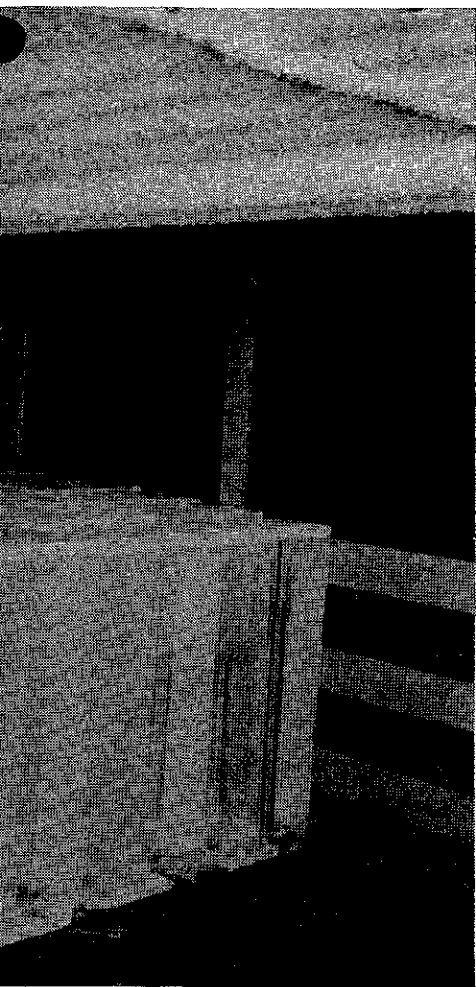
Is it necessary to do this in order

blood is permitted to come to the skin for the purpose of cooling. If the same amount of blood should be permitted to come to the skin in cold weather as in hot weather, the body would soon cool off and would eventually reach the freezing point. This is what actually takes place when narcotics, such as alcohol, are used in cold weather. Alcohol paralyzes the delicate nervous mechanism that controls the blood supply. As a result, too much blood is permitted to be brought to the surface. This imparts a sensation of warmth to the sensory nerves of the skin, but cools off the body. The person feels warm, when he is actually cold. This is why whisky is not permitted men who go on expeditions to the North Pole. Many a man has perished of cold while under the influence of alcohol, not conscious of his danger.

During cold weather the skin is pale, and if it is very cold the little muscles of the skin contract so vigorously that a goose-flesh appearance is produced. All of this is nature's effort to keep the

COOL IN SUMMER

By Daniel H. Kress, M. D.



ool in summer?

through sensible and insensible perspiration. An adult may give off from two to four pints of moisture every twenty-four hours through the skin and yet not give any evidence of perspiring. Especially is this true the air is dry and hot. It is this evaporation of when moisture that aids in cooling the blood and in keeping the body at the right temperature. If the weather is very warm, the moisture becomes noticeable. Nature does just what is being done in countries where the heat is intense. The natives keep their food cool by surrounding it with a moist cloth. The air in motion, though warm, encourages evaporation, and thus keeps the food cool.

People who sweat freely do not suffer nearly so much from the heat as do those who do not sweat. For this reason those who go about their usual work and perspire some feel the heat less than those who are constantly seeking a cool spot and are trying to dodge the heat. While vigorous exercise should be avoided, as a rule moderate exercise is an aid in

blood away from the surface and thus maintain an equable internal temperature.

In warm weather there exists just an opposite condition. The surface blood vessels dilate and allow a greater amount of blood to be brought to the skin. This explains the flushed face and red, swollen hands on hot days.

The cooling of the blood takes place through the evaporation of moisture from the skin

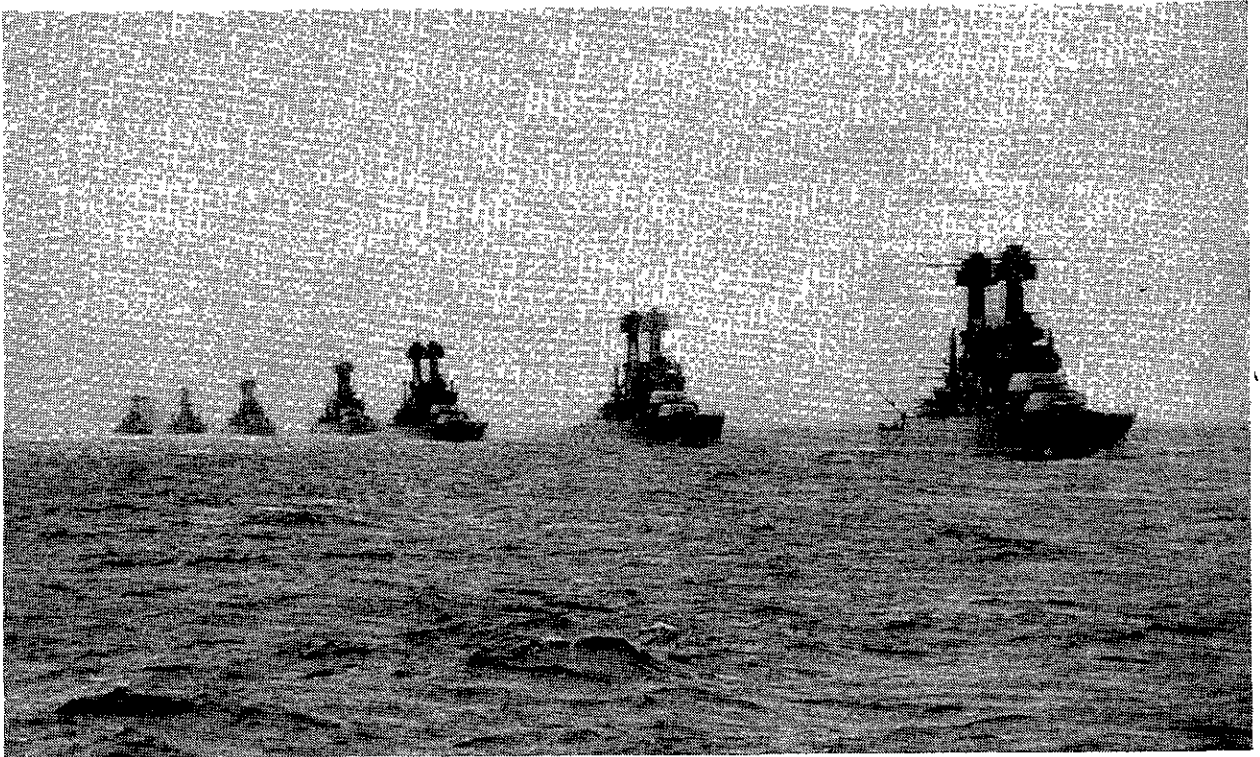
keeping comfortable, for it increases perspiration.

Perspiring is nature's way of freeing the body of impurities. It should be encouraged to a certain point. It is strange that men and women are willing to pay two or three dollars during the winter for Russian, Turkish, or electric light baths, and when the time arrives that they can obtain the elimination without money and without price, they try to evade it in every possible way. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," is nature's way of maintaining health. The trouble is that too many are confined to their offices earning their bread by the sweat of the brain. Nature wisely takes away the desire for food in such cases and says, "He that will not work shall not eat." This brings us to the matter of food in warm weather.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

SPRING tonics are always in evidence to stimulate the appetite as the warm weather comes on. The danger exists always of overeating and eating the wrong kind of foods in the summer. During the warm weather there is a general relaxed condition of every organ of the body. Cold acts as a tonic, while heat debilitates. The digestive organs cannot handle the same kind of food, or the same quantity. Changes in the diet should therefore be made. Nature indicates clearly the best foods for hot weather by providing fruits and vegetables in such abundance at this time of the year. Let the heavy meats and the great amount of bread be replaced with fruits and leafy vegetables. We do not need to fuel the human boiler in warm weather as we do in cold, any more than we need to keep shoveling coal into our furnaces when the warm weather appears. The excessive amount of food eaten, if digested, will produce an excessive amount of heat. Owing to the relaxed state of the stomach and intestines, if the same kind and quantity of food is eaten as in the cold weather, the food remains undigested and undergoes putrefaction and fermentation, thus poisoning the system. An excessive burden is thrown upon the organs that have to deal with these poisons, and hence the liver is overworked and biliousness results, or the kidneys are irritated and in time become diseased. The blood pressure is also increased and a feverish condition of the entire body results. To keep comfortable in warm weather we should eat freely of fruits. They do not tax the organs of digestion and are readily assimilated. The leafy vegetables add bulk and do not readily undergo decomposition. In this way, (Continued on page 28)

The Greatest Force in the World



Fotograms

There is tremendous force in a fleet of United States battleships, but there is a greater power than this.



HE greatest force in the world is love. It is the greatest power in the home, where the problems of conduct are first encountered. No stern command, no weight of authority, can accomplish, in the formation of character and the direction of will, what love will accomplish.

Love is the greatest power in society. It is not the rivalries and the strife of those who seek for place and reputation that hold society together; it is the sincere friendships of those who are willing to prefer the happiness and well-being of others above their own.

Love is the greatest power in the church. It is not organization to marshal its forces, it is not wealth to carry out its purposes, it is not ambition to create world power, that make the church effective. It is the divine love that takes hold of the souls of men and women and leads them, when need is, to re-

What Is Love?

There is no word more abused than the word love. It is used to designate the highest emotions of the human mind, and it is made to cover some of the most trivial and the most brutal. If love in its origin is only human, it may be anything that man is. But if it is divine in its origin, then a knowledge of its nature will ennoble every experience of human life.

nounce the comforts of civilization and the pleasures of accustomed society, to go to the farthest quarters of the earth, and to minister to the necessities of the lost and work for their restoration to the image of God.

And, contrary to the common idea, love is the greatest force in the political world. Nations may increase their armies and make great their navies, they may invade the territory of other nations, defeat them in battle, conquer them in war, lay upon them huge indemnities and crippling disabilities; but even the conqueror nation is not made

great thereby. While its proportion of disadvantage may be less than that of the conquered, yet in loss of men and of wealth, in disruption of the arts of peace and of progress, in destruction of ideas and habits of industry and concord, it is set back instead of forward. No! Nations are made great when they have statesmen with clearness of vision

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and largeness of heart, who perceive the mutual interests of their own and sister nations and find peaceful means to promote the arts of peace and the standards of conduct, and to draw those nations together in amity. Love is the greatest force in the world.

INEXPLICABLE

BUT what is love? We may define it, we may say that it is a feeling of strong personal attachment excited by admirable qualities in others; but our definition has only described the sentiment, it has not told the substance of love. We no more know what love is than we know what electricity is, nor are we so likely ever to find out, because electricity lies in the physical world while love lies in the spiritual. Once men thought that lightning was fire cast down by the gods. In this scientific age, men sought to explain electricity by calling it an invisible fluid; but now we tend to explain it as a force caused by the displacement of electrons. Even so, we have no more than theorized about its action, and we have not found the secret of electricity.

TO BE WISELY USED

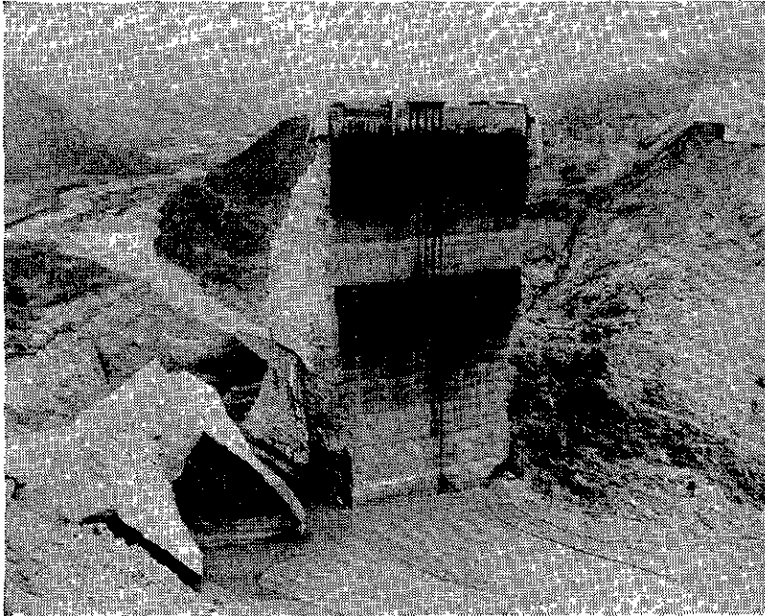
LOVE is the electric current of the soul. We may observe its effects and what excites it, we may make use of it for human needs and blessing, we may guard against its dangers while we employ it; but when we search for the secret of its being we find it one of those primal things which cannot be explained. It is an indispensable element in human life. Indeed, we may well inquire if it is not one with life itself. For the Bible declares that "God is love," and we are no more required to think that a mere comparison and figure of speech than Jesus' declaration that "One is your Father, who is in heaven."

"God is love," who "hath life in Himself," and His love is outpoured upon us in the giving of life. Man has His life, he is endowed with His love. In perfection of life there is perfection of love, and
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even in distorted life there remains the power of love, distorted too, and evilly applied, yet the remains of the gift of God.

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4: 19, A. R. V. We have the power of love, to love not only God but man, to love whomever we love and however we love, because He first loved us and gave us the gift of love. There is in human life no gleam of affection, no tenderness of spirit, no sweetness of unselfish service, but it comes from the heavenly Parent whose love thrills through all the channels of life.

And love is life. Without love no life can flourish. The little child deprived of parents and thrust into the care of strangers pines away when there is no one to love him. The machine-like care of the orphanage is but pale lantern light to the child plants



International

The terrific pressure which demolished the St. Francis Dam is as nothing compared with that which may be accomplished by the pressure of love.

committed to it, and the evidence is abundant that both their physical and their mental health are improved by distributing them in private families, where foster-parents may be less scientific but more concentrative of love. Who does not know the blighting effect upon the mind, and even physical health, of young people in love when their love is unrequited or, worse, abused? "The broken heart," though

only a figure of speech, is yet a true and graphic one, for the stream of life is diminished and stopped by the loss of love no less than were the heart gripped by a hand of steel. And love remains the requisite of life as the years increase and the feet draw nearer to the bounds of mortality. The deep and sure affection of husband or wife, of children, and of friends, is vital to the living of life. Happiness is the goal of life, and happiness is gained, not by increase of wealth nor accretion of fame nor building of monuments, but by the possession and the dispensation of love. Life is not fortune, life is love.

THE UNIVERSAL SOLVENT

GIVE love free course and it will solve the problems of the world. It is only the obstructions of the enemy of God and man that stop the flowing of love and clog the history of earth with the debris of rivalries and hatred. The (Continued on page 25)

Tampering with the Seal

A Remarkable Bible Prophecy Explained

By LeRoy Edwin Froom

(Last month we published an article by Mr. Froom, in which he called attention to a unique prophecy contained in the seventh chapter of Daniel. In his "Vision of Great Beasts," the prophet saw a winged lion, a bear, a four-headed leopard, and a huge, indescribable monster with ten horns. While he looked, a little horn uprooted three of the ten horns and took their places; and in this little horn appeared a man's eyes and "a mouth speaking great things." In the present article the writer considers this remarkable little horn, and explains what it means and how its symbolic prophecy is being fulfilled now.—Editor.)



LET us briefly examine this remarkable "horn" more closely. The prophet says it has the eyes of a man. Strange, is it not, to see eyes on a horn; and doubly strange, those of a man instead of a beast? They are shrewd, intelligent eyes, displaying political sagacity and indicative of the mind behind them, watching all opportunities to promote its own interests, which fact has been the outstanding characteristic of the Roman hierarchy. Those eyes may be said to reveal at least three things — insight, foresight, and oversight. Oversight in the claims and exploits of the pope as universal bishop. Insight as gained by the auricular confession to the priest, revealing the secret history of the life. And foresight as manifested in the power to build for the future and to accommodate itself to all crises, such as schisms, reformations, revolutions, and modern enlightenment. In politics the future is often sacrificed for the present. Not so with the Papacy. It plans for generations ahead. It has proved more than a match for secular statesmen.

Moreover, this power has a mouth speaking great things. This indicates not the incoherent noise of a beast, but the sayings of a man, arrogant and pompous, assuming divine titles, boasting of its supremacy, thundering its anathemas, bellowing its bulls, excommunicating princes, absolving subjects from allegiance, and arrogating the very infallibility of God.

FUNDAMENTAL PAPAL CLAIMS

NOW let me direct your attention for a moment to the manner and method of its rise. The pre-eminence of the Papacy is based upon two fundamental claims; first, the alleged primacy of the bishops of Rome; and second, the dogma that the church is above the state. The development of these two principles resulted in the full-fledged Papacy with its vast conception of world ecclesiastical supremacy. For the first four centuries of the Christian era, the bishop of Rome had been gradually assuming pre-eminence over his fellow bishops, the

rank of a bishop corresponding, by common consent, in time, to the rank of the city. So by the fifth century he was recognized *within* the church as possessing absolute supremacy in religious authority.

But the claim to superiority of the church over the state was challenged by the presence of the Arian Ostrogoths, Heruli, and Vandals who were entrenched in Italy and northern Africa. And the complete development and spiritual supremacy of the Papacy was thereby delayed for a time.

Arius, a priest of Alexandria, had contended that Jesus was not eternal, but only a created being exalted into Sonship. The issue was Arianism versus Trinitarianism. A fierce controversy in the church resulted, reaching its climax in the Council of Nicea, 325 A. D. As the result Arius was banished, but his heresy continued to spread and the Arians became the bitter enemies of the Roman church. The situation was intolerable, as the Arian heel pressed hard upon it, for the Ostrogoths ruled Italy, the seat of the Roman See, and actually controlled, and exercised veto power over, the elections of the popes. So with seven of the ten nations Catholic and three opposingly Arian, full papal supremacy was temporarily blocked.

A PIVOTAL YEAR

JUSTINIAN, who came to the throne at Constantinople in 527, set first for himself the task of ending this schism and making the pope head of all the churches and corrector of heretics. In pursuance of this set policy, he instituted two military campaigns, one into Africa crushing the Vandals, and the other into Italy where the Heruli and Ostrogoths were uprooted, the Ostrogoths, the third and last of the three, being displaced in 538. Mark the year; it is an eventful, yes, a fateful one. That year became a pivotal point in history. From that date onward the Papacy was liberated from Arian control and hindrances. From that year forward the spiritual supremacy of the Papacy as a system of government is to be dated. From then on a new order of popes occupied the chair of Peter,

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first "men of the state, then rulers of the state." They deposed kings and disposed of kingdoms.

Let us press the examination further. In verse 25 is the most comprehensive depiction of the "little horn's" deeds and duration ever compressed into forty-four words: "And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Four features are predominant: First, it would arrogate itself against the Most High through proud words and amazing assumptions. Second, it would be a persecuting power, wearing out the non-Catholic Christians who dissented. Third, it would claim legislative power, even presuming to tamper with the law of the Most High. And fourth, it would be dominant in Europe for a specified period, then suffer the loss of its unique power. These specifications have nothing to do with possession of temporal states or territorial occupation, but are confined to spiritual dominance.

Listen, then, to the pompous words it speaks. Hear its pretensions to unlimited jurisdiction over mankind and supremacy over nations, and its sweeping claim to sole authority in all things religious, exalting itself above the Bible or the human conscience. As master of nations it claimed the right to bind and unloose, to dethrone rulers, to absolve subjects, yea, more, even to forgive sins, thereby assuming prerogatives, authorities, and titles belonging only to God. Hear, for example, one of its amazing claims. Leo XIII asserts: "We hold upon this earth the place of Almighty God." Such is the natural, yes, the inevitable corollary of the claim of supremacy over the kings of the earth. Truly, out of the chaos of Europe had come a new order of things, the mastership of the little horn.

MADE WAR WITH THE SAINTS

NEXT, mark its persecutions. Its settled policy is to coerce or, failing to win, then to exterminate. Because of this doctrine, Europe was long drenched with innocent blood and the Dark Ages made lurid by the ghastly fires of martyrdom.

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As a government with legislative, judicial, and executive powers, the Papacy has claimed and assumed not only the power to adjudge heresy and therefore to excommunicate and anathematize, but to banish the persons, confiscate the properties, and in myriads of instances to torture and visit the death penalty upon dissenting Christians. Truly, as declared in verse 21, "the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them." Think of the persecutions, the massacres, and inquisitions of the church during the midnight of the world, in which Catholic sovereigns and princes were the willing executors of its ecclesiastical judgments. Remember the crusades against the

Waldenses and Albigenses, the ravages of Alva in the Low Countries, the fires of Smithfield in England, and the Inquisition of Spain. This mighty religio-political power, because of its continuity and intolerant policy, has shed more innocent blood than any other single institution that ever existed among mankind.

ATTACK ON THE LAW

NOW observe its judicial exploits. The little horn's legislative power was to be manifested in presuming not to destroy, but to *change*, the appointments and laws of the Most High, pursuant to its own plan and purpose. Such a change in the moral law must be made by additions, subtractions, or substitutions. To achieve this, it has advanced its own authority

above that of God and derogated God's law below its own mandates. This is seen through the appointed feasts and fasts of the church, the institution of new modes of worship, the enjoining of new rules and penalties, but reaching its climax in changing the Bible Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day of the week. God's appointed times are the day and the week. And that part of the moral law referring to time is found only in the fourth commandment. So the attack on the fourth commandment is the chief point of the prophetic indictment. The Papacy has substituted for the Bible Sabbath a day that has absolutely no authority nor sanction in Scripture. The Most High charges the "little horn" power with the infraction. Does it plead guilty? I read the acknowledgment, yea more, the boast, from authoritative and approved spokesmen of the Papacy:

"*Question.*— Which is the Sabbath day?

"*Ans.*— Saturday is the Sabbath day.

"*Ques.*— Why do we observe (*Cont. on page 32*)



Underwood

James Gibbon, America's first Catholic cardinal.



International

The Damascus Gate at Jerusalem, which today stands for the way out of that famous city for the emissaries of the gospel to go into all the world.

Again

“Beginning at Jerusalem”

A new note is sounded in the work of foreign missions; but it is strange and alien to the ears of the One who commanded “Go ye into all the world.”



AFTER nearly two thousand years of inexcusable waiting and hesitancy, the Christian church, which has failed to measure with the full scope of the commission of its Master to “go into all the world,” has gone back to the atmosphere of old Jerusalem to get its newest inspirations for its task. This gathering was different from the little gathering that waited in the upper room long ago in Jerusalem. The original band of Christ’s apostles, reinforced with the few converts to the Master’s cause that were with them back there, were comprised largely of people of one race. As Jews they were being led out of their Judean prejudices to a clearer and fuller understanding of God’s purpose to bless all the nations of the earth.

This latest gathering in Jerusalem, led by that well-known leader, Dr. John R. Mott, was representative of the missionary forces of most of the Protestant denominations. The desire to find a fuller and more complete program to answer human needs is in itself a laudable subject for the discussion of any church conference, in Jerusalem or anywhere else on earth.

No one who is at all acquainted with foreign mission work fails to realize that much energy is being lost through unnecessary competition and

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narrowing denominationalism, and this attitude of un-Christlike rivalry is perhaps in itself a disintegrating force that not only minimizes but actually destroys the influence of Christian missions in non-Christian lands. Half-heartedness and the lack of a Christlike spirit on the part of missionaries of all denominations have seriously retarded the growth and progress of foreign missions.

NEGATIVE MESSENGERS

UNFORTUNATELY the trend of modernism and liberalism in the home churches has opened the door more fully to the sending of missionary representatives to other lands who are not certain in their own beliefs and whose testimony negatives rather than asserts faith in God and His word. Judged by its own professions of weakness and its own unsatisfactory statistics concerning its growth and influence, its own open espousal of the cause of science as against religion, and the erection of its altars before the shrine of worldly standards, the church is in great need of divine power and cleansing. Praying people everywhere should seek for a new unction of renewed power for more effective service.

But, as one reads the summarizing of the results secured at the Jerusalem Conference as outlined by a well-known religious paper, *The Christian Century*, one fails to discover any very great degree of satisfaction in its work or conclusions. Exception has to be taken to several of its most outstanding decisions. In the belief that the conference has discovered a new note of comradeship in the common cause, this new note expresses itself in the following attitude:

"We would repudiate any symptoms of a religious imperialism that would desire to impose beliefs and practices on others in order to manage their souls in their supposed interests. . . . Nor have we the desire to bind up our gospel with fixed ecclesiastical traditions which derive their meaning from the experience of the western church. Rather, the aim should be to place at the disposal of the younger churches of all lands our collective and historic experience. We believe that much of that experience has come out of reality and will be worth sharing. But we ardently desire that the younger churches express the gospel through their own genius and through forms suitable to their racial heritage."

TRUE CHURCH NOT SECTIONAL

ALL THIS is very disheartening. It suggests that the church of Jesus Christ is "western" or "eastern" according to its location; Indian, or Chinese, or African, or American, according to the race of its adherents. Formulas of worship and even beliefs and practices must only be self-imposed. To carry out this new program and yet at the same time be true to the Master's command to "teach all nations whatsoever I have commanded you" would severely tax the wisdom and saintliness of an archangel.

We cannot accept this program. The doctrines of Jesus Christ are not to be subjected to racial interpretation. They rest unqualifiedly upon the authority of God's word, and anywhere in the wide world conversion must mean a rechange of heart in those who present themselves for membership in the church of Christ. The baptism whereby the believer finds entrance into this membership must be of the form outlined in the Scriptures, and everywhere men must subject their own private thinking on every phase of religious thought and life to the full and complete outline of Christian faith and practice in the Bible. It is the height of absurdity to believe that an Indian Christian can worship or live as he believes and extend this privilege of divergent faith to his fellow Christians, of every race on earth; and yet profess, with all these variations, that there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

Another trend that fills the heart with fear is the attempt to change from an individual to a social gospel. It would almost seem as though the church had tired in its efforts to convert the individual and was seeking for itself a short-cut to the ultimate in its destiny. What is society but a collection of individual units. It is impossible to have a Christian society anywhere without having it composed of

Christian people — men and women who are at heart Christian and whose lives exemplify Christian requirements. There is no hope for the mass except as the individuals are reformed. The social order never can be Christian until those who comprise that order are made Christian as individuals.

The misdeeds of society are but indicative of the lack of religion on the part of its members, and no establishment of bureaus of social and economic information for the Christian church is needed where that church is laying itself out to possess the power of the Holy Spirit. It is true that in the face of serious industrial conflicts caused by the misuse of money on the one hand, and the violent outbreak of misery on the other hand, the Christian church has a duty to perform; and in the face of lawlessness and graft and political conniving, it has a testimony to bear. These conditions, all of them, are a fulfillment of the prophecy of the apostle Paul in 2 Tim. 3: 1-5.

In bearing its testimony, however, in this godless age, the church can never hope to make the world, as such, godly. The intoxication of its own sins is making the world "reel to and fro like a drunkard," but out of this godlessness and social disruption, God will rescue from the world every individual who shall comprise the membership of the church, that when He comes shall be like Him, "not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." A social gospel is an unworthy substitute for individual surrender to, and acceptance of, Jesus as a personal Saviour.

This notable gathering ended in its profession of a more heroic practice of the gospel. The thing that is fundamental is a holy practice of the gospel. The finest type of Christian heroism is that which is the outgrowth of a simple, whole-hearted, unqualified surrender to the claims of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, accepting His right to life and all that it means, and an unequivocal stand upon the fundamental truths of the Lord Jesus Christ, as outlined in God's holy word.

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highest law for man is this, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." That law, obeyed, will do away with contentions and wars, with strife and evil of every kind. It can be obeyed only by opening the channels of communion with God, for from Him, and Him alone, comes the love that will keep the law.

And the love thus given will return to God who gave it. It is an unceasing round of the vital current. "We love because He first loved us." We love our own,—our mates, our children, our friends, our brethren, our race, and through and in the end of it all, our God: "We love Him because He first loved us."

Jesus Is Coming Again

A Story for Troubled and Fearful Hearts

By Ruth Lees Olson

I HEARD a peculiar song, mother, on my way to the Progress Club, and it has been running through my mind ever since."

"Yes?" and Mrs. James looked up from the pages of the magazine on the table before her. The girl, who had removed her wraps and was now standing before the mirror rearranging her hair, came to the opposite side of the table and seated herself comfortably in the rocking chair.

"I do not know who the singers were, but the words as well as the music seemed to grip my very soul."

"Perhaps it was in a foreign language," suggested her mother, mildly interested.

"No, the song was in good English. It was the sentiment of it that impressed me. Besides, the people sang it with so much faith in the words that I almost felt like joining them."

MRS. JAMES rustled the pages of her magazine impatiently. "You have enthused enough! Now tell me what the song was about, and where you heard it."

"The people down at the gospel tent on the corner of Tejon and Zuni were doing the singing, and the great burden of the song was, 'Jesus is coming again.' What about it, mother? Is Jesus Christ really coming back to this earth again, and if so, when?"

Her mother stirred uneasily. "How should I know, child? Ask the pastor of the church; he is paid to know all about these things. Besides, Jessica, I wish you would not take up with a corner-lot gospel; you have your own church."

"Yes," said the girl thoughtfully, "but I do not remember of ever hearing the Rev. Dr. Smithbrook say anything about the second coming of Christ. I thought you would know, mother, for you used to tell us Bible stories when you tucked us in bed, and somehow God seemed more real then. Perhaps He is only for children, at least it has seemed so in our home."

"Nonsense, child!" and her mother arose to prepare for the night's rest. "Religion is the same as it always was. Perhaps we have grown away from it to some extent, but God's word does not change. What was it you said the song was about?"

Jessica repeated the refrain, "Jesus is coming again," and Mrs. James retired to her room with a feeling that she had

not been fair either to her God or her children in not keeping in close touch with His promises.

THE next morning Mrs. James answered a ring at the door and was confronted with a smiling-faced young woman who eagerly said, "I have a small notice for you, an important one, and with your permission I will come in and tell you about it." Mrs. James opened the door and admitted her, wondering as she did so what persuasive power there was about this woman to gain an entrance where peddlers and agents were forbidden.

The young woman seated herself, and reaching out a small handbill, said, "I am your neighbor from Tejon and Zuni Streets, where the gospel tent is located. We are holding a series of nightly Bible studies, taking the Bible and the Bible only as our guide, and you know that one cannot go far wrong when God's word points the way."

Mrs. James felt her fingers stiffen on the bit of paper. Her idea of religion was grand cathedrals with lofty domes and towering spires, magnificent statuary, marvelous pictures, sublime music, and the pomp and pride of church ceremonies, but this—a tent on a street corner, rude benches, a common preacher—could this be religion?

The visitor seemed to read her thoughts, for she hastened to say, "Jesus taught the people wherever He found them, on the hillsides of Galilee, by the roadside, in the market place, or in the most wonderful temple ever known to men, the temple rebuilt by Herod at Jerusalem. It is not in lordly palaces, but with the humble, contrite heart that God dwells, and there He makes His presence known."

Mrs. James was reading the handbill now, and the headlines arrested her attention, "Will Jesus Come in This Generation?" Again Jessica's song came to her mind, "Jesus is coming again."

"I do not care to attend your meetings," she said, "but I would like to know the meaning of the topic on your notice. Of course, I know that Jesus is coming," she added hastily, "but the time seems very indefinite to me."

"Jesus said it was for us to know the times and the seasons," replied the girl quickly, "and I will be delighted to come over tomorrow morning about this time and study what the Bible has to say about His return. I know you are anxious for His coming, and He really



is coming much sooner than we think or dream of."

Mrs. James was not quite sure how it all came about, but she found herself ushering her visitor out with the assurance that she would be ready for the study on the morrow.

THE work was done up early the next morning, and Mrs. James then looked for the Bible that had been her mother's. People must not think that this was an ungodly house, and that the word of God had been neglected. She found the Bible at last, tucked away in the back of the bookcase. She dusted it carefully, laid it on the table, and then sat down to wait. Perhaps these people did have some light on the return of Jesus, she mused, and it would do no harm to listen to them anyway.

The Bible teacher was on time, and after asking that a few words of prayer be offered for the Divine Teacher to open the eyes of their understanding and give them willing hearts to receive His word, she asked Mrs. James to read John



14: 1-3, saying, "Before we study the signs of Christ's coming we want to know that He really promised to come back to the earth again."

The text was read. "Note first that Jesus calls their attention to their faith in Him, 'Ye believe in God, believe also in Me.' It takes the faith of Jesus to make this promise a personal one. Then He calls their attention to the mansions that He is going to prepare for them. That has been His work since He left the earth. Best of all, He says, 'If I go, I will return, and take you to Myself, that where I am there ye may be also.' Now if we know that He went away, we have proof positive that He will return again. Let us read the text in Acts 1: 9-11: '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.' His disciples and the large company of believers saw Jesus ascend into heaven, and the angels said unto them, 'He shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go.' It was a reiteration of the promise made them before His crucifixion, 'If I go, I will come again.'"

MRS. JAMES had been an interested listener, and now she said, "I do not think there is any question about the return of Jesus to this earth, and from these texts it will be a literal, visible coming, but whether it will be today, or tomorrow, or a thousand years from now, there is no way of knowing."

"Oh, but there is," replied the young woman. "God never leaves His people in a state of uncertainty. He wants us to know the times and the seasons. Let us turn to the conversation between Christ and His disciples in Matt. 24: 3. His followers asked Him, 'What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?' Jesus answered them by giving numerous signs foretelling His soon return to this earth. We will note some of them that can be seen fulfilling before our very eyes. The seventh verse of this same chapter tells us that 'nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.'"

"Why, that sounds like the story of the World War and its aftermath," cried Mrs. James, "but I never thought of that being a sign of the return of Christ."

"You are right; but that war was only a forerunner of the last great war that will end in Armageddon. Yes, I know that the world is crying peace, but that, too, is a sign of the end, for we read in Isa. 2: 3, 4, that 'many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, . . . and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: . . . and He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' That is a world cry today, and yet God has said that false prophets shall say, 'Peace, peace, when there is no peace,' and then to verify this statement He gives us the prophecy in Joel 3: 9-14, saying, 'Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up; beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about.' Do you see the difference in the two calls?" the Bible teacher concluded.

Mrs. James had followed the reading of the texts very carefully, and

answered, "Yes, I do. The people say, 'Beat your swords into plowshares, and your spears into pruninghooks,' and God says just the opposite, the weapons of peace are to be turned into weapons of war. Really this is wonderful, and all too true, for it was only the other day that I heard our own minister say, 'We have reached such a stage in civilization that future wars are impossible. All questions pertaining to international differences will be settled by arbitration.'"

Her visitor smiled. "I am afraid he is fulfilling the first part of the prophecy. But he is not alone, for the League of Nations, the many disarmament conventions, the plans for the reduction of navies, all go to show that peace is looked for where no peace exists. The extensive preparation for war gives the lie to the 'peace and safety' cry. Late inventions promise a war too horrible to contemplate. Of poisonous gases alone we have one possessing 'seventy-two times the killing power of the most deadly gas used during the war.' Great Britain's Undersecretary of State tells us, 'Any power that gains initial command of the air will be able within a few weeks to destroy the whole of the enemy's merchant ships, all his main railway stations, and by a combination of explosive and incendiary fire, all large cities.'"

Mrs. James shuddered. "Tell me some of the other signs."

THE Bible reader turned to 2 Tim. 3: 1-5, and read the picture of the last-day conditions. "Of course, you understand that the last days of history reach down to the close of time, and that brings Jesus back to this earth again."

"Yes, I understand that, and I can see many things in these verses that picture the condition of the world today. 'Lovers of their own selves,' I have always said we lived in the most selfish age of the world, but I never knew the Bible said anything about it, or that it pointed to Christ's return."

"It most surely does," replied the teacher, "and it is this selfishness that is bringing such a flood of woe and misery on the world. There is another thing mentioned, 'blasphemers.' Did you know that we had a society for the advancement of atheistical ideas in the world, and it is doing its fundamental work in the colleges and high schools of today; furthermore it has its charter from the state of New York?"

Mrs. James gasped. "Who ever thought of such a thing in America? Now if it had been France—"

"It is not confined to the Old World, but it is operating very successfully here, and sweeping our boys and girls, our young men and women, into the whirlpool that ends in death. There seems to be little opposition to it, even though its aim and object is to blot religion from the face of the earth. Now there is another thought in the thirteenth verse of this same chapter I want you to

notice: 'Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.'

"There is not much hope in that text for the world to grow better," and Mrs. James drew a long sigh.

"**G**OD does not want us to be deceived," was the answer. "Times will grow worse instead of better. It could hardly be otherwise, when men's hearts are filled with selfishness. But there is a real joy for the Christian in the promise of the second coming of Christ. Read 1 Thess. 4: 16-18: 'For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.' Here we have a very vivid picture of the return of our Lord, the voice of Jesus that calls forth the sleeping dead, the translation of those who are living when Jesus comes, and the promise that they shall be caught up with the righteous dead to meet their Lord in the air, and taken to the many mansions. That in itself is a significant statement. Christ does not touch the earth at His return, but His people meet Him in the clouds. If we would remember that we could never be deceived by false christs."

"I remember," murmured Mrs. James, "the coming of false christs was also a sign of the end. I am glad I know that Jesus does not touch the earth on His return; that will keep me from being deceived on that point; but what was that last verse?"

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words.' God never leaves us comfortless. He always has some wonderful promise to cheer and help us hold fast to our faith; and this return of our blessed Lord is one of the grandest promises in the whole Bible. We are told to watch and pray for it, and to look for the glorious appearance of our Saviour. Jesus is coming again, and we want to be ready to meet Him."

The morning was nearly past, and the lesson time was over, but as the Bible teacher went down the steps she heard Mrs. James singing to herself, "Jesus is coming again."

The Lengthening Bread Line

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pleasure on the earth and have been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." James 5: 1-6.

To the workers, he says, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until

he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5: 7,8.

In discussing the problem of capital and labor recently with a serious leader of labor, these verses were brought up and the leader said, "Certainly Inspiration has not been looking through smoked glasses on conditions of today."

REAL RELIEF

SURELY to the individual who reads this article with an honest heart, seeking the real truth, this word of one of Jesus' own disciples clearly shows that the "lengthening bread lines" of today are signs added to the many others that have gone before, and are in evidence all about us, that the return of Jesus to this earth is very near.

"Our Civilization Has Only Thirty-five Years to Run"

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The Apostle James, speaking by Inspiration of the time when this condition obtains, says to be patient and know that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." The only coming of the Lord to which he might refer is the coming Jesus himself speaks of when He said, "I go to 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: 2, 3.

His presence will bring about the long-hoped-for Utopia of capital and labor. While conditions may improve for a time, only to sink back to lower depths, there can be no permanent solution of this great world problem until Jesus Christ makes the final arbitration for eternity.

How to Keep Cool in Summer

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the alimentary canal can be kept clean and a better state of health enjoyed. Those who observe these suggestions will find that they will suffer much less from the heat at home than do their

neighbors who are in search of a cool spot away from home.

Since the skin is more active in warm weather than in cold weather, and a greater proportion of the impurities are eliminated through this channel, it is important that bathing should be more frequent. The impurities should be washed off. Bathing not merely keeps the organic wastes from accumulating on the surface, but it is an important aid in keeping cool. A short, hot bath is best for removing impurities, and if this is followed by a short, air bath, it will prove a great aid in cooling off on a hot day. The hot water dilates the blood vessels in the skin, and thus brings a greater amount of heated blood to the surface to be cooled off. A short, cold bath acts as a tonic in warm weather, and is very refreshing. Those along in years, or the physically infirm, may not be able to resort to these. A short, hot bath in such cases is preferable.

The clothing worn in summer should also have attention. In winter the purpose of clothing should be to prevent heat elimination from the skin. In warm weather heat elimination should be encouraged, hence the clothing should be different. It is best to have the underwear composed of a fabric that is loosely woven and cellular. Linen or cotton is the best. This will encourage the evaporation of the perspiration by allowing the air to come in contact with the skin.

The mental attitude has much to do in keeping cool during the summer months. Do not get into the habit of talking about the hot weather, much less complaining about it. Regard the warm days as blessings, which they really are, or may be, if we relate ourselves rightly to them. No one suffers more from the heat than does he who is constantly talking about it and complaining because of it. The very effort to keep cool makes many uncomfortable. Thank God for the warm weather, and go about your work with a cheerful and thankful heart, doing things moderately, and you will have no difficulty in keeping comfortable even in hot weather.

TWO TEETH "ASSUMED to have been those of mastodons," were recently found by a diamond digger of the Transvaal, South Africa. The teeth have been classified as 20 to 50 thousand years old, "and," says Professor Raymond Dart, "add greatly to the knowledge of the antiquity of man in this country. What he was like no one can tell, but he existed even before the time of the bushmen." Strange that two teeth, assumed to be mastodon's, their age guessed at, can "add greatly to the knowledge" about men that no one knows anything about. Too bad scientists cannot recognize the limitations of science, instead of offering guesses as certainties.

Current Events in the of Divine Prophecy

GREAT BRITAIN'S DRINK BILL decreased last year by about \$15,000,000 in spite of larger wages than the year before. It is encouraging to hear of such a substantial saving of money spent for poison and degradation.

"LIBERTY," says ex-Governor Milliken of Maine, "is a condition to be maintained and not a tradition to leave on the mantel shelf." The religious liberty of our country, especially, is a condition to be maintained valiantly just now when threatened by advocates of religious laws.

MILLION-DOLLAR INCOMES in the United States in 1926 numbered 228, an increase of 21 over 1925, according to the Internal Revenue Bureau. Incomes of over \$5,000,000 rose from 7 to 14 in that year. James 5: 3 is a true picture of this age: "Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days."

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, hotel keepers say that 90% of their American guests refrain from wines and beer, preferring water, lemonade, and orangeade. We wonder if the great outcry in this country about the injustice of Prohibition does not come from those who want to get Americans to drink the poisons they brew, not from Americans themselves who prefer not to drink.

"HELLO, JAVA; this is London speaking." The British Secretary of State for the Dominions sat in his room in the House of Commons and spoke to his undersecretary in Java. Although the long-distance phone system he used reached nearly halfway round the globe, every word was clearly heard. Just as the world grows smaller day by day the time draws nearer when "every eye shall see" and every ear shall hear the Son of God as He returns to end this world's present history.

KINDNESS IS KINGLY. Two Americans were returning from a visit to the earthquake zone in Bulgaria, when they were stopped by engine trouble, while 20 miles from Sofia, with night coming down. A friendly young man, in a car coming from the earthquake region, gave them aid that soon sent them on their way. As they were regretting that they had not offered him a cent for his trouble, their helper caught up with them again and they realized, from the homage he received from the countryside, that their benefactor was King Boris himself.

A MODERN PENTECOSTAL MIRACLE was performed at Geneva, at the recent conference of the International Labor Office. Each listener heard the speeches in the language he chose. Interpreters on the platform, working each at his own microphone, translated the speeches, which were then transmitted to specially designed listening instruments in the body of the hall. By turning dials on these, the listener could get the language he wanted. Wonderful as are these mechanical marvels, they are yet clumsy compared with God's omniscience and the privilege of communion between a believer speaking any language and his Heavenly Father.

WE HEAR SO MUCH of evil, we hardly realize the quiet, patient work of the rescuers. The Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and its superintendent tells in the *Christian Century* the stories of some of the lives transformed by the gospel heard there. One drunkard relapsed six times in four weeks, but the mission held onto him until he got hold of God's help, and now he is busy rescuing others. The Bloomington (Ill.) *Pantagraph* recently awarded its prize for "the most useful man in his home county" to a man rescued in Pacific Garden Mission, who now runs a mission in Bloomington.

LONDON IS SAID to have 8,000 individuals engaged in the manufacture of illicit brandy. Let those who blame Prohibition as the cause of "moonshining" take note that the illegal liquor business exists also in non-Prohibition countries.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SAYS: "The test that now confronts the nation is prosperity. There is nothing more likely to reveal the soul of a people." It is only in the fear of God that this nation can endure the test of prosperity. And the best way to show the fear of God is to pay tithe and support His work in the world.

A COLUMBUS (OHIO) STORE has recently added to the smoke of that city, but in a way that is not a nuisance. Its owner culled all indecent literature from his news stand and burned it, with the intention of no longer circulating what corrupts taste and morals. More such smoke would be fragrant to all who love our youth and homes.

MODERN BIOGRAPHY breaks the ninth commandment when it drags out of happy oblivion the faults and weaknesses and sins of men and women of the past whose sum total of achievement has been of benefit to mankind. These carrion-scenting biographers claim to write "the truth," whereas they distort the truth, magnify evil, and set wrong examples before developing youth.

TELEVOX has learned to talk. This electric automaton, invented by R. J. Wensley of the Westinghouse Electric Co., has been improved by a mechanism enabling it to make telephone connection with its headquarters and give reports of the processes it has been set to watch or measure. Thus the marvels of this age accumulate according to the Bible prophecy of the increase of knowledge in the last days.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY issued 10,000,000 Bibles or parts of the Bible in 1927, in 166 languages. One great achievement of the year was the publication of the first complete Lula-Lulua Bible, in a language spoken by 2,500,000 people of the Belgian Congo. God's promise that the whole earth shall be filled with His knowledge is being fulfilled in part by the agency of the Bible societies.

CAPPER'S WEEKLY congratulates itself, and very justly, that it has found a way to make a newspaper interesting without crime news. It says editorially: "There is really nothing new in crime. All the principal crimes were catalogued in the ten commandments. Each of these has several varieties. But whatever the offense, it is the same old thing that has happened from time to time for thousands of years." True; crime is as old as sin, which is as old as Satan. But God's law is older still, as is also His salvation, and both will outlast sin and crime.

"WHETHER THE ANCIENT MAXIM was not right after all," is the unpleasant wonder of those who have preached against the rod for childhood, says the *New York Sun*. Its reflection is based on figures of the New York City Department of Correction showing an increase in the proportion of juvenile offenders. The "pet" argument that crime is a social disease is also disproved by these cold facts, for never before in New York's history were more things being done to relieve bad conditions of living, yet youthful crime increases. "Not disease, not maladjustment, but morality appears to be the conclusive factor. The sooner parents get their thinking readjusted to this solid foundation the sooner may we expect more reassuring prison statistics regarding the young man," concludes the *Sun*.



The Watchman Answers

This is a service department where questions pertaining to the Bible and its interpretation are answered for WATCHMAN readers. Anyone is free to address questions to the Editor, who puts himself under obligation to answer here only those that will be of general interest to our readers. Others may be answered by letter. Inquirers must give name and address, but these will not be printed.

In Rev. 20: 5 it says that those who were raised after the millennium composed the first resurrection. How could this be when there were some raised before the millennium?

The statement in this verse, "This is the first resurrection," refers to those saints described in verse 4, who were resurrected at Christ's second advent (1 Thess. 4: 15-17; John 5: 28, 29) before the millennium. The statement in the first part of this verse 5 is parenthetical, and should not be read as having anything to do with verse 4. No other explanation is possible. There are two resurrections, one before and one after the thousand years, both brought to view in verses 4 and 5. Obviously the one before the millennium must be the first, and the one after, the second. The parenthetical sentence is thrown in to tell the condition of the wicked (in death) during the millennium.

I read in the paper that a German university requires its graduates to wear a certain peculiar ring. Might this not be "the mark of the beast"?

We know nothing about the ring referred to; but whatever it is, we know it is not "the mark of the beast." Some material mark of this sort might be easily lost, or missed, or discarded at will. God or the powers of evil do not mark in that way. God's mark on His people is a piece of time, the seventh-day Sabbath. (Ezek. 20: 12, 20.) Those who faithfully observe His sacred Sabbath receive His mark. They are distinctively known by it. It is received in the forehead (Ezek. 9: 4), symbol of the intellectual consent of the will.

The mark of the beast is received in the forehead or in the hand. (Rev. 13: 16.) From a close study of the beast and its mark (Revelation 12 to 14), we are forced to conclude that Sunday keeping, in obedience to the command of the Roman Catholic Church, is the mark of the beast. Sunday is the counterfeit sabbath, set up by man, and opposed to the true Sabbath of God. You may find the mark of the beast or the seal (mark) of God in the mental attitude (forehead) or the custom (hand) of any man when you notice whether he keeps Jehovah's Sabbath or reverences a man-made Sunday sabbath.

I have heard that a more accurate translation of the words "to day" in Luke 23: 43 is "that day." Is this true?

The verse in question gives the promise of Christ to the thief on the cross, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise." The record of the Scriptures makes plain that the thief did not die that day (John 19: 31-33); that Christ did not go to heaven Himself that day (John 20: 17); and that the dead do not go to heaven when they die (Eccl. 9: 5, 6, 10; Ps. 146: 4; Isa. 38: 18, 19; 26: 19; Dan. 12: 2; Ps. 115: 17). Therefore, Christ could not have meant that He would be in heaven with the thief that day. Some Bible students, as stated by our querist, try to explain the seeming contradiction of texts by saying that the original meaning of "to day" meant "that day," and so make Christ postpone the meeting of Christ and the thief in heaven till "that day," the day of future resurrection and reward. This would be a very helpful way to get us out of the difficulty, if it were true. But it is not true. All the translations we can find give "to day" or its equivalent. Rotherham, Greek-English, and Good-speed give "today." The Douay Bible and the Syriac give "this day." So also others. The only satisfactory explanation is that the King James translators put the comma in the wrong place (there were no spaces nor punctuation in the original), according to their understanding of the state of the dead. Place the comma after "today," and all is clear. Thus Jesus meant, Even though today there is no visible prospect of My ever having a kingdom, yet just as sure as today is today, you will be with Me in paradise.



Is the Earth Splitting in Two?

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chance, without a divine plan or purpose?

No. We are living in the most wonderful age in history. This is the hour of destiny. God's purpose for the world is swiftly reaching its consummation. All around us an abundance of signs tell us that His coming will not long be delayed. Even the terrors of the earthquake are used to arouse us from our spiritual lethargy, and to warn us of the approach of the day when all the cities of the nations shall fall. (Rev. 16: 19.) And once more the words of divine warning steal upon our ears:

"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21: 34-36.

Trying Out the Wonder Workers

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the furtherance of goodness in the earth. Hence it cannot be merely futile, producing vanity and nothingness. Origen reminds us that "the miracles of Moses issued in a Jewish polity; those of the Lord in a Christian Church." For contrast we might notice the miracles of Simon Magus, as tradition has preserved them. He made dogs of brass, and caused stones to bark, and statues to talk; he flew through the air, or transformed himself into a goat or a serpent; he rolled unhurt upon burning coals. What profit or significance was there in such acts? What meaning did they have? To what were they related?

True miracles are always acts that, to some degree, redeem mankind; that is, they are works not merely of power but of grace; they are an index and a prophecy of man's final deliverance.

Christ came as the Restorer. His miracles were as firstfruits of His power, which will be fully exercised when He "makes all things new." When He cast out the devils and restored the demoniacs to their right minds, the miracle was a prophecy of the time when the soul shall no longer be the dwelling place of evil. When He healed the sick and raised the dead, it spoke of the new earth "where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying." When He stilled the tempest and multiplied the loaves, it told of a time when the earth itself should be redeemed from the curse. They "were bridges by which Christ found access from men's bodies to their souls — manifestations of His

glory, that they might be drawn to the glory itself." They were wrought to release man from the bondage of his senses. They each one had a meaning and a distinct ethical aim.

GREAT GROUPS OF MIRACLES

MIRACLES are not for every trifling difficulty. If we study the miracles of the Bible, generally speaking, we find them in groups. As has been stated before, the miracles of Moses produced the Jewish polity. Next we have those of Elijah and Elisha, wrought at a time of great apostasy in Israel, and they served to call the faithful back to God. The next group are those of Christ and the apostles, which helped to establish the Christian church.

In each of these cases there were false miracles wrought in opposition to the true miracles. But each time the same tests were applied to distinguish between the two methods of mystery. And each time the purpose of God in working miracles was accomplished and His people were not deceived.

Therefore, in the days in which we now live, the days just before the second appearing of Christ, the greatest days of crisis this world has ever known, we may expect miracles true and miracles false. The true miracles are predicted in 1 Cor. 12:10. The remnant, or last, church (Rev. 12:17) is to have the gift of miracles, and these are to be with the church till Christ comes. (1 Cor. 1:7; Eph. 4:11-13.) By means of these visible manifestations of supernatural power the truth of Christ's second coming will be proclaimed and established in the earth.

But this is also a time of false prophets and false christs. (Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:13.) And during the days just before us Satan himself is to be transformed into an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14.) Great wonders are to be performed, such as making "fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men"; and many will be deceived "by the means of those miracles." (Rev. 13:13, 14.) Our only hope of escape from deception is the reception of the word of God into our hearts now, that its sanctifying influence may save us from believing a lie. (2 Thess. 2:8-12.)

Science Turns Night Into Day

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And once again amid the wonders of a brilliant age, the light of man's scientific and inventive genius has reared his riches heaven high. Yet with submarines under the water, the ships on the sea, the airplanes over sea and land, the automobile, the skyscraper, the radio, and the treasures of laboratory and factory, man has not drawn near to God. And the Almighty is asking: "Thy soul is required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

The greatest Teacher of relative

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How's Your Health

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Health questions of interest and profit to the general reader will be answered in this column. Queries may be sent to the editor, or direct to the doctor, Medical Director of the Garden City Sanitarium, 999 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, California

Is there any way to escape poison oak? I am afraid of the mountains because I am always poisoned by it, and it always goes hard with me.

Ask your physician about vaccination against poison oak. It is both curative and preventive, and has proved to be very satisfactory. After this treatment you may enjoy your outings in the mountains without fear of poison oak.

Is Coca-Cola a safe carbonated beverage?

Let us answer this question in the words of an authority on food chemistry: "Besides flavoring material, the principal constituent of importance is caffeine. Comparing this beverage with others containing caffeine, J. W. Mallet says that of caffeine, tea, per cup, ordinarily contains 2.02 grains; coffee, per cup, 1.74 grains; Coca-Cola, as ordinarily dispensed, contains 1.21 grains per glass."—"Food Products, Their Source, Chemistry, and Use," by Bailey.

What are the best hot-weather drinks, and should they be taken ice cold?

Fruit juices offer the most wholesome hot-weather drink. They have an alkaline reaction in the body, they are appetizing, and nourishing. Try them instead of iced tea. An iced drink is not harmful from a temperature standpoint if sipped slowly. When it is taken in this way it is warmed to body temperature by the time it reaches the stomach.

Please outline a diet for a man with high blood pressure. N. R.

The following dietary plan is indicated: (a) A vegetarian diet. (b) A diet offering a minimal protein requirement. (c) A diet restricted in total quantity. (d) A laxative diet. (e) Low salt intake. (f) Foods that are basic in character, i. e., fruits, vegetables, legumes, milk.

Suggestive diet list: (a) Fruits — all kinds, especially citrus. Exception — plums, prunes, cranberries. (b) Vegetables — all kinds, except asparagus. Some physicians advise restriction on cauliflower and turnips. Vegetable and fruit salads are excellent. (c) Grains — use cereal products in moderation because they are acid in reaction. This means bread, breakfast foods, and gravy. (d) Milk and milk products freely. (e) Simple desserts in moderation. Agar-agar is an excellent article for the preparation of desserts. (f) Cereal coffee.

Olives. Nuts in moderation. (g) Eggs in moderation — two or three a week.

Counterindications: Fleshy foods, meat soups, gravies, beef extract. Free use of eggs, cereals, plums, prunes, and cranberries — these foods are acid in reaction. Condiments, pickles, tea, coffee, and excess of salt.

I have been told by my physician to stop the use of coffee, but I am satisfied that I need it, for the reason that when I fail to get my morning cup I have a headache. What would you advise?

You have a headache on the no-coffee days because you are a caffeine addict. But if you will stick it out for a week without your coffee, you will find yourself much better off for it and with no headaches.

How should the diet be altered during the hot months?

Alter your diet both in quantity and quality. Naturally the fuel foods may be cut for two reasons: we are not so active, and therefore do not need as much fuel for energy; and we need a whole lot less fuel for heating purposes. The fuel foods are the starches, the sugars, and the fats. Our repair foods — the proteins — should be reduced to actual need. This, in fact, should be true the year around with all foods, but especially is it desirable with the proteins in the summer time. If we are less active we will experience less wear and tear, therefore need less protein. Protein foods stimulate the body cells and cause them to burn up more fuel food than is actually required. Thus if we overeat of this type of food we may expect an increase in heat production just in proportion to the protein taken. If you think you must eat meat, cut it down to not more than once a day, and better two or three times a week — best not at all. Lower your intake of eggs, beans, lentils, and peas. Use lots of fruit and fresh vegetables. Vegetable and fruit salads, lots of lettuce, fruit juices, and good cold water offer a mainstay for the individual who is more interested in health than appetite during the summer.

Another hot-weather food suggestion is — keep ice. Food is neither fit nor palatable unless it is kept cold. Milk for the baby is especially dangerous unless kept on ice to prevent unwholesome changes.

values, Jesus Christ declared again: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36. Instead, the Master admonished His followers to use the wonderful Lamp that knows no darkness: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39.

Like the great searchlights of this century, the Bible shines brighter and brighter through the darkness of sin. It is well to use the great lights as they pierce the blackness of night, but let not the eyes become so blinded by their glow that we forget the Lamp that leads to life eternal and "shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Tampering with the Seal on God's Law

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Sunday instead of Saturday?

Ans.—We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.—"The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine," Rev. Peter Geiermann, C. SS. R., p. 50, 2nd. edition, 1910.

Could human language be more explicit? There is but one conclusion for every candid mind. The charge is fully sustained by confirmatory evidence, by Protestant admissions as well as Catholic claims.

That a change has been effected in the practice of Christendom is indisputable. But has God's law for humanity actually been changed in His sight? That is the vital question. Could an earthly church composed of mortal men really get its fingers on the divine law and change that so that the alteration becomes valid and authoritative in the eyes of God? There can be but one answer. If the citizens of your state should change the wording of their copies of the Constitution of the United States, would that local act affect the original in any sense, or release your state's citizens from its solemn obligations? Would that assumption nullify the authority and jurisdiction of the Constitution of the federal government? To ask the question is to have the answer. Not until the government at Washington is overthrown and the original draft forcibly altered.

Then talk about puny man changing the eternal law of God. Not till you can sweep up through interstellar space to the dwelling place of the Eternal, not till you can break through the bodyguard of angels in the court room of the Supreme Judge of the universe, not till you can dethrone the Almighty One himself and wrench from their position in the ark of His testament those imperishable tables of the Everlasting Ten, can God's law be changed and mankind released

from its original obligations. Men may mutilate the copy God has given them. They may strike out one of the ten and substitute another in its place, they may indeed "think to change times and laws," but woe unto them who trifle therewith. There is a crime called treason, and it has a penalty that is commensurate with the deed. God's law stands forever as the standard of the judgment and the universal rule of human conduct.

Treason is the climax of all crimes. He who commits murder takes a life,

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but he who seeks to subvert law seeks the destruction of life's safeguard by which life is protected and crime punished. The government has the sole right to dictate terms or conditions upon which rebels may be restored to citizenship. He who will not accept the conditions is a traitor still. His relationship can be changed only by accepting the terms of unqualified submission to the laws formerly transgressed, and acceptance of the plan or condition offered by the government for his restoration.

THE END OF THE TIME

NOW observe the specified time of the "little horn's" spiritual domination. It was to hold sway for three and a half prophetic years, which makes 1260 prophetic days (Rev. 12:14, 6). That a day in prophecy uniformly stands for a year in accomplishment is recognized by nearly all Bible students. (Ezek. 4:4-6; Num. 14:34.) So in this case the 1260 prophetic days represent 1260 years in actual fulfillment.

Having located the beginning of this period of dominance in 538, we can easily find the termination of its governmental supremacy. Napoleon dispatched General Berthier to Rome, and on Feb. 10, 1798, he took Pius VI prisoner, the aged pontiff dying in exile in Valence, France. Europe thought for a moment that the Papacy was dead, but it was

only the prophetic period that had ended. In 1798, just 1260 years after the spiritual supremacy was established in 538, that spiritual dominance was overthrown and the Papacy has never since enjoyed the same prerogatives among the powers of the earth.

Yes, the prophetic period had expired; but the changes wrought during that time remained graven on the face of Europe. Nevertheless, "the judgment was set," the prophet says in verse 26. Remember these three things: There is a seeing Eye, a hearing Ear, and a recording Hand. The little horn's defiance, his encroachments, his usurpations, have all been noted by the heavenly tribunal. God is in His heaven. He is not asleep. He has not abandoned His prerogatives. He has not lost His omnipotence. His abhorrence of trampled truth has not abated because it is restrained for a time. God can afford to wait till human encroachments are full, for the years of eternity are His.

An infallibly accurate and full account of it all is in the Books. And the reckoning day is at hand when every wrong will be punished and every right will be vindicated. Ponder the scene of that great transaction. No sublimer description of a sublime scene is to be found in the English language, grand and lofty in its imagery, mighty and inexorable in its fact. And it is recorded for the comfort of the children of God. Truth long crushed to earth will rise triumphant over its foes. God will judge the great pretender, and exalt the defenders of His outraged law.

Yet the little horn's greatest assumptions come near the close of its long career, after the judgment is begun. Note particularly the adverb of time, "then." It refers to a particular period. "I beheld *then* because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake." Verse 11. Following immediately upon the declaration of the convening judgment and in contrast to its solemn stand, the prophet sees the audacity and error of its final presumption, accomplished in all probability when the Vatican Council on July 21, 1870, by a vote of 538 to 2 proclaimed the infallibility of the pope, clothing mortal man with the prerogatives of Deity.

But the little horn is summoned to judgment, to give an account of his unlawful deeds. He who acclaimed himself the judge of the consciences of men is now to be judged by the Eternal, with the law he has flouted as the code supreme. He who set in motion the machinery of inquisition must receive the punishment that is his due. He who so often resorted to the stake will be given to the flame. Thus will end his career, according to the solemn and unbreakable word of the living God. And the court that judges and punishes him will vindicate and enfranchise the saints in their eternal kingdom forever.

Winning Back the Lost Possession

By Charles M. Snow

IN THE days to come, when sin and all the results of sin have been forever blotted out of God's universe, we shall understand perhaps better than we do now, what redemption and restoration cost. But the accomplishment was of such infinite value that God kept back nothing that was necessary to it.

As victor in war, Satan had a technical claim to the kingdoms of this world; but it was not a just claim. He had won the world, and had established a claim to the mastery and ownership over man and all that man possessed, but it was through deceit and fraud and misrepresentation and lying. However, God determined to win it back through Christ by means that could never be questioned in the ages to come.

On the mount of temptation, the Price of our redemption stood face to face with the father of lies, of fraud, of deceit, of murder, the usurper of man's dominions, the vilifier of God and of His government. Jesus Christ realized that He was the "last Adam," and that the fallen one who deceived and ensnared the first Adam was seeking then to ensnare Him. Therefore He exclaimed: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." In that demand for worship from the Son of God, Satan identified himself as Lucifer, the fallen lightbearer, who had conspired against the Creator of the heavens and the earth and had sought even to usurp the position and the prerogatives of God himself.

Of that fallen one and his presumptuous ambition the prophet Isaiah wrote: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." Isa. 14: 12-14.

THE DECEIVER UNMASKED

THE prophet Ezekiel tells of the wicked ambitions of the same worship-seeking sinner, whom God had thrust down from his exalted position as covering cherub, and whose destruction the Creator had decreed because of his sin and rebellion. In demanding worship of Christ, he had inadvertently thrown off his disguise, and the Prince of the Restoration saw him as he is indeed, the Prince of Ruin. The eye and heart that looks carefully to the observance of the divine will can pierce through the camouflage of the father of deceits.

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Therefore Christ names His crafty visitor and bids him begone. "Then," continues the record, "the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him." Matt. 4: 10, 11.

Christ had conquered the most subtle of Satan's deceptions, and the great deceiver fled in dismay.

But he did not flee from the world, nor did he abandon his attempts to destroy the Saviour of mankind. Right through the period of our Saviour's ministry the adversary of Christ sought to stir up wicked rulers and wicked men to take His life. Luke records two such attempts in the early part of Jesus' ministry, when men rose up against Him, led Him to the brow of a hill, and sought to throw Him down to death. "But He passing through the midst of them went His way," and continued to carry on His work. Again He "taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy Him."

Again the record is: "Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill Him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray Him unto them in the absence of the multitude." Luke 22: 1-6.

THE CROWN OF THORNS

THERE is a marked significance in the inspired declaration that Satan entered into Judas. All the opposition of the Jewish leaders was inspired by that destroyer of souls. He had not changed his characteristics nor his ambition since he stood before the "woman" to devour the Child as soon as He should be born. That conspiracy against the spotless Lamb of God grew more intense and persistent until He hung nail-pierced and thorn-crowned upon a Roman cross.

God had cursed the earth with *thorns* because man had yielded its possession to Satan. What fiendish and subtle malevolence is seen in the placing of that *crown of thorns* upon the head of the dying Redeemer! If anything were lacking to demonstrate the bitterness of Satan's hatred toward God and the Son of God, it was seen in that cruel addition to the sufferings of the Christ. He had come as the rightful King of the world — not of the Jews only; and so Satan, the usurper of this world's kingship, crowns Him with the *curse* of the world. He had come as man's

substitute, to bear the penalty for man's transgression; the weight of the world's sin was rolled upon Him, and He was crushed under it, so that He cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" And to that unutterable grief is added the poignant pain of the piercings of that crown of the curse. If there had been no devil up to that time, it would be necessary that one should be produced, if that cruel act were to be performed. His pent-up hatred of at least four thousand years was focused upon that dark hour and upon that sinless One, upon whom rested the mighty work of reconciliation between mankind and God.

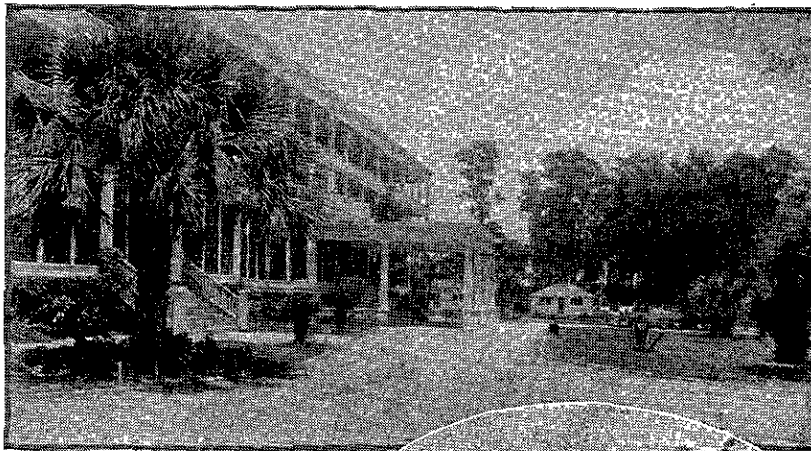
HATE OUTDOES ITSELF

FROM the day when God promised Adam and Eve a Redeemer until the day when Pilate yielded to the clamorings of the Jewish leaders, that one malignant thought of destroying the Saviour had possessed the soul of man's deceiver. That day on bleak Calvary was the fruition of Satan's hopes. But his hate seems to have blinded his eyes to the fact that Jesus was dying as the sinless sacrifice for the sins of mankind. Dying thus, though dying in man's stead, no law in all the universe could hold Him in His tomb. His death in sinlessness was a triumph over sin. His substitutional death in spotless purity made Him the efficient Sacrifice that man's salvation demanded. He was thus the Lamb that had been slain in type since the day of Abel's first sacrifice outside the gates of Eden.

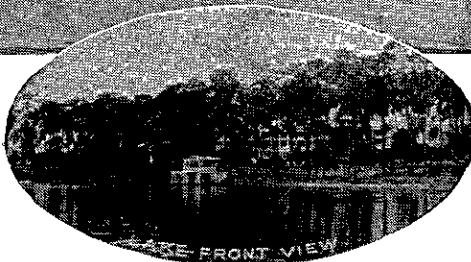
Satan had brought about the death of the Son of God; but that triumphant death made Him in very deed the Saviour of men. That death opened the way for man into the life eternal. Satan had overshot the mark. That death of the Son of God was to bring man out from under the curse of the law, out from under the condemnation of death eternal. Because of His own sinlessness, death could not hold Him in its grim embrace. Therefore the messenger of heaven speeds to the silent tomb that the Roman guard had sealed, scatters the watchers by the glory and power of his presence, shatters the seal by which the human hand had sought to hamper the powers of the infinite God, rolls back the stone that shut the Saviour from the world He had come to save, and calls man's sinless Sacrifice back to life again. Our liberation from the thralldom of sin and our prospect of immortality stepped with our risen Lord that blessed morn from Joseph's rock-hewn tomb.

It is because of what that resurrection means to us that our Saviour later declared: "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forever

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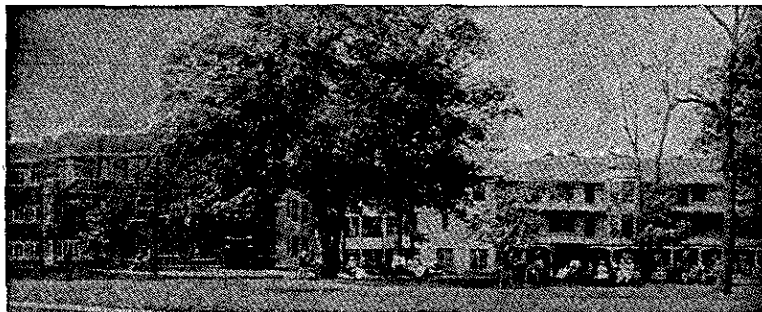
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more, Amen; and have the keys of hell [the grave] and of death." Rev. 1:18. The keys are taken now from the hands of the grim jailer, Death; the bars of the tomb are broken asunder; and when He wills, He will summon the prisoners to life again. His declaration to the sister of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life," was spoken not for Lazarus' sake alone, but for all who sleep in Death's embrace. The remainder of that sentence is filled with hope for a dying world: "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.

Man was God's possession, lost through sin. Through righteousness Christ has won that possession back, *if we will have it so*. The world was man's possession, lost through sin. Through righteousness Christ has won it back, and will soon claim it, whether we as individuals will have a part in it or not. We may, *if we will*, be joint heirs in the riches of eternity with Him who has made it possible. What wonderful love and condescension! And what a glorious prospect God holds before the children of men!

Hands Off

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the King of nations, of its legislatures and courts, through the representation of high church dignitaries, then the American principle of separation of church and state is all wrong. If religion is to be enacted into civil law and enforced by the civil magistrate, then the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution is a travesty on the wisdom of the founding fathers of the American Republic. We might as well throw down all the barriers that separate the church and the state, and give the church a free hand to make all our laws and sit as the arbiter of every civil and religious question.

This is exactly what our modern "reformers" are setting out to accomplish through the church organizations and combinations. The Rev. Dr. Sam Small, D.D., a staunch supporter and lecturer for the National Reform Association, who recently appeared before the Congressional Committee in behalf of a drastic compulsory observance bill, which was designed to become a model law for the whole nation, said in a sermon in Kansas City, Mo.: "I want to see the day come when the church shall be the arbiter of all legislation, state, national, and municipal; when the great churches of the country can come together, harmoniously, and issue their edict, and the legislative powers will respect it, and enact it into laws."

The present-day tendency is to work for church unity and combination, not of faith but of policy. The great Protestant church organizations are combining, confederating,

and consolidating into one gigantic ecclesiastical machine of influence and power to bring pressure to bear upon our political institutions and law-making bodies in behalf of moral and religious measures, which they are sponsoring ostensibly for the advancement of the public welfare but in reality for the promotion of religion and church interests. If these churches were combining for the purpose of evangelizing the world through the preaching of the gospel of peace and good will among men, we would be among the first to bid them Godspeed in their laudable undertaking. But according to their own published statements, some of these reform organizations have lost all faith in what they call "the old, slow way of preaching the gospel to individuals and leaving it with the individual to decide the issue for himself." They claim they have found a more speedy way of gaining converts for the kingdom of God, and that is by reforming men through law *en masse*, and by committing our legislatures to the espousal of the cause of the Christian religion.

During the past decade, this political program has been prominently set forth in the pulpits of certain Protestant churches, and all kinds of ecclesiastical and political alliances have been formed for the purpose of secularizing religion and spiritualizing politics. The result is that both are becoming more and more corrupt through these unholy alliances. The churches in this combination are losing their influence and prestige with the public; and the civil government is losing its influence and hold upon its citizenry. In fact, during the past decade, the Protestant churches that have joined this ecclesiastical and political combination, and have launched their religio-political program, have lost more than 500,000 church members annually according to the report of their own statisticians. There are a number of factors that have produced this great annual loss of church members for the past ten years, but it is admitted that the one chief factor is the solemn fact that the pulpit has been largely transformed into a political forum instead of an evangel of peace and good will among men.

The appeal of the pulpit is to the policeman's club instead of to the cross of Calvary. Christ is represented as a stern exactor of justice, driving the evil doers out of the temple with a whip of cords, instead of the meek and lowly Nazarene seeking to win and woo sinners by the power of His love, and the result is empty pews. People refuse to follow a church creed that puts a civil padlock upon the conscience of the individual. Force is a poor substitute for faith in religion. Civil law is a poor omnibus for the promotion of religious obligations. "Love is the fulfilling of the law" in the kingdom of Christ. The power of persuasion and the power of

love are the only powers God intended should ever dominate the human heart in the realm of religion. No man is wise enough, good enough, or great enough, to sit in judgment upon the motives of another man's faith. God made the conscience free, and He never intended that any man or combination of men should ever enslave it.

The modern idea that God is going "to restore the kingdom" and "make all things new" through the churches has given the churches a new incentive to enter the political arena and establish the churches' supremacy over all things in this world through reform legislation and political evolution. If the people of the American Republic deliver the scepter of civil government into the hands of ecclesiastics, the Republic might as well write "Ichabod" over its threshold. Whenever that unfortunate event happens, the American Republic will go the way of the nations of the past whose glory is now written in the ruins that once marked the magnificence of a glorious past.

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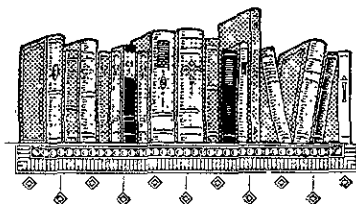
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