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BLIND MAN'S BLUFF

MAN'S eye for seeing into the future is blind. The only way he can know the future, by depending entirely on himself, is to count on history repeating itself. So he knows the future by the past. History does repeat itself, but not always. That which has been will be, maybe. And, too, history's cycles of repetition are not always the same length. Nor in an age of progress are its recurring events of the same character or quality.

The World War came; but who was expecting it? Assuredly not the historians and the wiseacres. In fact, there had never before been so many assurances of perpetual peace as were proclaimed just before 1914.

Who can tell what is just ahead now, except by making very general and vague forecasts dependent on things going on as they seem to be going on now? Will Russia and Japan fight this year over Far East dominance? Will Japan and the United States plunge into war on the Pacific by 1936? Will the inevitable next war start in a flare-up of this Japanese-Russian-American triangle?

Will the spark of war be set off in Central Europe? If so, will some weak and obscure nation like Austria be the inciting cause; or will the clamoring ascendancy of Fascism in Italy or Nazi power in Germany provoke the fray?

Are democratic forms of government dead letters? Is growing absolutism destined to displace the liberty which the common people have been fighting for these three centuries? Is freedom a "stinking corpse," to quote Premier Mussolini?

To what are we headed?—A chaos of anarchy, or a cosmos of Utopian perfection? Will civilization progress for another hundred or thousand years as it has in the recent past? Or do we face an awful catastrophe which will obliterate our present order entirely?

Scores of prophets hold forth in newspaper and magazine articles, and from platform, pulpit, and radio, making cocksure predictions of how the present con-

fusion will emerge. But they all differ, each from the others. The conglomerate of their spoutings sounds like Babel.

We give them credit for doing the best they can. But they are not seers. They are blind to the future. And many of them know their blindness. Hence what they say is bluff. For they are scared not to be optimistic.

Every man likes to be thought wise, and to *be* wise. Wisdom must know the future, the outcome; for what course is best to take now depends altogether on how that course will end in the future.

We are trying new things, experiments in society, government, economies, religion, finance, labor. Since the like of them has never been tried before, we cannot judge their success or failure by the past. The future alone can tell us. And who knows the future? God does!

And He has set down in His book all we need to know of the future to guide our steps aright now. We confidently affirm that in the Bible may be found the adequate and satisfying answer to every query and quandry of men today. And not alone in religion. But also in political, economic, and social affairs. The Bible is the world's unknown Book, though it is the best seller, the most universal gift, and the book most widely read.

We call everyone back to the Book. It is the only fog camera for these times. Through it, and through it alone, we see. Without its guidance dire destruction looms ahead for every individual in the world. This is not a prophecy of doom. It is a word of warning, a happy omen of the way through to safety.

If we could stand at a vantage point a few years from now and look back, we could see what to do now. The Word places us at that vantage point. We urge every reader of these lines to stand with us on the absolute authority of God's word, and thus to see the light that penetrates the gross darkness that now enshrouds the future.

THE NEWS

Reviewed for Busy People

With the commencement of President Roosevelt's second year in office, criticism of, and opposition to, governmental policies is much more widespread and vocal. There seems to be a sentiment that prosperity is returning, and nothing can stop it now; so, without the past year's danger of "rocking the boat," the public, Congress, and big business feel free to find serious fault with the New Deal. In spite of much radical disagreement with his plans, the President continues to get the popular acclaim. Personally, he is very much the national hero.

The N.R.A. has suffered much at the hands of critics and "chiselers," and appears to be passing rather than permanent. Nevertheless, its modified methods are sure to put a mold on America's future economic policies.

The United States Government has refused permission for American financial interests to loan money to governments, such as France, which have defaulted in payments of war debts to Uncle Sam.

The Philippines Independence Bill has become law, subject to approval by the Philippine Legislature. It provides for freedom of the islands after ten or twelve years; but for ten years thereafter they will be still subject to certain restrictions.

War threats and menaces have quieted down again. Spring was supposed to bring fighting; but it brought a lull. Japan is much more conciliatory, France and Austria stopped rioting, Germany is recovering from the first violence of its Nazi revolution, and several peace pacts have been signed which promise to insure international tranquillity for a little longer.

Periodically religion is treated as a fad. The latest are the serial publication, in a wide range of newspapers throughout the world, of Charles Dickens's "Life of Our Lord" for children; a recent version of the entire Bible, by Goodspeed and Smith; and a series of comments on "The Sermon on the Mount," by Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace. The keynote of the last is, "For 1900 years it seemed the Sermon on the Mount was economic nonsense: now its realization is not only possible; it is the only way out of chaos."

In the view of Europe the League of Nations is about to collapse.

From the London Morning Post

JUNE, 1934

We judge from many complaints that, while some "forgotten men" have been remembered, there are still large classes of men who are more than ever forgotten. The answer given is that the complete recovery cannot be accomplished in a year.

Chemists predict that in ten years we will begin to extract gold from seawater. It is estimated that there are one and one-half billion ounces of gold in the sea, which would give every inhabitant on earth about \$24,500.

So far, serious labor strikes have been averted, in some cases by last-minute intervention by the President; but industrial relations are still critical.

From 1920, when Jews in any considerable numbers began to return to Palestine, to 1932, about 2,000 immigrated from Germany to the Holy Land. In 1933 alone, 10,000 German Jews moved to Palestine. This influx was, of course, due to the anti-Semitic activities of the Hitler program. The immigrants are of the best classes,—engineers, physicians, chemists,—and have added from thirty to fifty million dollars of cash wealth to the land of their adoption.

The Jewish boycott on German goods is having a serious effect on German exports.

Making use of infra-red rays, a fog camera is now being operated on some large ships. With it pictures can be taken through fog at a distance twice as far as can be seen with the naked eye.

Bacteria have been found in ancient pre-Inca and pre-Aztec pyramids which show evidence of having survived for thousands (scientists say millions) of years, under conditions not conducive to the maintenance of life.

The chief examiner of New York City's public schools made the statement that 1,500 of the city's 36,000 public school teachers are either emotionally unstable or insane. New York parents hope it isn't so, and the teachers insist it isn't.

Hard times have brought education in the United States to a serious crisis. Too often, economic cuts hit the schools and teachers first and hardest. Thousands of schools have been closed. A national conference was held in Columbus, Ohio, to arouse public sentiment to the danger of the situation. Attention was called to the billions being spent for armaments and soldier training, while children go uneducated.

The Nazi program for a better Germany includes the forbidding of divorce to parents, though divorce will be made easier for childless couples.



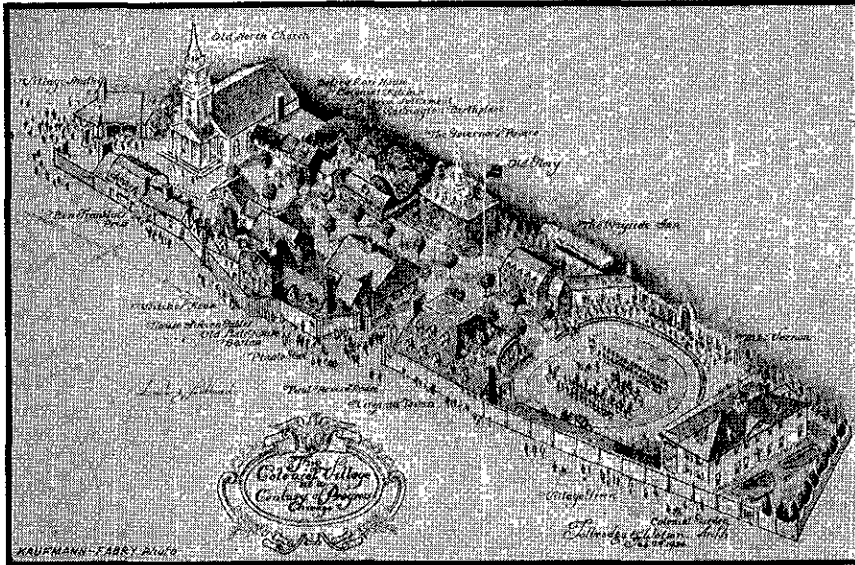
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"Peace and Safety"

THE war scares of the winter months have died down with the advent of spring. But we are convinced that there is no abandonment of the war idea, but only a postponement of the war beginning. When one power gets stronger than its neighbors, it talks war if its wishes are not met. But before it can find a provocation, the surrounding

that the average man has an inherent instinct for gambling. If the speculative instinct of our people could be turned into other channels, this instinct might be satisfied without far-reaching economic consequences which come from widespread speculation in the stock market." This advice to President Roosevelt last January is being taken seriously in many states. New York,

are being made by "spiritual wickedness in high places" to help us out of an economic morass into which we fell by our own speculative spree. Gambling got us into trouble. Will gambling get us out? Licensed gambling would bring huge income to the state treasury, but not nearly enough to pay for such debauching of human character.



One of the new features of the Century of Progress Exposition this summer: a New England Colonial village.

nations have bristled with armaments, or alliances, or bluff, and it decides to back down for a riper time. National consciousness of readiness to attack successfully is what precipitates war, not threats and propaganda.

Let the careful observer note that the cry of peace is more dangerous than the cry of war. There is strategy in unexpected outbreak and surprise attack. Peace propaganda is a camouflage as well as war propaganda. And this is in accordance with divine prophecy which says, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thessalonians 5:3. Don't be deceived by the peace and safety siren.

Taxes and Gambling

UNDETERRED by the demoralizing and corrupting experiences of other countries in resorting to lotteries to support the state, strong influences are working to capitalize the take-a-chance tendency in Americans also, to make up tax deficiencies. Says Assistant Secretary of Commerce John Dickenson: "It must always be recognized

Ohio, and Kansas are toying with the idea of disguised state lotteries to raise revenue. The gambling idea spreads like a fever.

Can it be that our sober legislators actually plan to play on the unethical and demoralizing "inherent instinct for gambling" in human nature to take the place of honest tax levies? It seems so. "Death and taxes" have always been linked as certain to come. Are we coming to death and a raffle ticket?

Life does not give anyone something for nothing. We always pay in some coin for what we get. Gambling is an outgrowth of a desire to get something for nothing. But the divine dictum is that "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." In common with all unnatural sinful desire, the gambling instinct is corrupting. In principle, as well legitimize and tax the committing of murder, theft, and rape as to license gambling.

It is a shame to America and Christianity that such appalling suggestions

"Contro" Loses Control

THE same newspapers which assured us that Prohibition did not prohibit, and therefore fought successfully for its repeal, now tell us that "control" of liquor, for which they fought, does not control youthful gin parties and drunken orgies, and intoxicated automobile drivers, and all the corrupt and gory mess that liquor causes. The United States is learning that there can be no such thing as control of liquor consumption. The whisky, wine, and beer flood-gates are open, and we are due the deluge. And woe to youth!

Hardly a promise that the wets made for repeal has been fulfilled. Our young people are more than ever exposed to danger, bootlegging goes on and even increases, crime flourishes, revenue is lost in additional cost of paying the bills of intoxication. Accidents and deaths from the irresponsibility of drunken automobile drivers are on the increase, and all the dries had feared as a result of the repeal has fallen upon us.

What are we going to do about it? Why, just fight on, keep on trying to protect the innocent, and to save the guilty from themselves. That is all Christians can ever do.

"Christ," by Dickens

CHARLES DICKENS, outstanding English novelist of a former generation, once wrote a life of Christ, not for publication, but for his children's reading. He stated in his will that the story was not to be published during his children's lifetime. Recently his last child died, and the heirs sold the story for publication at about \$15.00 a word, totaling \$200,000. It has been syndicated in newspapers throughout the world.

Dickens's name alone makes this version of Christ's life unique or great. It is not Biblical, and its author seems to have mixed much fiction in it as in his other stories.

The narrative teaches, among other errors, that all children have to do to get to heaven is to be good; that Jesus was the son of Joseph, and that God loved Him as His own Son because "He grew up to be so good"; that He was called Saviour, not because He saves people from their sins, but because He taught people how to hope to go to heaven after death. Author Dickens does not teach that Christ came to remit sins. There are many misstatements of fact, and serious omissions, in this "life" that make it an unsafe story for youth to read if they would know what Christ really meant to the world. We recommend in its stead the book, "Christ Our Saviour" (\$1.25), Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee, or "The Story of Jesus" (25c.), same publisher.

Organized Crime

FROM time to time we think we reach the climax in bold and dastardly crimes in the United States, and then we have to revise our estimates, enlarge our figures, and search our vocabularies for more adequate descriptive terms. Attorney General Cummings says members of organized criminal gangs outnumber the army and navy,—a startling statement. The States seem to be unable to cope with the situation, and the Federal Government is taking the matter in hand. The gangs are taking advantage of facilities for fast travel to flee from State to State and so avoid detection and arrest. Legislation is being sought to control the sale of arms and in other ways curb criminality.

Hold-up gangs, torture gangs, kidnaping gangs, bank-robbing gangs, racket gangs—all are plying a nefarious trade with great success. We get tired of reading of \$100,000 robberies, and murdered victims of kidnapers and stick-up men. So far, the writer has escaped being a victim of crime, but he pays his part of the two-billion-dollar annual tax that is indirectly placed on the citizens by the enormous cost of crime.

The crime catastrophe is not entirely a result of our times. The British Isles do not have one tenth the number of crimes which we have. And Russia, with all her faults in our eyes, has comparatively an infinitesimal amount of lawbreaking. Liberty, as we know it, is unknown in the Soviet Republic,

and this in part accounts for its few criminals. But no doubt we have too much license (so-called liberty) in the United States. The American public, say foreigners, is too much swayed by emotional excitement and greed for gain, and not enough by plain justice. We must plead guilty to that indictment.

Crime is sin, and sin is the breaking of God's law. God's law is flouted by school, press, pulpit, and radio in America as it has never been before. Result, crime.

Best Sellers

EDWARD WEEKS, of the *Atlantic Monthly*, has published a list of books that have sold best in America for the past 60 years. The highest, "In His Steps," by Charles M. Sheldon, went an estimated 8,000,000. The next highest, "Freckles," by Gene Stratton Porter, sold 2,000,000 copies. And so on down the list through such books as "Ben Hur," "Tom Sawyer," "Story of the Bible," and "Pollyanna," to "Black Beauty" at 1,000,000. Books like Wells's "Outline of History," Durant's "Story of Philosophy," and Lindberg's "We," reached around half a million.

But read this from another source:

"The American Bible Society wonders about the omission of the Bible from the list, since it is away and ahead of the best seller of them all. In the period

Prosperity is on the way back, and factory men start to work.

surveyed by Mr. Weeks the American Bible Society issued 14,526,438 English Bibles, not to mention 22,097,087 English New Testaments. These figures are exclusive of all the additional sales made in America by such well-known publishers of the Scriptures as Oxford and Cambridge University Presses, Thomas Nelson and Sons, John C. Winston Company, A. J. Holman, National Publishing Company, and others. "A survey of America's 'best sellers' with no recognition of the Holy Bible is like a study of the rivers of the United States with the Mississippi left out."

Also, the publishers of Seventh-day Adventist literature want to put in a bid for tardy recognition. In the past sixty years, our books, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," "Steps to Christ," and "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" each passed the million mark years ago, and the second named has sold into many millions, and has been translated into a score or more of foreign languages. We do not have at hand now the exact figures, but will publish them later. It is an ordinary accomplishment for our new publications to be pushed in sales past the half-million goal.

Isn't it strange that, while the world is pluming itself on best sellers, it leaves out the best seller of them all, is compelled to acknowledge that a religious book ("In His Steps") sells four times better than the next best, and entirely ignores many religious books which sell by the million!



The EARTHQUAKE



ABOUT noon on the fifteenth of January, 1934, there occurred in the northeastern portion of India one of the most devastating and terrible earthquakes in the history of this country. Nothing even approaching it has been recorded for over a century.

So far as can be learned at the present time, the earthquake seems to have centered in the northern portion of the Behar Province and extended as far as Delhi, and other cities in the west, up into Nepal in the north, and hundreds of miles to the east and south. The towns of Monghya, Jamalpur, Patna, and Mazaffarpur seem to have suffered most. Monghya, in particular, is said to be in complete ruins. It has been estimated that ten thousand persons perished in this one place. Daily hundreds of bodies are being pulled out from among the debris, and buried, burned, or thrown into the rivers. There are literally thousands that will probably never be gotten out at all. Most of the buildings in that section of the country were built of mud walls or brick and covered with earthen tiles. When the earthquake came, these buildings collapsed, burying alive all those who could not get out.

VARIETY OF SHAKES

AThis does not seem to have been an ordinary kind of earthquake; for, apparently, the whole countryside shook not only up and down but from side to side also. One person who went through the experience said that he rushed out of his house and could not stand, so was obliged to sit down; but even while sitting he was knocked over and his head banged on the ground. He rolled over and over, backward and forward, up and down, until he was sick. His car, which had been standing in front of his house, moved up and down the road of its own accord. Trains were thrown over and are still lying where they were at 2:10 P.M. on the fifteenth of January.

The loss of life, which was appalling, was due to the falling of brick houses and to drowning. The earth opened in many places and swallowed people. Every brick building is down, and all factories are damaged and closed. The survivors are forced to camp out in the

OUR recent earthquake in Utah reminds us of a more terribly appalling quake of January last, an account of which is here given by our correspondent on the scene.

open. In the places where the towns were, people are living in improvised tents made of cloth, blankets, or leaves. They have no petrol, kerosene oil, stores, or good water. They sleep in the open, go to bed at seven because they have no lights, and, getting up at dawn, begin the search for food and water. The whole country is in a broken and devastated condition. The railways are broken; bridges have either sunk and disappeared or been thrown down. The straight levees now look as crooked as snakes, and the railway lines are twisted like forked lightning.

GEYSERS

At the moment the earthquake was at its worst, holes appeared in the ground, and, through these holes jets of water were shot out to a height of many feet. The holes were from an inch to feet in diameter. Many such geysers were reported to be not less than six feet in diameter, and spouted water and sand twenty or more feet high. The water dropped to a ground level within half an hour, but the geysers kept up a flow of sand and water for two days, covering all the fields with sand, in some places two feet deep. The water came from depths below and was extremely hot.

The night after the earthquake was a night of terror, pitch darkness, and people in the villages screaming for fear. The earth was like an inferno, with perpetual rumblings; and the people expected that at any moment more disasters would overtake them.

A refugee stated that upon looking back at the experience, it did not seem like an earthquake but more like some terrific explosion or a collision with another planet. With the roaring under

the earth, and the heaving above it, people just lay on the ground with their hands over their heads, covering their ears and eyes, wondering if they would have a bone left unbroken. They knew not whether the shaking would ever stop, and many thought the end of the world had come and that, when they opened their eyes, they would see the face of Christ.

Indescribable scenes took place in villages and towns when the shock came. Mothers were killed, leaving their children to the mercy of the panic-stricken people who had escaped. Whole families, except perhaps one individual, were either crushed or swallowed up by the opening earth. One business man, an eyewitness, stated that his office building completely collapsed, burying all the records, safes, and furniture underneath. The office staff fortunately escaped unhurt, beyond minor scratches. The scenes of ruin and misery around them were said to be beyond belief. In an adjoining house to his, the whole family were buried alive



A crack in the ground resulting from a recent earthquake at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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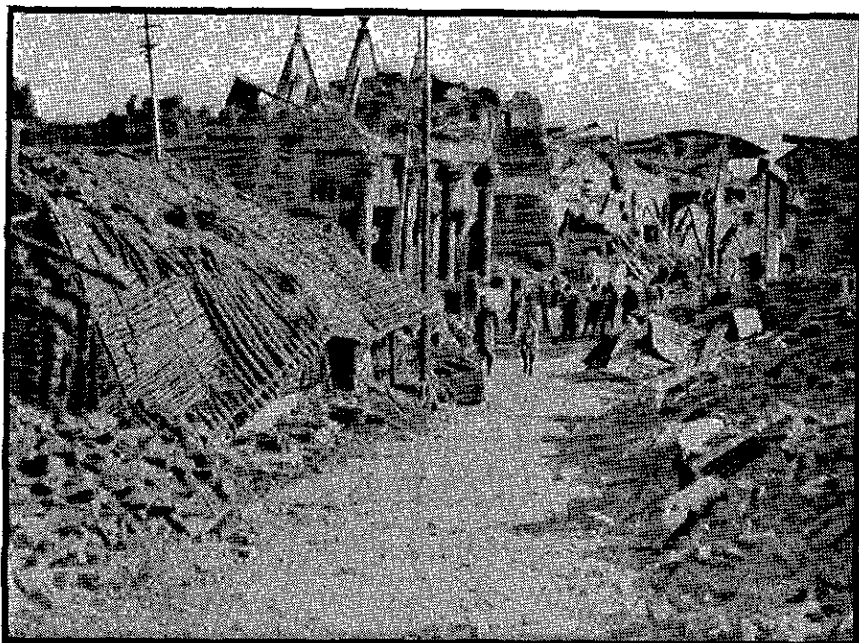
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underneath, except the owner. On the second day, on removing a part of the debris, his wife and little child were found to be alive. Further opening was made, and somehow the child was extricated alive; but the opening allowed air to rush in, and a fire, which was smoldering, blazed fiercely, and the woman was burned alive, as there was no way to save her. A young man of twenty-five was dug out of the ruins after four days. Life was not yet extinct in him, though his condition was utterly hopeless. He was removed to the hospital, but died on the way. One curious thing about the incident was that his hair and mustache had, in this short time, turned grey. One boy, twelve years old, who was the only survivor of a large family, went practically insane, and was found, several days after the occasion, still running in an effort to save his life. Little girls were found buried with their baby brothers or sisters still clinging to their backs. One man was found on the fourth day after the quake sitting upon a pile of ruins underneath which was buried his entire family. Mothers were found dead with their suckling babies still at the breast.

WHAT IS THE MEANING?

Thus we might go on relating story after story of the happenings of that fateful day. The whole countryside is in utmost confusion, lives by the thousand have been snuffed out, and money and property losses extend into the millions. Shortly after the catastrophe cold weather and rain set in, all of which added to the misery of the poor refugees. In addition to this, epidemics of smallpox and other diseases are threatening the poor people already so terribly stricken.

We know not why these particular places have been called upon to suffer such a heavy blow. There are several possible explanations given by those who say they know; but we know not



Ruins of a town in India after the terrific earthquake of a few months ago

the actual cause. But one thing we do know is that such happenings taking place from time to time in different parts of the earth fulfill in a very definite way the prophecies of the Bible with reference to the last days of the world. Such things are to be recognized by the people of the world as definite signs of the approaching end. Read the following verses:

WARNINGS OF GREATER

“And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Matt. 24:6-8.

“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood: and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.” Revelation 6:12, 13.

“And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.” Revelation 8:5.

These verses, taken from the Bible, all have reference to events just prior to the second advent of Christ, and

they all mention earthquakes. In recent years we have had several serious earthquakes, such as the one in Japan a few years back, the one in Burma more recent still, and one year ago, the one on the Pacific Coast. Now comes this one. God allows these things to come upon the earth to warn men of the impending doom.

There will one day be an earthquake more terrible and appalling than any that have come heretofore. We read in the book of Revelation that among the terrible things that will happen when the seven last plagues are poured out upon the earth, is the final and greatest earthquake in history. Here is the description of it:

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.” Revelation 16:17-20.

This will be the last earthquake. God speaks to us now, inviting us to turn from sin and unrighteousness, so that we may be spared eternal destruction when He finally arises to “shake terribly the earth.”

CIVILIZATION---Is It CHRISTIAN?



Russians rejoicing at the destruction of church relics. Either Christianity has been misrepresented by its devotees, or modern governments are turning decidedly anti-Christian.

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But Christianity is not of this nature; it has the opposite tendency, that of promoting peace and good will among men here upon earth—yes, it does make saints of men even here and now. The trouble is not with Christianity but with the civilization which many confuse with the former. Because a nation has attained to a high type of so-called civilization is no reason why that nation should be called Christian. It is a sad truth that many have become confused over this, because too often the missionary has opened the way for the “white man’s civilization,” which has also carried with it the “white man’s evils.”

To civilize does not mean to Christianize. The heathen of China, of Africa, or any other nation can become Christian without attaining to what we term civilization. Christianity is an inward reformation of life which, while it affects primarily the spiritual nature of man, also reflexly affects the external nature of him. Civilization does not go as deep as that. In most cases it is an external veneer beneath which lurks the savage, ready to spring into action as soon as the occasion demands. We have but to witness the recent wave of “lynchings” that has swept through this “civilized” nation.

DECEITFUL SUBSTITUTES

Jesus gave command to His followers, “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” He said nothing about making good Americans, or good Germans, or good Italians, or good

Frenchmen. Today, instead of heeding this injunction, we find a great deal of “humanizing,” “social regeneration,” and such, being held forth in place of the gospel of Christ. Instead of a lifting up of the cross of love, there is a lifting up of the wisdom of man which has in it no power to save nations or men from sin. The recent statement from a minister of a numerically large Protestant denomination reveals the trend: “A new civilization is being produced, a new social order, a new prosperity.” As a result of such teachings, what is the world actually reaping?—Chaos. Well might we say with Paul, “Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” It is because we have failed to Christianize that we have turned ourselves toward the work of merely civilizing.

CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT

The Indians in the high plateau lands of South America know very little of our vaunted civilization, yet thousands of them know of the saving power of the gospel of Christ. They may still live in their crude adobe huts, with thatched roofs of grass. They may still shear the wool from their animals and make their homespun; and they may cook their simple meals over little one-hole clay stoves, but when they know the Lord Jesus as a Saviour who saves them from their vices of coca, alcohol, fornication, and other crime, they are greater in the sight of God than all the civilizations of the world. And what is true of them is true of others. So I repeat, to Christianize is more than to civilize.

That civilization does not have power to change the hearts of men is witnessed to by such nations as Russia and Turkey. Far from being Christian, yet they are progressing in a marked way toward that outward show of civilization. We might go back to former civilizations,—those of ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome—yes, of the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas. Christianity had no

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FIFTEEN years ago the blood-stained fangs of civilized nations sheathed themselves under a temporary arrangement called “the Armistice.” The carnal slaughter of men had run into the millions; the economic destruction had placed the world under a burden of indebtedness that will never be paid; devastation of cities and lands witnessed to the terribleness of a civilization that cannot save itself from the ravages of savage warfare. And we dare to call it “civilized warfare”!

Nor do we hesitate to say that the leading nations engaged in this conflict were professedly Christian, and leaders among the “cultured” nations of the world as well. If the civilization of man tends to lead men to a better understanding of each other, to a greater sphere of common brotherhood, then why did they so madly fly at one another’s throats the moment war was declared? Again I ask, why did these nations throw the finest manhood of their kingdoms into so destructive a conflict? If what we witnessed fifteen years ago, nineteen hundred years after the Christ came to give peace to men,—I say if that is what Christianity is doing for us through our boasted civilization, then had we not just as well go back to the worship of idols, of Buddha, Confucius, or any other of the pagan gods?



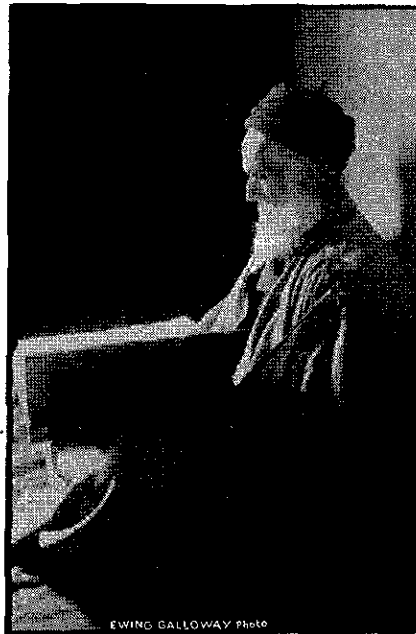
HE twentieth century is noted for its much learning. The knowledge of man is increasing by leaps and bounds. The human race is not satisfied with knowing what former generations have known, but is constantly delving into the unknown, deeper and deeper, with a craving appetite to learn more and more of the natural laws that govern the elements with which we deal day by day.

It was God who foretold the fact that in these last days knowledge would be increased, and that this increase of knowledge would lead men to run to and fro. We believe it is in harmony with the program of heaven that men and women should develop their mentality; in fact, that men and women should be mental giants. However, there is a tendency that is seen like a cord running through all of the acquisition of the knowledge of today—a tendency to read God out of all learning. It is inconsistent to do this, as God is the fountainhead of all knowledge. No matter how carefully or how deeply we may study into the laws that underlie any given field of study, we shall never be able to discover anything that God does not know; for it is God who ordained the laws that govern the forces of nature. It is He who is the author of all of the fundamental and basic laws with which we are brought in contact as we seek to understand the reason for things.

Drinking at the fountain of learning is in harmony with God's wish for us. In Proverbs 16:16 we read: "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver." Silver and gold may soon slip away from us; and even while we have them, they are wholly unable to bring us the satisfaction that true knowledge brings.

FOOLISH WISDOM

¶ We read in 1 Corinthians 3:19, 20: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. . . . The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise." The so-called wisdom that does not lead to confidence in the inspired word of God, is not wisdom at all, but is foolishness. Proverbs 9:10 clearly states that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding," and Proverbs 9:9 says: "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." These two texts of Scripture point out the fact that it is God who is the source of all real wisdom and true



An ancient sage, and the Book of Wisdom

The WAR to WISDOM

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knowledge; and the closer a man lives to God, the greater will be his chance to increase in dependable learning.

It did not take God very long to point out to Job that after all Job knew very little about the subjects of geology, psychology, biology, and all the rest of the "ology" family. And in 2 Peter 1:5-10 we have the following remarkable statement: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience

godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." The above text indicates clearly that the man who would be successful in his endeavor to obtain true learning, must learn to recognize God as the true source of that learning.

EDUCATED FOOLS

¶ What real advantage will it be to a man to delve deeply into the study of history, if in the study of history he fails to come in contact with the "Man of Sorrows"? In the end a man has utterly failed in the study of geology if in perusing that course of study, he has failed to find the "Rock of Ages." A man may delight in understanding all of the underlying laws that are brought to view in the study of botany, a man may learn how to classify all of the beautiful flowers; but of what lasting benefit will it be to him unless he has also learned to recognize and understand the "Lily of the Valley" and the "Rose of Sharon"? A man may soar ever so high in his study of that awe-inspiring subject, astronomy; but how sadly he has failed if he has not become acquainted with the "Bright and Morning Star."

We respect the man, who, as a result of pursuing the arduous tasks assigned him in his studies, is finally entitled to the degree of B. A., but with it he should recognize the necessity of being "Born Again." We honor the man who through faithful labor is credited with a M. A., but M. A. should in his experience also represent a life "Modeled Anew." The scholar who is entitled to the use of the suffix LL. D. certainly deserves our respect and honor, but how sad it would be if LL. D. in his case did not also indicate that he is living a "Life Lovingly Dedicated." He who would drink deeply at the fountain of true learning, certainly cannot afford to ignore God who is the origin of all true learning. How sad therefore to contemplate the fact that while the twentieth century is a century of great learning, it is not a century noted as it should be for deep spiritual devotion. May God help men and women to come to the Fountainhead of learning.

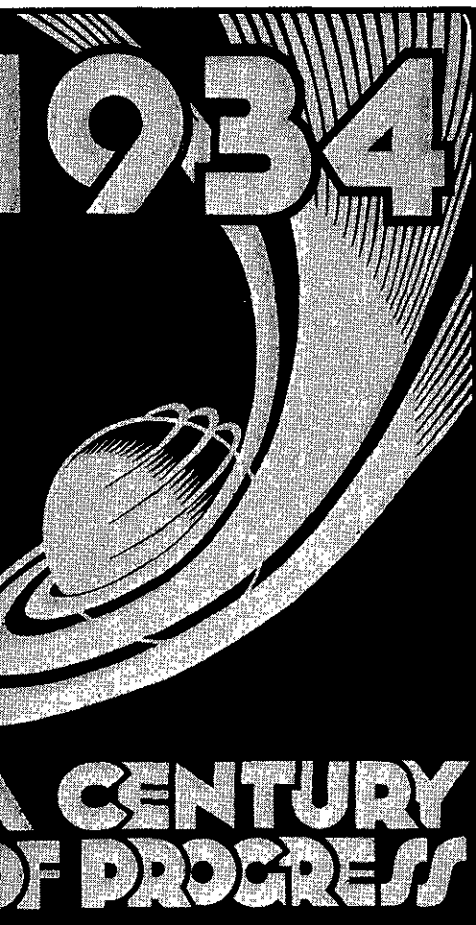


HE unprecedented prosperity of the past century, with its wonderful era of invention and discovery, as revealed in the Century of Progress Celebration of last year and in its prospective showing this year, is stirring many writers to speculate as to the future.

They base their forecasts upon the advancement of the past generation. "Who could have imagined, wading in the mired streets of Chicago one hundred years ago, the development we have achieved?" says one. "And who will dare prophesy that Chicago's progress in the coming century will not be even greater?"

The *Commerce Magazine*, which calls itself the "Business Voice of the Middle West," is the official organ of the Century of Progress. The first issue of this year is devoted largely to a prophecy of the future of human progress. A special article entitled "Notes on Invention, A.D. 2034," attempts to picture some of the inventions that

A new poster of the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago



Again millions will throng the Chicago Exposition, and see the progress of a century.

will be seen after another hundred years.

Without question the marvelous advancement of the past century is the greatest ever recorded in human history. It is beyond dispute. But how many today recognize the fact that this period of development in science and invention was predicted by the Bible prophets, and that it came for a specific purpose and for only a limited time?

The clock of time indicated that this earth's history was about finished. There was still a great work to be done that could not wait for normal developments. Therefore God flashed streams of divine light upon the world that His work might be finished in a short time. An era of invention and discovery followed.

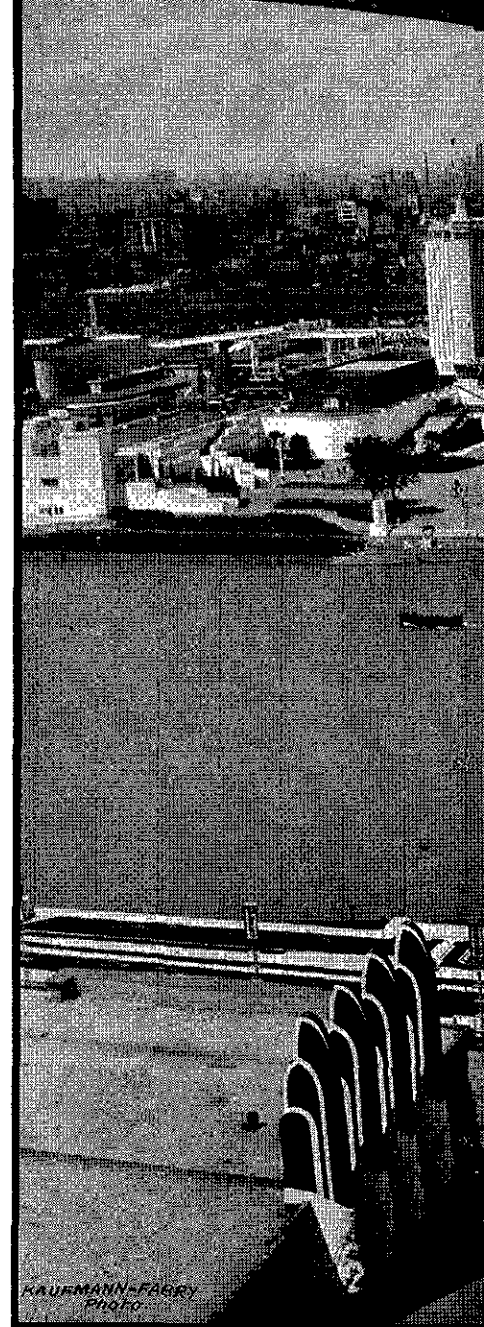
When Christ was upon earth, He was one day walking with his disciples in the city of Jerusalem. Coming to the magnificent temple, they called His attention to its beauty and architecture. Wealth, labor, and skill had been expended upon it for more than forty years. Both Roman wealth and Jewish treasure had endowed it. Massive blocks of white marble had been sent from Rome to enhance its beauty. It could have stood forever.

Christ saw the future. With sadness He told them that the time would come when the city would be destroyed and that not one stone of the temple would be left upon another. To them such a calamity seemed impossible; but the student of history knows that it came true. The words of Christ were the truth.

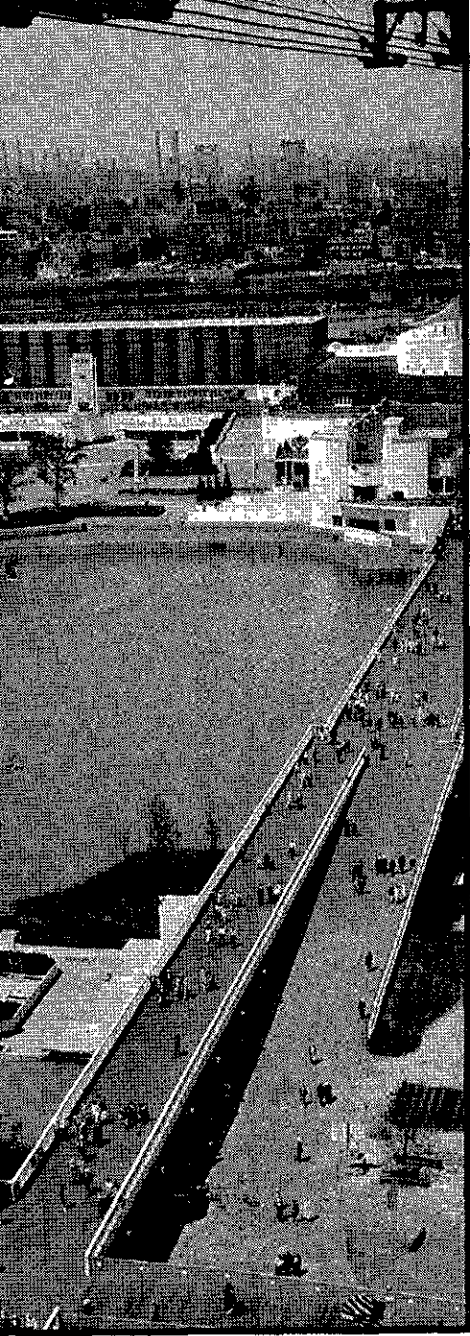
Will PROGRESS for ANOTHER

Through the skill and ingenuity of modern man, wonders have been accomplished in almost every science and industry. And today, like the disciples of old, the world is pointing to these performances as signs of continued progress and prosperity. They see only "progress onward and upward forever."

Christ has a message for this generation infinitely more startling than that given to the men of His time. Prophet



after prophet has sounded the fateful warning. It is nothing less than the destruction, not only of the great cities of the earth, with their beautiful and mighty structures, but the fall of the world with all man's work going down in the crash!



By Claude E. Holmes

Christ himself gave the reason for this sudden appearance of knowledge and travel: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; then shall the end come." Matthew 24: 14. The multitudes of earth must hear the gospel truth; when this is accomplished then the end will come. This spread of gospel knowledge throughout the world is rapidly coming to pass, through the help of the many inventions and discoveries.

BETTER THAN MAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Following closely upon the finishing of this message will be the return of Christ and the close of this earth's history. What then becomes of the great cities, with their monuments of wisdom, knowledge, invention, and wickedness? Jeremiah the prophet recorded a scene of war and destruction in which "all the cities thereof were broken down." (Jeremiah 4: 26.)

And the apostle John, as he sat upon the Isle of Patmos looking down into the future, saw a great earthquake in which the "cities of the nations fell." (Revelation 16: 19.)

This is not a pleasing picture for those who judge the future by the immediate past. Many do not care to hear any message declaring that all their material plans and policies extending years ahead will soon come to naught.

But those who believe the word of God know that the end of this "present evil world" is at hand, and look for the

ushering in of a new earth "wherein dwelleth righteousness." By faith they see a city that will never be destroyed, which "hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." (Hebrews 11: 10.)

"God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions," said Solomon. Too many of the inventions of today are used to degrade instead of to elevate man.

There is a question whether man himself would be able long to survive the speed of his own progress were time to continue. He has been "called upon in about a century and a half," says one scientist (Waldemar Kaempfert, N. Y. Times, Jan. 28, 1934) "to withstand the storm and stress of a new and nerve-racking machine culture."

Because of this predicament he has contracted peculiar diseases. "His nerves and his heart cannot stand the increasing tempo. In a word, his physical, chemical, and nervous adaptation to his rapidly changing environment is distinctly bad."

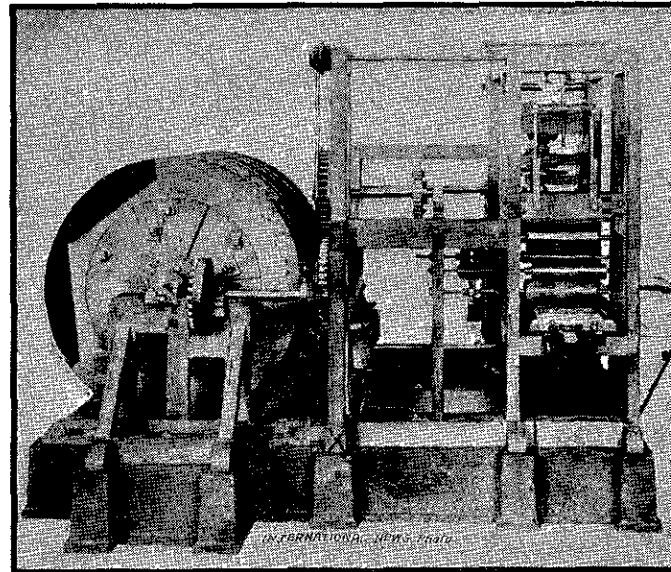
Material things are fast supplanting the moral and spiritual in the lives of the people. They are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. While advancing in wisdom and knowledge they are waxing worse and worse in crime and sin.

For many years those who warned of the conditions that are now seen in the world were called fanatics and pessimists. But every periodical today corroborates their testimony. It should stimulate men to seek for the essential, eternal things of life. For the time of prosperity, the era of discovery and invention, is nearly over. It is rapidly fulfilling its purpose, and Christ will soon return.

CONTINUE ER CENTURY?

Daniel recorded the message that in the "time of the end" "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." The time of the end began about the year 1798, as revealed in the Scriptures. About that time invention and discovery began to increase.

Modern printing has made phenomenal progress from this, the first printing machine, which was constructed in 1803 in Germany.



WHEN Christ Comes---



MOUNTAINS will be moved out of their places, the cities of the world will be laid in ruins, the greatest earthquake in history will shake the earth, and millions of men and women will fall dead at the appearing of Jesus Christ when He comes the second time to this earth.

The following Bible texts give a description of the desolation which will be spread everywhere by His coming: "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:14-17. As I have driven through mountain passes and looked at the great, massive, stalwart mountain peaks, I have thought of the day when they will be moved out of their places. It is evident that this happens at the coming of Jesus; for at the same time the wicked plead to be hidden from the face of the Lord who is seen coming upon His throne.

THE EARTH DESOLATED

Jeremiah pictures the effect upon the earth of Christ's coming in these words: "I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end." Jeremiah 4:26, 27. Thus this prophet adds that the cities are to be laid in ruin, and that desolation will be seen everywhere in the earth. He makes plain the time of this occurrence by explaining that it happens "at the presence of the Lord."

The great earthquake that is to come is foretold by John in the Book of Revelation. "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. . . . And there were voices, and thunders,

WHAT THEN?

By
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and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Revelation 16:15, 18. There have been terrible earthquakes in the past, but God says the greatest one will be witnessed at the time of His coming.

There will be a separation of the righteous and the wicked when Jesus comes. Today the sinner and the saint live and walk side by side. The sinner says to the righteous, "You are foolish. I have the pleasures of the world; you must give them all up to be a Christian. Yours is a life of sacrifice; my life is free to enjoy a good time." But some day it will be seen that it pays to serve Jesus. The prophet Malachi, writing of the return of Christ to this earth, says: "Then shall ye return, and

discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." Malachi 3:18.

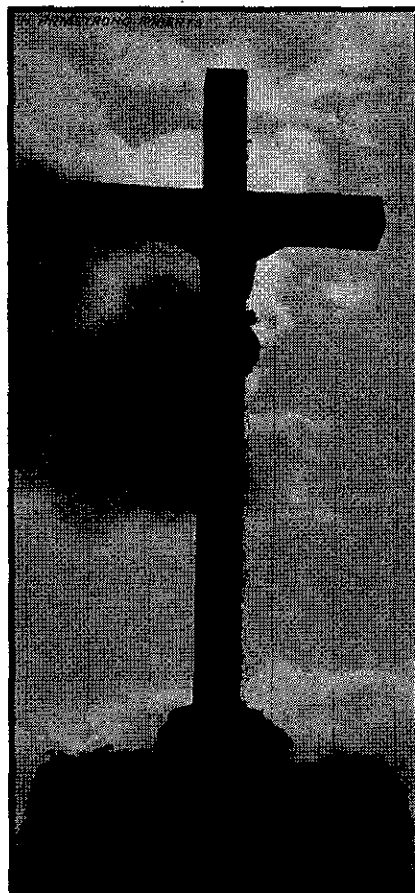
The wicked will flee in terror when they see Jesus coming. Their faces will gather paleness, their knees will smite together, their countenances will be changed, and they will cry in anguish of soul, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:20.

They will be smitten dead by the coming of the Lord. Concerning this we read, "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." Isaiah 66:15. Jeremiah declares: "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." Jeremiah 25:33.

THE WICKED DESTROYED

John writing in the book of Revelation states that all the wicked will be struck dead by the coming of Jesus. He pictures Him coming as a warrior; the angels who come with Him are spoken of as the armies of heaven; and at this time an angel cries for the fowls of heaven to eat the flesh of all men. The Scripture reads as follows: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. . . . And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in white linen, white and
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When Christ comes again, the shadow of the cross will give place to the glory of a living King.



~ Just What the Bible Says ~

The Memorial of Creation and Re-creation

1. In connection with what event in this earth's history was the first mention of the Sabbath?

"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." Genesis 2: 2, 3.

2. In connection with what event in this earth's history is the last mention of the Sabbath?

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 65: 17; 66: 22, 23.

3. For how long will God's memorial of His two creations of this earth endure?

"Thy name, O Lord, endureth forever; and Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations." Psalm 135: 13.

4. In the period between these two creations of the earth, what need for a re-creation of human beings exists?

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51: 10.

5. What has God done to supply this need?

"And you hath He quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins; . . . but God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2: 1, 4-6.

6. What purpose does the Creator have for re-created human beings?

"God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." 2 Thessalonians 2: 13.

7. What memorial of this re-creation of human beings has God ordained?

"Moreover also I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Ezekiel 20: 12.

8. What is accomplished for us by the sacrifice of Christ?

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit,

offered Himself without spot to God, purge your consciences from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9: 14.

9. What is the sign that we have been saved from our old works of sin?

"There remaineth therefore a rest [keeping of a Sabbath, margin] to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." Hebrews 4: 9, 10.

10. Of what, then, is the seventh-day Sabbath a memorial?

Ans.—Of original creation, of salvation in Christ, and of the re-creation of the heavens and the earth. It is a sign of creation in every phase.

SCRIPTURE PROBLEMS SOLVED

This is a service department where questions on religion, ethics, and Bible interpretation will be answered. Send questions to the editor.

PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED

Please explain Matthew 25: 30. Will the unfruitful believer be thrown out of heaven?

Matthew 25: 30 reads: "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The unfruitful believer will never enter heaven. The scene depicted in this verse is of the judgment, before rewards and punishments are finally dealt to the righteous and the wicked. Those who refuse to use the ability God gives them to win souls for His kingdom do not deserve to inherit His kingdom.

PROGRESS OF MISSIONS

Please state what peoples, if any, have never heard the gospel.

Very few, as peoples, have never heard it. As individuals there are no doubt many millions yet to hear it. But as soon as it is spoken and printed for every language area, it will not take long to give the witness, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24: 14.) The two typical hermit nations, Abyssinia and Tibet, which long held out against the Christian missionary, are now being invaded by the ministers of the gospel of the kingdom.

"RE-REWARD"

What is meant by the "re-reward" promised in Isaiah 58: 8?

The reference reads: "Thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of

the Lord shall be thy rereward." "Rere" is the old spelling of "rear," meaning behind. "Rereward" means "rearward," or "rearguard." It has no reference to reward. God protects the church before and behind. Jesus Christ, the "LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jeremiah 23: 5, 6), leads the way, and His glorious power protects the church from enemies like the ancient Amalekites, who "smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary." Deuteronomy 25: 17, 18. The margin of Isaiah 58: 8 says, "shall gather thee up," as the "end man" of an exploring party in a cave counts to see that none is left behind.

OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

Please explain Joel 2: 28. Will the outpouring of the Spirit come before or after Christ's coming?

It will precede the advent of Christ, and prepare God's people for that great event. We gather from a reading of this verse and those following that the signs in the sun, moon, stars, and earth will accompany the outpouring ("before the great and terrible day of the Lord come," verse 31) and these signs, according to Matthew 24: 29-31, come just before Christ appears in the clouds of heaven. Also in Acts 2: 17, Peter quotes this verse, and translates "afterward" as "the last days." The last days would be the days just before the end of the age.

FACTS *and* FANCIES • •

FURVES are back." That has been an absorbing conversational theme among the ladies for many months; and, if my ears have not deceived me, they are giving somebody whose name sounds like Mae West most of the credit or criticism for it. Whoever may be responsible, and whether she should be praised or blamed, it seems that we are destined to see more fat folks on the streets,—unless the depression proves stronger than fashion, which I very much doubt. The prospect is not particularly gloomy, especially as it will chiefly concern young ladies; but now that the subject is so popular, it is a fine time for all of us to consider whether it is a good thing to be fat or not, and why.

Why are fat people fat, anyway? If you are not a fat person, you will probably not hesitate to say that it is because they eat too much. If you happen to be fat, and a hearty eater as well, you will want to consider any other reason in preference to that. It is odd, yet true, that one who eats a large amount enjoys every mouthful of his food more than a small eater does any mouthful of his. No wonder he prefers to blame something else for his overweight! His chances of finding a reasonable excuse for continuing to gratify his appetite, however, are not very good, for it is a fact that overeating is the cause of much overweight, though not all of it.

"AVERAGE" WEIGHT

It runs in some families to be stout. If you belong to such a family, the odds lie very heavily against your being thin, even if you eat moderately. If you are young, you have probably been weighed and measured at school; and you may have been told that you are ten or twenty pounds "above the normal weight." There is such a thing as an "average weight" for each height, but to think that this is a "normal weight" for very many people of that height is nothing short of silly. This is where one of the fancies about fat folks comes in.

One day I examined two boys of about the same height and weight, both near the average, but one coming from thin stock and one from stout. A person obsessed with the idea that average weights are normal would have passed both those boys as being in good

About FAT FOLKS

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condition on the strength of the reports of height and weight, without troubling to investigate much further. As a matter of fact, while the boy from the thin stock was in an excellent state of health, the one from the stout stock was positively undernourished and badly in need of medical attention.

Among cattle there are Jerseys and shorthorns. Among horses there are Arabians and Belgians. Among canines there are whippets and bulldogs. We don't expect different breeds of the same species of animal to be built on the same plan. Why use less sense in judging humans?

If, however, you see a young person who is markedly stout, while his parents, brothers, and sisters are not so, you may know that he is probably suffering from a diseased condition of some of his glands. He may not be a heavy eater at all. The glands most commonly at fault are the thyroid or the pituitary or both, and the fault is one of underactivity. If you have such a person in your family, do not neglect to seek competent medical advice, because early treatment may restore to normal a condition which, if neglected, is likely to result in an adult who is inefficient and unhappy.

What shall we say of the young lady who last year was mourning because she was "so fat," but who, without having lost a pound, now turns out to be "just right"? First of all, we must

say that it is not only stupid, but sometimes positively perilous, to let fashionable fancy dictate what should be her correct weight. In this young lady's case, however, the present fashionable idea happens to be a good one. The period from fifteen to twenty-five is the time when girls are most subject to tuberculosis, and a well-nourished body is a good form of insurance against that disease. There is no doubt that the reducing craze among girls and young women during the past few years was responsible for many a death from the great white plague.

What then, in general, are the facts about people under thirty with respect to overweight? With the exception of those markedly stout folks who come from families that are not so, there is seldom any reason to call folks of this age too fat. A moderate degree of overweight is even better than underweight. Reducing diets are not often needed; and when used without being needed, they may prove to be a curse.

After thirty or thirty-five, the case is not the same. This is the time of life when those who were stout before tend to get stouter, and some of those who were thin in youth tend to lay on fat.



A superabundant lady who realizes that exercise is one method of reducing flesh

At about fifty, these tendencies may become even more marked. The cause is usually a matter of eating habits in both men and women. During the growing years and the period of heavy physical labor in the first part of adult life, men need more food and get into a habit of eating heartily. When muscular exertion begins to slow up, the habit carries on; and they are likely to eat much more than they really need. The surplus runs to fat.

With women, there is a demand for more food during the months before each child is born. The heavy eating habit carries on past childbirth. It is not at all uncommon for a woman to gain from five to ten pounds after the birth of each child. When the child-bearing period is past, women's glands seem especially prone to get lazy. The result is the laying on of still more and more fat.

Since these middle-age tendencies to fat seem more or less normal, or at least are the logical result of natural conditions, why should we care about them? If we do care about them, what can we do about them? If we are going to do anything, when is the best time to do it?

There are important reasons why we should care about being too fat after thirty-five. Bones, muscles, and vital organs have long since "got their growth." They can change but little in size and strength to compensate for increased burdens. The added fat is an extra load for the muscles to carry, and takes up some of the space which the vital organs need in doing their work. Heart disease, kidney disease, and apoplexy are leading causes of death in later life, and they are considerably more common among stout people than among thin. Middle-aged or elderly people with diabetes are almost always stout when the disease begins, though it makes them lose weight later.

Research done by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has shown that the group of people who are twenty pounds overweight after thirty-five have a fifty per cent higher death rate than those of average weight, and the group who are forty pounds overweight have a death rate double the average. United States army doctors have found that the diseases that show up in stout people after fifty as a rule began secretly to lay hold on them before forty. It is a fact, then, that

overweight in later life is a peril; and it is a fancy that because a fat man feels fine at forty he has the assurance of a long, healthy life.

Since this middle- and later-life fat is due chiefly to overeating, the remedy is obvious. It is, however, not easy to apply. Some folks say: "If I have to starve myself to live long, let me enjoy myself and die sooner." If that is what you think, do as you please; but remember that you have made the choice, and don't complain when the grim reaper begins to whet his scythe before you are ready.

Hard as it is at the start, however, dieting need not be a lifelong starvation. One becomes accustomed to the new program after a few weeks or months, and it is no longer much of a trial. It is a mistake, too, to try to reduce rapidly. It is a greater mistake to choose a diet that makes one weak and reduces one's resistance to disease. Choose a doctor who knows how to outline a diet that will reduce you gradually, without eliminating any of the so-called protective foods. If you happen to be a woman past forty, have him see if you do not need something to

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? The DOCTOR REPLIES TO HEALTH QUERIES ?

Medical and hygienic information of interest to the general reader is given here by a practicing physician. Inquirers may address the editor.

CAUSE OF ASTHMA

What is the cause of asthma? A.W.W.

There are about four known causes of asthma. One cause is the absorption of poisons from the intestines. A second cause is a bronchial catarrh. Another is from a diseased condition of the heart. A fourth may be due to the inhalation of pollens or to other poisons or foods to which the person is sensitized.

FOOD AND SEASONS

Does a person require less food in the summer than in the winter months? B. N. N.

The amount of food needed depends upon the kind of work done, and not necessarily on the season of the year. A person doing heavy work in the summer needs more food than a person doing light work in the winter months, but doing ordinary work at a low temperature demands more food than at a high temperature, so it works out that ordinarily we do not need as much food in the summer time as we do in the winter doing the same kind of work.

SUN BATHS FOR SHINGLES

A year ago last October I had a very severe case of shingles. The area covered was from my spine over the right hip, thigh, and groin. I am still bothered by irritation of the nerves in the location of the hip joint and groin; at times they are very annoying. Would sun baths give me any relief? How long at one time and how often could the naked body be directly exposed to the sun's rays? W. S. L.

In the treatment of the persistent neuralgia following the case of shingles that you had more than a year ago, it is claimed by some that a mild galvanic current often is of great service. Place the positive electrode where the nerve begins, and draw the negative electrode along the course of the nerve. This can be used during ten to fifteen minutes each day. The sun baths will also be of benefit in your case. In taking a sun bath, either part or all of the body may be exposed, or the body may be protected by a light covering such as cheese cloth. Begin taking the sun-baths by exposing only a part of the body, and that for five minutes the

first day. Begin with the feet, and next day add the legs, then the knees, then the thighs, then the lower abdomen, then the upper abdomen, and so on until all of the body is exposed, the head always being protected from the direct rays of the sun. The time is increased each day as you increase the exposure of the body, but the total time should not exceed one half an hour if the light is very intense, and in many cases 20 minutes may be long enough; but the time may also be increased to above the half hour, say to 40 minutes, if the patient stands the treatment well.

CANDY AND TOOTH DECAY

Does the eating of too much candy by children cause the decay of their teeth? M. G. M.

Sugar itself coming in contact with the teeth does not cause the decay, but too much in the diet causes indigestion and loss of appetite; and the result is that the body is undernourished, and the proper amount of lime is not furnished the body, hence the teeth suffer and finally show decay.

FAILURE of the MODERN HOME



CIVILIZATION today is crumbling because of home conditions. The stability of the state, the morality of the church, and the safety of society depend upon the purity, the prosperity, and the happiness of the home. The home is the very heart of civilization, and the world is sadly afflicted with heart disease.

A great stream of criminals is constantly and increasingly pouring into our courts and prisons. Why not deal with this ever-widening stream at its source? To the lack of right home training may be traced the larger share of disease, misery, and crime which curses humanity.

The first institution ordained by the Creator was the home. It was designed to be a constant blessing to mankind and a safeguard against every evil. But man has invented other institutions, organizations, associations, and fraternal societies which have tended to rob the home of its hallowed associations, its purity, its privacy, and its support. Still, away down deep in the very consciousness of many souls today, there is a responding echo to the Creator's home ideal in the appealing words: "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

COMPETITORS OF THE HOME

But many homes today have become mere stopping places, temporary boarding houses, and sleeping quarters. Many parents are not as intimately acquainted with their own sons and daughters, as are the youthful chums of John and Mary. The parents are too much engrossed in business and in social clubs to really get acquainted with their own offspring. The dance, the movie, the theater, the card party, the cabaret, and the "joy ride" are constant, and all too often successful, competitors of

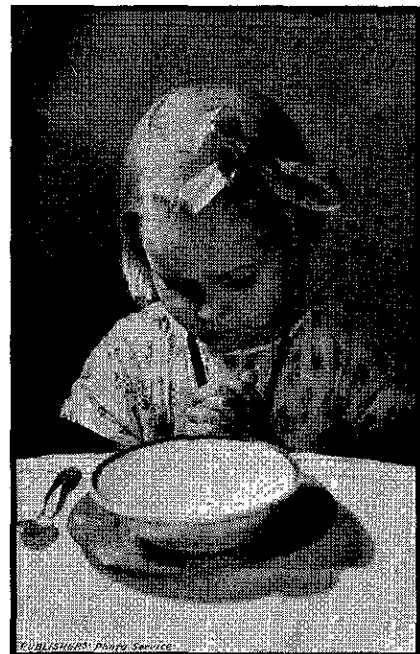
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the home. "On with the dance" is the hilarious cry of the intoxicated pleasure lover. Clubs entertain while home is deserted.

But there comes a change, some day. An accident, sickness, or the necessity for an operation lands one in the hospital. Having sown to the wind in intemperance and dissipation, many suddenly reap the whirlwind of paralysis, blindness, or other terrible malady. One thing is certain: all must take time to die. Crepe will some day be placed upon the door of the home. Then the hearse with its "death train" will have the right of way,—but not over the city boulevards. That might temporarily impede the busy traffic of those who later must also lead the procession to the silent city of the dead.

The world needs real religion. It needs to pause and listen to the voice of God. It matters not so much what man says, or what the church says, but what God says. The nominal church has really failed of its high mission. In too many cases the world has converted the church. But what is needed is the genuine "golden rule" brand of real Christianity and more practical home religion.

There is no disguising the fact that where the best Book in the world,—the Holy Bible—is given its proper place in the home, and where its well-leafed pages are daily read at the family altar, that home is blessed, and it becomes a service station for righteousness in the community. The father of Matthew Henry wrote: "If the worship of God be not in the home, write, 'Lord, have mercy on us' on the door; for there is a plague, a curse, in it."



The modern home will not fail if its children are taught reverence for God and thankfulness for His bounties.

"Of making many books there is no end," and trashy books flood the world today like the frogs of Egypt. But the Bible, with its pure doctrines, its heart-appealing gospel fundamentals, its great soul-stirring prophecies, its Calvary pull, and its Olivet hope, is to trashy fiction what strength-giving wheat is to worthless chaff.

ABRAHAM'S HOME

What a contrasting object lesson we have in the home influence of Abraham and Lot! Of Abraham, God declared: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Genesis 18:19. Wherever Abraham settled in his pilgrimage sojourn, he built an altar and called upon God. In after time, many a Canaanite, because of Abraham's godly influence, would repair some altar which Abraham had builded, and then worship the true God. That old patriarch also digged many a well which was used for generations later by those who respected the "father of the faithful." Abraham not only commanded his children after him with love, firmness, and true discipline, but he left a good example to his posterity of industry, economy, thrift, prayer, stewardship, hospitality, and soul winning.

Peter the apostle referred to Abraham's wife as one who obeyed her husband, and who adorned herself

with "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." 1 Peter 3:1-6. Many brides today ask the parson to omit the word "obey" from the service, and adorn themselves with such jewelry and costly apparel as is displeasing to God.

But Lot did not command his household after him. Perhaps he followed the lines of least resistance, as Eli did. And while Mrs. Lot may have been a charming "flapper" in old Sodom, she proved to be a poor helpmeet for a Christian husband. Country life out on the plain was too quiet for Mrs. Lot. She must live in Sodom amidst its gayety and whirl of excitement. She loved society with its clubs, its "eats," and its thrills. Careless in prayer, she was keen for pleasure.

And how many there are today just like Mrs. Lot! No wonder Lot was mocked by his children and sons-in-law when he went out that last night in the doomed city with the last warning. Not only did his two surviving daughters become mothers of Moab and Ammon,

whose descendants ever afterward were enemies of the descendants of Abraham, but to this very day there warningly sounds out in hundreds of languages to present-day world-lovers the warning: "Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:32.

Why, in appealing that Sodom be spared if a certain number of righteous people were found therein, did Abraham, after starting with fifty, then forty-five, then forty, and so on, finally stop at *ten*? God met him favorably each time and never refused his request. Why did he stop at *ten*? Ah, the inference is clear that there were at least *ten* in Lot's family. Surely, thought Abraham, the city will be spared; for Lot's family must have been faithful! Without doubt, the family altar fire has been burning in that home!

But, alas, that home had failed! The salt had lost its savor. Sodom must be reduced to ashes, and with it, Gomorrah, Zeboim, and Admah, neighboring cities of the plain. (Deuteronomy 29:23.)

Jesus declared: "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:28-30. An ancient prophet uttered the prayer: "O Lord, pour out Thy fury upon the heathen that know Thee not, and upon the families that call not on Thy name." Jeremiah 10:25. "The curse causeless shall not come." Proverbs 26:2.

Are the family altar fires burning brightly in your home? Is the blood of the Lamb now upon the lintel and the two side posts of the door of your home? Will the destroying angel pass over your household? If we but do our part in believing, He will help us to make home a miniature heaven to go to heaven in. Oh, that every Christian home might be a real life-saving service station! Let us give the Bible first place in our hearts and homes!

CHRIST AND MEAT EATING

I, a vegetarian, have many times been asked the question, "Why did Christ eat meat?" How would you answer this?

We are not disposed to quibble over the question of whether Christ ever ate flesh. Probably He did. But when it comes to the record, we are reduced to one single instance, wherein it is said that He ate a piece of broiled fish. (Luke 24:42, 43.) In this case, when He appeared to the disciples like an apparition immediately after His resurrection, He was seeking to prove His reality and identity, and to this end asked if they had any food. When they produced the fish and an honeycomb, He ate these before them to prove that He was actually human and not a spirit. Any vegetarian might do the same; it would not prove him an habitual flesh-eater. It may be also that Jesus ate flesh at the Passover, in which it had a ceremonial significance, though some authorities say that the sacrificial lamb had at that time given way to the egg substitute, even as now in the Jews' practice. Whether, aside from these instances, Jesus ate flesh is only a matter of conjecture. There is no argument either way, for there is no proof. It is as easy to suppose, on the ground of His immaculateness, that he did not habitually eat flesh, as to suppose, on the ground of the partisan's own appetite, that He did eat it. The Jews in Palestine were not

A Home Maker ANSWERS Parents' QUESTIONS

Perplexing questions on married life, home management, and child training will be answered here by a specialist on the home and its ideals. Queries may be sent to the editor.

great flesh-eaters, and Jesus's complete abstinence would not necessarily excite particular notice, in the presence of the greater questions and controversies provoked by His manners and mission. The argument for a non-flesh diet, however, rests upon a scientific, not a Biblical, basis.

CONDUCT IN ADOLESCENCE

Should any intimacies at all be permitted between boys and girls before the age of eighteen, such as sending presents and valentines or going for walks unchaperoned?

Giving presents and walking together scarcely come under the head of intimacies; but if the inquirer's intent is to ask whether any show of favor between the sexes should be permitted before late adolescence, then my answer is that culture is more needed than

authority. The social urge begins with the onset of adolescence, and the boy and the girl need to be taught how to control and direct it. Mere forbiddings will result in nothing but furtiveness and clandestine association. The intelligence and self-respect of the young adolescents must be enlisted for the control of their impulses.

Though American society is very largely neglecting chaperonage, it is the proper social form and vital to decorum and morals. We need, however, a training school for chaperons: suspicious, crabbed kill-joys have helped to wreck the institution; what we need is companionable, wise-hearted older friends. As for giving presents, no expensive gifts to one of the opposite sex, unrelated, are in good taste, and any such presents should be returned with graceful thanks by the recipient; but inexpensive tokens of good will on special occasions are not out of place. As for valentines, the thing is overdone, like neckties on Father's Day, and most of them are as simpering and insincere as a movie queen's kisses. The practice needs curbing; and in any case, in selecting valentines the sentiment and literary and artistic merit should be scrutinized. But teach your children; do not merely compel them. They can be so trained that pride in the family honor and the self-respect of the Christian will make them self-reliant and reliable in the maintenance of right social standards.

Facts and Fancies

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compensate for sluggish glands. If you do, pay attention to that need as well as to diet.

It may be unnecessary for me to warn you to stick to the diet outlined for you and not take anything extra on the side, but I have seen and heard of so many folks with almost unbelievably queer ideas about diets that I never omit the warning any more. Some seem to think that the foods outlined on the diet orders are prescribed as medicines. A certain overweight young lady was once under my care for several weeks without any appreciable loss, though she repeatedly affirmed that she was taking just what I had ordered. One day, in response to my query if she was having any trouble with the diet, she replied: "You know, doctor, I can hardly choke that diet down unless I take it just before meals"! The famous "Hollywood diet" was reputed to be a list of foods, with the amounts of each, recommended for a period of eighteen days. It is reported that a certain lady, overhearing some other ladies complaining about the

difficulties they were having with that diet, remarked: "Why, I didn't have any trouble at all. I took three of them in a week"!

Since diseases that lay fat people low after fifty really begin to work before forty, it is obvious that to delay reducing until definite signs of the diseases appear is a matter of starting to sweep the floor after the guests arrive, as the Chinese proverb goes. The time to begin dieting is at or before thirty-five, if overweight has already appeared. If it has not, watch for its appearance and check it promptly. It is not nearly so irksome nor so weakening if you go at your overweight problem in this way. It is no fancy that the rulership of reason over appetite, with proper and early attention to overweight, adds years to life. "Digging one's grave with one's teeth" is no joke.

There is a statement in the seventy-eighth Psalm that always seemed peculiar until modern medical research uncovered the truths that I have discussed in this article. It says: "So they did eat, and were well filled: for He gave them their own desire; they were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths, the wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them." Verses 29-31. It is surprising how many times we can find expressions recorded anciently in Holy Writ that are interestingly related to recent scientific discoveries, if we will only look for them!

capture the power therein to turn the wheels of industry. The inventive genius of man in all lines has been utilized for the purpose of exploitation, for the setting up of kingdoms within the kingdoms, "kingdoms of gold." In it all we see a gigantic Tower of Babel, a cry of self-sufficiency, the boasting of self against the Jehovah God of the universe. The pretense of piety is a mockery to Him who sitteth above the nations. The inevitable must come,—the Tower must be destroyed; the kingdoms of this world must become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. Soon the stone cut out of the mountains without hands (Daniel 2: 34, 35, 44) will smite the nations and they will be ground to powder. The last vestiges of so-called civilization will be swept away, and God will again establish the true civilization, a vista of which we have through the record in Genesis, where God placed His creation in the garden of Eden, and as He unfolds it before us in the books of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The eternal Ten Words of God will then be obeyed by all the dwellers of that new order, the new (yet old) civilization, and men will study sciences with new vision and understanding—the highest science of all being the "science of the cross of Calvary."

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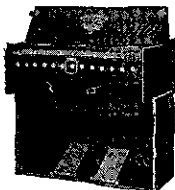
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Civilization--Is It Christian?

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root in them, yet we credit them with being high types of civilization.

In the march of events we see education being vaunted as the means of advance for this age. Education has come to be almost worshiped. It has been set upon a pedestal among the gods. Public schools, high schools, colleges, universities,—all are filled to overflowing with children and youth, seeking for knowledge, and they find learning from books, but no knowledge; nor do they find true education, for, as has been well said, "True education is the restoration of the image of God in the soul."

"Social philosophy" has not solved the ills of the nations and never will. We must go deeper into the things of God; then only can we avoid the pitfalls of modern nationalism and civilization as we see it today.

Man has taken the things of God and turned them to his own purposes. He has harnessed the rivers in order to

When Christ Comes

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clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations. . . . And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of . . . all men, both free and bond, both small and great." Revelation 19: 11-19.

So completely will death at that time claim the wicked that Jeremiah has written: "I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, . . . all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger." Jeremiah 4: 25, 26. Every living wicked person will fall dead.

Surely with mountains moving, all the cities laid in ruins, and the wicked all smitten dead, the coming of Christ will not be a secret event known only by a chosen few, but "every eye shall see Him." (Revelation 1: 7.)

Let us turn to God now that we may be among the saved at that day. "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" Ezekiel 33: 11.

The Drift to Modernism

WHAT do the clergy think children should be taught? To find this out, a questionnaire was sent to 1,039 Protestant ministers in Chicago. Half of them filled in their answers, revealing a list of disagreements.

The authors of the questions were Dr. George H. Betts, Professor of Education and Director of Research in the School of Education of Northwestern University, and W. W. Sloan, a graduate student at that institution. Last week they made public the answers.

A minority of the clergymen believed children should be taught "fundamentalist" views. A larger number inclined to "modernist" teachings. A few could not make up their minds. The evolutionary concept of creation, which holds that the world has been in process of formation for millions of years, was championed by 67 per cent. But only 46 per cent recommended teaching that man evolved from lower forms of life. Nearly half of the ministers thought children ought to believe in a villainous, tempting devil. Only a fifth, however, recommended belief in a hell of fiery torment. Belief in angels received 60 per cent of the votes.

The great majority agreed that sincere religious feeling was more important than specific creeds or denominations.

PERCENTAGES

Some questions and replies follow, listed in per cent of the total number: Is God a person with a form like man?—Yes, 4; no, 92; uncertain, 4. Is God a Spirit without a body?—Yes, 83; no, 7; uncertain, 10. Are we sons of God just as much as Jesus was?—Yes, 42; no, 44; uncertain, 14.

Is there any actual supernatural being or person called the devil (or Satan) who makes us want to do wrong?—Yes, 46; no, 42; uncertain, 12. Is hell a real place of fire and burning?—Yes, 20; no, 69; uncertain, 11. Are there actual beings or spirits called angels?—Yes, 60; no, 20; uncertain, 20. Do those who die keep on living in another life?—Yes, 92; no, 3; uncertain, 5. Is heaven a real place where the saved live?—Yes, 59; no, 21; uncertain, 20. Do wicked people suffer for their sins after they die?—Yes, 78; no, 4; uncertain, 18. Is there a judgment day coming when all people will be assembled and God will decide whether they are to be rewarded or punished?—Yes, 48; no, 39; uncertain, 13. Does God send storms, earthquakes, or sickness upon people

to punish them for their sins?—Yes, 17; no, 72; uncertain, 11. Does God know and often think about every person in the world?—Yes, 87; no, 3; uncertain, 10. Did God spend millions of years in making the world?—Yes, 67; no, 15; uncertain, 18. Did mankind develop from lower forms of life?—Yes, 46; no, 39; uncertain, 15. Do all the people who are trying to make the

ter Christians than those who belong to another church?—Yes, 3; no, 95; uncertain, 2. Is it a good definition to say: A Christian is a person who tries to live as Jesus would live?—Yes, 84; no, 16. Did Jesus make the world?—Yes, 43; no, 54; uncertain, 3.

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world better belong to the church?—Yes, 95; no, 3; uncertain, 2. Did everything the Bible tells about really happen just the way it is told?—Yes, 29; no, 66; uncertain, 5. Has God anything to do with the running of the world since He created it?—Yes, 98; no, 2.

Are there any other ways by which we can worship God than by praying, singing, and taking part in the services of the church?—Yes, 97; no, 3. Are people who belong to one church (as Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal) bet-

Behind the Guns of Crime

IN practically any city in the country the criminal of today knows exactly where to go to find aid, protection, escape, or immunity.

He knows because of a vast criminal information bureau—an organized underground railway, which has extended its main lines and branches over the land. It provides him in advance with a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of—

Doctors who will dress his wounds and keep mum about it.

Lawyers who will help him evade the law and defend him if he gets in trouble.

Tailors who, without questions, will make him clothing with concealed pistol pockets.

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Even beauty doctors who will secretly disguise him by dyeing his hair and otherwise altering his appearance.

Investigating this vast network beneath the guns of crime, I have traveled thousands of miles, searched grand jury testimony, prison and court records, had confidential talks with chiefs, prison wardens, members of pardon boards, man-hunters in every section of the country, and with criminals themselves.—Courtney Ryley Cooper, in *American Magazine*, January, 1934.

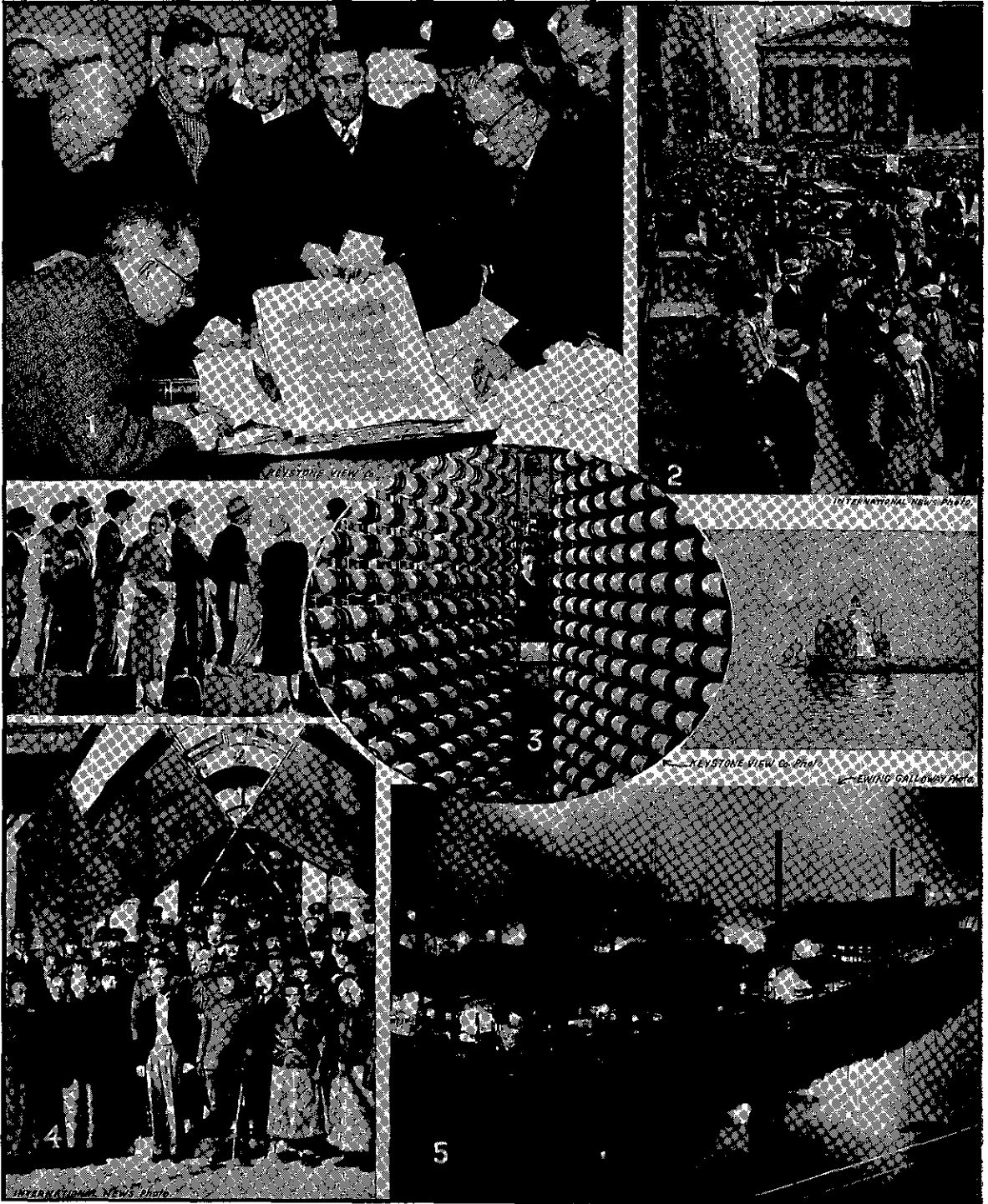


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