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IN THE lounge car of a Southern Railway train I made the acquaintance of a traveler for a large publishing concern. He told me an incident which has helped me to be a bit more calm and patient when things do not work out just as I had hoped and planned.

up. Strong emotions stirred within him, and some of them found expression in words.

His plans were entirely changed, and he could not see how any good could come from this keen disappointment.

The next morning when he got his paper, he noticed large headlines telling of an airplane accident. As he read the account, he was startled to find that the very plane on which he had been planning to travel had plunged into the Mississippi River

some of my plans. They tried to explain to me then why it was best that I should not go here or there, or should not do this or that. I couldn't understand then, but I see now that they knew best and did what was for my good.

Our heavenly Father loves us, and knows what is best for you and me. He assures us through Paul, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28. This precious promise should keep us from fuming and fretting when

Don't Be Too Impatient

By CHARLES L. PADDOCK

Disappointments May Be Blessings in Disguise

This gentleman was in a large western city, and had made plane reservations for an evening flight out of this metropolis, so as to be in the East for an important board meeting the following day. He arrived at the airport in plenty of time, and when his plane came in, he took his seat and relaxed, thinking that in a few hours he would be in a comfortable hotel room on the East Coast and ready for his appointment.

The stewardess tapped him on the shoulder and informed him that his seat had been taken by someone who had a government priority. He felt it could not be true, and hesitated a bit to leave the plane. Sick at heart, and disappointed, he made his way back to his hotel. Now it would be impossible for him to attend the board meeting which was so important. There was no other way to get there. He had no reservations by train, and if he had, it would take too long to make the trip. He was pretty well wrought

at Memphis, and every person on board was lost—"not a soul saved."

I asked him, "Did you thank God then that He had changed your plans?"

"Yes, I did thank Him," he replied, "and it has taught me that it is best not to get too upset when some of my plans don't work out in every detail."

Our plans are not always God's plans. In His wisdom He does at times take us in charge, and works out an entirely different program for us. The disappointments which come we may not understand at the time. Why we should not have our way is sometimes hard to see.

As a boy at home, I couldn't understand why my father and mother at times stepped in and upset

some of our plans miscarry, when disappointments come crowding in. You and I do not know the future, and we may not know just what is best for us, but God knows and cares.





America,

WATCH YOUR STEP!

(PART TWO)

By ROBERT LEO ODOM

ONE OF the great causes for grave concern about the social trends in our country is the breakdown of family morality.

Divorce statistics show a steady trend upward in the breaking of marriage bonds in America. In 1930 there were 191,591 divorces in this country, a rate of 1.56 per 1,000 in population. In 1940 there were 264,000 divorces in the United States, a rate of 2.00 per 1,000 in population. *The Catholic Bulletin* of Saint Paul, Minnesota, states (February 12, 1944) that there were 32,942 marriages and 24,238 divorces in Los Angeles in 1943—about one divorce for every 1.32 weddings. This is an ominous sign of decay in our family life, showing that something is sapping at the very foundation of our society.

Jere Daniel, in *The New York Times Magazine* (February 3, 1946), tells us: "More than half of America's 1,500,000 war-wed GI's have returned. Already one out of every four of these 800,000 men is entangled in divorce proceedings. Experts are predicting that by 1950 one million of these wartime marriages—or two out of three—will end in divorce."

Immorality

On December 5, 1945, the Census Bureau reported that information from 38 states and the District of Columbia showed that illegitimate births numbered 87,001 in 1944 as against 82,586 the year before. Not included in these figures were such births in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, and Wyoming, which do not require reports on legitimacy in birth registration. The Census Bureau added: "It is also well known that all cases of illegitimacy are not re-

ported even in those states which make provisions for recording this information."

"In 1940," says *Time* (March 5, 1944), "Dr. Frederick Joseph Taussig estimated there were 681,000 abortions yearly, killing 8,000 mothers and making many more ill or sterile. American Medical Association *Journal* Editor Morris Fishbein estimates there has been a 20 to 40% increase since Pearl Harbor—perhaps 1,000,000 cases a year." And the same magazine reported later (February 4, 1946): "Some 18,000 abortions were performed in San Francisco last year."

Wanton Waste

The wanton waste practiced by the American people is also appalling. In 1937 we smoked 165,000,000,000 cigarettes. In 1941 we consumed 206,000,000,000. In 1944 the total ran to more than 1,000,000,000 a day. On this, *The New York Times* (November 26, 1945) remarks:

"The Agriculture Department reported the other day that Americans are smoking 50% more cigarettes than before the war. In the first eight months of 1945 civilians used cigarettes at the yearly average of 100 packs for every man, woman, and child—and this was a period of shortage of popular brands and does not take into account the service man, who was able to buy them freely at a greatly reduced price of about 50 cents or so a carton."

This represents a tremendous amount of money gone up in smoke. It depicts a mass orgy of nicotine intoxication. With the general enslavement of our women to tobacco addiction, most of the nation is now in the grip of a vice that will hold the vast majority of its victims ever sucking the poisonous fumes into their system until death shall break its clutch.

Drunkenness

Add to this our national spree of drunkenness. The Department of Commerce estimated that we spent more than \$7,000,000,000 for alcoholic beverages in 1944—about \$54 a person. The total con-

sumption of distilled spirits for that year was approximately 165,000,000 gallons, an increase of 13% over the amount used in 1943. Sales of packaged and draught beer amounted to almost \$3,000,000,000 for the same period, an increase of 15% over the total for 1943.

Our 16,500 movie houses entertained us in 1944 at the rate of more than 95,000,000 a week. We wonder how big a part moving pictures and "pulp" literature have had in the crime wave that is deluging the nation.

On December 11, 1945, *The Nashville Tennessean*, a typical American newspaper, carried a two-column article reporting J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as saying that "juvenile delinquency has skyrocketed since 1939," etc. And on another page of the same paper appears a two-column article with this heading: "Playhouse Murder Thriller Provides Top Entertainment." The picture is called "a good play about murder," concerning which intriguing details are given to lure the public to the showhouse.

The Crime Wave

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation tells us," says the writer of "Topics of the Times" in *The New York Times* (April 2, 1945), "that crimes were committed in the United States last year at the rate of 158 an hour, the total number of major crimes reaching 1,393,655. Each day of 1944 had, on the average, 28 killings and 150 cases of aggravated assault. In this connection we note, with some misgiving, that four murder plays and no telling how many homicide films are just now doing a large business in this city [New York]. It is reported, too, that one lone murder-story writer sold 4,903,000 copies of his works last year in this country and Canada. The demand for murder fiction is, in fact, so heavy that one reprint publisher has been known to change the titles of his products and issue them under fresh names without

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WE REGRET that we could not accomplish more during these stormy years. And we thank God for His hand that has been over us for good, and for the degree of progress that we have witnessed.

The work of the Lord in the Southern European Division is intact. The organization functions; not one wheel is missing. In Rumania, Croatia, and Alsace our liberties have been restored, the confiscated properties have been given back, and our dear brethren and sisters in Rumania are no longer in prison.

We have not learned whether some of our buildings in Rumania were damaged or destroyed by bombs. In Budapest our publishing house suffered some damage. France and Belgium each lost a small chapel, and one of our buildings in Florence, Italy, had part of its roof torn off by



Providences of World War II

(Part Two)

"EVEN UNTO DEATH"

By. A. V. OLSON



American troops made their way through rubble and debris upon entering an important street in the German city of Aachen. Heavy aerial bombardment, preceding the ground attack, caused damage to the buildings. As result of the war, millions of people in Europe are homeless. (Photo by International News.)

a projectile. Otherwise, as far as we know, our buildings throughout the whole division field have not been harmed. The city of Melun, France, where our French publishing house is located, was the scene of several battles. Seventy percent of the buildings there were either wholly or partially destroyed. For three days and nights gunfire passed over our buildings, but not one tile was broken. In Belgrade, one of the most bombed cities in the world, our beautiful large building, which had been erected shortly before the war, stood unharmed in the midst of wreck and ruin. We feel that God has been wonderfully kind and good to us, and we praise Him for it. With the psalmist of old we can say:

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone

over our soul: then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 124.

Before America Entered

Before America entered the war we were able, at the risk of our lives and under great hardship, to travel about more or less from land to land. The main burden of my heart, as I met with our brethren and sisters and especially with the leaders, was to encourage them to be faithful to God and to their trust. Shortly before the storm broke in all its fury over our dear people in Rumania, I met with their union committee. It was a solemn occasion. We all felt that the tempest was soon to break. We did not know if we ever would meet again. In the last meeting I felt impressed to make an earnest appeal to those dear

brethren to be loyal to God even unto death. I encouraged them to remain at their posts and to keep the advent movement in their field true to God and to His message. I shall never forget those pale-faced men as they arose and promised God that by His help and grace they would be true whatever might come. As far as we have been able to learn, they have stood as firm as the rocks.

A little later I met with the union committee in Italy. There again we had a similar meeting. Like their Rumanian brethren, these Italian leaders made a solemn pledge to be true. After the close of the war it was my privilege, together with Elder Beach, to visit Italy and to attend a meeting of all their workers. After Brother Beer, the union president, had thrown his arms around me in a fraternal embrace, he looked into my face and said, "Brother Olson, do you remember our last meeting here? Do you remember the pledge we made before God? Brother Olson, we have kept it. Not one has

failed." Yes, brethren, they did keep the pledge. They did not fail. It is because of such men, such leaders, that the work of God in these war-torn lands has been kept together and moved forward under great difficulties. God has blessed and prospered their labors.

Our members have also been loyal and courageous. Since coming to the United States I have received a letter from one of our leaders in Yugoslavia, in which he writes that several of our members in his field died as martyrs rather than surrender their faith. He adds that the persecution was due entirely to the attitude and influence of the Greek Orthodox priests. Now that church and state have been separated in that country, we hope that these misguided priests will have less power in the future.

This same brother writes that they have both money and food, but almost no clothes. Shoes and clothes can not be found, and he begs us to send them some if possible. We understand that a shipment is now on the way.

Clothing Needed

One of the greatest needs in most parts of Europe is for clothes. You can never know how much good you have done by sending tons of used clothes to different countries in Europe. You have brought comfort and cheer to our people. When I attended the workers' meeting in Florence, Italy, I noticed that the workers and their wives were well-dressed. When I remarked about it to the president, he said they were all dressed in American clothes. Five or six tons had arrived from the General Conference. Two men were busy in the stock room making up large packages to be sent out to all the churches. Because of the disrupted railway service, it was not possible to send the packages by train, but arrangements had been made with a welfare organization to send them out by truck. Words fail to express the gratitude of our people to you over here for your kindness to them. Again and again I have heard them say, "It is good to belong to the Adventist family."

The war is over but the suffering and sorrow are not. Unseen forces are still at work to create new conflicts. What the future holds in store God only knows.

Some have asked what the prospects are for the future. Humanly speaking they are not bright. Never before has Europe been in such a desperate and chaotic state. Notwithstanding this situation, I believe there are wonderful possibilities ahead for the people and the work of God. This does not mean that all Europe stands with outstretched arms waiting for the servants of

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Grateful for the Helping Hand

By William A. Butler

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matthew 25: 35-40.

HELPING to meet the great needs of the many thousands who are destitute of clothing in overseas countries is a practical phase of Christianity. It is just as important in its place and need as is the preaching of the gospel. We are enjoined by Christ to feed the hungry and clothe the destitute. (Matthew 25: 31-46.) There was never a graver responsibility or a greater opportunity brought to Christians than at this present time. True Christianity calls for responsive action wherever the need may be. (Luke 10: 29-37.)

In the summer of 1944 the Seventh-day Adventist Church organization in North America began to gather clothing to ship overseas to the countries devastated by war or visited by the destructive forces of nature. Nearly 3,000 churches have taken part in contributing clothing. Many hundreds of thousands of good used garments, shoes, bedding, and some food have been gathered. The clothing has been carefully processed, gotten together, and sorted. Two large warehouses, one in California and the other in New York City, have received these clothes, and sent them to their destination. The boxing and baling have been done largely by volunteer service.

From the two warehouses over 440,000 pounds of clothing have been sent out to Adventist mission headquarters overseas to be distributed among those who are in distress. These shipments, generally in five-ton lots, have gone to 24 different countries. They have been sent to countries in Africa, and to European nations as far north as Finland, and also to the Philippines and China. Arrangements are being made to send similar shipments to Central Europe, Korea, Burma, and other points in the Far East.

These contributions have been a great blessing to all recipients wherever distributed. Besides these large shipments, many thousands of personal parcels for individual family needs have been sent to many parts of Europe. Streams of clothing steadily come to our two warehouses, and parcels daily are crossing the waters to people in lands afar. Also many thousands of dollars have been used in purchasing army material, such as clothing and blankets for shipment overseas.

Many words of appreciation are coming from those receiving the goods. Here are a few statements of gratitude expressed. Truly the Master says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Pastor Ferraro of Naples, Italy, writes: "We received 70 bales and 20 barrels of clothing. God has protected them, and we shall send this clothing to each member of the Italian Union. Today everything has been sent by American trucks to Florence for selection and distribution. I thank the Lord, all our American members, and you brethren at the General Conference for this great help. God bless you all."

Pastor Voorthuis of Holland, writes: "Your first and second shipments sent on the steamships John Dickerson and Jan Steen are in our hands. We are very glad and we thank you and all the brethren and sisters for this kind help. We have helped all the bombardment victims first, and now we give every other brother and sister clothing and shoes."

Pastor Charpiot of France: "The shipment was a long time on the way, but it came through safely. We are certainly thankful for all this wonderful help. . . . Again, in the name of all our members, I express our deep gratitude for the fine help and the Christian love shown to us by our churches in the United States."

Pastor Wilcox of the Philippines: "In all, we have handled 131 bales of clothing shipped from the United States. . . . Our people are deeply appreciative of the thoughtfulness of our American brethren, and you will receive later an expression of their appreciation directly from them. . . . I thank you and those who have had to do with the collection and shipping of these goods to our Filipino brethren. It represents a great deal of work on the part of our church members, and ought to serve as another tie that binds the hearts of our Filipino people to those in our homeland."

Pastor Lindsay of Sweden: "Now that the relief clothing that you sent to us to distribute to Baltic refugees and to our people in Finland has come to hand and is being distributed, I send you this word of thanks, and I hope that you will convey it to those who have contributed to this collection. In behalf of all those who are getting help I say that these articles of clothing are very welcome and many will be deeply touched at the kindness and sympathy thus shown them. Many are destitute and in desperate need. We are keeping only one ton for Baltic refugees and those in Sweden. Five tons will go to Finland to be distributed partly through our own organization and partly through National Relief, which is under the governor of Tammerfors. The rest of the shipment, about three and one half tons, will go to the Baltic and Polish refugees who are in special camps in Denmark. In Denmark the clothing question is more acute than it is in Sweden."

A letter from Amsterdam, Holland, reads: "To very honored donors: Among the other articles received was a little brown dress for my 13-year-old daughter, and I hasten to thank all who had part in sending the clothing. We thank all of the American people for this wonderful assistance. We have been robbed of everything, and thus are very poor. We have suffered from hunger and cold. With our own eyes we have seen many of our people die of starvation, and others shot down in cold blood. Fortunately, my family escaped with their lives. I was able, thank God, to deliver my husband from the hands of the enemy, and also the children, the ages 15, 13, and 5 years. Dear pastor, when you preach to your church members, please thank them for the help they have given us poor people. We can never repay what you have done for us. It is a comfort to know that, although so far apart, we can pray to the same heavenly Father. May the Lord preserve your nation from the troubles through which we have passed."

This person probably received clothing to which our tag was attached, and which was passed out through an organization in Holland known as The People's Restoration, of which Princess Juliana is the honored chairman.

"Sing Unto the Lord, O Ye Saints of His!"

MUSIC is one of God's best gifts to man. It has gladdened his life through the years. It has been a language of tonal beauty by which man has worshiped his Creator from ancient times down to the present.

While the organization of tonal patterns of making music has differed throughout the years, in various parts of the world there has always been an offering of song and music in the worship of God.

Throughout its pages the Bible speaks of the place of music in the service of religion. The earliest recorded instance is undoubtedly the burst of joyful song at the creation of the world, "when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38: 7. On another notable occasion heavenly beings sang songs of joy—at the first advent of our Lord, when "there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 13, 14.

In Ancient Israel

The Bible records numerous incidents from the history of Israel in which music was of significance. During the glorious reigns of David and Solomon praise to God was musically expressed through a well organized group of Levites thoroughly trained as singers and as players of harps, psalteries, cymbals, and other instruments. Under the leadership of skilled teachers 288 persons carried on the music of the temple service. (1 Chronicles 25.) The recording of this in the Holy Scriptures has been an encouragement to the church of God through the ages to use music as one of its most important aids to worship. Where the spoken word leaves off, there music is ready to carry the worshiper on to a greater emotional experience of praise and worship to the glory of God.

Picture the children of Israel coming through the Red Sea in safety. Hear them as they form a mighty chorus singing the anthem, "I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him." Exodus 15: 1, 2. Listen as a mighty

MUSIC HAS A PLACE IN WORSHIP

By HAROLD B. HANNUM

antiphonal chorus sings a song of victory. Miriam and the women respond with the words, "Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." Verse 21. The hills echoed and re-echoed with this grand song of deliverance and triumph.

Out of the various experiences of the Israelites, especially through the royal poet and harpist, King David, was produced the greatest hymnal of all time, the Book of Psalms. The Psalms cannot be too highly esteemed as inspired literature,

Music and song are a part of the worship rendered to God by those who love Him. (Photo by H. A. Roberts.)

poetry, hymns, and the source of inspiration for some of the world's finest music.

References in the Psalms to praising God and singing songs are too numerous to mention. A few lines from the last four Psalms show the spirit of the book: "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God." "Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God." "Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts." "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints." "Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and



harp." "Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power." "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord."

In the time of Samuel the prophet there was established in Israel a number of schools, known as the schools of the prophets, where the curriculum consisted of a study of the law of God, the writings of Moses, sacred history, sacred prophecies, sacred music, the Hebrew language, and a trade or some line of vocational training. These schools had a good influence in Israel during the days of Saul, David, and Solomon. We are told that when Saul was met by a company of students from one of these schools, he was so influenced by the spiritual power of their music that he became a converted man. (1 Samuel 10: 5-11.) Religion and music were very closely associated in the schools of the Israelites.

At the Birth of Christ

The outpouring of song at the birth of Christ is one of the most beautiful episodes in the story of music in connection with religion. The angels burst forth in a glorious anthem, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 14. Another song of this time is that of Mary, which begins: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Luke 1: 46, 47. We may add to these the songs of Zacharias and Simeon. (Luke 1: 68 ff; 2: 29-32.)

The gospel message of salvation was carried on wings of song during the first century. Paul believed in music and the power of hymns. While imprisoned in the Philippian jail, Paul and Silas sang praises of God at midnight, songs that brought deliverance to them and salvation to the keeper of the prison. The apostle urges the believers to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3: 16. (See also Ephesians 5: 19, 20.)

The early church was noted for its use of congregational singing. In one of his reports to the emperor of Rome, Pliny, the Governor of Bithynia (about A. D. 109) wrote about the Christians being "accustomed to assemble on a fixed day before daylight and sing by turns a hymn to Christ as a god."—*Pliny's Letters*, Bk. 10, Epist. 96.

The singing of religious songs by the entire congregation was a custom that continued in the church for several centuries. But with the development of the Roman Catholic Church, congregational singing



JERUSALEM the GOLDEN

By BERNARD of CLUNY

(In the twelfth century)

(From the Middle Ages has come this grand hymn, which was probably inspired by the Book of Revelation. It was translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale in 1851.)

"Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
What holy joys are there;
What radiance of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

"They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

"There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

"O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father,
And Spirit, ever blest."

was silenced in order to control the spread of "heresy." As the ritual of the Roman Church became locked in the Latin tongue, also the music of the church held to the same speech. The chants which later became known as the Gregorian chants or plain song, while originally bearing a close resemblance to the music of the people, became more and more a thing apart from heartfelt congregational expression. Not until a later day was song to be restored to the congregation.

The song of God's children seems to take on its greatest joy and to reach the grandest climax in the description of the new earth and the church triumphant. This has inspired some of the most beautiful expressions found in the Bible. Isaiah prophesied of this time, saying: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35: 10.

Echoes of glorious songs of the redeemed may be caught from a passage here and there in the Revelation. John records: "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest." Revelation 15: 3, 4.

And again we read: "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5: 11-13.

Thrilling Hymns

Nowhere in all literature have there appeared more thrilling hymns of praise and adoration than these songs of the redeemed. They have been the inspiration of numerous later hymns of praise. Passages from the Revelation inspired Handel to write some of the great choruses in his famous oratorio, "The Messiah." Music and art both have been greatly enriched by the songs of the Bible, singing inspired by the greatest theme of the ages—the redemption of man.

This growing chorus of praise and joyous song, inspired by Christianity and the Bible, is a striking contrast to the wailing and the dirges of paganism. Only Christianity has inspired a noble and beautiful hymnody of praise which has been a comfort and an inspiration to the people of God.

The hymnal of today reflects but dimly
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"BIG JOB FOR A CHILD PRODIGY"

VICKY

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LEARN HOW TO
USE PAWNS



VICKY in The London Daily News Chronicle

Clay Pawns

What Happens When Dictators
Play the Game of Destiny

By THEO. G. WEIS

IN THE international game of politics and diplomatic maneuvering, destiny has aligned an impenetrable rank of impenitent pawns. Kings may topple from their thrones, empires spawn revolutions and disintegrate, but pawns remain. A wise, old historian-prophet of ancient Babylon, reclining in his palatial study, penned a "white-paper" on twentieth century power-politics. The pawns are the center of his theme. He wrote in defense of pawns, that "part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron." Daniel 2: 41.

Anyone who claims that the Roman empire was not the last universal empire on earth has forgotten elementary history. Time has fully proven that much of the prophet's thesis. But he predicts that following the iron kingdom of Rome (Daniel 2: 40) strong pieces and weak pieces would move side by side just as long as Divine Providence has ordained. There is to be no other world-ruling empire. The end of pawns marks the end of history. God's kingdom follows. "And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." Daniel 2: 43. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." Daniel 2: 44.

The fall of Rome was a matter of centuries. But it is usually accepted that A. D. 476 marks the dividing line between ancient and medieval history. The Dark Ages followed. In due time came the Renaissance, the Reformation, the finding of new continents, but the Old World remained in pieces. In the sixteenth century, in the seventeenth, in the eighteenth some pieces grew stronger, some became

weaker, and the balance of power shifted with uncertainty.

In the nineteenth century democracy slowly began to draw back the curtain, revealing the atomic era of the twentieth century. Whether history repeats itself or not may be a question for philosophers. Thus far at least, the present strangely resembles the past. (See "Parallel Peace Moves" in the accompanying table.) The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, has said: "Things can never be as they were. The old age is passed, . . . The furnaces of war are heating the molten metal; citizens and statesmen must shape it. . . . Under the very din of battle our aims and energies must be directed to the common good."—*The Balance Sheet of the Future*, 1941, p. 27.

How much of the old age has passed? How much of its likeness remains today?

If World War II proved the uselessness of the saying that "in war there are no winners," it also proved that all wars usually end almost the same way, and that big wars do not end little wars—little wars grow into big wars—and no one war ends all war. Peace must be planned for, worked for, just as much as fought for. War can be

built on bitterness. Peace cannot be built on victory, it only begins there.

Napoleon and Hitler hammered ruthless pathways across honorably established boundary lines nearly a century and a half apart. To rid the society of nations of these would-be world rulers entailed a similar entanglement of detail and confusion. We can weigh the results of 1815, for history tells us that. We have only the prophet's utterances in the Bible for what will happen after 1945. The Sacred Book never fails. History tells us



From this balcony at the Wilhelmstrasse, Adolf Hitler made many of his notable rabble-rousing speeches. (Photo by International News.)

that the Holy Alliance following the Congress of Vienna, in its inception by Czar Alexander I, was designed to preserve peace and promote Christian principles in the intercourse of nations. This instrument in the hand of Prince Metternich, the Austrian foreign minister, became a bulwark for "power play." The League of Nations as conceived was useful, but its effectiveness did not hinder Hitler. Of the United Nations Organization it has been said, "Unless its constitution is changed to give a more powerful voice to the small nations, it may prove to be a method of maintaining an Anglo-American-Russian hegemony over the entire world." Were it not for the rival interests of these three, such theoretical possibilities would seem likely.

When Compared

The parallel between 1815 and 1945 is worthy of study.

When history is compared with history, a certain amount of uneasiness and futility reaches desperately for guidance from God. Earth greatly needs His kingdom of peace. And, His kingdom shall be established, established in the days of clay pawns—weak nations sitting at the peace tables of the world—"and it shall stand for ever." For "in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2: 44.

"Always a Crisis"

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is always a crisis just around the corner, and I have to do something about it."

He said that he had been thinking every week that "perhaps the next week will not be quite so hectic as the week just passed, but the coming week is always just a little more hectic."—*The New York Times*, February 10, 1946.

Whether we like the policies and politics of Mr. Truman or not, he is the head of our government. As such he deserves an interest in our prayers, because our well being is involved in what he does. The Lord has instructed His people "that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Timothy 2: 1, 2. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may prompt Mr. Truman and all others in high authority to do what is best for the common good of all men. A wrong move in this critical hour can entail much woe for mankind.

PARALLEL PEACE MOVES

SMALL NATIONS SERVE AS PAWNS

1815	1945
Differences:	Differences:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States a minor factor. 2. Far East not essential. 3. France, the transgressor. 4. France had colonies. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States takes leading role. 2. Far East vitally concerned. 3. Germany and Japan, the transgressors. 4. Germany has no colonies; Japan has.
Similarities:	Similarities:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Russia important. 2. Napoleon and Alexander I meet at Tilset to divide Europe. 3. Napoleon lost his war on the plains of Russia. 4. Napoleon goes to St. Helena. 5. Alexander I becomes "saviour of Europe" 6. Russia, Britain, Prussia, Austria are very closely cemented while in the war. 7. Dissention and bickering begin as soon as the war is over. 8. Scramble for territory and power: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Russia demanded and got bulk of Poland. (b) Russia gets Finland. (c) Russia receives Bessarabia. (d) Russia wants Dardenelles. Is opposed by Britain. 9. Defeated France posed problems: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) How to deal with France. (b) Future of her conquered territories. (c) Troops of victors in Paris. 10. Statesmen of Europe meet in Congress of Vienna. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Redraw map of Europe. (b) Bitterness accompanied complex agreements. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Russia important. 2. Stalin and Hitler make non-aggression pact, August, 1939. 3. Hitler was shattered by his drive into Russia. 4. Hitler kills himself. 5. Stalin is highly esteemed by many of Europe's minorities. 6. Russia, Britain, United States demonstrate great team-work in war. 7. Meetings of ministers remain at deadlock and non-committal. 8. Territory remains in background, power is a factor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Lubin Committee of Poland directed from Moscow. (b) Russia gets part of Finland. (c) Russia receives Bessarabia. (d) Russia wants part of Turkey and a sphere of influence in Iran. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Friendship Pact ended, March, 1945. (2) Turkey will fight. (3) Britain has interests. 9. Defeated Germany poses problems: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) How to deal with Germany. (b) No territories. Division of nation is major concern. (c) Allied troops in Berlin. 10. Ministers of Big Three meet in Moscow. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agreements on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Atomic question. (2) Rule of Japan. (3) How peace terms are to be drawn: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Finland. (b) Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary. (c) Italy. (d) Germany and Japan. (Could these lead to redrawing the map of Europe?) 11. Big Three hold preponderance of military power. 12. Post-war trends: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Religion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voice of the church at San Francisco meeting. 2. Many feel religion should soothe political bruises. 3. Roman Catholic church appoints cardinals, more world inclusive. 4. Russia opposes international influence of church. (b) Industrial supremacy remains with a Protestant-democratic country—United States. (c) Industrial workers are determined to dictate to capitalistic controlled industry. (d) Atomic new era.



Pana, a Seventh-day Adventist native of the South Pacific Islands, shows an idol that he worshiped in the days when he was a pagan like the heathen shown on the left. (Photos by Keystone and International News.)



[EDITOR'S NOTE—Chaplain Bergherm has spoken from experience in this inspiring article. He traveled far and wide in the battle areas of World War II, living and laboring close to our servicemen as they fought the enemy on land and sea. Before entering the armed forces, he had spent many years in the Far East, and had traveled extensively in other countries. The apostle Paul had good reason to say: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation." Romans 1: 16.]

A CHAPLAIN friend down in New Guinea once said to me: "I have always been a strong supporter of the missionary enterprise, but seeing first-hand the work of missions over here, I am stronger for it than ever. I now believe that Christian missions are a greater agency for international goodwill than any other medium known to man."

"That sermon you preached on missions last week was an expensive one for me, Chaplain," said a soldier in the Philippines.

When asked to explain why, he continued: "Well, Chaplain, you said that if we had spent for missions some of the billions we must now spend for war, and had sent missionaries to Japan in a more commensurate measure, probably the Lord would have spared us this bloodshed; and that now we must send warships to work destruction when we should have sent missionaries to build for eternity. That caught me straight, and I vowed to send my combat pay (\$10.00) each month to my church to be used for foreign missions."

After the Battle of Milne Bay, which battle marked the turning point for the Japs in their march southward on New Guinea, it was learned that some Papuan "fuzzy-wuzzies" had contributed a definite part in making that victory a pos-

sibility. Seven were to be given special citations and decorated. The officers were surprised to learn that all seven were mission trained men, graduates of near-by mission schools.

In Ward 16 of the Forty-Seventh General Hospital a pilot was slowly but surely winning the battle that would return him to the vigor of health. Ask him if it paid to teach Christianity to the natives of interior New Guinea. He would answer that he owed his life to a group of natives who a few years before had been cannibals, but now in Christ's name took him in when he lay broken and crushed on a lonely mountain side.

Ask those 13 Australian soldiers if they believe in missions. They will tell you of making their escape when the Japs completely surrounded them. Before them lay a river, their only means of escape. But they were too weak and too far spent to cross over against its swift current. They were about to be captured as the enemy was drawing nearer. Just then a strong native appeared. He formed a rope of some of the mountain vines, and then swam across the stream to tie one end of the line to the other bank. He then carried each of the 13 men across, holding himself by the rope. They all made their escape.

When they asked him who he was, he only smiled and said, "Who me? Me belong seven days," meaning he was a Seventh-day Adventist. Efforts have been made to find this man and award him with

FOREIGN MISSIONS



Thrilling Reports from the South Pacific Battle Areas

By CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. BERGHERM
Chaplain, United States Army

a proper citation, but until the present he has not been found.

Let me add that to appreciate this story you have to know the Papuan native who is not mission trained. Your chances that he would exert any great effort on his own initiative and risk himself for you are very small.

We who have been there know that something from outside of him has to mightily possess the native who will do the things described above. E. C. N. Welton, an old settler at Wewak, New Guinea, in his book *Pidgin English*, which is distributed among the soldiers, gives

this rule about the native of New Guinea: "Remember, they are born thieves, and will probably steal something to get you in trouble."

Thank God, there is a power in the gospel, and by it these people are being born again!

Perhaps no experience in my association with the missionaries of New Guinea and the Australian soldier better illustrates the power that the gospel of Christ puts into the lives of the native than that which was told to me by an Australian

warrant officer, Jack Radley, whom I met in Milne Bay. He had escaped from Rabaul in a small motor boat, and had been remarkably covered by clouds when the planes of the enemy swept over his boat. The long story of escape from one danger after another, and their final arrival in Sydney in the same small boat, so impressed his crew of six natives that they gave up their vices and asked to be Christians and to receive Christian baptism. The accompanying picture shows four of these six men, now earnest Seventh-day Adventists, standing with Major Leon W. Hawley, who was at that time the base chaplain. Here is the story.

All hope, explained this warrant officer, that a group of Australian officers and men trapped in one section could ever escape had been given up. The country was unfamiliar to them, and the enemy by this time had them completely surrounded. They were waiting only for the trap to fall. Nearby was a Seventh-day Adventist mission school. The teacher, who was a native, seeing the helpless condition of these men, volunteered his help. Word was quickly brought to the commanding officer, who called the boy.

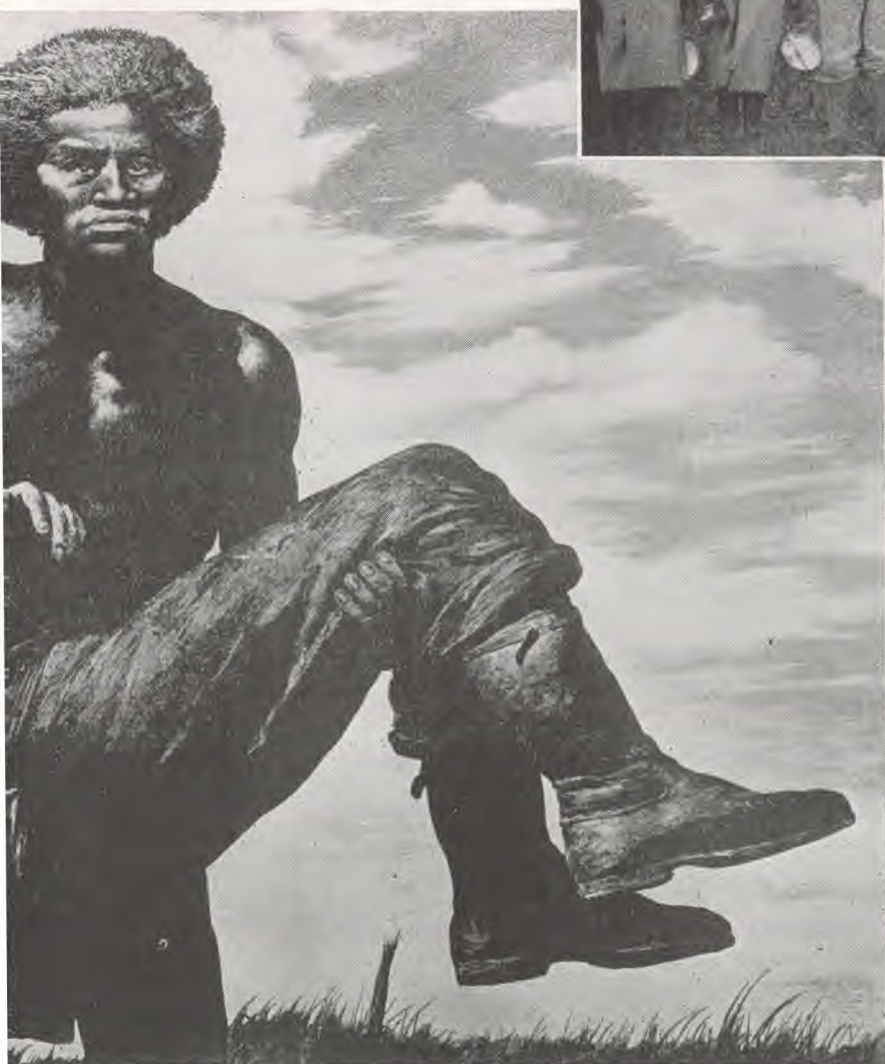
A plan for escape was agreed upon. Before starting, the boy asked that they all pray. The men were called together, and when the boy was about to pray, he stopped. "Jehovah God He no hear along masta he smoke," he said. The officer then commanded that all

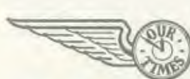
cigarettes be discarded, and the boy led out in a simple, earnest prayer. The long arduous journey, fraught with many dangers, then began; but while there were perils, there were also angels of God about those men, and it was evident a providential hand had been laid upon them. Finally, after many days of the hardest going, when it often seemed that they could never escape, the boy pointed to smoke rising from another mountain, and said, "There, your fellows!" and left them. They soon reached their companions and safety.

We soldiers know that missions pay. And they pay big. They deserve your most loyal support, both materially and spiritually.



With Major Leon W. Hawley are shown four of the six native Seventh-day Adventists of the South Pacific Islands mentioned in the accompanying article. The picture below, drawn for Curtiss-Wright Corporation, shows the South Pacific "fuzzy-wuzzy" acting the part of an angel of mercy to a fallen warrior.





In the Vanguard of the Crime Wave

THE ANNUAL report of the Nashville (Tennessee) Police Department showed 23,531 arrests for 1945, a gain of 5,200—or an increase of 28%—over those for 1944. Last year 4,232 white women were arrested in this city, a notable rise above the records of previous years. The police reported 36 murders, 16 suicides, and 120 robberies (on streets, in alleys, and at gasoline stations and banks), 172 arrests for grand larceny, 1,018 for fast driving, 2,089 for disorderly conduct, and 2,209 for drunk and disorderly conduct. "Arrests involving drunkenness led all others, with

4,712 as compared with 3,689 last year [1944]," says the news report in *The Nashville Banner* (February 2, 1946).

Yes, drunkenness leads the way in the crime wave! Intoxicating liquor is in the forefront of the factors that corrupt society, demoralize citizens, and turn human beings into derelicts and criminals.

Our Maker places drunkenness in the catalog of humanity's worst practices, and locks drunkards up in the same cell of sin in which mankind's worst reprobates are found:

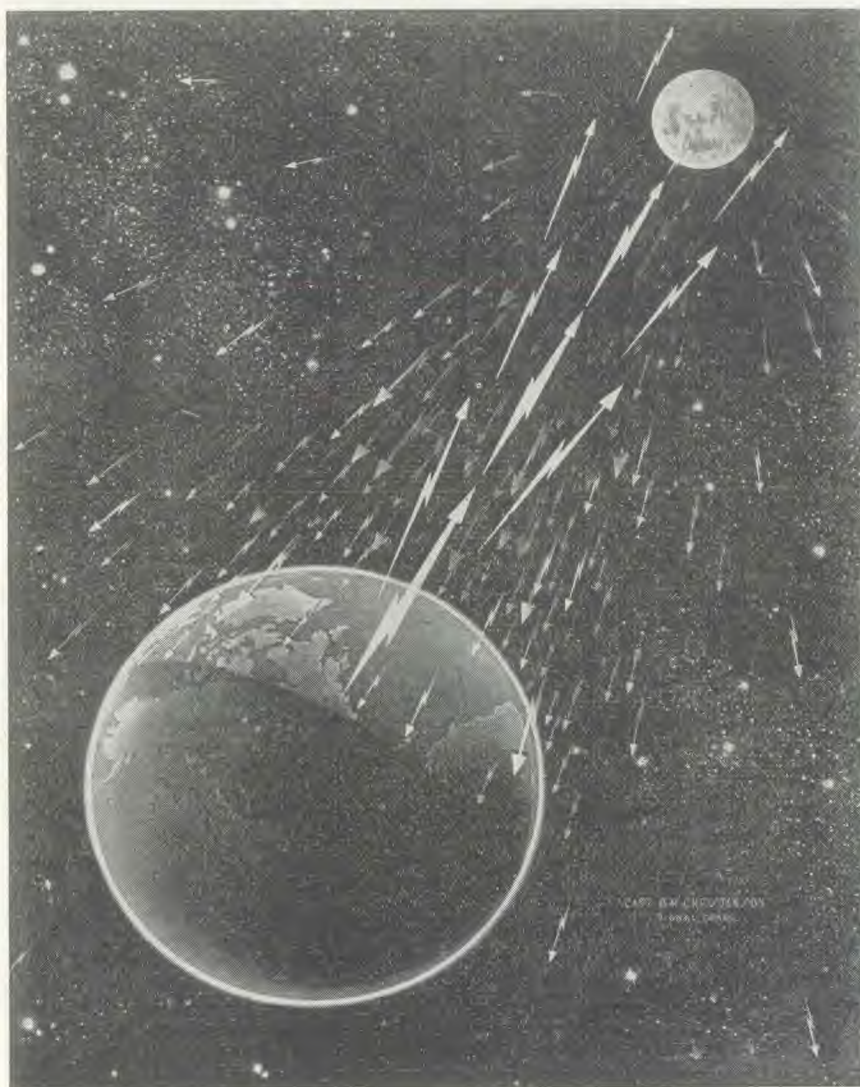
"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations,

wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that *they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God*. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5: 19-23.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, *shall inherit the kingdom of God*. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11.

These two passages of Holy Scripture plainly show that drunkenness and drunkards have no lawful place in Christian society. We thank God for that last sentence quoted above. Christ can cleanse drunkards of their filthy habit, if they will let Him, and make them fit subjects for that better world to come.

This diagram, drawn by Captain B. H. Christenson of the United States Army Signal Corps, illustrates how contact was made with the moon by radar in the historic test at Belmar, New Jersey, on February 10. The heavy arrows represent the impulses sent out from the laboratory to the rising moon, and the smaller arrows indicate the impulses bouncing back to earth just two and four tenths seconds later. (Photo by Acme.)



Help Fight Cancer!

EVERY citizen of the United States is urged to join in the fight against one of the most deadly killers of the American people.

"It is estimated that there will be 175,000 deaths from cancer this year," says Norman Winter, national publicity director of the American Cancer Society, "and that about 17,000,000 American men, women, and children will be cancer victims within their lifetimes. . . . Eminent cancer scientists have stated that one third to one half of these deaths are needless."

Those acquainted with the story of the life of Christ know that He was the foe of disease of every kind. He probably spent as much or more time healing people of physical afflictions as He did in teaching them religion. Indeed, the fight against sickness was a major part of His religious program.

From time to time we shall publish timely and helpful information concerning the battle against the cancer plague and

tell you what you can do to help in the fight. Do something to help banish this evil from our land. You may be its next victim.



Tandem Polygamy

ON FEBRUARY 15, 1946, *The Nashville Tennessean* carried (on page 18) this striking headline—"Half of State Marriages Head for Divorce Court." The first part of the news report reads:

"Approximately one half of the marriages in Tennessee have a chance of ending in the divorce courts, according to the figures of the Vital Statistics Division of the State Health Department. There were 8,771 marriage certificates and 4,865 certificates of divorce filed with the division during the last six months of 1945, Dr. R. H. Hutcheson, state commissioner of health, reported yesterday."

This news item has been published since the article "America, Watch Your Step!" appearing on page 3 of this issue of *OUR TIMES*, was written.

The trend in this country is more and more toward what has been aptly termed "tandem polygamy"—one spouse after another. Members of the popular churches are following this fashion, too.

This reminds us of the social conditions of the antediluvian age. Church people in those days fell into the same social evil, for in those days "the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." Genesis 6: 2.

And describing social conditions in the last days, the Saviour has said: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24: 37-39.



A Marvel of Modern Medicine

"THIS IS the saga of an eye—useless to one man, valuable to another," reported *The New York Times* (February 13, 1946), "The eye was flown to New York from Miami [Florida], the greatest distance that such an eye has traveled, according to the National Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., at 210 East Sixty-fourth Street."

The story reveals that Mrs. Henry Breckinridge, director of the year-old eye bank, received a telephone call from an ophthalmologist in Miami stating that he

The United States Navy's "Man from Mars" is shown set for biological warfare. If the Axis powers had tried to invade the United States with plagues of deadly germs, they would have found our armed forces ready to fight by the same means. (Photo by International News.)



had just removed an eye from a patient in an operation, and that the organ was available to the eye bank. She instructed the doctor to take the eye at once to the manager of the Eastern Air Lines in Miami, saying that the air lines of the country had agreed to fly eyes as a special service and without cost to the eye bank in New York.

A cornea transplant must be made within 72 hours to be effective. The eye of the Miami man was put in a small bottle of saline solution, which was placed in a thermos jug kept at a temperature of 40 degrees. It left Miami at 3: 53 p.m. Monday, arrived at the Newark Airport at 11: 51 that night, and was soon rushed by a Red Cross motor car to the eye bank laboratory.

The next morning the eye was used in a cornea operation on a patient in a hospital in New York City.

After witnessing the terrible destruction caused by scientific warfare to the extent of 80,000,000 casualties (according to the latest report of the Carnegie Endowment for peace), we rejoice to see science and invention so ably serving to ameliorate the ills of humanity instead of

increasing them. May we see our notable increase of knowledge serving more and more to save rather than to destroy men's lives. This case of the eye shows how the telephone, the airplane, the motor car, and modern surgery in a piece of marvelous teamwork have brought sight to the blind.



"Always a Crisis"

THE AFTERMATH of the greatest war of all times has piled upon President Harry S. Truman problems of more crushing weight than has been the lot of any previous occupant of the White House. So much of the future welfare of the nation and of the world depends upon the decisions made by our nation's chief executive, that the strain must be exceedingly hard upon him when he is pulled and torn by powerful warring factions at home and abroad. He is not to be envied.

"This is one place," said Mr. Truman to the 125 personnel heads of the executive department and agencies at a meeting in the White House on February 9, "where you never lack for action, and where there

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Good Mothers Make Good Men

The Secret of Successful Child Training

THERE is an ancient proverb which reads: "As is the mother so is the daughter." There are, of course, exceptions to this rule, but we find it to be generally true. I do not mean that nine times out of 10 the daughter lives what the mother has taught her out of books, or even what she has taught her out of the Book of books; what I do mean is that the daughter lives to a large degree what the mother has taught her by example.

Men who have in the past exerted the greatest influence for good in the world had, as a rule, pious mothers. The mother of George Washington, the man in whose principles we glory today, made it a practice each morning to spend an hour in prayer, devotion, and Bible study before attempting to conduct morning worship with her family.

Abraham Lincoln

The life of Abraham Lincoln, it is well known, was shaped to a large degree by his godly mother. When she was on her death bed, when Lincoln was but 12 years of age, he promised his mother that he would never use alcohol or tobacco. She had observed the influence of these narcotics upon others. That promise was never broken. Had it not been for the life of Lincoln's mother the world might never have heard of the man to whom it shows great respect even today.

The lives of John and Charles Wesley stand forth as monuments of a mother's influence. Although the mother of 18 children, she found time for daily secret prayer and Bible study. She was the teacher of her children. Speaking of John Wesley, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (eleventh edition, Vol. 28, p. 527) says: "He was the fifteenth child. . . . His mother's training laid the foundation of his character, and under her instruction the children made remarkable progress." The great work accomplished by this man of God is too well known to need further comment. The mother's life was reproduced in the son. Charles, his brother, was the eighteenth child. He wrote not less than 6,500 hymns. What a testimonial this is to the influence of a godly mother!

By DANIEL H. KRESS, M. D.

Whenever God had need of a man of worth in the past He had to search out first a godly woman to make such a man.

Paul gives the secret of the success of Timothy, a young man in the gospel ministry. He said: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." 2 Timothy 1: 5. This unfeigned faith was transmitted from grandmother to mother and from the mother to the son.

John the Baptist is spoken of as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Matthew 3: 3. He came preaching, "and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Verse 2. And he told the people to "bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Verse 8. Of this man Jesus could say: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." Matthew 11: 11. What a marvelous testimonial in favor of this great teacher of reforms!

Naturally we are led to enquire something about John's mother. In her life we have one source of his power and mighty influence. We read: "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And

they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." Luke 1: 5, 6.

This godly pair prayed that God would give them a son. He heard that prayer, and an angel was sent with this message: "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb." Verses 13-15. And of John's mother we read that even before his birth "Elisabeth



A godly mother's influence for good is one of the most potent forces known to man. (Photo by Galloway.)

was filled with the Holy Ghost." Verse 41. It was not surprising that from birth her child was "filled with the Holy Ghost." This refutes the teaching that there is nothing in heredity and that early training alone is responsible in the training of children. What a child will be is often determined to a large degree by what the mother is before its birth. The training of children begins before they are born.

To the wife of Manoah, at the time when Israel needed a deliverer, was promised the gift of a son, with this admonition: "Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing." Judges 13: 4. The woman told her husband the words of the heavenly visitant. "Then Manoah intreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field." Verses 8, 9. She ran and called her husband. Addressing the angel, he said: "Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" Verses 11, 12.

Their Concern

Their concern was how to train the child after its birth. The burden of the angel was to instruct the prospective mother as to her habits of eating, drinking, etc., before its birth. "And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe." Verses 13, 14.

The training of that child in right habits of eating and drinking began before its birth. Self-control must begin with the mother. And if ever there is a time when it ought to be practiced, it is during pregnancy.

"And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times." Verses 24, 25.

Marriage to the wrong kind of a woman marred Samson's future, but through this man, although he was sidetracked for a time, God wrought deliverance for Israel.

When the children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt, and the time had come for their deliverance, God raised up a deliverer. Before this could take place, God must first find a woman to whom he could entrust the training of that deliverer. The story is an interesting one. Pharaoh himself probably knew that the time for Israel's deliverance had about come. He gave this command to the midwives, "Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive." Exodus 1: 22.

It was at this time Moses was born. When his mother "saw him that he was a

goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink." Exodus 2: 2, 3. "His sister [Miriam] stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him." Verse 4. She was following the instruction of her mother, who probably was on

her knees at home pleading with God in behalf of her helpless babe.

"The daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river." Verse 5. This was no mere coincidence. God was directing in the matter. "Her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had

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Replies to Health Queries

This Information for the readers of OUR TIMES is supplied by Owen S. Parrett, M. D., a physician and writer of wide experience. Address questions to the doctor in care of this magazine.

How do pickled green olives compare in digestibility with pickled cucumbers?—F.E.T.

Any food put up in a solution of vinegar is difficult of digestion. In the case of the olive the presence of some oil might allay the irritation of the vinegar to some extent, but other than this, if the percentage of the acetic acid of vinegar is the same, both would be comparable as to digestibility. Vinegar is totally unfit to use in foods, and it is more damaging to the liver and kidneys than is alcohol. It is only a caustic acid, and has no useful purpose in the body as do the lemon and other acid fruits.

I have a pea-sized hair mole on the side of my face. It is not cancerous, but it is disfiguring. Is it safe to have it removed?—U.F.V.

First, let me say that a hairy mole seldom, if ever, becomes malignant or cancerous. This mole and the hairs with it can be safely removed by using a fulgurating or desiccating electric needle. If done carefully, and not treated too deeply, it should make so little scar as to scarcely be noticeable.

A medical examination reveals that I have a leaky heart. Please suggest what I may do to avoid aggravating this condition.—L.K.H.

A leaky heart may not always be serious, depending on which valve or valves may be involved and the degree of leak, as well as the general condition of the patient's heart and other organs. The mistake of not exercising at all may be avoided by watching to see how much one can take of normal activity without feeling any undue shortness of breath, for exercise consistently taken is essential to strengthen the heart muscle. Walking is the best exercise for a damaged heart. It may be graduated to meet the ability of the heart to take it, by walking slowly or rapidly, on the level or up or down grade. Even a normal heart will become weak like any other muscle when not exercised. General hygiene should include all the rules for keeping the body in a high state of efficiency in order to help the weakened and damaged heart. This means eight or nine hours sleep and a diet high in fruits and vegetables, with proteins derived mostly from the vegetable kingdom. Since flesh meat in the diet greatly reduces endurance the same as do tea and coffee, it should be avoided as far as possible, and tea and coffee ought never to be used. Natural sweets, such as sweet fruits and

honey, may be used quite freely, while sugar should be used sparingly. Deep breathing to furnish oxygen freely to the blood in the lungs is helpful, and sun bathing is invigorating to the entire body. Cereals containing the outer grain layers or brewers' yeast furnish nerve and muscle tone from vitamins of the B complex, all of which are essential to good heart action.

What particular advantage does goats' milk have over cows' milk, if any? Is it easier to digest than cows' milk?—O.M.J.

Goats' milk, while not differing greatly from cows' milk in so far as the chemicals and food value are concerned, is somewhat easier to digest because the curd is softer, so that as a food for either adults or babies it has some advantages over cows' milk. The homogenization of cows' milk, however, makes it more like goats' milk by breaking up the solid material into finer particles.

I am suffering from ulcer of the stomach. What causes this condition? How can a well person avoid it?—S.T.L.

Stomach ulcer is considered by many as a nervous disease. In any case nerve strain greatly effects the course of the disease and probably plays a big part in starting the trouble with most patients. It is said that you seldom see ulcers develop in the rotund, overweight type of individual, but more often in the masculine, muscular type with smaller waist line. The cause may be irritating foods, infection, nerve strain, and other factors, some of which are not known. Tobacco greatly aggravates this condition, and I remember hearing a leading surgeon declare at a national medical meeting that no case of ulcer could be healed and remain so unless the patient would leave off tobacco. Careful diet, with the use of considerable milk and fruits, helps in preventing the disease, since vitamin C found in fruits is essential both in preventing such a wound and in healing it once it is formed. Milk takes up the excess of acid which might be in the stomach and is at the same time the most easily digested of all foods except fruits and juices. The cream of milk helps to diminish the acidity of the stomach. Persons of ulcer tendencies should avoid worry and should select a job where the responsibility is not too great. Here "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine."



*One essential to success in life is the spirit of optimism.
This trait is a characteristic of a true Christian.*

character and ability. Are you preparing for the unexpected that is bound to happen, sooner or later?

When the Saviour was here upon earth, He realized that because sin was running rampant throughout the world the lot of man would seldom be a happy one. One day, shortly before His return to His Father, He spoke the comforting words found in the first three verses of John 14. With the thought of directing their minds above and beyond the immediate troubles of their daily life, He said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a

EARLY ONE morning a few years ago a disastrous fire swept through the large plant of an automobile distributor. About 200 new and used cars lay in ruins. Scarcely a window in either the block-square building or in any of these cars remained unbroken.

As I viewed the blackened wreck in the afternoon, a penciled announcement stuck on the entrance to the showroom caught my eye. "Doing business temporarily at our used car lot on the East Side," it read. It was signed by the president of the firm.

"It will take more than this fire to lick me," the official said to newspapermen. "We'll be doing business tomorrow as usual." And he did open up at eight o'clock the following morning in another location.

"Sometimes it takes a catastrophe like this to make a person realize how many friends he has and how quickly they can come to his assistance," the executive observed. "It went beyond anything I ever dreamed of. Not only did our friends here in the city pour in with offers, but we had calls from the other cities on the West Coast, and all the executives of the factory in the East called to offer their help."

Reflecting further, he said, "It was a serious jolt to us to lose our plant. We had been building on it so many years, and it represented the realization of our years of dreams and plans.

"But after all, all that we lost was the building. We've still got the personnel and spirit left, and they count most.

Keep Looking Up!

Let Us Fight the Depression Complex

By DONALD H. HARDCASTLE

We're going right ahead delivering parts and cars as usual—a little raggedly perhaps, but we're still on the job."

The spirit of the man set me to thinking. I recalled that about seven years before this time this same dealer was in a terrible automobile wreck and was nearly burned to death. Skillful doctors pulled him through that misfortune. And now, after two years of occupancy of his "automotive city," as he called his very complete plant, and after 15 years of being in business for himself, he looked over his blackened building, but his chin was still up. He got ahold of a piece of paper and informed the public that he would be open for business on the following morning. Then he took a full page in the next Sunday paper to tell the public just what happened at the fire and that the firm would be able to continue to serve their needs.

So, one might observe, even a bad fire has a great deal of good publicity value.

How do you take your losses? Can you smile, and hang out a sign, saying: "Open for business as usual"?

Emergencies are the real tests of your

place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

This comforting message, while spoken directly to His disciples, was meant for the people of all succeeding ages as well. Today we find these words among the most reassuring passages in the Scriptures. Today we need them as never before.

The aftermath of World War II is bringing a very real and personal perplexity to each one of us. The struggle for our very existence is intense. As we view the strife between capital and labor, as we see the failure of government to solve our economic problems, and as we observe the utter collapse of moral standards, the future appears hopeless.

The future would be hopeless if the Saviour had not spoken the words, "Let not your heart be troubled," and pointed mankind ahead to the time when He would return to put an end to our sinful state of affairs. Speaking of the signs that would harbingers His second coming, He said:

"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28.

Yes, thank God, He is coming again! He has promised to return. As He ascended slowly from the midst of His awed disciples, two angels in white apparel appeared before them with this divine assurance: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11.

If we would see Jesus when He returns to claim His faithful subjects, we must keep looking up. Let us not allow our vision of His soon return to be blurred by the distraction and strife around us. And while we are waiting, there's one thing Jesus has bidden us to do. That is to tell others of His wonderful love and that He died to save them from their sins.

America, Watch Your Step!

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causing the consuming public the least anguish."

Elated over our nation's attainment to the summit of world power, earning more money than ever in our history, and blessed with more of the good things of life than any people on earth, we have become more wanton, reckless, and godless with every passing day. We not only burn up our money in cigarettes, and drink it away in booze, but we throw it away in gambling with astonishing indifference. The Associated Press sent this report to the nation's press at the close of the horse-racing season for 1945:

"The greatest financial spree in racing history made a billion-and-a-quarter-dollar business out of betting on the race horses in the United States in 1945. The old-fashioned two-dollar window was just small change this year. The bettors rushed the \$10-and-up wickets and wagered the total of \$1,306,514,314 in the 18 states where race tracks operate under mutuel betting. Altogether, turf fans bet an average of \$75.70 per person per racing day during the year, topped off by a practically fabulous \$107.99 average on New Hampshire's one small track. . . . The most astonishing factor in the wagering—even more than the fast play given the upper-bracket betting windows—was the fact that the nearly 17,000,000 fans who saw the horses run during the year had 221 fewer days on which to operate than in 1944 because of the war-time shutdowns, yet bet nearly \$200,000,000 more."—*The New York Times*, December 10, 1945.

That is only a small part of the betting picture as a whole, because we gamble in a

myriad different forms and on as many different things in this country.

These are merely a few glimpses of our social life as revealed to us by our own daily press. Put with this the fact that just about half of the inhabitants of the United States belong to no church of any kind and make no profession whatever of religion. The mania to use profane and obscene language in public has become commonplace among both sexes, with little regard shown any more for anybody in the use of it. We spent in 1944 the following sums: \$2,700,000,000 for cigarettes; \$2,200,000,000 for cosmetics and personal care; \$5,500,000,000 for movies and recreation; \$7,100,000,000 for alcoholic beverages; \$10,000,000,000 for jewelry, furs, gambling, and luxuries; and less than \$1,000,000,000 for the support of all the churches. In fact, the churches and charities of all forms (including the Red Cross, the Community Chest, etc.) together received only \$1,600,000,000.

It is true that worse conditions can be pointed out as prevailing in other countries, but that does not alter the gravity of the situation here. We ought to lead others to heaven, and not follow them to hell. In all this we see a sign of the times, a fulfillment of sacred prophecy concerning the last days of the world.

Of ill-fated Sodom it is written that "pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and her daughters,

neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." Ezekiel 16: 49. Blessed with an abundance of material things for her temporal needs, and with much leisure time on their hands to enjoy those good things, the people of Sodom and Gomorrah gave themselves over to sensuality and the indulgence of every other carnal lust, until Divine Providence had to intervene with judgment.

While the rest of the world suffers the most indescribable misery, we drank \$7,000,000,000 worth of intoxicating liquor in 1944. Think of the grain, sugar, and other foodstuffs consumed in making that stuff! With those seven billion dollars we could have bought 70,000,000,000 loaves of bread for the starving people of Europe at the cost of 10 cents a loaf. With that we could have purchased an assortment of 1,250,000,000 pairs of shoes at the average rate of \$5.00 a pair. With it we could have built 7,000 hospitals costing \$1,000,000 each to treat the sick and wounded. We must answer to God for this prodigal waste while others are dying because they lack the necessary things of life.

Jesus has said that "as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, 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

Too often happy and joyous marriages end in divorces and broken homes. Hasty marriages are especially noted for their tragic endings. (Photo by A. Devaney.)



Son of man shall be revealed." Luke 17: 28, 29.

Yes, the citizens of Sodom were a very industrious people, and they were not condemned for this. But they perished because their moral condition deteriorated as their material prosperity increased. Present trends show that we are following their example.

One apostle reminds us that "Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 7. And another warns us that those cities were made "an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly." 2 Peter 2: 6.

Let Us Not Be Proud

If we are tempted like the great Nebuchadnezzar, builder of the first world empire, to say: "Is not this great America, that we have built for the people of this nation by the might of our power, and for the honor of our country?" let us humble ourselves as we recall Heaven's admonition to that ruler: "Let My counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility." (See Daniel 4: 27.)

Babylon failed to heed that lesson, and when the figures in her account in the books of heaven reached their limit in moral bankruptcy, on that night of Belshazzar's orgy of wine and women, the Judge of the nations dictated this sentence: "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it." Daniel 5: 26.

Will we heed the warnings of the past, learn the lesson of the nations that have risen and fallen before, and repent as did ancient Nineveh when God admonished her to turn from her wicked ways? We shall wait and see.

America, watch your step!

OUR COVER

THE BEAUTIFUL cover picture depicting the blossoms of springtime vegetation, with a blossoming young woman to give it added attraction, was supplied by Harold M. Lambert, 2801 Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia 19, Pa. With the ruins of war lying scattered over the world to remind us of the tragic results of sin, it gives us new heart to see the love of our Creator so beautifully manifest in nature at springtime. It reminds us of the debt of gratitude that we owe Him, because in Him "we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28.

Scripture Problems Solved

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How long a period of time is represented in the Bible by one generation?—J.G.J.

The term "generation" generally is not used in the Bible to denote a period of time that can be stated specifically in days, months, or years, but rather to indicate the number of human links in the chain of descent from one person to another. The word "generate" means to produce. A father generates, or produces, his son, and this son in turn may generate, or produce, a son of his own, etc. Hence, in tracing the ancestry of Jesus through one line of ancestors back to Abraham, one writer lists the total number of generations as being 42. (Matthew 1: 17.) This means that a genealogical chain of 42 human links was formed by the time the Saviour was born. One man, or generation, in the genealogical chain lived longer than another in that chain. One man was older when his son was born than this son was when his son was produced. (Genesis 5: 3-32; 11: 10-32.)

When God says that the iniquities of the fathers are visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him (Exodus 20: 5), He means that as a result of some men's sins their grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren often suffer.

When Jesus said, "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled" (Matthew 24: 34), He did not mean to specify a definite period of time by which one could compute the date of His second coming. He made that clear when He said, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Verse 36. He meant that people living to see the last of those signs fulfilled, which is the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all the world in the last days (verse 14), would see the end come.

Please explain what Paul means when he says: "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."—I.C.H.

The passage cited is found in 2 Corinthians 5: 8. The reading in the American Standard Version is thus: "We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord." The Greek text literally says: "But we are of good courage and are well pleased rather to be away out of the body and to be at home before the Lord."

The context (verses 1-9) reveals that Paul here uses figurative language, speaking of his human body as if it were a tent (tabernacle) in which he resided while living here in this world. Because of sufferings and weariness in labor for the cause of Christ, he longs for the time to come when he shall dwell in that immortal, incorruptible abode of the glorified body that shall be his after the resurrection of the dead "at the last day" (John 6: 39, 40, 54). He expressly states elsewhere that his hope of receiving the reward of the righteous will be realized "at that day" of the Lord's "appearing." (2 Timothy

4: 8.) "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." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17.

When Paul in 2 Corinthians 5: 8 speaks of being "absent from the body," he refers to his departure from this life to the state of death, at which time the present body is "dissolved" (verse 1) by decay into dust (Genesis 3: 19; Ecclesiastes 12: 7; Psalm 146: 4). And when he speaks of his desire to be "present with the Lord," he refers to the resurrection state, at which time he shall be clothed with a new body (verse 4), one invested with incorruption and immortality. This will happen "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Corinthians 15: 52-54.

Was John Wesley, who kept Sunday, a thorough Christian? Are all Sunday-keeping Christians bound for hell?—C.J.B.

We regard John Wesley as being a mighty man of God, raised up by Him to do a great work of reform in England. Wesley, like thousands of other God-fearing Christians through the ages, was a Sunday keeper. Our teaching concerning them is this:

"But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath; and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—the mark of the beast." And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive 'the mark of the beast.'"—E. G. White, "The Great Controversy," p. 449.

Providences of World War II

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the Lord to bring them God's last message for a perishing world. Millions in Europe are more hardened in sin than ever before. They are bitter against God, and they hate the Christian church. But there are many who are looking wistfully to heaven for help. They hunger for light and truth. They want something that will give them hope and assurance. Now before another storm shall break is our time to work. I firmly believe that the greatest victories are just ahead of us in old Europe.

Sing Unto the Lord...

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the glories of the future triumphant church in song. But even so, it is a great privilege to unite with the worshipers of God in praising Him through the hymns of the church. Almost biblical are the words of some of our best hymns. One, for example, is the song which reads, "O God, our help in ages past," by Isaac Watts.

"Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness!" Psalm 30: 4.

Good Mothers Make Good Men

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opened it, she saw the child; and, behold, the babe wept." Verses 5, 6. This touched the heart of the princess. Then Miriam, his sister, being but a mere child, came and said to her: "Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it." Verses 7-9.

For 12 years the mother of Moses had him as her pupil. After this he became the son of Pharaoh's daughter and the prospective heir to the throne of Egypt. "When he was full forty years old," after having received the training for his future to fit him for his princely position, "it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel." Acts 7: 23. We see from this that the early training he had received from his mother was never effaced. "When he was come to years, [he] refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ

greater riches than the treasures in Egypt." Hebrews 11: 24-26. What an encouragement this is to mothers to be faithful in training their children today!

"This Moses . . . did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer" to his people. Acts 7: 35. Except for a godly mother and the early training she gave to her son, deliverance would have had to come by some one else. Let us not forget that before there could be a deliverer, God had to search out first a godly woman to whom He could entrust the deliverer's early training. If more godly mothers would feel the burden of rightly educating their sons and daughters up to the age of 10 or



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12 years, there would be more men like Moses. But too many commit the training of little ones to others too early in life.

Nothing is said of the mother of Daniel, but undoubtedly to her could be attributed chiefly the virtues possessed by Daniel. At the age of about 18 years, when he was commanded to eat the unwholesome delicacies, meats, and wine of the king's table, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." Daniel 1: 8. He suggested: "Let them give us pulse [vegetable foods] to eat, and water to drink." Verse 12. He requested that he might have the food of his choice, the kind that his mother had taught him to eat in early

childhood as the food most conducive to the development of both physical and spiritual life. Had it not been for the character of his mother, there would have been no Daniel.

In the prophet Samuel we have another example of a mother's life and influence. Hannah was childless, and she earnestly prayed for a son. God heard her heartfelt prayer, and gave her the promise of a son. She, on her part, promised to dedicate him to the service of God forever. This promise she kept. During the first years of Samuel's life, she taught him with this future in view, and then she presented him to the Lord.

In Eli's household dwelt his wicked sons, who were "sons of Belial." But the boy Samuel was not influenced by the example of those wicked young men, and he grew to be a man with whom God could communicate early in life. Later he became one of the most devout men of God. When God needed a Samuel, he had first to find a woman of prayer, a Hannah.

Of Christ we read: "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law." Galatians 4: 4, 5. To make it possible for us to have this Deliverer, God first sought a Mary. To this godly young woman were the words addressed by the angel: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus. . . . And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy word." Luke 1: 30, 31, 38. When Elisabeth talked with her later, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit she said to Mary: "Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Verses 45-47. Of this godly woman Christ was born, and to her was entrusted His early training. Without such a pious woman there could have been no such a Saviour of men.

There is a saying that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." The power of women in shaping the destinies of men and of nations has always been greater than that of men. We always have expected women to live purer and better lives than men. As long as women are what they ought to be, even if men go wrong, so long there is hope for the future; but when women go wrong, there is nothing for which to hope. The world then will go from bad to worse, until social conditions will become as hopeless as they were in the days of Noah.

You Can Do Something about CANCER

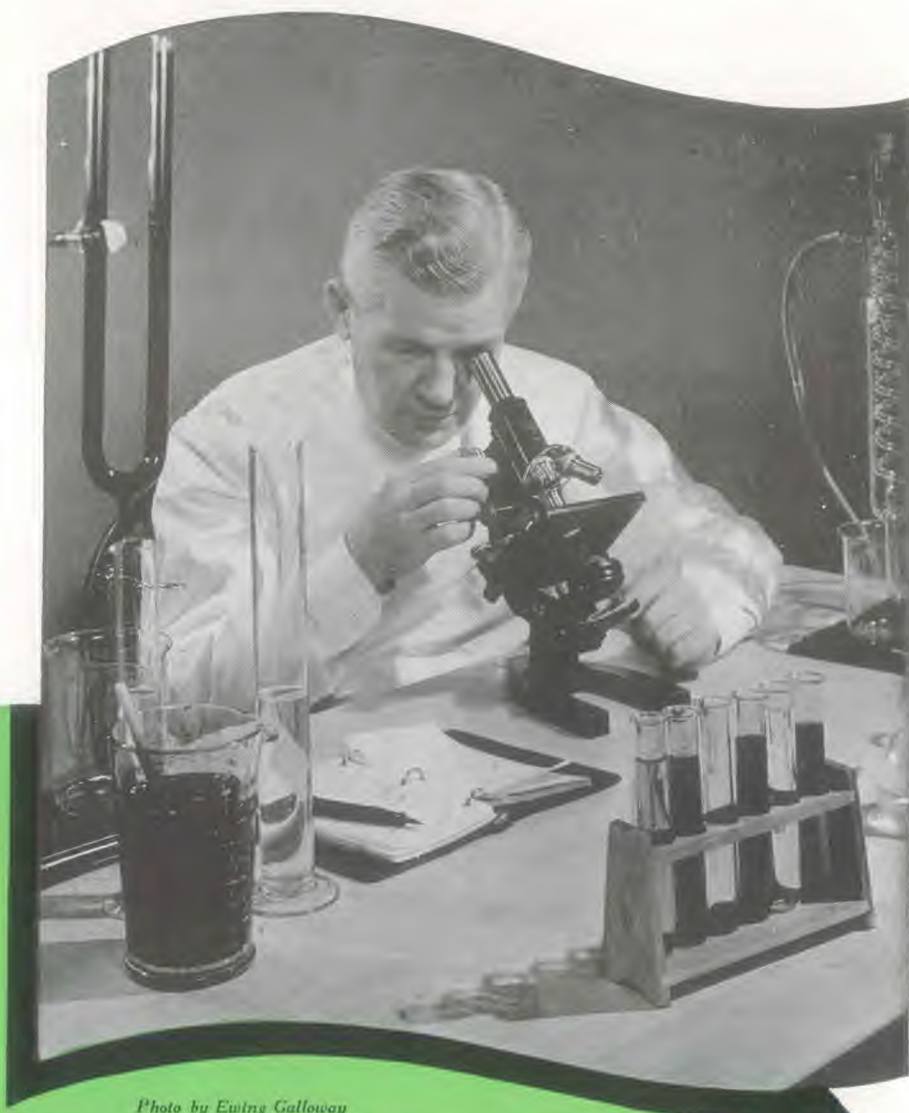


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SPREAD THE WORD

Get regular annual or semi-annual medical examination.
Observe general personal hygiene and cleanliness.
Remove all sources of chronic irritation in or around the body.
Give all post-natal conditions medical care.
See that the mouth is kept clean.
See that dental plates are properly fitted.

DON'T WAIT FOR PAIN

Pain is a late symptom, when there is less chance of cure. Cancer can be cured if removed early.
How? By surgery, X-ray, or radium.
When? When caught early before the growth has spread—and less frequently in advanced cases.
By whom? By your help—when you note any of the symptoms.

What to do. Go to doctor or clinic without delay.

LEARN THE SYMPTOMS

1. Any sore that does not heal, particularly about the tongue, mouth, or lip.
2. A painless lump or thickening, especially on the breast, lip, or tongue.
3. Irregular bleeding or discharge from any natural body opening, or the nipple.
4. Progressive change in the color or size of a wart, mole or birthmark.
5. Persistent indigestion.
6. Persistent hoarseness, unexplained cough, or difficulty in swallowing.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

Tell everyone that a periodic medical examination is vital, even if no symptom is in evidence.

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