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THE ATOMIC bomb is more than an extraordinary invention, more than a fear weapon. It is a fit symbol of the explosive age that has given it birth.

The war mania of the twentieth century stands without parallel in the annals of man. In vastness of territory affected, in amount of money and materials expended, in number of nations engaged, in toll of lives taken, in property losses suffered, in destructiveness of weapons used, and in the mobilization of science and industry for these ends, war in this epoch has exceeded by far everything martial that man dreamed of in the preceding ages. It seems that all the evil geni that ever plagued mankind have accumulated and concentrated all their wisdom, ingenuity, and malice to effect the death knell of the race.

The very invention which hastened World War II to its end, and which, it was hoped, would speed the dawn of permanent peace, has become a terrible, threatening sword of Damocles over the head of modern civilization. Men are frightened. Not the ignorant and the illiterate, but the learned leaders of our life and thought of the world are scared.

"I am a frightened man, myself. All the scientists I know are frightened—frightened for their lives—and frightened for your life," said Harold C. Urey in his article "I'm a Frightened Man," that appeared in *Colliers* of January 5, 1946. Dr. Urey is one of the scientists who directed the work on the atomic bomb. Professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago, he has achieved world fame, and has received the Nobel Prize in Science, for his work in nuclear energy research.

Bernard Baruch, American statesman and the United States representative to the Atomic Energy Commission of the United Nations, told that body on June 14, 1946: "If we fail, then we have damned every man to be the slave of fear. Let us not deceive ourselves: we must elect world peace or world destruction."

In his address at Fordham University on May 11, 1946, President Harry S. Truman uttered this significant warning: "Civilization cannot survive an atomic war. Nothing would be left but a world reduced to rubble."

"Any future war, therefore, is bound to be more dreadful than wars of the past," wrote Hanson W. Baldwin in concluding his article "New Weapons—Menace and Warning," which appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, June 30, 1946. And he tried to be as optimistic as possible



HAS A SPECIAL MEANING

By ROBERT LEO ODOM

while he went on to say: "A new conflict will not spell the end of civilization or the extinction of man, for man is a peculiarly tenacious animal, and civilization will endure as long as there is a library in Peru or Afghanistan or Siam. But another war will surely mean the death of millions and perhaps the end of certain civilizations, and it may cause the reversion of a large part of earth to the Dark Ages. Such is the danger of the Frankenstein which man has created."

"The Dark Ages may return, the Stone Age may return on the gleaming wings of

science," warned Winston Churchill, England's great statesman, in his notable address at Fulton, Missouri, on March 5, 1946; "and what might now shower, shower immeasurable material blessings upon mankind, may even bring about its total destruction. Beware, I say; time is plenty short. Do not let us take the course of allowing events to drift along until it is too late."

Such statements as these, from men who are in a position to know what they are talking about, ought to make us all think seriously. And how can men refuse to see in the world situation the fulfilling of the Saviour's prophecy that there would be "upon the earth distress of nations" in the last days, and "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21: 25, 26.

God's word has plainly foretold "that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3: 1. Have we ever known times more perilous than these to which we have come? Are not men of repute telling us in no uncertain tones that these are perilous times? What excuse shall we have if we refuse to heed the warnings that both God and man have sounded in our ears? Can we afford to sleep on in willful ignorance of impending danger?

In the Revelation (11: 18), John declares that Divine Providence will one day intervene in the sorry mess of human affairs, and that the time is coming when God shall "destroy them which destroy the earth." And Paul has left for the believers this admonition: "Yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we
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The WONDERS of the TIDES

God's Power Marvelously Displayed

By ARTHUR WARREN

IF THE radio announced this week that a noted scientist had discovered that a by-product of a great industry would gently raise the sea level from three to 20 feet every day—

And if the announcer had further declared that as a result of this raising of the sea 1,000 miles of rivers would be made navigable to seagoing steamers and a host of smaller craft—

And if he explained that as a result of this raising of the river levels cities would become great ports with deep and quiet anchorage for big vessels—

And as a result, employment, food, clothing, and better housing would come to thousands and thousands of people—

How that scientist-inventor would be honored!

Wealth, fame, favor, and gratitude

But how did He arrange this?

As is well known, this awe-inspiring rise and fall of old ocean is caused by the attraction of the moon and, in a small degree, the sun. God arranged that, like great magnets, all the bodies in the universe should attract one another. So the sun attracts the earth, the earth attracts the moon, and the moon draws towards itself the earth and the waters that cover the earth. This attraction is known as gravitation.

Were it not for gravitation the planets would shoot off in a straight line into the death-dealing cold and darkness of space. Thus they would probably meet their end by a collision with other planets or suns—



by the moon the waters on our seas and oceans are drawn up from three to 40 feet! At times the tide rises over 40 feet in the Severn estuary, 21 feet in the Thames at London, and 60 feet at the head of Chignecto Bay in the Bay of Fundy, between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

What a boon is this to navigation and commerce! What an evidence of a loving Creator's inventive genius. While the moon's first purpose is to give light at night, here in the tides is a wonderful by-product. As the earth rotates under the attractive influence of the moon, thousands of miles of shallow rivers receive this quickening tidal flood, this inflow of old Ocean's depths. The shallow river deepens and broadens until great ships are carried into port on its bosom.

You stand on London Bridge in the afternoon, and, behold, Father Thames is not flowing toward the sea as in the morn! His waters are moving swiftly, seriously, and purposefully upstream. The tide is coming in.

And scores of big and little ships are coming with it. Some of the big ones go through the lock gates into the basins and docks. Others tie up by the wharves near London Bridge or Tower Bridge to be left high and dry until the next tide. If there were no tides, London would lose its pre-eminent position as a port at once.

Then there is Bristol in the west of England. Bristol stands on the River Avon, a very shallow stream in a very deep gorge. The city is situated at a distance of six miles from the sea. But because of this simple divine invention—the tide—big ocean-going steamers, over 300 feet long, can sail right up to the docks of this inland port.

At certain hours of the day, if you look down over the Avon from the heights of Clifton Suspension Bridge, you can see vast stretches of mud, while the stream below gives you the impression that it can float nothing much larger than a rowboat. But look at Bristol docks with its rattling cranes and you will be astonished at the size and number of the vessels there. They

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New York Harbor is one of the great seaports of the world. Ships from almost every nation enter the friendly waters of this vast marine terminal. (Keystone photo.)

would be lavished upon him. Shouting crowds would cheer him. Statues would be erected to him in the new ports. His praises would appear in newspapers, magazines, and history books.

"But stop!" someone says. "The sea does that already. That's the tide!"

Exactly! That's what the tides have done in many parts of the world.

All honor then to Him who devised this wonder. He is the great God, the Creator. It was He who devised the daily rise and fall of the tides.

a collision which would make an atom bomb explosion seem like a tiny spark in comparison.

But what is gravitation, this mysterious, all-pervading attraction?

"Gravitation," says an American scientist, "is just another name for the power of God." It cannot be explained otherwise. The earth and all the other planets of our system are kept circling round the sun in their ordained paths by this divinely ordained power we call gravitation.

So great is this strange attraction that

THE DARK DAY of May 19, 1780

Another Report on America's Historic Blackout

THE DARK DAY of May 19, 1780, filled people in Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire with such fear that many thought that the day of judgment had come. A Presbyterian minister of Antrim, New Hampshire, tells of conditions on May 19, 1780, at noon: "Many were so much in fear that they could not eat. Lights were seen in every house, and, out-of-doors, people carried torches to light their steps."¹

"Hosts of people believed the end of the world had begun to come," says he; "men dropped on their knees to pray in the field; many ran to their neighbors to confess wrongs and ask forgiveness; multitudes rushed into the meetinghouses in towns where they had such, where pious and aged ministers, pleading repentance, interceded with God in their behalf; and everywhere throughout this day of wonder and alarm, the once careless thought of their sins and of their Maker!"¹

A historian states that just south of Portland, Maine, "many of the ignorant and superstitious trembled with the apprehension that the great day had come. It occurred on the nineteenth of May."²

In Vermont "candles were lighted in the houses, and in places where there were churches, multitudes flocked to them, thinking that the end of the world had come."³

"People thought that the end of the world had come, and in places where there were churches, people gathered in them and held services."⁴

In the letter to Ebenezer Hazard, his friend of New York, Dr. Jeremy Belknap, writing on June 5, 1780, in Dover, New Hampshire, tells that it was not only the ignorant but also the educated who saw the fulfillment of prophecy in the happenings of the Dark Friday! Said he:

"It is not surprising that the vulgar should turn it all into prodigy and miracle; but what would you think of men of sense, and of a liberal education, if I should tell you that I heard one of my very good brethren in this neighborhood gravely assert in my company (and I have been told he did the same in his pulpit) that it was the fulfilling of Joel's prophecy of a 'pillar of smoke;' and that another wondered at me for not placing this phe-

nomenon in the same rank with Josephus's signs of the destruction of Jerusalem? What would you think of one who supposed it to be the pouring out of the seventh vial into the air; and another that called his congregation together during the darkness, and prayed that the sun might shine again, as if he had forgot the

By GEORGE S. BELLEAU

promise to Noah that 'day and night should not cease'?"⁵

These old preachers were right in going to the Holy Scriptures for an explanation of the Dark Day. Christ had mentioned that this would be one of the harbingers of the day of His second advent, saying that "the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light."⁶ And in the Revelation the apostle John wrote: "and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood."⁷

What do the New England historians tell us?



"The farmer quitted his furrow and made his homeward way."

"No forest fire or burning prairie would produce a smoke so dense," says one writer. "Near eleven o'clock, it began to grow dark, as if night were coming. Men ceased their work; the lowing cattle came to the barns, the bleating sheep huddled by the fences, the wild birds screamed and flew to their nests, the fowls went to their roosts. Soon candles were lighted in all the houses, and men carried torches to guide them in the open air. A deep blue color spread over everything at first, and then darkness increased so that a man would not be known at a small distance."⁸

Here is a report for Vermont: "By

eleven o'clock it was dark as night, and remained so until three o'clock in the afternoon. The hours or minutes on a watch or clock could not be seen without artificial light, which was a necessity both out of doors and in, in order to transact ordinary business. Drivers of coaches put up their teams; the birds ceased to fly and hid themselves in the trees. Pigeons on the wing took shelter in the forest as they do at night. The fowls went to their roost, and bats came out of their hiding places and flew about. Sheep and cattle sought the shelter of the barnyard, and the dogs behaved in a strange manner. The worker in the shop was compelled to forego his labor, and the farmer quitted his furrow and made his homeward way, to receive the anxious inquiry of the housewife, 'What is coming?' Schools were dismissed and the frightened children hastened home trembling with fear."⁹

Nathan Read was a student in Harvard College on this day. He made a record of the Dark Day as it was seen around Boston, Massachusetts. Here it is:

"About 10:30 A. M. An uncommon degree of darkness commenced, which increased pretty rapidly. Vegetables (especially grass) appeared of a deep green, which increased with the darkness. Other things were tinged with yellow.

"At 11:00. Darkness increasing. Mr. Wigglesworth not able to read in a large Bible by a window—Mr. Gannet not able to transact common business with letters, in a room with three windows—Fowls go to roost as at evening.

"At 12:21. Darkness still increasing, Mr. W. not able to read the running title of a large Bible—Candles are in common use—A small candle visible thro a window at the distance of a mile—The several appearances of candles are as single lights, and do not illuminate the whole window—Frogs pipe and evening birds sing.

"At 12:45. Darkness increasing, not able to determine the time of day by a china face watch, in s.w. room having three windows.

"At 1:10. Begins to rain very moderately—Wind pretty brisk. Cocks have continued to crow as at day breaking. Hitherto Hills at a distance made a very

WORLD FACES GREATEST EVENT!

The Reformers Hoped for It

By WESLEY AMUNDSEN

ALL THE great Protestant Reformers of the church made the second advent of Christ the keynote of their evangelistic preaching. Luther said, "I persuade myself verily, that the day of judgment will not be absent full 300 years." (See Daniel T. Taylor, *The Reign of Christ on Earth; or, the Voice of the Church in All Ages*, p. 134.)

Said Melancthon, "This aged world is not far from its end." (*Idem.*)

And Calvin charged all Christians "not to hesitate, ardently desiring the day of Christ's coming as of all events most auspicious." (*Id.*)

The great Scotch reformer, Knox, said: "Has not the Lord Jesus, . . . carried up our flesh into heaven? And shall He not return?"—*Letter to the Faithful in London*, in 1554.

Down through the ages men have held up their hands to heaven and have waited for the coming of their Lord and Saviour to complete His work of redemption.

The Holy Scriptures abound in declarations regarding this event, and the certainty of it. Of the many references, we select but a few candid, uncontroversial ones.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16.

This really is a classic. No quibbling here. No uncertainty. Paul states it as a fact which cannot be controverted. "The Lord Himself shall descend." But, as the apostle reveals elsewhere, it was not to be in his day. Many events must take place between the day in which Paul directed his letter to the church at Thessalonica and the day of the coming of the Lord. (2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5.)

Here is another promise, an announcement made by angels who do not lie. It was at the time of the ascension of our Lord, while the disciples stood looking up into heaven as He went up from them. Said the angels: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11.

Yes, and He shall come as they saw Him go. Not a shadow of Jesus. Not a spiritualized Jesus. Not a substitute for Jesus.

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The intense darkness of this unusual day caused many to believe that the hour of God's judgment had arrived.

preparing the world for the great day of judgment.

In a report of the phenomenon at Wells and Kennebunk, Maine, it is stated that: "The night was one of hideous darkness."¹¹

In Massachusetts, Ebenezer Miller noted that "the Night was the darkest that ever was known till one o'clock. You could not see anything that was white out of doors tho it was within a foot of your eyes and when you put the candles out in the house you could not discern where the window was from the other part of the room. The next morning cloudy but cleared and fair."¹²

"The people [of Maine] were compelled to light candles at noon-day, and a physician whose duties obliged him to be out that night, stated that it was so dark that he could not see his white handkerchief two feet from his face, although it was time of the full moon. People watched and waited all night in mortal terror."¹³

"Throughout New England it was a Dark Day," states another writer, "in which a lighted candle was required at noon for reading and the night was thrice dark and awesome."¹⁴

It was not fog or smoke that made the

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If we would spend as much time with the Bible as we do with the morning paper, we would know how to prepare for the world's greatest event. (Keystone photo.)



The Mightiest Literary Influence in the World

By EDWIN R. THIELE

THE BIBLE is a volume of spiritual life and power. Wherever it has been known and read it has transformed the lives of men. Whoever reads this Book, and receives it as a message from God, finds that it exerts upon his life a powerful influence for good. Of all the books that have ever come from the pen of man, no volume has had a greater influence for righteousness than has the Bible.

The work that the Book has done is the work of God. As it came from God, so does it lead to God. As it was produced by men of God, so will it produce men of God. As it has brought to men a message from heaven, so will it lift men above the cares and darkness of earth into the atmosphere of heaven.

The individual who comes to the Bible looking for divine guidance and help will not be disappointed. As he reads this book carefully and prayerfully, he will find in it the sweet and mysterious influence of the Divine One. None other than the voice of God will speak to him, pointing out his weaknesses and shortcomings, calling attention to a new life of righteousness, and imparting strength and inspiration to walk in a higher and better way.

Converts Sinners

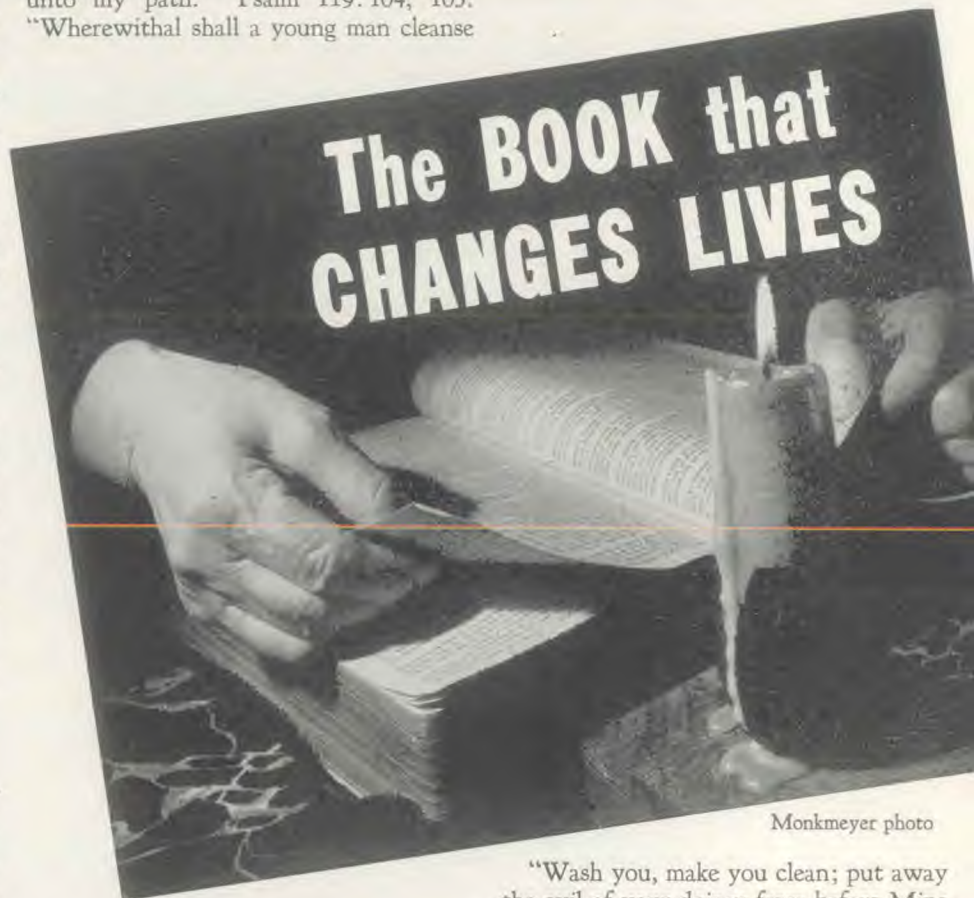
Sinners who have read this book have found in it the strength to break the bonds of vile passion, and set them free to live lives of peace and purity. Men groping their way through a maze of darkness, superstition, and error, have, in this word, found light which has led them to God and His ways of mercy and truth. It was to accomplish this very work that the Lord sent His Spirit to speak through His messengers of hope:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." Isaiah 61: 1-3.

Thousands through all the ages can testify to the life-giving power of God's words of truth. The psalmist said: "Through thy precepts I get understand-

ing: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119: 104, 105. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse

hope. "My son, forget not My laws; but let thine heart keep My commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." Proverbs 3: 1, 2. "Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119: 165.



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his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word." Verse 9. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Verse 11.

No other book that has ever come from the pen of man has had such a power upon the lives of men as has the word of God. When men read this Word they know that a divine voice is speaking to them, and that the power of God is taking hold of their hearts. There is something about this Word that reaches into a man's inmost soul, and penetrates to the very depths of his being. "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4: 12.

When God speaks to man in His word, it is with a voice of kind and tender entreaty, of sweet reasonableness, and infinite wisdom and love. God points out that His ways are both wise and good, and that they are the paths of peace, life, and

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 1: 16-20.

God's Voice Speaking

All through the Bible may be heard the sweet, still small voice of God, speaking to us in tones of earnest compassion, and inviting us to make our peace with Him. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matthew 11: 28, 29. "My son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways." Proverbs 23: 26. "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel be-

fore the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart." Psalm 95: 6-8.

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6: 2. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22: 17. "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4: 14.

To countless thousands who have heard these invitations from heaven, the Bible has proved to be a fountain of life and a well of salvation. Here many myriads of the men of earth have made their first acquaintance with Heaven. Here people of all nations and climes have had pointed out to them the way to the heavenly Canaan.

For Men of All Ages

Men of all ages and races have listened to these words of Holy Writ. They have recognized in it the voice of God speaking directly to them, calling them away from the turmoil and folly of earth to the purity and peace of heaven. God's word has shown them that the Lord is kind, and good, and true; and that the ways of righteousness, mercy, and truth are infinitely more desirable than the ways of iniquity, falsehood, and evil.

The Bible has turned the footsteps of many away from the material things of earth, and toward a new and a better world which God has promised, "wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3: 13.) This Sacred Volume has brought God and heaven into the lives of the children of earth.

Makes World Better

This world is a better place because of those earnest men of God who wrote the Bible and gave to mankind its message of the Lord's love. It is the message of the Book that through all the ages has made men upright and pure, that has made nations just and strong, and that has imparted to civilizations the moral strength necessary to survive. This is the best, the most powerful book, that has ever come into the hands of the children of men. With this Holy Tome in his hands, man may know that it is his inestimable privilege to hold converse with the Eternal, to have the assurance that he is standing on the threshold of heaven. He may be ready to meet God in the judgment.

Dr. Louie D. Newton Reports on His Visit with the President

ACCOMPANIED by spokesmen of practically every major evangelical body in the United States, I presented the Miami resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention regarding United States representation at the Vatican to President Harry S. Truman at the White House Wednesday morning, June 5. The President received us most cordially and expressed appreciation of our desire to discuss the matter with him personally.

We were given assurance that the appointment of Myron C. Taylor was a temporary expedient to give the President the fullest opportunity to make his contribution to the peace, that it might terminate at an early date, but would certainly terminate with the signing of the peace treaty.

Two significant facts emerged as a

result of the conference. First, the President now clearly understands that the evangelical Christians of the United States are aroused over this continuing alliance of our government with the Vatican and will unitedly keep up our protest until something is done about it. Second, we now have the first commitment from the White House that the appointment will be definitely terminated at an early date, certainly not later than the signing of the peace treaty.

May I urge pastors and laymen alike to immediately follow up this approach to the President by writing him a personal letter expressing appreciation of his assurance to terminate the appointment of Mr. Taylor at the earliest possible date, and please send copies of your letter to members of the Congress from your state.

Louie D. Newton, President,
Southern Baptist Convention.

This Explosive Age

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are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5: 2-6.

We are children of the light because we study the Holy Scriptures, which are the word of God. David has said: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119: 105. And Peter points out that "we have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." 2 Peter 1: 19.

Nevertheless, there will be no lack of skeptical men to lull us to sleep in fatal unbelief if they can. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3: 3, 4.

You, dear reader, must choose whom you will believe, whether God or the scoffer. "The Lord is not slack concerning

His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3: 9-14.

Mr. Churchill was very right when he said: "Beware, I say; time is plenty short. Do not let us take the course of allowing events to drift along until it is too late."

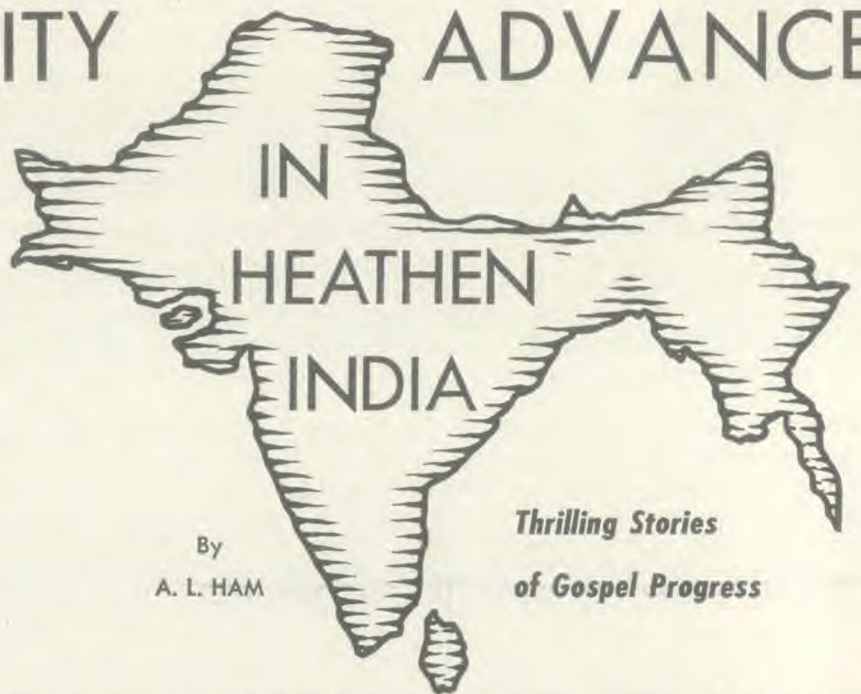
CHRISTIANITY ADVANCES

THERE IS a very interesting church at Kaliyur village, back from the main roads of travel in India. Without a doubt, it is as fanatical a Hindu community as one might ever find. As we enter the village we pass by the patron deity, a grotesque image of the goddess Kali. The major portion of the people who live there are fanatical protectors, as well as worshipers, of Kali, and consequently they have consistently resisted every attempt we have made to preach the gospel of Christ in that place.

Yet right in this stronghold of superstition and darkness we not only have about 50 church members, but a beautiful church building, workers' quarters, and a church school. The buildings were six years in the process of construction, due to the most severe opposition on the part of the Hindu villagers. They obstructed the work in every way, even to destroying the crops of the church members, and bringing to the magistrates false accusations against them. Every conceivable means was employed to hinder and destroy our work, and also to damage the property of the Christians. Sometimes their crops were burned with fire or destroyed in other ways.

The situation is now changed. The words of the Master found in Matthew 4: 16, are applicable to this situation: "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Truly light is sprung up amidst the dark-

This native Indian felt the influence of the saving power of the gospel.



By
A. L. HAM

*Thrilling Stories
of Gospel Progress*

ness and superstition of that little Indian village!

When I visited there some months ago, our people, who were expecting us, had gathered in their beautiful little church and were seated on the mats on the floor. That day they rendered a very impressive program of welcome, consisting of Indian music, prayer, an introduction by the worker, and an address of welcome read by the leader of the village church, who is a man of considerable standing among his people.

We will not soon forget that speech, a written copy of which was handed to us at the close of the program. They expressed their gratitude for the blessings of the gospel and for God's many deliverances from their adversaries. They had suffered excessive financial loss through the destructive work of the enemies of the truth, but they were of good courage, and desired to see the interests of the church extended to bless others in surrounding Hindu villages. Because of the excellent Christian influence of the believers there, the attitude of the Hindus of Kaliyur is fast changing. Many caste Hindus attended this meeting and were very quiet and attentive.

Our believers made one request of us, and what do you suppose it was? They asked us to help them to secure a tract of land near the church and school. They wanted to move from the heathen surroundings in the heart of the village to a place where their children could be away from the Hindu rites and practices performed by non-Christian relatives and neighbors. They said that they had enough money to pay for the land and to build new homes. But what they wanted

was our influence and assistance to help them to overcome the religious prejudices of the Hindu officials so that they could get this tract of land. Their souls, like that of Lot, were vexed because of the abominations done by the heathen around them.

We were very much impressed by the fine purpose in this plan. We could not help but feel a wish that our believers in similar surroundings elsewhere could also be inspired by such a worthy desire.

Since that visit, efforts have been made to assist them in reaching their worthy objectives. The last time I visited that field, a few months ago, I learned that prospects are good, and that they will get the desired land. What a worthy endeavor! I thought of the contrast, of how so many Christian fathers and mothers seem oblivious, or unconcerned, about the non-Christian environment in which their children have to live. And, sad to say, this attitude is sometimes seen even in so-called Christian lands.

Recently the general meeting for the district was attended by the same leader from our church in Kaliyur who came as a delegate. He was the one who had read the address of welcome when I visited that village and spoke to our people in that little church. He seemed very happy as I watched him day by day. On Sabbath, when the Sabbath school was about to close, he arose and asked permission to speak. In a very sincere and earnest way he related how he had been seriously ill, and how God had heard his prayers and the prayer of the worker there. He thanked God publicly, then took from his pocket several rupee notes which he gave as a thank offering. His face was bright

with the joy he experienced in his heart. As I was about to leave that meeting place he came to our place of abode to say good-by, and his parting words were an earnest appeal that we send a gospel worker to labor for the people in a near-by village. He assured me that if a certain earnest worker could go there, he was sure we would soon have around 100 new believers.

We do not always encounter opposition in building our churches. Some months ago it was our privilege to visit a town in another section of India. Here we have a good membership, and there are members living in other small villages around that section. A new church building had just been completed, and we were to dedicate it while there.

Just as we arrived, the headman of the town came in person to invite us to go to his own place, where we could have more comfort than in the crowded worker's quarters. He was very solicitous for our comfort. Although he was a Mohammedan, he and a group of his assistants escorted us around the town. They took us to a hospital operated by a Hindu doctor and an assistant. They also took us to a school, where we talked with the Hindu headmaster and other members of

his staff. All of them were very cordial.

When the time came for the dedicatory service at the church, this headman of the town and the leading officers came to witness the service. They did not enter the building, but stood outside the open doors and windows. They were very quiet and respectful. One very impressive part of the service was the taking of the offering by our people before the close of the meeting. This was done mainly by our sisters, who used small coconut shells cut in half. They brought both their offerings and the coconut shells to the rostrum. When the Mohammedan headman saw them giving their offerings for the work of the Lord, he motioned to the evangelist to come to the door where he was standing, and he said that he wanted to give his offering, and forthwith he gave it into the hand of the worker.

A little later that day, there was a baptismal service in a near-by canal. A large company of our people gathered for the ceremony. Standing very near to them was this headman of the town, and many members of his family and friends. In many ways they showed great respect for our church and people and for all the services of the day. He gave our missionary ladies some of his choice supply of rice

to take home with them. He also took them to his home to see his wife and the other female members of his family. Of course, because of the custom, he did not invite the missionary men to see his wife and family. It seems to me that his attitude, and the kindness shown by him, were quite unusual. Yet there are other places where similar kindnesses have been accorded to our work and workers.

In India there are many similar towns and villages where there is a great need of preaching the gospel of the kingdom. India alone has more than 750,000 villages. We have a special program for this great field this year. We plan to build quite a number of smaller churches and workers' quarters to provide for the spiritual needs of our people, and also to provide centers from which the gospel may be preached throughout the land.

From all over this division come reports that show very definitely that the people of this land, as never before, are turning to Christian leaders, both missionaries and national workers, requesting that they be given a knowledge of the saving truths of Christ, that they too may share in the blessings of the Christian's hope. Recently a letter was received from one of our workers in Mysore, telling of the keen interest which was being exhibited by Brahmans in the city where he was working. We quote from part of his letter, for it is typical of the need of developing interests that have been aroused in many parts of India:

From a Government Man

"I was recently introduced by one of the government departmental heads to his colleagues as one who belongs to a community which is far superior to Brahmanism. Such a statement is an evidence of the high regard they have for our religion. Further, I was given an opportunity to explain the beliefs and works of Seventh-day Adventists to those who were present on the occasion.

"I am happy to state that we will be baptizing one of the famous doctors belonging to the Brahman community, who took Bible studies from me during the second week of February, 1946.

"Nearly 2,000 Brahmans and other classes of Hindus right in Mysore are keenly interested in the truth. Since all of them belong to the highly educated class, they are better able to understand the message. At this juncture, I feel that we should spare no efforts to gather these souls to our Master.

"I wish to mention here that most of them are keenly interested in reading the *Signs of the Times*. Also, many of them

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A group of gospel workers from India attended the recent Seventh-day Adventist world conference held in Washington, D. C. They brought cheering reports of the progress of the gospel in India. (T. K. Martin photo.)



IS DEATH the end of everything? Or, is it the entrance into an ethereal world of disembodied spirits? Thousands of mothers, fathers, and wives who have lost loved ones in World War II are wondering about these things. We hear the questions: Has my son, who died in battle, gone to glory? Has my husband, who lost his life at sea, been annihilated for eternity?

Some broken-hearted parents and wives have resorted to Spiritualism in an attempt to breach the wall of secrecy between the living and the dead. It is understandable that they should desire to know something about life after death, but it is altogether unwise that they should resort to necromancy for light on the question. How much better it would be to seek the all-wise God for the answer?

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14: 14. Ah! Here is the very question that men are concerned about, written right in God's word! The writer of this query gives his own answer by saying: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou [God] shalt call, and I will answer Thee." Verse 15.

Bible Makes It Plain

How clear and simple the Bible makes a seemingly difficult problem! We learn as we read its divinely inspired pages that there is a waiting time after death until God calls. In some passages this is referred to as a period of restful sleep. David said to the Lord, "Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death." Psalm 13: 3. At the time of Christ's resurrection "the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose." Matthew 27: 52. Jesus, referring to the death of Lazarus, said: "Lazarus sleepeth." John 11: 11.

How comforting it is to know that our deceased loved ones are sleeping peacefully! Albert Carey expressed the thought of rest when he said:

"Blest sleeper, angel hands have smoothed
The sorrows of thy careworn brow.
Thine anguish hath the Spirit soothed,
And all at rest, thou sleepest now."

If we leave this matter right here, we still do not have much to hope for. In fact, the Scriptures say: "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: . . . Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." 1 Corinthians 15: 16, 18. What a discouraging thought! But thank God, we are not left with this conclusion. Here is the blessed promise of God to all who lift their anguished hearts to Him for comfort: "But now is Christ risen from the



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dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." 1 Corinthians 15: 20-23.

Now we may rejoice to know that those who sleep in Christ will be made alive at His coming. "Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy." Jeremiah 31: 16. We have an even greater assurance of the awakening of the dead, for we read: "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12: 2.

As we have noted already, Job mentioned that he would wait in the grave all the days of his appointed time until his change should come. But how, when, and why will this change come? God plainly answers these questions for us in the following words: "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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: 51-54.

Christ foretold this great hour of victory over the grave, as seen in the following striking statement: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His [Christ's] voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5: 28, 29.

Oh lonely, heartbroken, grieving ones,

A grand reunion of the redeemed will take place in heaven when the saints are gathered in. (Franklin Booth, Artist.)

contemplate with me the grand reunion. Turn your attention upon the day when the great Life-giver shall return. "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



EVERYTHING?



BIG QUESTION

By STANLEY C. HARRIS

4: 16, 17. Can you not imagine the thrill that will come when we shall see the heavens glow with iridescent glory? Think of the unprecedented splendor, such as has never been witnessed by human eye, when the heavens above will be filled with an innumerable host of angels and with the lovely Jesus in the center of them all.



"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16: 27.

Picture the scene. Hark! The trumpet is sounding! Christ is calling in thunderous tones: "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust!" Isaiah 26: 19. The earth is shaken with a mighty tremor as hundreds of thousands of graves break open and a huge army of saints come forth clothed in immortality. The shining host of angels meets them and gathers them in. "And then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven." Mark 13: 27. Listen, as the risen saints sing praises to God. Hear them as they rejoice: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15: 55, 57.

The Greatest Reunion

The greatest reunion ever to occur, the long awaited uniting of those who are near and dear, will increase the heart-throbbing gladness of this occasion. Tears of joy will probably drench the cheeks as fond embraces are given and received. But oh, the ecstasy of incomparable joy when, as we have often sung, we shall see our Saviour "face to face." His love will radiate to everyone in such measure that a profound sense of His tender affection will overwhelm each adoring heart and draw tears of unashamed devotion.

Picture the vast throng of the redeemed as they enter the beautiful city of God that glows in rainbow-like colors and is adorned with all manner of precious jewels. Streets of transparent gold: Revelation 21: 21. Mansions of unprecedented beauty: John 14: 2. All things will be adorned with resplendent elegance for this homecoming of the saints. (Revelation 21.)

Crowns will be placed upon all. Peter tells us that this reward will be given at the time of the second coming of Christ. "When the chief Shepherd shall appear," he says, "ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5: 4. Paul expected to receive a crown at the time of Christ's return, and also prophesied

that all the faithful will obtain the same gift. "I have fought a good fight," he wrote, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4: 7, 8.

Think of the great multitude gathered before the throne of God to receive their crowns! "After this I beheld," says John, "and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Revelation 7: 9, 10.

A Thrilling Moment

At this momentous juncture we must pause to listen to the thrilling anthems of the angels, sung in celestial harmony. Think of it! Thousands of voices blended together, the quality of which reaches the zenith of perfection. But one of the greatest treats of all will come when God in all His majesty and power shall stand before the redeemed and sing for joy. We have heard great singers in this world, but none can compare to Him who is the Creator of the universe. We will thrill, and our hearts will vibrate, as we listen to the great God express His personal joy. Here is what the Bible says about this blissful moment: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3: 17.

According to God's promises we are assured that the experiences of grief and suffering which we now know, will soon be ended. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21: 4. The coming of Christ and the resurrection are two things that should inspire hope and comfort in all those who have been groping around for something to satisfy their longing. The promises of God are sure. These things are soon to be. We will not be disappointed if we cling to them by faith. It will not be long until "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.

In Savannah, Georgia, there is a place
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One Teacher--- Seven Criminals

A SHOCKING report on the increase in crime by J. Edgar Hoover in *The New York Times* (July 7, 1946) reveals that the nation's huge army of criminals is rapidly swelling to 6,000,000. This startling figure recalls to mind the prophetic Bible statement that "in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3: 1. If it were possible to gather this host of lawless persons in one place for the public eye to see, an overwhelming fear would settle upon the reputable citizens of our land with such force as to bring forth efforts to speedily reduce the size of this mighty colossus of criminality.

The chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation stated that the army of

criminals in our land is "10 times greater in number than the number of students in our colleges and universities." Also: "For every school teacher in America there are more than seven criminals."

It seems evident that we must be living in the time when "evil men . . . shall wax worse and worse." 2 Timothy 3: 13. Hideous and brutal crimes are the order of the day, as the daily newspaper testifies. Innocent men, women, and children are robbed, slugged, beaten, or shot in steadily increasing instances.

The root of all this evil is, according to Mr. Hoover, "a recession of moral fortitude, laxity in parental control, lowered moral standards, social and economic conditions, and abuses and maladministration of the penal system." He particularly charges home and parental laxity as

being the principal cause of the fearful rise in juvenile delinquency. Parents give far too little time to the proper training of their children.

What a pity it is that the great moral standards of God's law and gospel are not upheld before the youth in order that they may better know what sin is. The responsibility for much of the overwhelming flood of criminality today rests to a large degree upon those religionists who have fought the binding claims of the Decalogue. It is high time to teach men to obey the Ten Commandments. H.



15,000,000 Indians Dead Already

THE AWFUL words "famine," and "starvation" were used by President Harry S. Truman in his recent address to a Youth Conference on Famine Relief. He made it clear that the food crisis is not past. In fact, he voiced the fear of a world famine, in spite of all that is being done to alleviate the situation.

Said the President: "I wish all of you could see the situation as it really is in Poland and Greece and Hungary and Austria and Germany and China. You would understand then just exactly what it means, and what war and pestilence really mean." (See *The New York Times*, July 16, 1946.)

How significant that the President should use the word "pestilence"! Christ used the same term in describing events connected with the "end of the world." Here are His words: "There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24: 7. The fulfillment of this prophecy is still not complete. These things will reach a greater state of seriousness in the days to come.

Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, in his remarks to the youth groups, stated that there are between 150,000,000 and 200,000,000 hungry people in Europe, and that the probable number of famine deaths in India has reached 15,000,000.

The deplorable story of American wastefulness was hit by Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton. His forceful charge ought to make every American wince. "Our record as a nation is not good," he said. And he continued by admonishing, "There was a time when parts of the world could gorge and waste

In sunny California recently H. G. Nickerson found a fiery cross blazing in his yard as a warning to move elsewhere. Leaders of great church organizations throughout the country declare that the problem of race relationships throughout the world is testing the character and justice of Christian peoples. (International photo.)



while other parts starved, but that time is gone forever."

What a pitiful story! Millions suffer the cruel pangs of hunger while others throw good food into waste cans! America, remember the Golden Rule. Conserve as much as possible, and give as much as you can to feed the suffering ones. There will be an accounting some day. Remember the promise of Jesus: "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: 40. H.

A CORRECTION



A PHOTO on page three of the July issue of OUR TIMES shows President Harry S. Truman being presented with a stamp printed in commemoration of the anniversary of Martin Luther, and the editorial legend speaks of it

as "a stamp that the United States Government has printed." Your editor misunderstood the information he received about the stamp. A kind Lutheran minister has informed him that it was printed by the Lutheran Press. In reply to the editor's inquiry, the Post Office Department states that the stamp was not issued by the United States Government. The same editor is happy to rectify his mistake, and make apologies. He thanks those who have called our attention to this error.

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OUR COVER

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Christianity Advances in India

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have told me that they are convinced that we are teaching them the truth."

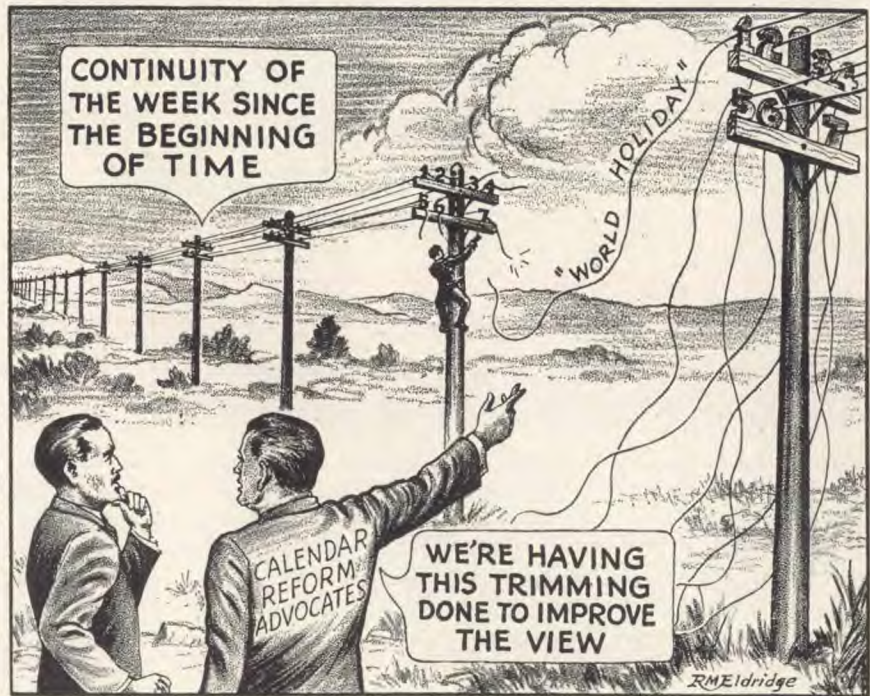
Our greatest problem at present is to find enough qualified evangelists and teachers to take advantage of the many openings. Only recently we have had letters from two very influential Brahmans, who asked us to send workers to labor among them. They say that they want to learn more about the truths of the gospel. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the reapers are few.

Congress Asked to Smite Religion

ON MONDAY, July 15, 1946, Republican Congressman Karl E. Mundt, of South Dakota, and his Democratic colleague joined in the introduction of a bill into the Congress to authorize what he calls "the establishment of a world calendar." The calendar reform plan that he advocates provides for the adoption of the so called "world calendar" sponsored by the World Calendar Association, whose headquarters are in New York City. The readers of OUR TIMES will recall that in past months we have faithfully warned the public against this attempt to smite the adherents of three of the world's great religious systems—

30 days; June, 30 days; (3) July, 31 days; August, 30 days; September, 30 days; (4) October, 31 days; November, 30 days; December, 30 days.

According to this plan, the 12 months together would have 364 days. Hence, there would be one day lacking to make up the total of 365 contained in the solar year. It is proposed, therefore, that at the close of each year an extra day, called "World Holiday," be inserted between Saturday, December 30, and the following Sunday, January 1, in order to make the calendar have 365 days as does the solar year. Furthermore, it is planned that once every four years an extra "World Holiday" be



Christianity, Judaism, and Mohammedanism—with a plague of confusion and vexation of the worst sort.

Every religious organization in this country ought to vigorously oppose a very objectionable feature in the proposed calendar reform. We do not mean by this that we are opposed to any real and worth-while improvement that can be made in our present calendar. Our objection is against an attempt to destroy the very sacred and ancient institution of the Sabbath.

The proposed calendar calls for 12 months, four months with 31 days, and eight with 30 days. The objective of the reform is to have four quarters with an equal number of days, and to have each quarter begin on Sunday. The months, therefore, would stand by quarters thus: (1) January, 31 days; February, 30 days; March, 30 days; (2) April, 31 days; May,

sandwiched in between Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1, in order to make up the total of 366 days needed for a leap year.

It is very patent, then, that the insertion of such a "World Holiday" between Saturday and Sunday from time to time would create an eight-day interval that would disrupt the continuity of the weekly cycle of seven days, and as a result of this disruption it would practically relegate the true Sabbath to oblivion.

It is the disruption of the weekly cycle of seven days, and the resulting effect of it on the Sabbath institution, that make the proposed calendar reform objectionable to most religious people. The majority of people professing Christianity regard the first day of the week as sacred in honor of Christ's resurrection; most of those pro-

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H. M. Lambert photo.

Causes OF HOME ACCIDENTS

Know the Facts and Factors Involved

By COL. GEORGE A. SKINNER, M. D.
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WE HAVE seen, in the previous article (September, 1946), that the home is a place of many and frequent emergencies. Now we wish to consider some of the general facts and means of prevention and treatment. Details of each class of emergencies will be given as we proceed with our studies.

Most of the emergencies that plague us daily can be classed under one of three headings, namely: falls, burns, and poisons. There are a number of others that will be mentioned, but our big job is in preventing and caring for these three classes of emergencies.

Most falls are due to carelessness, hurry, or poor lighting. Under carelessness we may class standing on chair edges; running down stairs; stumbling over articles left on stairs, such as toys, roller skates, marbles, or even sheets and pillow slips thrown down (to be picked up later). Children leave toys on floors, on stairs, and in halls, where lighting is poor, and they are not readily seen.

Falls are particularly frequent and serious on stairways where there are no hand rails. Such rails are simple safeguards and should be utilized habitually. The hand should always be kept in contact with the rail when going down stairs (one is rarely injured by falling up stairs), as heels may catch or a slight misstep cause a

bad fall if this is not done. Carrying heavy or bulky loads that obstruct the vision on the stairs are frequent causes of falls, which especially occur by missing the first or the last step.

Electric lamp cords are sometimes left unprotected on the floors so that stumbling or tripping over them might easily result. Rugs will slip and cause many bad falls when not protected by proper friction pads. When rushing for the telephone, some people will make a quick turn on a rug and suffer a fall that may cause a serious injury. Nor can we overlook the frequent and serious falls in bath tubs and on wet tile and linoleum floors.

Outside the house, falls from ladders and step ladders are among the very common accidents. Falls from trees and sheds are quite frequent among adventurous boys and girls. Thanks to the elasticity of youth, most of these falls result only in bruises. But the dislocation of arms and legs, as well as fractures, do take place. Few families escape all of them. Among some groups such accidents are very frequent. Some children seem to be born with poor co-ordination and are always getting hurt. Some adults do not seem to do much better.

Burns usually suggest fire or hot water. While these are the most common, there are several other kinds, such as burns from chemicals, electricity, friction, sun, and wind. But all of these are much alike, and

their care is based principally upon two things: protection of the burned area from infection and further injury, and relief of pain and shock.

Burns are usually described as of first, second, and third degree. First degree burns are usually mild, but may be painful. If they cover a large area, they may be serious. Usually they only redden the skin and do not cause blisters, or only very small ones. But they do hurt, and should be treated promptly.

Second degree burns cause blisters and may destroy parts of the skin superficially. They are practically always accompanied by a great deal of pain, and some severe general symptoms called "shock." This condition of shock is frequently more dangerous than the burn itself in both second and third degree burns. The treatment of shock is too complicated to be undertaken by the first-aider, except to keep the patient warm and quiet.

Third degree burns are the ones that cause not only blisters, but severe damage and destruction of the deeper parts beneath the skin. The greatest danger, after shock, is from infection. Later, deformities may follow from the contractions of the burned parts. Frequently they require long and painful treatment. Usually only a hospital can adequately provide the attention that offers the greatest chances of restoration with the least permanent damage. The same often applies to second degree burns, but to a lesser degree.

With first degree burns we do not expect scars, although there may be discoloration of the skin for a long time. With second degree burns there are always some scars, but usually there are no contractions of the soft parts. Bodily function is rarely damaged, except in the hands, feet, and eyes. But with third degree burns the scars may be large, and may cause much damage to both appearance and function.

Sunburns are very common. They are often sought with the idea of obtaining a

quick tan. This is both foolish and dangerous. A severe burn from the sun may be just as painful and destructive as a burn from fire or electricity. It practically always damages the skin to some extent. The skin will seldom return to its previous color and elasticity after sunburns. This is especially true when they are repeated. Even young skins are affected by such treatment. The tanning sought is usually greatly overdone. As a result of repeated damage by sun and wind burns, old skins may become injured to the extent of developing cancer. Tanning should be slowly acquired if it is to be of value.

We may think of poison as something that acts quickly, and from which recovery is either prompt or fails to take place. This is only partly true. Some poisons leave damage from which recovery rarely takes place completely, and sometimes the damage is permanent.

Various Poisons

Poisons are of a great variety and speed of action. All are dangerous, and may cause death from very small amounts. Hence great care is always necessary if we are to avoid serious accidents to adults, but this is especially true in regard to children.

Poisons should always be kept in locked closets or cabinets where children cannot get to them, and where special effort is necessary for anyone to obtain them. No medicine or poison should ever be put away until it is fully labeled with a brief note regarding its nature and use. No bottle or box should ever be opened, and contents given, until the label has been read and you are sure of its contents. Often we feel sure that we can reach into a medicine cabinet in the dark and get the correct container. Emergencies occur daily from just such carelessness, and some of them are fatal. Often harmless medicines and violent poisons look alike, and sometimes they are tasteless.

Careful with Poisons!

Poisons should never be in the same cabinet with medicines. But to play safe, first look, and then read the label carefully before giving any medicine. When this is not done, sometimes the story is not far different from that of the "unloaded" gun.

Don't ever flatter yourself that you can remember what is in a bottle that is unlabeled. You may recall it for a short time, but in a week or so you will begin to be uncertain, and by the time you need it, you may be totally unaware of what it contains. When this happens, the safe thing to do is to throw it away. The logical thing to do is to be sure it is correctly labeled before it is put away.

We will speak later about broken bones, sprains, slivers, fishhook wounds, dog and cat bites; foreign bodies in the eyes, ears, nose, and body cavities; fainting, and many other common occurrences.

One very important aid of the greatest value in severe injuries (one that is absolutely necessary for broken bones and dislocations), and which should always be used in severe sprains if possible, is the X-ray film. Examinations under the fluoroscope are also of value. However,

the permanent record of a film will reveal many small breaks in the bones that are generally overlooked in the fleeting view of the fluoroscope.

What we call "sprains" are frequently fractures near the joints. This is particularly true at the ankle. But what may appear to be minor injuries of foot or hand bones, are often fractures, and these should be definitely determined or disproved by X-ray if we would prevent much damage and suffering.



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.

I suffer from arthritis. I have never paid attention to diet. Will diet help me to recover?—P.L.S.

If your diet is about average it is not very good. For example, the average diet of thickly peeled potatoes, white bread and biscuits, meat and gravy, with coffee or tea, and a little fruit and vegetables, is anything but adequate for health. The white flour so commonly used on our tables in the form of pancakes, bread, white biscuits, and crackers or macaroni, is bolted through fine silk, and finally bleached in chlorine gas until it is fit only for making it into a powder or ointment. Ninety per cent of the vitamins, iron, and other chemicals, and all of the laxative roughage is removed, with the result that man is the only creature suffering from constipation, except the dog that eats from his master's table and suffers from about the same ailments.

Go back to a natural diet of fruits, vegetables, cereals, whole-grain and 100% bread, milk, and some eggs. Take sun baths, and extra vitamins, especially vitamin D. Avoid all emotional strain, for this has been found to be a very important factor in the disease. Worry often starts the arthritis going, and there is nothing so helpful here as a firm trust in God. Leave all undue anxiety and care to a kindly Deity who cares for His creatures and wants them to be both well and happy. He will furnish the conditions for this if they will trust Him for the things they cannot do themselves.

Is an almost constant burning sensation in the stomach a sign of ulcer? The pain is more pronounced when the stomach is empty. Should a physician be consulted?—R.L.S.

Your symptoms are suggestive, but not proof, of an actual ulcer. X-rays may not always show evidence of ulcer even if it is present, for much depends on its location. Since the modern view of ulcer is that it is largely a nervous disease, it might be well to eliminate all emotional disturbance and nerve strain as far as possible and go on a milk diet for about 10 days, using a glassful and a half of milk every two hours, and four ounces of grapefruit juice taken slowly by sipping one half hour before every

other feeding. If this fails, I would consult a physician, who might take X-rays of the digestive tract. Bear in mind that if an ulcer case is to stay well, the patient must give up tobacco, tea, and coffee, and use largely of fruits and vegetables, with some milk, at most of his meals. Also he must never permit himself to worry, no matter what happens, else the ulcer may break down and start the symptoms all over again.

My little girl has enlarged tonsils and frequently suffers from sore throat. Although her tonsils are bad, and would seem to urgently need removal, she is only two years old. Should we wait until she is older to have the tonsils removed?—W.N.

If an anesthetic is carefully administered, the removal of the tonsils at the age of two is neither difficult nor dangerous. In fact, a child at this age usually bleeds less, and recovers much quicker and with less soreness, than does one older in years. An adult will have a sore throat for 10 days after a tonsillectomy, while a two-year-old child will seldom complain of the throat being sore after 48 hours. Besides, the child will have the advantage of improved health at the fastest growing period, which may be a distinct advantage.

Is athlete's foot curable? I have tried many of the commercial preparations, but have obtained only temporary relief.—T.P.

Some cases of this ailment are very refractory to treatment, probably because of resistance in the strain or due to an allergy on the part of the patient. Cures have been reported by bathing the affected skin in Chlorox undiluted for a short time. If this is too strong for the skin, it may respond to intradermal injections of a vaccine prepared from the fungus and given about once a week by a physician, together with the use of mild medicaments applied locally. Lederle's laboratory puts out such a preparation and furnishes a test solution set to determine the vaccine to be used. I have seen good results from this latter treatment.

GENERAL MACARTHUR, standing on the battleship Missouri at the surrender of Japan, spoke these words: "Military alliance, balance of power, League of Nations, all in turn failed. . . . We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

General MacArthur is not the only one who is beginning to talk about salvation from the evils that plague us. Scientists are openly talking about the end of the world and the destruction of this planet. They are already feeling sorry for themselves and talking of the time, not far in the future, when their ghosts shall sit on the edge of an empty place in the sky, where the world used to be, and say, "It could have been different."

Politicians and statesmen are fearing the worst, and they are hoping to find a way of escape from physical doom. They should remember the general's solemn words, "It must be of the spirit."

Millions are victims of spiritual amnesia, wandering, helpless and unconscious of their lost condition. Like the beasts that perish, they seek only security and com-

fort of life. The yearning ache in their hearts is being drowned in sensual pleasures. They believe themselves to be children of earth, forgetting that they are the offspring of Adam, who "was the son of God," and that through Christ they may again become the sons of God. (Luke 3: 38; 1 John 3: 1-3.)

Millions have recently been liberated from bondage in the war-beset lands of earth. Many have undergone terrible hardships as a result of physical slavery. Other men and women risked their lives and homes and loved ones to release these

tion has faced every person who has ever lived. All men since the days of Adam have been in danger of eternal destruction, but only those who have realized that such a doom awaited them have looked for a way of escape. The jailor was not seeking salvation from temporal death, but from eternal doom. He had listened while Paul and Silas sang hymns of praise in the prison. The calm assurance in their voices had made him quake with fear. In his heart he knew that it was they who were free and he who was bound and tortured. No prison stocks could equal the vexation

How Man Is Saved

YOU NEED TO KNOW

By LEONARD C. LEE

prisoners from physical death and slavery. Nevertheless, spiritual salvation is the world's greatest need.

Spiritual death is the tragic state from which there is no resurrection. Multitudes today are echoing in their hearts the cry of the jailor at Philippi, "What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16: 30.

Whether he knows it or not, this ques-

and smiting of a guilty conscience. Then came the earthquake, when the prison doors were opened and the chains of the inmates were loosed.

According to Roman law, a jailor who permitted his prisoners to escape must pay with his life. The Philippian jailor saw the open doors and the broken chains. Disgrace and death awaited him. Then came the voice of Paul, like sweetest music, saying: "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Acts 16: 28.

He was saved from disgrace and death, but he longed to be saved from still another haunting fear and insecurity. He longed to know the peace and joy of the followers of Christ. No wonder he fell at the feet of those who knew Jesus, and asked them to show him the way of salvation.

The answer given was simple and direct. "They said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." Acts 16: 31, 32.

In the story of the rich young ruler recorded in Matthew 19: 16-22, we have a very different case. All that the youth possessed he had inherited. But he was not satisfied. He had heard of eternal life, and he desired to obtain that also. To his question, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus simply answered, "Keep the commandments."

By asking the question, "What good thing shall I do?" he showed that he desired to get to heaven by good works.

The Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas the greatest question in life when he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16: 30. (F. Shields, Artist.)



Jesus pointed to the law as the only road of works. This was not meant to be a path by which the young man could climb into heaven. The Saviour desired to show him that it was utterly impossible for him to obey God's law without a new heart. The command to go and sell all and give it away was only to prove to the young man that he still had a carnal heart.

What must I do to be saved? I must realize that I am lost. I must know that I am helpless; and I must believe that there is salvation only in Jesus. I cannot save myself, and God cannot make me willing to be saved. I must choose His salvation. I must be willing and obedient. From then on it is His responsibility.

The Ark of Safety

In the days of Noah, man's part was to believe that the flood was coming and to go into the ark. Keeping the ark from sinking, or crashing on the rocks, was God's responsibility. Noah was saved from physical death, but he is a type of God's people who will be saved from eternal death in the last days. Jesus is the ark of safety. Those who hide their lives in Him will be safe for all eternity. We find in Him not only salvation, but transformation. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Our heavenly Father longs to re-create each of us into the image of His dear Son. He starts out by giving us a new heart. The rich young ruler could have had that new heart, but he was unwilling to give up his carnal love of riches. Nor did he understand that salvation is a free gift—God's gift—to men. (Romans 6:23.) When we accept it by faith, we receive all the riches of heaven in exchange for our sinful nature. Any withholding on our part keeps back part of the blessing. We cannot be filled unless we are empty.

It is our part, by faith, to yield to the transforming power of God's grace. It is His glory to change us into His own character and likeness. His promise to Israel is held out to each of us: "And I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God." Ezekiel 11:19, 20.

Perfection does not come all at once, but we can yield all at once, and as God gives us a new heart, our spiritual nature begins to receive nourishment from heaven. The carnal nature dies and the spiritual nature takes its place. This is what Paul meant when he said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye

present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1, 2.

The Dark Day of May 19, 1780

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night so dark that the lights burned very brilliantly. "It was the night of the full moon, but it was intensely dark, while all lights burned with great brilliancy. With sunrise the darkness passed away."¹⁵

In his letter written to his New York friend, Ebenezer Hazard, on June 5, 1780, a few days after the Dark Day, Dr. Jeremy Belknap says of the darkness of that night: "The evening was a total darkness as can be conceived."¹⁶

Dr. Samuel Tenney, in a letter dated at Exeter, New Hampshire, December, 1785, says of the obscurity: "The darkness of the following evening was probably as gross as ever has been observed since the Almighty fiat gave birth to light. It wanted



Transition

By AUDRIA NELSON

*Tall pines against the twilight sky,
Stand gracefully at ease.*

*When darkness comes, God grant that I,
May be serene as these,*

*With roots grown strong in storms of life,
Alone and unafraid,
Untouched by floods of hate and strife,
Unbowed and undismayed.*

*Tall pines against the evening sky,
Grow dim in fading light.
And even so, dear God, may I,
Meet peacefully my night.*

only palpability to render it as extraordinary as that which overspread the land of Egypt in the days of Moses. . . . I could not help conceiving at the time, that if every luminous body in the universe

had been shrouded in impenetrable shades, or struck out of existence, the darkness could not have been more complete. A sheet of white paper held within a few inches of the eyes was equally invisible with the blackest velvet."¹⁶

The Bible had said of the darkness of that night: "The stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine."¹⁷

There is still one more prophecy about the moon of that night that we have not taken up. Through Joel, the prophet, the Lord had made this prediction 2,500 years before: "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come."¹⁸

When the moon appeared that night, it had the appearance of blood. "My father and mother, who were pious, thought the day of judgment was near," writes one who lived at the time this happened. "They sat up that night, during the latter part of which they said the darkness disappeared, and then the sky seemed as usual, but the moon, which was at its full, had the appearance of blood. The alarm that it caused and the frequent talk about it impressed it deeply on my mind."¹⁹

Surely the Lord has done His best to warn the world of the coming judgment day. It is near. Nearer than most men think. Last-day prophecies are being fulfilled before our eyes. We hear it from our radios; we read it in our newspapers and magazines. What the Lord started with the great Lisbon earthquake in 1755 is about to close, and the seventh seal, ushering in the second advent of Christ, is about to be opened in the heavens.

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Congress Asked to Smite Religion

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fessing Judaism, and also several bodies of Christians, observe the seventh day as the Lord's day or Sabbath; and the Mohammedans keep the sixth day as holy. For this reason all religious organizations ought to vigorously oppose the adoption of the calendar reform proposed by the World Calendar Association.

In the calendar changes of the past, the continuity of the weekly cycle of seven days has not been broken. And no calendar reform can be acceptable that would break the continuity of the weekly cycle of seven days and militate against the Sabbath.

The World Calendar Association has frankly admitted that we are correct in our contention that its plan, by the insertion of an extra day ("World Holiday") between Saturday and Sunday from time to time, would disrupt the continuity of the weekly cycle of seven days and consequently cause the weekly rest day of Christians to wander in confusion through the fictitious weeks of the new calendar. In its reply to the booklet *Calendar Change Threatens Religion*, by Carlyle B. Haynes, the World Calendar Association says:

"The Association is not unmindful of those who believe in the alleged assumption of the unbroken continuity of the seven-day week since time immemorial. To them the perpetual calendar will cause a wandering Sunday with the introduction of the extra Saturday, December 31, the Year-End Day, or December W, a World Holiday, which occurs at the end of every

year, as well as another extra Saturday, the Leap-Year Day, June W, another World Holiday that comes in midyear between the second and third quarters."—*Journal of Calendar Reform*, p. 125, *Third Quarter*, 1944.

Neither the World Calendar Association nor any one else has produced any proof that our claim of "the unbroken continuity of the seven-day week since time immemorial" is false.

All who hold to a religious rest day based on the continuity of the weekly cycle of seven days ought to oppose with resolution and constancy the efforts of the World Calendar Association to impose upon the nation the calendar reform plan as it now stands, because it would disastrously result in havoc and confusion for Christianity if it should be adopted. The Sabbath institution is the mainstay of divine worship, and its preservation is essential to true godliness and religion.

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The Wonders of the Tides

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have all reached the port by coming up that narrow, mud-bottomed channel. Yes, the moon, God's great magnet, makes it possible to bring these ships up to Bristol on the flood tide.

It is God's great invention—the tide.

This wonder happens in many parts of the world. When your ship reaches the mouth of the River Plate in Argentina, you may be barred out by a sandbank until the moon shall raise the water and make it possible for you to cross over. Farther up the Plate you may run into the Martin Garcia Bar, and remain stuck for three days—until the moon shall bring the flood tide that will lift you off and let you start on your way to distant Rosario.

"In western Australia," says another

writer, "the rise and fall of the tide is extremely great. At high tide, ocean-going steamers are able to enter the harbors of northwestern ports; and after the tide has receded, wagons and trucks can drive up to the side of the vessels to load or take discharged cargo. It is possible even to drive completely around the hull of these vessels."

Do you wish to sail up the River Hooghly to Calcutta, the great port of eastern India? There are too many shallow reaches and sandbanks in the river for this to be possible—until God's great tidal engine, the moon, shall lift the waters of the ocean and pour them into the channel.

So, though it sounds strange, Calcutta's wealth is due largely to the moon—or rather to the loving God whose wisdom invented the moon. Calcutta would lose three-fourths of its importance if it were not for God's great magnet, the moon. And so would scores of other port cities.

Much of the prosperity of Britain's North-Sea fishing fleet is due to the tide. The constant ebb and flow of the waters in this shallow sea brings in millions of floating organisms, thus constantly renewing the food supply for the fish which abound there. The tide currents along the coast often make it possible for a steamer to gain miles on its voyage. While the tides of the United States are not so spectacular, the mariners know how to take advantage of them.

Yes, call it "a manifestation of gravitation" if you like, but this is divine power which the rhythmic tide displays. As you see it flooding the great and small river channels, creating ports, lifting the 81,000-ton "Queen Mary," the 85,000-ton "Queen Elizabeth," the whole of the American fleet, and as many fleets as can crowd on old ocean's bosom, no wonder if your heart cries out:

"Wonder of wonders is this invention! This is the power of the living God."

World Faces Greatest Event

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No; Jesus Himself will come in the clouds of heaven. That is the picture the angels painted as they talked to the early believers in the Christian age concerning the coming of the Lord. Do you believe the angels? If so, then you must believe that Jesus is coming back again.

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

He is coming for those who "look for Him." Did you get that thought? It

really is important. If you are looking for His coming, He will come for you. Really, this is the most blessed hope that men can have in this world with its dark outlook for the future. Do you not think that it is?

We do not have time to give many more Bible promises, but just note these two: "Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:7. "Then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:27.

While on the Isle of Patmos, John wrote: "I saw heaven opened, and beheld a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. . . . And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Revelation 19:11-14, 16.

What a graphic picture the prophet here depicts of the coming of the King! Not a coming as was His first, when, as a

helpless babe, He was sheltered in a stable in Bethlehem. No; He now comes as rightful heir to the throne. He comes to fulfill His promise, "I will come again." John 14:3.

How wonderful it is that God sends us the warning and helps us to be prepared to meet the King! Listen to His voice as He says: "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

"Therefore be ye also ready." Matthew 24:44. "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:33.

Let us watch and be ready. Let us do everything we need to do on our part to be ready to meet the King; or if sleeping in the tomb, to be ready to come forth at the call of His glorious voice.

Is Death the End of Everything?

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called "the home of the waving lady." It is a small house located on an extended strip of land near the harbor. A number of years ago the lady living in this place was separated from her lover, who had gone to sea. He promised her faithfully that he would come back to her, and she in

turn promised that she would meet every ship that would come into the harbor until he should come. For years this faithful woman waved to all the ships that appeared within sight of the point where she took up her watch. She has become known to seamen from all over the world. Her love for the man who never came back has touched many hearts. He did not keep his promise. Perhaps he could not keep it. But thank God, we are not waiting for our Loving Saviour in vain as did the waving lady for her lover. God's promises are sure. Jesus, before leaving this world 1,900 years ago, said: "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

You must not fail to be ready for the grand reunion day. Death is not the end! The resurrection day is coming! We are soon to see our God-fearing loved ones once again! We will all go home together to the kingdom! God wants you to be there! Until that day, let us remember these words by Albert Carey:

"When morning comes! The night all passed,

And sin and death all gone, O joy!

What meetings then, ever to last!

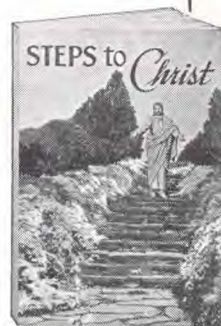
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SALT OF THE EARTH

By INEZ BRASIER

"YE ARE the salt of the earth!" Matthew 5: 13. I had been reading the old, yet ever new fifth chapter of Matthew. I tried to visualize Christ sitting on the mountain with the throng of people about Him; the little brook at the foot of the hill, noisily rushing through its narrow valley; the sun smiling on the white-walled city beyond. Words came from His heart to the hearts of those seated before Him. They were comforting words.

"Salt of the earth!" The words repeated themselves over and over in my mind. Salt is such a common part of all our food, to say nothing of its many other uses.

The salt of the Christian is the love of Christ in the heart, sanctifying the life and pervading every act. As the savor of salt is diffusive, so His love in us is to flow out to those about us. Its warm sincerity is to reach hearts that are sore and tried, for when love is in the heart there is no hiding it. "Love modifies the character, governs the impulses, subdues enmity, and ennobles the affections."—E. G. White, *Mount of Blessing*, pp. 61-62.

"It is in proportion to our own devotion and consecration to Christ that we exert an influence for the blessing and uplifting of mankind. If there is no actual service, no genuine love, no reality of experience, there is no power to help, no connection with heaven, no savor of Christ in the life. Unless the Holy Spirit can use us as agents through whom to communicate to the world the truth as it is in Jesus, we are as salt that has lost its savor and is entirely worthless. By our lack of the grace of Christ we testify to the world that the truth which we claim to believe has no sanctifying power; and thus, so far as our influence goes, we make of no effect the word of God. 'If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.' [1 Corinthians 13: 1-3, A. V.]" —*Id.*, p. 61.

Life for most of us is not made up of great things and heroic deeds. Rather, it is compounded from many small things and little deeds. But these, savored with the salt of His love, have an influence as unmeasured as the waves of the ocean.

Love "is the bond of perfectness," Paul wrote to the Colossians. Colossians 3: 14. It is the way established for you and me by the Master whose whole life sought, not only the physical welfare of others as evidenced in giving sight to the blind

and strong feet to the lame, but also in healing broken hearts and renewing hope and joy. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples," He said, "if ye have love one to another." John 13: 35.

Someone has said that "the happiness of love is in action; its test is what we are willing to do for others." Love in one who is like Christ, will manifest itself in service. It does not count the cost, for it is all done as unto Him. And no task is too small, no duty too irksome, when done for Him. It is a joy to do as He would were He in our place.

There is a beautiful story told in an old number of the *Youth's Companion*, of one who knew this joy of service. The story is told as follows: Marie Ribot lived with her adopted daughter in two tiny spotless rooms. Her face showed the effects of the privations of her life, yet somehow it always glowed with an inner joy. One day a friend who longed to know the secret of that radiance, called to see her.

Marie, apologizing for keeping at work while she talked, was fixing up a tiny jar of jam for a sick friend. From a store of wrapping papers she selected a white piece and cut it thriftily; from a box of string she chose a piece of green, tying it in a tiny rosette; last of all, she picked a leaf of sweet geranium from a plant in the window and slipped it through the bow.

"What an artist you are, Marie!" Mrs. Lindsay exclaimed, "How did you learn it?"

Marie was silent a moment before she answered. Finally she said, "From my grandmother. She—*Grandmere*—talked always of the gifts of the good God—always giving, giving to His children. So those who had His love in their hearts must give too. I was young then, and impatient; and we were very poor. I cried, 'How, *Grandmere*, how can we give?'"

And she said, "The heart that loves never lacks a gift. Look about you and listen, Marie." So I looked and listened, especially to her. I saw how people came to her, and always she gave and gave; and I saw that often what she had to give was courage, or faith, or kind words about another; and after the blindness dropped from my eyes, I saw that that was what people wanted most. Madame's kind words about my work—what was that but a gift? And then there are so many other things: bits of tin foil, ribbon, bright papers for the children—it is wonderful how they come—a leaf, a blossom. So the good God gives His children the joy of giving."

"Ye are the salt of the earth." Therefore, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," the One "who went about doing good." Philippians 2: 5; Acts 10: 38.

Salt pumped from the Dead Sea whitens the drying basins near the mouth of the River Jordan. (Three Lions photo.)

