

The Necessity of the Resurrection

From Rotherham's Emphasized New Testament

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ be proclaimed
That from among the dead He hath been raised,
How say some among you —
Resurrection of the dead there is none?
But if resurrection of the dead there is none,
Not even Christ hath been raised.
And if Christ hath not been raised,
Void after all is our proclamation,
Void also our faith, —
And we are found even false witnesses of God,
Because we have witnessed respecting God
That He raised the Christ, —
Whom He did not raise,
If indeed, after all, the dead are not raised!
For if the dead are not raised,
Not even Christ hath been raised;
And if Christ hath not been raised,
To no purpose is your faith,
Ye are yet in your sins!
Hence also they who are fallen asleep in Christ are lost:
If in this life in Christ we have hoped — and that is all,
We are of all men most to be pitied.
But now hath Christ been raised from among the dead,
A first-fruit of them who have fallen asleep.

Question Corner

"IF YE WILL INQUIRE, INQUIRE YE."

This Inquirers' Department is conducted for the purpose of helping those who are studying the Bible. The answers are oftentimes only suggestive. They are never to be considered infallible, only as they agree with the infallible Word. The writer who may answer them does not consider that his opinion is infallible. He will simply give the best that he has, and plead with the inquirer to search the Word. Such questions only will be answered as, to the editors, seem to minister to the good of the readers and to the mission of the paper. We can not answer repeatedly in the same volume questions upon the same scripture. The name and address must accompany question, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith, and that answer may be made by letter if deemed advisable. No letters are answered which do not contain the name of the writer. It is well always to enclose stamp for reply.

3414.—The Comma in Luke 23:43

Is there any reason to believe that Luke 23:43 is translated incorrectly or interpolated by some writer who copied Luke's Gospel? What is the meaning of the original? Is it that of the Authorized Version, or does it demand that the comma should be placed after "to-day"?

W.

The literal word-for-word rendering of Hinds and Noble's Interlinear Greek-English Testament is as follows: "And said to him Jesus verily I say to thee to-day with Me thou shalt be in Paradise," more literally, "the Paradise." Punctuation is the work of men, and human wisdom is fallible. The earlier Greek copies not only have no punctuation, but no division of words. Those who punctuated the Bible, about three centuries ago, punctuated as they believed. This is how Rotherham's very literal emphasized New Testament, in his last edition, based on Wescott & Hort's Greek text, renders: "And He said unto him—verily I say unto thee this day: With Me shalt thou be in Paradise." In his twelfth edition, 1896, he has this note: "It is left for the reader to determine whether the words 'this day' should be joined (A) with the former part of the sentence, or (B) with the latter. In favor of (A) may be urged (1) the fact that *semeron*, 'this day,' does not always stand first in the clause to which it belongs (see Luke 2:11; 5:26; 22:34; Acts 20:26; 22:3; 24:21; 26:29); (2) that being essentially a demonstrative word, it will bear any reasonable stress which may be laid upon it, whether it be placed before or after the words which it qualifies; (3) that it is far from meaningless if regarded as belonging to the opening words of assertion ('Thou dost ask Me to be remembered then: verily thou art assured now. As on this day of My weakness and shame thou hast faith to ask, I this day have authority to answer;') (4) that the latter part of the verse is thus left free to refer to the very matter of the suppliant's request ('Thou dost ask to be remembered when I come in My kingdom: thou shalt be remembered then, and with distinguished favor: thou shalt be in My kingdom: thou shalt be with Me in the very Paradise of My kingdom, in the garden of the Lord—Isa. 51:3 [Sept. *paradeisos*]; Eze. 36:35; compare Gen. 2:8 [Sept. *paradeisos*]; 3:2 [Sept. *paradeisos*]; Rev. 2:7—in that most central and blessed part of the coming kingdom, of which thou dost believe Me to be the destined king')."

This makes clear that so far as the original is concerned the comma may be properly placed after "to-day," thus making it limit the verb "say;" "I say to thee to-day." In further evidence, three days after this, Jesus said to Mary, "Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father," the Father who dwells in Paradise, where are the River and Tree of Life. Compare Rev. 2:7 and 22:1, 2. Then, too, the children of faith enter upon their reward, not at death, but at Christ's coming. Matt. 16:27; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Rev. 22:12. The teachings of Christ demand the comma after "to-day," and Greek grammar and usage sanction what truth demands.

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3415.—Female Children

Please explain Num. 31:18. What was done with those female children? Were they kept for slaves or for marriage? Some skeptical persons bring up some texts of the Bible which I can not always explain.

G.

If we knew the customs of those days we would know that imperfect as the Israelites were, they were far ahead of surrounding nations, so that slaves in Israel were, many times, better off than free men and women in other lands. They were treated much more humanely. These female children may have been kept part for slaves and part for wives. See Deut. 21:10-14 as to how Israelites should deal

with captive wives. This was much more merciful than it was in the surrounding nations. God did the best He could with the material He had to deal with. Israelites after their long sojourn in Egypt certainly were but little removed from the heathen themselves, and the very laws that they had showed that the origin of these laws was divine. The Lord suffered many things because the people could not be brought to see them, and He will not force men to be machines.

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3416.—Every Living Thing

Please explain Gen. 9:3: "Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; as the green herb have I given you all." This seems to be contrary to the command for the clean and unclean animals.

D.

The only food that man had to eat immediately after the Flood was clean animals. There were fourteen of each of these preserved in the ark. There was only one pair each of the unclean. The Lord took in man's absolute necessities.

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3417.—Commandments Before Moses

Is there evidence which certainly shows that God gave His law to the people before the time of Moses? or that any kept the law or the commandments before that time?

A. F. H.

Surely there is, plenty of evidence, of which we briefly give a part.

1. God is ever the same, of unchangeable, righteous character. Mal. 3:6; James 1:17. His law, His requirements, must therefore be the same in all ages.

2. He asks men in all dispensations to be like Himself. When He said to Israel of old, "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2), He meant the same kind of holiness, of the same standard, as He did when He said through Peter, "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16).

When God said to Abraham, "I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect" (Gen. 17:1); when His Word said, "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Gen. 6:9); when it was said to Israel, "Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God" (Deut. 18:13); when Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48); when Paul said, "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind" (2 Cor. 13:11),—all must have meant the same perfection, the same standard, the same kind of walking, the same mind; for how "can two walk together, except they be agreed?" All were therefore required to keep God's perfect, holy law. See Ps. 18:30; 19:7; Rom. 7:12. These scriptures clearly show that God's requirements are the same in all dispensations.

3. The negative side proves the same. "Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. "Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Rom. 7:7. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15. Therefore, wherever there is death there is sin, and wherever there is sin there is law. "And so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," all have transgressed the law. Rom. 5:12. "Until the law" in the next verse means until it was given at Sinai. Paul proves that the law existed before it was there given, by the very fact that men were counted sinners, and died; for "sin is not imputed when there is no law."

4. Every commandment of the Decalogue can be traced before Sinai, either by its observance or transgression. Note them in order: (1) Joshua

24:2; (2) Gen. 31:30, 34; (3) Jacob's family must have taken God's name in vain when they worshiped idols (Gen. 35:2, 4); (4) Ex. 16:4, 25-28; (5) Gen. 9:21-25; (6) Ex. 1:16; 2:14; (7) Gen. 39:7-9; (8) Gen. 31:32; (9) Gen. 31:30; (10) Gen. 3:6; 6:2. All the law of God was broken by the antediluvians. Gen. 6:5, 11. Most of its principles were transgressed in the Garden of Eden.

5. There is one more evidence. God said of Abraham, "the father of all them that believe," "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." Gen. 26:5. See also 18:19.

Surely this evidence "certainly shows" that God gave His law to the people before it was given from Sinai.

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3418.—Respiration or Life

In the quotation stating that the breath returns to the One who gave it, does breath mean earthly life or does it simply mean respiration?

T.

Our querist evidently refers to Eccl. 12:7, "The Spirit shall return unto God who gave it." It came from God as the breath of life (Gen. 2:7); it returns at death, as it came from God, as life, but not as a sentient, thinking entity. The original word is *ruwach*, rendered in our common version into "air," "blast," "breath," "wind," "spirit." It seems clearly to mean life, the life principle, called "the breath of life" in Gen. 2:7. The one text tells of man's creation, the other of his dissolution. Neither of the terms means more than simply life.



Schedule for Week Ending April 29, 1911

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OUR readings for this week lie wholly in 2 Samuel. The record covers almost the entire reign of David over all Israel. Of course, it was not written by Samuel. The two books of Samuel are one in the Hebrew, and were named from the prominence of Samuel in the first part. These were books of Samuel and Nathan and Gad, the seers of Israel, records of the kingdom kept by scribes and secretaries, the poetry and songs of the nation, in fact abundance of material for the history, and it is reasonable to believe that the book was written by one like the faithful Nathan or Gad, who tells the whole truth without fear or favor. Chapter 6 is a solemn warning against the substitution of men's ways for God's ways. The Philistines could send God's ark on an ox-cart, and see no visible tokens of God's displeasure; for they knew no better. They were on their way to the light. But for Israel to substitute the Philistine method for God's way, was to go backward into darkness, leading to disobedience which resulted in death. God's blessing rested where His law was cherished. We ourselves may be, should be, arks of God in which His law is enshrined, written in our minds and affections.

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THE week's lesson is a checkered one, made up of records of examples to shun, of blunders of men, of the sure results of sin, of rebellion, strife, defeat, victory, and of abundant promises of God. Two psalms sing themselves into the narrative, songs of devout worship and clear hope in God. Note in the twenty-fourth chapter that David did not choose one of three things; he let God choose for him.

Signs of the Times

"Even as we have been approved of God to be entrusted with the Gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who proveth our hearts."

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The Value of Prayer

By Mrs. E. G. White

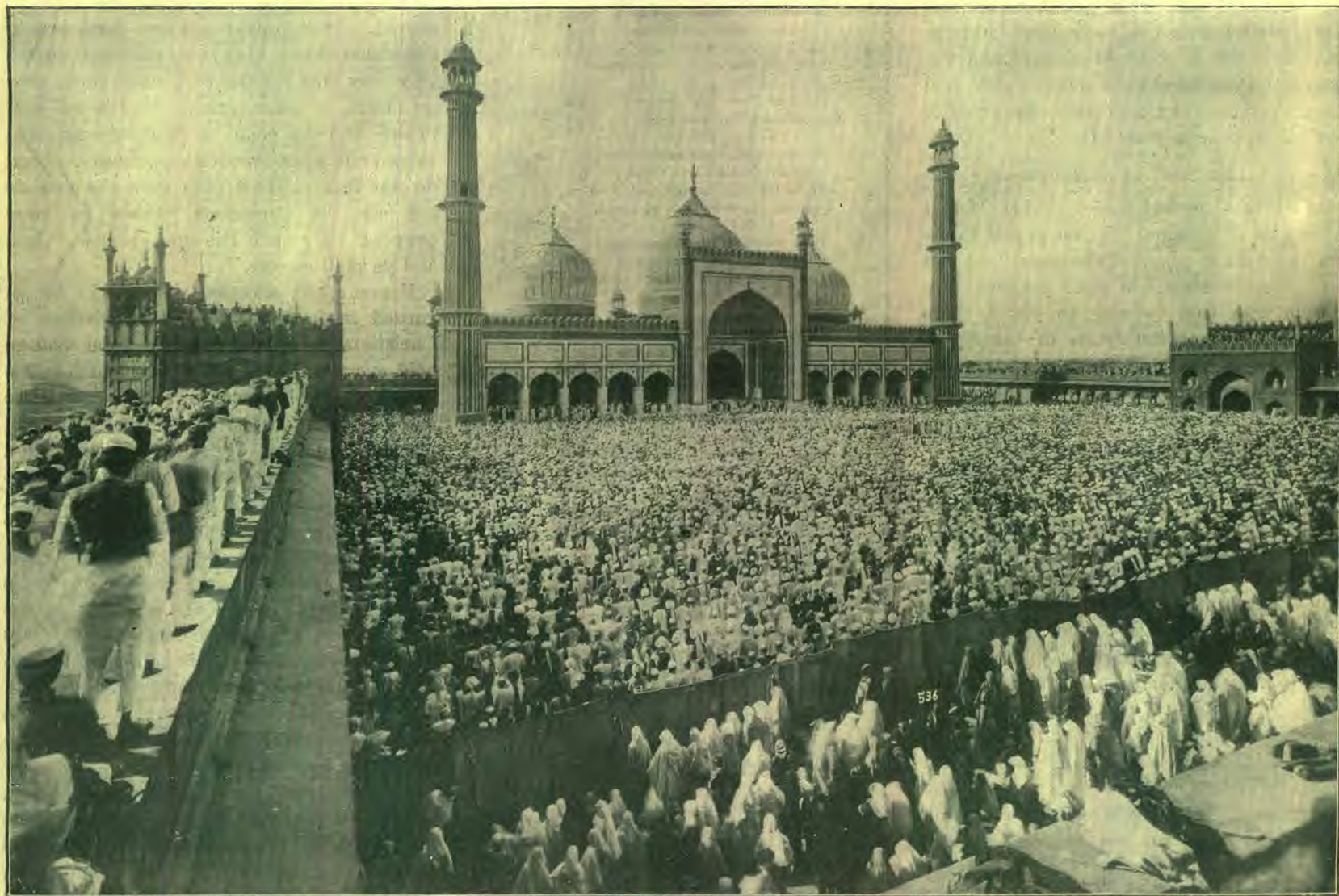
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers.

WE are told that Elijah "was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly," and his prayer was answered. A royal decree was signed in the courts of Babylon, that if for thirty days any man

prayers! How often He spent the whole night upon the damp, cold ground, in agonizing supplication! And yet He was the beloved and sinless Son of God. If Jesus felt the necessity of communion with His Father, and manifested so much earnestness in calling upon Him, how much more should we, whom He has called to be heirs of sal-

are vigilant in improving every opportunity to advance their common interest, and war against the kingdom of Christ. But He who is the great Commander in heaven and on earth, has limited their power.

Satan is ever ready to insinuate that prayer is a mere form, and avails us nothing. He can not bear to have his powerful rival appealed to. At the sound of fervent prayer, the hosts of darkness tremble. Fearing that their captive may escape, they form a wall around him, that Heaven's light may



The great Mohammedan Mosque of Delhi, Jama Mushid, the most beautiful large mosque in the world. It is noted for the grace of its forms, the symmetry of its proportions, the harmony of its coloring. It is built of white marble and red sandstone. The above view is of a large Mohammedan gathering for worship. The women can not mingle with the men, but are behind the purdah, or fence. How different is the worship of the true God through Jesus Christ! (See article on page 10.)

asked a petition of any God or man, save of Darius the King, he should be cast into the lions' den. But Daniel, notwithstanding he knew of the decree, failed not to pray three times a day, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, as he had done before the decree was made; and the God whom he served continually, delivered him out of the power of the lions. These holy men knew the value of communion with God.

When Jesus was upon earth, and walked a man among the children of men, He prayed, and O, how earnest were His

vation, who are subject to the fiery temptations of the wily foe, and dependent upon divine grace for strength to overcome, have our whole souls stirred to wrestle with God! The language of our souls should be, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." But many have allowed their hearts to become overcharged with the cares of this life, and God and His Word have been neglected.

The subjects of Satan, altho they hate and war with one another, are active and united in the one object of destroying souls. They

not reach his soul. But if in his distress and helplessness the sinner looks to Jesus, pleading the merits of His blood, our compassionate Redeemer listens to the earnest, persevering prayer of faith, and sends to his deliverance a re-enforcement of angels that excel in strength. And when these angels, all-powerful, clothed with the armory of Heaven, come to the help of the fainting, pursued soul, the angels of darkness fall back, well knowing that their battle is lost, and that one more soul is escaping from the power of their influence.

The One Remedy

Prayer is the Christian's life. There is a remedy for the sin-sick soul, and that remedy is in Jesus. Precious Saviour! His grace is sufficient for the weakest, and the strongest must have His help or perish. A Christian has victory over his passions and besetments. I would not dishonor my Master so much as to admit that a careless, trifling, prayerless person is a Christian. It is the privilege of the Christian to enjoy the deep movings of the Spirit of God. A sweet, heavenly peace will pervade his mind. He will love to meditate upon God and heaven, and to feast upon the glorious promises of the written Word.

But how shall this victory over the world be obtained? Go to your closet, dear reader, and there plead with God, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Be in earnest; be sincere; Jacob-like, wrestle in prayer. Do not leave your closet until you feel strong in God. Remain until unutterable longings for salvation are awakened in your heart, and the sweet evidence is obtained of pardoned sin. Then when you leave your closet, watch; and so long as you watch and pray, the grace of God will appear in your life.

The Soul of Religion

In no case neglect secret prayer; for it is the soul of religion. If you expect salvation, you must pray. Take time. Be not hurried and careless in your prayers. Intercede with God to work in you a thoro reformation, that the fruits of the Spirit may dwell in you, and that, by your godly life, you may shine as a light in the world. When you sincerely feel that without the help of God you perish, when you pant after Him as the hart panteth after the water-brooks, then will the Lord strengthen you speedily, and you will have that peace that passeth understanding.

While you pray that you may not be led into temptation, remember that your work does not end with the prayer. You must then answer your own prayer as far as possible, by resisting temptation, and leave that which you can not do for yourselves for Jesus to do for you. We can not be too guarded in our words and deportment, lest we invite the enemy to approach us with his temptations. With the Word of God for our guide, and Jesus for our heavenly teacher, we need not be ignorant of the divine requirements or of Satan's devices. And it will be no unpleasant task to be obedient to the will of God, when we yield ourselves fully to be directed by His Spirit.

Family Prayer

Pray in the family. Morning and evening obtain the victory at your family altar. Let not your daily labor keep you from this duty. Take time to pray. And as you pray, believe that God hears you, have faith mixed with your prayers. Let faith take hold of the blessing, and it is yours.

In the morning the Christian's first thoughts should be of God. Come before Him with humility, with a heart full of tenderness, and with a sense of the temptations and dangers that surround yourself

and your children. Morning and evening, by earnest prayer and persevering faith, make a hedge about your children. Patiently instruct them; kindly and untiringly teach them how to live so that they may please God.

Teach your children reverence for God and the hour of prayer. The Lord our God is holy, and His name is to be treated with great reverence. Angels are displeased and disgusted with the irreverent manner in which the name of God, the great Jehovah, is sometimes used in prayer. They mention that name with the greatest awe, even veiling their faces when they speak the name of God; the name of Christ also is sacred, and is spoken with the greatest reverence. And

those who in their prayers use the name of God in a common and flippant manner, have no sense of the exalted character of God, of Christ, or of heavenly things.

Pray in faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Prevailing prayer is the prayer of living faith; it takes God at His word, and claims His promises. Feeling has nothing to do with faith. When faith brings the blessing to your heart and you rejoice in the blessing, then it is no more faith, but feeling. How strange it is that men will put confidence in the word of their fellow men, and yet find it so hard to exercise living faith in God! The promises are ample; why not accept them just as they read? "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

Answered Prayer

Every petition that is offered to God in faith, and with a true heart, will be answered. Such prayer is never lost; but to claim that it will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is presumption. God is too wise to err, and too good to withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly. Then do not fear to trust Him even tho you do not see the immediate answer to your prayers. Rely upon His sure promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive."

Fervent and effectual prayer will be regarded in heaven. It is the privilege of Christians to obtain strength from God to hold every precious gift of His Spirit. The power of God has not decreased. His grace and His Spirit will be just as freely bestowed now as formerly. It is the church of God that have lost their faith to claim, their energy to wrestle, as did Jacob, crying, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." Enduring faith has been dying away, and must be revived in the hearts of God's people. There must be a claiming of the blessing of God. Living faith always bears upward to God and glory; unbelief, downward to darkness and death.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." We can overcome, fully, entirely. Jesus died to make a way of escape for us, that by prevailing prayer, by His grace, we might overcome every temptation, every subtle snare of the adversary, and at last sit down with Him in His kingdom.

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Religion and Courage

RELIGION gives a man courage. . . . I mean the higher moral courage which can look danger in the face unawed and undismayed; the courage that can encounter loss of ease, of wealth, of friends, of your own good name; the courage that can face a world full of howling and of scorn — aye, of loathing and of hate; can see all this with a smile, and, suffering it all, can still toil on, conscious of the result, yet fearless still. — Theodore Parker.

How Manifold Are Thy Works!

By May Wakeham

How manifold Thy works, O Lord,
How bright Thy glories shine!
All Nature's voices in accord,
Declare Thou art divine.

Thou dwellest in the "holy place"
Beyond the mortal view,
Yet hast Thou left us many a trace
Of what Thy hands can do.

We see Thee in the mighty deep,
Or brooklet's silver sheen,
Or in the tiny flowers that peep
From out their beds of green.

Thou ridest on the wingéd wind
That fans the mountain's brow,
And on old Ocean's waves of brine
Thy stately footsteps go.

Thou speakest, and the thunder crash
Is heard on sea and land,
And rain and hail and lightning flash
Go forth at Thy command.

Thy breath sendeth forth ice and snow;
Nature seemeth congealed.
Thou makest gentle zephyrs blow —
New beauties stand revealed.

Thou part'st the curtains of the night,
And there appear to view
A serried host arrayed in light,
Bedecking heaven's blue.

Yea, teeming worlds dash on through space,
Held by Thy mighty word,
Each keeping its appointed place,
Obedient to their Lord.

Ages on ages roll along,
Vast empires rise and fall;
Man's greatest works fade like a song;
Death covers with a pall.

Thou changest not. Divinity
Knoweth nor time nor change.
Thou holdest vast infinity
Within Thy vision's range.

O God, how measureless the sum
Of power and love divine!
Our hearts and lips with awe are dumb.
We bow before Thy shrine.

Thou mighty One, Thou King of Kings,
Who fillest eternity,
How canst Thou stoop to mortal things,
Mere atoms such as we,

To rebels who have dared to raise
Their weak and puny hands
Against Thy true and holy laws,
Thy wise and just commands?

But love and grace, O mighty One,
A never-ebbing tide,
Flow out forever from Thy throne,
Unmeasured, deep, and wide.

This God is ours forevermore.
We rest beneath His wings.
With hearts and voices we adore,
And crown Him King of Kings.

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"Let the Revelation speak and tell what is truth. . . . Uplift Jesus as the center of all hope."

XXIV. The Witnessing Church

BEFORE we leave the study of the eleventh chapter of Revelation, with its important topic of the witnesses, studied two weeks ago, let us apply God's law of witness to the church. There is instruction and comfort in the truth. What is the truth regarding the witnessing church? In this study we shall be able to offer only the merest outline, suggestions so to speak, of the great amount of evidence God has given in the twofold witness of His Word.

Many of our readers are acquainted with the claim that is made by our Roman Catholic friends; namely, that the Roman Catholic Church is the one witnessing, living church through all the centuries. As the Rt. Rev. John Milner, D.D., F.S.A., in his "End of Controversy," page 95, expresses it, "There is but one inquiry to be made; namely, 'Which is the true church?' . . . By solving this question, 'Which is the true church?' you will at once solve every question of religious controversy that ever has been or that ever can be agitated." In the same connection he declares the true church to be the Roman Catholic as evidenced by "the Scriptures, both Old and New, from the Apostle's Creed, and from constant tradition."

Before we enter upon this study direct let us recall the law of God's witness, which we place in the form of the following self-evident or easily demonstrated propositions:

1. God's witness which He offers in confirmation of a fact is always reliable and infallible.

2. This witness is at least twofold, a double agreeing witness so to speak, witnesses which in the very nature of the case are not and can not be collusive; that is, there has not been nor can there be any secret agreement between the witnesses to testify together to uphold a claim.

3. In all positive truth God writes His Word at least twice in such a way and at such distances apart that the Word itself becomes an infallible witness of itself; and these testimonies are multiplied and cumulative in force throughout the ages. His precepts He writes again in character. His predictions He writes again in fulfilment. To this proposition the ages bear multiform testimony.

4. In His power and wisdom God makes His enemies, the traitors to His truth, the apostasies in

His church, the crime and sin of all ages, testify to the truth of His Word, while they are proclaiming error. He does this by the "sure word of prophecy" uttered many times centuries before fulfilment, and always with that particularity in detail that its clear application may be seen by the honest seeker after truth.

5. The human claim to be the people or church of God is nothing; for even Satan appears as an angel of light. The apostate Jews declared themselves to be Abraham's seed; but John declared them to be a "generation of vipers;" and Jesus, children of "the devil." Matt. 3:7-10; John 8:39-44.

6. God's church and people have ever consisted not of the great mass, unless the mass stood right, but of the faithful remnant,

"They Have Taken My Lord Away"

(Lawrence W. Neff, in Sunday School Times)

To His empty tomb the woman
Steals forth at the dawn of day,
And the cry is wrung from her breaking heart,
"They have taken my Lord away."
In sorrow she turns, but—"Mary"—
Uplifting her drooping head,
At the spoken word of her living Lord
She knows that Death is dead.

In the dawn of faith I seek Him
'Mid the learned of earth, but they
With subtle logic and sophist's guile
Have taken my Lord away.
Then, stooping to lift a brother
O'erburdened with toil and strife,
In the glowing morn of hope new-born
I walk with the Lord of Life.

those who stood for His truth when all others wandered, drifted, rebelled, apostatized.

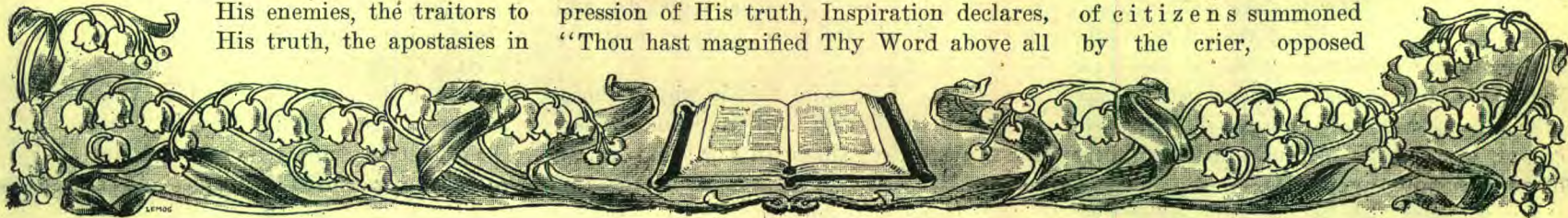
7. The vital, true, infallible witness is ever that of the Word of God, not the word of men; and the true power in the church of God is the power of the living message she bears in consecrated lives, not in tradition, or a passing from man to man some blessing or commission given of God centuries before. The one thing that God regards above all others is truth. He is the "God of truth," and therefore "just and right is He." Deut. 32:4. "All His works are done in truth." Jesus said to Him, "Thy Word is truth." The psalmist: "Thy law is the truth." "All Thy commandments are truth." He "keepeth truth forever." "The truth of the Lord endureth forever." "His truth endureth to all generations." His Word being the expression of His truth, Inspiration declares, "Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all

Thy name." Therefore as to the human, "Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts." Jesus prays, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." His ministers are to "preach the Word" of truth; and "the lip of truth shall be established forever." And in that day when all things earthly fail, He declares to His trusting child, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Jesus Christ came to "bear witness unto the truth." John 18:37. Not in triumph and prosperity always, but in hardship, adversity, and seeming defeat. Even so His church should bear witness to Him. "Ye are My witnesses." And therefore John the Baptist "bare witness unto the truth," and upon His apostles He placed "the Spirit of truth," that they also should "bear witness." The witness they bear, the power they possess, would be in the God-given message. So Jeremiah, responsive to God's call, bearing God's message, was set "over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." But the doing of the one or the other rested not in the man, but in his message, and the attitude which the nations and peoples assumed toward his message. Jer. 1:10; 18:7-10. So to Peter and the other apostles was given power to bind or loose, but the power rested not in the mere men or their successors, but in the Gospel message of truth they bore, and how men related themselves to it. Matt. 16:19; John 20:23; Mark 16:16; 2 Cor. 2:15, 16. And even so it was with Jesus the Son of God. He was built up who received His word; he was listed for destruction who would not receive it. Matt. 7:24-27.

One other thing that God regards as of pre-eminent worth in men is loyalty, the true, perfect, devoted heart. Therefore "the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chron. 16:9. God is not demanding perfect knowledge or perfect wisdom or errorless conduct; but He does demand the perfect heart, the heart obedient to all the light it has; and the people with such a heart constitute God's church, or people, wherever found.

This is in harmony with the original term from which "church" comes; namely, *ekklesia*, the classical meaning of which, according to Liddell and Scott, is "an assembly of citizens summoned by the crier, opposed



At What Are You Aiming?

By Helen Adair

Founded on the following texts: John 8:11; Matt. 5:48; Gen. 17:1; 1 Peter 1:15, 16; James 1:4; Col. 4:12; Heb. 12:9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Rom. 8:3, 4; John 3:5, 8; Luke 18:10-14; Rom. 5:5; Gal. 3:3; 5:16; 1 Peter 2:2; John 6:68; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 3:9; Ps. 81:8, 9; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Rev. 14:5; Deut. 33:27; Ps. 103:13; Isa. 41:10.

IOR what are you steering, Christian? Are you heading toward the broad and traveled Incline of the Sinner? to the respectable, dead-level Road of the Pharisee? or to the steep and narrow Way of the Saint's "High Calling"?

The marksman knows that if he would hit the target, he must aim at the target. The chauffeur has learned that if he would keep out of the ditch, he must steer for the roadway. In like manner, the Christian should learn that he will reach only that for which he aims.

At what, then, should the Christian aim? Is it possible for him to hit it, if he does aim at it? If so, how?

Attach yourself, for a moment, to that crowd of scribes and Pharisees in the temple court. Draw a little nearer. They have dragged a poor, cringing sinner before the Master, and ask Him if they shall stone her. Jesus reads their hypocritical hearts, and stoops down and writes with His finger in the sand. Like bloodthirsty wolves, they press nearer and nearer, vehemently urging the Master to tell them if they shall stone her. Rising, the Lord looks on them, and says, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Again He stoops down and writes in the sand. Self-condemned, one by one, the accusers quietly withdraw, leaving the One who makes no mistakes, to deal with the sinner. Lifting Himself up, and seeing none but the woman, He says, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?" She replies, "No man, Lord." Jesus says to her, "Neither do I condemn thee: *go, and sin NO MORE.*"

Now, must we give this message all away to this sinful woman? We are told, sometimes, how business men have mistaken their places in life and have never succeeded in finding them, how square men have tried to fit themselves into round holes, and round men into square holes; but when we remember that we "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," it need not take us many moments to discover that we belong in the same hole with this sinner in the temple. Even tho we are considered respectable, and are found among the proud accusers, as soon as our false wigs and brodered coats are removed, we find that we slip into the sinner's hole without the slightest difficulty. Hypocrite, or common sinner, then, whoever we may be, we may claim this message of mercy, and also this God-given aim. Tho we are among those who have always declared that they would not try to be Christians for fear of becoming hypocrites, like so many others, yet we may take this message to our hearts. When received, by faith, it precludes all possibility of our becoming hypocrites.

By the way, let us not call every pro-

fessed Christian who makes mistakes, a hypocrite. There is a wide difference between hypocrites and inexperienced Christians. It takes time for any novice to learn how to use his tools; and many are the blunders he makes before he becomes a really skilled workman. When a wolf, however, dons a sheepskin, and slyly creeps into the flock, he is apt to do it knowingly; and so does the hypocrite.

When the Lord says, "Go, and sin no more," does He really mean that we need not sin any more? that we are to aim at perfection? He *says* so, in the Sermon on the Mount; and Moses, Peter, James, and Paul, moved by the Holy Spirit, assure us that we are to be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect. Paul reiterates that we are to be partakers of His holiness, "without which no man shall see the Lord;" and John, the beloved, adds, "Every man that hath this hope in him [the hope of seeing Him as He is] purifieth himself, even as He is pure." Paul goes so far as to say that God sent His Son to earth "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled *in us.*"

"Impossible!" you say. "I am utterly powerless to do right. I've tried often enough, and failed. Nobody can."

Not so fast! Look at that trolley-car. Are you any more helpless than that car? Watch it suddenly put on power and fly through our streets and up our hills with its living freight. Is the man who gave that inanimate car the power to move, greater and wiser than the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all things therein? Might not the Creator, if He willed, put puny, helpless men in touch with a power by which they, too, could renew their strength, and "mount up with wings, as eagles," "run, and not be weary," "walk, and not faint"? Was it not to Nicodemus, a teacher of Israel, that the Lord once explained how it could and *must* be done, if any man ever entered the kingdom of heaven?

As silently and invisibly as a summer's breeze, this wonderful power—the Spirit of God—descends upon the praying publican, taking away his old, sinful nature, and leaving in its stead the divine nature; shedding abroad in his heart the love of God, which love, and no other, can fulfil the law.

Go on, now, dear publican, says Paul; by faith ye have *received* the Spirit, by faith go on *walking* in the Spirit, and "ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

As a new-born babe desires its milk, so desire the sincere milk of the Word, "that ye may grow thereby," chimes in Peter; "for," adds the Lord Himself, of His words, "they are spirit, and they are life."

Back comes the voice of Peter: That is why ye are given these exceeding great and precious promises—that by these ye might be "partakers of the divine nature." These incorruptible seeds of God's nature and power received into your heart, caused you to be born again [from above].

Yes, says John, and this is why "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for *His* seed remaineth in him: and he can not sin."

"O Israel," pleads the Lord, "if thou

wilt harken unto Me; there shall no strange god be in thee;" thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image; thou shalt not take God's name in vain; thou shalt remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; thou shalt honor thy father and mother; thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor; thou shalt not covet. I *PROMISE* thee, that if thou wilt harken unto Me, thou *shalt not* do one thing that is wrong, thou *shalt* do what is required of thee. (If we can keep the first commandment by harkening to His words, we can keep the second, third, and all the rest of them, in the same way.)

David witnesses, That is true, Lord, for "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

The Word is profitable, agrees Paul, "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto *all* good works."

John, in vision, looking into the future, sees a hundred and forty-four thousand on Mount Zion, who have conquered by the Word, and are "without fault before the throne of God."

Joshua encourages us to try, by reminding us of the mother and her babe. The babe is learning to sit alone; the mother sets it before her and spreads out her arms to catch it if it falls. Again and again it wobbles from side to side and almost topples over; but it persists in straining its little muscles to their utmost, sometimes falling into the outstretched arms, but immediately getting up and trying again—until it finally can sit up strong and well. Then, not content, it rises to its feet and tries to stand. When that is accomplished, it learns to walk, and then to run, constantly going on, and on, and on, to perfect manhood. As we stand in awe before this moving picture, Joshua whispers, "The eternal *God* is *thy* refuge, and underneath are the *everlasting* arms;" and the voice of a trained singer is heard chanting the words, "Like as a father pitieth his children, *so* the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

As tho that were not enough, lo, a voice from heaven says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold *thee* with the right hand of My righteousness."

"The omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit is the defense of every contrite soul. Not one that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection, will Christ permit to pass under the enemy's power. The Saviour is by the side of His tempted and tried ones. With Him there can be no such thing as failure, loss, impossibility, or defeat; we can do all things through Him who strengthens us."

Perfection, then, shall be our aim; the Spirit of Almighty God, our power; His words, the channel through which His power can flow; faith, childlike faith in His words, that which transmits His power to us.

Despairing Christian, "go, and sin *no more!*"

to a mere *sullogus*." It was therefore an assembly regularly summoned, lawfully called, opposed to a coming together without call. God's church is called out by His sent messengers, and that call is always "the Gospel of truth," to a life of truth and righteousness. Those who yield to that regular summons constitute God's *Ekklesia*. Such in times of crisis have been His faithful remnant, either to abide steadfast when all fell away, or to come out from apostasy when apostasy possessed the material citadel and center of God's work in the earth.

The Witness of the True

In the light of the foregoing propositions, facts, and principles, trace the church of God from the beginning. In the dawning of time the church was Abel, not Cain, tho Abel was the younger. In the time of the Deluge it was Noah and his family, tho with the multitude who were lost were the "men of renown." A few generations later that church centered in Abraham, who obeyed God's call and left apostatizing kindred and friends.

Out of Egypt it was the nation of slaves led by Moses. In the apostasy of that people priestly houses and royal houses were set aside, and others honored who hitherto had not so served. **God's remnant**—His people in the ten-tribe division—were not the people of the tribes, but the seven thousand loyal souls who had not bowed the knee to Baal, unknown even to God's prophet. And when apostasy in Israel became so grievous that there was danger that God's truth would be lost to the earth, He brought upon them the Chaldeans, suffered them to go into captivity, so that their very apostasy witnessed to the truth of His word given by His prophets, while the positive power of His truth in holy character was manifest in Daniel and his fellows and an erstwhile heathen king.

At the close of that captivity it was not the many thousands of scattered Israel in Babylon and elsewhere that constituted His church, but the called-out ones—less than fifty thousand—who returned to Jerusalem.

It was not the scribes and Pharisees and doctors of the law and chief priests who were His church in the crisis of John the Baptist's mission, but the repentant people and publicans; for "all the people that heard Him, and the publicans, justified God [witnessed to His truth], being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." Luke 7: 29, 30.

When our Lord died upon the cross, it was not Israel after the flesh, through whom God had kept His truth, that constituted His church; but it was the few loyal ones who had heard the call, who met in the upper room, who were together—of one accord—by the Word on the Day of Pentecost. The nation was rejected with all their appointments, all their priestly authority, all their succession of priesthood, all their honored tradition. The humble fishermen and artisans, clothed with the Spirit, loyal to His truth, bearing His Gospel, were leaders in His church.

In the time of the Reformation the church was again constituted of those that heeded the call of God and were loyal to His Word.

This must be ever so. For when men in positions of trust in God's work apostatize—when they prove disloyal to His Word—He must set them aside and call out those that will be loyal, or suffer His truth to be lost to the earth. The latter He will not do; can not do, and be true to Himself and those for whom Christ died.

Now this whole career of God's church has been set forth in prophecy always years and sometimes centuries before the events in her history took place. Her backsliding, her apostasy, her captivity, the gathering of the remnant, the rejection of the nation at

men for the Word of God, mere material substance in the place of the Real Presence, succession of men instead of living call and connection with Christ, the worship of the dead, the changing of the times and the law of God, the claim to universal and sole rulership, the usurping of authority over kingdom and conscience, and the logical consequent persecution,—all these and much more have been foretold in the "sure word of prophecy," and abundantly fulfilled, it seems to us, in the Roman Catholic Church, to whom many are now turning as the living spouse of God. Let us say that in this we are not condemning Catholics; we have naught but the kindest feelings toward them all, and doubtless there are many among them whose hearts are perfect toward God and all the light they have. But we would not be true to our Lord and Master did we not warn against the marvelous, mighty system of error with which they are connected, and which still exists in vigor, as declared by prophecy. So it will increase till the nations shall again acknowledge it as the church of God, and former persecutions will be repeated.

In all this apostasy, in all its career, the Papacy has witnessed to the truth of God's Word by doing in its entire career just what the Word declared she would do.

From all these errors, out of all wrong systems, God is calling His people by the living message of the everlasting Gospel. He knows they are scattered through Babylon, the organized confusion in the religious world. He is calling them out by His Gospel, His eternal truth. He is calling them to a character that will bear witness to His holy law, to a faith that will witness to the faith of Jesus. And that called-out church, small in comparison with the world, God's "little flock," will bear these characteristics of prophecy, named eighteen centuries ago by the prophet of Patmos: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 12: 17; 14: 12.

Are you looking for the true church in these days of peril? Are you looking for God's remnant church that will be—is—waiting for His coming and working for souls? She will bear the above divine marks of authenticity, the twofold infallible witness of the Word of God.

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Not by Feeling

THAT Christian who wins the final victory over self and sin will not be swayed by feeling. He will be one who will many times seek God when he does not feel like prayer, who will be generous when he feels inclined to be niggard, who will speak gently and soberly when he feels like speaking harshly, who will deny self for Christ's sake, and in this way overcome and perfect a Christian character. He will by faith press through all darkness into the light of God.

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"In praying for others' faults, recollect how long you have been correcting your own."

Light from Heaven

By F. A. Lorens

Tune: Fillmore

FRIENDS, within my heart is burning
Intense love by day and night.
I am praying, I am yearning,
God may lead you in the light.
Jesus help you to surrender,
And to make a choice like Ruth;
To accept in all its splendor
This so grand and precious truth.

Honor, fame, and reputation,
Worldly rank in this our day,
Are but transient in duration,
And will swiftly pass away;
But celestial things we cherish,
Love for God, and for His flock,
Will endure, can never perish,
Based on the eternal Rock.

God's professed church has sunken,
And is vain in her design;
Babylon has made her drunken
With her fornication's wine.
Hark! a special invitation
Calls you out! O, search God's Word,
Which goes now to every nation,
Telling of our coming Lord.

Darkness reigns, but light is shining
From God's Word so bright and clear;
Signs in heaven and earth combining
Witness that the end is near.
Heed the solemn warning message
Which encircles now the world,
Prophecies and many a presage
Which have been to you unfurled.

Light from heaven, may you never
Spurn this overwhelming flood.
It means death and doom forever
To confer with flesh and blood.
Rise and follow the example
Now of our dear brother Paul.
There is help. The flesh may tremble;
Christ will lead you through it all.
Tyrone, Oklahoma.

our Lord's first advent, the "remnant according to the election of grace" at that time, the later apostasies, and wandering in the wilderness of trouble, persecution, error, and confusion, have all been set forth in the Word of God; and the church even in her wandering and scattered condition has witnessed to it all. Despite all the planning and plotting of her enemies, despite anathemas and persecutions, nay, more, despite utter rejection and death even as her Master suffered, she has witnessed in character and career to the Word of God.

Witness of Apostasy

And so has apostasy witnessed. The career of the apostate system has been foretold. Her exaltation of man in the place of God, her substitution of the traditions of

The Real Presence of Our Lord

Where Is It Found?

ROMAN CATHOLICS and High Churchmen among the Anglicans emphasize the importance of the "Real Presence." It is important; we not only concede it, but affirm it. In it is the very Gospel of Christ. The devout Roman Catholic and the true Protestant, or intelligent Bible Christian, alike concede the importance of the Real Presence, but they are decidedly diverse in their views as to where the Real Presence is found. The Roman Catholic view is thus stated:

Every one knows that example loses much of its efficacy in passing through the medium of history, and that virtues perceived at a distance of eighteen centuries are not sufficiently eloquent to move our hearts. It was then very necessary that the Divine Model [Christ] of the elect should dwell in the midst of us full of grace and truth, and that He should offer to each one the living picture of the same virtues which charmed the witnesses of His mortal life and attached to Him so powerfully the hearts of His disciples. This need Jesus Christ satisfies IN HIS EUCHARISTIC LIFE. Could Jesus Christ manifest more strikingly His unspeakable tenderness for sinners, and His ardent zeal for their salvation, than He does IN THE ADORABLE SACRAMENT in which He condemns Himself to remain on the earth so long as there is one soul to save? — *"Religion in Society,"* by Abbe Martinet.

Here the Real Presence is placed in the eucharist; and this change in the wafer is made by the will or word of the priest, whatever his character. The same author says:

Every day multitudes of priests, be they FERVENT, LUKEWARM, OR VICIOUS — IT IS THE SAME — summon Him WHERE it pleases THEM, give Him to WHOM THEY will, CONFINE Him under lock and key, and DISPOSE of Him at THEIR will. — *Id.*

Another Catholic work, "Catholic Belief," teaches that the conversion of the elements is solely by the word of the priest:

The Catholic Church teaches that, before consecration, that which on the altar appears to be bread and wine, is simply bread and wine; and that after the consecration of that bread and wine, what appears to be bread and wine is no longer bread and wine, but the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Something remains, namely, THE OUTWARD QUALITIES OR SPECIES OF BREAD AND WINE; and something is changed, namely, the INWARD, INVISIBLE SUBSTANCE OF THAT BREAD AND WINE, into the body and blood of Christ; this inward change or CONVERSION is what is called transubstantiation.

Roman Catholics, therefore, place the Real Presence of Christ in the eucharist, called there by a priest, whatever his character, given to whom he will, converted according to that priest's word, a mere example to man. The Bible Christian believes that the Real Presence of our Lord is equally vital, but that instead of being in the eucharist, or wafer, it is in the individual believer, "Christ in you." For this we present the following evidence:

1. Our Lord desires that His disciples be with Him — a desire which will ultimately

be realized. "Father, I desire that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory." John 17:24. But this can not be till they have borne the character test that this world imposes. "I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name. . . . While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name. . . . I pray not that Thou shouldest take them from the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil one." John 17:11-15.

2. That they might be thus kept, He promises to come again. "I will not leave you desolate [comfortless]: I will come unto you." John 14:18. This is stated even more strongly in the great commission and its promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. And this promise is given with direct reference to effective service for Him. While they can not be with Him, He will be with them. Then of the great fact of His Real Presence with His people there can be no question. He Himself has expressly declared it. The very announcement of His birth demands His constant presence; for said the angel, "They shall call His name Immanuel: which is, being interpreted, God with us." Matt. 1:23.

3. Now is this presence created in a wafer at the will of a priest, kept in a sacred pyx, given in one element to believers now and then, or is it Christ coming into the very life of the believer? Listen to what Paul said: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20. Again: "But when it was the good pleasure of God [not of man] . . . to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles." Gal. 1:15, 16. Christ then lived in Paul, and was revealed in Paul, that Paul might reveal the blessed Master to those who needed Him.

4. It has always been God's plan to bless His people with His presence. When He called Israel out of Egypt, He said to Moses, "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest;" and Moses responded, "If Thy Presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." Ex. 33:14, 15. God's presence then was a very real thing, not something dim, or vague, or shadowy. It was not something borne by men as an idol or object of adoration. It was the living presence of God in Christ Jesus, the Angel of the covenant. Ex. 23:20, 21. For "the Angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old." Isa. 63:9. So God was manifest in Christ, and the Son of God was Immanuel in the days of old, before He was invested with human flesh.

5. And this presence of God is not designed to be an occasional manifestation of His Real Presence, but a constant one, coming direct home to the heart of the believer.

Read the wonderful promise: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isa. 57:15. Thus it comes home to the individual soul, and is therefore true of all His children, "As God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 2 Cor. 6:16. Roman Catholicism has said that the priest can give the Real Presence to whom he will, but God promises it to every one who will come out from among the wicked and be separate. Verse 17.

6. This indwelling, this Real Presence of Christ, is by the Holy Spirit. Read again from the words of our Lord:

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and HE SHALL GIVE YOU ANOTHER COMFORTER, that He may abide with you forever; even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will NOT leave you COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME TO YOU. . . . If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, and MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM. John 14:15-23.

How then do Christ and the Father dwell with us? — By the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to comfort the otherwise comfortless. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall bear witness of Me." John 15:26. "He shall glorify Me: for He shall take of Mine, and shall declare it unto you." John 16:14. "For He abideth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:17. That Christ dwells in the believer by the Spirit, is made even more emphatic, if possible, by Paul:

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the SPIRIT OF GOD DWELL IN YOU. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if CHRIST BE IN YOU, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the SPIRIT OF HIM that raised up Jesus from the dead DWELL IN YOU, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by HIS SPIRIT THAT DWELLETH IN YOU. Rom. 8:9-11.

Christ and the Father are one, and forcibly indeed does the apostle emphasize that union. The Spirit of God and Spirit of Christ is the one Spirit. The indwelling of that Spirit is the Real Presence of the living Christ. "For in Him [Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him are ye made full." Col. 2:9, 10. And that fulness, the riches of the glory of that mystery of God, received by faith, "is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:26, 27. Again, the apostle prays that Christians "may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith," and thus the believer is "filled unto all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:16, 17, 19.

7. It is this, the only Real Presence, that

the soul needs. Continually he walks with God. Continually he is cheered by His Real Presence. Continually is he enlightened and illuminated. Continually he draws from the Spirit, the great Fount of God's life, to strengthen him for spiritual conflict and all the trials by the way. "The light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God," shines in the heart. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor. 4:4, 6, 7. And thus we bear about in the body "the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body," "in our mortal flesh." Verses 10, 11.

Such, friends, is the Bible doctrine, the true Protestant doctrine, of the Real Presence of our Lord. It is Christ's actual presence, His Spirit, His power, His life, in the believer, bringing with it all potency, all help, all comfort,—an Abiding Presence. Priest and wafer may be absent; Christ is present, and by the creative power of His Spirit places His own presence within our hearts.

Which will you have, the creative power of Christ, or the supposed power of the priest? Which will you have, the human, asserted presence in the eucharist, or "Christ in you, the hope of glory"? Which will you have, the pretended power of a priest to convert bread into Christ, or the power and presence of the Spirit of God which converts men into His character? It is for you to choose. Choose the real and the eternal.

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Music in the Bible

By Augusta W. Heald

MUSIC is of more ancient origin than the earth itself. The Almighty inquired of Job, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth; . . . when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Job 38:4, 7.

The use of musical instruments was well known in the antediluvian age; for we read that Jubal, the son of Lamech, was "the father of all such as handle the harp and organ." Gen. 4:21.

After the victorious passage of the Red Sea, Moses led the children of Israel in a song of triumph. Miriam the prophetess also led the women with the timbrel and dance, in the responsive strain, "Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." Ex. 15:21.

The youthful David played skilfully upon the harp, and by his sweet music drove out the evil spirit from Saul, the favored King of Israel. 1 Sam. 16:17, 23. The psalms and sacred songs composed in later years, when he sat upon the kingly throne, have brought comfort and strength to Christians of every age.

King Solomon also was a musical composer. "His songs were a thousand and five." 1 Kings 4:32.

There were musical families in Israel, Asaph and Jeduthun with their sons, and Heman the King's seer with his fourteen sons and three daughters. All these, and others, were trained "according to the King's order," for the service of the sanctuary, with song, cymbals, psalteries, and harps. The number of trained singers was "two hundred fourscore and eight." 1 Chronicles 25.

The good King Jehoshaphat, when attacked by the enemy in great numbers, appointed the singers to go out before the army; and as they sang loud praises to God, the ranks of the enemy became disorganized, and they destroyed one another. Thus a signal victory was accomplished through the instrumentality of song. 2 Chronicles 20.

Our Saviour's first advent to earth, as the Babe of Bethlehem, was heralded by the song of angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." Luke 2:14.

There will be glad songs in the glorious resurrection morning when Jesus comes again, to claim His own. "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isa. 26:19.

There is song in heaven. "As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there." Ps. 87:7. "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the

song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints." Rev. 15:3.

We may well believe that when Jesus gathers His own to the home above, hands now unskilled will touch the golden harps with sweet accord, and voices now untuned to harmony, through earth's limitations, will there join in sweetest strains the "new song" which none can learn save those "which were redeemed from the earth."

Windham, New Hampshire.

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SIXTY thousand Bibles have been placed in the bedrooms of hotels in the United States and Canada by the "Gideons," the Christian Commercial Travelers' Association of America. It is the aim of this organization to scatter the Word of Life broadcast for the spiritual enlightenment of those who, like themselves, have to spend so many of their hours in the "unhomelike atmosphere of hotel bedrooms." As a result of this act of the "Gideons," "a United States senator's thoughts and memories were so stirred from the reading of one of these Bibles in a hotel, as to move him to send a check for \$50.00 to aid in the distribution of Bibles under this plan, confessing in an accompanying note that the reading of that Bible in the hotel had led his 'thoughts back into channels where they had not been for many years.'"—*Caribbean Watchman*.

Our Bible Reading

The Holy Spirit

1. What did our Lord promise on His going away?

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him. but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:15-17.

2. How does God assure us of His willingness to give us that Spirit?

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT to them that ask Him? Luke 11:9-13.

3. What will it give?

Power.

4. What will that power do?

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES UNTO ME both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.

NOTE.—That Spirit will enable the sinner to overcome his sin; it will cleanse that sin away. It will crucify the flesh with its passions and lusts. Rom. 8:13. And it will enable the soul to be a true witness for God.

5. What will it give?

And hope putteth not to shame; because THE LOVE OF GOD hath been shed abroad in our hearts THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT which was given unto us. Rom. 5:5.

6. What will love do for the soul?

For this is THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: and His commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5:3.

7. What else will it do?

Write God's law in the heart. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." Heb. 8:10.

8. How will the soul then regard the law?

O how LOVE I THY LAW! it is my meditation all the day. Ps. 119:97.

9. What are we admonished to do?

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. Zech. 10:1.

NOTE.—It is time for God to pour out His latter rain, and He earnestly exhorts us to ask for rain in the time of the latter rain. Surely bearing in mind His promise we can ask in faith believing. The only thing that will hinder His Spirit from coming in is cherished sin.



THE OUTLOOK

"Watchman,
what of
the night?"

The Holding of the Winds in India During 1910

From Our Own Correspondent

THE year 1909 was doubtless one of the most unsettled years for India in recent times. The evidence of wide-spread disloyalty, the bomb outrages, and the germ of unrest that had evidently taken firm hold, culminating in the attempted assassination of the viceroy and the successful murder of a leading official in Western India,—all this and more boded ill for India during 1910.

However, as one looks back at the year just closed he can but be reminded of the first verses of Revelation 7. Truly the seething, threatening winds have been held back for a little season, for which those of us who live and labor in India are truly grateful.

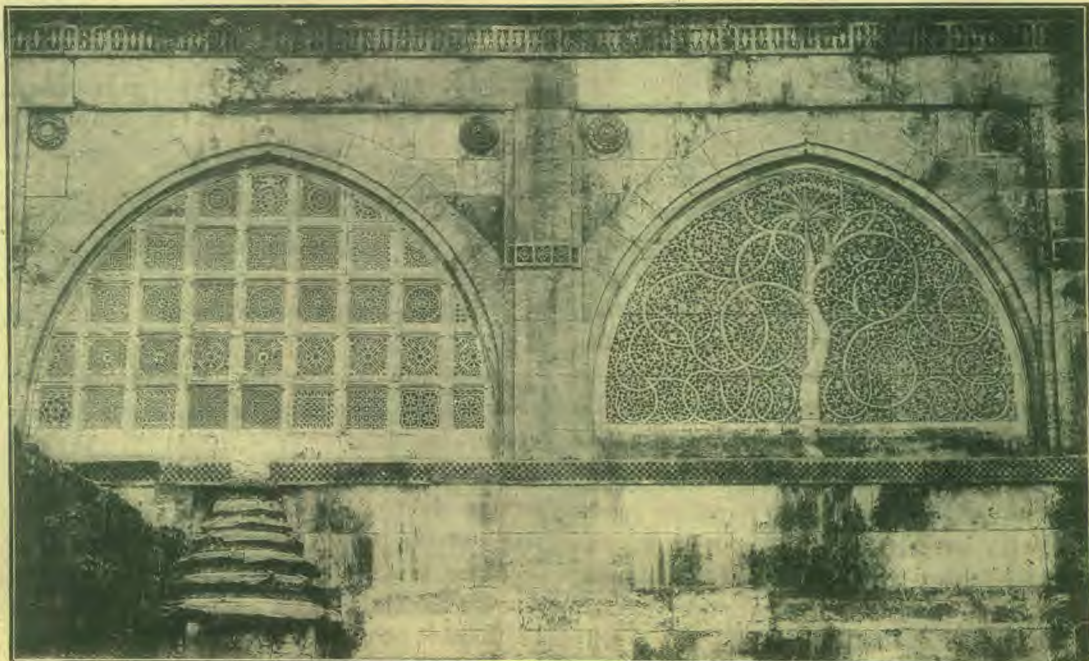
Legislative Councils and Wise Plans

In the political sphere the new representative legislative councils have done good work. There has been some little friction, but on the whole the results fully justify the bold move made toward giving India in a small measure representation with taxation.

In the viceroy's legislative council, the question of the heavy burden of military expenditure, amounting to about \$2,500,000 annually, was brought prominently forward. It is a sad and significant sign of the times that poor India, suffering under the ravages of disease and hunger, with some part of her great country always beholding the gaunt specter of threatened famine, with her remarkably low wage scale and a universal rise in the cost of living,—with all this and more, is still compelled to contribute annually so large a sum to the growing burden of military expenditure.

Representative Indians made most eloquent appeals for increase in expenditure for the

spread of primary education and for the inauguration of irrigation projects. There is a sufficient rainfall in India to preserve her from famine; but it comes largely in two or three months, and flows back into the sea. The government of India has completed great



A fine example of India artistic skill and patience. Each of the windows in this Mohammedan place of prayer at Ahmadabad is carved from a single block of marble.

irrigation projects, has others in hand now, and is planning for still others to be opened in the near future.

The greatest political event of the year has been the departure of Lord Minto after five

years of faithful service as viceroy of India, and the coming of his successor, Lord Hardinge of Penshurst. On November 29, with all the brilliance of Oriental State function, the outgoing viceroy transferred the reins of government to his successor.

Lord Minto served India well in a most troublous period. Calm and fearless, he pursued the even tenor of his way, bringing to fruition his plans for reform in India's political ré-

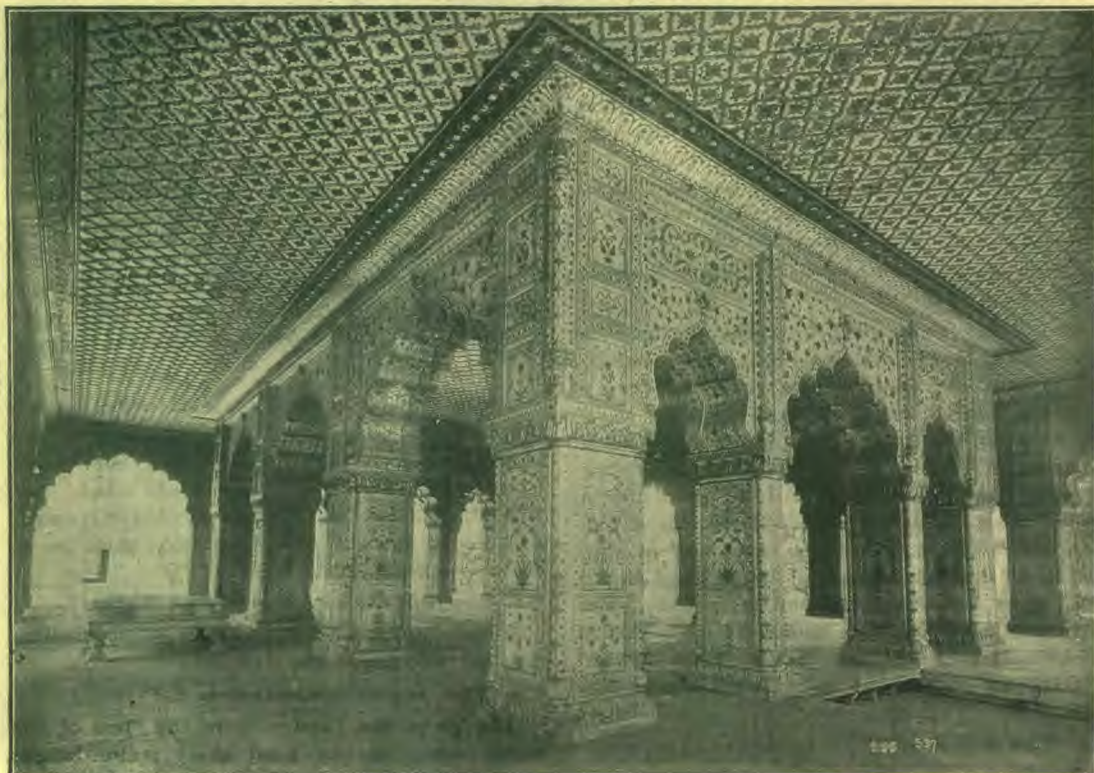
gime. With cool judgment and rare personal courage, and in direct opposition to the feelings of an influential portion of the Indian Civil Service, he was successful in inaugurating these reforms that have immeasurably strengthened the hands of the moderate Indians who are unselfishly working for India's political welfare, and at the same time effectively taking the wind from the sails of the extremists who were rapidly forcing India on the shoals of sedition and anarchy.

Lord Hardinge of Penshurst comes to India with hereditary connections with Indian history, an ancestor having served with honor and credit as viceroy early in the last century. He has already shown rare tact in his speeches and reception delegations. The first bow the new viceroy made to the Indian public, he consented to receive a delegation from the National Congress, a thing that has not been done since Lord Curzon unceremoniously turned them down several years ago. His diplomatic training will stand him in good stead in his attempt to keep peace among the warring elements that go to make up India.

As he himself, while ambassador at St. Petersburg, was largely instrumental in bringing about the Anglo-Russian agreement that changed the face of Asiatic politics in so far as India is concerned, he will be perhaps the best able to handle the threatening situation arising out of the disintegration of Persia and the prospects of extending the German Bagdad railway to the Persian Gulf.

A New Census

One of the interesting by-products of the new reform scheme that gives representation according to communities—the Hindu and Mohammedan communities being the largest—is the proper enumeration of the more than 60,000,000 outcastes of India. For centuries



The "Private Hall of Audience" in the palace of Delhi. Built by Shah Jehan. Here none but ministers of State could come for audiences with the Shah. Here stood the famous Peacock Throne, unequalled in history, built of the purest marble, in the old days with ceiling of pure silver, and with the most marvelous inlaid mosaic of all manner of precious stones. Its ancient magnificence must have been beyond description. In this building is the famous inscription in Arabic:

*"If on earth be an Eden of bliss
It is this, it is this, none but this."*

The depression was for a stream of running water for cooling purposes. George V will be crowned under a great canopy outside.

the orthodox Hindus have declared these outcasts to be "untouchable," even their shadow defiling. They have not been counted as worthy to be included in the religious privileges of Brahmanism, which have belonged well-nigh exclusively to the higher castes. Still they have always been the hewers of wood and drawers of water for the great Hindu community. For want of a better method the government of India has always counted these people in the census report as Hindus; but now that the census returns are made the basis of communal representation, there has been an effort made by Mohammedans and others to have these 60,000,000 "untouchables" hitherto counted by Hindu leaders as unworthy to share in the proper ministrations of the Hindu religion, enumerated under a separate head in the coming census. As this would seriously cut down the Hindu representation, a great hue and cry has been made out of it.

A Royal Visitor

One of the pleasant events of the past two months has been the friendly visit of the crown prince of Germany. Only those living in English countries can realize the intensely strained relations existing between Germany and England. The future ruler of Germany has made himself extremely popular with the governing body of India, uniting heartily in hunting and sports—a feature of English life in the colonies that does much to keep the Englishman in good health—as well as taking a keen interest in everything pertaining to political and social India. There is no doubt that such visits have a tendency to bring the nations nearer together, thus holding the winds until the work of God is finished in the world.

The Coronation of George V in India

The most important event scheduled for 1911 is the coronation of George V as Emperor of India in Delhi, the old capital city of the Mogul dynasty. Ever since Queen Victoria was made Empress of India after the Indian Mutiny, it has been the custom to read the proclamation and parade the troops in every important part of India on the first day of January; but it could be only a sailor king, who had sailed to all parts of the dominions in his early days, who could conceive the idea of being crowned in India. Even in this event the supremacy of the religions of India above every other consideration is emphasized. It so happens that January 1, 1912, falls in the midst of the Muharram festival, one of the most important Mohammedan festivals of the year. For this reason it is found impossible to follow the precedent of the reading of the proclamation all these years. It is probable his majesty the King will be crowned early in December.

The Census

The census of India is taken every ten years. This year, on the tenth day of March, between the hours of nine p.m. and midnight, every man, woman, and child of India's 300,000,000 people will be counted, and all the important facts as to age, sex, religion, caste, literacy, etc., etc., will be written down, and that in only three hours. In one month all the returns will be in one central place, tabulated and ready for publication. This record is unequalled by any census in the world. Good organization, plenty of money, and an unlimited supply of cheap clerical help, exceed in rapidity the best enumerating machines yet invented. In less than one week the totals will all be in the head office.

Theosophy in India

The failure of theosophy in India is worth noting. Practically an offshoot of Hinduism, it came to India largely from the West, with its ethical standards purged from idolatry,

and for a time it seemed that it would gather into its fold many of the best educated Indians. The reasoned eclecticism of theosophy, it was supposed, would appeal to the Hindu mind, and succeed where Christianity was failing. There is at present a reaction against it that well-nigh threatens its extinction, at least, its confinement to a limited area. The difficulty seems partly to have arisen through the contrast between its teachers' claim of sanction from the mystic world of Mahatmas, and the antithesis presented in their far from pure words and practises.

Krishna Worship in America

I was quite interested in reading in a native paper in the native library here a most earnest appeal from a teacher of the cult of Krishna for funds for the building of a heathen temple in the "dark city of Los Angeles, California." This temple is to be a replica of the Krishna temples of India, with its actual idol. The writer claimed numerous converts already, and predicted the rapid spread of Krishna worship in America. If the matter is of sufficient interest to SIGNS readers, I shall be glad to write an article on Krishna worship in India, which will state facts doubtless unmentioned by Krishna preachers in the West.

Second General Conference on Missions to Moslems

The first conference on missions to Moslems met in Cairo, in 1906, and has been followed by the second in Lucknow, India, January 23 to 28, 1911. It brought together almost 300 missionaries and other workers, representing fifty-four organizations and societies at work in the Moslem world. The Rev. S. W. Zwemer of Bahrein, Arabia, was selected chairman.

No student of missions can neglect the problem of giving the Gospel message to the more than 200,000,000 of the Mohammedan world.

India, with nearly one third the Mohammedan population of the world, presents just now the most favorable opening for Christian effort. The Mohammedan community of India is now raising money for the building of a large university to be run on modern lines, affiliated with the English university system. It is striving to encourage primary education, and giving increased attention to female education. The Moslem leaders are so busy with politics that it seems certain that modern progress will take firm hold of this great community. How Islam will meet this crisis in its history will be watched with the greatest interest.

The chairman's eloquent address closed with the following fine characterization of the various lands of the Moslem world:

As our eyes sweep the horizon of all these lands dominated or imperiled by this great rival faith, each seems to stand out as typical of one of the factors in the great problem. Morocco is typical of the degradation of Islam; Persia of its disintegration; Arabia of its stagnation; Egypt of its attempted reformation; China shows the neglect of Islam; Java the conversion of Islam; India the opportunity to reach Islam; equatorial Africa its peril. The supreme need of the Moslem world is Jesus Christ. He alone can give light to Morocco, unity to Persia, life to Arabia, re-birth to Egypt, reach the neglected in China, win Malaysia, meet the opportunity in India, and stop the aggressive peril in Africa.

GEORGE F. ENOCH.

Panvel, Bombay, India.

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Plans are under consideration in England for the construction of new water-works in the Thames Valley which would demand an expenditure of no less than £7,000,000, or over \$34,000,000.

Referring to the present campaign for a speedy abolition of the opium trade, a leading official of the Chinese government says: "Unless we can now stop all the opium trade, not only will we be unable to continue the prohibition of the planting, but in places where the cultivation has stopped, it will begin again. We must stop the trade and the importation at once if we wish to succeed in this opium reform. It is impossible," he emphasizes, "to fully stop the opium planting until the trade is made illegal." The poor Chinese farmers can not understand the "gradual yearly reduction." They are told not to plant, but they see the foreign opium still coming into China.

The secretary of a prominent horticultural society who has evidently imbibed some of the "Higher Criticism" spirit, scouts the idea of the incident which brought sin into the world through disobedience. He says that "apples could not have grown in Eden," and is inclined to believe that the tempting fruit was the pear. It is ludicrous sometimes to see how far some persons, intelligent in other lines than a fair understanding of the Bible, will go to oppose the Bible record. Where does the Bible say that Eve tempted Adam with an apple?

The sale of the Robert Hoe Library at auction in New York City from April 24 to May 4, will include about 16,000 items. It is thought that at least one of its literary treasures will bring a higher price than was ever before realized for a single work in the public market. This is a copy on vellum of the Gutenberg Bible, printed in 1450. It is expected to sell for more than \$25,000.

By order of the State Board of Education of New York, sanitary drinking-fountains to replace the common drinking-cups, are soon to be placed in thirty-nine public schools in New York. The Vermont State Board of Health has adopted a regulation prohibiting the use of the common drinking-cup in schools, workshops, or other public buildings, or on trains after May 12.

In one of the churches in Utica, New York, a telephone system has been installed for the benefit of members of the congregation who may be afflicted with deafness. The transmitter is located directly in front of the pulpit, so that the speaker's words are easily caught. The wires leading to various parts of the auditorium are so arranged as to be inconspicuous.

A despatch from Berlin states that the Reichstag by a large majority rejected the Socialist motion calling on the government to take "immediate steps leading to an international agreement concerning universal limitation of armaments and the abolition of the right of capture at sea."

One of the features of the meeting of the executive council of the California Teachers' Association, held in Los Angeles, April 1, was the decision to ask the governor of the State to veto a bill passed by the last legislature providing for military training in the State high schools.

Interested parties in the proposed arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, are endeavoring to have the compact ready for presentation to the Senate before the adjournment of the approaching session of Congress.

The Russian foreign office has telegraphed the Russian minister at Peking that China's reply to Russia's ultimatum is satisfactory. China declares that she fully acquiesced in Russia's demands in her replies to previous Russian notes.

Upon his arrival in India for coronation, King George V will be weighed, and his weight in gold will be distributed to the poor. The custom is one of great antiquity in India.

Sweden has a population of 5,000,000. America, it is estimated, has more than 2,500,000 Swedes. It is said that an average of 20,000 Swedes come to the United States every year.

The phonograph is now used in some public schools for teaching music. The tone and expression are learned from listening to the machine.

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A Single Soul

RUTH, I have tickets for the concert of the bell-ringers on Wednesday night. Can you go?" Alice said to a friend, as she stopped at her gate.

"It is prayer-meeting night."

"I know; but they sail for Europe Friday night, and this is their last concert."

"But I never stay away from prayer-meeting for anything."

"But this is a sacred concert — and only once. We can worship just as well there."

So, reluctantly, against her convictions, Ruth consented.

That night the girl dreamed that an angel in shining raiment stood beside her, and asked gently, "Where are you going to-morrow night?"

And she answered, "I thought I would go to the concert."

Then the angel said sadly, "Have you so little appreciation of the value of a single soul?"

Vividly the vision came back to Ruth the next morning, as she lay, saying softly to herself, wondering what it could mean, "So little appreciation of the value of a single soul."

She decided that she must take back her promise to attend the concert, and go to the prayer-meeting.

Ruth sat in the house of prayer with a strange joy in her soul, singing:

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to
cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound, make and
keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me
take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all
eternity.

As the music ceased, the girl sprang impulsively to her feet.

"I meant to hear the bell-ringers to-night," she said, "but decided that I would rather come to prayer-meeting; and I am happier here than I should have been at the concert, and I am sure no music could be sweeter to me than the hymn we have just sung."

As the hour for closing drew near, the pastor arose, and invited any who would give themselves to Christ to come forward.

As he waited, in silence, a lady in mourning walked slowly up the aisle, and kneeling, was shown the way of salvation.

When the service was ended, a friend came to Ruth, and said, "The lady who went forward wishes to be introduced to you."

Much astonished, the girl went to receive the introduction to Mrs. Walters.

"I wanted to tell you," the lady said, "that I owe the fact of my being a Christian to-night to your testimony. I have not been inside of a church for ten years. I came here to please a friend; and when you said you

would give up a concert for a prayer-meeting, and that no music could be sweeter to you than the hymn,

"Jesus, lover of my soul,

I thought to myself, 'There must be something in religion, and I am going to have it.' So I wish to thank you that it is because of your testimony that I shall go home to-night a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ruth held out her hand, and pressed gratefully that of her new friend.

She knew now the meaning of the angel's message.

She could not tell Mrs. Walters how near she had come to proving recreant to her trust, nor of the dream that had influenced her in the true direction, so she answered simply: "I thank you for telling me this. I shall never forget it."—*Anon.*

Spring

By George E. Tack

O LOVELY maid of blossoms, blithe and fair,
Whose garments of arbutus sweetly smell,
And low, brook-laughter, that like silver bell
Chimes, and brings hallowed memories, soothing
care,
Your presence fills with beauty all the air.
I hear your fragrant thoughts softly unfold,
I hear the sound of dandelion-gold,
And songs of stars that mount each heavenly stair.
Dear to my soul you are, sweet, dainty spring,
And o'er the surly Winter's deafening roar
I hear your gentle whispers, as you come
In joyous mood, and perfumed petals fling,
And seem, as waken songs on lips long dumb,
God's pledge of love and life forevermore.

What Could the King Do?

In the second century they brought a Christian before a King, who wanted him to recant and give up Christ and Christianity; but the man spurned the proposition. The King said:

"If you don't do it, I will banish you."

The man smiled, and answered, "You can't banish me from Christ, for He says He will never leave me nor forsake me."

The King got angry, and said, "Well, I will confiscate your property and take it all from you."

And the man replied, "My treasures are laid up on high; you can not get them."

The King became still more angry, and said, "I will kill you."

"Why," the man answered, "I have been dead forty years; I have been dead with Christ, dead to the world, and my life is hid with Christ in God, and you can not touch it."

"What are you going to do with such a fanatic?" said the King.—*Selected.*

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Influence of a Picture

A COLLEGE boy, from a Christian home, a little inclined to be sporty, and very popular with his companions, had the walls of his room lined with questionable pictures, such as come in cigaret packages; but when

the holidays came his good old Christian mother sent him a portrait of Hofmann's head of the Christ. After the holiday vacation one of his chums came into his room and, looking around in astonishment, said, "Dick, what's become of all your pictures?" Dick hesitated a moment, and then said, pointing to the Christ, "They didn't seem in place in His presence."—*Association Men.*

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Towser's Failing

"My poor dog is tired out," said Mary, as the wagon drove into the yard, and Towser, covered with the dust of the road, dropped lolling and panting upon the grass.

"'Tisn't the journey he had to take that's tired him," laughed the farmer. "He's used himself up by zigzagging from one side of the road to the other, and tendin' to everything that didn't concern him. He couldn't pass a gate without running through it to see what was on the other side, nor see a hen anywhere along the road without feeling called on to chase her. Every dog that barked started him to barking, and everything that moved took him out of the way to find out what it was, and where it was goin.' No wonder he's tired."

"But you'll find plenty of human bein's that are traveling their lives through in just the same way. They ain't satisfied with the road marked out for them, but watch their neighbors' goin's and doin's, and take charge of no end of things they can't help or hinder. They are like old Towser; it wears 'em out. If they'd follow straight after the Master, and not invent any extra cares for themselves, the road wouldn't be nigh so long nor so hard."—*Anon.*

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If You Want to Be Loved

Don't contradict people, even if you are sure you are right.

Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.

Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.

Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.

Don't repeat gossip even if it does interest a crowd.

Do not try to be anything else but a gentleman or a gentlewoman; and that means one who has consideration for the whole world, and whose life is governed by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would be done by."—*Christian World.*

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No ONE thing does human life more need than a kind consideration of the faults of others. Every one sins; every one needs forbearance. Our own imperfections should teach us to be merciful.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

A Story of the Sea

Among the annals of the sea, the story of Fletcher Christian and his associates will never be forgotten. After having headed a mutiny against his tyrant captain, and set him and a portion of his crew adrift in a small boat, Christian sailed to Tahiti, where six native men and ten native women joined him in searching for a small, uninhabited island of which he had seen an account. January 23, 1790, Pitcairn Island was sighted, the ship run ashore, stripped of everything usable, and the hulk burned. Now let us quote from the account as given in "Story of Pitcairn Island:"

"For two years a fair degree of prosperity blessed their efforts, but the comparative peace and success they enjoyed could not be expected to continue. The first real trouble and disturbance was caused by one of the mutineers named Williams. His wife had gone out one day among the cliffs to search for sea birds and eggs. While so doing, she fell and was killed. Williams, wanting another woman, demanded and obtained the wife of one of the native men. Wronged and outraged by this scandalous act, the native men vowed to be revenged on the Englishmen, and a plot was formed to murder them all. The secret being made known to the women, they imparted it to the Englishmen, in a song as follows:

'Why does black man sharpen ax?
To kill white man.'

"And now begins a story of oppression, treachery, and bloodshed, that forms the darkest page in this island's history. So constant was the dread experienced by some of the women, that they contrived, in secret, to construct a rude raft, with the intention of returning to Tahiti, or be lost in the attempt. They had their raft launched, and ventured a little way beyond the breakers; but their hearts failed them, and the entreaties of some of the women left behind, who had found out their intention, prevailing, they returned to shore again. Hostile feelings were strong on both sides. The women, however, sided entirely with the Englishmen. In one instance one of the women deliberately murdered her native husband, when they were alone together in a cave where they lived. It is to this that Mr. Nobbs referred when, many years later, in his song entitled 'Pitcairn,' he speaks of the 'ghost that still lingers on Tullaloo's Ridge.' Tullaloo was the man's name."

This warfare continued until all the native men were killed and only two of the white men remained. The details of all this, and the subsequent history of the island and its inhabitants, are told in an intensely interesting way by Rosa Young, the great-granddaughter of one of the mutineers. The latest edition, with appendix, contains 266 pages. Price in cloth \$1.00, paper 50 cents. May be obtained of any tract society or the publishers of this paper.

A Book Bargain

We have a few copies of "The Stomach; Its Disorders and How to Cure Them," by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, which we are closing out at less than half price. While not the very latest edition, very few changes have been made in those published subsequently. Here is a list of its chapter headings:

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(Notes and News, continued from page 11)

"In China, in order to create the desire for an opiate," says the *California Christian Advocate*, "thousands and tens of thousands of cigarets are scattered over that empire. Boys and girls are gaily dressed and given baskets filled with cigarets to be freely distributed; sowing the seed for the harvest. That such a vicious thing could be tolerated is dreadful; that such a traffic should be promoted by such a country as ours is appalling." Speaking of a flood of cigarets sent out in Kansas City, "the authorities have made a brave fight to stamp out this deadly vice. The cigaret habit has invaded the public schools of that city with terrific effect. The boys are going down by the score and by the hundred."

According to a "census of church attendance," taken by the New York Church Association on a certain Sunday on Manhattan Island, "there were 530,000 members of Christian churches who did not attend worship. Of these, 235,000 were men. Of the absentees, 450,000 were Roman Catholics and 77,000 Protestants. The Catholic churches claim 650,000 members, and the Protestant churches 151,000." This proportion is quite contrary to Catholic claims, who contend that a larger proportion of Catholics attend church than Protestants. Practically nine thirteenths of Catholics attend, and one half of Protestants.

What seems almost incredible is the following newspaper report of a house sliding twelve miles: "People living along the shore of Lake Champlain were astonished to see a house running away across the ice. The owner wished to move a house about half a mile over the ice. While the workmen were arranging the skids a great gust of wind struck the house and it started at a lively gait up the lake. The sight of the forty-foot, two-story building as it twisted, tumbled, twirled, and turned, terrified the fish hut colony. The house finally banged diagonally on a ridge and came to a standstill after a twelve-mile run."

The following is an item from the "Herald of Gospel Liberty": "At the convention of workmen recently held in St. Petersburg, it was decided to allow Jewish workmen and apprentices to observe their Sabbath rest, in spite of the efforts of the Black Hundred, who wished the convention to go on record as supporting the government measure against the permission for Jews to rest on Saturday."

The First Congregational Church of Winnetka, Illinois, has decided to build a \$40,000 theater as an annex under the personal supervision of the pastor, expecting to make the theater "spiritual and elevating." One of our exchanges says regarding it: "If there is any spirituality in that church, it will not be on hand very long. The world and the church can not unite."

The former battle-ship Texas, which has been used as a target for 12-inch and 8-inch guns, has been sunk in a naval experiment. Steaming at ten knots and at a distance of from six to seven miles, the United States battle-ships New Hampshire and Missouri poured shell into the war-ship in the distance. More than one third of the shots were said to have gone true.

The work of taking the Canadian census will begin about June 1. According to the census commissioner the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the work will not be enough.

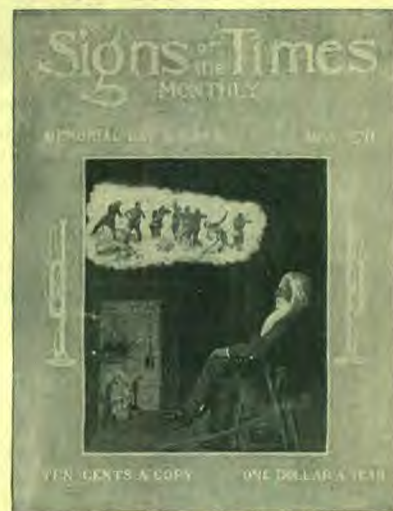
As the result of a successful experiment in equipping a French submarine with wireless, the apparatus may in the future be fitted to other submarines.

Two hundred and eighty manufacturing firms in the United States turned out last year 185,000 automobiles valued at \$240,000,000.

In the last six years Congress has appropriated almost \$6,000,000,000 for the expenses of the Federal Government.

Austria is planning to spend \$62,400,000 for new battle-ships.

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The May Number

Of this interesting magazine will contain several timely articles of special interest to our readers.

The Transmission of Disease Through Milk

Dr. Kress contributes his second article on this important subject. You will be glad to read it.

Healing by Hypnotic Suggestion

Another article of special interest by Prof. Geo. W. Rine. The professor considers these methods as used in the Emmanuel Movement, and contrasts them with the methods of Christ. This is an important subject and well worth your consideration.

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In this article the author shows the present agitation of popular government, the government by the people, as exemplified in the movements of Socialism, Republicanism, and Democracy in all parts of the world as not only foretold, but also prefigured in the prophecy of Daniel 2. Every thinking person will be interested in reading this.

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A reorganization of the railway mail service has been effected by Postmaster-General Hitchcock. Several changes of the most important offices in the service were made. Some of the routes had received no inspection for several years, and he says, "The investigation which we conducted so long and so carefully clearly indicates that the action that I have taken was absolutely necessary." It has been arranged to transport magazines and other bulky periodicals by fast freight. From July 1 next periodicals that can be transported in car-load lots by fast freight without disadvantage in delivery will be carried in this manner and paid for at freight rates.

Sixteen coal mines in the great Crow's Nest Pass district in British Columbia which were hitherto taking out 12,000 tons of coal daily are now inoperative, and 7,500 miners unemployed. Not a miner will admit that a strike has been called. With them it is merely a "cessation of work" on the ground that their agreements with operators have expired and have not been renewed. Wages are involved principally in the controversy. Unless work is soon resumed the Great Northern Railway in the local district and nearby territory may be affected, as they are the principal consumers of the coal.

The Bank of Shasta County, California, closed its doors March 25 at the request of its directors, but it is said that liabilities will be paid in full if time is given to adjust the bank's affairs. Following this, a collateral institution, the First Savings Bank of Shasta County, stopped payment because of a heavy run of depositors. The State Bank Examiner announced the institution was perfectly solvent.

A safety appliance to stop derailed trains automatically is being tested on a leased track in Washington, D. C. The principle on which it works is that when one regular wheel or several regular wheels leave the rails, rollers on one side of the rail and extra wheels on the other side take the rails and stop the train by automatically applying the brakes.

A religious discussion over the question, "Is there a hell?" has brought turmoil in the public school at Deer Creek, Illinois. Thirteen children have been kept at home by indignant parents who opposed the discussion of religious topics in school. The school board has advised the teacher to avoid the discussion of doctrinal theories.

In the production of oats Iowa wins first place from Illinois in the crop-growing race of 1910. According to an announcement made by the department of agriculture, California took first honors from Minnesota for the production of barley, and New York secured the hay-growing title from Iowa.

A youth at Evansville, Indiana, recently made a wager that he could eat thirty-two bananas without stopping. He gagged on the last one and was taken to his home. Physicians say he has a slight chance of recovery. The stomach evidently is not made for a storage station.

The postmaster of San Francisco has announced that permission has been received from the post-office department to make Sunday deliveries from the main office only. This will give one hundred carriers one day of rest, and only a small number of clerks will be required to work.

The New York State Legislature has recently introduced a measure making all bakeries throughout the State subject to the provisions of the factory law, and gives the State Commissioner of Labor power to close bakeries found to be insanitary.

During the year 1910 there were 604 cases of infantile paralysis in Iowa, with 160 deaths. This number was exceeded only in Pennsylvania, which had a total of 1,028 cases.

Eighteen men, one white and seventeen colored, were killed in Nashville, Tennessee, recently by the falling walls of a previously burnt building.

Mr. Albert W. Atwood, in the "American Magazine" for February, March, and April, does not present a pleasing picture regarding "The Great Express Monopoly." It is a sordid story of perverted principles, of the mighty and unprincipled power of money.

BOOK NOTICES

"Groscup's Synchronic Chart of United States History." Price \$1.50. Windsor Publishing Company, New York.

This is a unique and very valuable work. The author is Prof. George E. Groscup, whose work is supplemented by a "Chronological Text" by Ernest D. Lewis, A.M., instructor of history, High School of Commerce, New York. The object of the volume is to make "history visible." It also makes it interesting, not only by its text, but by its progressive maps, its statistical tables of political and economic progress, and its synchronic chart or diagram. This shows at a glance the important events of our nation's history, so arranged that its relation to others in time and place can be seen at a glance. Each State has its historic line on this chart, where its origin and subsequent history may be traced, as well as its relation to other States. European influence is indicated by various colors. The chronology is marked by lines dividing the chart into centuries and quarters, the national line being marked by years. It is divided into two parts, "The Leading Events in United States History," and "National Development." There are nineteen chapters, and fifty illustrations, maps, charts, and diagrams. It also refers to many valuable works on United States history for reading. Every teacher, every student of history, and every school library ought to possess a copy. It needs only to be known to be appreciated. The book brings us into the year 1910.

"Manual of Revivals." By the Rev. G. W. Hervey, M.A. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York and London.

The object of this work is to give practical hints and suggestions in the conduct of revivals, gathered from histories of revivals and lives of revivalists, with suggestive themes for the use of ministers before, during, and after special services. Texts and outlines are given of sermons of noted evangelists. The book is helpful in suggestiveness, hints, and cautions.

"Mormonism Against Itself." By Samuel W. Traum. Illustrated. Price \$1.00. The Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The above work consists of twenty-three chapters, which cover Mormonism quite fully. Some of the topics are: "Mormonism: What It Is;" "The Book of Mormon;" "Its Witnesses;" "Its Translation;" "A Modern Production;" "The Ethnology of the Book of Mormon;" "The Philology of the Book;" "The Mormon Priesthood;" "The Book of Doctrine and Covenants;" "Joseph Smith, Jr., and His Career." We wish the author had used at times a little less acerbity, or harshness. His tremendous facts might win more souls from among the deluded ones.

"Colds: Their Cause, Prevention, and Cure." Price 25 cents. By Geo. H. Heald, M.D. Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C.

One of the most frequent, perhaps the most frequent physical ailment to which humans are subject is a cold, the term many times covering a "multitude of sins," most of which are committed in ignorance of consequences. Many times the "cold" does not stop, but becomes the beginning of more serious troubles. Every family ought to have Dr. Heald's little brochure, and use it. It is both informing and helpful.

"The Historic Meaning of Prophecy." By Mary Abigail Taylor, Jerusalem, Monroe Co., Ohio. Post-paid, \$1.50.

This work consists of twenty-five chapters. It has without question involved a lot of study on the part of its author, and doubtless she believes what she has written; but we do not see how she can expect her otherwise uninstructed readers to accept her conclusions unless they do it wholly on the author's *ipse dixit*. She has said it, but gives no proof of her assertions. From knowledge gleaned otherwise one can see that some of her conclusions are correct; but also from a knowledge of the law of God and the great plan of salvation as set forth in the question of the sanctuary, one can know that many of her conclusions are wrong. Her statements do not explain.

Our Mission Funds

OUR mission funds have gone up a little the last month, and we are glad to note the generous givers. We are sure the receivers will be glad; but the gladdest time of all will come when the faithful soul finds the result of his seed sowing in saved souls in God's kingdom.

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We devoutly thank God for this, and we hope that others may share in the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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THE German magazine *Zeichen der Zeit* for second quarter, 1911, is now ready. This number has an exceedingly attractive cover design printed in black and blue; contains strong, helpful, and interesting articles on practical Christianity, signs of

the times, religious liberty, health and temperance, missions, home life, and other phases of present truth. It is beautifully illustrated. Send for it, scatter it among your German friends. The price of the magazine is 10 cents a copy. International Publishing Association, College View, Nebraska.

Our Work and Workers

FOUR have accepted the message at Mason City, Iowa.

FOUR more persons have received the rite of baptism in Chicago.

THREE students at Decatur, Alabama, have made a firm decision for the truth.

DURING recent meetings in Brooklyn, New York, nineteen have been baptized, uniting with the faith.

FOUR adults have united with the church at Kalispell, Montana, and two others are expected to join soon.

THE First African S. D. A. Church of Philadelphia was organized recently with sixteen charter members.

FIVE have responded to the call of God as the result of Bible studies held in Schenectady, New York, recently.

THE address of Brother D. D. Butcher, formerly of Greenwood, Mississippi, now is 1857 53d Street, Los Angeles, California.

THREE young men and one young lady are rejoicing in the faith as the result of Bible work at North Yakima, Washington.

AT Norwood, Arkansas, twelve have been added to the church, nine through baptism. A church at Searcy has been reorganized.

FOUR more have decided to follow the Saviour and obey God's commandments in Boston, Massachusetts. Others are reported deeply interested, who it is expected will take their stand soon.

TWENTY-FOUR souls have taken their stand for the truth at Stanleyton, Virginia, as the result of a series of meetings at that place. Ten more are awaiting baptism. At Danville three have been baptized.

THE first shipment of our Spanish literature to Venezuela, South America, is on its way. It consists of 500 pounds of books. One thousand Spanish books and 14,500 tracts have been shipped to Peru. On the same boat two large cases of books go to Chile, and a later shipment is 1,500 pounds to Argentina. Thus, says the report, one after another the Latin republics are entered by our faithful canvassers.

FROM Punta Gorda, Florida, comes the following word: "I am pleased to report our work here. This is the first time that a real mission school has been established at this place, but I am receiving coöperation from the very best people of this little town. I opened school last autumn with five pupils, and the number has increased to twenty-nine. The parents seem to be delighted with the advancement the children have made in the past four months."

THE following extracts were taken from a letter written by Brother C. Sparks, Chang-Sha, Hunan, China: "Since we came up here about four months ago there have been seventeen baptized, and there are others ready now. Just this morning our evangelist came in with a letter from a place in the south of the province. He says there are several there keeping the Sabbath and they are pleading for some one to come down and help them. At present we have so many calls that demand immediate attention that it will be impossible to get down there for some time. It is impossible to reach the best class of Chinese because of meager facilities, but we are rejoicing to see people taking hold of the truth." Notwithstanding these encouraging words, Brother Sparks is living in a wretched building, and holding meetings out-of-doors in very unfavorable weather. He is patiently awaiting means, however, to better the conditions.

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The Indian Census.—Our India correspondent refers to the census about to be taken in India when he wrote. Our last London *Times* gives the result. The total population is declared at 315,000,000, an increase of 20,500,000 in the last decade. The *Times* tells us that "the pressure of population is still far less than in England. Two thirds of the people of India live within a quarter of its area. There are vast unoccupied lands which have still to be populated. The waste areas of Assam have become a byword. Branch railways are constantly opening up new territory, irrigation is always bringing derelict land under cultivation. . . . The problem of the Indian population is to distribute the people more evenly. . . . The result of the Indian census makes it additionally clear that when King George is crowned in Westminster Abbey next June he will be crowned as monarch of one fourth of the entire human race."

There left us April 5 another one of our tried and needed employees to the great Chinese mission field. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Culhane sailed, on the above date, from San Francisco. A farewell service was held in the church the night before sailing. He takes the position there as mission treasurer. He takes with him \$217.85 for the famine sufferers, and a case of surgical instruments of the late Dr. Bush, donated by his mother to the China Mission. We have not yet secured any one to fill the place he vacated in our office. Mrs. Culhane was also at one time one of our employees. This makes now four couples in the Chinese mission field who were formerly connected with the Pacific Press. All of them did excellent service for us; all of them, we trust, will do excellent service for the Master. May God in His goodness make them strong, wise laborers for Him. But there are other needy fields, calls to which have drawn from our family, and there are still others to go. Much as we need them, we will not withhold from the great needy "regions beyond."

April 30 is "Raisin Day" in California, and the raisin growers of Fresno are trying to raise in the estimation of millions the delicious, useful raisin. On that day thousands of persons will eat more raisins in various ways, raw, baked in puddings and cakes and bread, stewed and boiled, seeded and unseeded, than they ever did on any day before. The raisin is a good fruit, wholesome, nutritious, and economical. It is more than a luxury, or a relish, or a dessert; it is good food. Keep raisin day, and then use it more frequently in coming days.

A newspaper scoring Higher Criticism under the heading "Some People Just Can't Leave the Bible Alone," has this to say regarding a sermon by Dr. Charles F. Aked, who is now in San Francisco: "The Scriptural story of the Flood which has been taught in the Sunday-schools of every Christian land for ages, was characterized by Rev. Charles F. Aked as unbelievable by students of history or science. Certain parts of the book of Genesis are akin to the legends of Assyria and Babylon. We gain and do not lose when we try to learn the inspiring lessons of those myths in the Bible." The article well remarks in its closing review, "If this keeps on we shall have only the covers of the Book left."

No Excuse for Lying.—It is better to acknowledge ourselves wrong, or mistaken, or forgetful, or negligent, or ignorant, a hundred times a day, than to lie once. And yet there are many who lie—it is an ugly term we know—to cover up some one or more of these derelictions of duty or conduct. We could not do what we said we could and would, and lie to cover our failure. We did not do what we promised to do, and lie and say we did. Sometimes our vanity is wounded by the superior knowledge of some one else, and we attempt to cover it with falsehood or boasting of what we know or have seen. O, quit the miserable practise, and quit it forever. Better to acknowledge what is humiliating, a hundred times, than to tell one lie.

The Weakness and Unprofitableness of Falsehood.—There is no excuse for a lie, for the simple reason that the truth is better, and God is on the side of truth. "A God of truth is He." Then, too,—a not unimportant consideration,—the habit of lying spells weakness and disintegration of character. The liar has no confidence in his own integrity, and he soon gets to look upon others through the media of his own perversions of truth, and therefore he can not trust even those worthy to be trusted. His companions soon learn to estimate him aright, and while they may say nothing, they do not trust him. He has none whom he can call his friends; those who know him, those of discernment, can not trust him. All his pleasures, all his joys, all his satisfactions, are shallow and ephemeral. In his better moods, unless his heart is utterly perverted, he must be the most miserable of men. Reader, are you in this class? Let us plead with you in the words of inspiration, "Lie not one to another." "The lip of truth shall be established forever."

There are three things which will keep a Christian alive—reading the Bible, prayer, work. From the first he obtains spiritual food, sustenance, strength. From the second, in God's presence, he secures a right estimate of himself, confidence in the preciousness of God's constant presence. From the third he learns his own inefficiency to do God's work, his lack in knowledge and power, his inability to reach lost souls, and get the wonderful inspiration of working for others, and he is thus driven to the Word and to prayer. Normally, each makes more necessary the other two, and the three thus used develop a worker with Christ.

The "Sunday School Times" pleads with the Sunday-schools of the country, "Let Us Give Up Stealing This Easter!" "The Sunday-schools stealing!" It appears so, and it may involve others. What the above journal refers to is the multiplying and use of copyrighted songs, music, and dialogs without permission of publishers or authors. In the editor's own words: "The stealing referred to

is the unauthorized reprinting for one's own use of the words or music of copyrighted hymns or special exercises. . . . Yet many and many a church and Sunday-school steals the property of these publishers, with a light-hearted indifference that sometimes seems inexplicable. It will order a few samples of Easter or Christmas exercises, select what it likes best, and then proceed to reprint, by type or mimeograph or otherwise, the copyrighted words, music, or both. This is stealing. Is it not time the practise was entirely given up?" And we should think it was.

Mr. Frederick Townsend Martin, a wealthy society man, who speaks of himself as belonging to the wealthy aristocratic class of America, is telling some awful facts in *Everybody's* on "The Passing of the Idle Rich." He feels that the American plutocracy has been built on fraud, that the workers of the nation have not their rights, and that the attitude of this class has been breeding revolution. In *Everybody's* for March he says:

It can not be for long. We in America are moving fast toward social revolution. Conflicts between labor and capital are assuming the proportions of civil war. The once powerful middle class, which is the safety of every nation, is to-day weak, and is every day declining. Soon, politically, it will be but a memory, and the battle-field will be cleared for conflict.

Some of the wealthy are awakening as to what may break, aye, and will break soon upon the world.

Jesus Christ could not remain in the rock-sealed tomb, under the power of death; "it was not possible that He should be holden of it." Acts 2:24. Why?—He was righteous. The secret of it all lies in that great fact. "In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death." Prov. 12:28. Jesus died, but He died for us. He bore our sins, He the Sinless One; but having expiated our sins by His complete and perfect offering, His own righteousness broke the Roman-sealed, demon-guarded tomb, and He stepped forth an eternal Conqueror forevermore, a perfect and everlasting demonstration of the principle that right is might.

"A World-Wide Unrest" is the title of an editorial in the Newburyport (Mass.) *Morning Herald* of March 13, and the article justifies the heading. South America, Mexico, China, Russia, Germany, France, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Great Britain, are all named in the passing review, indicating general conditions of unrest. Surely the old world is not satisfied. The revolutions are not decidedly optimistic, for they bring the world no nearer that true rest which is in Christ Jesus. Outside of Christ there is no rest.

The "Harem Skirt."—Of the new style of woman's skirt the New York *Independent* says: "Advocacy of a costume on the ground of hygiene and convenience is worse than useless, but an announcement that the *jupe-pantalon* has been seen at the Anteuil race-course is the most powerful argument it could have. If working girls had adopted it first it would have stood no chance of popular favor, but being taken up as a fad of the idle rich it may ultimately reach those who need it most." But the *Independent* does not favor it.

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, are issuing a catalog of Catholic books, the catalog to contain 250 or more pages and listing nearly 1,500 Catholic authors. The object is to guard the theology of Catholic readers. This, it is said, will be the most complete catalog of Catholic books extant.

The Western Watchman's Rome correspondent says there is no hope of concord between Spain and the Vatican until the fall of the Canalejas ministry, and there seems little prospect of that at present. Since noting the above the cabinet has resigned, and King Alphonso has ordered Premier Canalejas to make up his own cabinet.