



# Signs *of the* Times



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Unlike Jules Verne's hero, who would complete his journey round the world in eighty days, we now have the promise of

# Circling the Globe in 100 Hours

THE dull hum of a high-flying airplane reached our ears through the wide-open kitchen window. "Let us go out to see it," I said to the children, who were playing with their bricks upon the floor.

No response.

"Don't you want to see it? It will soon be gone."

"No, not now," said the eldest, with an air of boredom; "it's only an airplane."

Only an airplane! Suddenly I realized that that which was still a novelty to me was to these children part of the ordinary affairs of life, just as much as railway trains and trams. They have never known the time when airplanes were not. They have no conception of the centuries of labor, research, and sacrifice which have made possible the conquest of the air.

How easily do we accommodate ourselves to changed conditions! As we grown-ups accept the motor bus and the railway train as absolute indispensables of life, and act as though they had been in existence since creation, so will the rising generation look upon the inventions of yesterday as long-established features of civilization.

## ALL IN THE LAST CENTURY

Yet how few are the years that the world has enjoyed the many amenities of modern life! As Dr. Arthur Shadwell said in the *Sunday Times* only a few weeks since: "One hundred years ago there were no railways, no cheap locomotion at all, no macadamized roads, no good paving even in London, no gas, no sewage or refuse

disposal, no cheap literature or free libraries, no free schools or public education. . . . Sanitation and water supply were rudimentary, and a large part of the population lived in cellar dwellings in a state of indescribable filth and overcrowding."

Dr. Shadwell might have lengthened his list considerably. Fifty years ago, let alone a century, there were no motor vehicles of any kind, nor any electrical implements; and that means no telephone, telegraph, wireless, and the hundred and one labor-saving devices recently developed. As for airplanes, the secret of flight for heavier-than-air machines was not discovered until the twentieth century had opened. Even now it is barely twenty-one years since the first flight was made by the Wright brothers.

It is just as well to pause a moment occasionally in the midst of our busy lives, and think back over these matters of history. It helps us to realize how privileged we are to be living in an age of such wonderful enlightenment. If Christ were on earth to-day, He would surely say to us as He did to His highly favored disciples of old: "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see; for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." Luke 10: 23, 24.

Many prophets have indeed desired to see the things which we see and have not seen them. The grandfather of the celebrated Charles Darwin, for instance, wrote the

following lines concerning the future uses of steam:

"Soon shall thy arm, unconquered steam, afar  
Draw the slow barge, or drive the rapid car;  
Or on wide, waving wings expanded bear  
The flying chariot through the fields of air."

That was in 1765. Less than one hundred years later, and more than seventy years ago, Tennyson caught a glimpse of the wonderful developments of our time, and clothed his prophecy in this beautiful language:

"For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,  
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;  
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,  
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales."

To-day we see these two prophecies meeting an abundant fulfillment. Blessed indeed are our eyes! What would not these men have given to have seen the sudden realization of their dreams?—the crossing of the Atlantic by those fearless pioneers, Alcock and Brown; the girdling of the globe by the brave American airmen; the thrilling voyages of the "R-34" and the "Z-R3"; the wonderful trips of Goble, McIntyre, and Brinsmead around the vast Australian coast line; the running of a continuous air-mail route across the immense American continent; and the regular departure of airplanes, with goods and passengers, from a score of airdromes in Europe.

## THE AVIATION OF TO-MORROW

And the end is not yet. To-day the world stands on the verge of tremendous advances in the science of aviation. Building upon the knowledge already gained, the thinkers behind the machines are reaching out toward the long-cherished goal of swift and safe transport for passengers and merchandise between the very ends of the earth.

"Round the world in a hundred hours," is the promise of Mr. Harry Harper, technical secretary of the Civil Aerial Trans-

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."  
Daniel 12: 4.





port Committee, in a recent issue of the *Contemporary Review*. "No one can realize," he says, "save those behind the scenes in flying to-day, what strides are being made. . . . There are factors which are now about to transform flying as we have not known it hitherto. There are wonders dawning which will open up a new page in the world's history. . . . To-day we send words flashing over cables, or through empty space; but when we ourselves move from point to point,—when we have to travel to some far corner of the globe,—it is not a question of hours or days, but of weeks of ceaseless travel. It is here that development has languished—in the swift transport of passengers over vast distances. But what science has done in regard to cables and wireless, aeronautics is now to accomplish for our bodies. And this is what one means when one speaks of the new air age.

"It is a vision great and splendid! It is a new world we glimpse. Picture what we shall enjoy in aerial pleasure trips. Saturday to Monday in the south of France! A long week-end in Northern Africa! As for our summer vacations, in the popular era of the 'sky way,' who could put a limit to our roamings? Imagine what it will mean when, in our holidays, we are wafted magically to and fro between London and those beautiful islands of the far Pacific.

"Plans now being developed by imperial airways, our £1,000,000 national organizations, together with the tests decided upon with huge airships, enable experts not only to map fresh links in air lines which are to girdle the globe, but to sketch time schedules for complete round-the-world journeys by aeroplane express and airship liner. Already technical staffs are concentrating upon extensions of routes which are to stretch southeastward across Europe. These are to be continued steadily link by link, according to a great state-aided plan, till mail planes, goods planes, and aerial wagon-lits rush day and night from London to Australia.

"Fantastic, till we are accustomed to them, will be the time-tables of tremendous, slim-hulled air liners, soaring up from London for their high-altitude rushes across the world. Calcutta in thirty hours! Cape-town in less than forty hours! Australia in a journey in which the weeks of earth transport will shrink to something like sixty hours!"

Heart-thrilling as Mr. Harper's prediction undoubtedly is, judging by the rapidity of recent developments, it will be but a few years before every important detail of it will be fulfilled. Then, indeed, will the words of Tennyson have come true.

#### THE GREATEST PREDICTION

Then also will two other predictions, far more remarkable than those of Tennyson and Darwin's grandfather, meet their complete fulfillment. One of these is to be found in the writings of the prophet Daniel, who lived in the sixth century B. C., more than two millenniums before the steam engine was conceived, twenty-five centuries before the airplane.

A messenger from God unveiled the future to the prophet, telling him (as recorded



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The Royal Air Force Pageant at the London Airdrome, Hendon, England

in the eleventh chapter of his book) of events that would occur on the earth from the days of the Persian Empire down to the end of time, when the great Prince of Israel should come and the dead be raised—obviously a reference to the second advent of Jesus Christ. Then, at the conclusion of this revelation, the angel said: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.

Now, whatever other interpretation may be placed upon these words, the fact remains that we are to-day living in a time of increased knowledge unparalleled in all the history of the world. A spirit of enlightenment seems to have fallen suddenly upon men. Secrets hidden from generations and sought earnestly by sages and scientists of the past have been revealed to the people of to-day.

Coincident with the increase of knowledge has also come, significantly enough, the spirit of travel. The desire for knowledge of other lands, other peoples, other customs, has brought about a running to and fro such as was unimagined in days gone by. What is more, the increase of knowledge, bringing in its train a multitude of inventions to make communication and transportation both swift and easy, has made this intermingling of the peoples possible.

With all the evidence so plainly before us, are we not justified in saying that Daniel's prophecy is being as amply fulfilled to-day as that of either Alfred Tennyson

or Darwin's grandfather? And this being the case, are there not tremendous consequences wrapped up in the admission? For if these are indeed the days of the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, then has the time of the end come, and we are nearing the hour when "Michael shall stand up," when will take place those tremendous events associated with the coming of Jesus and the end of the age.

But there is yet another prophecy to consider. This also antedates Tennyson's prediction by many centuries. It was written by the apostle John on the Isle of Patmos. Like the prophet Daniel, he was writing about the closing events of the world's history, and, catching a glimpse of that wonderful age, he wrote:

#### FLYING IN THE HEAVENS

"I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14: 6, 7.

"Fly in the midst of heaven." Can it be possible that the aged seer was shown the modern conquest of the air? Is it wrestling the Scriptures to suggest that he was permitted to see the inventions of this age being harnessed for the service of God?—the great liners of the air carrying the messengers of the gospel to the ends of the earth with the last call of mercy?

#### FOR THE SUPREME PURPOSE

"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Already the airplane and the airship have been utilized by servants of God for the propagation of the gospel in places inaccessible by other means of transport. Viewed as Heaven views them, these mar-

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# A Day of Supreme

# Joy



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THE "Royal Charter" had made her trip around the world. A magnificent ship she was. She touched at every port of importance and was homeward bound. As she approached her destination, a message was sent from Queenstown that she would arrive in Liverpool next morning. There were those who sat up all night waiting on the dock to see her come in. It is said that the Lord Mayor of London was there, and the Lord Mayor of Liverpool. Bands of musicians and thousands of people waited to give her a welcome.

Our blessed Lord and Master once visited our world, coming as a babe in Bethlehem, but it can not be said that He was a welcome guest. However, He united Himself with the human family by ties that will not be severed as long as eternity rolls on. While He was here among men, He visited the sick, comforted the sorrowing, cheered the desolate, healed the afflicted, and raised the dead. Multitudes hung on His teaching; His whole life was spent in ministering to men.

## CONFIDENTIAL

A short time before His departure, in a confidential talk with His followers, He said in most endearing terms: "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye can not come; so now I say to you." John 13:33.

The impulsive, true-hearted, devoted "Peter said unto Him, Lord, whither goest Thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards." Verse 36. "A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father." John 16:16. "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." Verse 22.

To comfort and cheer their sorrowing spirits, He said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were

not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. What promise could our Lord have made that would have been fraught with more import or have offered greater inducements or made a stronger appeal to the hearts of His followers?

## A MIGHTY INFLUENCE

No man can believe this divine promise and assurance of our Lord's return the second time without its having an influence for good upon his whole life, for "every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3. Why should any mortal who wants to enjoy a blissful home in the kingdom of glory and "ever be with the Lord" turn a deaf ear to the manifold promises and many statements in the Word of God concerning the return of the blessed Christ? When that auspicious day arrives, it marks the end of the cruel reign of sin and the beginning of the reign of everlasting righteousness. The prophets and followers of God all through the ages have looked forward to the coming of the Master who would set up His kingdom and reign forever as King of kings.

Centuries have come and gone; the last hour of human probation is upon

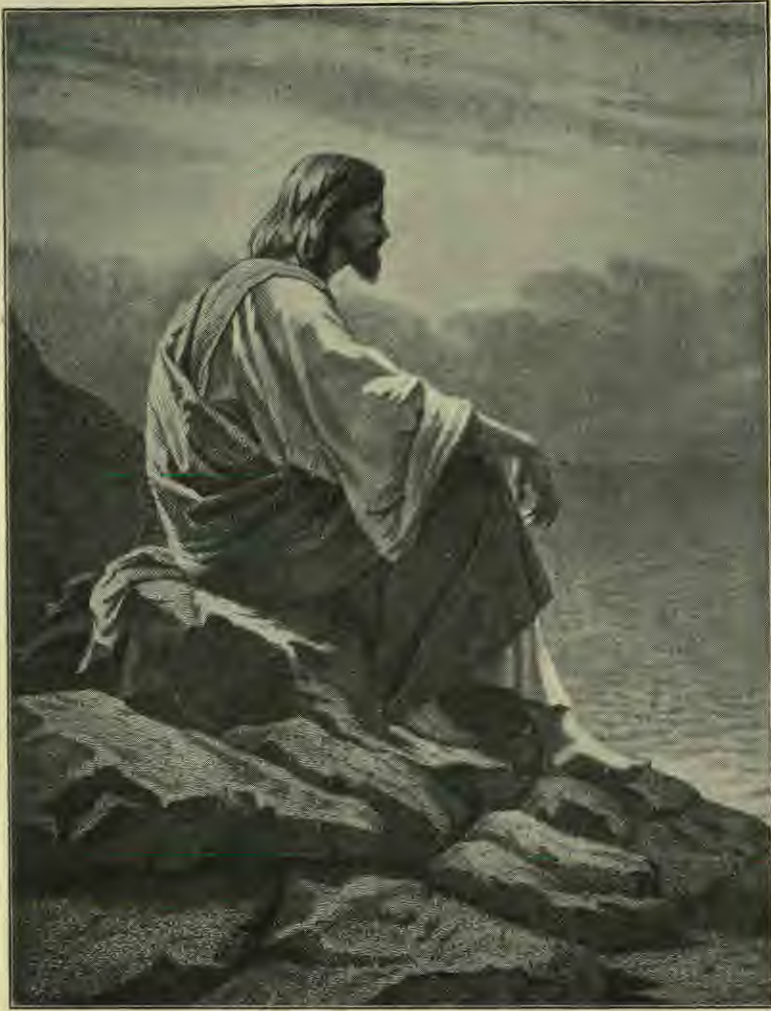
us. The final crisis of this world is rapidly approaching. The Scriptures clearly teach that the judgment is now in session, and soon will close. It is there in the court of heaven, before our Lord returns, that the decision is reached that must irrevocably determine the destiny of every soul. The one Mediator, the blessed Saviour, who now stands at the right hand of the throne of God, pleading the merits of His own blood in behalf of all who trust Him and believe on His name, is about to exchange the white garments of the High Priest for the royal robes of the King of glory, and will say, "It is done." Then the great drama of the long, dark night of sin and sorrow will be forever ended.

We need not say that the prophecies relative to His coming and the conditions of the earth before that event or the divine predictions of the Lord Himself regarding these things, are "soon to be fulfilled." The perils of the last days are here. The crisis is on, and without doubt civilization is sinking and going down. Her cup of iniquity is rapidly filling, and will soon overflow. Our God will arise, and vindicate His name before the universe; and then the fearful, and the unbelieving, the idolaters, the wicked, and whoever makes and believes a lie, will recognize, but too late, that the great day of God's wrath is come, and they are not able to stand.

The time for the return of that "certain nobleman" who "went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom" has arrived. The promise the Lord made that He would come again is about to be realized. "He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's and of the holy angels." Luke 9:26. He comes as captain of the Lord's hosts. He has been away to a far country, even an heavenly. He has been gone a long time and, like the captain on the "Royal Charter," He sends an advance message that He is coming again. The word is gone out to all the world, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Revelation 3:11. "And, behold, I







"It can not be said that He was a welcome guest."

come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12.

The children of God living in this age of the world are especially favored, for, from the fulfillment of the prophecies and the Saviour's own predictions, we may know that the glorious event of His coming is near and hastens greatly. It will be the happy privilege of all those "that look for Him" (Hebrews 9:28) and "love His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8), to see Him face to face and "be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Colossians 3:4. The coming of Christ brings satisfaction to those who are ready and waiting for Him. The psalmist states: "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness." Psalm 17:15. It means everlasting joy to the righteous. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10.

Oh, the joy, the superlative joy, that will come to Jesus and the angelic

hosts when, as a result of our Lord's first visit to this earth and the sacrifice He made, He is permitted to lead the redeemed of all nations and ages back to the Father's house, where they shall stand with Him before the throne, washed, cleansed, and saved. A mighty throng that will be,—a throng which no man can number. (Revelation 7:9.) The Lord presents them as the purchase of His own blood, "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24. And there in the presence of Jehovah stand the blood-washed throng, "clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; . . . saying, Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever." Revelation 7:9-12.

Our hearts thrill at the prospect; but with the highest stretch of our imagination, we can gather only a faint conception of what it all means, for it is written: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

The story told of Dr. Pierre's return to France from India, after a

long absence, will bear repeating. It may help us to get the picture in our minds of the time when we shall be welcomed into that land far away, "the home of the blessed." It is said that his men, when they came in sight of their native land, were unfitted for duty. Some of them wistfully gazed upon the land they loved. Some shouted, some prayed, some fainted; and it is also said, "that when they came near enough to recognize their friends on shore, every man left his post of duty, and it was necessary for help to come from off land before the vessel could be anchored in the harbor."

Oh, the joy of entering heaven! Oh, the rapturous joy of seeing the blessed Redeemer! Oh, the joy of being welcomed by every angel in the skies! Oh, the joy, the blessed joy, of meeting again our loved ones and the Saviour! Think of the joy, the eternal joy, of one day sweeping through the gates of the city of God!

#### SIN MUST BE BANISHED

But, my dear reader, sin is a terrible tragedy; it is a tremendous evil. And we know by the infinite sacrifice Heaven required to set us free from its awful power, that God has decreed that it shall never again enter His universe. Therefore, those of us who fail to seek for that purity of heart, holiness of life, and cleanness of thought that characterized the life of the Man of Calvary, or fail to have a personal and living connection with Him, will be weighed and found wanting, and thus be unprepared for translation.

True it is that the Captain of the old ship Zion is sending out advance messages of His near approach. He is sending to all the world, by land and by sea. The mere fact that we have heard the message and know that His coming is near, will not of itself fit us for the event. There must be a mighty turning away from sin, a full and complete surrender of heart and life to the indwelling and abiding presence of the living Christ. When He appears, He will be accompanied by thousands of thousands of holy angels, and the whole human race living on the earth will see Him coming in power and great glory.

The coming into port of the "Royal Charter," the return of Dr. Pierre and his corps of workers, or the most auspicious occasion that ever occurred in human history, will fade into insignificance and nothingness when compared with this supreme and all-glorious event. We should permit nothing in all the world to stand between us and the necessary preparation for that eventful hour. We have not a moment to lose. Probationary moments are rapidly passing. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Let me make the most earnest and personal appeal to every heart, "Prepare to meet thy God."





Underwood

# ARE WE ALL Going CRAZY?

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A sign at the head of St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, which is a grim warning to the speed maniac. The day the picture was taken was a record breaker, since the "0" at the top indicates no casualty; but both the week and the year showed badly.

The things happening are so manifold and irregular that it seems impossible to agree as to the disease, cause, or remedy. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. The Great Physician has correctly diagnosed the case, giving the true cause and the only remedy. Bible prophecy describes ours as a time when "iniquity shall abound," and "wickedness shall be great." A time when "grievous times shall set in" because "bad men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, misleading, and being misled." The land is described as being "full of bloody crimes and the city full of violence." It pictures a world drunken with the cares and perplexities of life, the love of money and the insatiable lust for pleasures that amuse and thrill. It describes the earth as reeling "to and fro like a drunkard." "I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: . . . neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath." Zephaniah 1: 17, 18.

A study of present-day conditions from the Bible and other viewpoints, has convinced us that the world is acting strangely not only because it is sick, nervous, and drunken, but chiefly because it is rapidly going insane; and the fundamental cause is a deranged mind, unbalanced by the moral disease of sin. The violation of the great standard of righteousness has bereft man of his God-given reason, and accounts for his strange demeanor.

In the beginning, man was created in the image of his Creator—in the physical, spiritual, and mental image. Then his mind was well balanced, because it was in perfect accord with the mind of God. Sin is antagonistic to the mind of the Infinite, and all who consent to sin are unbalanced to the extent of their career in rebellion. The more iniquity abounds, the more demented will the world become, and the more delirious and eccentric will it act. Mind specialists agree that everybody is partially insane, even though they do not attribute the cause to sin.

WHAT is the matter with the world?" asked a friend of mine as he scanned the headlines on the front page of the morning paper. And this is the question in the minds of thousands of thoughtful men and women as they read the daily record of robberies, thefts, suicides, murders, divorces, public and private scandals, and crimes of the most unusual and revolting character. Things unheard of a few years ago are becoming so common they are of almost daily occurrence. During the last few years, the world has gone through a series of antics and causes us to question its sanity. The Cunningham, Shepherd, and Leopold-Loeb cases, in Chicago; the Ellingston murder, in San Francisco; and the Carnarvon scandal, in England, are samples of the succession of sickening occurrences that have shocked the world's nervous system.

The world's queer behavior presents a strange and perplexing case, and the foremost political and moral specialists of the day are not agreed in their diagnosis. The peculiar symptoms baffle the cleverest alienists, accustomed as they are to that which is weird and ghastly. Lloyd George describes the world as "a quivering nervous wreck," and H. G. Wells sees a condition that is rapidly precipitating the "breakdown of civilization, with no sign of a remedy."

Other experts say:

"All peoples are on their nerves, which are worn and threadbare. It is a bewildered

world, a confused world. We see everything disintegrating, and that leads to destruction."—John R. Mott.

"The plain fact is that the world is threatened with the danger of the collapse of our civilization itself. It is time to be alarmed."—Stephen Leacock, in *Colliers*.

"The bands of society are relaxed; traditional principles are losing their sacredness, and perils hitherto unknown are menacing the life of the social organism."—Archbishop Ireland.

"An abyss opens before us unless civilized nations find some way of averting it. The spectacle of a world that is literally rocking on its foundations should give us pause."—James Watson Gerard.

## THE DIAGNOSIS OF PROPHECY

"The spirit that is coming upon us is something like that which seizes a runaway horse; it is a spirit of panic mixed with dread. We are in a condition the like of which was never seen before. It is not merely political or economic; it is profoundly human, as if some disease affected the very heart of society so that men cease to be the normal persons we used to know. The world is sick. The world is showing foretokens of delirium; and the worst of all is that there are no doctors skilled in this kind of disease."—Henry Ford.

"There's an international St. Vitus's dance sweeping around the world."—Walter S. Hiatt.



There are many evidences that the world is going crazy. Proof is seen everywhere. That is the reason people are acting so queer, and why they do such strange and unheard-of things. Very few are like the people we knew a generation ago. We see evidences in the modern craze for new excitements and thrills. A young girl commits suicide, and in a note, gives the reason—"Just to get a new thrill." Two young men, in search of new and more thrilling adventure, torture to death an innocent boy. The trash and filth portrayed in the modern movies, which are attended by 50,000,000 a week, is evidence of a mental breakdown; for no perfectly normal person could find pleasure in such overdrawn, exaggerated pictures that challenge all moral decency.

The late John B. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture in the Harding Cabinet, wrote a series of three articles in the *Farm Journal*, on "Corrupting the Morals of Children." In the issue of May, 1922, he said: "The trouble with both stage and screen producers is that they have created a certain type of patrons by giving a certain type of amusement. They have driven away most of the intelligent and self-respecting audiences, and have built up a patronage consisting of people who go to the theater solely to be amused. Consequently, whenever they attempt to film plays that call for the mentality in the audience above that of a ten-year-old child, they risk almost certain financial failure. As I have said, countless thousands of people can and do stay away from the movies, going only when a particular picture is shown that they know will not insult either their intelligence or their decency. Thousands more find such pictures so rare that they never go. Yet there are other countless thousands who will and do take their places; and it is these pathetic audiences, hopelessly swallowing all the drivel and nasty sex stuff that is flung at them, that support the motion-picture business to-day."

#### THIS TEN-YEAR-OLD MENTALITY

If the millions who feed the motion-picture industry have no more mentality than a ten-year-old child, the mentality of the world must be rapidly approaching a total collapse.

The foretokens of delirium are also seen in modern music and art. Jazz could never have flourished in a saner generation. The deranged mind finds pleasure in deranged music, and finds no delight in the sweet harmony of real melody. The love of the nude and vulgar and the entrance of the cubist style of paintings would have been ridiculed out of the galleries of the master artists of the past. The "K. C. B." style of writing—the jazz of literature—is also an innovation that causes us to wonder what has happened to the human mind.

The symptoms of insanity are especially prevalent in the religious world, in the multifold unscriptural beliefs and the strange fanaticisms that cast a stigma on true religion. They are also in evidence in the realms of science and education. The theory of evolution is so far afield from sound logic, scientific reason, archaeological discoveries, and the operation of every known natural law, that we wonder how men can arrive at such conclusions in the face of facts.

#### THE PERSONS OF SANITY

The only perfectly sane and natural persons in the history of the world have been Adam and Eve, before they sinned, and Christ, the second Adam, who knew no sin. The purpose of the gospel is to restore in

man the lost image. By beholding Christ, we are "changed into the same image from glory to glory," "till we arrive at mature manhood, and the stature of full-grown men in Christ." This must include the restoration of the mind, for we are admonished to "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The nearer our minds are in harmony with Christ's the more rational and normal we become. The Christ, therefore, is the hope of the world. He provides that His followers shall be the salt of the earth because, when true to Him, the mind is the most nearly balanced. The Christian in fact and not merely in name, is more sober-minded, can think straighter, and acts with more wisdom and discretion. The world's greatest need is a vision of the Man of Galilee that will produce "Christ in you, the hope of glory."



If some one of your family were suddenly taken ill with typhoid fever, and your family physician traced the disease to water drawn from your well, just what steps would you take? Would you hurry to the hardware store and invest in a gallon of green paint and a rubberset brush, and proceed to paint the old pump that drew the water up from the well?

Would one coat or two or three coats of the best green paint, skillfully applied, make any difference in the water? The pump might look like new, but the water would still remain a menace to the health of your family.

You wouldn't bother about the pump; you'd get on your old, old clothes and some rubber boots, and get down into the well and bail out the water and the filth. If you couldn't do it yourself, you would get some one else on the job without delay. You would begin to investigate, to find the source of the contamination. Probably, up around the top of the curb you would find some holes where surface water was getting in; and you would see that the holes were all stopped up. No more of the water would be used until you were absolutely sure that the inside of the family well was clean. And the chances are that you would resolve to give the well a cleaning at least once a year from that time on.

Some of you who read these lines may never have used a pump to get your water, but have merely turned a faucet. You will say, "This doesn't apply to me"; but listen, you may be painting the pump also.

During the year 1924, seventeen million dollars were spent by Americans in "painting the pump," that might better have been spent in purifying the water. Seventeen million dollars spent on rouge, lip sticks, eyebrow pencils, powders, *et cetera*, to smear on the outside, while the heart and brain were perhaps neglected or, worse still, abused.

We toil, we worry, we fume, and fret in order to be dressed in the fashions of

#### The Exhilaration of Service

"We lighten our burden by taking on the burden of others; find comfort in our sorrows when we carry comfort to other sorrowing hearts; find life worth living when we make live worth living. If we believe that the Son of God has come into the world to make out of our tangled life an ordered kingdom of justice and good will, and we volunteer to aid Him in this age-long campaign, we find an unexpected exhilaration in the service, and the worse the tangle the greater the exhilaration."

CHRISTIAN action must not be individual action only. There have always been Christians who have acted apart from others; this is an anomaly, a sickly exception.—*D' Aubigné.*

## Painting the Pump

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the day. We pay any price, even sacrificing modesty and health, to appear as Paris or New York dictates. Some of you who read these lines have been dreaming about your clothes; and most of you have spent most of your waking hours in thinking and talking about them. Yes, we all spend a lot of time, effort, and money on the outside of the "pump"; but what about the water,—our real selves, our characters, our hearts? Are we worrying much about keeping our hearts clean and our motives right?

We may dress well, and paint and decorate the outside, and fool man; but we can't deceive God. Have we forgotten that "man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart"? 1 Samuel 16:7. God knows if the fountain of life has been cleansed; and when life's race has been run, the matter of clothes and cosmetics will seem of little importance to us. It won't matter if we are up to the minute on fads and fancies; but it will matter about our hearts.

I don't know if statisticians have ever attempted to tabulate the time spent before the mirror in using curling irons, lip sticks, eyebrow pencils; but if time actually wasted in "painting the pump," could be spent in cleansing the well, there would be a big change in our world. If as much time were spent in prayer and Bible study, we wouldn't worry about the frills.

No one will condemn you for giving the old pump a coat of paint now and then to protect it from the weather and to keep it looking trim, providing you keep the water supply clean. But if you spend all your thoughts and energies on clothes and cosmetics, and neglect keeping the heart pure and clean, you are not making first things first. You are "painting the pump," and leaving the foul, stagnant, typhoid-laden water in the well.

Shall we not resolve to clean out the well first, to keep our hearts pure and clean, and then not to neglect the pump entirely, but to give reasonable attention to our clothes and our appearance?



APRIL 26 has come and gone. The election of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as president of the German *Reich*, or republic, on this day will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the most significant events since the World War. Editorial pens are flying over pages that serve as "copy" for current editions of periodicals and magazines, telling the readers what this election means to Germany and Europe and to the world. Students of world affairs and international politics are all astir, and are prophesying as to the lights and shadows of this happening.

To most of us, it came as an unexpected thing. Even such a keen observer as Frank H. Simonds, who has very recently spent a month in Germany, writing on the situation in that country a few weeks before the election, stated there was small chance for the Nationalists to win politically any victory at the polls, for the parties making up the Republican bloc had most of the votes. While we knew that the Monarchist element was strong in the National group, we had no idea that their candidate would come out on top with about one million votes to the good. But so it has proved; and now what can we say as to its meaning?

#### THEIR AFFECTION FOR MONARCHY

Speaking internally of Germany, it means that the land of the Hohenzollerns and von Bismarck has not thrown off, as many have been trying to make us believe, the old ways of the monarchy. It would certainly seem that there is much of the pre-war spirit permeating the country. Von Hindenburg may have an idea, personally, of doing anything against the present republic. He may, indeed, have every intention, as a soldier trained to carry out commissions and orders, to fulfill faithfully the provisions of the Republican constitution of Weimar. However, the former field marshal was elected by the Monarchists and strong Nationalists, and this party will demand the carrying out of their policies,—policies that tend toward the restoration of the imperial Germany of a decade ago and the weakening of the present governmental system.

We can not prognosticate politically. That is dangerous business. The very election of von Hindenburg proves this abundantly; but we can safely say that it would not be at all surprising if what happened April 26 would not be the beginning of a track that leads to the terminal of monarchy rather than to the station of the republic.

#### DIFFICULTIES OF CHANGE

It needs to be kept in mind that it is a very difficult matter to change the collective, universal regard and affection of a people. The Germans for years have had an ardent devotion to their "Vaterland," their kaiser, their empire. A few years of a new government, even though it would seem to be

better than the old militaristic, autocratic *régime*, do not permit of sufficient time to wean a whole nation from the old, as bad as anyone may think it to have been. The French went through three national trials before they finally secured the stability of their present republic; and a considerable group in France still feel that it would be better to go back to the old monarchic days. Therefore, what the Germans have done in this election need not be so surprising after all.

Another factor comes into the situation. Up to 1870, we could not speak accurately of Germany. We had to say the Germanies. This was because Germany was not a composite state, but a sort of federation, or, better still, a loose group of lesser states held together only by the natural accidents of a common language and a common blood heritage. There were Saxony, Bavaria, Prussia, the Hesses, and a score more of practically independent

states. What 1870 did in an internal way for Germany was to weld these different parts together into a united political organization.

However, it was the superior force of Prussia that did this; and only the dominating power of the Hohenzollern dynasty and its electric representatives, the kaisers, held these ordinarily discordant elements together. When kaiserism went as a result of the Great War, this iron, imperialistic, dynastic grip was gone; and the *Reich*, or republic, has failed to amalgamate as was hoped.

Have we not been reading ever since the establishment of the *Reich* of the dissatisfaction of Bavaria with the Berlin government? and have not frequent reports come to us of threatened defection on the part of this important part of south Germany? Have we not



International

In Germany, as elsewhere in the world, the populace cherishes its traditions,

## OBTAINING

WILLIAM





The great Combined American fleet, on its world-famous cruise, as it appeared at night, brilliantly illuminated, in the Los Angeles Harbor.

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# DELIVERER

G. WIRTH

read the same of the Rhineland provinces? Whether the republic succeeds or not, it is recognized that any government that is to hold Germany, with its different local patriotisms and interests, to one central rule, must be a strongly executive one. The truth is that the republic, so far, has not provided this dominating centralized force. This explains why many in and out of Germany have maintained that the Germans are not yet ready for a republican form of government.

And if ever Germany needed a strong executive, it is to-day. Consider the situation. On the west, there is a hostile France,—a France quite determined to keep the German power down on the Continent. On the east, there are the Succession States that Germany, rightly or wrongly, looks upon as usurpers and intruders. The

fact that Poland holds now some of the former Germany's best territory, grinds; it is not taken sweetly by the losers in the World War. To a less degree this antipathetic feeling is manifested toward Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia. There must be a strong central government to watch events on this unsatisfactory eastern border. Humbled by defeat, those in the land of Bismarck feel they are on the defensive, and need the mightiest of leadership. This undoubtedly goes a long way to explain the rise to governmental power of the war hero of Germany,—von Hindenburg.

But let us comment a bit, in closing, on the external meaning of this election. Sadly we must face the truth when we say that this occurrence bodes no good to the peace of Europe and to the peace of the world. In fact, it will drive peace farther away; and if there ever was any thought that possibly the millennium might emerge from

troubled Europe, that thought and that hope are sent aglimmering into the shades of oblivion.

France, already suffering from nervous irritability over what she considers will surely happen,—a sort of German revival, a German political renaissance, a Germany that will go back to the old days of army boots and the goose step, a saber-rattling Germany,—will be very likely to go completely into nervous prostration, to be absolutely neurotic, as our friends, the doctors, say. High-strung and ever on a delicate balance as the French temperament is, we need not count it as unusual if a strongly reactionary, Nationalist government takes the reins of affairs in the land west of the Rhine, and a Poincaré or a Millerand, with all the intense anti-Germanism of these virile leaders, takes control.

## WILL DAWES' PLAN WORK?

We can hardly look for the withdrawal of the French troops in the Ruhr, at least under the present situation. We can look for a strengthening of the band of states thrown around Germany since the Versailles Treaty. More than ever, will Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Jugo-Slavia, Belgium, and France stiffen their lines against a possible German aggression. No chances will be taken with a Germany headed by the former field enemy of France.

Indirectly, any such Continental program, stimulated by France, makes it more difficult for Britain and the United States. These latter countries are striving hard, very hard, to bring peace upon the Continent. They need it politically; and more, do they need it industrially and commercially. We are interested in the successful working of the Dawes Plan; we need peace over in Europe if we ever expect to collect anything on the Allied debts coming to us. England needs it to increase and augment her world trade. She has now too many workers out of employment; and a disordered, war-spirited Europe, made much more so by the German election, is not likely to remedy matters.

## THE HOPELESS TANGLE

Does not April 26 bring poignantly anew to our realization that the affairs of men are in a hopeless tangle? More than that, does it not show that we are getting deeper and deeper into the mire of international trouble and distress? Is it not time that, as sensible human beings, we come to the conclusion that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps"? Jeremiah 10:23. Nothing that governments or men can do can save the situation. Seriously and earnestly, we need superhuman help. We need Jesus Christ to come as the world's king, as the world's ruler. More and more must we see that peace will not come to our sphere until the Prince of Peace Himself comes. The second coming of Christ is a necessity. We *must* have Him, or we perish.





## OUR HOMES

THE Bible—the inspired Word of God—has transforming power. Wherever the Divine Book has gone, it has left upon the people its traces of a power able to transform the soul into a higher life. They say that absinth—that intoxicating beverage drunk so much in France—has the effect of debasing the better nature of man. With the Bible, it is different; it transmutes base metal into pure gold.

As an example of the transforming power of the Bible upon the customs of a people, it is recorded that an English nobleman, once cruising in the South Seas, came to an island ruled over by a converted chieftain who before had been a cannibal. The chieftain took his visitor around to see the sights of the island. When they returned to the chieftain's hut, a Bible was seen lying upon the table.

"Well, well," said the nobleman, "what are you doing with that Book down here? Don't you know that up north, in the lands of civilization, we have gone beyond the Bible?"

"Sir," replied the chieftain, "I am astonished to hear you talk that way. Let me tell you, that, had it not been for that Book and its effects upon my life, to-day, perhaps, you would be over there in that pot stewing for my dinner."

Not on cannibalism alone has the Word of God had transforming power. As it reconverts, rechanges the whole nature of man, so it affects all his customs and habits. Hans Egede, a missionary to the Eskimos, records that before the entrance of Bible light, his converts used to clean off the filth and dirt from their children by licking them with their tongues. Side by side with the lower tribes of Africa which wear the massive disfiguring earrings, nose rings, and other flesh-distorting metals, dwell their converted neighbors, who, by accepting the Word of God, have abandoned these practices. Heathen tribes of Central America have turned from their nakedness; races of Asia have ceased to burn widows on the funeral pyres of their departed lords; Indians have given up their degrading snake dances; and pagan nations have ceased to offer up human sacrifices. Wherever the Word of God has gone, its footsteps, like those of its divine Author when He was on earth, have been followed by songs of praise. The flesh has fewer tortures; the mind has more freedom; the soul has more peace when "the entrance of Thy words giveth light."

B. G. WILKINSON.

SOME months ago, a leading American newspaper commented editorially—and rather amusingly so—on the lack of knowledge displayed by normal school pupils in a certain state, regarding prominent men and women, world figures constantly mentioned in the press.

Here is another result of an examination of 1,800 high school graduates in a different state, that is not at all amusing. "Sixteen per cent of these students neither knew

### The Family Altar

#### THE BOOK THAT BLESSES

"Thy Word is truth."—Jesus.

I haven't found the first man who ever read the Bible from cover to cover carefully who remained an infidel. My friends, the Bible of our fathers and mothers is true.—Moody.

Do you know a book that you are willing to put under your head for a pillow when you lie dying? Very well, that is the book you want to study while you are living. There is but one such book in the world.—Joseph Cook.

While the works of once-famous skeptics are left to rot on book shelves, every year sees the Bible translated into some new tongue, acquire a greater influence, and receive a wider circulation.—Guthrie.

It is the wonderful property of the Bible, though the authorship is spread over a long list of centuries, that it never withdraws any truth once advanced, and never adds new without giving fresh force to the old.—Melvill.

#### THE DUST-COVERED BOOK

"They read the 'Journal' and the 'News,'  
The 'Green Book' and the 'Red,'  
They kept the serials of the month  
Securely in their head.  
They went through books both old and new.  
Best sellers too, they thought;  
They read the jokes and studied styles;  
No item went for naught.

"They read the sporting page; they knew  
Each athlete by his name;  
They read of baseball, football, golf;  
Familiar with each game.  
They looked the funny paper through;  
They watched the mails, to seize  
The magazine they liked the best,  
Whose columns most did please.

"But in their home there was a book  
With pages never turned,  
Whose messages of truth and hope  
Were still by them unlearned—  
The Book that tells of Him who came  
To earth that we might know  
The beauty of a sinless life,  
Lived here so long ago.

"What pity 'tis they do not know  
This Man of Galilee,  
Who healed the lame, the blind, the deaf,  
Beside the sapphire sea!  
And still they read and laugh and cry  
O'er stories of the hour,  
And let the Book, dust covered, lie  
Unopened in its power."

#### STUDY THE BIBLE

Because it is the most alive and widely studied book in the world to-day.  
Because the Bible is the greatest classic in our literature.  
Because it enlarges one's horizon and brings one in touch with the most earnest and self-sacrificing spirits of this and of every age.  
Because to know it helps one to appreciate all else that is best in literature.  
Because it touches and crowns all other branches of knowledge.  
Because it is God's appointed means for the development of noble Christian character.  
Because it contains God's message of grace and power for the full salvation of the needy world in which He has placed us.  
E. L.

where Christ was born nor the name of His mother; 70 per cent had never heard of the Sermon on the Mount; 12 per cent did not know the first clause of the Lord's Prayer; 65 per cent did not know the golden rule; 80 per cent had never heard of the story of the Good Samaritan and other well-known parables."

Here are a few of the hundreds of their examples of Biblical ignorance:

"Forty per cent thought Paul 'a book of the Bible.'

"Twelve per cent thought Pilate 'a book of the Bible.'

"Twenty-five per cent thought Pilate 'an author of the Bible.'

"Twenty-five per cent thought James 'a river.'

"Forty-five per cent thought Galilee 'a river.'

"Nine per cent thought Samaria 'an author.'

"Twelve per cent thought Peter 'a king.'

"Twelve per cent thought Ephesians 'a province.'

"Six per cent thought Martha 'a book of the Bible.'

"Twelve per cent thought Alleluia 'a loud noise.'

"Fifty per cent thought Amen 'a step.'

"Thirty per cent thought Gethsemane 'a city of Egypt.'

"Twenty per cent thought immortality 'death.'

"Twenty-five per cent thought resurrection 'the building of the temple.'

"Forty-five per cent thought Scriptures 'quotations.'"

It is probable that this same result would have been found in any other public or high school in the country. The truth of the matter is that most of our children are being brought up in absolute ignorance of the most wonderful Book in the world,—the Book of books. Our youth should know this Book, because it contains God's message of grace and power for man's full salvation. And yet there are many who fondly refer to this as a "Christian" country. Statistics like the above would indicate that it is becoming as pagan a nation as the heathen lands to which we send missionaries.  
E. L.

The Bible is shallow enough that the most timid swimmer may enjoy its waters without fear.

It is deep enough for the most expert swimmer to enjoy without touching bottom.

Its critics have been legion, but it is still here; they are gone.

It is the root of all good civil law, and good practice.

It has comforted millions, as no other book can comfort; and still continues to do so.

When nations ignored its teachings, they fell.

It tells what was, what is, and what will be—an epitome of life from the cradle to the grave, and then beyond.

It is God's vital and inviolate Word, and can never be set aside.—John Watson.





## Light in the Dark Continent

M. N. CAMPBELL

FOR ages the African continent has been wrapped in the darkness of heathenism. Though gospel light shone brightly in Egypt in the early centuries of the Christian era, this glory was dimmed by the internecine strife of the Christians themselves, and was finally quenched entirely by the flood of the Moslem invasion. The Coptic church in Egypt and Abyssinia survived in a state of suspended animation, putting forth no effort to spread the gospel and scarcely holding its own in membership. It is to-day the deadest form of professing Christianity on the earth.

The tribes in the interior of Africa have sunk into the lowest depths of sin and degradation. Slavery and polygamy, with all their attendant evils, have wrought havoc with the character of the people. When Livingstone found his way among them, he found them in a sorrowful state. Life had little attraction for the poor people living under the despotic rule of the native chiefs, who governed with savage cruelty. The word of these chiefs was law, and by a motion of their hand, thousands were consigned to terrible deaths or to equally terrible slavery.

### A GREAT CHANGE

But a great change has come over Africa. In the providence of God, European nations have established protectorates over almost all the continent, and the native rulers have been shorn of their power to a large degree. Slavery is practically at an end, and bloody tribal wars are no longer allowed. Christian missions are being planted in many sections, and from these the beneficent light of the gospel shines into the hearts and minds of the people.

Africa is responding to these elevating influences. Many thousands of native boys and girls are attending the mission schools and receiving a training in Christian principles. This is bringing about a real transformation of life and character. Large numbers of intelligent native youth are qualify-

ing as teachers, and these, in turn, are establishing schools where the rudiments are taught and the children are brought in contact with the Bible in their own tongue.

Some time ago, I visited the mission fields in the region of Lake Victoria Nyanza. There the Seventh-day Adventists maintain ten main stations and about sixty substations, or outschools, as they are called. The main stations are in the charge of white missionaries, but the outschools are conducted by trained native teachers. The work of these native teachers is carefully supervised by the European workers, who make frequent tours of inspection to see that the teaching is up to the standard. In these schools nearly three thousand native youth of both sexes are in training. Many of these will, in their turn, become teachers in native villages where no educational or Christian influences are now to be found. In this way, the work of uplifting these people goes steadily forward.

Before a candidate is received for baptism, he must give evidence of a real change of heart. He must eschew polygamy and other vices peculiar to the African native, and replace them with virtues of purity, honesty, and industry. Each candidate must also be able to enumerate the principal doctrines of the gospel, and quote from memory at least two texts of Scripture to prove each doctrine. When these requirements are met, the candidate is baptized by immersion, and received into the church. On two occasions, I held baptismal services, and baptized thirty-six persons. In each case, they gave evidence of an intelligent understanding of the step they were taking.

During the persecutions against native Christians in Uganda, which occurred before Great Britain took the oversight of affairs there, the believers endured torture and cruel death with remarkable fortitude. The African

church is able to produce a long list of martyrs to the Christian faith, which proves that the gospel develops as strong spiritual character among the people of that land as of any other.

Mohammedanism is working with frantic zeal to capture Africa. Its missionaries are swarming into the interior of Egypt and Morocco, teaching that "there is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." They promise the natives a home in heaven on much easier terms than do the Christian missionaries. They may retain their plural wives, their dishonesty, and other cherished vices, and need not experience any change of heart. If they will but acknowledge the unity of God, the supremacy of Mohammed, and observe certain trifling regulations, they are assured of safety in both this world and the next. This appeals to the native as an eminently simple and easy way to heaven, and by thousands they are taking it.

### PAGANISM DOOMED

Paganism is doomed. The real contest is between Christ and Mohammed, and the battle is on in earnest. The population of Egypt and the northern coasts is 90 per cent Moslem. As far south as Rhodesia and Portuguese East and West Africa, the inhabitants are 50 per cent Moslem. Only a small section of Africa is any longer distinctively pagan. The Spirit of God, in accordance with divine prophecy, is now being poured upon all flesh, and those who are longing for purity of life and character are turning to the true fountain of cleansing. All these will be gathered into the fold of Christ.

Christian missionaries are now pressing into every section of Africa with the word of life, and the church is growing rapidly. We trust and pray that these workers may be supported by the liberalities of the godly. The rich, who are seeking a fitting memorial for themselves on which to expend their bounty, could not select a better or a more enduring one than the cause of missions in Africa.





St. Peters, Rome



# "Scala Santa"

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WHILE in Rome, we visited the Church of the Holy Stairs, or, as they are known in Rome, the "Scala Santa." Pushing open the heavy door of the entrance, we stepped into a lobby, from which three flights of stairs ascend to the floor above. The central flight we recognized as being the "Holy Stairs." As these are supposed to be climbed only on one's knees, we chose to ascend to the floor above by one of the other stairways. At the head of the Scala Santa, is a chapel called the "Sancta Sanctorum." Over the altar in this chapel is an inscription, "*Non est in toto sanctorum orbe locus.*" (There is no holier place in all the world.)

A kindly old monk invited us to have a seat beside him while he supplied us with much interesting information concerning the entire place. It was formerly connected with the Lateran Palace, or Patriarchio, so called from the fact that it was at one time the abode of the popes. This particular chapel was, at that time, used as the domestic chapel of the popes; and to this day this altar is one on which the Roman pontiff alone may celebrate the Mass.

## THE STORY OF THE STAIRS

Our informant dwelt on the sacredness of the different objects in this ancient shrine; but he sought particularly to impress upon us the great merit to be gained by ascending those stairs on the knees and saying the prayers provided for the occasion. He gave us some literature setting forth the merits of this form of religious exercise, and with great earnestness urged us to mail copies to our friends in America, with an assurance of great blessing for so doing. To show the special claims made for this form of devotion, we quote the following from this literature:

"The Scala Santa is one of the most venerable monuments in Rome. It is

believed to be the stairway that led up to the balcony of Pilate's hall in Jerusalem. These steps were consequently trodden by our Blessed Lord during His Passion and hallowed by the precious blood that trickled down from His sacred body after the cruel scourging and crowning with thorns.

"A creditable tradition assures us that the Empress St. Helena caused the Scala Santa to be transported to Rome and set up in the Lateran Palace, which became the residence of the popes. There it remained for many centuries, until it was transferred to its present location by Sixtus V in 1589. It was always held in great veneration, and many popes and holy men are recorded to have ascended it barefooted and on their knees, meditating on the bitter sufferings of Christ. Pius IX, who gave it in charge to the Passionists, visited it for the last time Sept. 19th, 1870, and made the ascent shedding an abundance of tears.

"The devotion of the Scala Santa is practiced by going up on one's knees from one to the other of its twenty-eight steps, meditating meanwhile on the Passion of our Lord, or reciting vocal prayers in memory of His sufferings. An indulgence of nine years—applicable to the souls in purgatory—is granted to those who perform this pious exercise with a contrite heart. (Pius VII, 24 Oct., 1819.) The same indulgence may be gained by going up one of the lateral stairways in the same manner, at certain times of the year; viz: 1. During the whole of Lent; 2. From the feast of All Saints till the octave of All Souls; 3. From Christmas Day till the Epiphany.

"His Holiness Pope Pius X, by an autograph Rescript of February 26, 1908, grants a plenary indulgence in *perpetuum*, applicable to the souls in

purgatory and to be gained *toties quoties*, by any one who, meditating on the Passion of our Blessed Lord, ascends on their knees the Holy Stairs."

While the words of the kindly old monk were still sounding in our ears, we were thinking back through the centuries to the experience of Martin Luther, when he, as a monk, sought to acquire merit in the performance of pious acts, by ascending those very stairs on his knees. While thus engaged, he heard, as in thunder tones, a voice that seemed, in the language of Scripture, to say, "The just shall live by faith." He sprang up and hastily left the place, and soon departed from Rome, never to return. This experience doubtless brought about the climax in the life of the man destined to be the leader of the Reformation. Fastings, scourgings, penance, and indulgences all failed to bring peace and victory. Every humanly invented scheme for acquiring merit broke down. Prostrating himself before every shrine in Rome could not bring the experience he longed for. He had to learn that it was by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ that he could ever be justified and made righteous.

## LET IT SOUND IN THE SOUL

Luther's experience was typical of the universal struggle of the human heart. Attempting to acquire merit, favor, or righteousness by the performance of some humanly devised act is characteristic of all mankind.

In all lands, men build temples of worship and bow down before their shrines, in quest of holiness. Their worship may range from the lowest and most revolting forms of heathenism to the highest types of philosophy and culture, and yet all be entirely in vain.

Into the heart and soul of every human being there needs to come, as to

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# Make Sure About Your Butter

THE following report was given out by the Bureau of Health Education of Washington, D. C., on December 22, 1924.

"Twelve cases of typhoid were reported here last week.

"Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, found, a few years ago, that typhoid germs remain alive and virulent in infected butter even after many days in cold storage.

"Dr. E. C. Schroeder, director of the United States Experiment Station at Bethesda, Maryland, had previously found that tuberculosis germs in butter made from infected cream would, even after five months of storage, kill large, healthy hogs that were fed with this butter in small quantities.

"Most large creameries Pasteurize their cream before churning it into butter; but a great deal that is produced on small farms is made of raw cream, which often is thoroughly unsafe and infected, even though it may taste good.

"Since it is well known that epidemics of typhoid, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, *et cetera*, have been caused by raw milk, it is likewise entirely probable that many mysterious attacks of illness, even resulting in deaths, may, in the past, have been due to butter made from raw cream.

"A national law prohibiting the shipping of butter made from unpasteurized cream would no doubt greatly reduce the national death rate and cut down the miseries and expense of the national sick list.

"In the meantime, housekeepers and restaurants, when buying butter, should insist on getting only such as was made from Pasteurized cream."

According to the report of Dr. Hugh S. Cummings, surgeon general, U. S. Public Health Service, typhoid fever shows a reduction in the United States of from 31.3 per 100,000 in population to 5.3 between the years 1900 and 1921. Seldom now do we hear of an epidemic of typhoid fever in civilized communities, such as we had twenty or twenty-five years ago. This is not mere chance.

## PREVENTABLE DISEASE

Typhoid fever is a preventable disease, and wonderful progress has been made the past quarter of a century toward wiping it out. There is no excuse for its existence. It is a filth disease, a disgrace to any community where an epidemic, or even isolated cases, may occur. Negligence is responsible for it, or else it is due to a lack of knowledge. It is communicated

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chiefly through the medium of food or drink. Oysters, the scavengers of the sea, frequently convey the germs of typhoid. It is unsafe to eat oysters raw. The country well is another source of danger. Camp meetings and other gatherings are frequently held in country parks. The water supply for the campers is derived from wells that were dug years ago, and possibly, never once have they been cleaned out. The dirt and filth conveyed to the wells in various ways find their way into the water.

Several years ago, the city of Washington had an epidemic of typhoid. The outbreak was attributed to the water supply derived from the Potomac River. Situated along the river are small towns, the sewage of which contaminated the water. This, no doubt, was one of the sources of the scourge. Thirty years ago, Chicago was visited by a typhoid epidemic. The sewer of the city emptied into the lake not far from the city's intake of drinking water, and the people were drinking diluted sewage. All this has been corrected, and typhoid fever has almost been wiped out in Chicago.

In Washington, a new filtration plant was installed at a cost of several million dollars. For a time there was not the marked reduction in cases of typhoid that was expected. A careful

analysis was made of the water, and only a little more than one hundred bacteria were found to the cubic centimeter. In fact, the water seemed almost safe, containing very little organic matter to encourage the growth and multiplication of germs. Attention was then directed to Washington's milk supply. It was found that, whereas the water supply contained only about 120 organisms to the cubic centimeter, the milk contained millions; cream, millions more; and even ice cream was literally alive with bacteria, many of them disease producing. Farmers and dairies supplying milk were found to be in a filthy condition. Milkers and those afterwards handling the milk had no conception of cleanliness. It was found that milk, not water, was the greatest source of danger. Water played a secondary part, in that it infected the milk.

Warm milk we now know forms one of the most fertile soils for the cultivation of germs of all kinds. Water containing only a few germs, when used in diluting milk or in washing out milk pails, plants the seeds of disease into this fertile soil, and in a comparatively short time there are millions where before there was one. Milk has always been one of the chief mediums of communicating germ diseases to mankind. Summer diarrheas among infants which, a few years ago, resulted in the death of multitudes each summer, were due to contaminated milk. Diphtheria, tonsillitis, and septic sore throat were also communicated through this medium. All these diseases, including typhoid fever, have almost disappeared since Pasteurization of the milk supply for our cities is compulsory. But even yet carelessness is manifest in some of the dairies. Unpasteurized milk is still, in some instances, made use of in the production of butter and buttermilk.

The only absolutely safe course for families to pursue is to boil all milk used. I mean *boil* it, and not merely Pasteurize it. It was once thought that boiled milk was more difficult to digest, and was constipating. This is not the case. The fact is, boiling adapts cow's milk better for human consumption. The curd of boiled milk is both smaller and softer than that of raw milk. Infants thrive better on it than they do on unboiled milk. In practically all the children's hospitals of our large cities, boiled milk is now being fed to infants.

It is true, boiling destroys the vitamins; but these can easily be supplied by giving a small quantity of orange juice between feedings. In the absence





of orange juice, tomato juice answers the same purpose. Five teaspoonfuls of lemon juice added to a quart of boiled milk supplies the vitamins and aids in its digestion. This method was advocated as the most scientific way of infant feeding, in an article which recently appeared in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

#### WHERE TO GET VITAMINES

As far as adults are concerned, the vitamins may be obtained from many sources,—fruits, nuts, *et cetera*,—or they may be derived first-hand from such leafy vegetables as cabbage, celery, lettuce, which supply the vitamins to the cow. In the absence of green leafy foods, milk furnished by the cow contains little or no vitamins. In view of these scientific facts, there can no longer exist any excuse for running any risks by serving unboiled milk upon our tables. Carefulness should be exercised to obtain butter from dairies where the milk is sterilized or Pasteurized.

It may be said here, however, that so much butter as is used ordinarily, is not a necessity. Just as the human body is capable of converting starch into sugar in the process of digestion, so it is able to produce fats. It would be much better to obtain more of our fats from their original source, the nuts, rather than to obtain them from other sources. Nuts are both meat and butter. The fats in nuts are of the purest kind, and are served in an emulsified form. This makes them easy of digestion.

Nuts are not indigestible, providing they are properly masticated. Pecans, English walnuts, and Brazil nuts are easily obtained now, and, compared with butter, the fats served in them are cheaper. Nuts must be eaten sparingly and at mealtime, not between meals. They provide both the proteins and the fats in a concentrated and compact form. There is no need of using questionable butter.

#### "SCALA SANTA"

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Luther of old while ascending the Scala Santa on his knees, a declaration of that vital and eternal truth of Christianity that "the just shall live by faith."

This great truth is set forth in the gospel. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein [in the gospel] is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:16, 17.

Consequently, if we would acquire merit, righteousness, and holiness, we must come to the Source of all righteousness, and accept the same by faith, and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of

Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. (Philippians 3:9.)

The only "Scala Santa" by which we may ascend into the favor of God is the Lord Jesus Christ. "Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Corinthians 1:30.

Regardless of where we may be, we can accept by faith the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and thus clothed, stand

in the presence of God perfectly justified and conformed to all the requirements of His holy law.

Dear reader, your need to-day is not a pilgrimage to Rome to ascend Pilate's staircase or to bow at some ancient altar in order to acquire righteousness; it is to flee to the Lord Jesus Christ, and by faith accept Him as your righteousness, as so simply and yet so wonderfully revealed to us through the gospel.

## Some Seasonable Recipes

H. S. ANDERSON

THE following recipes may be helpful in planning a healthful diet, especially adapted to the summer season. All measurements are level. Onion flavor should be used only according to taste.

#### LETTUCE AND TOMATO SALAD

Select well-colored ripe tomatoes, medium size. Scrape them with the back of a knife blade, to loosen the skins. Remove the skin, and lay them upon two leaves of crisp lettuce on a white plate. Split the tomato with a knife, but let the flesh of the tomato hold together underneath. Then cut crosswise again, and push the four quarters apart just enough to hold a large teaspoonful of mayonnaise dressing, and serve.

#### BROWN RICE WITH NEW PEAS

Cook new peas in boiling water with salt to taste, and let the liquid reduce down quite low, having about 4 cups of cooked peas. Wash one cup of natural brown rice thoroughly, drain, add 3 cups hot water and salt to taste; let boil until the water is evaporated and the rice looks dry, then set on the edge of the stove and let steam for 15 minutes longer, until well done and quite dry. Put 3 tablespoons butter substitute in a small saucepan; when melted, add 4 tablespoons flour and stir. Add about  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of liquid from the peas and  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of thin cream, and stir smooth. Add the cooked rice, and mix with a fork, then add the cooked, drained new peas; mix lightly, put into an oiled baking pan with cover, and let remain until hot through, then serve.

#### UNLEAVENED ROLLS

Put 3 cups entire-wheat flour and 1 cup of white flour into a mixing bowl. Add  $1\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons salt and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup solid vegetable fat and rub between the hands to mix thoroughly. Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup rich milk, and pour on the flour mixture in a very slow stream, stirring constantly with spoon, and mix into a medium stiff dough. Knead well, and roll out  $\frac{3}{4}$ -

inch thick. Cut with large knife into strips  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide, then crosswise into three-inch lengths. Roll slightly on board, and lay in baking pan, leaving a little space between, and bake to a nice light-brown color. If cream is used in the place of milk, use only  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup vegetable fat.

#### MAYONNAISE DRESSING

Put the yolk of an egg into a round-bottomed mixing bowl. Have strained lemon juice and vegetable oil at hand in two separate bowls or cups. Add only a few drops of oil to the yolk at first while beating briskly, and increase as the oil is taken up. As the mixture thickens, thin down the lemon juice to desired consistency. Lastly, salt to taste and keep covered. For cream mayonnaise, add 1 part slightly whipped cream to 2 parts mayonnaise; mix, and serve.

#### CARROT AND SPINACH SALAD

Pick over the young and tender spinach and wash carefully in several waters; then wring out water, and grind through a food mill. Wash, scrape, and grate into a bowl (or grind through food mill), well-colored carrots. Use 1 cup of ground tender spinach to 2 cups of the grated or ground carrot, with chopped green onion and parsley to suit the taste. Blend with plenty of mayonnaise dressing, and serve on a lettuce leaf. A few grated or ground radishes or some chopped pimento may be added, or both.

#### STRAWBERRY WHIP

Put 1 cup well-ripened strawberries, washed and hulled, into a round-bottomed bowl. Add the white of 1 egg, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, and beat with large Dover egg beater until thick and quite firm. Dish high on sauce dish with a large spoonful crushed, unsweetened berries over the top, or a spoonful whipped cream, or both.

This may also be used for strawberry pie. Bake a single crust as for lemon pie, fill with the strawberry whip, cut, and serve.



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## CIRCLING THE GLOBE IN 100 HOURS

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velous mechanical devices, which have made this the golden age of history, have been brought upon the scene for the supreme purpose of bringing a swift completion to the work of salvation and the long-postponed fulfillment of our Lord's prophecy: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

In close harmony with this, is the statement in the fourteenth chapter of Revela-

tion, immediately following the vision of the flying messenger of the gospel: "I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud One sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle." Verse 14.

If this interpretation of these two remarkable prophecies is correct,—and the evidence in favor of this view seems to be overwhelming,—then we are compelled to admit that the end of the world is drawing near. And that means meeting Jesus face to face.

Are we ready for that great day of judgment? If not, let us make our peace with Him now, before we lay this paper down, so that, whatever the future may hold in store for us, the peace of Heaven may reign within, and we may be ready at any hour to meet Him with joy in our hearts and the welcome on our lips: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25:9.

A CHRISTIAN should be an unanswerable argument for the Bible, a rebuke to every one living in hypocrisy, an invitation to all who are living in sin. He lives in right relations to his God, and reminds the world of Jesus.—Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.

"PRAYER is ever profitable. At night it is our covering; in the morning it is our armor. Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night. Prayer sanctifies all our actions. He is listed in God's service and protection who makes it his first work to be enrolled by prayer under the standard of the Almighty."

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# MARS *at* WORK *and* PLAY

MAN'S INVENTIONS WHICH CAN BE USED IN PEACE OR WAR



The current illustrations found on this page are very suggestive. The "tank" was developed from the caterpillar tractor originally designed for farm and other industrial uses. The airplane and the ship are also among the great factors in the commerce of to-day.

But a host of the very brightest minds of the age are exerting all their trained abilities to the end of seizing upon every development of the time and turning it into an engine of death and destruction. We organize peace societies, and we spend large sums to entice men and women to develop prize peace plans. But the world goes right on developing the wildest dreams of ruin and destruction. And we may know, if we will, that this earth, reeking with wickedness, will never see peace till the coming of the Prince of Peace.

"The wicked are like the troubled sea; for it can not rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isaiah 57: 20, 21.



The upper picture shows a number of "tanks" in mimic warfare on Staten Island, New York. The demonstration was to prove their effectiveness against land mines, phosphorous grenades, and air bombs. The remarkable picture caught a bomb just as it was exploding about one of the tanks.

The picture in the center shows a British destroyer airplane-carrier launching a pilotless plane. Both the British and French are experimenting with this kind of aircraft, with the prospect of soon being able to send them aloft without a human hand as pilot. The guiding is done from the ship by wireless.

Henry Ford's newly devised freight-carrying airplane is shown at the bottom. He proposes soon to establish regular freight service by the air route.

