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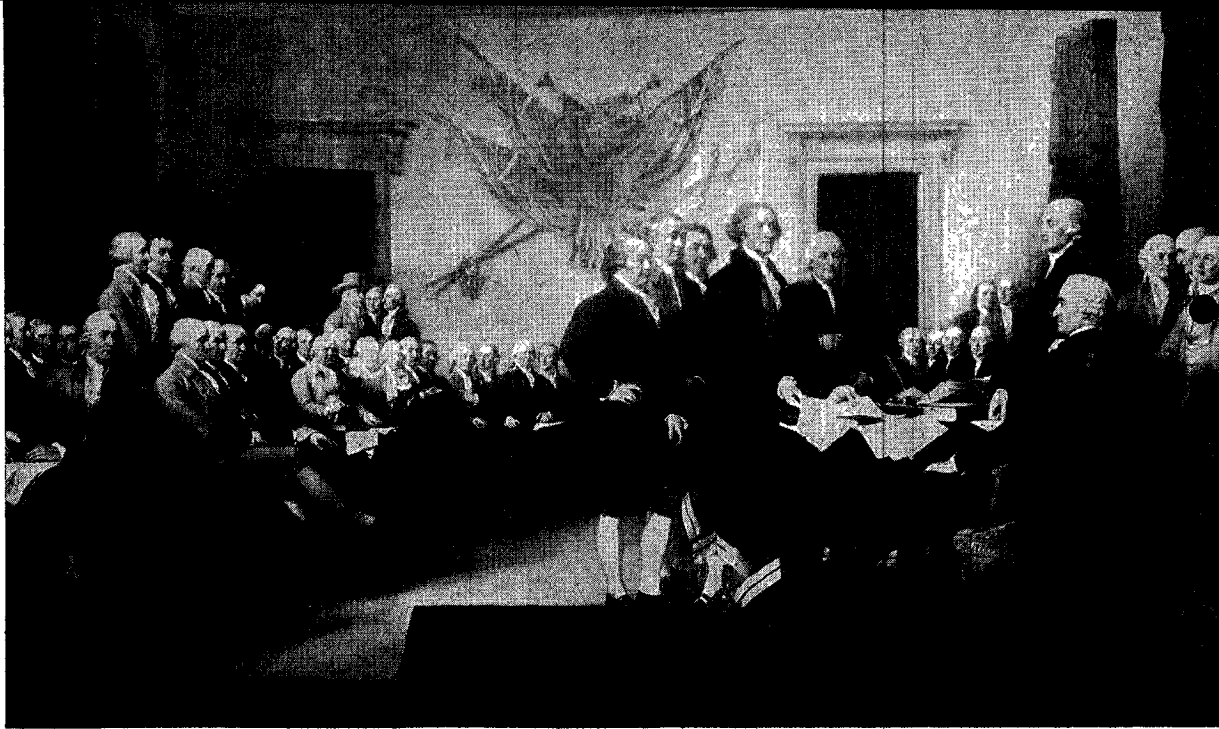
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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

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NEVER in the history of the world has the precious heritage of liberty been placed in greater jeopardy by its foes than at the present hour. The world struggle now in progress is a conflict between two philosophies of life, and these two philosophies are as opposite to each other as night is to day. They are as irreconcilable as unrighteousness is to righteousness, and as injustice is to justice, and as tyranny is to liberty. This conflict is the age-long struggle between totalitarianism and individualism, between bondage and liberty.

Totalitarianism is a revival of the ancient order of a few men ruling all men in all things. Individualism is the new order of things as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution of the United States, limiting the powers and functions of the civil government, and making all public officials subject to the sovereign will of the people. The individual enjoys the protection of the government in all things that pertain to his natural and God-given rights. In this spiritual realm the conscience of the individual is supreme above all governmental functions and authority. The inalienable rights of man no government on earth has a right to abridge or to invade. These rights are at present in great peril, and unless something is done to arouse the public conscience, our blood-bought liberties are destined to perish from the earth.

Stripped of all its false trimmings and propaganda, the present world conflict is resolving itself into a life-and-death

Ramparts We Must Watch

by CHARLES S. LONGACRE

struggle between the two philosophies of life—totalitarianism and individual freedom. As yet it is impossible to tell which will win in this terrific struggle—the most stupendous of all the ages. It will result in either the survival or the collapse of the Jeffersonian principles of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, or in the survival or the collapse of the ancient Babylonian totalitarian form of government as conceived by Nebuchadnezzar,—who as a monarch brooked no opposition to his decrees,—and which is revived by modern dictators.

Civil and religious liberty are imperiled today by a totalitarian state on one hand and by an authoritarian church on the other. Arbitrary authority in all things, spiritual and temporal, is the rule of a totalitarian state. If the dictator is a civil ruler, he subordinates all men and all religions to the dictates of the state. If the ecclesiastical ruler is supreme, all men and even the state governments are subordinated to the supremacy of the church. Medieval history was stained with the blood of millions of martyrs as a result of the arbitrary rule of an authoritarian church.

In Europe today a flood of totalitarianism, which threatens to engulf the world,

has already destroyed all human rights on that continent. Those who defend the heritage of human rights and a democratic form of government have to pay the price of liberty in blood, in treasure, and in terror, unparalleled in history. The World War twenty years ago was fought to make the world safe for democracy. More than a dozen new democracies were established at the conclusion of the war, where before the people were subject to the rule of kings and emperors. But none of these newly created democracies exists today. All have been overthrown by dictators, who have turned the republics into totalitarian governments. In some instances the overthrow took place overnight by a bloodless revolution, while in other instances these new republics were slowly but stealthily undermined by restrictive legislation, depriving the people of their liberties and their right of sovereignty, until ultimately the dictators were fully entrenched.

The newly founded democracies of Europe had two handicaps which they were not able to overcome. The first was that the majority of the people of Europe had not been indoctrinated in the ideals and principles which are the foundation and security of a democracy.

As a consequence, the majority did not possess the devotion to democratic principles that is generally manifested in the hearts of American citizens. The only security of a republic lies in the love and devotion its people have in their hearts for the constitution that preserves and safeguards their liberties and their right of sovereignty. Whenever a people are willing to surrender their constitutional liberties and right of sovereignty for governmental subsidies and patronage, and prefer to enjoy material comforts and a well-provisioned bread basket rather than to be freemen in a republic, they are writing Ichabod over the temple of their freedom, and resigning their sovereignty to dictators. That is what the oppressed people of Europe did when they chose to be the slaves of dictators rather than sovereigns in their own right.

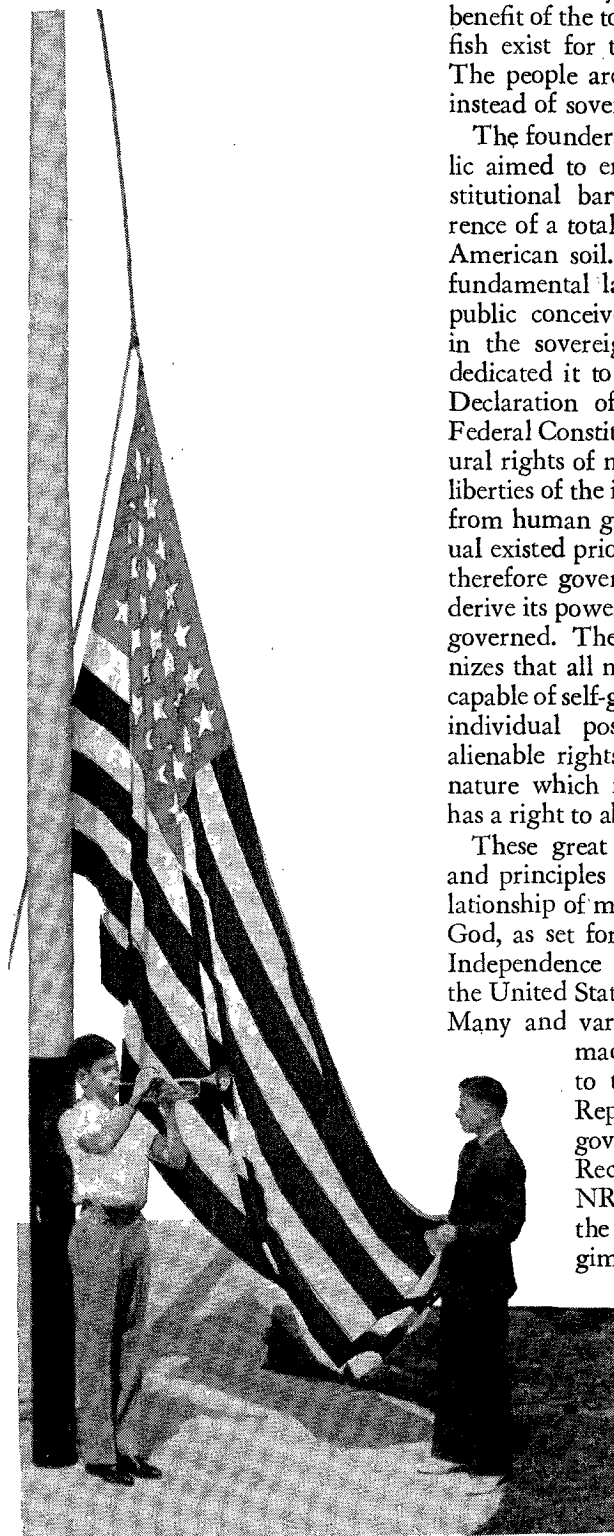
The second handicap of the newly founded republics of Europe was the aftermath of the World War. That war brought and left its inescapable penalties, perplexities, distresses, hates, distrusts, and fears. The governmental officials who exercised arbitrary authority during the war were loath to surrender that absolute power after the conclusion of the war. Power once gained by human beings is not easily laid aside. When the new republics were established, with written constitutions guaranteeing civil and religious liberty to all citizens alike, placing all men and all religions on the same equality before the fundamental law of the land, their countries still retained local laws in the various municipalities which were diametrically opposed to every guarantee of human rights and of the civil and religious liberty vouchsafed to the individual in the fundamental law. The officials of the governments were inclined to lay greater stress upon the enforcement of the local laws than to uphold and maintain the dignity and majesty of the fundamental law. The arbitrary military laws enacted and the great power granted to governmental officials for the duration of the war were not repealed at the conclusion of the war. As emergencies arose, these drastic military regulations and arbitrary powers were applied, and gradually the officials broke down all constitutional barriers and limitations that had been erected and placed against the exercise of arbitrary authority. The constitutions of European democracies became empty and meaningless parchments from which the spirit of liberty had taken flight. When both the people and the public officials of a constitutional democracy lose the spirit of their constitution, there is nothing in the wide world that can save the constitution or the democracy.

The leaders of a totalitarian government realize that their arbitrary and

OUR COVER

This striking composite photograph by Ewing Galloway presents two great symbols of liberty—the flag and the Washington Capitol. Today they mean civil and religious freedom for millions, but what of tomorrow?

tyrannical system of government can be maintained only by the rule of sheer force, and by a total war against everything that is not compatible with tyranny. A totalitarian government is not only a threat to the progress of civilization and enlightenment, but a menace to all free democratic governments and



institutions. It is a reversion to the old pagan and barbaric types of jungle government, of tooth and claw. It has no regard for the sacred rights of any man or any nation. It is willing to slay alike the innocent and the guilty, in order to reach its selfish ends. It declares a total war on babies in the cradle and on the aged in the infirmary. It stifles the conscience, it assails religion, it blasts the sanctuary, and it defies the Ruler of the universe. Its one and only objective is to rule or to ruin all things. It denies that the individual has any rights which a totalitarian ruler may not invade or take away at his discretion. Under a totalitarian regime the individual exists and a minority state exists solely for the benefit of the totalitarian state, as smaller fish exist for the benefit of the larger. The people are mere pawns and slaves instead of sovereigns in their own right.

The founders of the American Republic aimed to erect insurmountable constitutional barriers against any recurrence of a totalitarian government upon American soil. Those who drafted the fundamental law of the American Republic conceived a government vested in the sovereignty of the people, and dedicated it to liberty and justice. The Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution declare that the natural rights of man and the fundamental liberties of the individual are not derived from human government. The individual existed prior to human government; therefore government must of necessity derive its powers from the consent of the governed. The fundamental law recognizes that all men are by right free and capable of self-government, and that each individual possesses natural and inalienable rights derived from God and nature which no government on earth has a right to abridge.

These great and fundamental ideals and principles governing the proper relationship of man to man and of man to God, as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, are in imminent peril. Many and various attempts have been made during the last decade to transform the American Republic into a totalitarian government. The National Recovery Act, known as the NRA, for a time forced upon the people a totalitarian regime. Every industry, every

commercial activity, and every relationship of man to man in all business undertakings was regulated, restricted, and regimented by a bureau of the gov-

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GOD'S WATCHMEN

by EDWIN R. THIELE

THE times of the prophets were perilous times. Many were the dangers that threatened the existence of their nations and people. The prophets were men who sensed these dangers. They were men who loved their people and their God. They were men whose purpose it was to do everything in their power to help ward off the dangers that threatened.

In the days of the prophets the cities of Israel were guarded by walls, and the safety of the city depended on the strength of these walls and the alertness of the men who manned them. Watchmen were stationed on the ramparts to raise the cry of warning when an enemy drew near, and danger threatened the city. It was the task of the watchmen to be ever on the alert. Day and night they were required to man their posts. Never could vigilance be relaxed at a time of crisis without involving the whole city in serious danger. Watchmen were chosen who were keen-eyed, alert, and trustworthy—men who could be depended upon to man their posts regardless of personal inconvenience or danger. If a watchman failed in his responsibility, the city might be involved in ruin and its citizens might miserably perish. So it was required of every watchman that he be faithful, keenly aware of the responsibilities of his post.

The prophets of Israel were likened to watchmen standing on the walls of Zion, stationed there by the great God of heaven. God was intensely interested in the welfare of His people. Whenever danger drew near, He gave them warnings so that they might escape the threatened doom. The prophets were God's watchmen to carry His messages of warning to the people: "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me." Ezekiel 33:7.

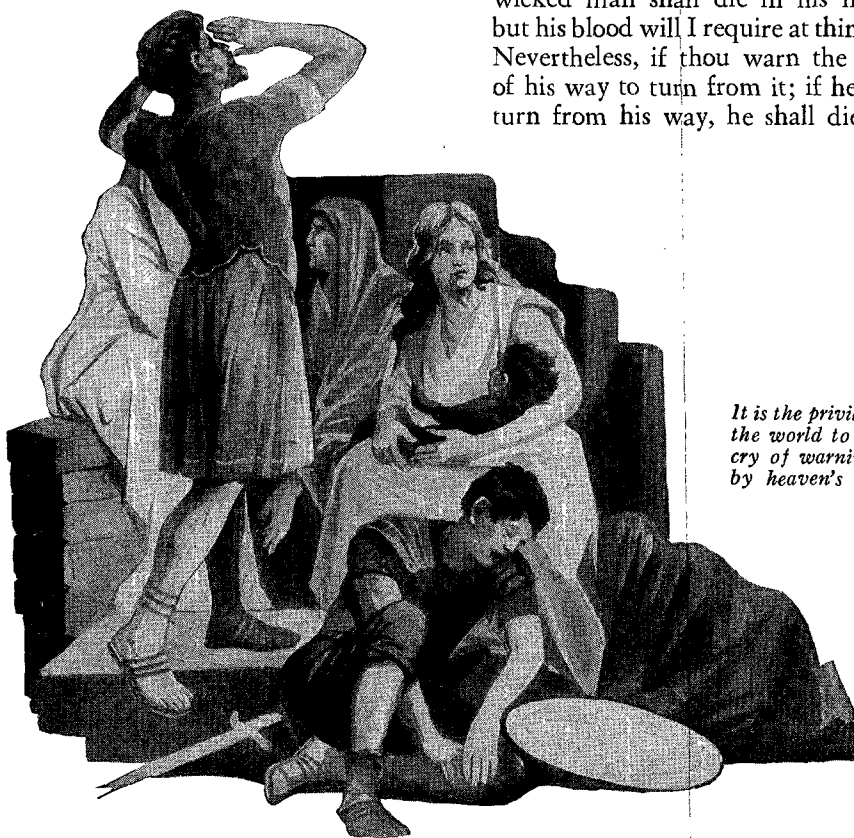
If the watchman faithfully carried out his task and delivered the warning when it was due, failure to heed that warning was the responsibility of the individual concerned. Any loss that he might suffer due to his own neglect was chargeable

to himself alone: "When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul." Verses 2-5.

This is the situation today. Faithful sentinels of heaven have been stationed on Zion's walls. Their stirring cry of warning has been raised. It is the privilege of all the world to hear; and it is the opportunity of everyone who hears to give heed and save himself. Failure to do so cannot be charged against God.

Heaven has done everything it can to warn mankind of the dangerous hour that has come upon the world, and of the still more critical times that lie ahead. When God speaks, it behooves every son of man to give ear.

So important were the issues involved that the most dire consequences were meted out to the watchman who failed at his post of duty. In any crisis among men it is an offense punishable by death to be found sleeping on guard. The failure of one might involve the failure of all; and the one whose duty it is to watch and give the alarm must be kept aware of the great responsibility that is his. The prophets of Israel had a keen sense of the solemn responsibility that Heaven had placed upon them: "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his



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iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Verses 8, 9.

Often has the voice of the watchman fallen on deaf and unresponsive ears; but the message of warning was to be delivered nevertheless. Many people, lulled to a sense of false security, did not wish to be stirred from their complacency by being told that danger threatened. When the watchman uttered his warning cry, they did not wish to hear. Reproach and abuse were often heaped upon the messenger who tried to be faithful to his task. "He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me: they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, . . . yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, . . . nor be dismayed at their looks. . . . And thou shalt speak My words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious." Ezekiel 2:3-7.

The faithful watchman was true to his



trust, and, regardless of danger or inconvenience to himself, stood at his post and at the time of crisis raised the voice of alarm. This is the charge he received from his God: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye

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from its parents; but they cannot transmit spiritual life. That must come as a gift from God to both parents and children. Even before the child is old enough to discern right and wrong morally it exhibits a violent temper or a selfish disposition. Thus the mental and the moral faculties are pre-occupied and controlled by the sinful nature from the beginning. A new nature and spiritual life can come only through being born again, born from above. Jesus stated this positively when He said: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Verse 6.

Had Adam and Eve never sinned, their children would have been born with pure and holy natures, untainted by sin. But God in His great mercy made provision by which every soul may be born again, "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:13. And since our nature comes from our parents by inheritance at birth, when we are born of God we receive the divine nature.

How futile it is to profess to be children of God if we have never been born of God! We can be His children only by birth. Our character is determined by our nature; and our nature, whether carnal and sinful or divine, is determined only by our birth. We act according to our nature no matter what profession we make.

We seem inclined to make the way of spiritual birth mysterious and difficult, while the word of God makes it simple and plain. First of all, I must recognize that I am a sinner, and that nothing I can do can atone for my transgressions and make me pure and holy before God. But God has promised to do this through Christ, and I must believe His promise, confess my sins, and surrender my will and life to Him. I must fully determine to break with sin forever, and then believe that God forgives all my sins and cleanses my heart.

Some wait for some wonderful change in their feelings; but the emotions cannot be made a test of the genuineness of the experience of passing "from death unto life." The very act of confessing and renouncing all sin, and claiming God's promises of pardon and cleansing, is evidence that the Holy Spirit has created a new life within. We are born into the family of God, and may depend upon His acceptance and care and unfailing love. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

I have had men and women say to me: "I am sure if you knew what a great sinner I am, you would admit that there is no hope for me." And I have answered: "It is not a question of how many or how terrible your sins; but are you determined to give them up and take Christ as your Saviour from sin?" Last summer in Europe I met an elderly lady who declared that she had been an ardent devotee of tobacco and liquor for forty-five years; but no one could look into her radiantly happy face, and hear her testimony of gratitude to God, without a conviction that she had been "born again," and had passed "from death unto life." "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17.

From Death Unto Life—3

CAN NATURE BE CHANGED?

New Birth Essential

by MEADE MacGUIRE

IN considering this experience of passing "from death unto life" we know that we shall inevitably do what it is our nature to do. While we possess a fallen, corrupt, degenerate nature, we shall continue to disobey God and to gratify our selfish, carnal passions and appetites. When we are controlled by the divine nature, we shall choose and delight to do God's will.

It is necessary first of all that we recognize our condition and our need. When we sense our slavery to an ugly temper or an irritable, impatient disposition, to selfish motives and actions, and to a perverted appetite and evil habits, and long for deliverance from them, we may know that the Lord is seeking to draw us from darkness to light, "from death unto life."

It is not possible for us to change ourselves; it is a work that only God can do, but He does not do it without our choice and co-operation. The greatest obstacle is that many look to themselves instead of to Christ for salvation. They desire to have

eternal life, and often say: "I am doing the best I can to live right. I attend church quite often, and never really do anything very bad." They have the erroneous idea that their salvation depends upon what they do rather than upon what God does for and in them. The word of God says that they are dead, and that Christ came to give them life. They can obtain it only from Him.

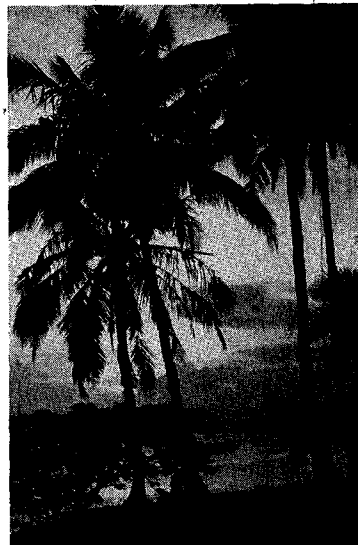
Jesus stated the way clearly to a ruler of the Jews who came to Him one evening, when He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Natural life begins for a child when it is born into the world physically. Spiritual life begins only when one is born spiritually. There is no way of entering the physical world except by birth; and there is likewise no way of entering the spiritual world but by birth. One is natural, and the other supernatural.

A child is born, and inherits physical life

CRIES HEARD IN HEAVEN

*How Honest Hearts
Found Truth and Peace*

by MRS. E. E. ANDROSS



SOME years ago, Mr. Andross and I had the privilege of a very interesting automobile trip with Pastor W. E. Baxter and family. We were traveling in the interior of Venezuela, about two hundred miles from Caracas and almost that far from the nearest railroad. The road—if the dim streaks we were following could be called a road—zigzagged over the grassy, sandy plains wherever the mule carts, the prairie schooners of Venezuela, had chosen to travel as they carried produce from the interior to market in Caracas and near-by towns. But the mission Ford bumped along merrily, never once complaining about the difficulties it had to overcome along the way.

Presently we came to a native house that served as a home for the family and a wayside inn for mule-cart drivers. There was nothing about the place that attracted us. It looked like other similar homes along the way. However, we had occasion to distinguish it from all the others when Pastor Baxter said, "There is the place I told you about, where the man nailed a board on the side of his house."

The word "board" brought back the story at once. In fact, we had seen that very man a few days before in Caracas, where he was preparing to go forth to sell Christian literature to people who were waiting for the same blessed message that had brought hope and cheer to his own heart.

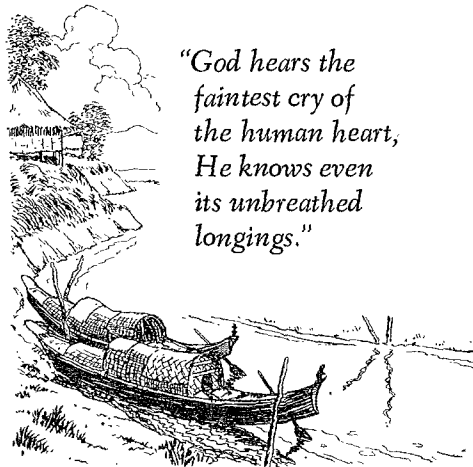
But we must turn back a page or two in the story. This man, who was a farmer and an innkeeper away off in the heart of the great llanos of Venezuela, was weary of empty, meaningless forms of religion. His heart was crying for something better. So, somehow, isolated as

he was, he secured a Bible; and, being fortunate enough to be able to read, he began to study it.

As he struggled over the sacred pages, the light of a new hope shone into his dark, discouraged heart. Then came a longing to understand more fully the wonderful things in the Book. He learned from some of the wayfaring men who stopped at his place that there were missionaries in Caracas and that the name of one of them was "Baxter." He treasured every atom of information; but how could he ever contact missionaries in Caracas, rooted as he was out there in the almost uninhabited plains where neighbors were miles away?

"I will put on my house a board with Revelation 22:14 on it," he said in his heart, "and if the missionaries come this way and see it, they will know that a Protestant lives here." So the board was put up.

Not long after that, when Pastor Baxter and others were making a tour into the interior, they decided to eat their lunch under a tree near that very house.



"God hears the faintest cry of the human heart, He knows even its unbreathed longings."

They knew nothing of the board with the reference on it, nor yet of the longing heart of one who lived in that house.

But God knew all about it. He had heard the cry of distress in the heart that was longing to find rest in Him. Somehow the group under the tree attracted the attention of the waiting man, whose board was calling for help. Soon he approached the missionaries, asking in Spanish, "Is your name Baxter?" All in the group, as well as the one addressed, looked surprised; but our heavenly Father had made the contact, and soon another soul was rejoicing in the blessed promises of God.

Inquirers Find Light

In another part of Venezuela, God answered the call of a hungry heart through the pages of a charred book. One day a man purchased a copy of *Our Day* from one of our colporteurs; but, before taking time to examine it, he learned that the priest had condemned the book and ordered all copies burned. Being a devout Catholic, this man hastened to obey. He placed the book upon the little charcoal stove, and soon the flames began their destructive work.

As soon as he left the kitchen, however, his wife snatched the burning book from the stove, and saved as much of it as she could. A few days later, the son, a young man whose heart was longing for God, noticed this charred book upon the shelf. Curious to know something about its contents, he began to study its badly burned pages. In them he found the Saviour, and the Sabbath the Lord made for man. So the longing of his heart was satisfied; and even before he

could contact others to learn the truth regarding the plan of salvation more fully, he eagerly began to teach his friends all that he knew.

Over in a part of Colombia far removed from the thoroughfares of civilization, a physician and his friend obtained a Spanish Bible. They searched it diligently, and through its sacred pages, God, who had heard their unuttered cry in heaven, revealed Himself to them. Their hearts overflowed with gratitude for the wonderful plan of salvation.

The Bible made clear to them that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord and that they should keep it holy. To see the truth with them was to obey it. So they became the first Sabbath-keepers in that part of the great republic. About this time they secured a copy of *Our Day*. That proved to be a great help to those new believers in their study of God's message of salvation.

Being anxious to comply with all Bible commands, they took a long journey of more than two hundred miles in search of someone to baptize them by immersion. Part of their journey was through rather dangerous territory, and all the way the traveling was difficult; but they despaired not. They pressed on till they reached the coastal city, where they hoped to find Christians who kept the seventh-day Sabbath and who baptized by immersion.

For a time it seemed that they were to be disappointed; but, as they sat in their hotel discussing their disappointment, God made the contact. A young man, some of whose relatives were Adventists, overheard them. "I will show you the church you seek," he said. And when they found the Christians there assembled in service, their joy knew no bounds.

After receiving fuller instructions, they returned to their homes, laden with soul-winning literature. They were bitterly persecuted, and nearly lost their lives because of their new religion. But they faltered not, and now for many years they have stood firmly for the gospel; and their lives have been mighty channels through which the love of God has flowed freely to others waiting for its wonderful salvation.

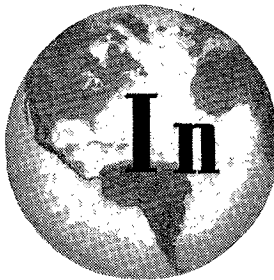
The weird beat of the tom-toms announced the birth of the first son in the home of a Hindu priest in the West Indies. That was a number of years ago. As the lad grew up, he learned to care for the images, offering them a little food before partaking of it himself. He even learned to officiate in place of his father.

But one day a man called and left some gospel literature at his home. The young man began to read it. Soon he realized that there really was a God who could help him in time of need, and he

knew that the gods he had been worshipping could not do that. There was a rift in the cloud of darkness. Heaven had heard the unspoken sigh. The young man caught a glimpse of Jesus, the only Saviour of men, and he decided to accept Him regardless of what the cost might be.

From the highest of castes, he became an outcaste. He was driven from his father's house. But he had found the pearl of great price. His heart was overflowing with joy, and nothing could turn him back. When we had the pleasure of meeting him, he was, indeed, a happy, energetic Christian. He was devoting his life to the distribution of gospel literature that others sitting in darkness might have life, hope, and happiness in the same gospel that had brought such wonderful deliverance to him.

These experiences are only reminders of God's tender compassion and thoughtfulness for His earthly children. He hears the faintest cry of the human heart, He knows even its unbreathed longings. Always He can send the very message needed. Nothing can interrupt God's communion with the heart that turns to Him for help. His listening ear will hear its cry and His intervening hand will send the needed help at the right time and in the best way.



"SPITFIRE 3" EXCEEDS 400 MILES AN HOUR

The London Bureau of the New York *Herald Tribune* reports the latest British fighter plane, stated by pilots to do well over 400 miles an hour in speed, if not nearer to 500 miles, will be named "Spitfire 3," retaining the name of a famed British fighter craft.

"Americans who have flown the 'Spitfire 3,'" the *Herald Tribune* writes, "report that it is probably the fastest military craft of its kind now in the air and that it carries tremendous gun power as well. The plane mounts cannon as well as an increased number of machine guns."

BLOOD GROUPING SHOWN

Every Japanese and every German soldier has a mark on his identification tag, around his neck, for use in case he becomes a casualty, states the American Medical Association. In addition to name and outfit identification, the metal tag shows the soldier's blood group, saving valuable time in case a hurry-up blood transfusion is needed. Blood from a donor or from a blood bank can thus be transfused without stopping to type the wounded man's blood.

God's Watchmen

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that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isaiah 62:6, 7.

With watchmen stationed on the walls of Zion, it was the privilege of the citizens to inquire as to the status of affairs; and it was the responsibility of the watchman to give a clear and positive answer so the citizen might know exactly what to expect: "He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come." Isa. 21:11, 12.

No matter how deep and how dark the night, or how threatening the situation, citizens within the walls of Zion might take comfort in the fact that faithful watchmen were standing guard. Today again the question, "Watchman, what of the night?" asked in earnestness and sincerity, should receive an intelligent and authoritative reply.

Another hour of crisis has been reached. The word of God has raised the alarm. It is now for all who will to hear. Let us thank Heaven for the warning, and let us give ear before it is too late.

In the NEWS

by DONALD W. McKAY
Our New York Correspondent

'CHUTISTS IN NORTHWEST

"To combat nature's blitzkrieg in the thickly timbered Pacific Northwest, fire fighters have become parachutists. Before a blaze from heat lightning gains headway, 'chutists are dropped in pairs from chartered planes. After the men land, packs are dropped containing concentrated rations for two days; a shovel, ax, first-aid kit, and other supplies. A six-man parachute crew in Idaho has done yeoman work on dry lightning blazes."

FLOWERS BENEFICIAL

According to *Armchair Science*, London, "it has recently been found that flowers with a perfume exercise a positively beneficial influence on the atmosphere, by converting the oxygen of the air into that powerful oxidizing, and therefore purifying, agent, ozone."

ON THE PHONE

The *Telephone News Bulletin* says Americans, person for person, telephone fourteen times more than the rest of the world. "Furthermore," the report stated, "this country has about half the world's telephones, and makes something like 1,000 calls a second."



The WORST RELIGION

Why Claims of Spiritism Cannot Be True

in astonishment, asked if men need go to the dead for information concerning the living. "Should not a people seek unto their God?" he asked, and then pronounced the far-reaching principle: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

There is no doubt that much that goes under the name of spiritism is merely sleight-of-hand performances or tricks of illusion. The late Houdini claimed to be able to duplicate any so-called spirit manifestation that the mediums could produce, and apparently was able to do so. Again and again spiritist mediums have been caught in deception, and exposed before the public; yet the cult survives. Scientists have investigated the phenomena; and while many are assured that it is only trickery and fraud, others are convinced that occult powers are at work. The consensus of opinion seems to be that while there is much fraud and deception connected with spiritism, there is a residue of phenomena that cannot be explained as being done by any human agency. This conclusion is confirmed by Biblical testimony; for it can hardly be conceived that the Bible would forbid the doing of certain things if those things could not be done.

It should be recognized, however, that the Bible does not admit of any communication with the departed spirits of our friends, but definitely calls those spirits with whom men seek to communicate "spirits of devils." Revelation 16:14.

The Bible speaks of death as a sleep: "They shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep" "till the heavens be no more." Job 14:12. It affirms definitely that "the dead know not anything," and that there is no remembrance in the grave. Ecclesiastes 9:5; Psalm 6:5. The notion that the dead are conscious and able to communicate with their friends on earth finds no support in the Bible. Rather, our departed friends sleep until the resurrection morning, when Christ Himself shall raise them from the dead.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. We therefore reject the idea that the spirits with whom mediums claim to communicate are the spirits of our loved ones, and we accept the Biblical statement that they are "spirits of devils."

It is, of course, easy for Satan to imitate both the form and the voice of departed ones, and he does not hesitate to do so. He is capable of transforming himself into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14); and is it any wonder, then, that his followers should on occasion simulate those who have died? Verse 13.

When Lucifer first fell from heaven, he drew many of the angels with him in rebellion. Revelation 12:9. These angels have since been active in opposition to the work of God, and are doing their best to deceive, if it were possible, "the very elect." Matthew 24:24. They are able to do signs and wonders, and will even be able to make "fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men," and to deceive "them that dwell on the earth." Revelation 13:13, 14; 2 Thessalonians 2:9.

Men have always been anxious to peer into the future, and to learn of coming events. Bible prophecy is given for the purpose of establishing faith, and also to fill the natural craving in the human heart to know what is coming. Men, however, reject the Bible and its prophecies, and, instead, turn to spiritism, which, in reality, is one of the doctrines of the devil. 1 Timothy 4:1. It is when spiritism takes on a religious garb that it becomes especially deceptive, and we are assured that this deception shall become so widespread that if it were possible the very elect shall be deceived.

Belief in spiritism rests upon the foundation of consciousness in death; and this, again, is dependent upon the belief that the soul is immortal. There is no more cheering message in the Bible than that eternal life is the sure possession of everyone who believes: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. This precious promise

SPIRITISM is defined as follows: "A belief that departed spirits hold intercourse with mortals by means of physical phenomena, as by rapping, or during abnormal mental states, as in trances, or the like, commonly manifested through a medium."

Spiritism, though it has taken on a modern garb, is not a new development. In olden times God said: "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:31. King Saul consulted a familiar spirit. 1 Samuel 28. God again and again warned His people against having anything to do with those that use divinations or have familiar spirits, or are wizards or necromancers. Deuteronomy 18:10-12.

In a time of national peril Israel, instead of listening to the prophet, sought intercourse with familiar spirits. Isaiah,

IS DECEPTION

by M. L. ANDREASEN



of life, even "everlasting life," is the hope of the Christian. Someday, if we are faithful, we shall be with God, and share with Him through the ceaseless ages of eternity the joys of the saved. "I am come that they might have life," Christ says, "and that they might have it more abundantly" John 10:10.

This promise of eternal life to the believer is altogether different, however, from the doctrine of the immortal soul. It is well worth repeating what we emphasized in the preceding article, that though the word "soul" occurs hundreds of times in the Bible never once does the phrase "immortal soul" occur anywhere. In fact, the word "immortal" occurs only once in the English Bible—in 1 Timothy 1:17, and is there predicated of God. Man does not by nature have immortality. It is a gift of God. In fact, God only has immortality. 1 Timothy 6:15. Men do not have it, but are told to seek for it. Romans 2:7.

It may not at first sight seem important whether we have inherent immortality or not, as long as we have everlasting life. However, it is always well to keep close to the doctrine of the Bible. The Bible does not speak of an immortal soul, while it does definitely speak of everlasting life as the gift of God. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12. From this we draw the conclusion that man does not have inherent immortality; that this is a gift of God, and is given only to those who seek for it. Romans 2:7. Man himself is mortal. Job 4:17. The transgressor of God's law does not have eternal life abiding in him. 1 John 3:15. God barred the way to the tree of life to our first parents lest they "eat, and live forever." Genesis 3:22. From this we would draw the further conclusion that there are no immortal sinners, but that, as the Bible says, eternal life is a gift of God, given to those only who shall be found worthy through Christ to obtain it.

If man, then, by nature does not have an immortal soul; if when he dies he sleeps until the resurrection morning;

if the dead know not anything, and there is no remembrance in the grave; then we may take it as proved that there is no possibility of communion with the spirits of our departed friends. They sleep, and shall not awake until the heavens be no more.

The doctrine that the dead sleep in their graves until the resurrection morning has by some been considered a dark and dreary conception in contrast with the popular view that our departed friends go immediately to the bliss of heaven. A moment's reflection will give us a proper perspective, however. Let us ask a few questions of one who believes that men go immediately to heaven at death.

"Do you hold that according to the Bible all people will be saved?"

"Why, no. There are many people who never accept Christ. Such, of course, cannot be saved."

"Do unsaved people go to heaven at death?"

"Of course not. Only the good people go to heaven."

"Where do the others go?"

"Well, I suppose if the good people go to heaven, the bad people go to the other place."

"Are there many bad people?"

"I am afraid there are as many bad as good, if not more."

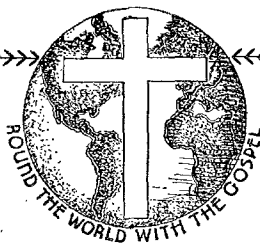
"While I agree that the idea of the good people's going to heaven at death seems a rosy and cheering prospect, the thought that there are large numbers going to perdition and hell-fire immediately is not so cheering. In fact, does it not seem that the one idea neutralizes and destroys the other? We are not always sure of the final fate of those we

love. This uncertainty may be a cause of great distress as we think of the possibility of their suffering at this moment the torments of the damned. It may be that the doctrine that all sleep till the resurrection morning is, after all, the most comforting."

The doctrine that men at death go either to heaven or to hell is not a Bible doctrine, nor will it stand the test of sound reasoning. As noted above, the Bible teaches that the dead know not anything; that they sleep, and will not awake until the heavens be no more. This is God's way, and is therefore the best way. We have presented the matter at this time solely to show that if it is true that the dead know not anything, then belief in communication with the departed dead is out of the question; hence spiritism, which claims to hold such communion, is fraudulent. We are not saying that there are not mediums who may have communication with some kind of spirits; there are, but they are the spirits of devils, and not the spirits of departed friends. As Christians we must therefore wholly reject the claims of spiritists, and believe that they are doing a work for the evil one which will eventuate in the great deceptions of the last days, will cause the loss of many souls, and at last lead "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" "to the battle of that great day of God Almighty," even the Battle of Armageddon. Revelation 16:13-16. In such teaching no Christian can have any part, except that of warning against the great deception.

The CHANGING HOMES of Africa

*Amazing Effect of
Christian Missions*



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THE sun was gently slipping behind the horizon. It was the twilight hour. Quietude and peace reigned in God's great out of doors. With hurried footsteps Missionary R. M. Mote, superintendent of the Northern Rhodesian Mission, wended his way toward a new Christian village—the fruitage of an evangelical effort held a year and a half before.

He paused for a brief moment to secure further information from an African traveling along the highway, then quickened his pace, and in another few moments he was treading the pathway leading to the headman's home.

What beautiful surroundings! he thought. Shrubs, flowers, trees, and vines had been planted to help beautify and make things more homelike and attractive. What a vivid contrast to the primitive heathen village where the light of the gospel has not as yet penetrated! Such a village is usually surrounded with filth, thornbush, and weeds, and forms the habitation of dogs, goats, and fowls, as well as the family. In many cases all occupy the same smoky hut. There are still thousands of these villages. But what a different picture this place presented!

As he approached one of the several well-constructed huts in this Christian village a man stepped from the door of his home. "Good evening," he said. Greetings having been exchanged, Mr. Mote told him who he was, and why he was there.

"Come right in! We are so happy to meet you. Our pastor recently informed us that you had returned from your home country, and we wondered when you might come our way. Here, have a seat. You have arrived just in time to join us in family worship." Thus spoke the father.

Of course, this visit was unannounced and unexpected. It had been so planned, for it was the desire of the missionary to catch a better glimpse of the daily home life of the villagers.

In the center of the room stood a small table on which lay a Bible,

a hymnbook, and a Sabbath school lesson quarterly. Said the father: "We will join in singing a song the children like so well." The first stanza reads:

"'Tis love that makes us happy,
'Tis love that smooths the way;
It helps us mind, it makes us kind
To others every day."

Then the visitor was requested to read a portion of Scripture; after which prayer was offered, all taking part at the close in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The service left a hallowed influence. Heaven seemed very near.

A little time was spent in talking of the village life, the needs, and the homes of the people. It was a pleasant, helpful occasion. However, due to another long trip on the morrow, Mr. Mote soon retired to his own camp and to sleep with the twinkling stars of heaven's great canopy smiling down upon him.

Later, when the experience was related to me, I could but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" for that was right out in the midst of an African jungle. Morning and evening this dear family gather around the family altar to devote all to God, and to praise Him for the wonderful truth which has saved them from the ravages of heathendom, turning their pitiful night into the light of eternal day. This humble Christian home is illustrative of thousands of others won by the same mighty influence of the gospel in Central Africa.

Wouldn't you enjoy being a silent lis-

tener to what some of these folks say when they pray? Well, here is a part of a prayer offered by a father one morning, as it was interpreted for me:

"Our Father which art in heaven, we thank Thee for Thy care and protection in the past. We are happy we can come and bow before Thee this morning. We pray Thee to forgive us our sins, and wash them in the blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. O Lord, our God, help me to be a good father before my family. Help my wife to be a kind mother to the children and live a good life, to be a good example before the children and all who see her. Help me to be a good example. Thou hast called me to serve Thee, but I cannot do it in my own power; I need Thy Holy Spirit to lead me, and to make me strong to fight against the power of the devil. Oh, help our children, and give them a perfect heart to keep all Thy commandments. Help them to be good to other children, and to set a right example. Help them that they may grow up to serve Thee and live to honor Thy glorious name. Be with us, Lord. Help us to hate sin, and to love Thee and the right way. May we be kept from the pitfalls of Satan, which are many. May we not be caught in his traps. Now we give ourselves to Thee for this day, so we can have Thy care and protection. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

Simple! Yes, but earnest and heartfelt. It reaches the Father's ear in heaven, bringing upon the household the breath of the Holy Spirit, as well as strength and wisdom for the day.

The Christian home is a mighty bulwark against vice and temptation in every form. It is in the home, regardless of race or color, where the very fundamentals of character building and human society are dealt with. When the home is what it should be, when parents daily set the right example before their children, when God and His law are revered by the household, when true love binds the hearts of all members together, when the sanctity of the family is protected by the voice of prayer

A Christian chief and his family in Basutoland, South Africa.

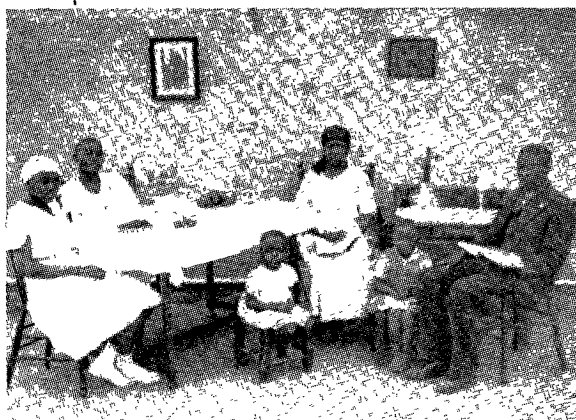


and song, when Christ is recognized in the grace that is said at meals, when the virtues of Christian doctrines are espoused and control every deed, thought, and action—then the church, the school, the tribe, the nation, and every phase of human relationship will be more and more what Heaven designs they shall be here and now.

For the most part, the African woman has been but a servant, a slave, treated no better than a beast of burden. And what could be expected of a home when the mother was relegated to the lowest level? Her sole duty in life was to bear children and to work the land. There was no home life under such conditions. The wife was bought in exchange for cattle or money, sometimes a garden hoe, a spade, an animal skin, or a blanket being sufficient for the marriage price. The more wives a man could afford, the more land he could place under cultivation with his wives and children to till it.

Often these poor souls were beaten, abused, and lent to other men as an exchange of friendship or for immoral purposes. An African woman's days were those of extreme toil and drudgery.

In those days (and it was not more than a decade or so ago in certain parts) it was a difficult task to persuade the men



Ready for morning worship in a Southern Rhodesia home.

or the chiefs to permit their girls to attend a Christian school, to say nothing of their disapproval of any direct effort made to help or uplift their women. "No! no!" they would remonstrate, "you will ruin our girls and our women." There are many who still feel this way, and still refuse any uplift work for the women and girls. Nevertheless a change, indeed a glorious change, has come in some parts. The girls' department in many of the African training schools today give as much thought and care to preparation of girls for the duties which will later be theirs as is being given to the training of evangelists or teachers or any other class of workers.

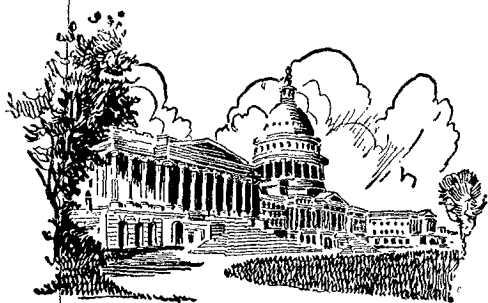
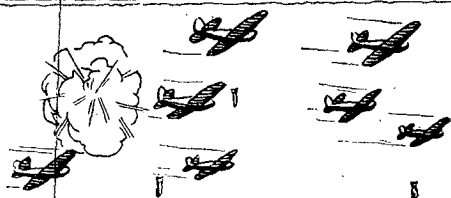
For a number of years now, native Christian young men have been anxious to enter wedlock with Christian young women who have been trained in the arts of mothercraft, babycraft, cookery, and home-making. In this way the old heathen hut and village are being rapidly replaced by the Christian home and village.

Is such an effort worth the undertaking? Listen! Both government officials and educators, as well as European traders and planters, are high in their praise for the benefits and results. They look upon the achievement with amazement, and are profuse in their words of commendation.

Would you enjoy a little closer view of an African Christian home? Come with me; let us visit the home of John Thomas (his Christian name, taken following baptism), over at Munguluni Mission in Portuguese East Africa. John is a humble, earnest, devoted servant of his Lord and Saviour. His wife is a trained, God-fearing mother, a wonderful helpmate and companion. They have four well-behaved children.

As we enter the home, we observe a light, airy living and dining room provided with simple but well-constructed

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THE Lord's holy Sabbath is not a local or a national institution. It was set apart by the Creator on the first seventh day of history, and He has never relinquished His ownership of it. The Sabbath is indispensable; it is as necessary and as essential as creation itself. The Lord has so interwoven the Sabbath with creation that to fail to observe the one is to reject belief in the other. Through the ages the providence of God has given unusual publicity to His holy rest day. He has had a multiplicity of witnesses who have testified to the obligation, the value, and the permanence of this holy institution.

When Jehovah delivered His people from the land of Egypt, He organized them into a nation. Their existence as a nation did not depend upon their prowess in arms, material resources, or numbers. Among the early statutes given to that people are found the following:

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

Certain promises were made to the Israelites, which point out the type of people God intended them to be. It is written: "Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." Exodus 19:5, 6.

God planned a high destiny for Abraham's posterity. They were to be regarded as "a peculiar treasure." They were selected as a spiritual kingdom. They were chosen to be a holy people. Nothing is here said of their need of territory, supplies, or other necessities for the material success of their nation. God chose them, that they might be a nation with superior benefits.

The Israelites experienced an installation into their national relationship with God the like of which has never been equaled in splendor and magnificence. Jehovah descended upon the summit of Mount Sinai, and personally delivered to that people the divine universal constitution by which they were to be governed—the Ten Commandments. The majesty, the excellence, the glory, the unexcelled splendor, which attended this most unusual occasion of God's declaration of His heavenly and eternal code, is said to be the second greatest world

The SABBATH Made for All

Not National but Universal

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Jehovah, on Mount Sinai, personally delivered to Moses, for all mankind, His divine universal constitution.

wonder, the first wonder being creation. Says the record:

"The Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai." "And it came to pass on the third day, . . . that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the

voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. . . . And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire." Exodus 19:10, 11, 16-18.

"The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; . . . and He came with ten thousands of saints: from His right hand went a fiery law for them." Deuteronomy 33:2.

"Ask now of the days that are past,

which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Or hath God assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, . . . according to all that the Lord your God did for you?" Deuteronomy 4:32-34.

In the Heart of the Law

While the Majesty of heaven uttered with celestial tones in the hearing of the multitude His divine and unchangeable Decalogue, in the very heart and bosom of that law He declared: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20: 8-11.

God commanded that vast audience to remember His holy day, and to observe it. Not a word was said in the command that this day was a national day, to be observed by them each recurring seventh day because they had become a nation. They were exhorted to bear in mind that the seventh day is *God's holy day*, and they must observe it in a sacred manner. As surely as they were to labor on six days, so certainly were they to observe God's seventh day, His Sabbath, His holy day. It is furthermore wise to observe the reason why they should sacredly observe this day: "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day."

After the delivery of the Decalogue to the Israelites, Moses was given added information to pass on to the people, in order that they might grasp more fully the significance of the Sabbath. Says the Scripture: "Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you. . . . Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. . . . Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:13-17.

Let it be noted that not a word is said in this further instruction that the seventh-day Sabbath is a Hebrew, an Israelitish, a national, or a local institution. Repeatedly the Lord states that it is *His holy day*; it is to be observed because He made the heavens and the earth in six days; it is to be kept holy because this day is a sign between Him and them that He will make them a holy people. It is to be kept as a perpetual covenant.

God is no respecter of persons. It is true that He chose the Israelites to be His peculiar treasure; but He did not exclude other people from sacredly regarding the same Sabbath day or from observing all His commands. In the fourth commandment He points out that no person in the employ of an Israelite is to be permitted to work on this seventh day. And the restriction applies to all the members of the family, and to the servants from any or from every nationality in their employ.

Specific instruction was repeatedly given to the Hebrews in regard to non-Israelites who desired to identify themselves with them. It should be remembered that other nations outside the Israelites had given themselves up to vile idolatry. As nations, tribes, and clans, the masses of the people had departed from God; they had no desire to retain Jehovah in their knowledge, and their unholy and grossly evil practices separated them from the worship of the true God. The Israelites were repeatedly exhorted not to follow the customs and manners of the heathen. Jeremiah 10: 1-3. If those of heathen nations wished to identify themselves with God's people and become followers of the true God, the door of opportunity was opened wide to all such.

In regard to the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath by the non-Israelite who joined himself to the Lord, to be among God's people, it is written:

"Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice. . . . Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people. . . . For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me; . . . even unto them will I give in Mine house . . . a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters. . . . Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it; . . . even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer." Isaiah 56:1-7.

The observers of the Sabbath were to be a marked people. The proper keeping of this divine, holy day was a sign of a true child of God, a consecrated follower of the Lord of heaven. The seventh day was established by the Lord to signify and to point out the worshiper of the Creator of the heavens and the earth. For centuries this fact was kept before the descendants of Israel. When the caravans passed through the land of Canaan, the sacred observance of this holy day of God by the true followers of Jehovah was to attract the attention of these strangers and foreigners, and in this way the chosen of God were to enlighten the nations in regard to Him who is worthy of reverence and worship.

In order that the Israelites should understand the importance of the observance of this holy day in harmony with the will of God, an incident of Sabbath violation occurred in the wilderness



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which attracted great attention. A man was found on the Sabbath day gathering sticks. The incident was reported to Moses. The leader of Israel did not know how to deal with the question. Only God was able to determine the nature of this act. To Moses came the following command: "The Lord said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses." Numbers 15:35, 36.

The death penalty was inflicted upon the man for gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. Why was it necessary for the entire congregation to take part in inflicting the punishment upon the evildoer? In order that the people should understand what a terrible sin it is to violate the law of the Sabbath in carrying on one's work on this day contrary to the will of God. With the Lord sin is not a light matter. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15.

Changing Homes

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furniture. (At the training school John learned how to make his own furniture.) The walls are adorned with pictures. The windows are covered with curtains. Every nook and corner bespeaks order and neatness. Parents and children occupy separate bedrooms. One small room is reserved for the office, where John cares for such features of the station activities as his leadership has made him responsible.

In this home the day begins and ends around the family altar. Discipline is well directed, and the family life is a happy one. What a contrast to the ordinary heathen home!

Is it any wonder that John and his wife carry the esteem and respect of all Europeans and government men who know them? Such a home life will cast a sweet, uplifting influence in any village or community. The picture is not overdrawn.

The Christian home in many sections of Africa is rapidly making inroads upon the heathen village. Where once there were men beating their wives, parents wearing charms, consulting the witch doctor, frequenting spirit dances, and practicing every other heathen device, now there are Christian homes—homes where love rules, where respect reigns, where discipline governs, where family worship prevails, where grace is offered at meals, where Christian ideals characterize every effort. From such homes the youth go forth to honor their parents and to bless the world.

The Peril to Liberty

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ernment. No one could buy, or sell, or labor, unless he bought, sold, or labored according to the rules and restrictions placed upon him by a bureau that exercised all three powers of the government—legislative, executive, and judicial. It constituted a complete setup of a totalitarian government in America. More than eight hundred codes regulating and restricting more than eight hundred various industries had been drawn up by the NRA Bureau, regimenting practically every activity of life, not only in temporal affairs but also in the spiritual realm. Nearly every one of these codes forbade all kinds of business and all forms of labor on Sunday. What the Sunday-law advocates could not accomplish by legislative enactments by Congress, they hoped to achieve through the NRA. Fortunately, the Supreme Court of the United States, which has nearly always stood foursquare in defense of the guaranties of human rights as vouchsafed to the individual under the Constitution, unanimously declared the NRA *in toto* unconstitutional. The Supreme Court within one year declared sixteen additional Acts of Congress unconstitutional, and by so doing not only saved the Federal Constitution from annihilation so far as the bill of human rights was concerned, but saved the government from going totalitarian.

Since World War II has broken out in Europe, Asia, and Africa, threatening the destruction of smaller nations and the peace of the whole world, the American Republic has been tempted to adopt the methods of totalitarian countries in order to ward off totalitarianism. Therein lies the greatest danger to America.

Congressman Dickstein has introduced a resolution into Congress which aims to prohibit, under a \$5,000 penalty, or five-year imprisonment, or both, the "mailing" or the taking "from the mails, domestic or foreign," "all papers, pam-

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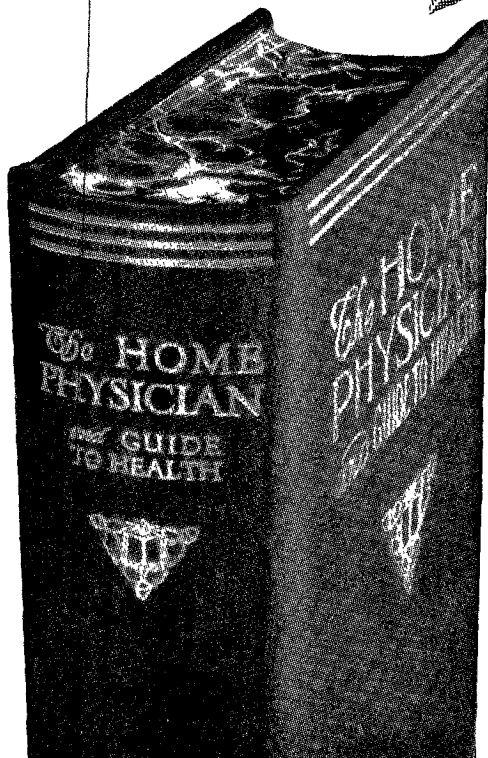
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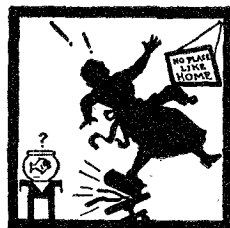
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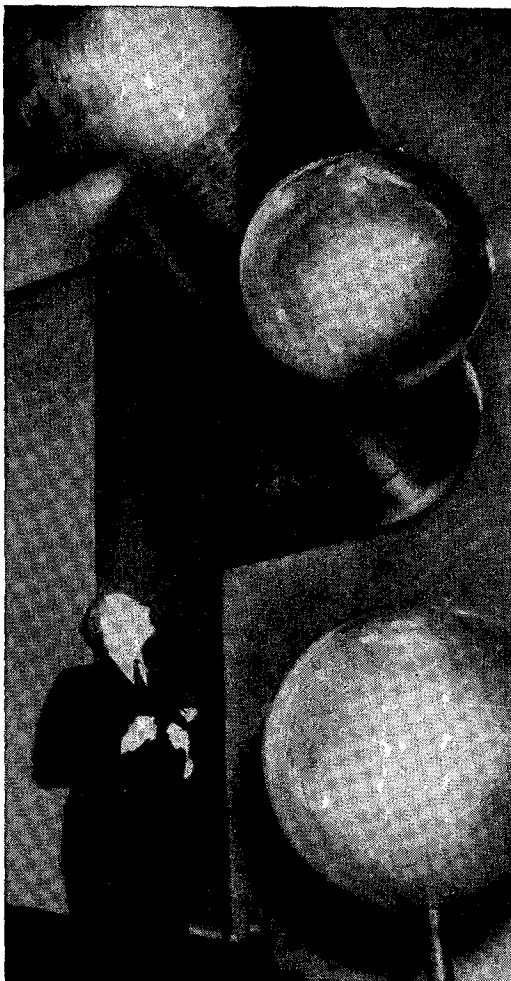
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BELIEF or FAITH?



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Roentgen discovered X rays in 1895, and, as with all things new, many questioned. Now their value is accepted as a matter of course. Pictured is an X-ray machine used in a Boston hospital in treating cancer.

BELIEF in God may mean two things. It may mean belief in the existence of God, and it may mean faith in God. The one is an attitude of mind—an intellectual acceptance of God's existence, the other is the active response which that acceptance demands. Obviously no one can exercise faith in God without first believing in His existence. But it is possible to believe that God exists without exercising true faith in Him. For instance, we are told in the Bible that even the "devils . . . believe, and tremble." James 2:19. That is, they believe God exists, but they do not place their faith in Him. For the Christian, both belief in the existence of God and faith in Him are necessary. Let us carefully examine these two essentials in turn.

We live today in what is called a scientific age. Science assumes certain things to be true, and then proceeds to prove or demonstrate that they are true by practical experiments, and many people today have been infected by this desire for proof. Give your proof, say they, and we will believe; without proof, how can we believe? It is this type of individual who says: "Can you prove that God exists?"

As a matter of fact, very few of the things we accept as true in this life can be "proved." Events of history, for instance, though they are generally ac-

cepted as certain facts, cannot be proved beyond all possibility of doubt to have taken place. We all believe the historians when they tell us that the declaration of the independence of the United States of America was signed in 1776; but even the historians have to rely upon the evidence of certain documents which might possibly be false. Similarly, we may believe the world is round and that it revolves in a regular course around the sun; but how many of us could supply proof for this if we were asked to do so?

And so it is with most of the beliefs we accept as true. Very few of them can be proved scientifically. We accept them because we trust the experts who claim to have proved them to be true, or because they appeal to our common sense as being reasonable, or because we have found them to be true in our own personal experience.

Though no one at any time has seen God, except as He was revealed by Jesus Christ, and though it may be impossible scientifically or logically to prove His existence, we accept it as a fact, first, because of the things we see in the world around us for which there is no explanation except that God must have produced them; secondly, because of the united opinion of the greatest religious thinkers and saints of all time; and, further, because we have found it to be true in our own experience.

Jesus said to His disciples: "Have faith in God." Mark 11:22.

Now the difference between belief in the existence of God and belief or faith in God may be exemplified by the following illustration:

I may believe in the existence of a certain doctor; but that is a very different thing from believing in, or having faith in, that doctor. I may be convinced that Dr. So-and-So lives on a certain street, but I may have no faith in him whatever. As it is sometimes true that a doctor can do little to help a patient unless that patient has faith in him, so God's power to help us is hindered if we lack faith in Him. In this sense, faith is an activity of the heart and mind together, and it is an essential part of belief in God. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6.

What a wonderful story of faith is recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews! Such faith is far beyond a mere intellectual belief; that faith lays hold on the promises of the Infinite One.

All Christians are required to exercise such faith in God that it becomes the chief driving force of their lives, making them victorious over sin and strong in the Lord for the accomplishment of His work.