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¶ The war of bandits against the law is being carried into the very strongholds of the forces of law. On October 14 and 20 gunmen entered police stations at Auburn and Peru, Indiana, overpowered the men on duty, and escaped with quantities of weapons.

¶ By the first of September the taxes from beer sales amounted to \$71,177,539. But in fifteen weeks of repeal, beer had diverted from legitimate industry the large sum of \$496,000,000, seven times the amount accruing to the government in liquor taxes in nineteen weeks.

¶ Radiologists meeting in Chicago have come to the conclusion that life's secret is locked in light; in short, that life is light. Scientists in California have announced the discovery that the secret of the creation of matter is found in electricity.

¶ For a nine-year period ending in 1932, the population of State and Federal prisons in the United States has increased 87 per cent, while the population of the country had increased 12 per cent.

¶ The schools of the world seethe with unrest and lawlessness. An Associated Press dispatch lists students' strikes—sometimes political in origin, sometimes caused by resentment against teachers—in Monterey and Chihuahua Mexico; Puerto Rico; and Barcelona Spain. Student participation in Cuba's troubles is well known. In Chicago, where students are striking in sympathy with unpaid teachers, "public school education," says one correspondent, "has become a confused, somewhat pathetic, and grim problem."

THE NEWS

Reviewed for Busy People



¶ A new acid—called panthogenic acid after the Greek meaning "from everywhere"—has been discovered by chemists; and they say it speeds growth enormously. A single tiny drop, even though diluted in 150 gallons of water, will stimulate the growth of yeast.

¶ In view of the increasing fear of one another which is urging the nations on to greater arms competition, the Geneva disarmament conference has become the laughing stock of the world. At this writing its adjournment or recessing is imminent.

¶ Twenty psychologists and sociologists have just completed a four-year study of motion pictures under the Motion Picture Research Council. Their conclusion is that these pictures exert a profound influence on the habits and behavior of children, and are in conflict with the teachings of school, home, and church. In other words, these experts have found that the influence of the movies on children is bad.

¶ The wetness of New York state, wettest wet, is shown by the consumption of 664,314 barrels of beer during August; and the moisture of Tennessee, twenty-sixth state in order in the amount of beer guzzling, is indicated by a consumption of 2,520 barrels during the same month. This report by the Brewers' Association states also that the whole country drank a billion and a half glasses of beer in hot August.

¶ Under the National Recovery Program in the United States, \$3,300,000,000 have been appropriated for public works,—roads, buildings, dams, reforestation, bridges, etc. This huge sum is not expected to trickle down to the ordinary workman until the spring of next year, however.

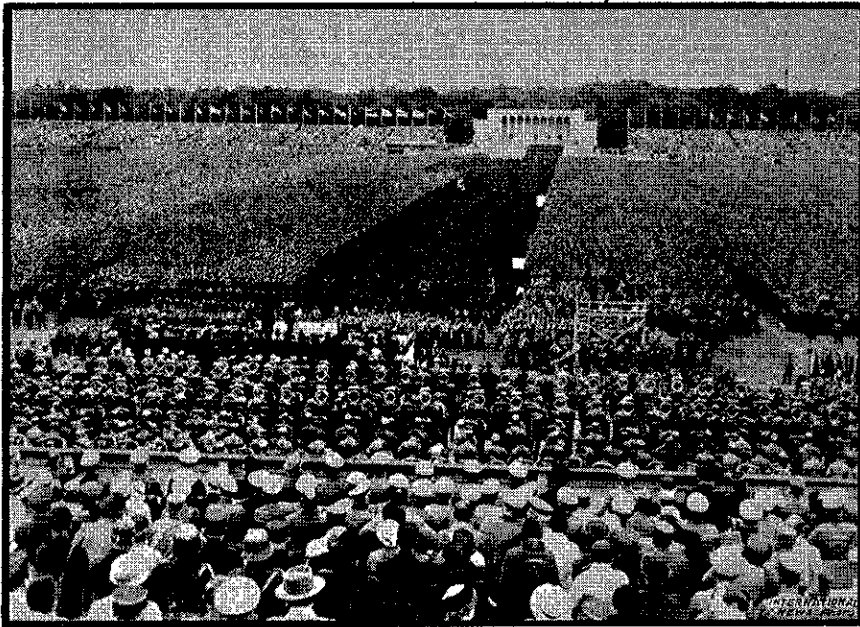
¶ Of all the beneficiaries of public funds, the public schools of America seem to be the hardest hit in the economy cuts. Thousands of schools have been closed or have had their terms shortened. At the same time enrollments are increasing as a result of shorter working hours, abolition of child labor, and more leisure time. The NRA has a work to do for public education.

¶ The city of Los Angeles, California, has succeeded in decreasing crime by requiring all ex-convicts to register with the police. Any suspect can be arrested and held for not registering, and thus crime can be more easily traced. The gangsters are leaving the city.

¶ Germany jarred world peace in mid-October by announcing withdrawal from the League of Nations, and non-participation in the current Disarmament Conference. Previously Germany had demanded the right to possess "samples" of all armaments which the other nations are manufacturing and have ready for use in war. This determination of the Hitler government pushes with tremendously renewed vigor the armament race among the world powers. And it brings infinitely nearer the next world war. It is believed that Germany can take the field for war in one year's time, with all her armament up to date.

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THE NEWS INTERPRETED



Adolf Hitler, chancellor of Germany, addressing 100,000 troopers at Nuremberg, Bavaria.

Who Is to Blame?

WITH the virtual failure of the Geneva Conference for international disarmament, the nations most involved in arms problems are each accusing one or more of the others of wrecking hopes for the future peace of the world. Making due allowance for some bluffing and hypocrisy and for an understanding whether the pronouncements of the great powers are for home or foreign consumption, it seems evident that no one nation can be the firebrand, the sword-rattler, the chip-on-the-shoulder braggart. Every nation has a case when it comes to reasons for war-preparation. And if it hasn't, the jingoes see to it that its people believe that it has.

Great Britain has a farflung empire and trade to protect. France has a border to guard. Japan and Italy have overflowing populations to provide for. The United States has a world market to gain to give outlet for the products of her vast industrial system. Germany and Russia must have freedom to expand their ideas of ideal civilization.

If all the facts were known about the real feelings and intentions of the masses of peoples in each nation, perhaps all the instruments of war could be

dropped to the depths of the seas and no harm result; but there is no likelihood of such a happy burial being brought about.

Though loyal American citizens, we are not disposed to place all the blame for huge, crushing armaments upon other nations. Whom will we blame?—A power far higher and stronger than any nation. Sinister forces are at work, egging on all the nations to fight one another, almost without reason or cause. The "prince of the power of the air," "wicked spirits in high places," (Ephesians 6: 12, margin) are behind all this preparation for war. The devil is the moving spirit of all this war talk. The real controversy is between Christ and Satan, not between jingoes and pacifists, nor between nation and nation.

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad," is an old saying. Certainly devilish influences are driving the nations to madness today. We witness hitherto staid and sober peoples stirred to foolishness and frenzy by the tongue-lashings of fiery leaders. It is so in almost all countries today. Nationalism is lending itself to Satan and he is making the most of his short-time opportunity to lead them to destruction. (Revelation 12: 12.)

Our hope is not in nationalism nor in internationalism, but in individual salvation by faith in Jesus Christ and the hope of His second coming. We hold this out as the only chance for life as civilization makes its last stand.

Our Greater Movement

IT MAY interest our readers to know that, in spite of the depressing times and the stringency of all lines of service requiring money, the cause which THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE represents goes forward with renewed impetus. We have not had to retrench, though sorely tried during the past four years. And this cause is no small affair. Though the members that compose it are only a third of a million in America and less than half a million in all the world, they are doing a per capita job of giving and sacrificing that far surpasses that of any other religious body today.

To cite items from our latest report of activities: This message is being proclaimed in 275 countries and islands, by 20,715 evangelists and institutional laborers, who are using in their work 485 languages and dialects. During 1932 our membership increased at a net rate of 71 a day. Literature is produced in 157 languages, in the form of 6,607 different publications, one copy of each costing \$1,951.87. The value of literature sold (not given away) in 1932 was \$3,499,304.93; and since 1863, when the movement was well under way, \$95,975,034.76.

The movement conducts 1,630 primary schools, and 204 advanced schools, with a total enrollment of 78,824. There are 68 publishing houses, 108 sanitariums and treatment rooms, and 44 food companies. Our gospel includes a message of health as well as spirituality.

We do not boast, for we are not doing as much as we should in view of what we firmly believe: that Jesus Christ is coming back to this world in person in the very near future, and that it is our task to warn the whole world of that great fact in this generation. He will not come till we finish our work. (Matthew 24: 14.) But it is also true that when we finish, He will come. Hence our eager urge to do the seemingly impossible. What we have accomplished already is a marvel in

the eyes of all those who know. There was a time; not many years ago, when Seventh-day Adventists were considered to be a weak and passing cult that were not worthy of notice by others of the old-line religious bodies; but that time is past. One, at least, of the characteristics of a truly great and greatly true religious movement is that it continues to live and grow. By following the Bible plan of the payment of tithes and offerings, and up-to-date methods of gospel publicity, growth is assured. But we are great only because we have a great message. We invite all our readers to join us in proclaiming it, and to be with us as we are saved by it.

Up in Smoke, Down in Degeneracy

CIGARETTE sales have far surpassed those of all other forms of tobacco in the United States. In 1930, their consumption reached the staggering figure of 120 billion, or an average of 1,000 for every man, woman, and child in the country. And sales have increased enormously since three years ago, especially since women have so largely turned to smoking.

Someone else smokes the writer's 1,000 quota each year; and if there is anything he detests, it is to be compelled to have to ride the busses in these times of forced economy and take copious draughts of used cigarette smoke during the endurance run. Recently he congratulated himself on boarding a bus for finding a seat which was surrounded by five women. But when the journey was well started, all five smoked up.

The worst of it is that the turning from cigars to cigarettes is going from

bad to worse; for to the poison of nicotine is added the poisons of worse drugs with which the cigarette papers are saturated. The cigarette method is simply a respectable (?) way of becoming a dope fiend.

We decry against beer, and beverages of higher alcoholic content; but cigarettes have a far worse effect on the human body than beer could possibly have. And the cigarette fiend can't quit if he will. A new slavery, worse than that over which we fought in '61 to '65 is gripping our country.

A cigarette smoker soon loses his moral tone and his sense of decency and ordinary politeness. I know, because a man with an onion breath will be careful how he breathes into other people's faces. But a man with a cigarette breath, which to non-smokers is worse than onions, will deliberately puff his vile stench full into the face of his best friend.

An appalling number of Americans are headed for degeneracy on a cloud of drug fumes. Only the power of God can wake them from their opiate sleep. And they are insensible to that power by the very dope-sleep in which they are immersed. It is time for all free Christians to "by all means save some," by "pulling them out of the fire."

Comparative Religions

IT HAS become quite popular among those who pride themselves on being liberal and modernistic to confine their interest in religion to the study of comparative religions. To them this study has come to mean, not the comparison of the virtues of the Christian religion with the virtues of other re-

ligions, to the advantage of the former; nor even the comparison of Christianity with other systems with the objective of finding the best to accept; but it is wholly a study of the good and bad in all religions without any personal acceptance of any. It is an entirely intellectual process, and amounts to a sort of dead-leveling of all religious belief and practice. It spells the death of all faith, and the abandonment of all hope in religion as a potent factor in human behavior.

So the modernist concludes that, since he sees good and bad in all doctrinal beliefs, Christianity included, one is just as good, or bad, as another, and therefore a mild and moral atheism isn't so far wrong after all. The whole trouble comes from an entirely wrong understanding of the essence of Christianity. And fewer and fewer of professed Christians really know their own religion.

The so-called heathen religions have many truths and teachings which are identical with, or just as good as, those of Christianity. And in practice of his religion many a non-Christian is as sincere and virtuous as any Christian could possibly be. The difference lies alone in the saving power of Christ in Christianity, and the entire absence of it, or anything like it, in the other religions. And the reason why any Christian sees other religions just as good as his own is because he has never experienced, and therefore does not believe in, the atoning and saving power of Christ in his own life. Invariably the modernist is not a converted Christian, in the Bible sense.

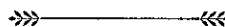
Christianity is not to be compared with other religions, but contrasted. It is an exclusive religion; because it is the only religion that saves. If it is not all this, it is the greatest and most fiendish imposture the world has ever known.

Compare the good and bad in peoples, in nations, in friends, in foods, in systems, even in other religions. But leave Christianity out of such comparisons. As well compare truth and falsehood, virtue and vice, heaven and hell, to find both good and bad in both, as to compare the Christ religion with any other. For its uniqueness inheres in its salvation.

We appeal from the study of comparative religions to the acceptance of the incomparable religion—the gospel of salvation from sin, through Christ.



Typical of Cuban disorders: after the mob sacked the president's palace.

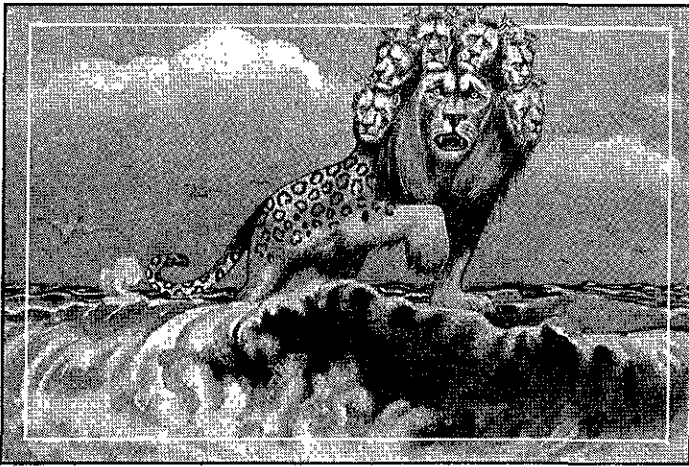


NRA is NOT



THE MARK of the BEAST

By
Walter P. McLennan



The leopard beast with the seven heads.

NOTHING today so grips the American mind as does the NRA. Wherever we look, it is in evidence. The papers are full of it. Business houses, with few exceptions, display their allegiance to it, and it is being discussed on every hand. When we stop to think of what it stands for, we should not at all be surprised. The needs of our country, and of the world today, demand that something be done, and done quickly, to relieve a situation that is appalling. We are facing the wreck of civilization.

The NRA stands for a sincere effort on the part of our president and his associates to relieve the present situation, by making it possible for millions of the unemployed to return to work in contentment. Such a worthy objective is deserving of our hearty support, even though we may not agree with all the details of its accomplishment.

But the great deceiver stands ever ready to thwart every effort to help humanity, and also to cast disrepute, if possible, upon the prophetic statements of Holy Writ. He is exceedingly anxious to becloud great issues, and to lead us so to interpret prophecy as to cause people to look upon it as something that is no more reliable than the Delphic utterances.

A striking illustration of this method of deception has just come to my at-

tention in an editorial in our local paper, under the caption, "The Blue Eagle and Prophecy." The editor states: "We understand that there is a religious organization that is in opposition to the Blue Eagle, and declares it to be the 'mark of the beast' described in Revelation 13, without which no man could buy or sell, 'save he that had the mark.' The people referred to are also making use of Ezekiel 17: 1-6 in this connection."

Such an interpretation of these prophecies is exceedingly unfortunate, to say the least. While we should ever grant freedom in the interpretation of prophecy, we should, as friends of the Bible, be exceedingly careful not to place fanciful interpretations upon the word of God, for the simple reason that it does untold damage to the Book and the truth we claim to love.

NO CAUSE FOR MISTAKE

It seems strange that anyone would so interpret Ezekiel 17: 1-6, as to apply it to "The Blue Eagle," when the chapter itself contains such a clear explanation in verses 11-21. That the first eagle represents Babylon is perfectly clear to anyone who would come to this chapter for information rather than for confirmation. The second eagle represents Egypt. The whole is a prophecy of the last days of the kingdom of Judah.

But let us come to a study of the term, "the mark of the beast." This ex-

pression is found in only one book of the Bible, "The Revelation." It is referred to in six chapters of that book, as evidenced by the following references: Revelation 13: 16, 17; 14: 9, 11; 15: 2; 16: 2; 19: 20; 20: 4.

In order to determine definitely the meaning of this expression, it becomes necessary first to learn the meaning of the term, "the beast." Verses five, six, and eighteen, of the thirteenth chapter of Revelation reveal certain characteristics and facts that enable us to locate the power here spoken of as "the beast." These characteristics when compared with those of the little-horn power of Daniel 7: 25 (which power is conceded by outstanding Protestant commentators to refer to the papacy) strikingly identify it as being the same power.

Let us briefly notice these characteristics and facts. First: this power was to speak great things and blasphemies. Many quotations from authoritative sources might be given to show the fulfillment of this prediction, but I will give but one: "All names which in the Scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that He is over the church, all the same names are applied to the pope."—*Cardinal Bellarmine, "On the Authority of the Councils." Vol. II, page 17.*

Second: This power was to "make war with the saints, and to overcome them." William Edward Hartpole Lecky in "History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe," says: "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood

than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history. The memorials, indeed, of many of her persecutions are now so scanty that it is impossible to form a complete conception of the multitude of her victims, and it is quite certain that no powers of imagination can adequately realize their sufferings."—*Vol. II, p. 32.*

THE DATES ESTABLISHED

Of Mr. Lecky's ability as a historian, Cardinal Gibbons said: "I have regarded Mr. Lecky as an author of sober and dispassionate mind, as well as of distinguished ability."—*The Tablet* (London), Dec. 2, 1899, p. 896.

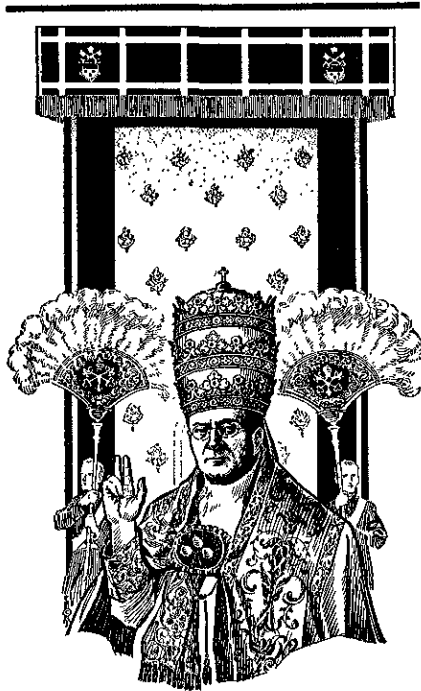
"The church has persecuted. Only a tery in church history will deny that. . . . We have always defended the persecution of the Huguenots, and the Spanish Inquisition. . . . When she thinks it good to use physical force, she will use it."—*The Western Watchman* (Roman Catholic), Dec. 24, 1908.

Third: This power was "to continue forty and two months." It is well understood that a day in symbolic prophecy stands for a year. (See Numbers 14: 34; Ezekiel 4: 6.) The Middle Ages, roughly speaking, are the age of the papacy. George Finlay, in his "Greece under the Romans," p. 295, says: "With the conquest of Rome by Belisarius, the history of the ancient city may be considered as terminating; and with his defense against Witiges (A.D. 538), commences the history of the Middle Ages."

According to Dr. Philip Schaff, in his "History of the Christian Church," Vol. 3, p. 327, "Vigilius ascended the papal chair under the military protection of Belisarius at that very time [A.D. 538]." And in "Medieval Europe," by Belmont and Monod, p. 120, we read: "Down to the sixth century all popes are declared saints in the martyrologies. Vigilius is the first of a series of popes who no longer bear this title. . . . From this time on, the popes, more and more involved in worldly events, no longer belong solely to the church; they are men of the state, and then rulers of the state."

Beginning, then, in A.D. 538, the 1260 days, or years, would bring us to 1798, in which year the papal head was taken a prisoner by the French and cast into prison in Valence, France, where he died. Indeed, a deadly wound had been inflicted upon this mighty religious-political power.

Fourth: We are told that this power has a number; that it is the number of a



The pope of Rome with his triple crown

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666	

man; that it is the number of his name; and that the number is 666. How natural it is for us to expect to find that number connected with the man who

stands at the head of that power! And in a name that has to do with his official capacity! When the cardinal imposes the tiara at the coronation of the pope, he uses the words, "Vicarius Filii Dei." These words represent his official title or name and mean in English, "Vicar of the Son of God." In Latin there are no figures, but letters have the meaning of figures. As shown in the diagram elsewhere on this page, when we give the name its numerical value, we have exactly 666.

Having located the "beast" power, we ask the question, What is the mark of that power? In reply to a letter of Oct. 28, 1895, to Cardinal Gibbons, asking if the Church claimed the change of the Sabbath as her mark, the following was received: "Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. . . . And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters."—*C. F. Thomas, Chancellor.*

COUNTERFEIT OF GOD'S SEAL

In setting forth a day as the mark of her power, the Catholic Church has actually counterfeited the sign of God's power. According to Acts 14: 15, Paul and Barnabas cried out to the people of Lystra, who wanted to worship them: "We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein." What then distinguished the true God? Creative power. He created heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are therein. And what did He designate as the memorial of that power? "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . 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. Thus we see that the Sabbath question is not a matter of days, but of gods. The seventh-day Sabbath is the sign of the true God. In Ezekiel 20: 20, God tells us that the Sabbath is a sign between Him and His people, "that ye may know that I am the Lord your God."

So we see that not the NRA but the Sunday institution is "the mark of the beast." Let us give heed to the warning message in Revelation 14: 9-12. And may we remember the words of John Wesley, who said of the messages of Revelation 14: "Happy are they who make the right use of these divine messages."—*Notes on the New Testament, on Revelation 14.*

IS CHRISTIANITY JEWISH?



The true relation between these two great religious Systems.

By
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THE idea is growing in popular belief that Christ was an anti-Semite. It is alleged that the Saviour was absolutely opposed to Judaism, that Christianity did not rise from Judaism; but rather Jesus Christ died on the cross fighting Judaism. These statements raise anew the whole question of the relation between Judaism and Christianity. Was Christ a Jew? What is it to be a Jew? Is Judaism a religion or a nationality,—or a race?

I know of no better authority than that of Jesus Christ himself as to whether or not Christianity is Jewish. In His conversation with a woman of Samaria, He stated very decidedly: "Salvation is of the Jews." John 4: 22.

Abraham, recognized by all Biblical authorities, is called the father of the Jews. Of this same Abraham, Paul said: "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen

through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." Galatians 3: 8. It was the same gospel that we believe that was preached back there to this man of God, and it is a certainty that Abraham was a Jew.

And again in verse twenty-nine Paul says: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; . . . but he is a Jew which is one inwardly." Romans 2: 28, 29.

Look at another statement from the man whom God had called in a special manner to preach the gospel unto those of other nationalities:

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the

covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen." Romans 9: 3-5.

Paul also stated that if any man preach any other gospel let him be accursed. (Galatians 1: 9.) His theme was to call all, both Jew and Gentile, to repentance, and he constantly looked forward to the time when God would redeem the remnant of Israel, uniting Jew and Gentile into the parent stock, as brought to view in his discourse as recorded in Romans 11.

ONLY JEWS SAVED

There is another phase of this subject, and that is the writers of the books of the New Testament. Were they not Jews? Did they not continue in the same gospel? And although they turned away from those things that were done away under the ceremonial laws of the nation, still they were Jews in the fullest sense of the term, and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude for the recording of the works of Jesus, the Acts of the Apostles in the early churches, and the letters of instruction as well as the greatest prophetic book in the Holy Bible, the Apocalypse.

Yes, and may I carry you a step farther? Those who are saved in the kingdom of God will have to enter a city, a New Jerusalem, whose gates are named after the twelve Jewish tribes of ancient Israel; the city has for its foundation stones upon which are engraved the names of the twelve apostles—Jewish names, if you please. (See Revelation 21.) The saved will do more than that. They will keep what many persons today call the "Jewish Sabbath," the seventh day of the week instead of the first. "It shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 66: 23.

It is not the fleshly Jew of whom God speaks; it is the true Jew who has superseded the Israel of old. It is the spiritual Israel, who, together with the Jews of the flesh that have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, shall inherit the promise made to Abraham.

Yes; "salvation is of the Jews."

—
Jews from all over the world get together at the Zionist Congress, Prague, Czechoslovakia.



Saint PETER'S RELIGION

IO PETER starts out to find other churches. He enters one and notices a man in white vesture, and sees a man and a woman with an infant standing there. The minister pours water on the baby's head, and says: "I baptize thee. . . ."

Peter remarks to his guide: "He isn't baptizing. He didn't tell the truth. He just poured water on his head."

"Oh, that is the way we do it now!" replies the guide.

Peter replies: "We ought to obey Jesus. He went down into the water when He was baptized, and we must follow His steps down into the water."

Peter goes on to another church.

They are holding a funeral at this church, and the minister tells the people that the dead man is in glory now.

"Surely that preacher must not have read my epistle much," says Peter. "I wrote, 'When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.' They are wrong here. I can't stay," remarks Peter.

Peter goes on and hears a revivalist declare: "You will go right straight down to a fiery place where you will suffer in hell fire forever."

Peter says: "I wonder if he ever read *this*: 'And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.' [2 Peter 2: 6.] And also: 'The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.' [V. 9.] Why," says Peter, "I told them in the third chapter and the seventh verse about that. 'Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.'" Peter goes out sorrowfully.

MODERNISM FOUND WANTING

He goes where they are having certain services for Lent. "Why, when I was an apostle here on earth, the pagans had a feast like that. Do they actually hold that forty-day pagan festival?"

"Oh, yes," says the guide. "The children have an egg-rolling contest."

"What connection has an egg-rolling contest with Jesus Christ? Why, it is just the old symbol of paganism! I think they should be ashamed to bring that in."

What church would he attend if he were here today?

PART III

By
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They enter another church. This preacher is a modernist. He says Jesus was a great, good man—but *only a man*. "Why, something is very much wrong here!" says Peter. "I distinctly said, He is 'both LORD and Christ.' *Not a mere man. He is divine.*"

Then this minister says there is nothing in the Bible that predicts, or foretells, and that it was written by mere men. But Peter reads 2 Peter 1: 21: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."



Peter and Christ at the feet washing.

"And all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.' 'Foretold'—that means 'told before.' Surely that is prediction. Oh, yes!" says Peter, "he is wrong there."

Then the modernist goes on to talk about evolution and denies the Flood.

"Why, I wrote over here in 2 Peter 3: 5-7: 'For this they *willingly are ignorant of*, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.' This is a *sign of the last days*," adds Peter. "These men deny the Flood, they do not like to recognize the Creator as revealed in nature, nor the Sabbath as the weekly memorial of that creative power."

ALMOST HOPELESS SEARCH

Peter wonders what is wrong with the churches. He looks for a church that preaches the gospel. So early Saturday morning he starts out looking for a church service. He comes to a church, but it is closed. He goes a little farther and sees a man mowing the lawn in front of another church. He asks him: "Why isn't there church service here today?"

"Oh, yes, there is church, but not today."

"But this is the seventh day of the week."

"Oh," says the man, "you must be one of those Seventh-day Adventists,—those people who keep Saturday for Sunday."

"Why, no! I keep Sabbath for 'Sabbath.' I don't keep anything for Sunday," declares Peter. "Why did the church change the Sabbath? I didn't change it," asks Peter.

"Well, the church thought it was all right to do it."

"They had no right to do it," says Peter. "Jesus Christ put everything in the church, and everything will stay there till God puts it out."

"The Roman Catholic Church changed it; that is all," said the man. "I am Peter; you say I was the first

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WNE is struck now-a-days by the continual excuses for war that we find in current newspapers, magazines, and lectures. Wars of the past, wars of the present, predicted wars of the future are being carefully examined, weighed, and found *reasonable!*

There can be no doubt that the world expects another war. Statesmen predict it, diplomats warn of it, and military authorities urge that we prepare for it. Even these various excuses that are being brought forward seem to be a mild sort of preparation—the soothing of mind before the actual commission of a crime.

All explanations of war might be summed up in the two words—territorial expansion. The “growing pains” of a nation are always considered as a good reason for leading it into the fields of international murder.

Such an explanation is a throwback to yesterday when there might have been reason in such an excuse—if there has ever been an excuse for murder. When so many of the nations were merely nomadic hordes, there seems to have been no other way for them to enrich themselves save by spoiling their more fortunately situated brethren. Likewise established nations found it impossible to keep their hard-won territory or to enlarge its borders without resorting to the test of armed strength upon the “field of honor.”

Today these hackneyed excuses are being paraded again, and there is no book that I have ever read upon the so-called World War of 1914-1919 which did not open with a long chain of reasons why the nations went to war, which could be expressed in two words—territorial expansion. Shorter routes to the sea, open ports in the winter, an opportunity to enjoy, without tribute, the commerce of the world—what else do these terms lead us to if not back to the original thought?

CAUSE OF WAR

¶ Yet I would offer our nations a more fitting excuse for war, if they seek an excuse; and a sure remedy for war, if they seek a remedy.

To explain the cause of war we need not go into the depths of statesmanship, the fields of diplomacy, nor the armed camp of the military nation. The spirit that causes war is shown all about us today wherever women quarrel over a back-yard fence, wherever men fight with their fists, wherever little boys scratch and bite, yes, wherever the babe in the cradle glowers and waves its chubby fists. “From whence come



Pistol practice for the war game.

Sowing DRAGON'S TEETH

that will bring forth a
mighty harvest of
warriors for Ar-
mageddon



By
Captain
Arthur L. Smith

wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.” James 4: 1, 2.

Inspiration could give us no better cause of war. In these two short verses of Scripture are embodied every reason, every cause, and every “excuse” for war that has existed since angry Cain slew his righteous brother, down to the last great battle of Armageddon. The lust to have, covetousness, selfishness, and the ingrained internal trouble of sin-born man are the causes back of the territorial expansion of the nations.

There is a pagan legend that a hero s'ew a dragon and sowed his teeth abroad. Out of the ground, from those teeth, came a host of warriors so fierce that even the hero trembled, and his only way of escape was to throw a stone among them; whereupon they began to slay one another.

CURE FOR WAR

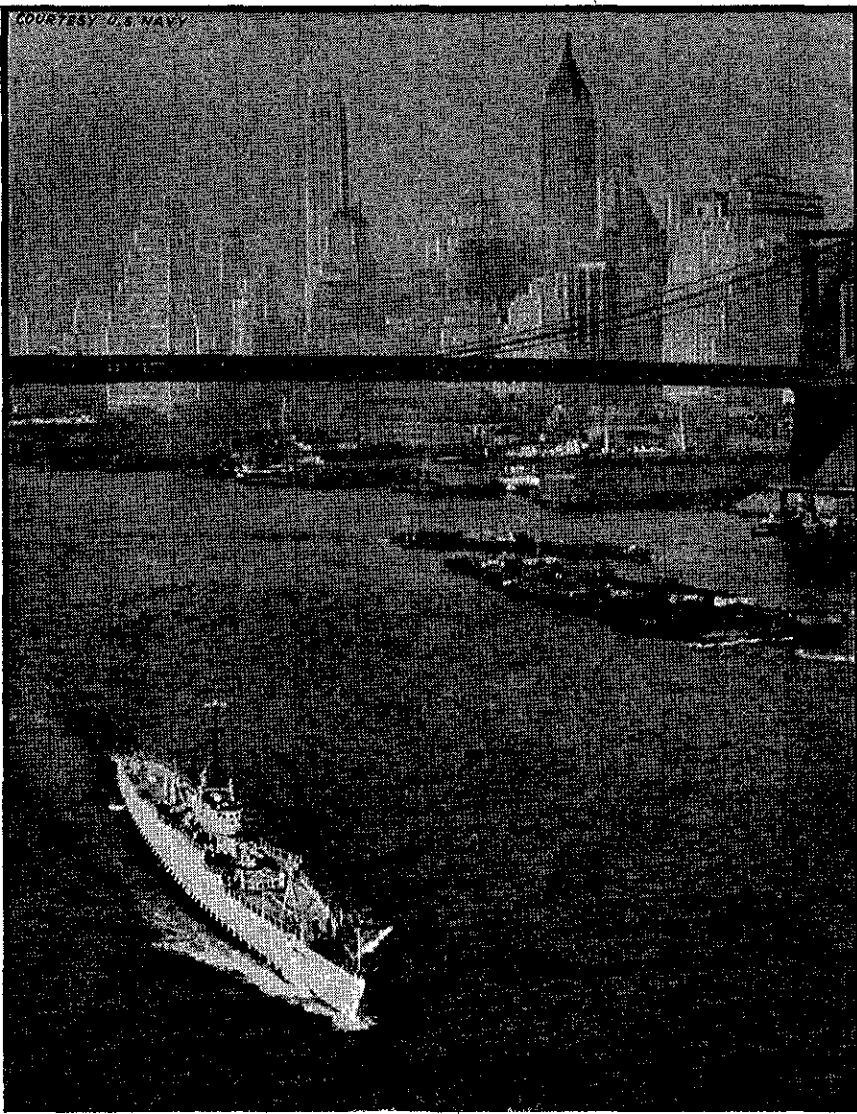
¶ We have continually done the same; for we have no sooner slain the dragon of one great war than through preparation, education, and excuses we begin to sow his teeth abroad, and soon have raised a great military force which can be destroyed only by armed battle.

Of late the lusts within men have increased and not diminished. No sane man can read the newspaper accounts day after day and not see in the rapes, murders, suicides, and other crimes an increasing tendency to do evil. Evil men and seducers, even as foretold in 2 Timothy 3: 13, are waxing worse and thus *spiritually* we are approaching the greatest war of all time. When war is renewed after this brief armistice, God pity the world; for the fiercest men of all time, armed with destructive weapons of the most terrible form will spread themselves abroad, with lust their only excuse and murder their only “god.”

I have outlined the cause. A child should be able to understand the remedy. The world's only chance for peace lies in the eradication of war, converting the heart of the individual, drawing the dragon's teeth.

The Scriptures teach of war down to the end of time; but even if the prediction of Revelation 19 had not been written, and the matter had been left open to speculation, we could not, in view of the reason given by James, look about us and not agree that we are, even now, rushing toward another red dawn when the horizons shall belch living flame and men shall die amid the horrid ruin of war.

But it is a blessing to know that beyond lies heaven and the new earth, forever the home of Jesus — Prince of Peace.



T H I N G

portant person in the world will have a bodyguard to protect him from kidnapers.

There will be one more Great War. This will be the last one that the world will experience, the author positively declares. It will start in the year 1940, when a trifling misunderstanding between a Polish Jew and a Nazi loose the dogs of war. The world plunges into ten years of bloodshed which eventually ends because pestilence, famine, revolution, and dire exhaustion are the result.

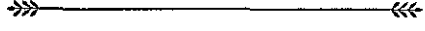
In 1950 many of the modern necessities of life will have passed from use, and life will be hard. There will be no electricity, no automobiles, no tobacco. New York City will be abandoned as a dangerous place to live because of the instability of the huge, dilapidated skyscrapers, that are uninhabited. In 1955 an epidemic of maculated fever, known only today to exist among captive baboons, will kill half the world's population and strike fear to the hearts of the survivors.

A FEARFUL JEREMIAD

Is this not a dismal picture, a fearful Jeremiad, of coming events for a world already in despair in 1933? Wells presents his only picture of hope as fifty years hence—long after the majority of human beings now living will have died. In the year 1990 he pictures the coming of a "World State" with an "Air Dictatorship." This is his idea of a Utopia. Five decades of crime, slaughter, famine, pestilence, and disease are what the author predicts for human beings whom he believes have risen through millions of years of evolutionary process. He imagines that suddenly these weak and puny creatures that he depicts will gain super-human intelligence in themselves and in 1990 will build the "World State" with peace, health, and happiness.

Surely this English man of letters does not expect himself to be taken seriously. He has evidently intended to write a thought-provoking book, but it has a fairy-tale conclusion. How will it be possible for man to establish his Utopian dream within fifty years when he has not been able to do so in past millenniums? The outline that H. G. Wells

What changes will come to the metropolitan area of New York during the next fifty years? Men think they know. God knows and has revealed much of the future in the Bible.



DEERING into the future for rays of hope or clouds of despair, man has ever longed to know what the coming events will have in store for him. What will the next ten, twenty, or fifty years produce in this chaotic and disquieted old world? Is calamity or Utopia just beyond the horizon of coming decades? H. G. Wells, author and lecturer, has endeavored to imagine the outline of world events in several of his books; but in his current volume, "The Shape of Things to Come," he has vividly portrayed the disasters and dreams that he prophesies the world will experience before the year 2000 A.D.

Author Wells has always been a perfectionist as well as an evolutionist. He has constantly set forth the philosophy that man is developing from a primitive animal into a god. He has always held that the human race would eventually develop an ideal state in this earth by his sheer intelligence and experience. But in "The Shape of Things to Come" the Englishman has lost some of the optimism of previous years. Before the world will get better he declares that it must become much worse in social, physical, and political situations.

Prophet Wells imagines that the years 1935 and 1937 will bring another worldwide influenza epidemic that will slaughter millions of human beings. Preparations for war in an age that he calls the "age of insecurity" will become so marked that gas masks, metal hats, and epaulets will be the daily fashion of clothing. By 1940 crimes will become so rampant that every im-

S to COME

WELLS, noted English author, precasts in his most recently published book just what their "shape" will be. The world has a "more sure word prophecy" than his. What IS coming in the near future? That is the question.

By MERLIN L. NEFF

has produced from his fertile imagination has its thoughtful sections. Humanity is plunging rapidly into deeper crime, iniquity, and hatreds that will lead to another international debacle. We are truly living in an "age of insecurity." Disease and pestilence are the slaughter-weapons of death. But where is the hope of salvation?

Author Wells could have found a safe and sure foundation to base the solution for the sin and evils he depicts had he turned to the word of God. The Bible plainly depicts the collapse of humanity in the final scenes of earth's drama. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3: 1. Iniquity shall abound, men's hearts shall fail them for fear, while wars and rumors of wars will sweep a tottering world. Authors of books cannot depict too vividly the conditions that this earth has yet to experience. The seven last plagues with their-torments to the workers of iniquity are yet to fall on a sin-loving multitude.

A SAVIOUR PROVIDED

But why must these things exist, and what is the cause of the fearful conditions that the world must pass through? The answer is found in the Bible. Sin is the disease that has brought all of the evils upon mankind. Selfishness, lust, and avarice, and the rejection of God have brought men to the extremes they face today. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6: 23. Man is collecting, and will continue to collect, the wages for sin until all sin and sinners shall be destroyed. The remedy may be found only in Jesus Christ. "Thou shalt call His

name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Matthew 1: 21.

While H. G. Wells dreams of a future World State perfected by man, his own "Outline of History" should tell him that such a dream can never be realized by humanity in itself. From the experience at the Tower of Babel until the year 1933 A.D., man has hoped to develop an ideal state, but the course of history shows the shattered remains of all such endeavors. The World State can never exist as long as man lives in this present world of sin.

But there is a World State depicted in the Bible that exceeds all of the imaginary shapes that men may conjure. Far beyond the power of any human novelist to conceive, it is vividly described by the apostle John, however, in the book of Revelation. "He carried me away in the spirit," he writes, "to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal." Revelation 21: 10, 11.

The twenty-first chapter of Revelation gives a minute description of the heavenly city. Its streets are pure gold,

its walls are transparent, its twelve gates are twelve pearls. There will be no crimes, no time of "insecurity," in that city; for "the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." V. 25.

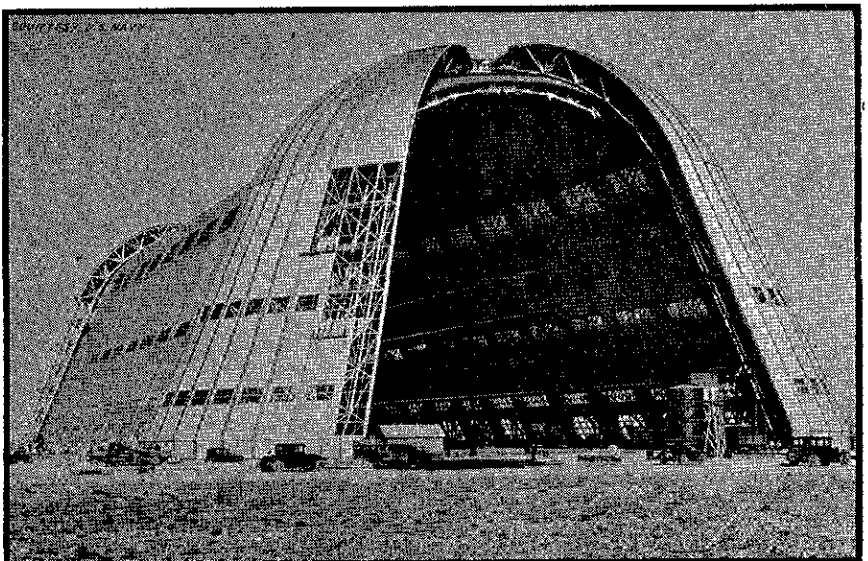
Pestilence shall be wiped out forever, and "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." This is not an imaginary picture, for the next verse continues, "And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21: 4, 5. Here is a book that we may base our faith upon and know that its picture of the future is true.

PROTECTION ASSURED

And what of the fearful scenes that shall sweep over the world before the second coming of Christ that shall usher in this ideal state? Is there any protection from the pestilences, the famine, the crime and bloodshed? H. G. Wells sees the entire earth tottering on the brink of the abyss. God's word assures the Christian of precious protection—life insurance, if you please—when the catastrophes come. "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

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Enormous airship hangar recently completed at Sunnyvale, California, future home of the "Macon." The present promises great progress in air travel.

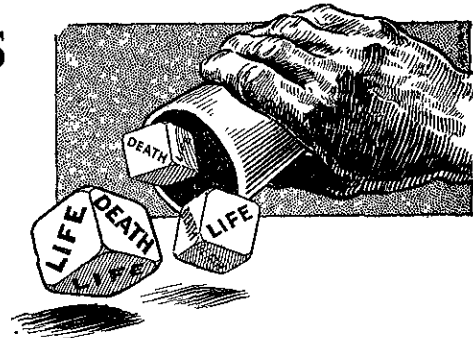




WILL MEN'S SOULS Live Forever?

(Continued from last month)

By Asa T.
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WHEN man believed Satan's lie: "Thou shalt not surely die," and partook of the forbidden fruit, there began immediately to be executed upon him the sentence: "Dying, thou shalt die." (Genesis 2:17, margin.) Being separated from the tree of life, he did not become an immortal sinner.

That life which was lost through the fall could not be regained through the first Adam. Having, through yielding to temptation, cut himself off from the life of God,—having become mortal,—he could transmit to his posterity only a mortal, dying nature. Only by being "born again" (John 3:3) could man be restored to spiritual life. Since this new birth could not come through the first Adam, we read: "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." 1 Corinthians 15:45.

Christ came "to seek and save that which was lost." One of the things that was lost through sin was "life," in the sense in which that term is used in "He that hath the Son hath life." We are admonished to "seek for glory and honor and immortality." (Romans 2:7.) To man, in the beginning, was given life and the opportunity of attaining to immortality. Having lost life, he also lost the opportunity of gaining immortality.

IMMORTALITY TO BE SOUGHT

Some years ago men made the long and difficult trip to California to seek for gold, because gold had there been brought to light. If we are to seek for the life and immortality that was lost, we must first know where it has been brought to light. We are not left in the dark concerning this matter. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, we read: "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." 2 Timothy 1:10.

That life which was lost in Eden, through the death of the first Adam, has been restored to man through the death and resurrection of the last Adam. "Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death [not from dying], and was heard in that He feared." Hebrews 5:7. Note, He did not pray to be saved from dying on the cross, but from eternal death.

"In that He feared"—bowed beneath the weight of the sins of a lost world, the Father's face hidden from Him, the awful fear stealing into His soul that even the supreme sacrifice that He was about to make might not satisfy the demands of justice, the prayer was wrung from His breaking heart, and uttered by His sinless lips, to be saved from death. That prayer, with its answer of life from the dead for Himself and all His followers, was beautifully and prophetically referred to by the Psalmist, in these words:

"Thou hast given Him His heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of His lips. . . . He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it Him, even length of days forever and ever." Psalm 21:2, 4.

That life of God, given to man in Eden, lost through the fall of the Eden dwellers, and restored through the last Adam, is the free gift of God to every one who accepts of Jesus Christ as his Saviour. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

That eternal life, restored to man through Christ, is to be lived by man in this mortal state, as declared by the apostle: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life [the recovered life] which I now live in the flesh I live

by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

Thus the words quoted from 1 John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life," are translated into actual experience by the true follower of Christ.

There is an idea that prevails extensively, heralded from the thousands of Christian pulpits throughout the land, that man is in possession of an immortal, undying entity; that the Creator imparted to man some portion of Himself that can never be destroyed; and, therefore, every person who has ever lived in this world, is destined to exist to all eternity, either in eternal bliss, or eternal woe and misery.

ONLY GOD HAS IMMORTALITY

One would gain the impression from present-day hymnology that the term "immortal," as applied to man, must be of very frequent occurrence in the Scriptures. But the fact is that the word "immortal" is found but once between the two lids of the sacred volume. It is there applied to "the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God." 1 Timothy 1:17. In 1 Timothy 6:16, it is expressly stated that God is the only being who has inherent immortality.

Aside from the passages already quoted in this article, the word "immortality" occurs but three times; namely, in 1 Corinthians 15:53, 54, where it speaks of the time when "this mortal must put on immortality"; and in 2 Timothy 1:10, where it is declared that "life and immortality" have been "brought to light through the gospel." The word "mortal" is found in the Bible six times; it is always applied to man in his present state: Job 4:17; Romans 6:12; 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:53, 54; 2 Corinthians 4:11. The word "mortality" occurs but once in the Bible (2 Corinthians 5:4), and there it anticipates

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~ Just What the Bible Says ~

Will Men's Souls Burn Forever?

1. What punishment follows sin?
"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."
Ezekiel 18: 4.
2. By what means will this death sentence on sinners be executed?
"Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20: 9.
3. Will there be any escape from this fire?

"They shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against Me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched." Isaiah 66: 24.

4. To what state will the burning sinners be reduced?

"Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. . . . And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4: 1, 3.

5. Will they exist forever in this fire?
"They shall be as though they had not been," Obadiah 16. "The enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." Psalm 37: 20.

6. Will there be a place of torment lasting throughout eternity?

"For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be." Psalm 37: 10.

7. Following this fire that consumes the wicked from the earth, what is promised?

Will Men's Souls Live Forever?

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that glorious day when mortality shall be "swallowed up of life."

In the face of all these plain Scripture statements to the contrary, what excuse remains for perpetuating that old lie, started by the father of lies, in Eden,— "Thou shalt not surely die"?

We repeat once more, in conclusion, the statement in which the blessed gospel of the Son of God, is summed up: "He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

"We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3: 13.

8. Will there be any lost souls in these new heavens and earth, blaspheming God from hell?

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." Revelation 5: 13.

SCRIPTURE PROBLEMS SOLVED

This is a service department where questions on religion, ethics, and Bible interpretation will be answered. Send questions to the editor.

GOOD MEN'S SINS

If the ancient writers are to be examples to us, why does the Bible recite at such great length and detail their evil deeds?

Examples may be negative as well as positive. We must often be shown what not to do as well as what to do. Certain ancient men and women were examples of faith (Hebrews 11) and the power and love of God to save men in spite of their sins, rather than specimens of perfect living. God paints a man just as he is, not some ideal automaton. If the Bible had recorded only the good that men did, we would be discouraged with ourselves and give up in despair; for we would be led to believe that these men never sinned and so did not have the handicaps of sin which we have; and we know that we sin. The Record shows good and its results, and evil and its results, in order to induce us to choose the good. Note, however, that evil is always condemned, and good commended. David is not held up as an example in his sinning, but in his confession of his sins.

ADVENTISTS IN COMMUNITIES

Why do not Seventh-day Adventists live together in communities according to the early Christian teaching?

Perhaps Seventh-day Adventists live too much in communities as it is; but they are not heeding fully the Lord's command if they do. He said: "Go ye into all the world," which means a scattering out. Early Christian teach-

9. Will there be any traces of sin left to mar the joy and perfection of the universe in eternity?

"What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." Nahum 1: 9.

10. What illustration has the Lord given of the destruction of sinners by a fire that was not quenched till its fuel was annihilated?

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, . . . are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 7. "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that should after live ungodly." 2 Peter 2: 6.

ing does not encourage community living. The one place where the Christians "had all things in common" was at Jerusalem in the first church, but they were forced to this by necessity. Later they scattered everywhere (sometimes forced to do so by persecution) and proclaimed the gospel. The very salvation and perpetuation of Christianity lay in wide separation of the believers to disseminate the Word, rather than living in communities. Paul's labors and travels exemplified the attitude of the believers; and when they did finally begin to settle in communities, the missionary spirit, and so the very life, of the church was lost.

THIS GENERATION

Please explain Matthew 24: 34: "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

"These things" refer no doubt to the signs of Christ's second advent mentioned in the previous verses 29-31. This generation must refer to the generation of people who see these wonders as signs of Christ's advent. The world's attention was first called to these signs as harbingers of the advent about the fifth decade of the last century. We understand that the last man of that generation will not die till Christ appears in the clouds of heaven. We take this by faith that, if necessary to finish His work, God can prolong the lives of some in "this generation" till all be fulfilled, even as He did the life of Methuselah to the year of the Flood.



Skilled doctors and nurses ever alert to stay the ravages of disease

THE worst epidemic of sleeping sickness, or epidemic encephalitis, that has yet occurred in the United States has recently been active in and around the city of St. Louis. Up to September 9, the deaths reported had numbered 103.

This apparently new disease was first discovered shortly after the close of the World War, and has been somewhat worse in countries outside of the United States. It has been a little more fatal than infantile paralysis, according to the reports of the surgeon general of the United States. Usually occurring in winter or early spring, this present epidemic has occurred in the summer and has differed also in attacking older persons instead of youth.

In general the symptoms for which one might be on the lookout as common to the disease are fever with vomiting, constipation or diarrhea, with tendency toward apathetic expression, stupor, coma, or delirium. Frequently there is a moderately stiff neck, with headache, which is often the most pronounced symptom. Many cases show pain in the abdomen or legs; in severe cases tremor and semi-rigidity are more common. Paralysis of half the body, usually temporary, is not uncommon. The fever may last only a few days. Mild cases, thus far, seem to recover quite fully, although it is yet too early to know what the remote effects will be.

The time elapsing between getting the infection and the symptoms is thought to be between five and twelve days, the onset generally being rather rapid. Around St. Louis, the infection is more

common in the outlying districts than in the heart of the city, suggesting that insects may play a part in transmitting the virus. It is said that neither milk nor water are factors in spreading the disease. The present battle waging around St. Louis has drawn a host of research workers to the scene. Already they are picking up some points which may be of value, such as discovering that it is caused by a filterable virus; and it is to be hoped that they may isolate the germ and find also a more certain means of prevention and cure. At the present time, since the micro-organism and its characteristics are not known, the best way to avoid the disease is for individuals to endeavor to keep their general health at the highest possible level. This would include the getting of plenty of sleep, avoiding overfatigue and exhaustion, spending as much time in the fresh air and sunshine as possible; the careful selection of food, which would include the free use of fruits and vegetables which favor elimination; and other well-known hygienic means and measures.

MEDICAL SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Q That the struggle for existence is becoming more precarious on our poor old planet there can be no doubt. Just when we had about conquered the black plague, when yellow fever had lost its terrors, and typhoid had diminished to a very low level, so simple a thing as influenza suddenly assumed a degree of virulence that wiped out 20,000,000 persons in ninety days, traveling around the world in a short space of time. Following closely on the

SLEEPING SICKNESS

{ An authoritative analysis of an epidemic which threatens America }

By OWEN S. PARRET,
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heels of the World War, it claimed nearly three times as many fatalities in three months as the war did in four years, and goes down in history as the world's most fatal epidemic.

Sitting as a man on the Mount of Olives two thousand years ago, the Creator of this world disclosed to a few of His closest associates the world conditions and special signs that would immediately precede His return as a king to take His kingdom. Within the life of a youth not yet aged twenty-one have occurred the greatest earthquakes, the most terrible famine, the greatest war, the worst flood, and the most fatal pestilence that has occurred within the history of man, and these were among the outstanding signs that Christ gave as evidence of His near return. Almost frantically men are trying to save themselves. They turn to peace societies. They parade, they sign petitions, and finally after working sentiment up to a pitch which ripens into the greatest peace conference of all history, they hurry home from this same conference feverishly to engage in spending and equipping for war far beyond their financial ability. We may turn to education for succor, but the product is disappointing and lacking in character. Industrial giants and inventive geniuses promise every man wealth and leisure, but in trying to deliver, they rob 11,000,000 workers of their one chance even to earn their daily bread. We have had sixteen depressions in our country, but Dr. Charles Mayo calls this one "the predicament we are in," and adds that it is a flood for which we need an ark. Congress has entirely loosed the hands of our president that he may construct such an ark. The people are hopeful and co-operating, but the problem is not yet settled.

Turning to our medical scientists, what have they done for us? Have they not increased the span of life nearly twenty years? Have they not eliminated much of the hazard of epidemics and given us sanitation and pure food laws? With due credit to all that has been accomplished, we say the truth when we confess that we have not added a single day to the span of life. Fewer people reach the age of sixty years today than ever in the history of our country in proportion to the population. We have indeed saved many weakling babies and even some healthy ones from an early death to make our records

look better, but degenerative diseases are increasing by leaps and bounds. Cancer has increased five hundred per cent in fifty years; diabetes four hundred per cent in the same period; high blood pressure is increasing faster than either one of these mentioned, while heart disease increased in Chicago in 1931 fifteen per cent over the previous year and now heads all other diseases as the cause of death.

MEDICINE FOR A SICK WORLD

¶Where are we heading and why? And what is to be the end of it all? Christ said that men shall not live by

bread only. The world has much excess wheat, yet today millions are starving. We have knowledge sufficient to make the world a Utopia, with every man sitting in safety under his own vine and fig tree. In medicine we already know enough to stop ninety per cent of diseases within a year. Why do not we do it, then? That is the sad part of it all. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Man's failure is not head failure, it is heart failure. Christ put in all His time changing men's hearts, knowing the head would take care of itself. Our modern world has
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? The DOCTOR REPLIES TO HEALTH QUERIES ?

Medical and hygienic information of interest to the general reader is given here by a practicing physician. Inquirers may address the editor.

NEURITIS FOLLOWING BROKEN LEG

I had my leg broken a year ago, between the knee and hip, and had a weight on the leg for ten weeks. Now the leg is shorter, and I have a swelling in the knee which aches terribly, especially at night. Also have a pain in my back. What can you suggest as a remedy for this condition? A. F. M.

You have a neuritis in your knee and back, and need treatment for it. A heating compress applied to the knee each night following a good round of fomentations would give you a good deal of relief. A heating pad to the place in the back will also give relief. If you do not get relief from these measures, better go to a physician, and get treatment for the neuritis.

SPRAINED SHOULDER

Two years ago I sprained my right shoulder, and since then I have been greatly troubled with stiff, severely painful shoulders every morning when I awake. They get better during the day, but the trouble returns in the night. This bothers me all the year, with the exception of about two months in the summer. I live mainly on fruits and vegetables, with no meat. My tonsils, though not large, appear to be infected and give off cheesy matter. Could my tonsils be the cause of my trouble? If not, what can I do to be relieved of it? M. H. J.

Your trouble seems to indicate that you are getting poison from some source, and I would first get rid of those tonsils, as perhaps the worst offenders. You should see that you have good elimination through all avenues, especially bowels and skin, drinking plenty of

water and fruit juices, and taking some sweating treatments. Fomentations to your aching shoulders and a heating pad after the fomentations would give relief from the pain and stiffness and help in the elimination of poison.

ATHLETE'S FOOT

Will you please give a prescription for the cure of athlete's foot, as I am troubled with it all of the time, having a severe itching sensation between my toes, a cracking of the skin, and an accumulation of dead skin between my toes. A. F. M.

You should have two pairs of shoes, and disinfect a pair each night, and put the other pair on the next day, with clean hose that have been boiled if possible. Then get an ounce of Whitfield's ointment, and after soaking the feet in very hot water, apply the ointment to all affected parts, opening any blisters that may form, before the ointment is applied.

HIVES IN COLD WEATHER

I have a young boy who, when he goes out in the cold in early spring or late fall, breaks out with the hives. What causes this? J. R. W.

Hives are caused by anything that impedes normal elimination. Your young boy is suffering from autointoxication, and when he goes out into the cold air this causes the rash of hives to appear. Going out into the cold air does not cause the hives but only brings out a condition that is already there. Elimination is often poorer in cold than in warm weather, so that the time of year may also be partly responsible for the condition.

SINGEING THE HAIR

Of what value is singeing the hair? Will it overcome the tendency of the hair to split on the ends? Or prevent the hair from falling out? B. E. N.

The contention of those who recommend the singeing of the hair is that "it closes the pores and keeps the fluid in the hair." There is no real basis for this claim, for the hair has no fluid in it, but is nourished from the base. Singeing the hair is of no value in preventing its fall. The only effect there can be from singeing the hair is that it gives the one who recommended it a little extra fee, and sometimes gives the one who has it done the idea that something extra is being done to help him.

BURNING FEET

My feet burn a great deal. What can I do for this condition? M. M. J.

The symptom of burning feet is usually the result of chronic constipation or colitis and is a vasomotor disturbance. A cold foot bath, or putting the feet on an ice bag will usually give relief. If persistent, the condition may be relieved by applying a face cream that has in it ten grains of menthol to the ounce. Rub well into the feet.

PATENT MEDICINES

Do you recommend Wine of Cardui or Lydia Pinkham's Compound for young girls? Of what are they composed? J. R. W.

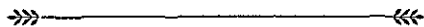
I do not recommend the use of these patent medicines. Of what they are composed I do not know; but the alcoholic content of many patent medicines is very high, and because of this many of their users become addicted to alcohol and other drug habits.



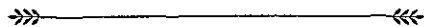
HE usual wail of any housewife from Lady Liberty to the Golden Gate—'leventy-'leven things to do all at once—had a startling literalness to this brave little missionary lady in one of the "corners" of the earth. She and her husband often chuckled over that phrase. They declared the round earth certainly *did* have corners, and they were in one of them—one of the most forgotten corners of a forgotten continent. But it was part of the "all the world" into which their blessed Redeemer had sent His children to tell His other children of His love.

It took love to come here by many weeks of travel by foot and canoe. It took love to win the hearts of these degraded people. It took love to leave behind in a Christian environment their cherished only daughter, the sunlight of their home. And then it took love to see her husband go out for weeks at a time traveling among the villages, telling these poor people of a Saviour and the tender love of His having come once and the blessed hope of His coming again. This was the "perfect love" that "casteth out fear." The love of the Father and the Saviour was perfect toward them; they found it their perfect support in their work; and to see these sub-human men and women respond to a Love they had never dreamed of before was perfect joy.

⌚ This morning the missionary's wife, alone, was busy with her 'leventy-'leven things — to be exact, only fourteen—going on all at once. She must keep an eye on the boy boiling drinking water over a fire in the backyard to see that he really boiled it, and did not wash his hands in it after it cooled. One corner of her eye must glance in the direction of the girl supposed to be making the bed in the house. She was liable to go to sleep herself in the bed, or forget it while trying on all the mistress's clothes. An almost constant stream of people came in at the front door for medicine. Some she satisfied with harmless concoctions that gratified their curious cravings for the white



Because the most precious Baby once came to live among us, mothers and fathers who love Him go out to help the poor babies of dark lands.



man's magic. To others, really sick, she tenderly ministered according to her nurse's training. In between times, she supervised the cook.

The men down by the river making brick needed an admonishing look-in every few minutes and "mamma's" encouraging smile to keep them steadily at work. Another man was hanging a door—if she kept after him all the time! Otherwise he tried on her absent husband's clothes or entertained an envious audience with tales of the marvels seen on his trip to the coast with the missionary. A bunch of little boys had to be kindly but firmly chased away from their play in the pile of grass in the yard waiting to be used to repair the hole the ants had eaten in the thatch. A company

of women sat in the shade in the side yard, and much of her attention must go to this sewing class. In the garden half a dozen different enterprises of soil preparation, seeding, weeding, fence making, transplanting, or cultivating were going merrily on—or were, whenever she came to see, direct, or encourage.

⌚ Then suddenly, in the midst of these regular morning duties, she became aware of a curious silence in the adjacent native village, as if everybody had vanished. Uncertain whether to be apprehensive or just inquisitive, she hurried in that direction. Sure enough, every hut was empty. In the pasture on the other side of the village she found them,—every man, woman, and child

Precious BABY

A Christmas Story with an Unusual Setting

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who was not employed at the mission house. They crowded intently around some spectacle in their midst. There on the ground lay a young mother in the throes of agony before the arrival of her first baby.

Here was work for "mamma"! The fight with heathenism was now a hand-to-hand conflict. How hard she and her husband had worked to persuade these people to learn Christian modesty and privacy! Hadn't they come here to live in the Jesus village to be His clean and happy children? Here was the first baby to come to the village. Hadn't they been glad this baby was going to belong to Jesus from the beginning, born in a Christian home? Hadn't the mother promised her to forget the customs of her old life, and stay at home, and send for "mamma"? Yes, yes, all true, they assured her. But at the first pangs, the new mother forgot all but her old dread of the curse that would follow a child born in a house, and fled to the fields, with the whole village trooping after, as was their old custom.

Alternately pleading and commanding, "mamma" got the people scattered, the mother back in her own hut, and

all but the nearest relatives shut out. Later a proud young mother lovingly surveyed her firstborn son, marvelously arrayed in garments given from "mamma's" own scanty store of cloth. With the joy of victory in her heart, the nurse turned to go back to her neglected home duties.

But she must take the father back with her. She dare not leave him. Well she knew the moment her back was turned he would take to his hammock and refuse to come out for fourteen days. Was he not the baby's nearest relative? Would not the baby die if he did not remain in bed, fed and waited upon by the baby's mother, till his son was two weeks old?

¶ Long hours had the missionary spent beforehand trying to educate this young couple to be the first to break from these cruel customs. She shuddered as she thought how nearly she had failed to secure Christian surroundings for the birth. Now she must not give up with the father. Gently but firmly she reminded him that now, since he believed in Jesus, he must trust in Him and be kind to his wife. No, the baby would not die. See how well-formed he was.

He *would* die, however, and his mother, too, if she had to get up right away and wait on a well, strong man with nothing the matter with him. Come, trust in Jesus and obey Him.

Half fearfully the young man went back with her and finished his day's hoeing. So far victory, but she knew it would be a struggle to get him out of bed the next morning. Well, she would trust in Jesus, too. He would always give her victory.

After sunset, as wearily she retraced her steps to the mission house from a bedtime visit to her patient, she stopped a moment at the hillcrest. A single star glittered pendant on the softly glowing throat of night, sparkling with more than earthly splendor. "The Christmas star," she softly said. "Tonight is Christmas eve. The angels sang for Jesus in Mary's arms. Are they not singing in heaven for my precious baby, the first one in all this vast jungle born as Jesus's child?" Then as a sudden wave of longing for her own dear ones swept over her, she caught a teardrop on an eyelash and looked again at the star. Yes, the rainbow—the perfect rainbow of God's love and promises—shone around it.

BAD ASSOCIATIONS

What should our attitude be toward other children (whom we positively know are really bad) coming to spend time and associating with our children? This is one of my big, serious problems.

See to it that your children are never alone with them. Let them play together only in your own presence, and hear all they say. Instruct your children in the truths of sex, so that they will know the beauty and the truth of the subject, and so that they will confide in you everything they hear. Parents often feel that for courtesy's or policy's sake they cannot absolutely forbid children of impure minds to associate with their own; and indeed, it may be possible for some mothers to gain the confidence of such children and help them. But that is very problematical; and we emphatically advise strict supervision, and preferably a severing of all companionship rather than to permit one's own children to be contaminated.

But the question also involves the morals of the community, and perhaps of the church and the school. Therefore it demands also some positive, concerted action on the part of all the parents. The question should be carefully and prayerfully studied by parents

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whose children are endangered, and the parents of the poor, ignorant, uninstructed "bad" children ought to be brought into council in a sympathetic way, so that they and their children may be helped.

A CHILD'S OWN READING

When or how can you teach a child to read for himself, and not depend on mother's story-telling? I have boys in the third grade who will not read for themselves, but always want mamma or daddy to read or tell them stories.

Get them interesting books and children's papers whose stories appeal to them, then simply insist that they read

for themselves, out loud, a stated amount, before you will read or tell them stories. It is probable that they are not ready readers, and so reading is a tedious business to them. The cause of this should be investigated. It may be eye defects which should be remedied; it may be poor teaching or insufficient practice; it may, of course, be a lack of quick apprehension. The child whose eye is slow to catch words and whose mind functions slowly is picking up the meaning (and there are many such children, not at all defective in other directions) needs more careful attention and devotion on the part of the parent and the teacher. Encourage his every evidence of progress, praise him for every advance you can honestly see he makes in the formal practice, and join with him in mingled reading and conversation about what he is reading.

Parents should not be too ready, however, to abandon story-telling and reading to their children. The practice should never be wholly discarded, for it is an excellent avenue of communication and interchange of thought between parent and child. Let not parents mistake their own unwillingness to serve for a solicitude that their children progress in ability to read.



Has History Value?

By JAMES TRUSLOW ADAMS, in *The Forum* for August

WITHOUT a knowledge of the history of mankind in the broadest sense—its acts, motives, experiments, and thought—we are at the mercy of every wild wind of doctrine. Such a doctrine [that past history is of no significance to us] often gains a wholly fictitious importance because it appears new, in an age when newness spells importance for many, though it does so only because of our own ignorance of its hoary antiquity.

No one can deny for a moment the immense significance of our scientific advance and of the marvels of applied science. But this acknowledged importance of our new control over natural forces should not, as it does to far too great a degree, blind us to the truth that these new facts involved are only the new ones composing, so to say, the momentum of the present, and that the great mass of old facts is still deeply influencing our direction.

In every school and college curriculum, and in adult study and reading, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find time and room for the new subjects as well as the old. I firmly believe, however, that to overbalance study courses in favor only of the new is to open the way, not to a broader understanding of our new world, but to a serious and a highly dangerous misunderstanding of it. There are not wanting today men who consider themselves, and are considered by the public, to be intellectual leaders of our new age, who claim that there is little or nothing worth bothering about prior to the recent inventions of applied science.

I am not a "professional" historian. I have never taught history nor held an academic post. I have no ax to grind when I plead for a deeper and broader study of history at the present time than we have ever accorded to it in the past. I do so only because I believe that, without a sound grounding in knowledge of what men have done and thought in the past, we and our children will inevitably become the victims of any ignorant quack who has learned a certain jargon of impressive pseudo-intellectuality and who may advocate nostrums for our ills or medicines for our souls which have been tried over and over in the past and found wanting.

Book Reviews



"THE HOLY SPIRIT, *His Office and Work in the World*," by WILLIAM HENRY BRANSON, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

To designate the Holy Spirit with a personal pronoun, as a personality, may seem strange to many casual Bible readers, who have come to think of the third Member of the Godhead as some sort of essence which prevades all space. But the Comforter is a person even as God and Christ, as the author of this book abundantly proves from the Bible. Here, in one eminently readable volume, is brought together all that is revealed about the Third Person of the Trinity; and we are pleased to note that Author Branson stops short of speculation and offers no fanciful ideas as to the Spirit's appearance, etc. He answers convincingly some of those knotty problems of Scripture such as the "gift of tongues," faith healing, and the unpardonable sin. And what may we expect of the Holy Spirit today? This informative and inspiring volume will attract a wide reading among those who desire to get the most from life and religion.

"WINGS OF THE MORNING," by ROBERT BRUCE THURBER, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

Here is a story to satisfy the voracious reading appetite of teen-age youth. The author draws from his experience as a missionary and world traveler to narrate the adventures of a typical boy who fares forth to meet life in the open. There is nothing of the sissy in Ben Ashley, the hero, but with many a knock and snub he learns true values in life's school. Without unwholesome excitement or sentimental preachments, the story grips the interest of the young and establishes ideals of integrity, honesty, and grit which challenge the reader to emulation. The author needs make no apology for inculcating the truth that Christian character is the basis of all noble and successful living. This is one of the books careful parents have been looking for to put under the eyes of their adolescent boys and girls. It is safe without being boring to those who delight in action and color.

To a considerable extent it may be readily admitted that we are sailing an uncharted sea. That is true of any generation in time of rapid change, as it is and has been of explorers in every age. But that does not mean that the lessons of the past have no value. Every explorer not only carries instruments to measure his distance and establish his position but carefully avails himself of every experience of his predecessors.

Today the world is full of shallow dogmatists, masquerading as sages, whose views are false, but whose reputations are great because neither they nor their followers have any knowledge of the past by which to measure the errors and the futilities of what seems engagingly new but is in reality old, oft-discarded, and disproved. The past is rich in lessons, both profitable and salutary, and we ignore it only at the cost of bootless stumbling. In the days of Queen Elizabeth, Ben Jonson merely repeated what sages had been saying for centuries when he wrote that he who would learn everything anew for himself had a fool for a master. Of such are those who would discard all the wisdom of the past because we have radios and aeroplanes. Today we are living without those traditions in religion, ethics, politics, and all things else which are unconscious history applied to daily life. All the more must we then consciously try by reading and study to familiarize ourselves with the practical and intellectual experimentizing of the past, even if only, in the name of our vaunted "efficiency," to save ourselves from wasting time and energies by following those marsh lights and false turning which the race has taken over and over again.

The foolishness of the modernist who scorns the past is as old as any other human folly and, like most folly, has to be paid for in sorrow and loss. We cannot advance without new experiments in living, but no wise man tries every day what he has proved wrong the day before. What the accumulated personal experience of one lifetime is to a man, that of the race is to a civilization. To ignore that experience is not to be modern but to court the almost certain risk of waste and disaster in retracing over and over those false steps which mankind, unhappily, seems so prone to take.

Things to Come

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Psalm 91:5-7. God shall hide His people in that day when His fierce wrath against sinners and their sins shall be displayed. Beneath the pavilion of His love and protection He shall hide those who have been true to Him and to His commandments.

The shape of coming events demands a preparation of heart and life to meet the King of kings. Even as Jesus Christ went away into heaven nineteen hundred years ago, so He promised that in like manner He would come again. "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. . . . Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22: 12, 14.

Sleeping Sickness

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reversed this order until character is about fled, and everyone has his price; until, as the prophet Isaiah says, "He that departeth from evil is thought to be mad." (Isaiah 59: 15, Rotherham.)

We face today a world failure,—heart failure, character bankruptcy,—and because confidence among men has fled, there is nothing to look forward to in the future except final chaos, for society cannot long exist when the element of confidence is lacking. Once we had confidence in God and hence in man. Modernism has taken away our Lord, and materialism knows not where they have laid Him, even if it were not too busy to care, and now confidence in man is perishing as the result. Is there a remedy? Yes, just one. It is an old one, and it will work. It can only be applied, however, to individuals. Everybody without it will sooner or later be caught in the maelstrom of world ruin lying just ahead. Turn to the neglected Book and from one who foretold these same world conditions read the following: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: . . . let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14: 27.

Saint Peter's Religion

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pope, but I never changed the Sabbath. Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. He did not change it. Certainly no man or church had the right to change it."

Peter is getting discouraged. He says to the guide: "Isn't there a place where we can go to church on Sabbath—a church that believes in all of those great truths, and one that follows Christ's teachings?"

"Oh, well, down around that corner there are people who go to church on Saturday."

"Oh, take me there!" says Peter. "I will try them." So Peter enters this church. As he enters, he asks: "Do you keep the Sabbath? Do you look for the coming of Jesus Christ? Do you believe in baptism?"

"Yes, we have a baptism today."

Peter sees it and his eyes fill with tears. It reminds him of the time when Jesus went down into Jordan. "Do you believe the Bible?" Peter asks them. "Do you believe it is inspired? Do you believe God created the world? Do you believe Jesus is coming soon?"

"Yes, indeed, we believe and proclaim all these blessed truths. We are sending the message rapidly all over the world."

If the apostle Peter were on earth today, he would find a church where they observe the *seventh day* as the *Sabbath*, where the *example of Jesus in baptism* is followed, where they believe in the *second coming of Christ* and the *prophecies of the Bible*, and where the *deity of Jesus Christ* is acknowledged. And so I call upon all of you to accept Peter's religion.



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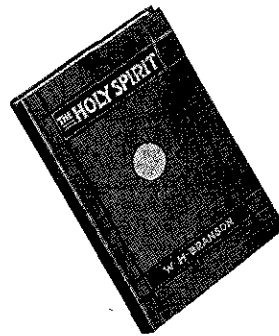
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