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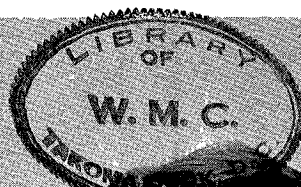
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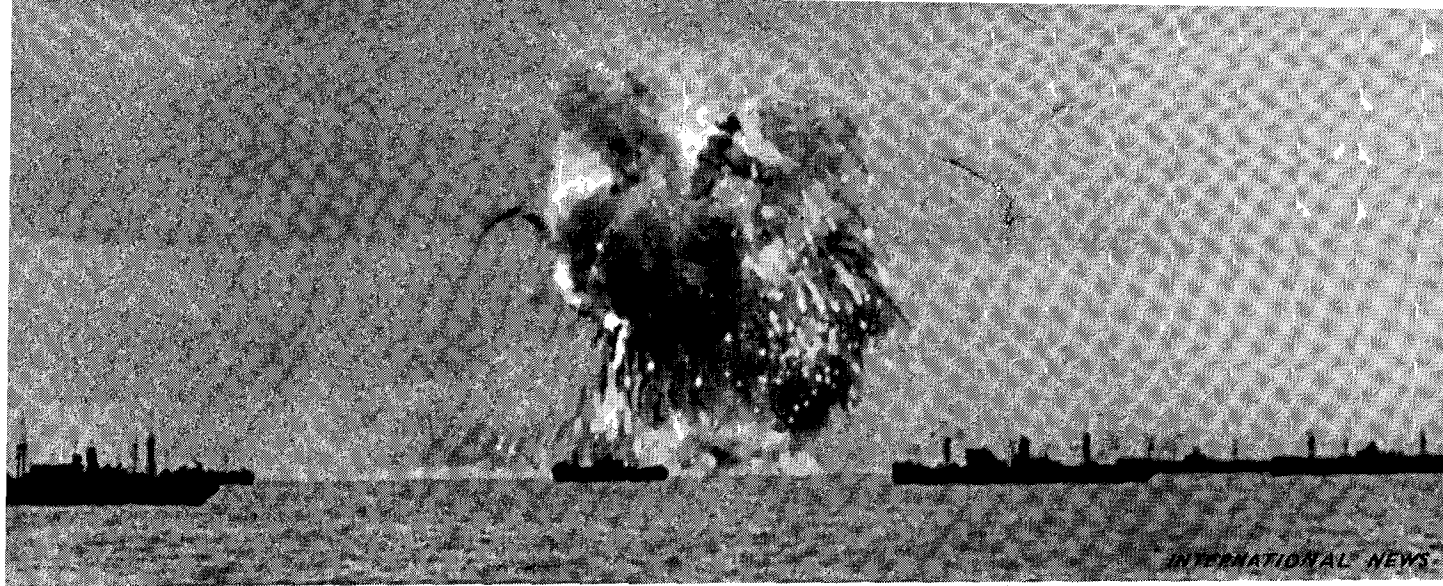
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NEWS FLASHES

④ **OUR COVER**—The cover picture of the **WATCHMAN MAGAZINE** for May is a fitting one, for on Mothers' Day the nation honors the queen of the American home—**MOTHER**. In patriotic compliance with the order of the United States Government that periodicals use during 1943 not more than 90% of the amount of paper they consumed in 1942, we have slightly reduced the size of the paper. While loyally co-operating with our Government in its effort to conserve necessary materials, we have brought out a new, artistic cover design and an inside layout with variations from that of the past. We wish for the **WATCHMAN MAGAZINE** readers greater pleasure than ever from the reading of this morale-building periodical. The constantly increasing demand for this magazine proves that it is appreciated.

④ **VENEREAL DISEASES**—According to Dr. J. E. Moore, chairman of the subcommittee on venereal disease of the National Research Committee, the current venereal disease rate in the United States Army and Navy is about 40 per 1,000 per annum. In World War I the Army venereal rate was 84 per 1,000. Among the civilian population of the country the syphilis rate is estimated at four per 1,000; that of gonorrhea, at eight per 1,000.

④ **WAR COSTS**—Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer of the British Government, told the House of Commons last January that Britain's war expenses had reached 14,000,000 pounds sterling (about \$56,000,000) a day. In the same month President Roosevelt asked the United States Congress to approve a budget calling for expenditures amounting to \$104,128,924,923. *Newsweek* of January 18 commented thus: "Of that dizzy figure, \$100,000,000,000, or 96 cents on every dollar, was to go for greasing the war machine—two-thirds of this amount for munitions alone."

④ **SACRIFICING SAILORS**—The men who operate our merchant ships are engaged in a dangerous although very useful service for their country. It sometimes calls for the sacrifice of their lives. According to War Shipping Administrator Emory Land, the number of American Merchant Marine sailors killed or missing in this war up to last February was 3,200, or 3.8% of their total force.

④ **CLASSIFIED DIFFERENTLY**—At the beginning of this year the Selective Service organization had classified only 6,277 men as conscientious objectors (4-E). Men willing to perform only noncombatant duties have been given a different classification (1-A-O). In this latter group there were 6,577 men.

The American Merchant Marine can take it. This picture shows an American ship, loaded with explosives, in a convoy to Russia, exploding a moment after a bomb hit its deck. It was hit by a Nazi bomber in waters north of the Arctic Circle. The explosion of this ship caused the destruction of three enemy planes which were attacking other ships in the convoy.

④ **PUTTING IT ON**—It is reported that the American public spent \$517,000,000 for such cosmetics as paints, powders, and perfumes in 1941. A sum of \$20,000,000 went for lipstick, and \$60,000,000 for cold cream.



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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INCREASES!

J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. chief,
warns us to safeguard our youth

By the Editor

The situation demands the earnest, prayerful concern of every God-fearing man and woman in the United States. It is fearfully alarming. War conditions always bring about testing times. The mettle of the character of American youth is being tried by the present international crisis and apparently is found wanting. We have much pure gold among our young people, but this alarming report shows that too large a number of them have proved to be disappointing dross.

This is not a condemnation of the youth, but an indictment of the more mature citizens. The moral and religious training given to young people is deficient, the example of older people on the whole has been unsavory, and their influence is unsound, the environment in which the youth are reared is corrupt, and the standards and ideals set before the children are low. This is implied by Mr. Hoover's charge that there has been a lack of parental guidance and discipline of America's youth. He might have said that the popular churches have failed to mold by godly influence the characters of both parents and children.

On December 20, 1942, the *Mercury Herald* of San Jose, California, published the report of a survey made by Dr. George Gallup to see what effect the first year of the war had exercised upon the religious thought of the American people. He stated "that whereas 10 in every 100 persons interviewed say they read the Bible every day, 41 out of every 100 frankly admit that they have not looked in the Bible within the last year." It means that about 8,500,000 read their Bibles every day, and that about 35,000,000 did not. "Five in every 100, or a little more than 4,000,000 persons, say they are reading the Bible more often today than they did before the war." And he said this about the youth: "More than half the younger people have not looked at the Bible within the past year."

Nevertheless, some presume to speak of us as "a Christian nation." At the present rate we are becoming more pagan every day. We need to look the facts squarely in the face, acknowledge our sins, and repent before God.

It is true that war—which is a criminal thing in itself—tends to increase lawlessness among peoples. The previous world war brought on an increase of crime, and it is probable that this one will result in a worse one. Therefore, we need to meet the situation and do something to save our young people. And let us not delay our efforts.

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ONE of the most serious problems facing the American people today is that of juvenile delinquency. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, speaks of it as an "alarming breakdown" in the moral standards of the youth, particularly among minor girls.

Mr. Hoover's report, as disclosed by the *Nashville Banner* of February 19, and *The New York Times* of February 20, 1943, states that fingerprint records of persons under 21 years of age showed that arrests of minor girls increased 55.7% in 1942 over 1941. The famous criminologist is quoted as saying that "prostitution and commercialized vice among minor girls increased 64.8%, while those arrested for other sex offenses increased 104.7%. Increases of 39.9% and 69.6%, respectively, were registered for drunkenness and disorderly conduct." And he observed that this becomes "all the more startling" because some juvenile authorities do not fingerprint delinquent minors.

The number of youths under 21 arrested for assault increased 17.1%; for rape, 10.6%; for disorderly conduct, 26.2%; and for drunkenness, 30.3%. This occurred despite the fact that millions of our young men are employed in the armed forces or in war industries. From 1939 to 1941 the predominant age group among boys arrested was 19. In 1942 youth of 18 led all others in crime.

Mr. Hoover charges this increase in juvenile delinquency to two things: (1) a deplorable lack of parental guidance and discipline in many homes; and (2) boom conditions and easy money in the hands of youth, accompanied by "a sense of wartime abandon."

The report declared: "One official warned that unless the conditions are corrected, this country faces the worst wave of crime in history within four years."

CHRISTIANS of all denominations speak of the coming millennium on earth. It is popularly believed that it will be a glorious time of peace, when Christ will reign on earth, and compel the nations to "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks." Isaiah 2: 4. What do the Holy Scriptures say about this?

The reign of universal peace, when the glorious kingdom of Christ shall spread from sea to sea, will begin at the end of the millennium. His reign on earth will come *after*, not before or during, the millennium. Not until the 1,000 years of the millennium are past, will the dream of universal peace be fulfilled. Then, and then only, the words of Tennyson will have their fulfillment:

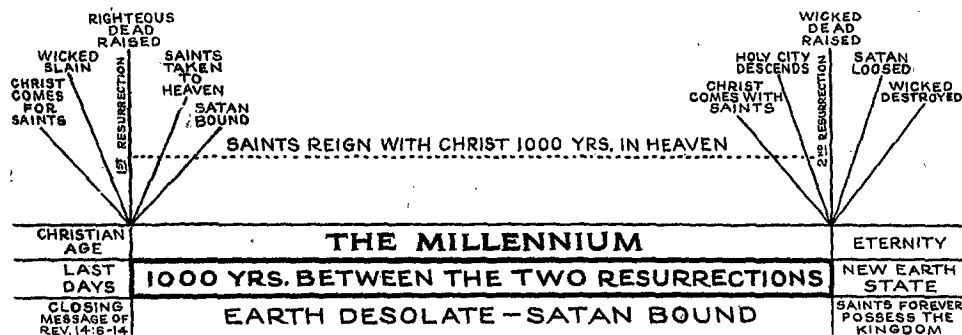
"Till the war-drum throbbed no longer, and the battle-flags were furled
In the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

The word "millennium" means a thousand years. The term carries no meaning of peace or war, but simply *duration*. In the great prophecy of Revelation 20, a period of one thousand years is marked off in the final history of the world, during which Satan will be bound.

At the second advent of Christ the resurrection of the righteous dead will take place, and at the end of the millennium the second resurrection—that of the lost—will occur. A thousand years will intervene between the resurrection of the righteous and that of the wicked.

"We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede, A. R. V.] them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4: 15-17.

The righteous will then be with the Lord. He says: "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 2, 3.



During a period of 1,000 years the prince of rebels will wander to and fro on a desolate earth. Speaking of this time an ancient seer has said: "For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black." Jeremiah 4: 28.

THE WORLD'S LONGEST BLACKOUT

The Intriguing Subject of the Great Millennial Night Explained

By H. M. S. Richards

The children of God will be taken from this earth to be with the Saviour in heaven. What a wonderful day that will be! But what effect will the second coming of Christ have upon the wicked who will be living upon the earth at that time? The heavenly glory of Christ's return will be too much for them. They will be smitten down by the glory of His power. (2 Thessalonians 1: 7-9.) Christ will "come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels." Luke 9: 26. The effect of this threefold glory will be fatal to the wicked. "And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2 Thessalonians 2: 8. "God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12: 29.

When the people of God shall have been caught up to heaven at the return of Jesus, and the wicked who are living at that time shall have been smitten down at His presence, then the earth will be entirely uninhabited. The righteous accompany Christ to the heavenly city, but the wicked will remain dead here upon

this earth. During this thousand years the wicked will be judged, and the righteous will be associated with Christ in this judgment. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Revelation 20: 6.

Even Satan and the fallen angels are judged during this thousand-year reign of the just with Christ in heaven. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?" 1 Corinthians 6: 2, 3.

One thousand years will intervene between the resurrection of the righteous and that of the wicked. "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Revelation 20: 5.

The prophet Jeremiah describes the condition of the wicked during the thousand years. He says: "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." Jeremiah 25: 33. They will not be lamented because there will be no one left on earth to lament them. They will not be buried because there will be no one left to conduct their funerals.

The prophet Isaiah also described the condition of the earth during the millennium, saying in Isaiah 24:1-3: "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, . . . the land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word."

We turn again to Jeremiah's prophecy, and read: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. . . . I beheld, and, lo, there was no man. . . . I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger." Jeremiah 4: 23-26.

No living man will be on the earth during the thousand years. The earth, in a desolate, uninhabited condition, will be the "abyss," or "bottomless pit." The earth will be in a broken, chaotic, uninhabited condition. Thus the prophet Jeremiah says, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void."

Where is the place where Satan is bound for a thousand years? It will be the earth made desolate, covered with darkness as a bottomless pit, or abyss. The apostle writes: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into

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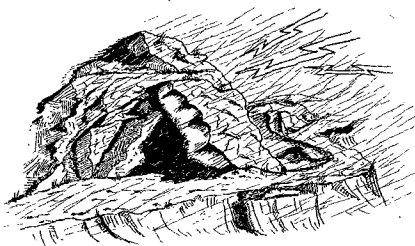
THE winds were bitter across the height of the great bluff, whipping the words away as we tried to talk, and all but buffeting us from the trail along its crest. At last we crept down a dim path to a sheltered cave where the wind could not reach us.

"How like our life experiences!" one exclaimed. "Our loved soldier lads somewhere away, death takes loved ones, and troubles come. . . ." For a long minute she looked over the tree tops bending before the gale. "Just winds that would blow us from the path of life," she added.

How true her thought if we forget our Rock where we may be safe sheltered if we but will, even as we were sheltered from the winds on the trail above us. For "the Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge," my "shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Psalm 94: 22; Isaiah 32: 2. "Fear thou not," He bids us, "for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." Isaiah 43: 10.

A great ship once crashed on the rocky coast of England. In the gale all were lost but one young lad, who was carried high onto a rocky ledge. All night the winds lashed at him, and the waves tore at his feet. When morning came, those watching saw him clinging to the rock. They hurried to his rescue.

"Weren't you afraid in the wind and the storm?" they asked as they cared for him. "Didn't you tremble when the waves tore at your feet?"



A ROCK OF REFUGE

There Is a Place of Safety
for Those Who Fear

By Inez Brasier

war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. . . . For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock." Psalm 27: 3, 5.

"When the storms of life are raging,
Tempests wild on sea and land,
I will seek a place of refuge
In the shadow of God's hand.

"So, while here the cross I'm bearing,
Meeting storms and billows wild,
Jesus for my soul is caring,
Naught can harm His Father's child.

"He will hide me, He will hide me
Where no harm can e'er betide me;
He will hide me, safely hide me,
In the shadow of His hand."

Oh, let us trust Him, the Rock of ages, knowing beyond all doubt that His hand is over us in love. Here, in the cleft of His love, is peace from storms within and without.

BEFORE the entrance of sin, Adam enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but since man separated himself from God by transgression, the human race has been cut off from this high privilege. By the plan of redemption, however, a way has been opened whereby the inhabitants of the earth may still have connection with heaven. God has communicated with men by His Spirit, and divine light has been imparted to the world by revelations to His chosen servants. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1: 21.

During the first 2,500 years of human history, there was no written revelation. Those who had been taught of God, communicated their knowledge to others, and it was handed down from father to son, through successive generations. The preparation of the written word began in the time of Moses. Inspired revelations were then embodied in an in-

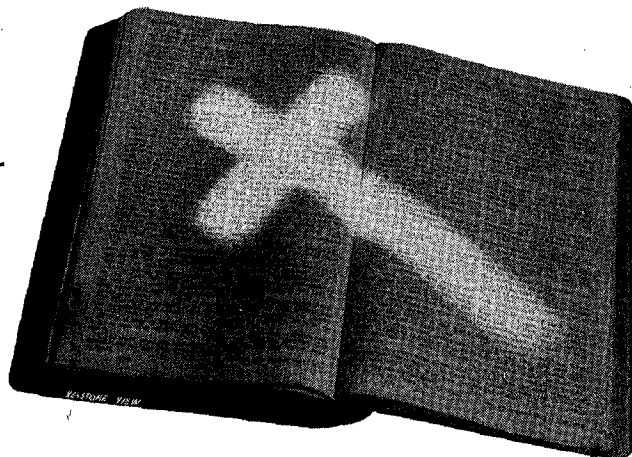
Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1: 14.

Written in different ages, by men who differed widely in rank and occupation, and in mental and spiritual endowments, the books of the Bible present a wide contrast in style, as well as a diversity in the nature of the subjects unfolded. Different forms of expression are employed by different writers; often the same truth is more strikingly presented by one than by another. And as several writers present a subject under varied aspects and relations, there may appear, to the superficial, careless, or prejudiced reader, to be discrepancy or contradiction, where the thoughtful, reverent student, with clearer insight, discerns the underlying harmony.

As presented through different individuals, the truth is brought out in its varied aspects. One writer is more strongly impressed with one phase of the subject; he grasps those points that harmonize with his experience or with his power of perception and appreciation; another seizes upon a different phase; and each, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, presents what is most

HOW DID WE GET

The Story of the
Origin and Inspira-
tion of the Holy
Scriptures Briefly
Told



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"The Great Controversy Between
Christ and Satan"

spired book. This work continued during the long period of sixteen hundred years,—from Moses, the historian of creation and the law, to John, the recorder of the most sublime truths of the gospel.

The Bible points to God as its author; yet it was written by human hands; and in the varied style of its different books it presents the characteristics of the several writers. The truths revealed are all "given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3: 16); yet they are expressed in the words of men. The Infinite One by His Holy Spirit has shed light into the minds and hearts of His servants. He has given dreams and visions, symbols and figures; and those to whom the truth was thus revealed, have themselves embodied the thought in human language.

The Ten Commandments were spoken by God Himself, and were written by His own hand. They are of divine, and not of human composition. But the Bible, with its God-given truths expressed in the language of men, presents a union of the divine and the human. Such a union existed in the nature of Christ, who was the Son of God and the Son of man. Thus it is true of the Bible, as it was of Christ, that "the

THIS GRAND OLD BOOK?

forcibly impressed upon his own mind—a different aspect of the truth in each, but a perfect harmony through all. And the truths thus revealed unite to form a perfect whole, adapted to meet the wants of men in all the circumstances and experiences of life.

God has been pleased to communicate His truth to the world by human agencies, and He Himself, by His Holy Spirit, qualified men and enabled them to do this work. He guided the mind in the selection of what to speak and what to write. The treasure was intrusted to earthen vessels, yet it is, none the less, from Heaven. The testimony is conveyed through the imperfect expression of human language, yet it is the testimony of God; and the obedient, believing child of God beholds in it the glory of a divine power, full of grace and truth.

In His word, God has committed to men the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will.

They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience. "Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work." 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17, Revised Version.

Yet the fact that God has revealed His will to men through His word, has not rendered needless the continued presence and guiding of the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, the Spirit was promised by our Saviour, to open the Word to His servants, to illuminate and apply its teachings. And since it was the Spirit of God that inspired the Bible, it is impossible that the teaching of the Spirit should ever be contrary to that of the Word.

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Juvenile Delinquency Increases

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Mr. Hoover's report is a damning indictment of the liquor traffic. An increase of 39.9% in drunkenness among young girls was registered! One of 30.3% among young men! That fact alone unmasks the hideous face of the deceiving booze propaganda which has flooded the soil of America with its poisonous and soul-killing liquor. Like a plague it has blighted the character of our youth.

Modernistic philosophy seeks to tear reverence and regard for the Holy Scriptures from the heart of the youth, while the doctrine of evolution dethrones the Creator and makes man a brute of animal passions and responsible to no one but himself. Together modernism and the evolutionary theory have undermined morality to the extent that many young men and woman today hold to no standard of right and wrong except that which existed when social anarchy prevailed in ancient Israel and "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Judges 17: 6; 21: 25.

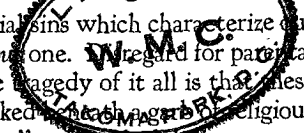
A prominent magistrate of a juvenile court has rightly called the motion-picture theater "a night school of crime." The greater part, by far, of the reels of the modern movie depict and glorify villainy, lewdness, lust, crime, and all that is sinful and wrong. The fact that the story developed ends with a good moral does not make the picture wholesome. It makes it the more seductive. It is not necessary to drag the youth through mud to convince them that mire is filthy and to be avoided. The popular movie, however entertaining it may be, does not build character in youth.

A similar influence is exerted by the tons of "pulp magazines," or literary trash, that are sold today. This type of reading matter is seducing to the extent that it is devoured by millions of young minds with avidity. One store informed us that it sold as many as 60,000 copies of the so-called comic magazines to the young men of a medium-sized army post every month. Their deleterious effect on the morale of the men became so evident that the commanding officer stopped the sale of them to the camp. It can be said of this stuff, "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish." James 3: 15.

General disregard for the Ten Commandments is also a cause of the alarming situation that faces us. In their opposition to the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists, popular ministers have declared that the Decalogue is no longer bind-

ing upon Christians, and that on account of Jesus' death men and women are not to obey any longer those sacred precepts which forbid atheism, idolatry, blasphemy, Sabbath-breaking, disobedience to parents, murder, fornication and adultery, theft and robbery, lying and deception, and covetousness. True Christianity teaches that faith in Christ leads men and women to turn from such sins and, by the grace of God, live a life of faithful obedience to the divine law. (See Romans 3: 31; 8: 3, 4; Hebrews 10: 16; James 2: 10-12; 1 John 2: 3-5; Revelation 14: 12; 22: 14.)

This problem of juvenile delinquency was predicted long ago—almost 19 centuries ago. The apostle Paul, in one of the last prophecies he wrote, declared: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, dispisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3: 1-5.

That is a catalogue of 19 social sins which characterize our present age and make it a perilous one.  regard for parental authority is one of them. The tragedy of it all is that these society-destroying sins are cloaked in a form of religious hypocrisy—"a form of godliness"—devoid of divine power. This indictment lays a large part of the guilt of the world's sin at the door of the popular churches, which are permeated by the spirit of worldliness. Such was society in the antediluvian age, when the so-called children of God freely indulged in the sins of the world, for "the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." Genesis 6: 2. Consequently, "the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Verse 12.

Christ compared last-day society to that of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Luke 17: 28-30.) In the iniquitous practices of Sodom "both old and young, all the people from every quarter," participated. Genesis 19: 4. Corruption characterized all the strata of society, for which reason "both small and great" suffered the consequences. Verse 11. Some of the youth of Lot's own household perished in the conflagration (verse 14), and the two who were spared were tainted by the immorality of the age (verses 30-38).

We thank God that not all our youth have fallen before the seductive influences that battle against their souls! We still have thousands of young men and women who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and who are loyally fighting the good fight of faith. These we must rally and encourage. They need the earnest prayers and the godly example of true men and women.

To those who have fallen we must extend a hand of sympathy and love, for many can be reclaimed. The story of the prodigal son was written for such as these. The permanent call of our loving heavenly Father to the wayward youth is this: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not." Ecclesiastes 12: 1. Fathers and mothers, teachers of schools and ministers of the gospel, true-hearted men and women of every walk of life, let us labor in Christ's name to save ourselves and our children from the sins of this turbulent time!

THE NEWS INTERPRETED

EVERYBODY FOR SAFETY

THE President of the United States has called upon the National Safety Council to organize an intensive nationwide campaign against accidents. He has asked all citizens to enlist in the movement. According to the National Safety Council's recently published booklet entitled "Toward a Safer America" (page 3), accidents in our country have "cost the lives of 46,500 American workers during the first year of the war, knocked 4,000,000 more workers permanently or temporarily out of action, and robbed the nation of as many man-days of production as would have been lost by closing all the plants in the country a full day and a half each month."

Accidents do not happen. They are caused. By carelessness and negligence you jeopardize your own welfare, that of your fellow man, and that of your country. Let us make America a safer place in which to live and work!

MONEY TO BURN

THE American people has money to burn. The Federal Government announced in February that cigarettes "are necessary at present" and will not be rationed now. The people of this country consumed 236,000,000,000 cigarettes in 1942, which was an increase of 29,000,000,000 over the preceding year.

The per capita consumption in 1907 was 60. In 1913 it had risen to 164; in 1919, to 426. Last year it stood at 1,680. That represents an average of about three smokes a day for every man, woman, and child in the United States. It means that the per capita consumption in 1942 was 28 times greater than it was in 1907. Be it remembered, too, that this figure does not include the tobacco used in chewing, in the form of snuff, and smoked in pipes.

Last year's cigarette consumption amounted to 11,800,000,000 packages of 20 each. Valued at 10 cents a package

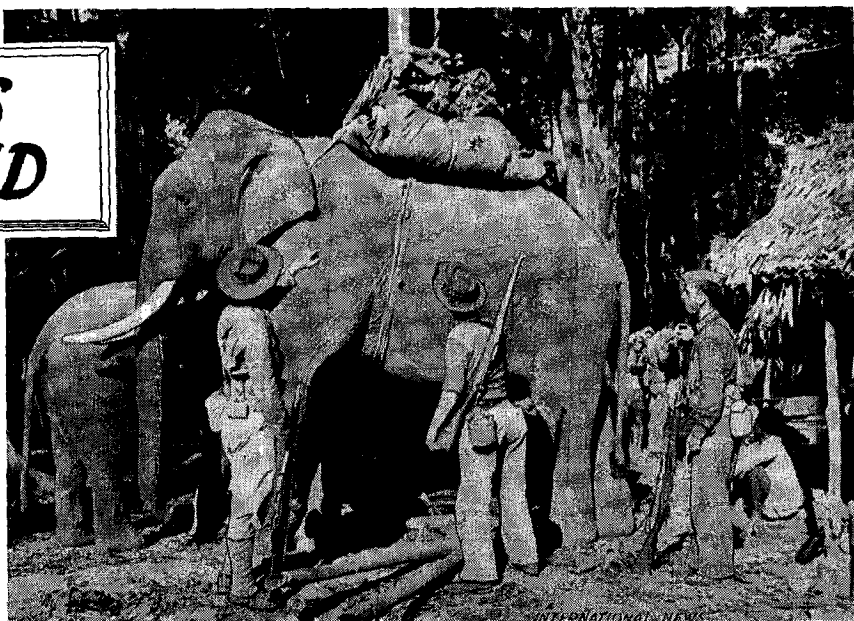
(a fair average), they cost \$1,180,000,000. The American public burned that much money into smoke in 1942 while it drugged itself with nicotine on a scale hitherto unknown in the annals of man.

With that amount of money the nation could have employed 590,000 schoolteachers or nurses at \$2,000 each per annum. With it they could have bought 11,800,000,000 loaves of bread at 10 cents apiece for the starving millions of China or Spain.

We have no need to sing, "God Bless America!" God has blessed—richly blessed—our beloved country. But what are we doing with these blessings? Like the prodigal son of the biblical parable, we are wasting our substance in riotous living. The billions spent each year for tobacco, alcoholic liquors, and unwholesome pleasures must one day be accounted for before the tribunal of the Great Judge. Money represents time, labor, substance, and power, all of which are God-given talents which ought to be put to the best use.

WAR AND WORDS

WAR strikingly affects our vocabulary. It has added to it many words hitherto unknown, and has popularized terms formerly little used. Such words as "communique," "blitz," "dive-bomber," "dim-out," and "air-raid warden," are samples. One of the most significant is the word "global." The press frequently uses this adjective to speak of "global action," "global war,"



U. S. troops of a jungle outpost in India are shown with two of the elephants they use for transporting their equipment hither and yon as they move along the border of Burma. In the background are seen natives of the Naga Hills of Assam, who eagerly aid our soldiers.

and "global nature." The term *global* in this sense means "world-wide."

We are in an age when events take on proportions that embrace the globe in which we live. The entire world is involved in this titanic struggle. Looking down the corridor of time, the prophetic eye of the Master Man foresaw, 19 centuries ago, that the whole world would become involved in last-day happenings. Speaking of the day of His coming, He said: "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21: 35. Both sudden and universal shall it be.

No less global is to be the warning that the end of the world is nigh. So the Saviour predicted, saying: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24: 14. It is to go "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14: 6. Today the Holy Scriptures in their entirety or in part are published in more than 1,000 languages, and more than 90% of the inhabitants of the globe may read the word of God in their own tongue.

It was also shown to the apostle John that spirits of devils would "go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the

battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16: 14.

Indeed, we seem to have come to that "hour of temptation, which shall come upon *all the world* to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3: 10.

THE VATICAN AND VICTORY

THE thirteen-acre Vatican City is a very diminutive state among the nations of the world, but its priest-king, Pius XII, is the most powerful potentate in the world. While he has no armies and navies at his beckon, he wields a mighty politico-religious influence over the rulers of the nations. It is so strong that President Roosevelt in 1939 sent Myron Taylor as his representative to the papal see. Mr. Taylor has made three trips to Rome to dicker with the pope for Mr. Roosevelt. Recently F. J. Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, after a conference with the President, left for Rome and was accorded abroad the honors given an American diplomat.

The eyes of the world are watching with keen interest to see what will result from the President's negotiations with the papal see. Eleanor Packard, who was second in command of the United Press news agency in Rome before she was sent home on the S. S. Drottningholm, wrote for *The American Magazine* of January, 1943, a very interesting article entitled "The Pope and the War."

The author had 95 inches of columnar space devoted to the subject. Her main objective appears to be that of making the people of the United States believe that the pope is all out for the United Nations and against the Axis. Nevertheless, in a few brief lines she betrays the weakness of her arguments by saying:

"I am probably one of the few non-Catholics in the world who have read through all the Pope's important public speeches and writings—and many of the unimportant ones—from the time Pius XII was elected until the end of 1941, when I was arrested as an enemy alien because Italy had declared war, a period of nearly three years. Obviously,

among those hundreds of thousands of words there is no single quotation I can pick out of the text and say, 'Here. This shows the Pope is on our side.' It would be utterly contrary both to Vatican tradition and the Pope's announced war policy to make such a blunt statement regarding temporal affairs."

To put it simply, the pope is sitting on the fence and is waiting until he is sure who the winner will be. When that is certain, he will endeavor to turn the victory into an enhancement of his own power. *Time* of February 22 (page 31) publishes a suggestion that "one means of opposing a Russian sphere of influence would be a Catholic Federation, pivoted on a Catholic Austria-Hungary, . . . Poland would be a northern anchor, Italy the southern anchor of such a federation."

All indications are that the Roman pope intends to steal the show when victory comes. Watch the Vatican!

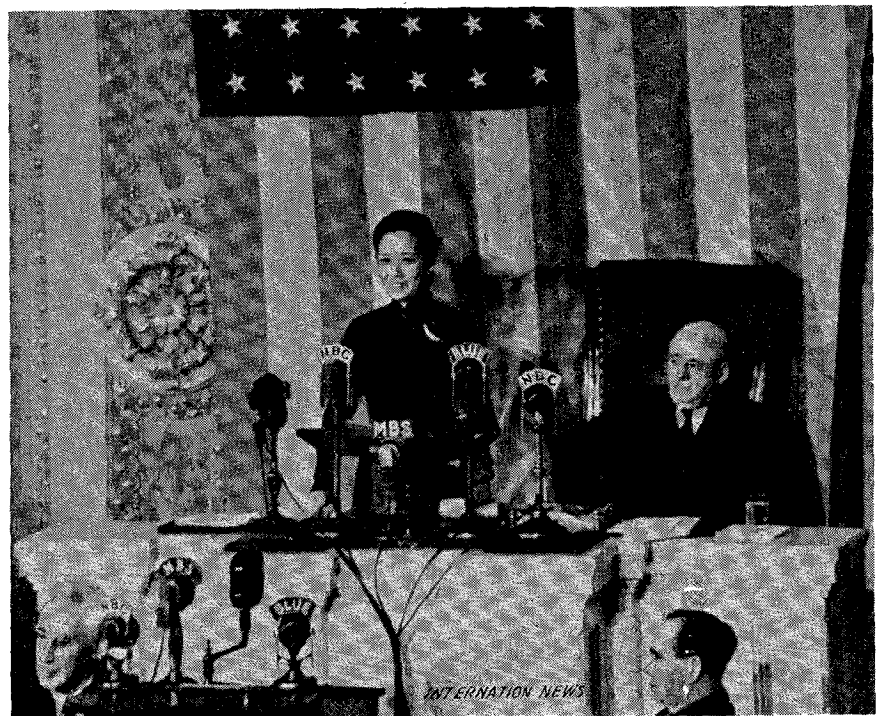
STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES

THE Census Bureau reveals that there are no less than 22,000,000 white Americans who claim a foreign language as their mother tongue. That figure represents about one fifth of the country's white population. These millions

"were brought up speaking a foreign language."

A vast multitude of strangers have come to America to enjoy the good of the land with us. They need more than the benefits of the temporal goods which our country offers them. They must have also ample opportunity to enjoy the blessings of the gospel of Christ. The Holy Scriptures have been published in at least 1,058 languages. The Southern Publishing Association (publishers of *THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE*) and its affiliated printing establishments supply educational, health, and religious literature in 200 tongues. These strangers within our gates should be informed of the opportunities that are theirs to enjoy this Christian literature. If you are interested in obtaining publications in a foreign tongue, write to us for information, specifying the language concerned.

Ⓢ ACCIDENT TOLL—The National Safety Council of Chicago reports that during the past year 93,000 persons in the United States were killed, and 9,300,000 were injured, as the result of accidents. It declared that the time lost during the year through nonfatal injuries to workers alone was equivalent to a shutdown of the nation's entire shipbuilding and aircraft industries for 54 days.



Madam Chiang Kai-shek, first lady of China, and wife of China's fighting Generalissimo, is shown as she addressed the House of Representatives recently. Beside her is Speaker Sam Rayburn.

"GET YOUR morning paper! Read about the great Houdini!" The newsboys were shouting on every corner, and rapidly pocketing the nickels. The public knew the magician had disappeared in the icy waters of the Detroit River, and many who had seen him go down supposed he was drowned.

The truth of the matter was that the magician had been handcuffed by the police, had jumped off the bridge into a hole in the ice cut by workmen, and had disappeared under the water in the view of thousands of spectators lining the river bank. After having been under the water for eight minutes, so that everybody thought he was dead, and while a diver was preparing to descend on a rope to search for his body, his head suddenly bobbed up, and he climbed out of the water minus the handcuffs.

Escape from the handcuffs had been no problem, but the current had carried him down the river so that he came up under the ice. He knew, however, that there was about a half inch of air between the ice and the water, and by lying on his back and keeping his nose in this tiny space, he contrived to get enough oxygen to keep himself alive until he could find the opening.

It was sensational escapes like this which a generation ago earned for Houdini the name of "Hairbreadth Harry." Captivating the imagination of the public, they brought thousands to his performances to see him escape from handcuffs, chains, ropes, trunks, packing boxes, barrels, and other contrivances designed to hold him. He was buried in sealed coffins, sewed up in canvas bags, stuffed into milk cans and beer barrels, and even riveted into boilers. He always escaped.

Houdini's real name was Ehrich Weiss, and his home was in Appleton, Wisconsin. He ran away when he was 12 years old, and after working at odd jobs, launched into the career of a magician. His supposedly impossible feats made him world famous.

But while Houdini escaped from every bond and enclosure intended to hold him, he never escaped from the grave. He spent the last years of his life in exposing the trickery of spiritist mediums, and then, curious to know for himself and communicate to his wife the secrets of the world beyond, he entrusted to her before his death in October, 1926, certain secret messages, with the understanding that after he had passed away he would attempt to communicate them to her.

Faithful to her part of the bargain, Mrs. Houdini attended hundreds of seances, and kept a light burning before her husband's photograph for years. Every year, on the anniversary of his death, Mrs. Houdini made a futile effort to communicate with her deceased husband. But no message ever came, and

on February 11, 1943, on a train near Needles, California, en route to New York, she died without ever having had one word from the dead.

But what answer shall we give to those who tell us they have been visited by spirits of dead mothers, or wives, or brothers? They know that intelligent beings who looked and talked and acted like their dead relatives came and conversed with them. While Houdini was exposing the quackery and deception of so-called spiritist mediums, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was preaching spiritism as a religion.

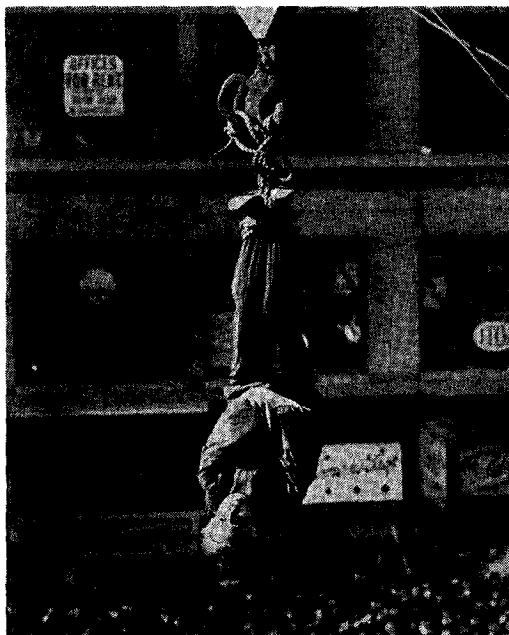
Houdini was a trickster, and so also is many a spiritist medium. Many of them he exposed. They were pure fakes. But the materialization of spirits, to which thousands of individuals can testify from personal knowledge, proves beyond the shadow of a doubt

DEATH AND HA

Why Did The Dead Communicate

By Fran

The center picture shows Harry Houdini demonstrating to prominent clergymen how fake spirit mediums do their tricks. Below, the "Handcuff King" shows how he escapes from a strait jacket.



that there are in the world intelligent, thinking beings other than the living human beings with whom we associate every day.

Noisy spirits showed themselves in the paternal home of John Wesley, the Epworth Parsonage, in Lincolnshire, England, years ago, and though they did no material damage, they caused him and his family many sleepless nights. Knocks, creaks, and crashes as of broken crockery were heard by different members of the family.

Poltergeist, or a noisy spirit, is often

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more than noise. During an outbreak of this peculiar phenomenon in Workshop, England, in 1883, crockery to the value of nine pounds sterling was smashed; and no cause was discovered. A similar outbreak occurred in Swanland, near Hull, England, we are told in "Spiritualism, Its History, Phenomena, and Doctrine," by J. A. Hill. The latter demonstration took place in a carpenter shop, when pieces of wood sailed about in the air, striking different workmen, who were never able to catch the pieces while they were in motion.

The case of the Harps boy, in Port-

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Above, Mrs. Houdini is seen looking at the picture of her dead husband. Ever since his death she waited for a communication from him by means of a secret code arranged between them before his demise.

land, Oregon, something over 30 years ago, has never been explained. This boy, nine years of age, was subject to paroxysms, during which the furniture would dance about, the dishes lift themselves from the pantry shelves and crash to the floor, and the pictures on the walls suddenly fly from their places and go sailing across the room. A wall telephone was torn loose by unseen hands, and as the boy stepped to the front of the house, a large pile of four-foot slabwood in the parkway suddenly fell over into the street.

On March 6, 1921, the New York *Herald Tribune* and the Washington (D. C.) *Evening Star* contained a report from London, saying that in the village of Dietersheim, in Bavaria, the nine-year-old daughter of a servant was puzzling the scientists of middle Europe. Marie Patsch, in all outward

respects a normal child, was possessed of a spirit. "When she enters a room," said the report, "the crockery, furniture, food, and glassware jump about, and force has to be used to keep them in place." Clods of earth and stone would rise in the air and fall back again as she walked through the garden.

All these various demonstrations, and many more like them, go to prove that while, as in the case of Houdini, the dead are unable to communicate with the living, yet there

are in the world intelligences, other than human beings, who can think and talk and act. Many an individual has become unconscious under an anesthetic, and cases have been known where the heart stopped beating but was resuscitated by careful medical attention. These individuals were never able to tell anything that took place while they were in that state, for they were unconscious, without mental activity, and in a condition similar to sleep.

Such was the condition of Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, as narrated in Holy Scripture, where we are told that he was dead for four days, and that decomposition had begun, before Jesus raised him to life. Had Lazarus had any knowledge of the world beyond, because of his stay in the tomb, surely he would have revealed it to his sisters, and it would have been recorded in the Scriptures. Instead of that, Jesus, who surely knew what Lazarus' condition was, since He raised him from the dead, said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." And then, a few minutes later, to make His meaning plain, the Saviour said, "Lazarus is dead." John 11: 11, 14.

"But," says one, "I could never doubt that my dead mother came and talked with me."

Are you sure it was your dead mother? Could it not be possible that it was another being, pretending to be your dead mother? The word of God says: "The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also, their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9: 5, 6.

Again, in Psalm 115: 17, we read: "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

Concerning the dead, Job 14: 21 tells us: "His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them."

If the dead know nothing, have no feelings, are unable to praise God, know nothing about their sons and daughters, and go down into silence, what better description of their condition could be given than the Scriptural expression, "sleep"? In dreamless slumber they await the resurrection.

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HAVE THE HEATHEN HAD A CHANCE?

Or Will They Be Given a Chance after the Lord's Return?

By Allen W. Walker

WHEN the disciples inquired of the Lord about the signs of His second coming, the first thing He said in reply was, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24: 4. One of the greatest deceptions concerning our Lord's return, one that is widely accepted today, is what is known as the "rapture theory." This teaching holds that there are millions on earth today who "have never had a chance to hear the true gospel"; and that after the second coming of Jesus, gospel work will be carried on in the earth for 1,000 years. There was a time when only Russellism taught this deception, the only difference being that Pastor Russell and Judge Rutherford taught that the dead of all ages who "had never had a chance" would be raised to life, live here on the earth again, and enjoy the advantages of "having a chance to hear the true gospel." But Russell and Rutherford have died, and their teaching about probation after the second coming of Christ is being continued by the rapturists in the pulpit, over the radio, and in numerous periodicals.

The writer recently listened to some of this teaching from a radio station. I wrote to the speaker, pointing out its similarity to that of Russellism. Soon after, the man gave another talk on the subject, stating that this opportunity to be saved after the Lord's second coming will not have a universal application but will be provided only for the living "who had not heard the true gospel."

That brings up this question, Are there in the world anywhere those who have not had a chance to hear the word of God? Let us seek from the Holy Scriptures the answer to this question.

The first text which comes to mind is found in Titus 2: 11. It reads, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." The person who takes God's word at its face value for truth will accept this statement without bringing up the problem of the unfavorable environments of the hea-

then. To take such an exception to the statement that "the grace of God . . . bringeth salvation to all men" is to limit the Lord by claiming that He is a victim of circumstances, and that because of certain conditions He is unable to bring salvation to millions who live on the earth.

The rapture theory holds that vast numbers of Jews will be among those who will be saved after the second coming of the Lord. Of course, that implies that they have not heard the true gospel. But note another statement from Paul, one in which he says that those who have access to the Old



Chief Nggapoote of the Big Nambus tribe of the New Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific is a representative of the most pagan type of people today. By the things of nature the heathen discern the power of the Creator.



Peoples of pagan culture have generally been impressed by the revelations of nature that the universe is governed by a Divine Being. The sun, moon, and stars, as well as comets, are often regarded by them as under supernatural control.

judged according to the "law written in their hearts." The apostle says that through their conscience and thoughts God accuses or excuses them. To say that God is incapable of dealing with them in this manner, and that they never have had a chance, is to contradict the word of the living God.

Furthermore, we find that through nature—"the things that are made"—God has given to all men sufficient light to leave them without excuse if they are lost. This we read in Romans 1: 19, 20, as follows: "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them [to them, margin]; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of

Testament Scriptures may be "made wise unto salvation." This text is found in 2 Timothy 3: 15, and it says, "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Few, indeed, are the Jews in the world now or in the past who have not had access to these same Holy Scriptures that could make Timothy "wise unto salvation." Then how can it be claimed on biblical grounds that they have not had a chance and that God, therefore, must provide some other way to make them "wise unto salvation" after the Lord's return? Such teaching helps us to understand better what Jesus meant when He said on this subject, "Take heed that no man deceive you."

There are numerous other texts which prove that God is giving to all men a chance now, and that "now is the accepted time; . . . now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6: 2. We find one of these in John 1: 9. In speaking of Christ it says, "That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." If Jesus "lighteth every man that cometh into the world," then every man can be saved if he will walk in that light.

The Bible makes it plain that there are two classes who will be called into account: (1) those who have access to the written word (the Holy Scriptures), and (2) those who have not. Each class will be judged according to the light received. Thus we read: "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law." Romans 2: 12. Then by the way of explanation he adds: "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another; in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." Romans 2: 14-16.

Here we have those who have sinned *in the knowledge of the law*, and those who have sinned *without the knowledge of the law*. Those who have known the law will be "judged by the law," but those who have not the written law will be

Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

The truths set forth by these verses should not be hastily passed over and ignored. They completely overthrow the claim that millions have "never had a chance." We find here that "from the creation of the world" to the present time God has made Himself known through "the things that are made." This revelation may be so "clearly seen" that they are "without excuse."

In Romans 10 Paul enlarges upon the matter of the heathen hearing the gospel through "the things that are made." He says: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10: 13-17.

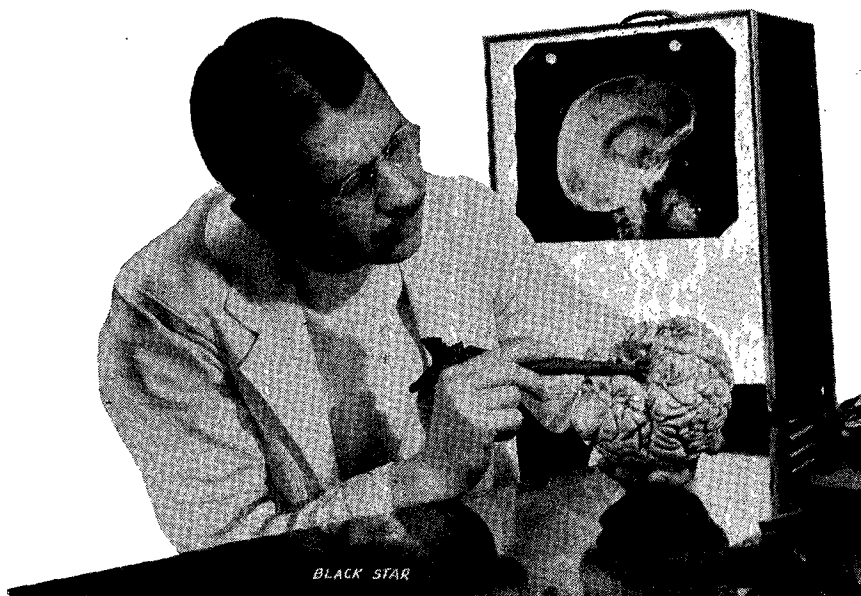
Without reading the next verses, the "second chance" teachers declare that since these statements teach that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," and that since men cannot hear without a preacher, it means the heathen must be approached by a preacher sent of God, and be enlightened by hearing the word of God before they can have faith and be saved. This is all true. But to claim that God is confined to the use of the *human* preacher and to the *written* word to give them the gospel, is not according to the facts brought out in the verse which follows. Paul asks: "But I say have they not heard?" The inspired answer is in the affirmative: "Yes verily," and then Paul quotes from Psalm 19: 4, saying: "Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

Here we find an important truth that we must be careful not to overlook. Through the *voice* and *words* of "the things" (Continued on page 17)

Your Body's Inhabitants

A Physician Tells of the Astonishing Community Life of the Body Cells

By Daniel H. Kress, M. D.



The doctor explains a brain lesion. An X-ray picture of the skull is shown on the view-box. The cellular construction of the human body is a marvelous thing. The human body may be compared to one of our modern cities made up of millions of dwellers.

THE human body is composed of millions of living, minute organisms known as cells. These cells are so small that they can be seen and differentiated only by the aid of a powerful microscope. For instance, the microscope reveals that in an ordinary drop of blood there are more individual cells than there are people in the United States. These cells are not thrown together promiscuously but are harmoniously arranged in communities. There are brain cells, nerve cells, muscle cells, liver cells, kidney cells, bone cells, blood cells, etc. Each community of cells has its distinctive mission and work to perform. Each cell has an individual existence, and must be supplied with food, water, and air in order to live; and, like every other living creature, it gives off waste material which is poisonous to it, and which must be continuously removed to perpetuate its life.

Food, air, and water are conveyed to the cells through the medium of the arterial blood supply, and wastes are removed through the venous circulation. While these cells have an independent life, they minister to one another. The red blood cells convey oxygen obtained from the air to the cells of the brain, muscles, and glands, while the blood serum conveys food to them in a liquid form. Within the cells the food and air enter into a chemical combination, producing heat and energy. In this way the vital fires are kept burning. Each cell may be said to be a small furnace that burns fuel and gives off carbonic gas, leaving behind an ash as do the furnaces in our homes. The gas is removed chiefly through the lungs, while the ash is eliminated chiefly through the kidneys.

The life of these cells is very brief. For instance, the red blood cells live, on an average, only about six weeks. That is, every six weeks there is a complete change of the blood. The cells of the liver, it is estimated, live about three months; while the muscle cells live a little longer, and the bone cells live longer still. These cells propagate and produce of their kind. Millions of cells die daily and new cells take their

place. The carcasses of the dead cells must be disposed of. Nature has a method of doing this. They are cremated and utilized as body fuel. In the liver the ash which is left behind is prepared for elimination through the kidneys. How perfectly the oxidation and elimination of these organic wastes is accomplished may be determined by a careful examination of the urine. Normally an individual weighing 150 to 175 pounds will throw off through the kidneys ash amounting to about 50 to 60 grams in every 24 hours. If the specimen of urine contains only 20 to 30 grams of solids, it may frequently be ascribed to the fact that oxidation is not complete, or there is a retention of wastes due to disease of some vital organ. The retention and accumulation of wastes is an injury to the cells and tends to shorten their life, and the house in which they live will collapse prematurely.

The human body may be compared to one of our modern American cities made up of millions of human beings. To supply their needs many trainloads of food have to be brought to them daily. An adequate water supply and a dependable sewerage system to dispose of the wastes have to be provided. Should the food supply be cut off, it would result in lowered vitality and ultimately in starvation and death of the dwellers. Water is a very essential commodity in our cities. Should the city sewer become blocked, death of its inhabitants would result from the accumulation of filth and waste.

The most difficult problem that confronts those who look after the welfare of our cities is not a pure food supply or a pure water supply, important as these are, or even an adequate sewer system to carry off the wastes. The greatest and most difficult problem is to furnish the inhabitants with pure air, since air contamination is almost unavoidable, owing to the crowding together of the people.

Each person is constantly casting off, through the lungs, organic poisons produced by the cells, which tend to pollute the air that has to be reinhaled. When we add to this the exhaust gas given off by the burning of the millions of gallons of gasoline by automobile engines, the burning of oil and coal

in the thousands of furnaces, and the burning of tobacco in public places by thousands of people, it makes it practically impossible for city dwellers to experience the luxury of the pure air supplied to country dwellers.

In our cities, the ever-increasing mortality rate from heart failure after the age of 50 years is due in part to polluted air.

Several years ago in passing through "Fat Man's Misery" at Lookout Mountain, my guide called upon me to stand still. In front of us was something I had heard of and had the greatest respect for—a rattlesnake. He said in a very authoritative tone of voice, "Do not move," and I obeyed orders. With a large stone he crushed the head of the creature. After he had made sure it was dead, we passed on. He told me later, as we were walking along, where the rattlers could be found on the snake, and assured me he could return and get them for me. I offered to pay him if he would do so. He came back disappointed and said, "I did not kill it dead enough." The rattlesnake with a crushed and useless head, almost severed from the body, had disappeared. The body of the creature no doubt continued to live for some hours after it was considered to be dead. The cells composing it ultimately died, not from injury but from the accumulation of their own wastes. The cold-blooded creatures sometimes live 24 hours after they are said to be dead.

Some time ago I was invited to a farm where various experiments upon animals were conducted in the interest of medical science. My attention was called to a dog, the head of which had been almost severed from its body. The dog was dead, but the cells composing the body of the animal were still alive and were kept alive for over 24 hours. By means of a special contrivance, the circulation of the blood was maintained and the heart was kept beating. The carbon dioxide and wastes produced by the cells were conveyed to a receptacle corresponding to the lungs, where an interchange of gases took place. Oxygen was taken on by the blood cells, and carbon dioxide was removed. The circulation conveyed nutrients and oxygen to the body cells as when the animal was alive, but not as perfectly. The cells being supplied with food and air, and their wastes being removed, they continued to eat, breathe, and live, after the dog was dead. Death of the cells ultimately resulted from the imperfect elimination of wastes which were poisonous to them.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, in his experiments with living tissue, demonstrated that so long as cells, even though separated from the body of an animal, are supplied with nutrients and their wastes are perfectly removed, they will continue their existence as they do within the body of a living animal. Tissue which he had separated from the heart of a chicken over 20 years before was as much alive the day he took me to the vault where it was kept, as it was the day the chicken was killed. While the rest of the chicken was dead, this little piece of tissue from the heart was not merely living but was actually growing. The life of a chicken at best is not more than about twelve years, but here was tissue from a dead chicken that was still living and active at the age of over 20 years. The prospects were that it would continue to live for many years to come, indefinitely, Dr. Carrel thought. The secret was in his ability to keep the cells composing it freed from wastes which result from activity, and to supply them with the nutrients they needed, unassociated with impurities of any kind. If

Dr. Carrel had been neglectful in supplying the nutrients or in the removal of wastes, or if he had permitted a trace of alcohol or a little nicotine to be added to the medium in which the cells were bathed, death would have resulted long before this. If the process of supplying nutrients and eliminating wastes had been no more perfect than was found in the chicken itself, the life of this tissue would at best not have exceeded the life of the fowl from which it was taken.

What practical lesson does this teach? First, it shows that cell life is dependent on the purity of the medium in which it is bathed, and that medium is *the blood*. This being so, the one who succeeds best in keeping the blood stream clean and the body cells supplied with nutrients clean and unassociated with anything of an injurious nature will live the longest. To have pure blood necessitates a pure food supply, a pure air supply, and perfect elimination of the wastes which are normally formed.

Perfect elimination of wastes is dependent upon perfect circulation of the blood. Perfect circulation of the blood is dependent upon exercise. Our aim should be to keep the blood stream as free as possible from poisons of all kinds, and by suitable exercise encourage the elimination of wastes.

God at the beginning placed man under the most favorable conditions and surroundings to make this possible. He gave him the foods best designed to keep the blood stream pure. Man was placed in a garden where he could have the benefit of work and could inhale the pure, unpoisoned, life-giving air. To the departure from God's original plan we have to ascribe the ever-increasing prevalence of organic diseases, and premature deaths. "Of every tree," God said, "thou mayest freely eat." The simple products from the soil contain all the elements of nutrition unassociated with impurities. The nearer we approach God's plan of breathing pure air, eating pure foods, and taking the needed exercise found in useful, out-of-door life, the better will be the health.

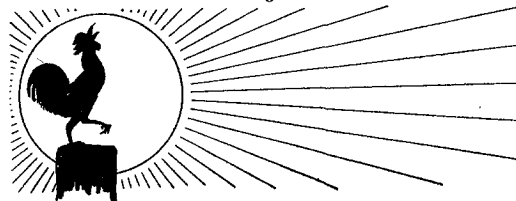
NOISE

By WELDON TAYLOR HAMMOND

SEEKEST thou a noisy religion? Seek it not! What saith the Scripture? "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30: 15. And again, "Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings." Malachi 4: 2.

The rising sun kicks no man out of bed, nor announces his appearance by the ringing of bells, or the blare of trumpets, but men are awakened from their slumber and drawn from their couches of ease by the mighty appeal of the glorious light which floods the earth.

So must it be with the children of God in their witness for the Master. We shall not be able to awaken a world asleep in carnal security by words of sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, but by a simple testimony of oneness with Christ flowing gracefully from hearts that have been spiritually illuminated by the "True Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1: 9.



DEAR MOTHERS: If you are not too busy, I wish you would set yourselves down in comfortable chairs and do some serious thinking, while I tell you a story or two, perhaps three. They are not bedtime stories to lull you to sleep, but daytime stories which I hope will keep you awake and help you to make of yourselves the kind of mothers who are worthy of the tribute that will be paid to you on Mother's Day.

These stories are about mothers. The first one goes like this:

A young man in the employ of an express agency, was sent to a certain house to deliver a package in the shape of a suitcase. He was not happy about it; and when he had found the right number, he set the suitcase down with a thud, and wiped his brow. And this was not because of the weather.

"Well," he said to himself, "I might as well get it over with."

So he rang the bell and impatiently waited for the door to be opened, which was done almost immediately by a man,

who said, as he looked at the case, "Well, the boy's really in now. I suppose these are his clothes."

"Yes," said the young man, "and I thank my lucky stars that you answered the bell instead of your wife."

"And why so?" asked the man as he handed back the signed receipt.

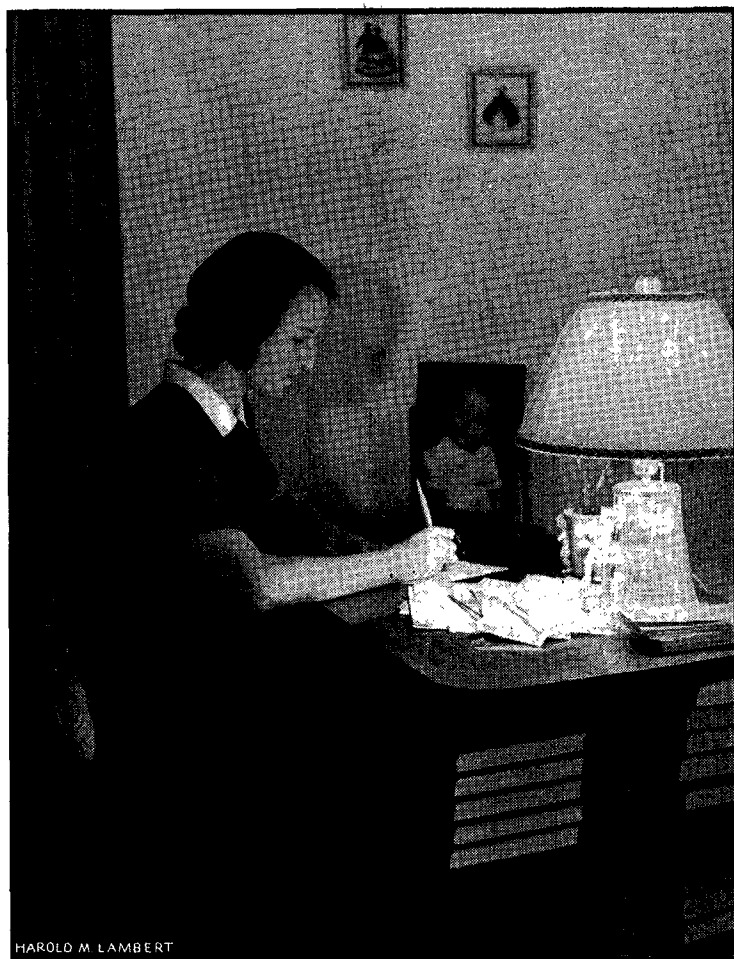
"Oh," groaned the young man, "it's because the women act so. As soon as they see the package and realize it contains their son's or husband's clothes, they go all to pieces. Some of them faint; others weep all over me. I sure would hate to think my mother would act so when I leave."

The second story goes like this:

Ralph was the eldest of four children and his mother's idol. When our country declared war, the woman began to weep. Something told her, so she said, that her Ralph would be among the first to be called, and he was. During the short time that elapsed before he actually had to leave, not one smile did he see on his mother's face. Nothing but tears, more tears, and more tears. And when he left, she collapsed.

A MESSAGE TO BLUE-STAR MOTHERS

How Do You React to Your Son's Being Called to the Armed Forces?



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The doctor was called. He said, "Just nerves," and gave her some tablets and told her she would be all right in the morning; but she was not, because she would not let herself think of anything or anybody but Ralph.

She began writing to him, telling him every little detail of the family life. She told that Bud had to have his tonsils removed. Dad had been laid off for two weeks. Anna had been sick with a hard cold; and as for herself, she was hardly able to move, her heart was weak, she could not sleep at night, she didn't know how the bills would be paid. And so it went.

In answer to a letter from one of the other children, I went to see her, and found her a wreck of her former self. As we talked, she told me all her troubles, and she ended by saying, "I shall either die or go crazy!"

All my efforts to comfort that weeping mother were futile, for she would not be comforted. Therefore I decided upon another course even though it might end our friendship.

For a minute I looked at her in silence, then said, "Of course no one knows what will happen to

When mothers and wives write to their loved ones serving in the armed forces of the nation, they should send messages full of cheer and hope to those who live in the shadow of death.

Ralph or to any of our soldier boys. That we have to leave with God. But you do know that it will be months before he will leave the States, so why all the tears?

"It seems to me I should want to save a few tears for the time when Ralph actually goes away. If you keep this up and go insane, as you say you may, how do you think Ralph is going to feel knowing that his mother is in an insane asylum? That is where they put crazy people. And if you take the other course and die, then Ralph will be called home to shed tears for you. And always there may be a haunting fear away down in his heart that Mother was a co—— that Mother was not brave.

"If you really love Ralph as you say you do, prove it to him by being the mother he has the right to expect you to be. Write only cheerful letters to him. Don't tell him you are sick. Keep all that out of your letters. Be a soldier yourself and help Ralph to do his part in winning this war. What you need to do is to forget Ralph by remembering your other three children and your husband. Is it right for you to spoil the home for them? Think this over, dear friend, and then ask God every day of your life to help you be your own cheery self again. Remember God knows and cares."

At this point the children rushed in from school. So nothing more on the subject was said then or when I came away; but some months later a car drove up, and whom should I see but this woman and her little family! I hardly knew her, for she looked very happy. In fact, the entire family seemed bubbling over with the joy of living. They told me about Ralph, read me his last letter, and seemed proud to know of his advancement. Of course I was interested in all this and glad—so glad!—that this particular mother had come to her senses before it was too late.

And now for the third and last story. It is not very long, but only a letter written by a soldier boy. It is so outstanding, I would like to share it with mothers everywhere.

This youth, after telling about the send-off the boys received at the railway station, and the "weeping females," pens these words:

"My last memory of my mother is her smiling bravely when we parted, and her doing her best to make it as easy for me as possible, for she knew and I knew how hard the parting was. If mothers and wives knew just how much it means to us to have the women we love so much brace us up instead of pulling us down, there would not be so much weeping at the stations and so many women clinging to their men and saying, 'I can't let you go; I'll never see you again.' We need to think that our wives and mothers are safe and happy at home. That is what we are fighting for. For them to cry when we part, and write us how miserable they are, takes the last bit of morale out of us."

This, then, is the end of the three stories. While I know there are mothers who do not need them, there are many who do; and it is for the ones who are making nervous wrecks of themselves and their families by brooding over a situation they cannot change, that I have told them, hoping that they will awaken mothers to the fact, that they have a work to do, if they are to be found worthy of the tribute that will be paid to mothers on Mother's Day.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17: 22.

Have the Heathen Had a Chance?

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that are made," the knowledge of God has been proclaimed "unto the ends of the world." From the psalm which Paul quoted we read: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line [sound, N. T.] is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Psalm 19: 1-4.

Thus we see that the heavens, or firmament, utter speech and show knowledge; they "declare the glory of God" in every language area and "through all the earth." This being the case, Paul inquires, "Have they not heard?" and answers, "Yes verily." In the light of these inspired words, what becomes of the teaching that "millions have never had a chance to hear"?

How true it is that "the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men"; that Jesus is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world"; and that this light given through the word of God written in the Bible and in nature is sufficient to leave them "without excuse." Hence, the teaching of a second chance after death and after the second coming of Christ is scheduled by the powers of darkness to be preached to millions just now as the great counterfeit message of the second advent of the Lord.

The true second-coming message declares in the language of the Holy Scriptures that the advent of Christ will not be a secret rapture but a glorious coming so visible that "every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1: 7. Instead of heralding a future second chance, the call of the true message is, "Be ye also ready." Matthew 24: 44.

Death and Harry Houdini

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The question for each one of us is whether we will believe the word of God or the voices of lying spirits. "When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God?" Isaiah 8: 19. The prophet follows this question with another, which, as rendered by the Revised Version, reads: "On behalf of the living should they seek unto the dead?"

Why should one go to the dead to seek information concerning the living? We would not propound our problems to a stick or a stone; how much less to a corpse! The familiar spirits, Red Jacket, Big Chief, or whatever their supposed name, with their peeping and their muttering, are none other than the spirits of the evil one attempting to seduce us.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Verse 20. If they are without light, they must be heralds of darkness. And if they pretend to be our dead friends, since the Bible says "the dead know not anything," it is plain that they are speaking contrary to the Holy Oracle, and must come from that company of spirits who "kept not their first estate," and whom God has reserved "in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 6.

The dead will one day hear the voice of the Son of God,

and "they that hear shall live." John 5: 25. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16. "Marvel not at this," said Jesus, "for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5: 28, 29.

The day will come when the dead shall live. In that day, when Jesus shall come in the clouds of heaven, and all His holy angels with Him, the righteous will be called forth from their dusty beds to glorious immortality. And "we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4: 17.

But they will not remain in the air; no, no. With Jesus,—their bodies, as the apostle Paul says, being "clothed upon,"—they will ascend with angelic escort to those mansions in the skies which Jesus told His disciples He was going to prepare. (John 14: 1-3.) The day of the Saviour's coming hastens on apace. And may every soul, looking for that day, depart from iniquity.

The World's Longest Blackout

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the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." Revelation 20: 1-3. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison." Revelation 20: 7.

At the expiration of the thousand years, Christ, with His saints, will descend from heaven to this earth. "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds." Jude 14, 15.

The New Jerusalem will descend from God out of heaven. Thus it is written: "I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven." Revelation 21: 2. Then the second resurrection will take place, and the hosts of the lost will live again. Then will Satan be loosed, and will go forth to deceive the wicked. They will come up in the second resurrection with the same spirit which animated them in their earthly life. What a host they will be, from Cain, the first murderer, down to the last rejector of the love and mercy of God!

Satan will make then his final attempt to overthrow the kingdom of God. He will convince that vast host of evil men that they may still gain control of the world. "And [he] shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20: 8, 9.

When the host of the wicked gather about the Holy City, the majesty of God will halt them, and summon them to the judgment bar of eternity. They are to meet their life's

records, and receive a just sentence. Here the whole human race will meet for the first and the last time. The wicked will see what they have lost. They will see the shining host of the redeemed about the throne of God. They will see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of God, and they themselves cast out. (See Luke 13: 28). The events of their lives will flash before their consciences as the books of heaven are opened.

The seer continues: "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Revelation 20: 11, 12.

Too late they shall confess the justice and righteousness of God. "It is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Romans 14: 11. "Every knee shall bow," even that of the archdeceiver! But it will be too late then. There will be no repentance for sin in that doomed throng.

All the universe is to understand the justice of God. When the judgment is finished, it will be seen that not one sinner will be lost because of having no chance to repent. Not a soul will be condemned for what he did not know. These unbelieving ones refused to be saved from sin. Now the time has come when sin must be banished from the universe of God. It cannot be allowed to exist eternally. The wicked have chosen Satan's side, and they must share with him the final destruction.

"Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire. . . . This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20: 9-15.

The great controversy is over! Sin and sinners are no more. God will have a clean universe. "Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21: 5. No more sickness, no more death, no more pain; no more sorrow! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the promise of all that.

How Did We Get This Grand Old Book?

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The Spirit was not given—nor can it ever be bestowed—to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. Says the apostle John, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4: 1. And Isaiah declares, "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.

"WE HOLD these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."—*Declaration of Independence.*



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In the magazine "Christian Action" of March, 1943, there appears an article entitled "Noah's Ark Found Well Preserved by Ice and Wax on Mt. Ararat." The author of the article is Vladimir Roskovitsky, who claims to be one of the discoverers of the object. Has this discovery been confirmed? O. O. U.

No confirmation of Mr. Roskovitsky's claims has been presented, in so far as we have been able to learn. A very interesting discussion of this matter may be found in the periodical *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* of February 18, 1943, in which Dr. Lynn H. Wood, a professor of archeology, says:

"For months, inquiries have been coming in concerning the truthfulness of the story that just before the close of World War I, some Russian aviators who chanced to fly over Mt. Ararat saw the ark encrusted in the ice at the edge of a lake. To those who have given credence to such a story, the following taken from the last number of the *Biblical Archaeologist* (December, 1942), published by the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Haven, Connecticut, will be of interest.

"There is perhaps little use in discussing various stories that receive currency from time to time to the effect that the ark itself has been found. A recent one, asserting that the ark has been seen resting on a shoulder of Mt. Ararat by Russian aviators in World War I, and subsequently examined and described by an expedition sent out by the czar (unfortunately the Revolution destroyed the records), has achieved wide circulation. It has been published in *Defender of the Faith*, October, 1942 (Intercession City, Florida); in *The King's Herald*, November, 1941 (Springfield, Missouri); in *Prophecy*, March, 1942 (Los Angeles, California); and also in tract form by the Pilgrim Tract Society, Randleman, North Carolina. The story is quite without foundation and, inasmuch as at least two of the above publications have printed retractions of it, it deserves no further notice. It may be regarded as a symptom of man's willingness to believe what he wishes to believe."

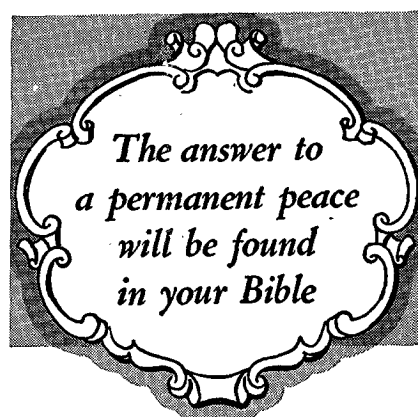
Is it true that Constantine the Great, emperor of Rome, changed the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week in A. D. 321? W. E.

The Emperor Constantine did not make such a change. The substitution appears to have been made about the middle of the second century. The earliest notice of Sunday

observance among Christians is in connection with the controversy over the Paschal (Easter) celebration. While Pius I and Anicetus were bishops of the church in Rome, they advocated the idea of fixing the Paschal celebration to specific days of the week—to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday—rather than to the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of the lunar month and whatever day of the week they might happen to fall on. Thus the ecclesiastical festival in commemoration of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection would be dissociated from the Passover feast of the Jews enough to distinguish Roman Christians from the followers of Judaism. Other Christians, particularly those of Asia Minor, insisted on following the traditional lunar date of the Bible.

The controversy between these two groups became so serious that Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, went to Rome to try to settle the matter with Anicetus. The Roman bishop remained adamant in his purpose, and no agreement was reached. Consequently, the Paschal controversy grew in scope and importance. In A. D. 325, the Sunday-keepers invoked the aid of Constantine at the Council of Nicea, and he imposed the will of Rome by civil law upon Christians.

Justin Martyr, who taught his theology in Rome in the time of Pius I and Anicetus, says in his "First Apology" that those of his opinion assembled for worship "on the day of the Sun." Writers of the latter part of the second century revealed that Sunday observance among Christians had spread to Alexandria, Egypt, and to other parts of Africa by that time. What Constantine did was to enforce upon the Roman Empire an institution (the Sunday festival) which pagan sun worshipers and many Christians had been observing for some time. It can be said truthfully that Constantine promulgated, A. D. 321, the first civil, or public, Sunday law. Ecclesiastical regulations relative to the observance of Sunday appeared earlier, that is, in the second and third centuries.



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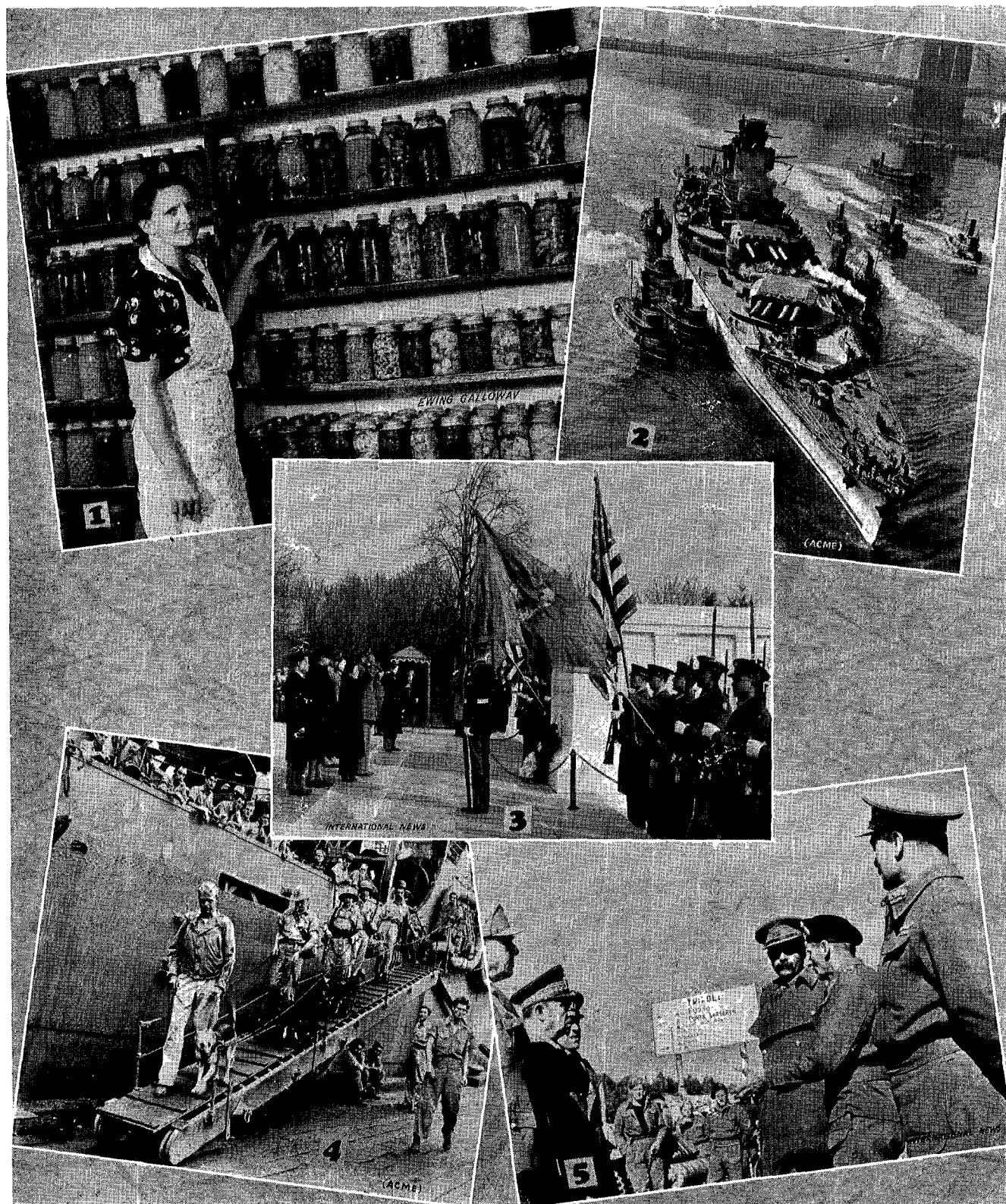
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marines arrive at a South Pacific port for a needed rest. They are accompanied by their fighting dogs. 5.—General Bernard L. Montgomery, at the right and wearing a dark tam, gestures as he dictates the terms of surrender to the lieutenant-governor of Libya and the lord mayor of Tripoli as they surrender the city. The world watches with interest the war in Africa.