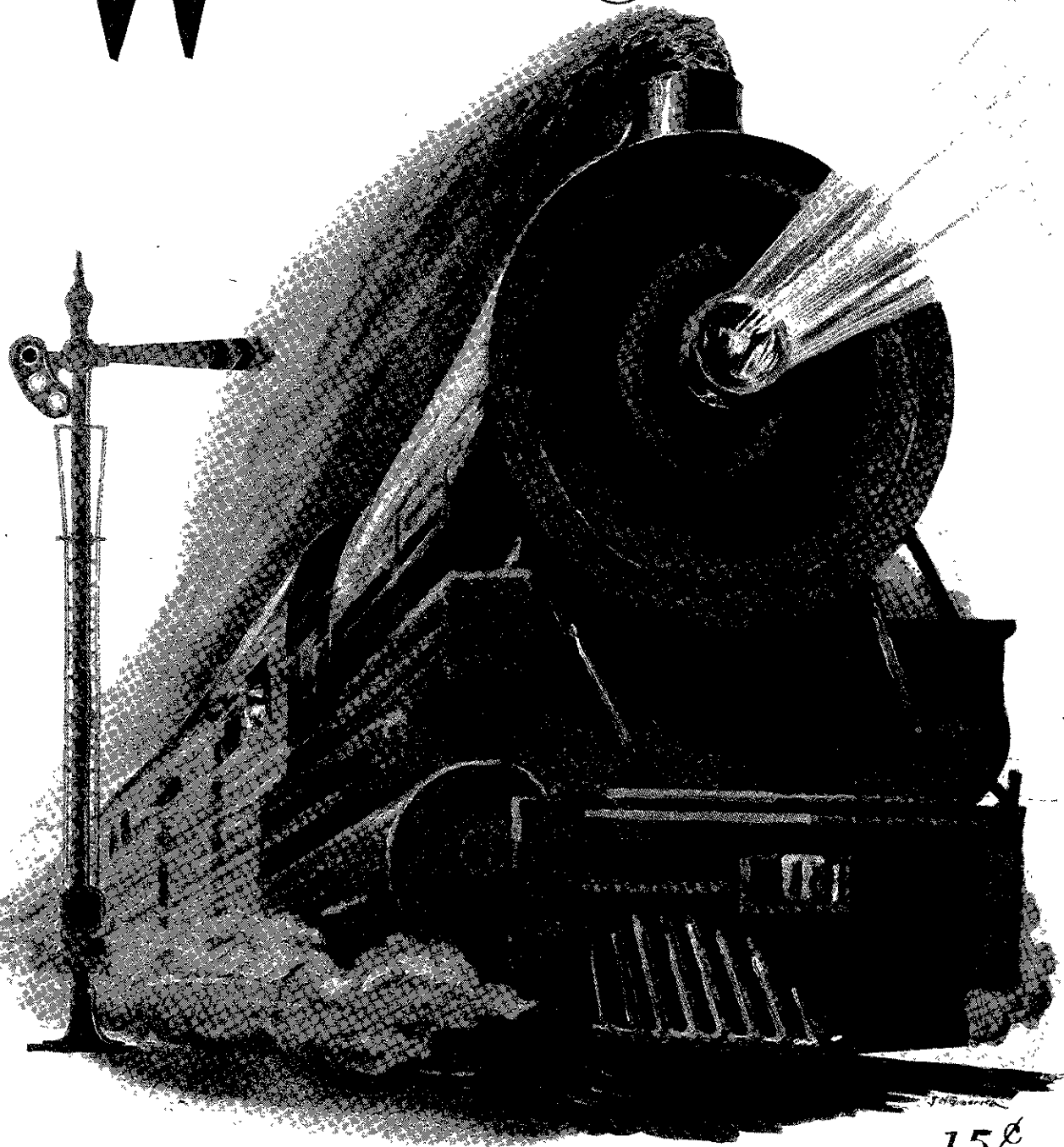


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# BLASTS

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# FLASH LIGHTS

ON PASSING EVENTS



**S**Ocial diseases cost \$3,000,000,000 a year and result in more than ten per cent of the deaths in a community, asserts Chicago's health commissioner. The law of retribution is inexorable. We are reaping the results of yesterday's moral laxities. But we reap in eternity as well as in this life.

**C**URIOUSLY indicative of the changing East comes the word that the boy emperor, surviving head of the Manchu dynasty, has cut off his queue, much to China's surprise. It is a sign of the modern trend. The mighty East, drowsy from the hibernation of centuries, is bestirring herself. She will be heard from soon.

**B**ERTILLOIN, inventor of the Bertillon criminal identification method of physical measurements, died recently at Paris. His death reminds us of the fact that despite protective police measures, finger print improvements, *et cetera*, criminologists estimate the cost of crime to this country to be \$3,500,000 a day. Meaning?—We have reached the "fierce," "perilous times" of the "last days."

**T**HE strike plague spreads. It has touched the Vatican, where gendarmes mutinied because of a dispute over wages, and the Swiss Guards took over the barracks and disarmed the gendarmes. It has invaded Islam too, for in Constantinople the harem attendants have gone on a strike for more money and shorter hours. For light on this world phenomenon which is intensifying in seriousness, read "Running Past the Danger Signal," on page 4.

**A**MERICA'S wealth is today considered to be about \$250,000,000,000. Ninety-eight per cent of this is controlled by 2 per cent of the people. The eight richest men of the nation own \$2,800,000,000. It is averred that eighteen great corporations control 1-10 of the wealth of the United States. Such figures are disquieting because of the potentialities of the situation, with so much social dynamite lying around loose in the world.

**R**AIN-INSURANCE companies, guaranteeing fair weather for baseball, resort hotels, amusement places, peanut and "hot-dog" vendors, paid out more than \$500,000 to policy holders, because it rained on the Fourth of July. Two hundred amusement places at Coney Island collected such bad-weather insurance, ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. The Giants had a \$30,000 policy. Merely a little different turn to the gambling wheel.

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To charge the influx of crime to the backwash of war, to prohibition, to jazz, or any other secondary cause, is to misplace the responsibility. The prevalent disregard for human authority lies much deeper. It is the inevitable outcome of the undeniable drift away from Divine Authority. An appalling proportion of the dwellers of earth (including a large percentage of professed Christians) no longer regard the law of God as final authority. They regard it merely as advice, subject to human revision. Attempts to remedy the situation will fail in proportion to the disregard of these principles.

**China, most populous of nations, with resources greater than any other, and an antiquity of civilization surpassing all other living nations, is gaining her equilibrium. Politically and religiously she is beginning to assert her powers. Recently Chinese Christians met in conference at Shanghai to establish an indigenous Christian church in which Chinese leadership is assured. Indeed, the entire Far East is asserting itself. Thoughtful people recognize that the day of the authority of Western governments over Eastern peoples is rapidly passing. It is the prelude to that fuller realization of power that shall reach its climax in Armageddon, with East and West and North and South involved.**

There are more than 1,500,000 radio receiving sets in the United States, and New York radio manufacturers report more than \$30,000,000 in unfilled orders.

**Earth's Most Spectacular Invention** All staterooms on the giant liner Leviathan are to be equipped for radio receiving. Captain Amundsen, off for the North Pole says: "By ship I shall float with the ice-fields over the roof of the world, airplanes will take us over the North Pole. With movie cameras we will get a photographic record that will never perish. And by radio I shall be in daily touch, if necessary, with civilization, relaying reports that otherwise would be hidden for years." "The radio-telephone is perhaps the most spectacular invention that ever leaped from the brain of man," avers *Hearst's International*. Yet this plaything that has become a \$100,000,000 a year business did not begin to assume its present importance until 1921. A receiving set has been installed on a Fifth Avenue bus, New York. The cars of police flying squadrons and fire chiefs are also equipped to receive reports and instructions by radio. It also brings the church service to the shut-ins and stay-at-homes. The meaning of these and other amazing achievements, will be discussed by Chester A. Holt in "The World Is One-Tenth of a Second Wide," in next month's WATCHMAN.

In a recent issue of a popular magazine of national circulation, the editor, in an article entitled "Undressed Women," launches a diatribe against "our sanctimonious brethren," "pious hypocrites reeking with lasciviousness," "advertising their mental corruption" because they "rail at the undressed woman." Words that smell to heaven pour forth as he expatiates on the "degraded conceptions of the prurient prude," and frantically asserts, "nakedness should be made so commonplace that it will have absolutely no association with sex imaginings, and until the race can reach this standard, we are still wallowing in the wanton filth that has been spattered all over us by foul-minded prudes for many generations." His thesis is that "to a clean mind, everything is cleanly, wholesome." How illuminating! Then salacious books, obscene pictures, unspeakable diseases, and unmentionable vices and debaucheries, are all pure to the pure minded. Fortsooth! Then is the sow wallowing in her mire sanitary to the aseptic mind. The noted physical culturist steps onto unfamiliar territory when he invades the precincts of theology. He quotes two scriptures descriptive of man's creation (unclothed, in purity and innocence), and demands, "How dare those who pretend to be religious try to make us believe that the image of God in which man was originally created is obscene?" His argument seems to be that perfection and purity is to be gaged by nakedness. Then logically complete perfection is to be attained only by discarding all clothing. Some of us who have traveled in foreign lands know the fallacy of such puerile reasoning. But the God who made man naked in his innocence directed the wearing of garments to cover himself after the loss of Edenic innocence. And this command has never been reversed. Even the first pair had the moral discretion and good judgment to make for themselves aprons out of fig leaves. So the editor's premise being wrong, his conclusion can not but be erroneous, much as it would appeal to a growing group in this daring age. As one of America's leading weeklies says, the question "has passed beyond the stage where the critic can be accused of seeing evil where none exists."

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*While millions are bewitched by the siren song of peace, Europe is*

## SHAPING for the NEXT WAR

“WE MUST realize that Europe is not on good terms, and that storms are arising which we must deal with. We had hoped that the end of the Great War meant the end of brute force, but unless Europe's problems are solved there is no assurance that force has given way to right.” These words spoken by Mr Lloyd George, England's prime minister, toward the close of the Genoa Conference, are most significant and are fruitful for reflection. They are part of an eloquent and most sincere appeal on the part of this world leader to the European nations to do something to bring about peace and stability. And can we not all sympathize with this desire?

Europe is in a chaotic, disturbed, pitiable condition today. It was thought when the Great War was over that Europe's political atmosphere would clear up, and the sun of amity and peace would shed its beneficent rays upon the nations. But alas! The clouds have rolled in on Europe, and the political heavens are blacker than ever; and all thinking, observing men and students of international affairs see the storm approaching unless something Herculean can be accomplished, unless some saviour appears on the scene to restore the coveted order. Lloyd George sees the trouble ahead, for in the same plea to his diplomatic confrères at Genoa he declared that unless “the Genoa conference succeeded in arranging a compact of peace, he was confident that in his own lifetime, certainly in the lifetime of the younger men

*By William G. Wirth*

present, Europe would again welter in blood.” And let us keep in mind that the author of these words is no calamity

howler or gloomy pessimist. If anyone can speak with authority on the world's true condition it is Britain's leader, and therefore, whether we will or not, his words must be given their due weight.

But what the statesman declares, the Bible affirms. After all is said and written, God's word must remain the final arbiter. It casts the deciding vote. If it foretells peace, then peace we shall have, no matter how ominous the situation may be, and how internationally upheaved the world may be. If it predicts war, then war we shall have, regardless of the hopes of well-meaning men. The same Record that could so unerringly prophesy the great empire of Rome, the ecclesiastical domination of the Papacy, yes, the rise of our own country, may safely be presumed to be able to tell us what is in store for us, peace or war.

*Lloyd George Echoes Jeremiah*

LET us see how Holy Writ agrees with the foregoing Genoa utterance. Says the prophet Jeremiah, speaking of the days just before the coming of Jesus Christ the second time: “My anguish, my anguish! I am pained at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I can not hold my peace; because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruc- (Continued on p. 5)



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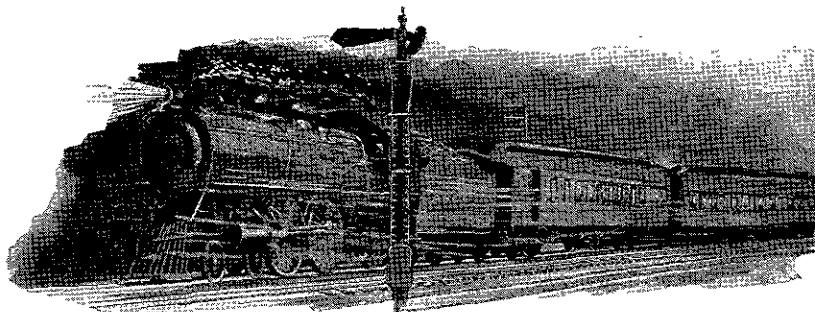
Europe's great statesmen who tried at Genoa to bring economic peace to the continent, and failed

*The appalling situation we face today in crime, industrial war, and general unrest, has come because our civilization is*

## RUNNING PAST THE DANGER SIGNAL

If you would be informed on the causes underlying this summer's labor strike read this article

*By Varner J. Johns*



JUST now this country is meeting a combination of troubles that appalls its citizens. They are living from one issue of the newspaper to the next. Tonight violence is still held in check, with only a few outbreaks here and there, widely separated. But tomorrow's news may bring the reports of an industrial war already become general, which will block the mouths of the mines and ditch the trains, prophesying bloodshed and torture for thousands of combatants, and cold and hunger for millions of the neutral public.

The industrial and economic situation in the United States, yes, and throughout the world, is in a state of flux,—unstable as water. The creation of the Railway Labor Board was heralded as a God-send for the ending of labor disputes; for who would care or dare to question the decision of the Federal Government! But men who will stoop to anything to command the powerful dollar, and who will take fiendish delight in machine-gunning and torturing those who oppose them, will challenge any authority on earth or in heaven: No institution is secure, no life is safe, when violence rules in the hearts of a great number of a nation's people as it does in ours.

These strikes now alarming us may be settled ere these words see print, but the whole question will not be settled this summer nor next. It did not come upon us suddenly, nor will it pass suddenly. For years our moral fiber has been weakening because we have been running past certain danger signals with utter disregard. The strike situation is not an economic question alone. It has its roots deeper down.

There have ever been certain barriers which separate society from the undesirables, the outcasts, the "scum." Standards of morality have been established, and the home, that heaven-born center of righteousness, has ever sought to maintain those standards. Danger signals have been placed at a safe distance from the crossroads which separate order from chaos, morality from immorality, civilization from abject ruin.

Society has at times run past the danger signals and plunged into the awful chasm of ruin. In antediluvian times, every imagination of the thought of man was only evil continually. The "world that then was" debased itself below the level of God's forbearance. The Spirit of God could no longer reach the hardened hearts of men. God could not still maintain His government and let them live. Universal destruction was the result. There have been examples also of national disintegration. Rome was invulnerable in the days of youthful power, but Rome, the Samson of the nations, shorn of the strength of youth by the Delilahs of immorality and lawlessness, became an easy prey to the sturdier races of the North.

The Bible picture of the last days is painted with the antediluvian colors. "As it was in the days of Noah . . . so shall it be." A decadent world, a universal departure from the accepted standards of morality, a mad rush past the danger

signals into abysmal ruin—this is the prophetic picture of the prevailing conditions just precedent to the second coming of Christ. The destruction at that time will be complete—no new race of men to people the earth, no further probation extended to humanity, for, while righteousness is then immortalized, sin and sinner will be destroyed. The cup of iniquity, filled to overflowing, will be dashed to pieces by the King of kings at His coming.

The scourge of evil that has afflicted portions of the world during the millenniums of the past has now become almost pandemic. The danger signals are no longer before us. In the supreme delirium of lawlessness, the world has left the danger signals behind. The grim reality of impending ruin faces us now. These are not idle words, mere theories, or vain imaginings. They are reached by the master minds of the men of earth.

The *American Magazine* characterizes Mr. H. G. Wells as "one of the most famous living writers and observers," with "one of the most splendidly equipped minds in the world today." And this is Mr. Wells' description of our future:

"In a little while, within my lifetime, New York City may stand even more gaunt, ruinous, empty, and haunted than that stricken and terrible ruin, Petrograd. The ship of civilization is not going to sink in five years' time, or in fifty years' time. It is sinking now."

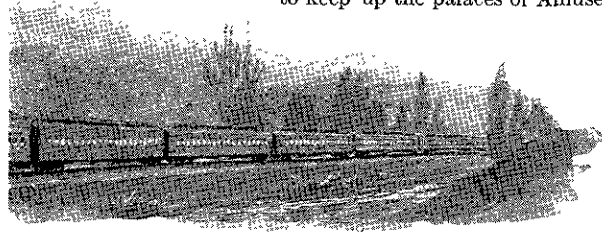
"It is sinking now." Words of such import should startle even the confirmed optimist. They are not the wild speculations of some fanatical prophet. Dispassionate words, deliberate words,—they come from one of the "most famous living writers and observers." And Mr. Wells is not alone in his staggering description of things as they actually are. The grim reality is faced by a multitude of the world's deepest thinkers.

We have run past the danger signals. The home, the supreme bulwark in maintaining the existence of a nation, yes, of civilization itself, is in the process of rapid disintegration. In the divine plan for the human race, the home was established as the sacred temple for instruction in righteousness. The family altar, with its daily worship of the Most High, and the instructions of a godly father as priest of the household, could be more effective in child training than the one-day-in-seven church altar, which brings to most children their only touch of religion, though millions in this country do not have even this. The home has lost the halo of sacredness, and thousands of children have lost their homes. They are orphans, not from the death of a father or mother, but because the lowered standards of morality have wrecked their homes. One hundred twelve thousand thirty-six divorces in one year! A hundred thousand homes broken, shattered, wrecked. A hundred thousand children, or more, torn from homes, where love might have reigned and right-

eousness abounded. Too many marriages, these days, entered into as a joke end as a tragedy. Every four minutes a separation comes in some American home,—a separation of hearts once beating as one, a tearing apart of lives once united in love, a bruising of the lives of the little tots, the tender plants of the home. When the home disintegrates, civilization is wrecked.

“Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God” is another of the characteristics of the last days according to Bible prophecy.

Over seven million dollars contributed by the pleasure lovers of America in one month to to keep up the palaces of Amuse-



ment Kings! And the motion picture, so often colored with the scarlet hues of sin, is the supreme twentieth century amusement. “While the Devil Laughs,” “Reckless Vim,” “Passion’s Playground”—such are the themes suggested and directed by the master hands of the motion picture industry. “Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” In the intoxicated search after the pleasures of the world, the twentieth century is setting a pace which surpasses even Rome in the days of its delirium of dissipation.

And the church, which should be flashing before the world the crimson danger signals, has invited the world to enter her portals, there to satiate its thirst for pleasure. Many a church has degenerated to a social club, many a house of prayer to a house of feasting. Picture the thoughts of John Wesley viewing a poster on the pillars of a modern church:

“Oysters, salads, and meat pie,  
Sweet potatoes, stew or fry,  
Roils and pudding, Jersey cream,  
Apple pie that makes you scream,  
Thursday evening six to eight,  
Get there early, don’t be late;  
Much to eat and much to hear—  
Much to laugh at, none to fear.”

There are many omens of impending disaster. Startling figures have recently been compiled by Henry H. Klein, deputy commissioner of accounts in New York City, on the concentration of wealth, which show that industrially the United States is becoming dynastic, with a veritable dynasty in each of the important industrial structures. This is one great cause of our labor difficulties.

“The concentration of wealth in the United States,” declares Mr. Klein, “has reached the last stage. It will be very dangerous to permit it to go farther.” The dire import of such words should strike the chord of alarm in the heart of every lover of American civilization. Nineteen centuries ago a similar picture, a prophetic picture of last day conditions, was painted by the apostle James and other Biblical writers. “Heaping together of treasure” is ancient prophecy; “concentration of wealth” is modern history. “Has reached the last stage,” says the economist of today; “In the last days,” said the prophet of yesterday. Pictures of striking similarity are painted by the prophet of the Lord and the student of economics. Truly we have run past the danger signals not only in our moral slump but in our economic lack of balance, and in our social injustice as well.

“The ship of civilization is sinking now” says Mr. Wells. Superhuman efforts are needed to keep her afloat. The deadly fungus of sin has rotted her once sturdy timbers. She is going down! There is only one hope for the world. The old ship Zion will soon set sail for the city of God. . As  
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Jesus, the Captain of our Salvation, comes in glory, majesty, and power, the ship of civilization will sink beneath the waves, but the redeemed of all ages will sail in the sturdier craft for their home in the Haven of Peace.

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## SHAPING FOR THE NEXT WAR

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tion is cried; for the whole land is laid waste: suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?” Jer. 4: 19-22, A. R. V. How striking the harmony of sentiment in the statements of Lloyd George and Jeremiah! Did not Christ himself in His own prophecy of the second advent tell his disciples they would know His coming would be near when they would “hear of wars and rumors of war,” and when nation should “rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom?” Matt. 24: 6, 7. Paul, writing to Timothy, says, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” 2 Tim. 3: 1.

Surely, these scriptures and many others that could be quoted show indisputably the future of the world arena. Those who are looking for peace to somehow come out of our international distress need to be disillusioned. To such the Bible declares: “When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.” 1 Thess. 5: 3. For the good of our own souls, may the Spirit of God help us to see things as they really are.

Consider the Genoa Conference. Many eyes were fastened upon that Italian city in hopeful expectation that some plan would be arranged whereby the nations would be able to get together in a friendly way to settle their economic and perhaps political difficulties. It was hoped that an agreement might be effected between France on the one side and Germany and the Bolsheviks of Russia on the other. But it was soon apparent that the differences were irreconcilable. Lloyd George tried all the varied arts of his masterful statesmanship to get the powers together. It was all in vain. But worse than the inability to arrange the agreement was the entente between Russia and Germany which was accomplished at Genoa on April 16. It staggered the Allies; it filled them with amazement and consternation. They all saw that it made war more inevitable and put farther away the day of peace. And it is because of the serious import of this Russo-German treaty as a fruitful cause for future war, a war worse than the Great War and that might indeed lead into the Armageddon of prophecy, that we must write as we do in the remaining part of this article.

### *Middle Europe in History*

EVER since the days of Peter the Great, the latter part of the 17th century, Russia has had it as one of her policies to secure a foothold in the Balkans, Constantinople especially, as a means of getting a much needed access to the sea. For this she fought the Crimean War with Turkey in 1856, the Turko-Russian War of 1877, and played so important a part in Balkan diplomatic affairs leading up to the Great War. During the last fifty years Germany likewise has been much interested in Near Eastern affairs. Berlin’s Mitteleuropa scheme, to get a corridor of territory stretching southeast from Austria (Austria and Germany were practically one in their diplomatic ventures), through the Balkans, across the Bosphorus, through Asia Minor and Mesopotamia to the Persian Gulf, of course ran counter to Russia’s designs. It was this coveting of Near Eastern territories on the part of both Germany-Austria and Russia that was largely responsible for the World War. When Austria attacked Serbia, Russia was drawn in as Serbia’s protector, and in a larger way as an opponent to the territorial aggressions of the Central Powers in the Balkans.

The World War has given to neither Germany nor Russia the desired dominant position in the Near East. But what neither could get alone, it is undoubt- (Continued on page 31.)



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Philip Murray, Vice President of the Mine Workers who are out on one of the greatest strikes the country has ever seen.

### The Labor Crisis

IT IS alleged that never before in its history has the United States been so torn and agitated over the labor question as during the summer months just past. Even the least informed need not be told that the miners and railroaders are on a strike. For months the largest headlines in the first pages of the papers were strike scareheads; and well might Mr. Public fear, for a successful tie-up of fuel and transportation spells a dire winter to come.

The miners' strike affected mainly the eastern coal states, the South, being largely non-union, continuing its work and thereby delaying the coming of the fuel shortage. As is usual in coal strikes, the men were inclined to plead their case with the bullet. In many localities severe fighting occurred, with a number of deaths, the worst outbreak coming at Herrin, Illinois, where strike breakers held off the attacking miners with machine guns; and when the intruders at last surrendered they were deliberately murdered or tortured with the most atrocious barbarities. The tale of the outrage reads like a report of an Armenian massacre. And at last reports little or no effort was being made to punish the offenders.

The railway strike was more orderly, and, as evidenced by the fact that the majority of the trains moved as usual, was not entirely effective in completely hindering transportation. The strikers at first walked out because the Federal Board ordered a cut in their wages to meet the general trend of lower living expenses. But a ruling on the part of the owners, to the effect that the men who struck would lose their rights of seniority if they ever returned under any condition, switched the issue from wages to rights based on length of job tenure.

The combination of both rail and mine strikes was bringing the situation to a unbearable pass. The Railway Labor

Board failed to bring the opposing parties together; so on July 24 the President declared a case of emergency, put the matter into the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Federal Government assumed control of transportation facilities, and of fuel sources and supplies, to the extent necessary to prevent a coal famine. War-time measures were taken for coal rationing and for the fixing of prices to prevent profiteering.

This drastic action went far toward bringing the obstinate operators and unions to terms, and at this writing renewed efforts are being made by both sides to bring an end to the strike. However, there is a fight every step of the way toward peace. Each is determined to concede no more than is absolutely necessary; and whatever the compromise which settles it all, both will claim the victory, and there will be more or less gloating over it.

Men who make no boast of prophetic power, and who have no faith in divine prophecy, are finding it not difficult to predict the outcomes of many of the strikes of the day. The history of strikes has but a single page, and repeats itself. With the advantage now on the side of labor and again on the side of capital, strikes and walk-outs and lock-outs and boycotts and all the painful experiences of that ilk will continue till the coming of the Prince of Peace.

And this is not to say that we shall do nothing to stop them or to mitigate the suffering they cause. But it behooves the Christian to see that the root of the strike evil is in the greed of the heart of man, whether in the capitalist who hoards what he has and grabs for more, or in the laborer who fights to deprive the rich man of part of his gains, and if he succeeds manifests the same greed which he before condemned. Unless the tree of industrial war is stricken at its roots, it will go on bearing its baleful fruit of inadequate wages, hunger, cold, violence, class hatred, and murder.

And the only power that can and will kill the root of this ceaseless conflict is Christ at His coming. While the only safe course to follow for all who will is to obey the Golden Rule,—which is in essence the last six commands of the Decalogue,—and be patient till God takes a hand. So says the Book in its famous message to the working man, "Be patient therefore unto the coming of the Lord." James 5:1-9. To take any other course—whether of agitation or slow pressure or violence—only aggravates the situation. Men have tried every plan man can conceive, only to fail in the end. The laboring man is not

sure today whether all he seems to have gained in wages and better laboring conditions is the result of his organizing and forcing the hand of his employer, or whether he might not have gotten them anyway as the result of better economic conditions.

The plea of God to wait is not a vain hope, nor will the wait be long; for as sure as the Bible is God's word, the step of Divinity is already at the threshold.

### The Palestine Triangle

WILL the Holy Land become the homeland of the Jew, and ultimately a Jewish State? Nearly \$5,000,000 of Jewish capital has been invested in industries in Palestine in the last eighteen months. From the "national fund" they have planted 751,527 trees on land purchased there. Consequently the rejection of the Palestine Mandate by the British House of Lords by a vote of 60 to 29, on the ground that it was opposed to the sentiments of the people of Palestine and would give Zionism political power in a country where a majority are non-Jewish, was a bitter disappointment. There is much Arabian hostility to the project, and they number 700,000 as against 70,000 local Jews. Jewish disappointment is thus expressed by the chairman of the Zionist organization:

"All our hopes have been shattered on the rocks of political expediency. If the House of Commons follows the lead of the House of Lords, then Jews of the world will have been dealt a more staggering blow than that administered by the Emperor Hadrian 1800 years ago, when his persecutions brought about the last dispersion of the Jewish race."

The Vatican, also, has registered disfavor, as it too is interested in Palestine, for the Holy Land contains the holy places of two great religions, Christianity and Mohammedanism. And historically it is the homeland of the Jews. So it is this triangle of interests that complicates the situation.

The Council of the League of Nations has agreed to take up the question of making Palestine a national Jewish home. But Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, has addressed a note on behalf of the Vatican to the League protesting against the British Mandate on the ground that it threatens religious equality, giving the Zionists a privileged position. Lord Balfour excoriates the Vatican opposition to the idea.

The driving pressure by the Jews of Poland and Russia for a haven from persecution and pogroms, and a distorted application of Old Testament

prophecies, have been the mainsprings of the movement. But there is no scriptural assurance of an assembling of literal Israel in literal Palestine. We go on record affirming that there will never more be a Jewish state. The scepter of dominion passed from Jewish hands and it shall be no more until the Messiah comes the second time.

### Peace, the Will-o'-the-wisp

OF THE fifteen or more peace conferences since the armistice, nearly all of which have met for the pacifying and stabilizing of Europe, the Hague Conference just closed was the latest. Who will say it was the last? At any rate, it failed of its purpose as did all the others, and Europe goes on, divided, bankrupt, desperate.

The purpose of this last effort, staged in peace-loving Holland, was especially that terms might be made with Russia, whereby that outcast nation might again enter the pale of economic friendship at least, and be able to buy what she so much needs and to sell what the rest of the world so much wants. But the negotiations broke on the rock of the Soviet's own placing, for their delegates demanded loans from other nations and freedom to trade, and yet refused to promise to pay debts already contracted and those to be made in the future. Their demands were so preposterous and their attitude so arrogant that the conference adjourned without accomplishing anything.

Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy, has truly called the debts of Europe "the tragedy of the world." He says further, "These unhappy billions, borrowed to destroy in war, are the root of the whole economic chaos in Europe. It is truly terrible to realize that no ray of hope illuminates the situation, for the solution of the debt problem can not be found in a hurry. The situation today may be described as, 'Waiting for the worst and hoping for the best.'"

America has kept out of these European peace conferences, whether wisely or not remains to be seen. Yet America did more for the real help of Europe than the peace gatherings have, as is shown by the fact that she has spent \$59,500,000 distributing 788,878 tons of supplies to save Russia from starving. Our contributions to the Near East Relief have totaled \$70,000,000. After all, the best way to help a neighbor is to supply his need till he can supply it himself,—the Bible method.

Yet men will go on to the end meeting greed with greed, diplomacy with di-

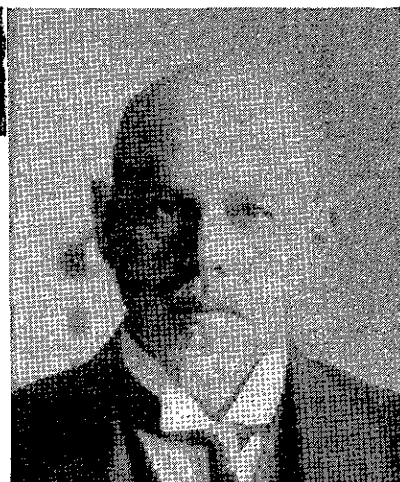
plomacy, violence with violence, knowing all the time that there is a better way. Why do they do it?—Because there is an evil spirit abroad in the earth today "going about as a roaring lion" to stir men up to fight and devour one another. And present conditions can not change till that spirit is destroyed. Its destroyer is Jesus, and He will come to earth in person for the destruction, and that within a few years. Look for Him, for without Him peace is ever just beyond our grasp.

### The Mockers' Inning

THE religious controversy in the evangelical churches over the imminent second coming of Christ and evolution questions has assumed markedly significant proportions. The "fundamentalists," (or conservatives) and the "modernists," (or radicals) are at grips over foundation principles. Great religious bodies are riven over the issues. As the *Literary Digest* says, "The movement works without reference to sect or denomination." The cardinal doctrines of the fundamentalists are the inerrancy of the Bible and the second coming of Christ. And most of them repudiate the theory of evolution.

Dr. A. S. Diffenbach, editor of the *Christian Register* (Unitarian), gives vent to words of acrid scorn as he voices his terror at the violence he believes will seize the world should the doctrine of Christ's personal and speedy advent be widely accepted. The *Universalist Leader* is also deeply agitated, stating: "All the so-called evangelicals are infected with it, and some of them are facing imminent destruction." The *Christian Century* (undenominational) declares, "The Congregational and Presbyterian communities are considerably perturbed, and the Disciples are even more bitterly torn than they." Even the *Advocate of Peace*, a secular journal, commenting editorially says: "The Moody Bible School of Chicago and the Torrey Bible Institute of Los Angeles are trying to bring literalism to life again . . . to scare us once more with the bogey of an ended world and the assurance of a second coming of Christ," and concludes with the remark, "One wonders how far brains and religion can be mixed."

This "tremendous hubbub," as it is termed in the *Literary Digest*, should challenge the attention of every thoughtful person, for it comes within the purview of an inspired prophecy of the Bible. Note well the clear-cut prediction: "Knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with



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Dr. Walter Rathenau, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was recently assassinated in Berlin. He was counted as one of the most able leaders of the German Republic.

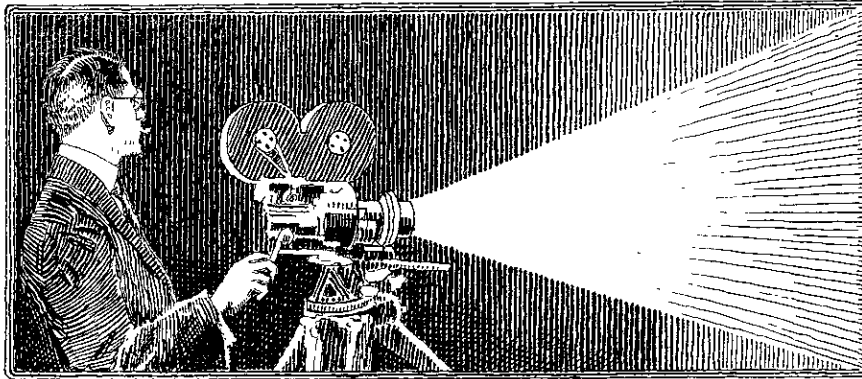
mockery, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they wilfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God; by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men." 2 Pet. 3:3-7, A. R. V.

Mark the scoffing and the derision foretold. But would there be scoffing unless the message of Christ's speedy return were being proclaimed? Note, too, the fact of a willing ignorance of the event of the flood of old which scientifically and logically explains the geological phenomena chosen as the last defense by the evolutionists. These predicted scoffers are willingly ignorant of the stupendous fact of creation. Rejecting this, they deny the coming tempest of fire and aver this age shall have no end.

Prophecy is fulfilling before our eyes. The divine forecast meets its counterpart in the situation of the hour. *And the time of this fulfilment is declared to be "in the last days."* This did not just so happen. It is the involuntary testimony of the scoffer to the inerrancy of the Scriptures. He but proves the thesis he has acrimoniously sought to overthrow. Just as surely as the scoffer has come, just so truly have we reached the "last days" when the return of Christ is imminent. See cartoon, p. 27.

### Insect Menace Alarms

FROM all quarters of the globe reports come of disquieting invasions of agricultural (Continued on page 27.)



# The MORALS of the MOVIES

By Mrs. Clara R. Winterton

*The Moving Picture Shows and Actors Are not before the Bar of Public Opinion alone,  
but They Are also on Trial before the Tribunal of a Higher Censor*

**M**OVING picture people are surely in the limelight. Long is the list of sodden sensation in which actors of the silent drama have played a leading part. Drunken orgies, debauchery and bestiality, suicide and frequent divorce, have been linked with the names of famous film stars for many months.

The private life of the average citizen may be, to a large extent, his own affair. The private life of the man or woman in public view, however, becomes a matter of immediate and vital concern. No one who depends upon public favor for a livelihood should reasonably expect continually to defy the canons of decency and morality with impunity. Yet this is what too many famed film stars have done with abandon. Not only the actor but the whole industry is the sufferer.

The nauseating climax of debauching revelries brought to light by the arrest and series of long drawn trials of a hitherto favorite comedian, charged with the most serious offense in the category of crime, has summoned the motion picture industry in the United States before the bar of public opinion insistently and commandingly. The exhibition of the low moral standards, of promiscuous and illicit love among the thousands who produce the pictures, the revelations of libertine revelings in the movie colony at Hollywood, have fully decided the public that the movies must clean house,—or it will be cleaned for them. The managers of the motion picture world realize that drastic action must be taken to win back an indifferent and deserting public, and to prevent what they fear may be a fatal federal censorship. To this end the services of a brainy politician have been secured at a salary of \$150,000.00 a year.

The plea has been made that certain film favorites are less steeped in guilt than others, that we should not condemn the innocent with the guilty. We might take with that the attempt to influence a jury to condone the offense of one because the acts of another were questionable. Surely we need the divine principle of justice, for the sin of one should neither condemn, nor excuse, the wrongdoing of another. Therefore, mature and thinking men and women, before condemning the moving picture business as a whole, should give the subject serious thought, reasoning not only from cause to effect, but from effect to cause.

### *The Motion Picture Wields an Enormous Influence*

**P**EOPLE in almost all walks of life throughout the United States are agreed that, "The abuse of the motion picture screen is becoming a national calamity." It is stated on the best of authority that one-fifth of our entire population, or twenty million of our American people, attend a motion picture show every day, and one authority has affirmed, "The gigantic business of the 'movies' is daily influencing the masses of our people to an extent not even approached by all our schools, our churches, and our ethical organizations combined."

A Catholic authority refers to "the lurid scenes, the unwholesome sex appeals, and the debasing animations of crime and immorality to be found in so many of the widely exploited photoplays," and affirms that these things are doing a large part in debasing the morals of the rising generation.

The chief of police in Chicago has traced a large part of the juvenile crimes of that city to the corruptive motion pictures that are exhibited.

Recent news dispatches tell of murders and suicides among children from five years of age upward. Many of these are acknowledged to be the result of imitating moving picture scenes. The crime wave among adults is fully paralleled by that of the rising generation. The juvenile courts in all our large cities report that they are overcrowded with work. What to do with these boys and girls is one of the problems of the hour. These startling developments in the way of juvenile crimes should cause every father and mother to do some very serious thinking. What are your boy and girl reading? What are their games and amusements? What kind of moving pictures do they see?

### *Worse Than the Dime Novel*

**S**EVERAL years ago we heard severe condemnation of the yellow-backed dime novel as a factor in corrupting the morals of our youth. But all teachers agree that the lesson most indelibly impressed is the one illustrated or acted out. By this means even the illiterate may become educated in all manner of crime and immorality in this illustrated night school.

A bright little twenty months' old baby neighbor of mine, after a few visits to the picture show, took a very decided notion that he must eat with two spoons at once while he wagged his head from side to side. His mother reproved him, asking why he wanted to act that way, and received the information, "I, Sholly Shaplan."

Some parents, in an effort to rear their children in the way that they should go, forbid them the picture shows; but how is it possible for a godly mother to keep the thoughts of her children pure and their minds stayed on moral themes, when on their way to the corner grocery or the school-house they are compelled to run a gauntlet of shameless, suggestive pictures flaunting on conspicuous billboards?

Who shall say that our children are the only ones being educated in crime and immorality by these suggestive pictures? We are well aware that familiarity with any evil makes it seem less shocking. The scenes of marital infidelity, murder, and the like, that are depicted continually before this generation will destroy its morality and eclipse its religious ideals.

Whose fault is it that clean, wholesome, educational pictures are cast aside? Are we the victims of the motion picture fraternity, or are they but catering to our demands?

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If the latter explanation be true, then how great is our responsibility; not only to the welfare of ourselves and our children, but to the moving picture people themselves. If but looking upon the picture causes a degeneracy of morals on our part, what must be the effect of acting immoral and suggestive scenes with such intense realism? Can you wonder that the hours of recreation following such realistic work should be filled by those actors with a natural sequence of the pictured scenes?

### *Sensation Is the Demand of the Hour*

NEWSPAPERS have chronicled the financial failures of those who determined to exhibit only moral and educational pictures. The attendance where only unquestionable pictures were shown was not sufficient to meet expenses.

Writers of novels and photo-plays claim that sensation is the demand of the hour, that they are being pushed and prodded in the demand for something new, something exciting enough to arouse the jaded emotions of a listless public. The more extravagant a thing is, the more it is patronized; the more venturesome and audacious it is, the more customers it finds.

Society generally gets what it demands, and there is a mad rush to fill the insatiate desires of the pleasure-loving public. Crowds are flocking where they can get the rarest, the most unusual, irrespective of price. There are therefore thousands of men and women so intent on reaping the harvest of money that they get for this business, that they are utterly oblivious to the fact that they are rapidly pushing society over the brink into the most hopeless disaster and ruin. It is said to be one of the tricks of the moving picture fraternity to get the newspapers and the clergy to denounce some particular play, because they know it will draw all the larger crowds.

Religious leaders have planned to introduce censorship bills in all the state legislatures that meet during the year. It is very proper and right for those who have the good of the people at heart to do all in their power to regulate this growing evil, but regulation or censorship will never stop it. Absolutely immoral films can and doubtless will be suppressed; but trashy ones, merely sensational ones, can hardly be touched by the law.

All the evils of novel reading lurk in the movies, and more,—the appeal to the passions, the presentation of unreal life, the popularization of sin, and the stirring of the emotions with no corresponding appeal to action.

Here are opinions from three authorities with widely different viewpoints:

"The most insidious suggestions of evil in the land today."  
—A Pinkerton detective.

"In every performance some ignoble suggestion."  
—Dr Winfield Hall, a leading authority on social ethics.

"The worst said has not been strong enough."  
—Judge Landis of the United States District Court.

### *Censorship Has Failed*

THE thinking people of the world, though they may not be Christians even, are much concerned over this great evil. Clean-minded women and clean-minded men are forming themselves into censorship organizations to pass upon all amusements and to prevent young minds from being poisoned by such film or footlight productions as are merely banal and meretricious. But no amount of legislation can overcome an evil so deeply rooted in the affections and habits of the people. What is needed is a heart work for each one affected.

The churches should awake and, holding up a higher standard of spirituality, go out to stem the tide of moral looseness, ere every vestige of righteousness is swept away.

The question naturally arises, can a Christian attend a moving picture show? The invention by which the moving picture is produced is one of the most remarkable of the age, and if properly used could be the means of accomplishing much good. It could be used to teach geography, customs of foreign people, scientific facts, and some of the great truths of the Bible. But

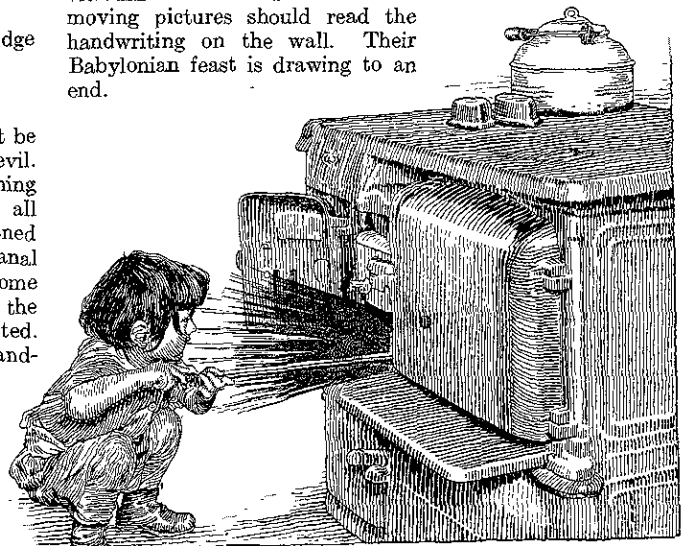
until it is put to commendable use, the Christian could not indorse with his presence an institution that leads to evil and away from God. Neither should he contribute to the support of such an institution when the cause of God in the earth is languishing, and thousands of fellow-beings are starving. The conscientious Christian could not contribute the price of one admittance, in harmony with his profession. The Christian will ever be mindful of his example. He might attend some particular show that would do him no harm, but others seeing him there would naturally reason that his example was safe to follow, and they would continue to patronize an institution that would lead them far astray.

### *The Christian Attitude*

THE true followers of Christ will shun places of worldly amusement because they can neither take Jesus with them, nor find Him there. Worldly amusements have no influence to lead one nearer heaven, but rather have a tendency to destroy love for God and His worship. The professed Christian does not live up to his privilege as such, else the pleasures of sin would hold no charm for him. The only hope of salvation for himself and others is to live in conformity to the precepts of God's word. The lowered standard of the nominal churches is as much a sign of the last days as is the exceeding sinfulness of the godless.

Paul in the first part of the third chapter of his second letter to Timothy affirms that the last days will be made perilous because men will be "lovers of their own selves." He further affirms that these same last days will be made perilous because men are "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." When we take together the sayings of Paul and of Jesus and of all the prophets concerning the conditions that will exist in the world just before the second coming of Christ, and when we see how literally all these things are being fulfilled, we ought to have no doubt in regard to the time in which we are living. We should individually leave nothing undone in preparing for that supreme event.

The God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, has promised to deal with the sin of this time. He will visit with judgments, that He may arouse, if possible, all people from their carnal revelry. But if they fail to heed His warnings, they may rest assured that He will not permit these things to go on forever. A note of warning must be sounded throughout the world that sin, when it becomes so confirmed as to be incorrigible, must surely stand before the righteous Judge to receive its merited doom. It is therefore about time that the exploiters and confirmed lovers of viciousness in the drama and in moving pictures should read the handwriting on the wall. Their Babylonian feast is drawing to an end.



As well let a child play with fire as to allow him to attend the popular movies



# PROHIBITION—

## *Results Give the Answer*

ANY law enacted that lessens the committal of crime is not a failure. We do not expect laws against murder or theft to entirely prevent them. They do lessen them, and because they do they are a success. Prohibition does not prohibit, some say, and therefore prohibition is a failure. Such reasoning would be considered ludicrous should it be applied to laws pertaining to the prohibition of crime in general. The fact is, any law that lessens crime is a success. The traffic in drink has been lessened by prohibition; it has also lessened the committal of crime, for most of the crime of impulse in the past was due to drink.

It must be admitted that prohibition has had a splendid influence upon society. It certainly is now safer in our large cities for women to go out of their homes at night without being insulted by men under the influence of drink. Where a few years ago it was almost impossible to go along the streets of our cities without running up against drunken men here and there, now we seldom see them.

Every large city, so far as I have been able to ascertain, reports a great lessening in arrests for drunkenness, and consequently in crime resulting therefrom, since prohibition has been enforced. These are stubborn facts for the organizations to face which have been brought into being for the sole purpose of demonstrating that prohibition is a failure. Sir Arthur Newsholme, late principal medical officer of the Local Government Board, England, has lately published his findings in a book entitled "Prohibition in America," in which he prints the following tables showing the remarkable decrease in the arrests for drunkenness in our large cities:

	1917	1918	1919	1920
Baltimore, Md.	5,129	7,552	5,096	1,785
Boston, Mass.	73,393	54,984	35,540	21,800
Louisville, Ky.	1,865	2,814	2,041	500
Minneapolis, Minn.	7,014	5,084	3,715	2,363
New Orleans, La.	6,690	9,477	5,338	2,399
New York, N. Y.	16,311	8,795	7,028	7,804
Philadelphia, Pa.	43,040	34,655	23,613	20,410
San Francisco, Cal.	14,725	15,437	11,288	2,257
Waterbury, Conn.	3,132	2,401	1,341	748

Why this cry of the liquor element against prohibition, if prohibition has not materially reduced the use of drink? This of itself is sufficient evidence that prohibition is regarded even by them to have been a success and not a failure. It has already accomplished all that we expect other laws to accomplish. It has lessened the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. There will always be a lawless element that will in some way succeed in getting drink in spite of the best laws against it, just as there always will be thieves in spite of the best laws against stealing.

### *Why More Drug Fiends?*

BUT the argument is now being urged by some that prohibition has increased the consumption of habit-forming drugs. It is true that many of those who were formerly addicted to the use of alcoholic beverages, in their absence have resorted to the use of narcotics that may be even more injurious to the individual using them. They belong as a rule to a poor unfortunate class who have been made degenerates by drink, and are few in number as compared to those who formerly drank but are now living sober and industrious lives. This very day in examining a patient I inquired, "Do you use alcoholic drinks?" He replied, "Not now, before prohibition I used to drink a pint of whisky daily, but none since." Should prohibition be unsuccessful and wholly fail in

reforming the drunkards made by drink in the past, it should not be regarded as a failure if it prevented the making of additional drunkards. Prohibition certainly affords an opportunity for the young men of today to grow up without being faced on every hand with the temptation to enter saloons for a social drink. The social drink is in most instances the beginning of drunkenness and inebriety, which later may lead to the use of dope in the absence of drink.

It is true, there has been an increase in the use of habit-forming drugs since the enforcement of prohibition, but it must be recalled that prohibition came in just at the close of the world war. Prohibition was not responsible for the increase. In other countries where prohibition is unknown the use of habit-forming drugs has increased. Prohibition came very providentially in America at a time when the natural restraint, felt by the young men and women was thrown to the winds. Had it not come when it did, conditions would have been indescribably worse.

The use of cigarettes by the young has greatly increased during and since the war. During the war the use of cigarettes was encouraged among young recruits. Smoking was held to be almost a necessity in order to be a good fighter, and to maintain that calmness of nerve so essential on the field of battle. It did neither. The smoking of cigarettes makes cowards, not heroes, and instead of calming, it shatters the nerves. Many of the useless nervous wrecks found in our large cities today have been made by the cigarette rather than by the war itself. The great tobacco trusts spent millions of dollars in perpetuating these deceptions, and Christian and benevolent associations were carried away with them and aided the trusts in getting rid of their wares. It was possibly the greatest and most successful advertising scheme ever launched upon an innocent people since the world began. Young girls were stationed in public places to hand out the tempting little white slaver to the boys as they passed by on their way to the cantonments or to the field of battle. The folly of this is now seen by many, but it accomplished the purpose the tobacco trusts had in mind for the time being. The use of cigarettes has become almost

If we could find a way to stop this—

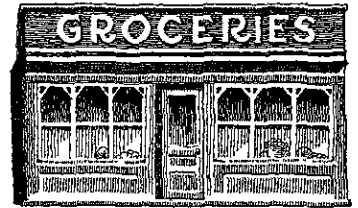


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Coffee boilers and tubing are being sold to private families for the manufacture of illicit stills in which to make "home brew"

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# Is it a FAILURE?

By D. H. Kress, M. D.



universal as a result. The cigarette is a dope just as certainly as cocaine, heroin, or morphine. It is almost, if not quite, as harmful as are these.

## *Cigarettes Lead On To Drugs*

THE step from the cigarette to the use of these other habit-forming drugs is a short one. The one leads to the other. The increase in the use of dope must be ascribed not alone to prohibition therefore, but in part to the increase in the use of cigarettes during war time.

Because the use of dope has increased during the prohibition period is no reason why we should put down the bars and encourage the traffic in drink; rather the thing to do now is to stop the sale of cigarettes and tobacco, just as we have the sale of alcoholic beverages and habit-forming drugs. This we are told would be an interference with personal liberty. We already have laws prohibiting the sale of cocaine, heroin, and morphine. Fortunate it is that such laws exist. These laws do not entirely stop the traffic in these drugs, but they certainly greatly minimize their use, and no one would take the position that these laws are a failure or that they are an infringement on the personal rights of the people.

The time was when smoking by women was frowned down upon. But the habit has gained tremendously among them during and since the war. Smoking by women in public places is now no longer looked upon as a strange thing. At Columbia University smoking among the young women seems to be quite common judging from the statement made by the president of the student body of Whittier Hall. She said, "The girls here smoke—we all do. But we do not all do it here in the hall. The rooms are too small, and that is really the reason for the rule against smoking in Whittier. Why, the place would soon be a smoked-stuffed den if we allowed girls to smoke where they pleased." Smoking in other institutions of learning is becoming quite general among the girls. The habit is so common among women in our cities that it is becoming a menace. Recently the following ordinance was reported to have been passed in the city of New York, "No person, firm, partnership, corporation, or

association of whatever character owning or controlling either as proprietor or manager—any hotel, restaurant, or other public resort in the city of New York, in which people meet and congregate whether for the purpose of refreshments or entertainments, shall allow any female to smoke in such places." Later it was discovered that the ordinance was presented to the city council but was not passed. But when the announcement was made in the resorts and public places, a storm of protest followed. Well known women denounced the ordinance as unconstitutional. Mrs. Oliver Stott Gabriel, Republican leader, is reported in the *Washington Post* of March 28, to have said, "I oppose every infringement on the rights of men and women. This ordinance is worse than the 18th Amendment."

Mrs. Nellie Beebe political leader in Brooklyn, said, "It's a good law if they can enforce it, but it will make women smoke all the more, just like the prohibition law made men drink all the more." Lillian Sire, Democratic leader, said, "I think it an outrage. I believe the law will be repealed." Miss Mary Wood, president of the State Republican Women's Association, said, "Perhaps they will have to wipe out women altogether after a while in order to remove all temptation. The most intelligent and representative women smoke. This ordinance would make them all criminals."

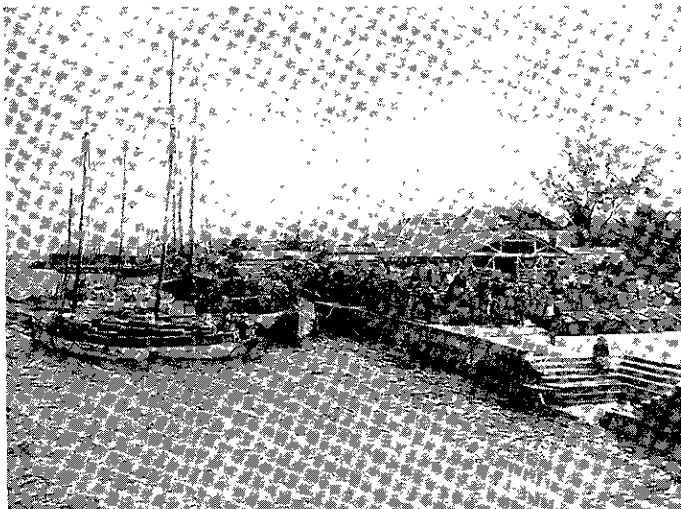
## *Smoking Is a Public Menace*

ALL of this sounds very strange, coming as it does from leaders among women. Certainly just as much can be said in favor of a law prohibiting the use of cigarettes by women as can be said in favor of laws prohibiting the use of heroin and cocaine by women, which laws already exist, and which these representative women would not have repealed if they could. There is more reason in fact why a law against the use of cigarettes should be enacted and enforced, than why we should have laws enacted against the use of heroin, cocaine, and morphine. The heroin and cocaine users do not endanger the health of those in whose presence they are. The cigarette smoker does. The cigarette smoker contaminates the air others are compelled to breathe. Cigarette smoking is therefore a public menace, and in this respect is more objectionable than even the use of alcohol, heroin, cocaine, or morphine. Good women smoke it is affirmed. A few good women smoke it is true, but these good women would be better women if they did not smoke. It must be admitted that smoking is confined chiefly to the brothels and the low-downs among women, and to the loose women among the high-ups.

The laws against the use of alcohol, cocaine, and morphine include the men as well as women. The question naturally arises, if smoking is a menace, and should be prohibited among women, why should it not also be prohibited among men? Class legislation is never satisfactory. The time is not far distant when public sentiment will be sufficiently aroused to prohibit smoking not merely among women, but also among men, in public places. Every man, woman, and child has a right to the benefits of the pure uncontaminated air of heaven. It certainly would not be considered an infringement of personal liberty to pass laws against the contamination of our water supply. By what reasoning could we then oppose a law that would assure a pure uncontaminated air supply? Pure air is much more important than pure water.

There has long been a division among medical men as to whether alcoholic beverages are of value as remedial agencies. The *Journal of the American Medical Association* recently sent out a questionnaire to 53,900 physi- (Continued on p. 16)

and this, Prohibition would have a fair trial



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A fleet of boats loaded with liquor at Nassau, Bahama Islands, later to be smuggled into the United States



# SICK HUMANITY

**I**T NEEDS no argument, no proof, no demonstration to the Ordinary Person who observes and thinks to convince him that Humanity is certainly, seriously sick of a deadly, multiform malady. He knows it. It touches him on every side. It approaches him from every angle. It meets him in the way. It sleeps in his bed and eats at his board.

The Ordinary Person notes that the sickness is not merely bodily. It has seized the mental, moral, and spiritual man as well. It affects all activities of life. It is manifest in the political, commercial, educational, social, and religious worlds.

Its manifold symptoms and consequences need not be recited. The great war and its after results; the millions dying of disease and famine; the dissatisfied and angry nations; the tides of crime; the ever multiplying, polluting, defiling, debasing, infectious, contagious infractions of sexual relationships and the marriage bond, which like a fretting leprosy are eating into the whole social fabric; the mad revels and dances of death devised by the devil to help souls forget their misery and forget, too, the Remedy.

The Ordinary Person who observes and thinks and remembers sees no hope, no lasting remedy in the numerous panaceas exploited by men. While he is glad that there seems to be promise of surcease from war through multiplied treaties, he remembers how in a world far less sensitive in 1913, some of the broad-minded and great-hearted men of the world, who need not be named, believed it impossible that the great nations of the world should ever again go to war. There were arbitration treaties galore, fraternal societies, social organizations, commercial relationships, educational standards, exchanging professorships and students, religious and peaceful propaganda—in fact every human interest forbade war; such a calamity could never be. But it came; and the Ordinary Person can not see why, if the occasion demand and the combination serve, treaties may not be considered as scraps of paper now as well as in 1914.

## *Is There No Remedy?*

**N**O, NO sufficient human remedy. Every form of government has been tested, from the strongest and most arbitrary imperialism to the most radical outgrowth of radical socialism gone to seed—Bolshevism; and written in letters of blood and crime over all of them is what God wrote over Great Babylon of old, "Weighed in the balances; found wanting."

There is no hope in unregenerate humanity. No degenerate people ever reformed themselves. The word of the Nazarene to the proud moralist is forever and universally true, "Except one be born from above he can not see the kingdom of God."

Salvation from the malady lies not in reform laws, religious resolutions, increasing restrictions in criminal, social, and civil codes and standards. All these efforts of men come and fail, are amended and fail, are multiplied and fail, till the whole becomes a laughable farce, a huge joke.

Modern science has determined to its own satisfaction that the active unit of energy is neither the molecule nor the atom, but the electron, which no one has yet seen, save in effect. Men believe this whether true or not.

But a greater revelation than this, marvelous though this may be, is older than man, revealed by the Maker of man, the great God of the Bible, Jehovah. He tells us in His Book that the germ of all the world's ills is expressed in the little word *s-i-n*. In various ways he tells us

what sin is. Read a little of what the tested Book says:

"All unrighteousness is sin." 1 John 5: 17.

"Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3: 4.

"For I had not known sin except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Rom. 7: 7; 3: 20; 4: 15.

"The wages of sin is death" Rom. 6: 23.

"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men; for that all have sinned." Rom. 5: 12.

"Sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1: 15

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3: 23.

The law transgressed is the great decalogue, the summary of all morality, the transcript of God's character largely in negative form, to sinful man, given by the great Jehovah himself, spoken by His own voice, engraved by His own finger on tables of enduring rock, indicative of its all comprehensive, perpetual, immutable character, to which "He added no more." See Ex. 24: 12; 32: 15, 16; 31: 18; Deut. 5: 22.

## *The Remedy*

**T**HE absolute perfection of that law was revealed to the world in the person of the Son of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within My heart," Ps. 40: 7, 8; Heb. 10: 5-10. Such is the breadth of sin, such its meaning and end, with no hope for the sinner within himself, but only sin's surcease in death.

There is a remedy for the incurable malady. Modestly as becomes a mortal, yet confidently as becomes an ambassador of the Most

High, let me say to the Ordinary Person—Nay, more, to all persons—There is an All-sufficient Remedy. The same Book which reveals repeatedly the fearful disease, the repeated and awful diagnoses, brings to us the mighty, cleansing, healing Remedy. Read the following, only one of the many mighty messages of the Book of God to sick and dying Humanity.

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou are no more a servant [of sin] but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God."

Read it again, slowly, thoughtfully:

The Son of God met both prophecy and fulfilment, both precept and life for all. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1: 12. Neither age nor distance makes of less effect the Remedy, nor diminishes its power. He is "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is the "way, the truth, and the life." He is wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption to all who believe.

And there is no other Saviour, for in none other is there salvation, for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, whereby we must be saved.

He did not come to tantalize poor, sinful, weak, powerless humanity with a perfect example which none can reach. He came to supply in infinite plentitude the grace to cleanse the soul from sin, to bestow the imputed and imparted righteousness acceptable to God, to which His law bears

# and the REMEDY *By Milton Charles Wilcox*

witness, to give the strength to live in our flesh His life of obedience, to furnish the faith to make the precepts of God's law potent, enabling acts in Him, to help us to grasp the great joy and privilege and right of sonship forevermore.

In Him is combined mercy and justice in perfect love. For "if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. There is healing and cleansing in yielding our all to Him—our sins and selfishness, our pride and self-conceit—and accepting all that He longs to be—and died and lived to be—to us.

## *He Is God's Remedy*

FOR humanity's awful malady there is no other message of that arrangement of God to man is God's gospel, His good tidings to every soul. It is the heart and core of God's great threefold message to men for this day, this generation, found in Rev. 14: 6-12. Let us study it briefly: It has three great parts: (1) the positive gospel message; (2) God's announcement of the everlasting failure of great Babylon and all her schemes and power; (3) His last message of warning against the results of world-wide apostasy and the rejection of the gospel. The first part only will be our study. It reads as follows:

"And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven having eternal good tidings [everlasting gospel] to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he saith with a great voice, Fear God, and give Him glory; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters." Rev. 14:6, 7, A. R. V.

1. Note first that it is a last-day message ushering in the second coming of Christ. Verse 14.

2. Angels are used as the symbols of God's messages to earth, His highest heavenly messengers working in connection with His earthly servants. So it was at the first advent. See Luke 2: 8-20.

3. The message is the everlasting gospel, the eternal good tidings of salvation, adapted to all ages and all generations, to Adam the fallen, to the first martyr Abel, to the last soul that earth knows. There is no other message of life. God respects individuality, selfhood, and He stoops down to bring the message to every soul. The wide-stretched arms of the blessed Christ are open and His pleading voice cries to every sin-sick soul, "Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." It is the same good tidings of God through the ages.

4. It goes to every nation, tribe, and tongue. God has not one gospel for the English, another for the Chinese, another for the Hottentot, another for the Eskimo. The one gospel is divinely adaptable to every soul. It needs no human supplement or amendment. It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1:16. It is always mighty in the power and love and wisdom and life of God, always all-sufficient.

5. Like its giving in every generation, it emphasizes in addition to its saving power the things of vital import to the particular time of its giving. For instance, in Noah's day it emphasized the imminent deluge; in John the Baptist's day the sinful unprepared condition of Judah, the pride of ancestry and good works, which avail nothing, and which hid from them their Saviour. In these days it emphasizes four things:

a. "Fear God." The eternal good tidings deals with fundamentals. The first four words of the Book of God are implied. "In the beginning God." He is first; fear Him. Forget the schemes, the political and social reforms of men, that cover with political plasters the ulcers of sin. Get God's remedy. Do not fear human federations or councils or schemes; they are all earth-horn. "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge." "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom." Fear God, not cringing cowardly fear, such as overwhelming calamity produces, but holy reverence for God, for His law, His word, His gospel.

The mightiest character-molding thought that ought to come to every man is the thought of God and the responsibility of every soul to Him. Fear Him. First of all are His prudence, His commands, His guidance. Listen to His voice; abide in His presence, and the fear of men will pass forever.

Men are fearing things palpable and impalpable, seen and unseen, financial crises, political revolutions, combinations and federations, diseases and pestilences. Let all these fears vanish in the holy love and reverential fear of God. He who aims at eternal success can not, must not, ignore the basic fundamental of all success—"in the beginning God," "fear God" "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do His commandments," is a part of one of God's songs to His people for earth's pilgrimage.

b. "Give Him glory." Man is glorifying, praising self. He glorifies the human, the human plans and schemes. Today he lauds them to the skies; tomorrow they fail, and others take

their places; but all hide from God. Nehuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, glorified himself, and his song of praise to his own might and wisdom was the prelude to his beast life of abject humiliation till he learned that the Most High ruled. See Daniel 4: 29-37. Modern world-wide Babylon's hymn of self-glorification is the prelude to her destruction. Rev. 18: 7, 8.

"Give glory to Him." Enter into your closet. Invite God in. Open your heart to the story of His word and His divine inspection. Think of his infinite power as Creator of all, Supporter of all, Ruler of all. Think of His infinite love in giving His Son to die, through whom He will wipe from His universe some day the wrinkling dress of sin forever, and in His infinite majesty come into His own. If you will do this in God's way you will never fear and give glory to men, but to God forevermore.

Babylon in her earthhorn wisdom says, "I am, and there is none else beside me." The Christian in simple faith says, "By the grace of God, I am what I am." Give glory to Him; accept of His Remedy; and join in the song.

"Worthy art thou our Lord and our God,  
To receive the glory and the honor and the power."

c. "The Hour of His Judgment is Come." In the days of the apostles it was a day to come that God had "appointed" for judgment. Acts 17:31; 24:25. Now the appointed day is here; "the hour of His judgment is come." The sentences of all impend.

The little justice courts are important to some people at times. County and state courts even more. Federal, district, and supreme courts affect a greater number; and great international courts affect nations. But no (Continued on p. 15)

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*Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and other authorities on Spiritism are claiming that the dead are communicating with the living by radio. Is this a development of science and religion which we may expect?*  
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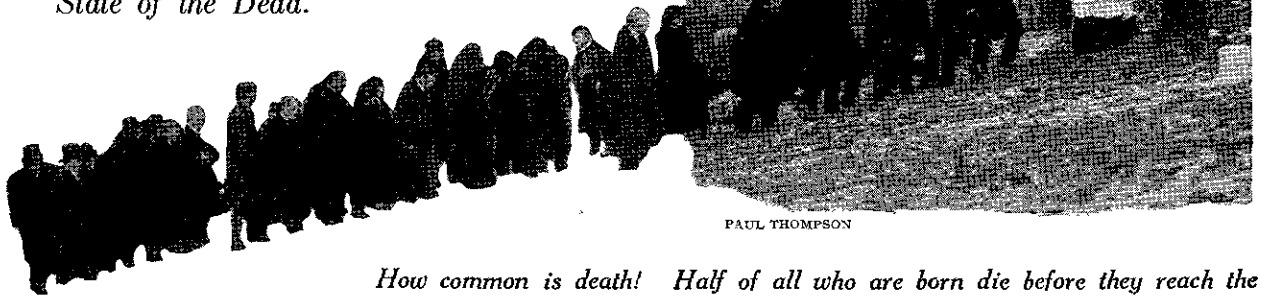
*ARE SPIRIT RADIO SIGNALS SENT BY DEMONS?*

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# The FINAL FOE

By Stemple White

*By Far the Most Satisfactory Philosophy of Death and the Hereafter Is Found in the Teaching of the Bible. Here Is the True Christian Doctrine of the State of the Dead.*



*How common is death! Half of all who are born die before they reach the age of sixteen. Only one in ten thousand reaches seventy.*

**S**ELF-PRESERVATION is the first law of nature. When an accident happens, how hastily do we employ first aid. When disease lays hold of the human machine with a strange, firm grip, how quickly we summon a physician. When life is so endangered that it becomes necessary to undergo a major operation, and perchance to part with some limb or organ, how resigned one becomes to be the unconscious candidate for the surgeon's knife, in the hope of lengthening our brief span of life. As regards even our temporal life, "what will a man give in exchange for his soul"? Life is a priceless heritage.

But death is an "enemy." 1 Cor. 15:26. The whole human race fear it. Many dislike to even talk about it. Some people will not pass through a cemetery, while others dislike to enter even the sick room. Before entering into battle, soldiers experience a strange feeling. Criminals often pale before the reading of the death sentence. If a ship springs a dangerous leak in mid-ocean, consternation prevails among the passengers. When the first shock of a severe earthquake causes terra firma to give way beneath the feet of the inhabitants, with what grave fears do the people hasten to some place of safety. And why? Not because death is in any sense whatever a continuation of life, a newer life, a fuller life, or an enlarged life, but because death is absolutely the complete cessation of all life. Eccl. 9:5, 6, 10.

Had man remained loyal to the Creator, there never could have been death in this world. Man would have lived on forever and would never have been deprived of access to the tree of life. Gen. 3:22-24; Rev. 22:14; Isa. 66:22, 23. God's original purpose in creation will be consummated through the gospel of His Son, (Isa. 45:18; Luke 19:10) so we must ever remember that Edenic conditions will obtain in the earth re-newed. With what feelings of sadness, after the fall, must Adam and Eve have noted the fading flowers and falling leaves as sure indications that some time they, too, must pass away like the flowers of the grass. And when, later, they looked upon the cold form of the first corpse (Gen. 4:8), on lips that could not speak, and into eyes which could not see,—how it must have torn their heart strings! But how common is death today. Half of all who are born die before they reach the age of sixteen. But one in 10,000 reaches the age of seventy today. Adam's obituary notice is found in Genesis five, and with but a slight change in letters and figures the sketches of all his children have been similar. After nearly six millenniums the earth has become a vast graveyard. In the words of the poet, "All that tread the

globe are but a handful to the tribes that slumber in its bosom."

## *The Wonders of Life*

**H**OW remarkable is the manifestation of life in even inanimate nature. How varied are the flowers, blossoms, fruits, grains, and nuts, with all their shape, size, color, fragrance and taste! Yet everything, after his kind, grows from a tiny life germ implanted by the personal Creator. But in death, regardless of size and variety, such trees, like men, have gone the way of all the earth, and their naked branches stand out as fruitless, leafless skeletons. Who would expect to pick fruit from a dead tree?

More remarkable still is the manifestation of life in animate creation. On the fifth day of creation week the Creator brought into existence all creatures that inhabit the waters, and all the feathered species which fly above the earth, everything after his kind; and on the sixth day all beasts and creatures of the earth including man were created. Since God is "the fountain of life" (Ps. 36:9) He gave to all these creatures "life and breath." Acts 17:24, 25. And we are expressly told that "they have all *one breath*." Eccl. 3:19. Though man and all other creatures breathe the same "breath of life," the remarkable diversity of manifestation of life is due to natural functioning of different organisms, even as steam engines or electrically propelled machinery, simple or complex, stationery or locomotive, though they have the same breath of life and power, may function altogether differently, because they were made to do so. Thus bird-soul flies, fish-soul lives in the waters, beast-soul goes on all fours, while the human-soul, made in the image of God, and with the most remarkable organism in all creation, has a moral nature, is accountable to God, and he alone of all other animate creation, will be resurrected. But *until* man is really resurrected, he is as certainly *dead* as are all other creatures that yield up the breath of life. Remarkable indeed is the manifestation of life in both animate and inanimate creation, but death is always the complete cessation of life.

## *Of What Sort Is Man?*

**T**HE simple key to a clear understanding of man's condition in death is a true knowledge of the *nature* of man. Many rather assume that God put within man an immortal soul, and must logically assume that at death this supposed conscious 'something' lives on independent of the body, and thus fabled intermediate states must also be invented.

Such teaching belittles the future resurrection, discounts the second personal coming of Christ, removes the need for final judgment, and logically ties one to that pagan, God-dishonoring dogma, the everlasting, conscious, fiery torment of the ungodly. How was Adam created? What is man's nature?

In Gen. 2:7 we read: "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils [not an immortal soul, but] *the breath of life*, and man became a *living soul*." The whole living *man* is the living *soul*. Since all creatures have 'one breath' (Eccl. 3:19) he who assumes that there is anything at all about the breath which lives on independently of the body, must logically assume also the same for every thing that runs, jumps, flies, swims, kicks, or crawls. In creation before the fall, Adam himself, was not created immortal, but as Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:45, quoting Gen. 2:7, "It is written, the first man, Adam, was made a *living soul*." Adam's immortality was conditioned on obedience. Gen. 2:17. After the fall, he was driven from Eden and from access to the tree of life (Gen. 3:22-24), lest he partake of that *after* the fall, and live forever. The sinner can never be immortalized. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Eze. 18:4, 20. Since the fall, man is "mortal" (Job 4:17), with "mortal body" (Rom. 6:12; 8:11), and "mortal flesh." 2 Cor. 4:11. At death, "then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit [not soul] shall return unto God who gave it." Eccl. 12:7. But what was man made from in the beginning? Dust. And what did God give the formed clay to make it a *living soul*? The breath of life. So the "breath of life," the "spirit" of life, "the breath of the spirit of life," and "the ghost" are identical. Job 27:3; 33:4; 14:10; Ps. 104:29; Gen. 7:21, 22, margin; Jas. 2:26, margin; Gen. 25:8; Acts 5:5; Matt. 27:50; Acts 12:23.

#### *Death Is Sleep*

THIS first-death grave into which both saint and sinner go is compared to sleep all through the Bible, because of the certainty of final resurrection. The expression "slept with his fathers" is recorded thirty-six times. David "fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption." Acts 13:36. He is still in the grave today. Acts 2:29, 34. Stephen "fell asleep." Acts 7:60. Paul compared death to sleep. 1 Cor. 15:6, 18, 51. Jesus plainly said of His dead friend, "Lazarus sleepeth." John 11:11-14. A sound sleeper is absolutely unconscious, though still alive. If one died in his sleep, would he regain consciousness? Beware of the theory which teaches that where one blow on the head produces temporary unconsciousness, a second and fatal blow would produce eternal consciousness.

Many gathered around Lazarus after his special resurrection, expecting to hear him relate wonderful things witnessed after death. But he had nothing to tell them. Even a living person, after coming out from under the influence of an anesthetic, can relate nothing of what took place on the operating table. So, the word of God truly declares, that "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence" (Ps. 115:17), "for in death there is no remembrance of thee." Ps. 6:5. "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Ps. 146:4. Destruction of brain means destruction of consciousness. "The grave can not praise thee, death can not celebrate thee" (Isa. 38:18) because "the dead know not anything." Eccl. 9:5, 6, 10. Even as we living sleepers must consult our timepieces to really learn how long we have slept, so those who sleep in the tomb are absolutely unconscious of the passing of time, whether of days, years, or millenniums.

God "only hath immortality." 1 Tim. 6:16. The Son of God "hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10), and we are to "seek for glory and honor and immortality;" Rom. 2:7. Such believers will be "clothed upon,"—not unclothed, (2 Cor. 5:4), and it is at the second personal coming of Christ when "this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:51-57; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Col. 3:1-4. After being clothed with the free gift of immortality, the resurrected and immortalized saints will

then be immortal souls, yet they will be as real and personal as was Adam *before* the fall, and as is the Son of God *since* His personal resurrection. Luke 24:39-43; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16. Then after the returning Lord shall have changed "our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3:21) such redeemed and immortalized flesh will inhabit the earth renewed, after it has been completely salvaged from the wreck of rebellion. Isa. 66:22, 23. With the common enemy destroyed for all time to come, "there shall be no more death." Rev. 21:4. Reader have you accepted this "blessed hope"?



## PROHIBITION—IS IT A FAILURE?

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icians to ascertain whether whisky, beer, and wine were regarded by them as remedies in disease. In regard to whisky 15,625 said yes, and 15,218 said no. As to beer 22,663 said no, and only 7,934 said yes. In regard to wine seven out of every ten physicians declared it unnecessary.

The New York Times has well said editorially, in sizing up the results of prohibition, "Observers who try to see the situation as it is, will incline to the belief that prohibition is not so much of a failure as its enemies insist or so much of a success as its friends claim. *That it has made a big change for the better in industrial circles is the verdict of all employers of labor. That much seems to be a certainty among all the uncertainties, and it is not a little.*"

A law that is capable of making a "big change for the better in industrial circles" can not be said to be a failure—it is a success.



## SICK HUMANITY, AND THE REMEDY

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earthly court affects all, and most people are ignorant of their decisions. But God's tribunal, God's judgment, affects every soul, "for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:10, 12.

There is no appeal from that sentence, no stay of proceedings, no further probation, no other court to which to appeal. God's decisions are always true and righteous, and are never reversed. Every motion, every act, every deed lived in purpose or act, however hidden from man, will be made manifest there. "Just what we are shall each neighbor know."

There is a way, only one way, by which that judgment shall be met fearlessly, and that is to separate from all sin and let the blood of Jesus cleanse you, and place His own righteousness upon you.

d. "Worship Him." Whom? The Creator of the heavens and the earth. How all the theories of evolution fade before the message. The mighty Creator in the beginning is the Creator now. He gives us all the story of His creative power that we may know that behind His gospel is infinite power to create anew the wrecks of sin who will yield all to Him. The decisive answer to the earth-born theories of evolution, to progressive goodness and eternal persistence is the last war. There is no hope in evolution's beautiful unreason. Its foundation is baseless; its superstructure is bound to fall. "Worship God." The highest form of worship is service. In the words of Jesus, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Matt. 4:10. He worships not who does not serve. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" Luke 6:46. Yield all to His service through Christ, and thy whole life shall be a life of praise.

This message is God's remedy in Christ Jesus. It is going to the world. It is taking people from every land and clime, from every tribe and nation, from every belief and no beliefs, and it is uniting them into a people of whom Inspiration says, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. There is no limit to His love and power; there is no limit to the privilege. It is open to all. Come.



# Is the Bible as up-to-date as Science? Can Evolution and Divine Revelation ever be brought to harmonize?

**I**N A book printed twenty-one years ago, the writer of this article made the statement that modern astronomy reckoned fifty or sixty millions of stars visible to the telescope, while the photographic plate revealed a very much larger number whose light was too feeble from their great distance to be sensed by the human eye through the largest instrument available.

That was the declaration of astronomy something like twenty-five years ago. It was called to the attention of the reader then that the Bible had been, in all of this, thousands of years ahead of this modern science of the stars.

Far back in the days of the patriarchs God revealed the mighty starry universe to the wondering sight of Abraham. He was told by His Creator to look to the heavens, and "Tell the stars, if thou be able to number them!" As Abraham, gifted by more than mortal sight, through the divine enablement, beheld the countless shining orbs of heaven, God broke upon the awful silence with the revelation of another great truth, "So shall thy seed be." Abraham saw the stars as they really exist, and hence his faith was called to a supreme test. God declared, "So shall thy seed be." Gen. 15: 5. But Abraham's faith was equal to the tremendous occasion. He believed God and his belief was counted to him for righteousness. Gen. 15: 6 "Therefore there sprang of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea-shore, innumerable." Heb. 11: 12.

Thus ages ago did the Bible tell us the grand truth that the stars of heaven were beyond human computation. And only in the last few years, not until the invention of the telescope, and then only slowly, was forced upon the attention of man the divine truth of the Bible and the supreme fact of the universe—that the numbers of the stars above us are far beyond the comprehension of man.

## Modern Science Sees Stars

**A**ND now within the past year or two have come new discoveries that give us still larger suggestions as to what the Maker of the universe meant when he assured Abraham that men could not tell the number of the stars in the heavens spread nightly above him. As a result of these recent discoveries the noted astronomer, Garrett P. Serviss, last October in the *Mentor* magazine, made the following striking statement.

"It is now known with practical certainty that the size of the sidereal system is at least a *thousand times greater* [italics his] than it has hitherto been supposed to be."

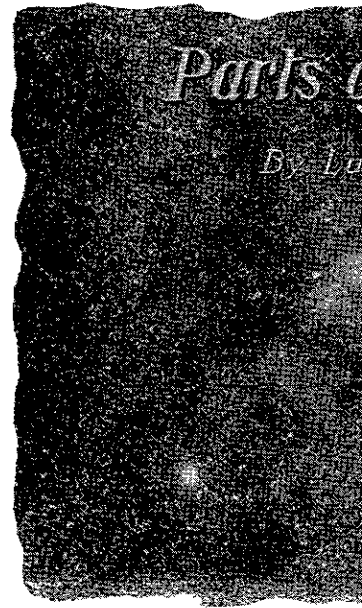
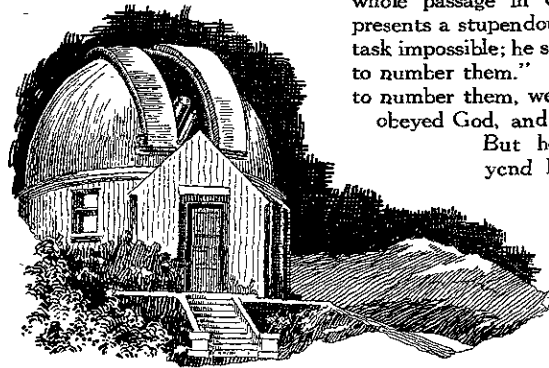
And his word, "hitherto," does not refer to the dark ages or some other time of deep human ignorance. He means that this knowledge has only recently come to us, because in the first paragraph of his article he announces it as his purpose to "point out the nature and extent of the startling and almost revolutionary discoveries that have been made within the last few years."

This is the new light that has come from the heavens to the astonished mind of man. With new means of studying the universe he has made "startling and almost revolutionary discoveries" "within the last few years." He has begun to understand what a blinding spectacle of infinite lamps of light Abraham must have seen when the first recorded statement was made for our information, that the stars are beyond the computation of mortal man.

And all of this illuminating knowledge only began to dawn upon us from astronomy with the work of Sir William Herschel, who died but a century ago. How easy then was it fifty or seventy-five years ago for a certain superficial critic of the Bible to sneer at this great truth of the Bible as disclosed to Abraham. He says that God gave Abraham a very trifling task. "With a little skill and perseverance Abraham might have counted all the stars visible, even in his fine climate. They could scarcely have amounted to fifteen hundred."

Now if Abraham could have counted all the stars to which God called his attention, and they were but about fifteen hundred, then this whole passage in Genesis is a piece of nonsense, and presents a stupendous farce. God seems to think the task impossible; he says; "Tell the stars, if thou be able to number them." If Abraham had found himself able to number them, we are quite sure that he would have obeyed God, and told the number of the stars.

But he was silent; the task was beyond him; he was not able to number them. But according to Dr. Smith, it was an easy task,—there were but fifteen hundred. Think of the all-wise Creator's pointing Abraham to fifteen hundred stars, and saying, "Tell the stars, if thou be able to number them!"



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The universe is a thousand generation

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"But let us consider only the distance of the globular star-cluster N.G.C. 7006 in the Catalogue, and the figures following in the catalogue. It is the same object measured of 15 millionths of a second, corresponding to (or 1,260 quadrillion) miles. One such distance as that without approach. First try to get at it in this way: The enormous though it be in comparison with our comprehensible. We are used to such millions. But now consider this: the distance of 7006 is more than thirteen and a half times the distance of the sun! Or attack it in the opinion of those who are used to dealing with money for instance, that an income tax of \$10,000,000,000. But, if you square the distance, you will get a number less than one! Look at it in terms of time to traverse such a distance. If you could travel at a mile per second, you would be near it. But to keep on until you reached it



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## Is God's Book under the Search- light of Science, or is Science under the Searchlight of God's Book?



Even light, which travels 5,860 billion miles in a year, would take more than 215,000 years in making that journey! If a giant could stride one step from the earth to the sun he would have to make thirteen and a half billion such steps in going to N.G.C 7006. A man could walk around the earth on a great circle with 44,000,000 three-foot strides, while the giant would have to make more than 300 times that number of *ninety-three-million-mile* strides in order to reach his goal!

#### A Million Super-suns In One Cluster

“THERE are other globular clusters almost equally remote. In short, the globular clusters, as a class, are by far the most remote of all objects in the universe, with the possible exception of the mysterious spiral nebulae, of which we shall speak a little later.

“And then the size of these clusters is as gigantic as their distance. There are good reasons for thinking that all of them have nearly the same linear dimensions. According to Harlow Shapley, the cluster known as Messier 13 (this is the famous cluster in Hercules) has a diameter of 450 light-years, or more than two and a half quadrillion miles, and contains probably more than 50,000 stars intrinsically brighter than our sun, while all of the stars that appear ordinarily on its photographs are individually more than 200 times as bright as the sun. The total number of stars in this cluster, as in others of the globular type, can not be counted, because of their increasing density toward the center, but reasonable estimates show that there must be hundreds of thousands and possibly a million of them, the most of which are giants compared with the sun.”

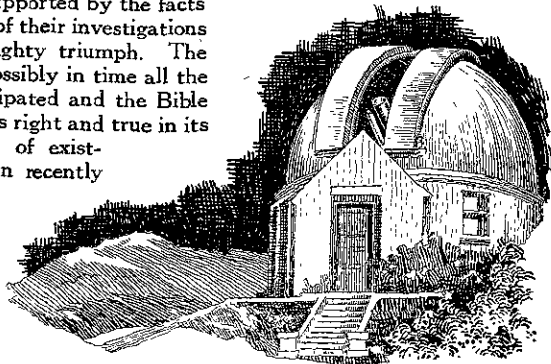
Thus do men revise their knowledge and in time come to the place where they can measure up to the statements of the Bible. Nearly three thousand years ago God through Jeremiah declared that the heavens above can not be measured (Jer. 31: 37), and that the stars of heaven can not be numbered. Jer. 33: 22. It surely takes a long time for men by the slow march of science to even faintly approach the plain knowledge of God regarding this universe as contained in the Bible. And yet men talk as if the Bible might get out of date as a result of this modern increase in knowledge. The fact is that every particle of advance in real knowledge only helps us the better to understand and appreciate the good old Book.

#### The Bible More Modern Than Science

THE great astronomer, Gen. Mitchel, over fifty years ago called attention to the fact that our modern knowledge had made much of the talk of the ancients become as the talk of infants, but that this same modern knowledge had but made the Bible all the more grand and noble in its striking phrasing of the facts of the mighty universe. “It can not be denied,” he says, “that such a knowledge as we now possess of the structure of the heavens does cause the doctrine of the Egyptians, Persians, and Greeks, to appear simply ridiculous.” But of the Bible he says, “When with telescopic power we fathom the profundity of space, and visit the island universes that stretch away in a vast illimitable perspective; when suns and systems tower in grandeur on the right hand and on the left, and the womb of space teems with glittering worlds like sands on the seashore; with thoughts thus expanded and touching the infinite; with the soul aglow with sublimity; with aspirations exalted, let us turn to the language of the Bible, I care not where it be selected, it furnishes the only fitting vehicle to express the thoughts that overwhelm us; and we break out involuntarily in the language of God's own inspiration.”

I have sometimes thought that if men could study long enough, they might come in time to the place where they could measure up to the revelations of the Bible, at least in a degree, but I have come to the conclusion that much depends upon the kind of men. There are some who are ever learning and yet never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For something like a hundred years certain men have been trying to show by science that the tenets of evolution are true. This is openly and plainly opposed by the statements of the Bible. One by one many of these tenets of evolution have been found to be unsupported by the facts of nature, and all along the path of their investigations the Bible has scored many a mighty triumph. The hope has been engendered that possibly in time all the errors of evolution might be dissipated and the Bible stand forth acknowledged by all as right and true in its declaration concerning the facts of existence. But all this hope has been recently dispelled. A certain scientist has in effect said that if men studying for 180,000 years should find no evidence that evolutionary change appears in all that time, it would not disprove to them the claims of evolution, but



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## PRINTED POISON SHOULD CARRY SKULL AND CROSSBONES

IT IS said that Gutenberg, while working on his first printing press, was troubled over the perversion-possibilities of his epochal invention in enabling evil men to broadcast wickedness. He seized a hammer and was about to break the type into pieces when he was constrained by the knowledge that, though it would be used as an instrument of evil, it would also be a fountain of incalculable good. Both his hopes and his fears have been verified. Utilized as the greatest modern means of informing, civilizing, and uplifting, and printing first of all the Bible, which still continues as the world's "best seller," it has also been seized by the unprincipled for the flooding of the world with printed poison. The master of evil scored a long point when he drafted moral morons to act as his henchmen in the writing and circulating of these tarnished tales couched in terms of "smirking inuendo," with weird and suggestive titles, that are exercising such a vicious influence today.

Many who would spurn to drink poison from a labeled bottle are virtually using their minds as a sponge to soak in printed poison. Lured on by the quest for sensation to whet jaded appetites and emotions, they seek the "erotic (pertaining to love), neurotic (pertaining to the nervous system), and the tommyrotic." Many magazines and novels are notorious for their flagrant disregard of ethics and morals, their border-line sex stories, their suggestive pictures. Plots and scenes are seemingly planned with diabolic intent to arouse unwholesome emotions and unclean impulses, and to gratify salacious, distorted minds. Stories reveling in free love, easy divorce, sugar-coated vice, and unrequited virtue, are breaking down the morals of maidenly modesty and clean manhood. *Such mental poison should carry the skull and crossbones on the cover.*

Judge Cropsey, of the New York Supreme Court, blames the newspaper publicity of crime for its subtle reaction on the criminal mind. His investigations show that 80 per cent of criminals questioned read everything published in the newspapers concerning crime. No wonder "the creator of 'Nick Carter,' after slaying his thousands and tens of thousands on paper, finally took his own life," comments the *Nashville Tennessean*. The law of cause and effect still functions. And that there is a revival on of the old time dime novel, once strictly debarred from among the respectables, is evidenced by the fact that it is now on file in many public libraries.

The *Saturday Evening Post* recently said editorially: "Every thoughtful novel reader and playgoer in middle life must be uncomfortably aware of the striking changes wrought during recent years in the prevailing standards by which younger people judge current books and plays. . . . The gradual shift of style from one extreme to the other is an infallible sign of degeneracy in a certain group of authors and in the growing audiences whose morbid tastes they address . . . Today our salacity is overcast with the taint of degeneracy and viciousness. Old landmarks of morality are removed. Virtue and vice are painted the same color. Basic standards of decency are ignored or sneered into the background. He who has eyes to see may perceive all these things without being a puritan, an ethnologist, or an uplifter."

"THE newspaper itself," asserts the *Christian Statesman*, "has been caught in the torrent of modern demoralization." This journal continues thus: "It has become apparent that young people are not easily shocked any more, and a part of the responsibility belongs to the newspaper. In its desire to give all the news, to acquire constant and large circulation, and to satisfy the craving of readers, particularly young ones, for something new and sensational every day, it has ranged the world to find stories which strip away all reserves and fill the youthful mind with information, and often misinformation, contact with which is a contamination."

Who can deny the truthfulness and seriousness of the charge? In the words of a Chicago newspaper: "Evil and immoral movies should be eliminated from the theaters. Pornographic literature should be banned from circulation." To the superlative degree in modern times, today putrid pens have made tainted morals alluring and have passed immodesty by unrebuked. A short time ago the *Saturday Review* made the astonishing declaration: "Never in any age or country has there been the number of dirty books written by women." The detailed counts against them we will not repeat, but the indictment closes thus: "If we do not stop its growth we shall be producing a race of men and women whose lives are being poisoned at the source."

Would that we had some modern Anthony Comstocks who, like their prototype, would burn the multiplied tons of the quasi-veiled but essentially obscene matter in the form of magazines, books, booklets, circulars, lewd photos, and songs in circulation everywhere

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM *Versus* INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

By William F. Martin

WHILE it may be true that the words "individual liberty," have been used and are today used by some who demand a throwing off of just constraint and the privilege to do that which is neither lawful nor right, yet it must be conceded that the taking away of this, the most estimable of all gifts, is fraught with great evil. Encroachment upon the domain of the conscience is attended with grave danger. The greatest woes of the world have existed when some strong monarch ruled in the plenitude of power, and the multitude submitted.

The people built houses which they were never to inhabit; created a wealth which they were never to enjoy. They fought battles for a tyrant, died for a glory in which they were not to share and erected tombs in which they were not to be buried. The multitudes fought for a cause which they were not allowed to understand. All this was in order that the king might clothe himself in the robes of a divinity, and assume an authority to rule in a way that none might question.

A proper conception of man's relation to his fellow-men must embrace the fact that the Creator never designed that one man should sit as a divinity controlling in the realm of body and soul. One of the grandest rules of Israel was, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Jesus, the Galilean, engrafted this into his kingdom when he said, "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Consonant with this is the statement of the orator, "Liberty ought to be the direct end of government." Familiar is the statement of the great martyr, "Our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." The very heart and soul of true Americanism is revealed in the statement, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." That freedom of conscience is so evidently a natural right that it needed no proof was taken for granted by the founders of this government.

## Religious Liberty Defined

THIS is a country of religious liberty, not a country of tolerance. Liberty is a natural right, born with each individual. Tolerance is a concession and a gift of man. True liberty and the rights accompanying it are individual. No matter how numerous those who deny this individual right, the taking away of it becomes tyrannical and such an action destroys the most fundamental principle of American liberty. Laws to compel public order are proper. Whenever the law goes beyond this and undertakes to compel observances required by certain creeds, it is entering a field outside its legitimate sphere.

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## THE DIFFERENCE

*Individual, or personal, liberty, as commonly understood today, permits a man not only to debauch himself if he so desires, but also allows him freedom to be a very demon in his home, to entice youth to evil, to make public places filthy, and to taint the air we breathe. Such "liberty" belies the name, and in reality it is of the lowest type of slavery and tyranny.*

*Religious freedom permits a man to worship God at the place, and time, and in the manner which he himself understands his God prescribes. It never knowingly interferes in the least with the freedom of any other human being. Should it ever appear to be doing so, a compromise can always be made that sacrifices no principle of right.*

*No man has a right to use alcoholic liquors when they deceive and degrade him and work great harm to others. Every man has a right to worship God as he chooses when such worship is a great blessing to him and a help to others. Results make the difference.*

Bancroft, writing of this said: "Vindicating the right of individuality even in religion, and in religion above all, the new nation dared to set the example of accepting in its relations to God the principle first divinely ordained in Judea. It left the management of temporal things to the temporal power; but the American Constitution, in harmony with the people of the several States, withheld from the federal government the power to invade the home of reason, the citadel of conscience, the sanctuary of the soul; and, not from indifference, but that the infinite spirit of eternal truth might move in its freedom and purity and power."

The true American idea is an entire separation of church and state, and complete freedom for all in religious opinions and worship. It will be a sad day for America if this is ever forgotten, or, if not forgotten, trampled under foot at the behest of any one or more dominant sect or sects.

The duty of the government is to enforce and protect our natural rights. No one entering society, gives up any of his natural rights. We are made *citizens* by an act of our fellow-men. Before this is done, we are by nature made *men*.

## A Case of Personal Liberty

THE church rules in a realm of love, persuading men. God never put into its hand temporal power. The author of Christianity told his ardent follower to put up his sword. The matter of Sabbath keeping is one of individual conscience. The Sabbath was founded in religion. It is a religious establishment. Sabbath laws are religious legislation. The keeping of the Sabbath or the violation of its sanctity is an individual thing to settle with the Creator. Each one has an individual right to keep the Sabbath if he so elects. No one can deny him this right.

The transverse of this is just as true. No one should be forced to observe the Sabbath. The civil government has no right to punish one who desires to work on the Sabbath. To fine or imprison a man for toiling in an honest vocation on any day is tyranny. It matters not that the great body of professed Christian people regard Sunday as sacred and but a comparatively few regard the seventh day, Saturday, as the Sabbath; the majority are no more justified in silencing or coercing the minority than are the minority in so treating the majority.

Individuality must be allowed its full place. To blunt this is to spoil the fabric of both civil and religious liberty. Whatever crushes individuality is despotism, no matter whether it professes to be enforcing the will of God or the mandates of men. Despotism has no right to a place among a free people. Reason and conviction alone can rule in the realm of religion and the individual conscience must receive its dictation from the throne of the Almighty.

**OPIMUM RING IS ENCIRCLING THE MEXICAN LINE**  
 Ende San Plans to Build Wall of Exclusion Along the Southern Border  
 Drug Being Smuggled Into United States by Chinese Disguised as Students

**OFFICER OF LINER SMUGGLED OPIUM**  
 Drug Handed to Watchman of Dock When Minnesota Reaches Seattle

**PLAN NATION-WIDE WAR ON DRUG EVIL**  
 All Outside Treasury Officials Enlisted in Campaign to Suppress Opium Traffic  
 SCORES OF CLINICS CLOSED  
 Clubs to Prevent Experimentation and Canada to Exercise Surveillance Along Border  
 Every estate agent in the empire and the Treasury Department is to be

**GIRL APPEALS FOR OPERATION TO GET DRUGS**  
 (Washington A. J. M. Physician) Tells of Trickery Practiced by Addicts

**U. S. SLEUTHS ON TRAIL OF NARCOTIC RING**  
 Headquarters Said to Be Shanghai, Hankow and San Francisco  
 Special Cable to The Chronicle, Honolulu, Dec. 7.—Some sleuths are on the trail of a narcotic ring that is reported to have its headquarters in Shanghai, Hankow and San Francisco.

**ALIENS REAP HUGE PROFITS SELLING DOPE**  
 "Merchants" Smuggle Large Quantities for Distribution by Peddlars  
 USERS PAY ENORMOUS SUM  
 Often Driven to Damsk to Obtain Funds to Meet Prices  
 Dr. HAZAREWELT'S 5 YEARS AND \$2,000 FOR DOPE 'APUSTLE'  
 Price That Trip to Capital With \$10,000 Worth of Cocaine Was Earned of Heavy Talk  
 11 YEARS IN NARCOTIC CASES  
 Men Charged With Selling to Police Gate Near Re-

# Are We a Drugged Nation?

Uthai U. Wilcox.

**U. S. OPIUM RECORD EQUAL TO CHINA'S**  
 Commissioner Copeland of New York, Declares Use of Drug is Growing  
 SHOWS NATION WIDE PROGRESS

**WASHINGTON, TWENTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
 The use of opium in this country has increased in the past few years, according to a report made today by the Commissioner of Customs and Excise, U. S. Department of Treasury.

**PRISONERS GET DRUGS**  
 Baffle Guards at City Institutions by Rules, Official Says.

**ADDDICT TELLS OF METHODS**  
 The Powder, Bones, Dice and Shirt  
 Mami Curry Narco

**Government Monopoly Is Used to Curb Growth of "Drug Snake" in U. S.**  
 Fifty Grains Bought for Every Person Compared With Three in Other Countries  
 America Apparently Reads China as Drug Consumer—Doctors Dispute

**SOCIETY IN LONDON INVADDED BY DRUGS**  
 From Diplomatic of Embassies Sent to the Members of High-Cost "Doping Parties"  
 SPECIAL FAVORITE OFFICERS  
 British of Social Class Arrested  
 Formerly World War Sixteen Arrested  
 London Police Prevention.

Expletives and Melodrama Are Sometimes True—The Traffic Is World-Wide—America's Legal Responsibility.

Dope and Snow a Sign of the Times—Prisons and Insane Asylums Full—The Jones-Miller Law—A Saviour.

IT IS most difficult in discussing or even in investigating the subject of drug addiction not to be led into what may appear as melodramas and expletives. It is also difficult for the man on the street or the woman in the home to appreciate and understand the true meaning of the amazing and widespread use of narcotic drugs.

Newspaper reporters become blasé to the situation and rather under-express the truth than over-state it. The police conduct raids and have cleanups, the federal agents made many arrests, welfare workers interest physicians in helping to cure, but the nefarious business goes on steadily. As one worn and weary news writer said, "some diabolical power seems to be driving people into the thing."

A world grown weary with war, a nation tired from overwrought nerves, a people anxious to try something new, have turned to the sensations acquired by dangerous drugs. It seems so harmless: a pin-prick, an injection, a snuff of white powder, then,—forgetfulness of the humdrum nerves, sweet dreams, floating lights, and a feeling of supercourage and strength. It is all very pleasant at the first, but the end thereof is the valley of death and no hope beyond.

But that is not all. Crime grows with the wider use of drugs. Loose morality and entire lack of decent standards are but a part of the traffic. Almost every atrocious crime of late years has been connected very closely with drugs and their unlawful use. And what about future generations? How long can the mounting figures (one million to two million

**CONGRESS WILL PROBE WORLD DRUG TRAFFIC**  
 Chairman Porter of Foreign Affairs, Awaits Abstracts  
 Investigation Necessary

**WAR ON DRUG TRAFFIC**  
 City Police Start Wider Drive as Victims of Habit Multiply.  
 SPREAD IN 6 MONTHS ALARMS  
 Figures Point to 70 Per Cent Increase in Addicts for 1922.  
 More Than Tenfold of Upper Class  
 Three Taken Up With 24 Cases—Officers Get Too Growth of Habit Among Folk Moral Fiber and Pop Interference—Cause in

**PER CAPITA OPIUM IMPORTS BY U. S. HIGHEST IN WORLD**  
 Fifty Grains Bought for Every Person Compared With Three in Other Countries  
 America Apparently Reads China as Drug Consumer—Doctors Dispute

**WORLD COUNCIL URGED TO END SMUGGLING OF DOPE INTO U. S.**  
 Health Officers of Every State Ask International Action on Narcotic Menace.  
 LAUD JONES-MILLER BILL  
 It Provides Efficient Legislation, But Control of Manufacturers Also Demanded Needed  
 A world council to arrange controlling the production of opium and sale of narcotics to the medical profession is being considered by the League of Nations. The first step in the plan is to draw up the "code" which has been most alarming to the U. S. The call for the

**NARCOTIC RING HEARING GOES TO JURY TODAY**  
 Joseph J. Clancy, Alleged Leader, Denies He Ever Filled Drugs  
 GROND ATTENDS TRIAL  
 Defense Attorney Directs His Attack

addicts in the United States) be ignored and leave a margin of safety to the other members of society that would never become victims? While it is true as given in previous articles that the United States is the greatest drug-using nation in the world today, other countries and peoples are subject to the menace, and some of them are rapidly succumbing. Unfortunately, the Anglo-Saxon nations have been the leaders in this line as well as in the carrying of the gospel message of liberty and salvation. It would seem as though the powers of darkness were endeavoring to checkmate the work of the bearers of religious and civil liberties by blinding their vision to the harmful effects of protecting and permitting the drug trade.

India produces much of the opium of the world. It is sold at auction under the sanction and protection of the British Government. Last year 741 tons of provision opium were sold at Calcutta. The best medical authorities claim that three tons would abundantly satisfy their needs for legitimate use. The majority of this stupendous amount found its way into America for refining and for reexportation. It is done in this way:

Every ounce of opium is directly requisitioned through the Secretary of State! The Secretary of State ascertains through the public health service the amount of opium desired by the pharmaceutical companies. He then sends a statement of the amount desired to the British Government and the requisition is filled. The British Government does not permit the shipment of opium to this country otherwise. But the government of the United States is at the present time asking for approxi-

mately fifty grains of opium for every person in the country, whereas other countries are able to get along with about three grains per capita.

"If there were no opium there would be no addicts," said Dr. Copeland in an interview. "Three grains are enough. There is no need of our getting sixteen times as much."

Opium is refined and then exported, all under government control. But then the tables are turned. It is smuggled back to this country in violation of Federal and State laws for the purpose of peddling to the victims.

#### *America's Legal Responsibility*

THESE facts suggest to every thinking man and woman another phase in the serious situation—America's moral responsibility. The moral responsibility lies in importing the drugs in the first place, in not speaking a word for the world suppression of the evil to her powerful cousin, and the partial result of these in the domestic problem of suppressing the use of the drugs at home. We are, it may be said, and has been said by statesmen, reaping as we have sown.

This raw opium comes into our big syndicates, is manufactured into morphine, heroin, cocaine, and sold at home and abroad for hundreds of millions of dollars. Under the Harrison law, according to the last available figures (1918) there were registered as distributors of narcotic drugs: 125,905 physicians, 831 wholesale dealers, 42,240 dentists, 888 manufacturers, 10,399 veterinarians, 76 importers, 3,799 hospitals, 133 educational institutions, 48,196 retail dealers, 258 miscellaneous dealers, totaling 239,491 dispensers of habit-forming drugs. It is not unfair to presume that the number has now nearly doubled.

We can not help but wonder if this is the legitimate traffic in drugs what must be the smuggling business of the underworld? The reliable estimates of the government say that ninety per cent of the opium derivatives is illegitimate; then what must be the staggering figures!

Cocaine and heroin have of late become exceedingly popular among many classes. For a long time there was no law against the sale of heroin. It could be bought at any drug store. Taken as a pinch it acted as a cocktail that stimulated the brain and gave a most exhilarating feeling. Like cocaine, however, once its use was fastened on the victim, body and soul would be sold for another supply, if necessary.

In the District of Columbia, generally considered a cultural region, as there are no large factories nor a large foreign population, there are two thousand drug addicts, mostly users of cocaine and heroin. A survey of the nation shows that girls and boys under the age of twenty are greater users of these drugs than are adults. They generally start in their teens and the majority are American born. Some carefully obtained government statistics shows that a majority are girls and young ladies, though in some sections the percentages are nearer equal.

Think of the hundred million dollars a year in service lost to the nation because of men and women incapacitated by drug habits; while there are other millions spent by the addicts for their favorite drugs, and other millions spent by friends and society for cures. Even the names employed to designate the stuff are shocking to the finer sensibilities and denote some-

thing of the drug's effect. "Snow" and "Happy Dust" mean cocaine, while morphine is frequently and generally termed, "Mother." Heroin is usually referred to as "H" in conversation and correspondence.

#### *"Dope" and "Snow" a Sign of the Times*

DR. BERNARD F. RHEES, chief of the Narcotic division of Baltimore, says that he is frequently begged by chorus girls from the burlesque theatres for permission to purchase enough cocaine or other drugs to last them while in the city. They use it, they say, to enliven their acts in the shows.

There is scarcely another argument that has the significance that this increased use of dangerous drugs has as a sign of the decadence of the times. It is claimed that earthquakes have always been a part of history, and wars, bloody and devastating, have always raged, famine and pestilence have been frequent horrors of the past; but when have whole peoples, civilized and educated, gone to such extremes in their addiction to the use of manufactured substances that undermine morals, reason, and life itself?

We are dealing with perhaps the greatest menace of human health and happiness—an evil, habit-forming, humanity-wrecking narcotic that is growing in use and popularity in spite of the efforts of many to prevent it. Furthermore, it is not confined to any one class, wholly. The people who live in the apartment houses use it as truly as the poor waifs of the underworld. And once used it is most apt to become a habit, as there is no such thing as an occasional indulger. There is no such thing possible in the category of drug addiction.

The drug addict is a national menace, for in his use of drugs he ceases to be a voluntary agent and becomes a tool and a slave. He can't help the thing. The physical law is inexorable.

Cocaine has perhaps in its twenty-five years' use made more wrecks and caused more havoc than all the other drugs combined, for it softens the bones and eats the flesh. It is worse in this than is leprosy.

Opium saps the vitality and unseats the nerves. Its victims have an unhealthy pallor, they become irritable and restless, enfeebled of will and intellect, devoid of powers of application. They become notably untruthful.

#### *Prisons and Insane Asylums Fail*

WITH this in mind is it any wonder that the insane asylums are filled with drug addicts and the federal and state prisons crowded to the limit.

The superintendent of the Ohio State Asylum says: "My experience and observation would lead me to say that seventy-five per cent of the cases of insanity is not too large to ascribe to drug uses. From my observation I believe that I would not be wrong in claiming the same throughout the world."

In the Atlantic States' penitentiary at Atlanta, a Federal institution, records show that for 1919 there were 104 prisoners received charged with violations of the drug laws. In 1920 it was 203; in 1921 it increased to 469. For January of this year there were 49 cases received, the largest for one month. The total cases for 37 months were 885. The increase has been very close to 100 per cent a year.

Consider the workhouse at Blackwell's Island. The number of cases received in



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A huge pile of drugs and drug "layouts" confiscated by the police on raiding a haunt of dope fiends

1920 was 914; in 1921 they numbered 1,567. All this is unquestionable evidence. It is perhaps unnecessary to add more.

Pages and pages of "exhibits" could be given. Books could be written telling of the results of this latter-day scourge, but the newspapers are filled each night and morning. He that hath an ear to hear let him hear.

Appreciating to some degree these facts, the last Congress has passed another law designed to aid in the better administration of drugs and their legitimate and illegitimate uses. It is known as the Jones-Miller law.

#### The Jones-Miller Narcotic Law

THIS law places restrictions on exports and makes it more difficult to smuggle in the contraband because of stricter supervision of all drugs of habit-forming kind. There is also the hope that some concerted action may come out of the provisions of this new law that may lead to an international jury that will seek to abolish this lucrative trade in the bodies and souls of men and women. But the admitted difficulties are great. The downward slide of society seems to push aside such things as laws and statutes as mere straws. They merely retard for the moment.

In Isaiah's glowing prophecy we read a token of the last days. The prophet, looking down the vista of time, must have seen the victims of the drug habit when he wrote, "They stagger, but not with strong drink." Solomon wrote 3,000 years ago, "who hath woe, who hath sorrow, who hath contention, who hath babbling, who hath wounds without cause?" Isaiah again says, "Hell has enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure, and their glory and their multitude and their pomp shall descend into it."

If there is one lesson more than another that the thinking and discerning man and woman of today may learn from this brief study of the present drug situation outlined in these three articles, it is that civilization is destroying itself. The Frankenstein monster has turned and man seems to be helpless even though he has police and navies and international law and high tribunals of abstract justice. The fault lies with man's nature—it is inherently bad. He can not evolve into the perfect being, his society of peoples can not eliminate the bad and cling wholly to the good. The being that first tempted him in the form of a serpent is the god of the carnal world, and drugs are but one of the popular snares with which he is trapping his victims, knowing that his time is short.

But there is a mightier than he. His name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us, Saviour. He is willing to be the Saviour—he is anxious—he is yearning. He stands at the heart's door and waits but for the answer that he may go in, there to rule body and mind and sense. With His presence there is no fear in this evil world. Furthermore we can then be assured that our senses will not be drugged with the sophistries of wealth, or power, or modern isms, or pleasures, or physical desires, nay, we shall be more than conquerors over all these things, ready to share in an eternal kingdom that is soon coming to blot out a sin-cursed, drug-crazed earth.

## PARTS OF HIS WAYS

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would only show instead that evolution must be very slow.

True indeed, evolution must be very slow, and some men must be very slow, who would hold on to evolution for 180,000 years though in all that time there should not be any evidence of evolutionary change. The words to which I allude are those of Dr. Shapley. He says:

"Some of the great globular star-clusters are more than 200,000 light-years away. It is plain from this that the light of the most distant clusters must be 180,000 years longer on its journey to us than is the light from the nearer clusters. Therefore, we do not see them as they are simultaneously, but as they are at an interval of 180,000 years apart. Now, if we assume, as there is reason to do, that these clusters are of about the same actual age, then the nearest one, as we see it, must have been in existence 180,000 years longer than the most distant one, and must consequently be advanced by

## I Wonder Why

Martha Warner

*I am wondering  
As to the  
Why of it.  
In a certain  
Farm-house there  
Lived a little  
Boy, who used  
To milk three  
Cows, feed the  
Hens, and fill  
Up the woodbox  
Every morning,  
Before he walked  
A mile to  
School, over a  
Sandy, country road.  
The father and  
The mother said  
The work and  
The walk were  
Good for THEIR  
Little Boy. They  
Kept his cheeks  
Rosy, and his  
Temper SWEET.  
This little boy  
Is now a  
Man. And HE  
Has a little  
Boy. Who lives  
In the same  
Farm-house made  
Over, and who  
Goes to the  
Very same school*

*House, made over.  
This little boy  
Sleeps and sleeps  
Every morning  
Until the maid  
Calls him to  
Breakfast at eight  
O'clock. And after  
He drinks a  
Cup of strong  
Coffee, and nibbles  
A piece of  
Toast, his kind  
Mother, gets out  
The car, and  
Takes her little  
Boy to school,  
A whole mile,  
Over a good  
Macadam road.  
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that amount of time in its evolution. Any considerable changes that have taken place during that interval should be evident to the spectroscope, which analyzes the light of the stars.

"Here comes the remarkable thing: When the light of two star-clusters separated by that long interval of time is analyzed no evidence of evolutionary change appears. This proves, not that no evolution is occurring, but that the evolution is enormously slower than has hitherto been believed."

A man is very apt to believe what he wants to believe, in spite of all the evidence before him. He can find some way to get around it, as in the present instance. But when we put the Bible under the search-light of modern science, it is science that suffers and not the word of God. The word of God shall stand forever. Like a mighty citadel, it still stands as impregnable today as in that hour when modern science made its first foolish and ineffectual attacks upon it. "The Scripture can not be broken."

**I**N THE church, on the street, at the club, church men, club men, and average men are heard to say: "The commandments are out of date, and the conditions of the twentieth century demand a change in moral standards."

"We love God, but we need not keep His commandments."

"I am under grace, so it is not sin for me to break the law."

"Free from the law, Oh happy condition; Sin all you please, and still have remission."

"God's law is for the Jew only—Not for me."

"Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we may die."

"You need not obey God,—just love him."

"Christ destroyed the law at the cross, so I can do as I please."

The letting down of moral standards, the coming in of anarchy, the setting up of human opinion, the paganizing of sacred things, and the almost total disregard for the ten commandments is alarming. The substitution of human standards for divine requirements is responsible for the fearful moral degeneracy, disrespect for the law, and social collapse.

All moral and social restraint seems to be cast aside. What was once considered indecent is winked at today. What we were once taught was immodest is today condoned. One who shows some respect for clean morals is looked upon as a prude. This is not the aftermath of the war, but a growing condition that has been stealing upon us for the past quarter century. Sex plays, sex worship, sex appeal in art, music, and literature, is the order of the day. Unrestrained passions and lust are filling our court rooms with divorce suits. Murder and lawlessness of all kinds stalk through our midst until our senses seem paralyzed. The so-called "newer morality" of "trial marriage," "affinities," and "free love," indicates a sex-urge that is sweeping an ungodly world with disease and ruin.

There is nothing wrong, you say? Oh, no! there is nothing wrong when our supposedly better women with nicotine breath mock at temperance! "When," as a recent writer has said, "the mothers of this great country let their children go to the dark motion picture halls, and night after night in thousands of towns over this broad land see pictures that the juvenile court and educators and keepers of reform schools say make burglars, crooks, and murderers of our boys and vampires of our girls? Nothing wrong when these young adolescent girls ape you, and wear stockings rolled under their knees, below their skirts, and use lipstick, and paint their faces, and darken their eyes, and pluck their eye brows?"

"Nothing wrong when great magazines print no page or picture without its sex appeal? Nothing wrong when the automobiles, so convenient for the innocent little girls to run out of town, present the greatest evil that ever menaced American girls? Nothing wrong when money is



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Two daredevils waltz on a steel girder high above New York City

## Dancing over Death

We Had Better Step Down To Safety. But How?

By B. M. Heald

modern history are stained with licentious orgies that would cause the Sodomites to blush with shame, all because the ten commandments are disregarded.

Legislation, education, or reformation, can not regenerate human hearts. And as one writer has well said, "No more rhetoric; we have had enough of it."

What then is the remedy? "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." There is but one way, and that is to return to the decalogue of God. It is the only standard of right living. It is the dead line between right and wrong, between truth and error, between purity and impurity, between light and darkness, between Christ and Satan, between heaven and hell. Disobedience to that law brings sin, sorrow, suffering, disease, and death. Observance of it brings joy, peace, happiness, health, and heaven. Obedience to the ten commandments brings liberty; as said the Psalmist, "I shall walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." Psalms 119: 45.

There is a great gulf fixed between the obedient and the disobedient. Man may choose. Man is a free moral agent. A modern writer has well put it thus: "God leaves man free; but woe to the man who uses his freedom to disobey. The whole universe is stacked against such an one. God rules through the will of the obedient; he operates transcendently outside the will of the disobedient. This broken law brings disaster to the law-breaker. Democracy means personal choice, but woe to him whose personal choices are bad choices. God's will is law. To the obedient freeman it is a law written on the heart; to the disobedient, a law without himself which will grind him to (Continued on p.26)

god, when luxury, pleasure, excitement, and speed are things to be striven for?"

"Nothing wrong when some of your husbands spend more of their time with other women than with you? Nothing wrong with jazz, when the lights go out in the dance hall and the dancers jiggle, and toddle, and wiggle in a frenzy?"

Yes, a thousand times yes, there is something wrong—radically wrong. The law of God is being trampled upon. Jehovah says in Hosea four that He has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, "Because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood."

The condition is growing grave, and to add to the seriousness of the situation some religious leaders teach that the ten commandments were abrogated at the Cross, that the law of God is not binding in our day. This only intensifies the toboggan slide of sin and lawlessness. Man is lawless enough without being taught that the ten commandments are not binding. Deny the binding claims of the decalogue, and a wave of carnality, deeper, wider, blacker than the ocean, will engulf the home, the nation, the world. The pages of

THAT Liberalism is essaying to seize the helm of missionary endeavor in China can not be denied. During the past few years, since the standard for missionary recruits has been raised, a distressingly great number of out-going missionaries are the graduates of seminaries and colleges where the liberal spirit has prevailed. Naturally, the message and spirit which these cultured people bring to China is the one which they have imbibed in their halls of learning,—that is the spirit and message of rationalism and socialization. Indeed, it is hard to decipher just what soul-saving message such missionaries bring to China. And one wonders how much good mere social ethics will do a people who have had moral precepts for centuries.

China sees all too clearly that the social church has accomplished but little for the West, where capital dominates, and the poor are depressed. In this land of agriculture and small trades, industrialism has not yet secured a strong foothold, neither have the people felt the disturbances of big business. Strife between magnate and workers has been but little witnessed in this ancient land. Strikes are just appearing in places where foreign capital has developed great industries. The Chinese are anxiously observing these social and industrial troubles, which are entering their sacred land as a result of western intercourse. They see aggressive foreign powers, which have thrust Christianity upon their weak nation, waiting for the opportunity to exploit their wealthy land and the many millions of laborers

Hence the Chinese naturally misunderstand the program of western missionaries, when they find them turning from the evangelizing gospel for the saving of the individual to the socializing gospel for the remodeling of a nation. They do not quite comprehend how this general improvement of society is to be accomplished in an eastern land, when the society of western lands is in such an uncertain and unpeaceful state. Hence they simply say to such propagandists, "Physician, heal thyself."

Now that missionaries are undertaking Social Uplift on a large scale, and apparently emphasizing this at the expense of evangelical preaching, we hear much talk of winning the nation and even its government to Christianity. Is it any wonder then that the Chinese are not in sympathy with a foreign religion

# Can China be Saved by the SOCIAL GOSPEL?

By Frederick Lee  
(Missionary at Peking)



Beggary in China is an institution

spirited non-Christian students, but it is being encouraged by men like Tsa Yuen Pei, the Chancellor of the Peking University, and other prominent educationalists in China.

In a few days the movement had spread over a large section of the country. For a time it looked as if serious complications would take place in many inland places, where the ignorant classes are easily stirred up by anti-foreign influence, and where they do not understand the issue. Many Chinese newspapers contained articles, bitterly exposing the evils of Christianity, and a violent campaign of vituperation continued for some weeks. It was interesting to observe that in almost every lecture and essay the merits of science and psychology were upheld in opposition to Christianity.

At the date of the opening of the Christian Students' Convention, the anti-Christian movement had fully developed, and the leaders were ready to organize societies in many sections. The newspaper giving the report of the opening of the Convention at Tsing Hwa bore this heading in one column, "Need for New Spirit in International Relations

—Drs. Mott and Hodgkin Address First Formal Session of Students' Conference." Just opposite this news item was another hearing the following headlines, "Non-Christian, Non-Religious Movement Gets Reinforcements,—Organizations in Peking, also in Tienstin, Paoting, and Shanghai Join." Before the close of the Christian Conference this same paper printed the news of the formation of an All-China Anti-Religion Federation. At the organization meeting Chancellor Tsa Yuen Pei read a paper criticizing Christianity.

No doubt this anti-religious spirit has been developing for some time,



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Is it the "social gospel" that has unbound the feet of thousands of Chinese women?



and only needed a match to set it off. This was provided by the convening of the Christian Students' Federation in the Tsing Hwa College, which is a government school, and not a Christian one. This was greatly resented, and also the message of the Convention, which was "Christ and the Reconstruction of the World," was misunderstood.

But there are other vital causes of this movement against the Christian religion and Christian missionaries. The liberalistic teachings of modern education have contributed much to this anti-Christian movement, and have naturally created a desire to throw off Christian teaching, concerning which there are so many doubts. Science, not Christ, has been the keynote, not simply in non-Christian schools, but in schools established by missionaries as well. Teachers who know little of Christ, and the Bible, and believe still less, teach in mission schools. Men of liberalistic theories stand before the students in so-called Christian colleges and undermine faith in the word of God, theorize away the meaning of its teachings, and

love and appreciate those to whom he goes. It is the missionary's high calling to interpret West to East and East to West by sympathy and true understanding." Quoted from "The World Tomorrow," June, 1919, page 116. Italics by the author of "Modern Religious Liberalism."

We have here brought to view a situation which is most distressing. If we have not a definite message in which we fully believe, why are we missionaries? We are told to appreciate heathen practises and learn from heathen religions, in order that the heathen may in turn learn Christianity from us. However it does not operate that way in practical experience. The natives of other lands are not so fond of foreigners and invaders of their country that they will just naturally reciprocate our admiration of them. If we have no spiritual convictions, but have only mere moral philosophies and social reforms, they want none of them. They will on the other hand listen sympathetically to a message which one believes in his soul to be the Truth.

"But the new view of missions includes more than mere mutual interpretation of religions. Its burden is the social gospel. Instead of working for the salvation of individuals in our Lord Jesus Christ, it undertakes to save society by socialization and reforms of various descriptions." Quoted from above mentioned book page 181. Everywhere we go we hear of this social gospel. In many instances it sounds



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naturalize all theology.

It has not taken Young China long to see that missionaries are not united even upon the great fundamentals of Christianity,— God, Christ, and the Word. And it has not taken them such a great while to

proceed with the next logical step, which is to discountenance Christianity in total. If half is to be doubted, why not doubt all, think they. And such seeds of doubt are now bearing fruit.

#### Can Heathenism Teach Christianity?

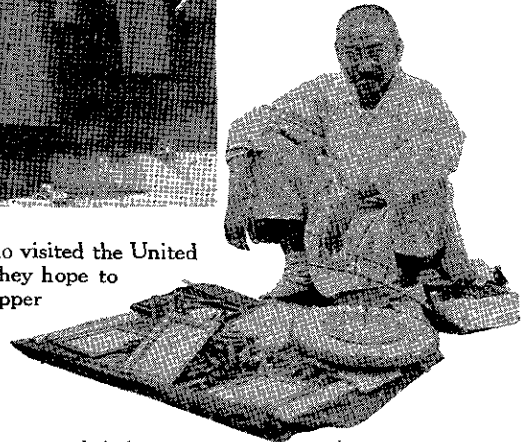
WE FIND further, that heathen religions are often praised by missionary leaders, and mere human philosophies are compared with Christianity. "Representatives of religious liberalism in evangelical denominations are of the opinion that the missionary should not come to the heathen claiming that Christianity is the one true religion, but he should appreciate the heathen religions and learn of them, and in turn have the heathen people appreciate Christianity and learn of it." Quoted from "Modern Religious Liberalism," Page 179.

On the same page of the above mentioned book we have a paragraph quoted from an article by Henry T. Hodgkin, a former missionary in China, and one of the leaders of the Christian Students' Movement. He says, "It is the missionary's duty to interpret to the West (i.e. to Christendom) all that is highest and purest in the East (i.e. in heathendom), seeking to set forth the true humanity, the simple hearted faith and love to be found in all religions and races, so that those who have sent the missionary forth may be drawn to



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Members of a Chinese educational commission who visited the United States to get new ideas for the schools of China. They hope to take millions like the promising boy, pictured on the upper left, and teach them something better than a superstition that leads them to be hoodwinked by the fortune teller, pictured on the lower right. But China needs something more than education to do that.



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like another gospel, it is so far removed from the gospel revealed in the word of God.

The work of many missionary staffs is confined to educational and social effort. There are but few laboring in direct evangelical lines. The new mission order is less concerned with saving individuals than it is with curing social evils. They feel that by education and social reform and even reform by parliament, the day of salvation will be ushered in sooner than by the old evangelical method. In the meantime the world is suffering for a Physician.

It is as if a man were sick unto death. A nurse is by his side. She sees him gasping for breath, and begins to examine him carefully, endeavoring to find out just what the disease may be. She gives him soothing syrups, which she secures at some quack drug store. She injects opiates. She cools his feverish brow. She talks encouragingly to him, saying that he will soon be better. She makes no effort to call in a competent physician, but continues nursing him one way and another, making him as comfortable as possible until he finally dies. At any rate he died easily. But it is criminal! No nurse has a right to treat the deathly sick, and if she takes such matters into her hands she will be prosecuted.

But are we not doing just this with our dying world? We all recognize that it is expiring. We can not gainsay it. But what do we do? Why,—we start in first with social surveys. Then we begin with reforms in housing the poor, straightening out social tangles, diluting social evils. Then we come along with the soothing syrup of "Peace, peace. The world is betting better." But all the time we see the old world gasping for breath, the breath of life and peace. We continue nursing, optimistically. There is no physician at hand, and we feel the need of none.

What folly, when we can do nothing but nurse, to expect that we can cure the disease, and how criminal! Indeed, we should nurse the world in its sorrows, and this is the privilege of every Christian. Social betterment is necessary. Each should engage in helping his brother when in distress. We should follow out the counsel of the word, "To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction," "To deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the poor that are cast out to thy house." We are not Christians if we do less.

But when we think, because we are nurses, that we can cure the disease, we are but deceiving ourselves and hastening the day of death. If we followed out true Christian principles, we would not take unto ourselves more than we have been authorized. We would place the patient wholly in the hands of the true Physician, we would point him to Christ. And while the restorative remedies of the Physician are acting upon the body of the patient, we would do all we could to relieve his suffering, and to reduce his fevers. Then when the responsibility of saving the man is wholly in the hands of One in whom we have confidence, we can work with spirit and energy. The world has plenty of nurses. What we need now is the Physician.

A question comes down to us from the centuries, "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Indeed, why is the world not recovered after these many years? The trouble is that we do not call in the Physician. We are all experimenting as physicians, and in the meantime the patient is dying.

Christ, the true Physician, did not authorize us to go out and socialize the world, but he said, "Go and evangelize all nations." We are to reveal to the nations the Healer of mankind. We are to preach the gospel, which means Jesus Christ. How then can we call ourselves missionaries when we do not do this? Although we have enlisted under the banner of Christ, we do not obey the order of the Commander. Surely, the last ones to forget and turn from their leader should be those who are at the front.

#### *The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be Preached*

IF WE are not preaching the gospel authorized by Christ, what are we preaching? Is it "another gospel," such as was mentioned by Paul? If so, it is sad for the world, for it surely will not be reformed, nor even enlightened, for the Word says that it will be accursed.

In the days of Paul, the gospel went to the then-known world. It was the full gospel revealed in the Word. It spread abroad rapidly, although the liberal and faithless leaders of the church opposed it at every step. They rejected the theology of Christ, the Son of God, for the theology and dogma of men.

Again in this generation the gospel of the kingdom of Christ is to be preached in all the world. And again we have liberalistic leaders in the church opposing the simple gospel and its doctrines. They say that they do not want doctrine and dogma, but in doing so they dogmatize and substitute the theology of men for that of God and the Word.

Nevertheless we are assured that "this gospel of the king-

dom shall be preached in all the world, and then shall the end come." None shall stop it! The end is even now hastening on apace! Then shall be revealed the vanities of men; their follies shall be fully exposed; and all too late men will see that those who have trusted in human devices have destroyed themselves, while those who have trusted in the true Physician have been completely healed.

Let us go forth under the instructions of our Commander, as revealed in the faithful Word, and place the standard of the gospel in every land. Then let us not lower the standard before the cohorts of liberalism, and not for a moment doubt its efficacious power!



## DANCING OVER DEATH

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powder. In either case man is free, and God is sovereign."

However warped may be our industrial economics, there is no excuse for lying. Nothing is gained by a shoe clerk telling a lady customer that she wears a number two, and selling her a number five. Nothing is gained by a bank clerk who will embezzle ten dollars because his landlord has raised his rent. Nothing is gained by short measures and light weights. There is no satisfaction, either here or hereafter, for a man to murder, lie, steal, or covet. To cross the dead line into the field of concupiscence and adultery only brings a harvest of regret, remorse, disease, and death. How true this is these days. Every morning paper has its record of men and women committing illicit relations; with what results?—broken homes, blasted hopes, diseased bodies, and murdered lives.

Sabbath desecration is prevalent.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Exodus 20: 8-11. Men are forgetting the Sabbath's God. By keeping on the obedience side of the dead line in Sabbath observance there is great satisfaction.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. 58: 13, 14.

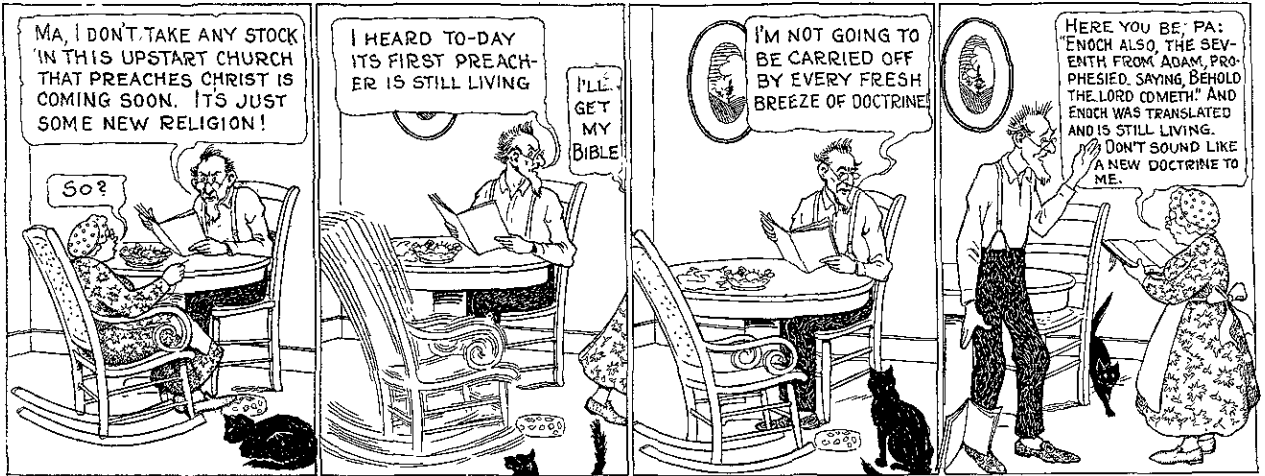
It is most unfortunate that the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, should have been substituted for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day of the week, a change for which there is no scriptural authority. God says, "I change not." This unauthorized substitution only adds to the present day lawlessness.

No one commandment is more important than another. Likewise the violation of one is the violation of them all James 2: 10. Is it not time to call a halt on disobeying God? To right-about-face? To return to the precepts of the decalogue? The Psalmist well said: "It is time for thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void thy law."

The obedience to that law makes sweeter homes, more sanctified churches, and a nobler nation. Obedience to that law makes loving, affectionate husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and children; establishes the purity of the home, the sanctity of the church, and the honor of the nation.

To step over the boundary line of disobedience crushes the life prospects of many a husband and wife, reproaches many a church, and is the curse of any nation.

"Lord, incline our hearts to keep this law."



# The UNITED STATES of AMERICA in the CIRCLE of the WORLD

By H. S. Prenter

“GOD hath made . . . men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.” Acts 17:26. America completes the circle of the earth.

The antiquity circle was around the Arabian peninsula.

The second circle was around the Mediterranean.

The third was around the North Atlantic.

The fourth is around the world.

God led from Africa to Asia, thence to Europe. When He dealt with Europe there were virgin continents across the Atlantic. When He ends with America, what new continents are there?

When God dealt with a continent, He dealt with the leading nation of that continent. In Africa it was Egypt; in Asia, Babylonia and Persia; in Europe, Greece and later Rome. Why not in God's good time the leading nation in America—the United States?

The message to Egypt was the message to Africa; the warnings to Babylon and Medo-Persia were the messages to Asia; the truth lived and taught by the primitive, apostolic Church was the message to Europe; but now the three-fold message of salvation is not continental, or for this country alone, but is to go to Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, and the

islands of the seven seas—to the thirty-two radii of the circle.

Just before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, God sent three angels to warn Abraham. God also had three messengers for Egypt,—Abraham, Joseph, and Moses. This was the message to Africa. Its refusal of light left Africa a dark continent. God had a message for Asia, through Babylon and Medo-Persia. Their rejection left it a desolate trail of broken cities. God had a message for Europe through Grecia and Rome by Christ and Paul. Will he have no message for America? Will he not deal with the United States, the leading nation in the world? He has, in the great messages of the three angels in Revelation fourteen.

This not only calls for tremendous consequences in America, but also in the whole world circle.

Since the rejection of Heaven's messages by the primitive circle of Egypt resulted in its downfall; since the spurning of God's truth by the partial circles of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome, brought about their destruction; will not America, which completes the great circle of civilization for all time, be a subject of divine attention? The great cycle of earth geography and human history has had a complete revolution. We are on the verge of new beginnings, and the word of God alone reveals what they shall be.

## Insect Menace Alarms

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pests. From the Southland this heading is clipped: “Weevil Invasion Grows Alarming.—Farm Experts Declare Poison Doses Must Be Doubled to Repel Rapid Spread of Insects.” From the West, this one: “Pine Beetle Does \$72,500,000 Damage to Forests.” From Alaska: “Caterpillars Eat fifty Miles of Forest.—Make Clean Sweep.—Scarcely a green leaf remains and the district presents the stark appearance of a winter scene.”

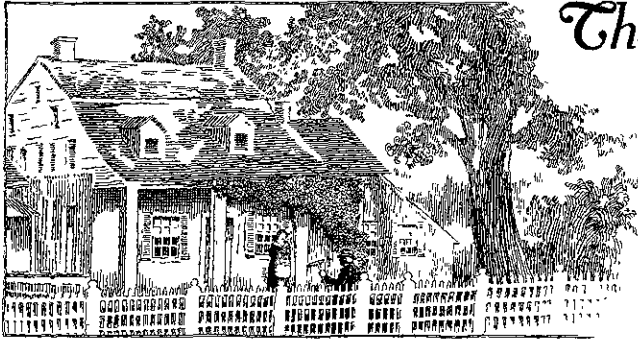
The colossal nature of the insect menace is thus stated by Dr. Hopkins, in charge of Forest Insect Investigations:

“If the timber destroyed by insects during the past half a century were living today, its stumpage value would be in excess of \$1,500,000,000.”

From other sections of the globe come similar reports varying in variety and severity. This world condition has grown in severity during the last half of the nineteenth century. Laboratory experts have been called to the rescue with new formulas for spraying crops and fumigating orchards, and even bringing the aeroplane into requisition to direct the warfare from the air. The conflict has developed into mortal combat between man and insect for possession of the globe. “An enormous fight is on our

hands,” says Dr. Howard, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and adds, “This statement is not overdrawn.”

This insect menace is one of the manifold signs of decrepitude of old Mother Earth, keeping step with the sins of her children. Agricultural calamities, plagues, pestilences, and famines all interlock in their action, and are part of that array of immutable evidences of the last days. The divine forecast is given in Joel 1:4-12. But as the earth approaches her dotage we may draw courage from the divine promise of the rejuvenation of all things. It is coming soon, and it will be complete



# The MIRACLE WOMAN

By Ruth Lees Olson

"I never saw a rose that could climb the way that crimson rambler does"

"I DECLARE, Saphrona. I never saw a rose that could climb the way that crimson rambler does." Seems like it's going to save us shingling the roof this summer." Josiah Weatherby leaned his spade against

the fence, gave a hitch to his trousers, then reaching up for a cluster of the gorgeous blooms buried his face in their velvet petals. The result was not satisfactory, and he turned to his wife standing on the porch with an inquiring look in his eyes.

Mrs. Weatherby's comfortably stout figure shook with faintly repressed mirth. "I am surprised, Josiah. That rose has been growing there nigh onto ten years, and you have just discovered it has no perfume." Then her face assumed a serious aspect. "I don't wonder the flowers deceived you though. They look good enough to be fragrant. But I guess after all they are somewhat like the humans, they have a pretty outside dress, and that is about all there is to them. Somehow these roses remind me of that Mrs. McNeil who is holding meetings at the City Auditorium. They say she is a very fine looking woman, with eyes of sympathetic sweetness, and a voice and manner that remind one of a saint, but her work does not appear to have that lasting quality that stands for eternal things."

Mr. Weatherby sat down on the lower porch step, "Well, Mother, I never attended any of her meetings, and my knowledge is confined to reports of others, but I have a strong suspicion that there is a silver lining to her words and deeds. Some day, when the occasion presents itself, I am going to prove her work by the Bible itself."

"I wish you would do it before Constance finds out about her. Since she lost her health the child has been so impressionable that she will insist on seeing this woman at once if she has the slightest idea she claims to be a divine healer."

Mrs. Weatherby had hardly finished speaking before the wicker gate swung open with a click, and a young girl hurried up the shell-bordered walk. Dropping down by her Aunt's chair, she leaned her head against that lady's knee and strove to recover her breath.

"There, there, child," and the good woman fanned the flushed face with her apron, "you should never hurry like that, think what it might mean some day."

"Oh, yes, I know," and the girl wiped a pink stain from her lips, "but I heard such wonderful news, and I simply could not wait to tell you about it. There is a miracle woman in this town, Aunt, and they say she is healing people by the score. Think what that will mean to me with only one year more of college between me and my ambition."

Aunt Saphrona's glasses needed a vigorous wiping, so Constance turned to her Uncle. "You will take me down to the meeting, will you not, Uncle Josiah? O, I must be made well before school begins."

Mr. Weatherby nodded his head appreciatively, "Yes, a college education is a mighty fine thing, but a good Bible education is better; with that foundation all things are possible, with the other you are limited. A good Bible knowledge might come in handy right now. Of course I'll take you to hear this Mrs. McNeil. I'm not saying her work is not of the Lord. I do not know. But I seem to remember that there is a direct command that says 'Prove all things

whether they are of the Lord or not,' so perhaps we had better test this out first."

"Don't be a pessimist, Uncle Josiah. Of course I know the Bible is the supreme guide. Mother always taught me that—although we never hear much about it in college—and I have, in a measure, grown away from it, but surely no one could make the lame to walk and the blind to see unless God was in them?"

"I am not so sure of that, little girl," and Mr. Weatherby shook his head. "Miracles are no proof of divinity. We have many instances in sacred history of counterfeit miracles, and you know we are told in the book of Matthew in the twenty-fourth chapter that there shall be false Christs and false prophets in the last days and that they shall show great signs and wonders so that they will deceive even the very elect if that were possible. Paul also tells us in his second letter to the Corinthians that Satan himself shall be transformed into an angel of light."

The look of disappointment on the girl's now pale face was pitiful, and Aunt Saphrona hastened to say, "Don't worry, Constance. God heals us when we try to heal ourselves, and take plenty of wholesome food, good fresh air, and sufficient rest. Then the Lord will supply that which is lacking if we ask in faith nothing doubting. No, I am not saying that the Lord does not heal instantly. Sometimes he does, but more often the healing comes gradually when we obey his clearly written laws of health. I do not believe, my dear, that it is pleasing to God for us to rush after every one who claims to have the power to perform miracles of healing."

Constance turned to her Uncle. "You really do not know whether she is of God or not, Uncle Josiah, so I am going to ask you again to take me to the meeting tonight. If she can heal others, she can surely heal me, and—I must finish college this year."

"All right, little importunate lady, we'll go tonight, and see what happens. I want to ask the miracle woman some questions, and this may be as good a time as any. Now do not set your heart too strongly on her healing power."

So it was settled. And Constance, with a song in her heart, eagerly awaited the hour for the evening meeting.

TWO hours before the appointed time the people began to congregate in front of the City Auditorium, and one hour before the doors were opened, the streets were packed with a struggling mass of humanity. Mr. Weatherby and his niece managed to secure a seat midway in the center of the assembly room where they not only had a full view of the rostrum, but also of the approaching aisles.

The song service preceding the services permitted Mr. Weatherby to note the nature of the crowd rapidly filling the spacious auditorium—men and women from all walks of life, the halt, the blind, the maimed, and generously sprinkled through the audience the faces and forms of little children.

There was a ripple of scarcely suppressed excitement as a pleasant-faced lady stepped out upon the platform, and a murmur of "Praise the Lord" came from many voices throughout the audience. Mrs. McNeil took her text from the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." The sermon was strictly evangelistic, and the appeal for Christ's service decisions met with a fervent response from the congregation, and people arose everywhere asking for prayers. Then came the healing.

Down the aisle to the right shuffled a man with a little child in his arms, his brown face and toil-worn hands indicated a man of the out-of-doors, while his clothes spoke of the battle with grim poverty. As he neared the front the woman next to Constance said, "There he goes again. I do not understand it, and it seems almost a

sin and a crime. Sometimes I wonder if all this is of God?"

"Who is he, and what do you mean?" questioned the girl.

"Oh, he is only a poor farmer from the Northern States, but his heart is wrapped up in the little lad, and when he heard of the miracle woman he took all the ready money he could secure, and leaving barely enough for his wife and family to exist on, started for these meetings. The doctors told him his boy would never walk, but he has been so sure Mrs. McNeil could and would heal him. This is the third time he has had him on the platform, and I hope it will not be the third and last time she will send him away unhelped."

Mr. Weatherby and his niece watched with intense interest as the father handed the little boy to the miracle woman. She took him in her arms, bent over him in prayer, then finally handed him back to the waiting man with the words, "You must have more faith." With his head drooping low, and the child tightly clasped in his arms, the man made his exit by the rear way, and the waiting people said, "Praise the Lord."

"This is outrageous," whispered Mr. Weatherby to the girl at his side. "That man had faith enough to risk the lives of his family and himself in spending his all for this trip, besides the boy is one of God's wee-ones, and innocent of sin or wrong doing. Things did not happen this way in the Saviour's day."

Constance made no reply, but watched the throng of people making their way toward the rostrum, and listened to the cries of the deaf as they shouted, "Yes, I can hear your voice," "Glory be, I am healed," and to the voice of the blind as they declared they saw the light and felt the healing power of the miracle woman. The paraphernalia of the halt and the maimed increased the pile of crutches and braces already stacked high on the platform, and at every fresh addition the excitement of the audience increased. One thing Constance noted, and that was that every one who went forward for healing first presented a card before he received any attention from the miracle woman.

"Are the people who possess these cards more needy than others in the audience?" asked Mr. Weatherby of the man next to him.

The man smiled rather sarcastically as he replied, "No, I do not think so. But you see all have to present themselves before the healer's mother before they can reach Mrs. McNeil, and I imagine the impossible cases are set aside."

Just then there was a shout of joy from the workers on the platform, and Constance clutched her Uncle's arm tightly. A young girl was throwing a heavy brace on the pile of crutches, then she turned and walked back to Mrs. McNeil, and after a few words of encouragement passed to the rear of the platform. "Is it not wonderful, Uncle, the healer said that girl had not taken a step in ten years, and here she is walking. O, I must, I must be healed too, and I can, I know I can."

Mr. Weatherby noted the flushed cheeks, and glistening eyes of his niece, and said rather abruptly, "The meeting is nearly over, suppose we walk to the rear of the platform. They have been helping a good many people off that way, and I want to see what has become of them." Reluctantly Constance arose, followed her Uncle to the rear hall, and from thence down the steps to the basement rooms.

In one of the corridors they found a cot on which a young girl lay tossing and moaning with pain. A woman, evidently her mother, was bending over her in an effort to relieve the intense suffering. Recognizing the girl as the one she had so lately seen on the platform upstairs, Constance sprang forward with a little cry of sympathy. "O, I am so sorry, I thought you were healed."

There was a trace of bitterness in the mother's voice as she answered for the girl. "No, she is not healed, but is worse off than she was before she came. The doctor told her she must not take off her brace, but she was so sure the miracle woman could heal her; her faith was so childlike and trusting that I could say nothing, and now she has not only the added pain to endure but the disappointment as well."

Constance's eyes were full of tears as she offered to help

replace the brace on the tortured body, but the woman said, "I wish we had it to put on her, but it is up stairs and they will not give it back to us. I asked for it, but they want to keep it as a memorial of Mrs. McNeil's healing power. We are too poor to buy another one now, and I do not know what we will do."

"The first thing to do is to take this girl home," and Mr. Weatherby's working religion immediately sought out a taxicab and then carried the girl out to its waiting cushions. Next he promised the mother to see that new braces were secured for the helpless back, and that he would visit her before long. His task accomplished, he guided Constance back to the platform where Mrs. McNeil was granting an audience to those desirous of counsel.

The auditorium was almost empty before Mr. Weatherby succeeded in securing an audience with the miracle woman. After the necessary preliminary remarks of one seeking for information Mr. Weatherby asked, "Do you think the Bible is the inspired word of God, Mrs. McNeil?" "Most assuredly," was her smiling reply. "Then you think it necessary for a man to keep the commandments of the Lord before he can enter the kingdom of heaven?"

She laid her hand on the open book on the table before her, "That is what Christ told the people,—that he who would enter into life must keep the commandments."

"I am very glad to hear you say that, for now I know you believe in keeping the fourth commandment, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

There was slight stiffening of the figure before him, "Of course I keep the Sabbath. I keep all days. They are all holy to God."

Mr. Weatherby was very persistent, "But you believe the seventh day is the Sabbath according to the law of God?"

There was a hint of impatient tolerance in the healer's face as she replied: "The old Testament was written for the Jews and concerns them alone. We are living in the new dispensation and have nothing in common with the old Testament."

A man standing near the platform turned and quickly asked, "Why then did you take your evening text from the book of Isaiah?"

Mrs. McNeil made an impatient gesture: "Pardon me, there are people waiting who are seeking salvation. I informed you we were not under the old law, but under the gospel of Jesus Christ." So speaking she turned to a man who was eagerly waiting to speak with her.

Constance heard her say to him as they turned to leave the building, "I am sorry, but I fear I can not help your son. We do not restore missing limbs, or those that are withered and dead. Our faith is not strong enough for that—yet."

Constance laid her hand quickly on her Uncle's arm, "Is there not a record of Jesus healing a man with a withered arm?"

Mr. Weatherby patted her hand reass- (Continued on page 31)



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# The Watchman's Answer

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## THE BROTHERS OF JESUS

*Did Jesus, while in earthly form, have any brothers and sisters? Were they older or younger than He? Mark 6: 3; Matt. 13: 55-57; Gal. 1: 19.*

Yes, though they were doubtless but legal brothers and sisters, probably being children of Joseph by a former wife. Jesus was the first-born of Mary (Luke 1), and He alone is called the son of Mary in the text: "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?" These brothers and sisters seemingly were older than Jesus, for they assumed to direct him. John 7: 3-5. There is no record that Mary ever had other children. If she had, it is not probable that Jesus, just before His death, would have committed His mother to John the beloved (John 19: 26, 27) rather than to His legal brothers or half-brothers. Let us in gaining an understanding of the literal relationship not miss the spiritual possibilities which are of infinitely greater moment, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Matt. 12: 50.

## NO CONTRADICTION HERE

*Was it not wrong and contradictory for Elisha to tell Ben-hadad, "Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the Lord hath showed me that he shall surely die"?' 2 Kings 8: 10.*

No, he was telling the exact truth, as may be seen from reading verse fifteen, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead." Elisha's statement in verse ten was made to Hazael, and the change of pronouns "thou" and "he" is mark-worthy. Hazael took advantage of this in misreporting the prophet's reply to the king by failing to deliver the second half: "So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldst surely recover." Verse 14.

This suppression of truth was the perpetration of falsehood, and he deliberately changed Elisha's "mayest" into his own "shouldst surely." The prevarication was Hazael's, not Elisha's. God did not decree the king's death; He merely foretold it. The inquiry was,

would the king recover from his disease; the answer was "thou mayest." It was entirely possible as far as the disease was concerned. He could have recovered from his illness had not Hazael murdered him. This wicked act was the supreme wrong. Though informed by the prophet he was to be king in succession to Ben-hadad, Hazael should have followed the example of righteous David, who, though anointed to reign in Saul's stead, would not lift a finger against Saul, though the latter murderously sought his life.

## A COMPARISON OF RELIGIONS

*What is the fundamental difference between Christianity and the other great religions of the world? In what way is it superior to them? Did not Confucius utter the silver rule which is practically the same as Christ's golden rule?*

To answer the last question first: Confucius said, "Do not unto others what you do not wish them to do unto you." Contrast this with Christ's "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." The difference is fundamental. One is negative, the other is positive. The first enjoins a life of negative harmlessness, the other commands a life of positive helpfulness. Confucianism is at heart merely selfish reciprocity, Christianity's dominant characteristic is unselfish service. So the Confucianist does not regard it a duty to help others, while streams of Christian benevolence encircle the globe. The Confucian philosophy is responsible for China's standstill of twenty centuries.

Passing over the degrading, depraved, revolting tenets to be found in the false religions, it is not to be denied that, intermingled with error they possess many good precepts and moral ideals; but the fatal contingent to these systems is their utter failure to provide the power to attain to their ideals and to free the soul from the guilt and sense and power of sin. Christianity recognizes sin as a principle in the human heart rather than an aggregation of transgressions and neglects to be expiated by human effort. Christianity offers not a teacher or a reformer but a Saviour. Christianity is the only religion that furnishes the power to help men attain their ideals, and it is the only religion whose ideals are so high that the strongest and noblest must keep their faces ever upward. The Chinese overtook the ideals of Confucius,

and when one overtakes his ideals, his progress stops. This explains China's stagnation. *China is the answer to Confucianism.*

A fair way to judge a religion is by its effect upon the lives of its followers, and upon the nations professing adherence thereto. Mohammedanism teaches belief in God, and prayer. But Mohammedanism degrades woman, and propagates by atrocious force. *Turkey is the answer to Mohammedanism.* Christianity recognizes woman's rightful place, and Christianity's impelling power is love.

Buddhism merely offers escape from existence by absorption into the spirit of the universe. It regards life as a calamity from which escape is selfishly to be found in the loss of individuality. *The Orient is the answer to Buddhism.* But Christianity regards life as an opportunity. False religions are based on selfishness. Christianity's keynote is loving service. It is an undeniable fact that Christianity,—not Hinduism nor Buddhism, Confucianism nor Islam, but Christianity—is the source of the efforts for freedom, the uplift of society, and the elevation of humanity.

These false religions are failures. They are not adequate to meet the needs and solve the problems of character. They can not answer humanity's cry for a way of redemption from sin. Christianity offers the only answer to the universal longing of the human heart. The false have but promises of future happiness and purity; Christianity makes them a present reality. The false are founded upon man-made systems of doctrine and morals; Christianity centers in a living Person. The one is a creed, the other is a life. Other religions have been but provincial. Christianity rises above the lines of nationality, and gives to men a religion of universal character, based on God's thought of the whole world. Its peerless preeminence vindicates its claim to be the only true and adequate religion for mankind.

DR. HARRY S. BOWLBY, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, is employing a detective agency to send out forty detectives for the purpose of making purchases in New York stores which open on Sunday, and then arresting the proprietors for breaking the "Blue Laws." Of course the detectives help to break the law, and incidentally lose their Sunday rest. We can't imagine Christ setting the Doctor such an example.

## SHAPING FOR THE NEXT WAR

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edly the eventual idea of this treaty to get together. What either one could not get as an enemy, the two together as friends might secure. Adamantios Th. Polyzoides, editor of the Greek newspaper, *Ailantis*, (New York), a recognized authority on Near Eastern affairs, has written a very informing article on "Facing a New Issue in the Near East" in the June N. Y. *Times Current History*. In beginning his article, he says: "No great European question is so vitally affected by the recent Russo-German treaty as is the Near Eastern question. The fact that less than four years after the great allied victory Germany should be able to bid for Constantinople, and for the control of the Levant, certainly sounds fantastic; and that the entire arrangement of the Allies in that part of the world should be placed in jeopardy by the Germans without the firing of a single shot is astonishing and baffling. The whole thing, moreover, is much more serious than it appears at first sight. Germany now will no longer play a lone hand in the Near East, but will be assisted and strengthened by the tremendous resources of Russia, whose aims in the Levant for the first time are identical with those of a Central European power." Further on, Mr. Polyzoides says: "In view of the fact that this treaty was allowed to stand, and, moreover, to be supplemented with similar agreements between Russia, Germany, and Turkey, which are shortly to be followed by an agreement with Sofia, what we are witnessing is nothing less than the double resurrection of the old Russian program reaching for Constantinople and the warm sea, and of the German dream of economic expansion to the Near East, through Central Europe, the Balkans, Constantinople and Anatolia!"

### *Sowing the Seeds of Armageddon*

DID we before say that all this is most serious and may, according to the Biblical prediction, lead to the great and terrible day of Armageddon? Let us read the scripture. "And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that come from the sunrising. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs: for they are the spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew, Armageddon." Rev. 16: 12-16, A. R. V. The river Euphrates shows that the cause of Armageddon is to be found in the Near East, and that the Near East will be the stage for this final international conflict which will be the sign for the coming of Jesus Christ to take his people home.

We do not presume to foretell just what will happen, but in view of this prophecy of the Revelation and what possibilities are wrapped up in this Rapallo treaty between Germany and Russia, we can most certainly see how strikingly events are shaping themselves for the culmination of all things. Mr. Polyzoides, in closing his article, makes bold to say: "The next war, whose foundation causes have been shaped at Rapallo by Tchitcherin and Rathenau, will break out on the day when Russia, Germany, and Turkey become the masters of Constantinople, which is still, as in Bonaparte's time, the 'Capital of the World.'" Thus does this eminent authority establish the Bible prediction. And if he, without Holy Writ, can see the inevitable Near Eastern conflict, what shall we say when we have the Word itself to instruct us that this will lead us into Armageddon? May God help us to be watching so that we shall be ready when He appears.

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## THE MIRACLE WOMAN

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surprisingly, "Surely, he healed all manner of diseases, and gave his disciples power to do the same through his word, but that meant the whole Bible, and not any limited part of it. Don't you remember what it says in the book of Revelation, 'He that taketh away from the sayings of this book, (that means the old and new testaments combined) God shall take away his part out of the book of life?' I am afraid, little girl, that Mrs. McNeil is self-deceived, that her miracles are not of God, but one of the deceptions of the last days."

AUNT SAPHRONA listened to the story of the evening's events on their return home, nodding her head sagely while. "I thought so," was her criticism. "This evening's paper tells of the large amount of money given in donations, and that Mrs. McNeil intends to build a faith home in the West. Now let me tell you something, Constance. You do not have to have a card to gain an audience with the Lord Jesus Christ for healing. You will find the method of procedure in the fifth chapter of the book of James, 'Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.'"

"That sounds as though God works through regularly appointed channels," said Constance, "and I suppose He does, since He is a God of law and order. I am not sorry I went though, for I have learned that, as Uncle Josiah says, the scriptures are being fulfilled in the signs of false healers and prophets to be manifested in the last days."

Uncle Josiah had a merry twinkle in his eye as he replied, "This get-well-quick idea is like the get-rich-quick scheme so prevalent at the present time. There is no stable foundation to it, and after all we have to come back to the governing laws of the God of the universe and find our health and strength in them."

"I guess you are right, Uncle Josiah," smiled his niece wistfully. "At least your plan is worthy of serious consideration."

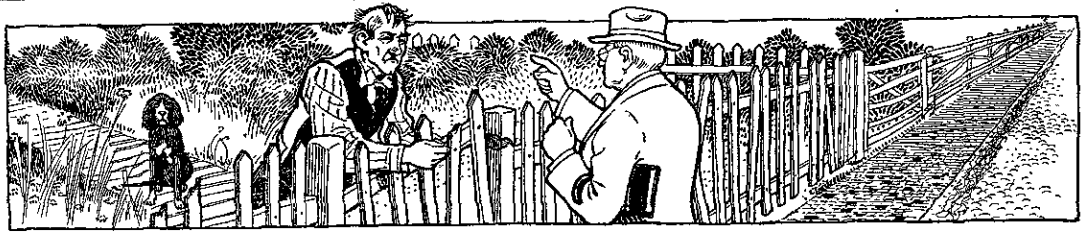


THERE is much ado in the press about glands these days—reports of re-glanding elderly and senile men to make them young again. The whole process has been denounced by some as intrinsically wrong and immoral because it necessitates the mutilation of the one selling his glands for a consideration. The results, moreover, are not permanent. After a time old age again creeps on. Better is it to gain a transformed, non-aging body, entire at Christ's return.



THE total enrollment of the Sunday Schools of the world has passed the thirty million mark, with 2,586,000 teachers and 287,000 schools. No one can estimate the uplifting, principle-instilling, restraining power of the systematic study of the Bible. These are days when all the forces of righteousness are desperately needed to steady a world that is rocking. And nothing will so break down restraint as the neglect and repudiation of the Grand Old Book.

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## THE BEST BUSINESS FIRM IS THE LORD AND US COMPANY

**N**OW it fell on a day that as I passed by the dwelling place of a poor brother, he lolled on his one-hinged gate. And when I had asked after his health I said unto him, But why is thy countenance so sad today? For his face was as it were indigo. And he answered and said, Luck always breaks against me. I was just thinking that for the last ten years nothing I've tried has been a success. What d'you think of that for hard lines?

Thou wilt perish in thine ill-luck unless thou gettest to work, I said with vehemence. But he answered that he had toiled from the rising to the setting of the sun, and now he was discouraged. Moreover I spake again and said, Didst thou take God into partnership with thee? And he said, How? and I said, By paying him one-tenth of all thine increase.

So was his anger stirred against me, and he cried, When I support my family I haven't anything left to give to God. If I had more, I'd give more. Thus did he reveal unto me the secret of his poverty. So I said with calm lips, My friend, thou hast dealt with God wrong end to; first give Him his part and live thou of the rest, and thou shalt see prosperity return unto thee like the showers from heaven when winter is gone.

Then I went on my way and left him to his cogitations.

After many days I came that way again, and lo, the brother slammed his gate with two hinges, and gave me a happy hand. And he saw the question in mine eyes, and said, It's good business sense. I tried it out, and it works O-kay.

Dost thou mean to tell me, O simple youth, I said with a grave face, that nine-tenths of thine increase now goeth farther than ten-tenths did before? And he said, I *know* it. And I said, How dost thou account for it? Show it to me on thy books. But he could not.

Then said he unto me further, It's this way. In paying my tithe first to God, I ceased being a thief, for before I stole what was His. So my conscience was free, and I was happy. And I felt better in body, and I worked harder; and I made more money. Friend wife caught the glad disease and so did the children, and we hardly know the doctor by sight any more. We are too busy and satisfied to go to the movies for entertainment now, and so we save that money, also chewing-gum money, because we've got something better to chew; and I had an old worn-out watch—at least the jeweler said it wouldn't pay to fix it any more—and one day I wound it up again and it's been keeping perfect time for three months, so I don't have to buy a new watch; and I did a good turn for my neighbor and he takes us auto riding every week and doesn't charge us a cent; and the grocer lets me in on all the special bargains he has; and we happened to lay in our winter coal just before the price shot away up; and I grew cabbages this year bigger than your head; and —

Then I bade him hold his peace that there might be breath left in his body. And I lifted up my feet and went on my way rejoicing. And as I went I communed thus with myself: Verily it is good business policy to make God the silent partner in every transaction of life, seeing that He saith, Bring ye all the tithes, and prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. That remaineth the finest gilt-edged proposition that any man ever had held out to him,—pay God ten per cent commission on your profits, and your bank will burst with the gains thereof. Business hath yet something left to learn.