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Don't Judge Christianity till You Know Christianity

EVERYWHERE men are losing faith. Good, sincere people in this country, which was founded on the principles of Christianity, are doubting Christianity. They look at the creed, the exclusiveness, the worldliness of this or that church; they see the questionable methods or moral fall of some preacher; they observe the hypocrisy or joylessness or waywardness of some lay member, and conclude that it is all hollow or rotten, and will have none of it.

But hold!

Every organization of human beings sometimes gets sidetracked from first principles. Any group of men is vilified by its enemies, who cannot or will not understand its motives. Take a given number of leaders from Christian and non-Christian societies, and the Christians will average far above the others in morals. Black sheep do not determine the color of the flock.

But does not Christianity profess to have a power sustaining it that can keep its creed pure and its members from sinning? Yes; but that power is not forced on Christians,—else where is free moral agency,—sometimes they fail to accept what they may have. And the church is not saved from false people entering it, from apostates, and from outside misrepresentation.

God's church on earth has more to fear from misrepresentation than from any other one thing. Its greatest enemies fought, not Christianity, but what they *thought* was Christianity. And the professed church is much to blame for its enemies thinking as

they did. Voltaire, Paine, Hume — all the philosophers — rejected or ignored Christianity; but when one studies into the real causes of their opposition, in nearly every case it is found that what they hated was some creed, abuse, or ceremony that some church had attached to Christianity; and not Christianity itself. False Christianity is responsible for fully three fourths of the world's atheism.

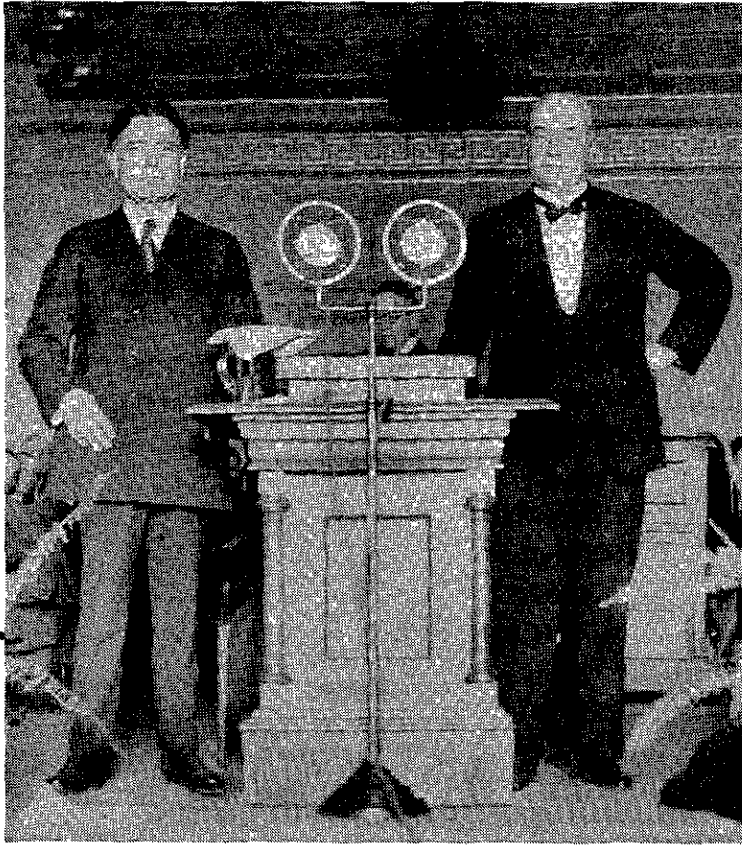
Too many ignore the truth about Christ. Hence they are ignore-ant. And ignorance of a movement is a poor foundation for criticism of it.

Because Christians are tender-hearted, it is not to be taken that they are "tender-minded," ignoring facts and eschewing science and logic. Christians live by faith; but this does not mean that they seek an easy road to knowledge, and expect a "short cut" to success and happiness.

Would you evaluate Christianity at its true worth?—Then strip away from it creeds, rituals, traditions, false devotees, rumors, and get back to its book,—the Bible,—and to its core—Jesus Christ. Take all the Bible, not part; and take no man's interpretation of it. Let it interpret itself, as the Spirit of God reveals it to you in answer to your sincere prayer. Afterward seek men and women (and there are some scattered everywhere) who are conforming their lives to what you have found in the Word. Give yourself wholly to the influence of the Book and the Book's people.

Then judge Christianity.

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U. S. Senator William E. Borah (left) and Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, ready for their famous debate on Prohibition.

Your Neighbor,--John Barleycorn

A medical man discusses the liquor question as a moral and physical issue.

“**W**INE is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” There are a lot of would-be scientists who have frightened the clergy of the land into thinking that in matters of science the Bible is out of date. I have just quoted a scientific statement by the man who is put forward by the Book as the world’s wisest. For three millenniums, so-called science has been arrayed against this statement, but its truth is at last admitted by science. It takes thousands of years for some who flatter themselves on being very wise to agree with some things in the Book. But remember, when the last word is said, it is the Bible that says it, and every other statement in the Book is just as true as this one and just as scientific.

What shall be done with John Barleycorn? I am reminded of a cartoon I once saw, where a lot of men

By OWEN S. PARRETT, M. D.

were trying to decide how to kill a dog. Now a good way to kill a dog is to sever his backbone. But the backbone of this dog, as of most dogs, had a foot of tail. Some advised to hit him somewhere on the thin part of his spinal column. These were moderatists and their treatment was moderate. Finally one fellow suggested cutting off his tail by hitting him behind the ears. But this would kill the dog. He was a dry, the others were wets.

SCIENCE TURNS AGAINST HIM

FOR three thousand years this case of John Barleycorn has usually been decided by neighbors arguing over the back fence. The trouble was it never seemed to stay settled. Finally the old fellow has been hauled into court, and the searchlight of

cold facts is being turned on him, and he doesn't look very good. Worse still is his record. Here is a man with a microscope who has been examining his tissues, and among his other accusers we find the pharmacologist, the chemist, the physiologist, the educator, the political economist, the medical man, the statistician, and the humanitarian. Another noteworthy fact is that these men who have been playing detective and getting facts about him are the leading men of their classes in the professional world.

Has medical science finally arrayed itself against him? Yes, the big neurologists of Europe and America, the physiologists, leading surgeons, the great pharmacologists are almost universal in condemning him, though among medical men a minority may still prescribe booze for various reasons that may not always be medical. Dr. Arthur Dean Bevan says in a recent statement mailed to me by Dr. Charles Mayo: "More than ninety-nine prescriptions out of a hundred written for a pint of whisky are bootlegging prescriptions and are a disgrace to the great medical profession." Arthur Dean Bevan was president of the American Medical Assn. in 1918, one year after Dr. Chas. Mayo held the office. Dr. Mayo wrote me that those who discuss the use of alcohol in disease really have in mind its use for a drink, and added, "A knowledge of modern therapeutics leaves no physician at a loss today because he cannot get alcohol." Do you think Dr. Mayo is deceived in his opinions? Solomon says not, and millions of the world's thinkers and observers agree with him.

TAX-PAYING DELUSION

HERE is some of the nonsense used to defend the traffic: "It keeps taxes down by paying a heavy tax to the government." How can you pay taxes from a thing that has no income and does not produce? Whisky pays no tax, for it does not produce. The people pay the tax from other sources, which must produce; and in British Columbia last year not only did whisky pay no tax but the people had to raise and pay \$14,000,000 in order for the government to receive \$1,555,524, or approximately one tenth. Right now, we are told, they need in British Columbia two million dollars, or more than the tax last year, to build new asylums to take care of the increase in insanity, over half of which is caused by the same liquor, according to the best authorities in England and America. Not a very paying busi-

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ness. No, but a mighty deceptive one for a large class of people who refuse to think, and who are willing to argue and throw dust in the air.

But didn't the British Columbia hospitals get \$179,654 of this money? Yes, and they will need more than that, for statistics show that those who drink spend 80% more time in the hospitals than those who abstain. Our great hospitals may indicate that we are a soft-hearted people, but the preventable conditions that make necessary so many



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A Los Angeles judge has a "cocktail" made of all the bootleg liquor confiscated by his court, preparatory to emptying it in the gutter.

of them indicate that our heads are also soft.

Another argument is that the liquor traffic keeps money in circulation, and I suppose it does keep the money of the man who drinks in circulation, instead of in the bank or building and loan association, but it doesn't circulate much farther than the brewers who hoard it. Such talk is economic nonsense, but it represents an average of the arguments for this parasitic evil.

Thomas F. Maguire told the United States Senate that American prosperity is largely due to buying so many automobiles on time. Of the annual 37 billion dollars of retail business in the United States, about two and a half billion is installment buying. But the fact that auto sales have increased 50% since Prohibition is evidence that some of the money formerly paid for booze is now going into autos, so the family can have some pleasure and profit, instead of its going into a suicide fund for the breadwinner.

But some one rises to remark that Prohibition does not prohibit. Can it be possible that the wet, who made the remark, is weeping over the failure of Prohibition? Oh no, he is seeing to it that, so far as

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he is concerned, the law is flouted on every corner. The drys in the United States are well enough satisfied with the results that in thirty-five states they nominate only dry candidates from Senator to coroner, and five more are nearly as dry.

Listen to the late Sir Andrew Clark, M. D., physician to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, when he says, "Alcohol is a poison, so is strychnine, so is arsenic, so is opium. It ranks with these agents. Health is always in some way or other impaired by it."



International

The Bowery Mission feeds the "down-and-out-ers," many of whom are brought low by drink.

The liver is the one organ that handles the poison for the body. The liver gets rid of the alcohol for the body, but it is ruined by the alcohol and literally shot to pieces. We call the mass of scar that is left cirrhosis of the liver. If we drink more liquor, ten times as poisonous in America since Prohibition, we might expect to see the deaths from liver cirrhosis mounting up. But listen! The U. S. Bureau of Census, from which I am quoting, shows that this disease of degenerated livers in the United States has fallen 40% since Prohibition. Even wet old New York state shows a drop of 50% in hob-nailed-liver deaths.

What about those wild parties staged by young people since Prohibition? In New York, drinkers arrested are finger-printed so that they can tell the old offender and the first-offence cases. N. Y. magistrate-court records show that in 1914 there were 24 first offenders for drunkenness to every ten thousand. This dropped from twenty-four in 1914 to 6 in ten thousand in 1925. What about the old offenders? We don't need to worry about them, as the poisoned bootleg is killing them off so fast they don't come back very many times. Meanwhile we are cut-

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ting off the supply of drink addicts at its source, and raising a generation who are willing to remain sober.

Furthermore, 213 college heads of the leading American colleges and universities testified through the *Literary Digest* recently that drinking had greatly fallen off, while membership had trebled, in American colleges. When parents quit drinking, even the poor can send their children to college.

What about drinking in big cities, according to police who ought to know? Of thousands of reports sent in by chiefs of police, here is a sample taken at random. Nearly every city reporting states the same in other language. Here is what Chief Hugh Rafael of St. Joseph, Missouri, replies: "Prior to 1918 we had 180 saloons; 1918-21 we had 150. 180 saloons meant 180 drunks a day at the smallest calculation, 150 meant 150 per day. Prior to Prohibition, plenty of drunks, no arrests in proportion. Since Prohibition, less drunks and more arrests in proportion, as the citizens will not tolerate drunks. Prior to Prohibition; the police department could not have attended to any other business but drunks, if they had arrested them as we do now."

It has been estimated that before Prohibition, two thirds of the drunkards were arrested, while now nine tenths are arrested. It would seem that even with poisoned bootleg, conditions have vastly improved, and even the public are enough more sober not to countenance public drunkenness. If they could make the bootleg as poisonous as strychnine the problem would soon be over, but even stuff that is ten times as toxic as usual should help us to see the finish of this vice of degeneration, which according to authentic figures is shrinking rapidly.

IT DEPENDS ON WHO DRINKS

SENATOR BORAH has well said, "The man in the automobile may be opposed to the eighteenth amendment, but he will instantly discharge a drinking chauffeur. The train may be crowded with delegates to the anti-Prohibition convention, but they would mob the engineer who would take a drink while drawing his precious freight. The industrial magnate may talk critically of sumptuary laws, but he will apply them like a despot to the man who watches over the driving power of his vast establishment. When safety is involved we are all drys. Where the exigency of (Continued on page 13)



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The skeleton head of a dinosaur in the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Has Science Disproved the Bible?

The firmly established facts of science and the untwisted teachings of the word of God reveal remarkable harmonies.

By John L. Shuler

THERE is no conflict between Christianity and science. There has sometimes been a conflict between religionists and scientists. But in the very nature of things, there never can be any conflict between the truths of science and the Bible,— any more than there could be a conflict between a man's right and left legs, which come from the same body.

Christianity speaks to us of spiritual law; science unfolds physical law; but both laws emanate from the same God. True science is a demonstration of truth from God's book of nature. The Bible is a manifestation of divine truth from the book of His revelation. Hence science and the Bible, when rightly understood, always agree, because they are God's two books, and God is not at war with Himself.

Science, with all its marvelous discoveries of recent times, has not disproved and discredited the Bible in the least particular. This will come to many people as a surprising statement. Many are under the impression that the discoveries of science have rendered the Bible obsolete and out of date. The idea prevails in many minds today that, if the Bible had always had full sway, the world would still be committed to the false idea of a flat, stationary

earth, with a miniature sun revolving around it. There are those who attempt to discredit the Bible before the public, by accusing it of teaching the theory of a flat, immovable earth.

In a recent statement, that popular preacher, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, refers to the Bible as "telling stories of men living on a flat, stationary earth." In commenting on this statement, that popular writer, Arthur Brisbane, declares that Galileo, who gave to the world the truth of the earth's revolution around the sun, "was compelled to pass years of his old age in prison for contradicting the old Bible story."

In order to get a proper understanding of this matter, let us call attention to four facts:

1. The Bible does not teach a flat earth, nor an immobile earth, nor a miniature sun. On the contrary, we shall find in this study that the Bible set forth the scientific facts regarding these matters long before modern scientists discovered them.

2. The Bible is not responsible for the mistakes of those minds which have failed to grasp its truths. It is not responsible for the deeds of the churchmen who forced Galileo to recant, nor for the utterance of any religionists who teach that the earth is flat

and stationary. The Bible is responsible only for what it says.

3. No declaration of Scripture has yet been found to conflict with demonstrable scientific truth. You may read the Bible from beginning to end, and you will not find one place where the Bible misstates the facts of science. In fact, we may challenge the world to produce one well-established scientific fact against which the Bible really militates.

4. Instead of the Bible's being disproved by the discoveries of science, we shall find that the discoveries of science have confirmed the truthfulness of the Word. As Herschel, one of the great astronomers of early modern times, said, "All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more strongly the truths that come from on high and are contained in the Sacred Writings." In illustration of this statement, let us now call attention to three scientific facts concerning the earth: (1) Its shape. (2) Its position in space. (3) Its movement.

BEFORE COLUMBUS OR MAGELLAN

UP UNTIL the time of Columbus, people generally supposed that this earth was flat. When that navigator ventured across the uncharted western seas, his sailors became terribly frightened when they sailed on day after day without seeing land. They thought the earth was flat, and that if they kept on going they would come to what we call "the jumping-off place." They thought they would get to the edge and drop down into oblivion. But Columbus went on and found a New World.

A few years afterward, or in 1520, Magellan circumnavigated the world. Magellan's sailing around the world afforded reasonable proof that this earth on which we live is a spherical ball. But long before the world ever heard of Christopher Columbus or of Magellan, the prophet of God had spoken of the world as round.

Turn to Isaiah 40: 22, and you will find that the prophet Isaiah taught that this earth is a sphere,

and that he taught it two thousand years before science found it out. Yet it was right there in the Bible all the time. Speaking of the great God, this text says, "It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth." The Revised Version reads in the place of "upon" the word "above," and another version instead of the word "circle" says "globe." Speaking of God, Isaiah says that God in heaven sits above the globe, or sphere, of the earth.

Is it not plain, then, that instead of science disproving the Bible, science only confirms the Bible? For hundreds of years men thought this earth was flat, with the Bible all the time talking about the globe, or sphere, of the earth. So even such a simple scientific fact as the sphericity of the earth is an illustration of how true science and the Bible agree and how science confirms the Bible.

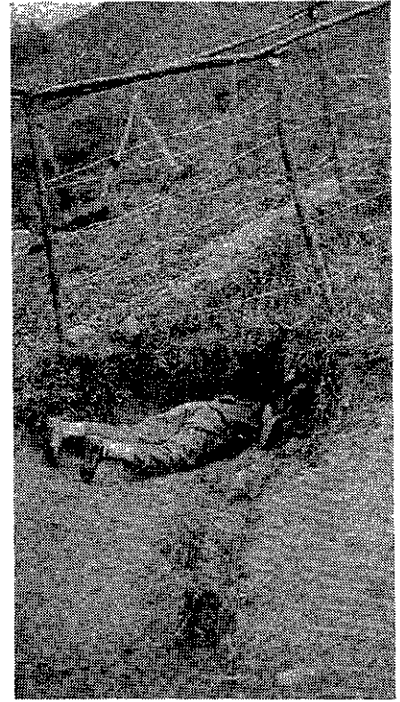
ANTEDATING NEWTON

WE COME now to our second point.— On what does this earth rest? It was very hard for people in ancient times to think of the earth without having something under it. I suppose it is difficult for any of us to really comprehend how the earth is hanging out in space without any material support.

The Greeks, who were said to be the wisest of ancient people, believed that the earth was upheld on the shoulder of Atlas. You have seen pictures of that giant holding the world upon his mighty arm. Other philosophers said that the world rested on great pillars. But if you had asked them on what the pillars rested, they would have changed the subject. They did not care to trace the matter back that far.

A negro, explaining to a little boy that the earth was held up by a great giant, was asked what the giant stood on. "On a big rock." "Well, what does the rock rest on?" "On another rock, of course." And so the matter was solved as far as their minds cared to trace it.

The Hindus believed that the earth rested on the backs of great elephants, (*Continued on page 25*)



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A lady scientist, dressed for the occasion, digs for facts to prove evolution, at Glozel, France. Sensational "finds" proved to be the usual hoax.



International

A Joliet, Ill., man has discovered thousands of bones in a mound "probably 100,000 years old" (?)

JUST WHY

*The Majority of the People of Washington, D. C.,
Are Opposed to*

SUNDAY LAWS

By Tyler E. Bowen



QUITE extensively, and for some little time beforehand, there had been announced that on the evening of February 29, in Washington, D. C., a mass meeting would be held by those sponsoring the Lankford Sunday Bill, H. R. 78, under the auspices of the "United Council [of churches] to Secure a Sunday Law for Our Nation's Capital." A short time before, a mass meeting in opposition to this same bill had been held in one of the large auditoriums in the city, at which it was estimated more than three thousand people were present and very enthusiastically voiced their protest to this measure.

The writer, desiring to hear what those sponsoring this bill would have to say, attended this great mass (!) meeting on February 29 and was much astonished to find himself ushered into an anteroom (prayer meeting room) of the Lutheran Memorial Church. By actual count, seventy-one persons were present, counting the two Congressmen and other speakers, with more than ten of these known to be opponents of the measure.

WHY THE OPPOSITION

EARLY in the meeting Representative Lankford was called upon to speak. It was apparent from the beginning of his remarks that the sponsor of this bill was carefully reckoning with its opponents. He began by saying he could not understand why there should be so much opposition manifested against his bill. Much legislation, he went on to say, was based upon Scripture. We had our laws against murder, against stealing, and against violation of other commandments, numerous laws based upon principles given us in the Bible. Why, then, should there be all this opposition to a law for violation of the Sabbath commandment? Why should not the District of Columbia have a Sunday law, when nearly every state in the Union had one? The argument sounded plausible, and here at this small gathering of clergymen and church workers his statements were applauded easily enough.

The speaker, however, as well as his applauders, evidently had not given very careful study as to *why* this particular law should receive such vigorous

opposition, while those just laws based upon Bible principles he had mentioned, did not.

First. The Bible in no part, either the Old or New Testament, has anything to say about Sunday being connected in any way whatsoever with the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

Second. These supporters of this Sunday bill seemed wholly to have overlooked the fact that there is a very distinct line between the principles laid down in the first four precepts of the decalogue, relating to man's duty to his Creator, and the last six, relating to man's obligation to his fellow men.

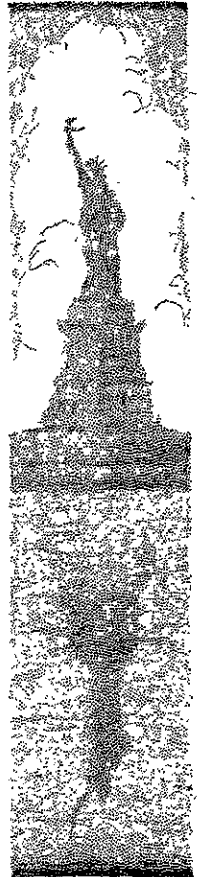
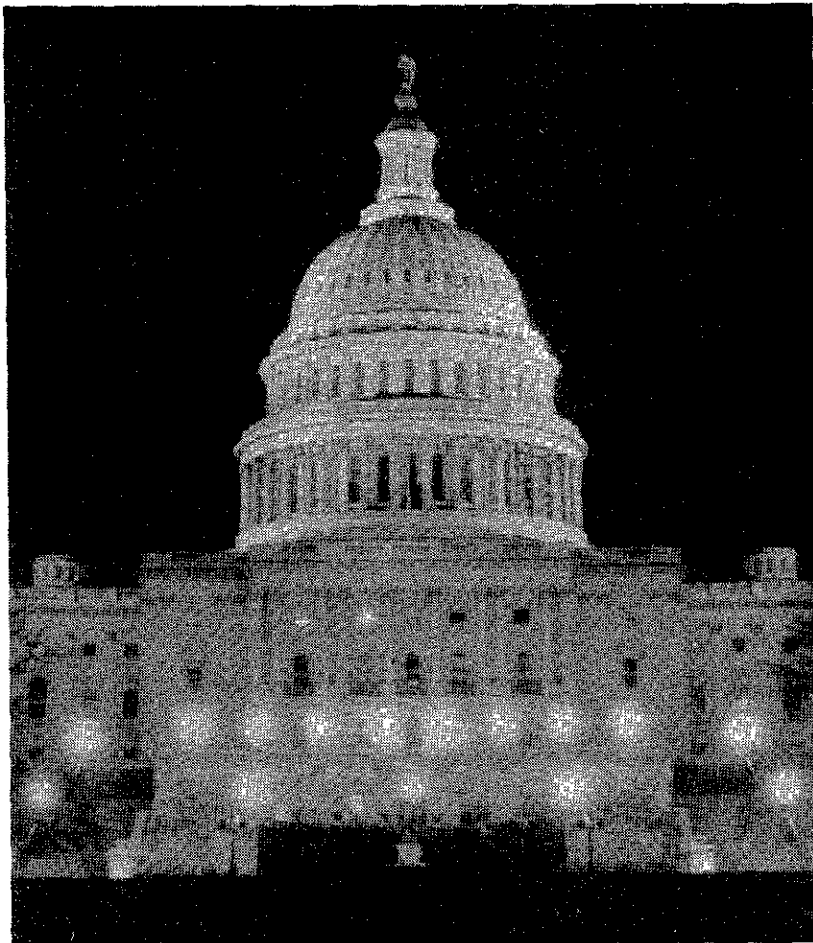
God has *not* authorized governments to legislate for Him upon the relations between Himself and men, based upon the precepts recorded in the first four commands of the law, but governments are empowered to enact laws dealing with a man's relationships with his fellow men, the definitions of these relations being found in the last six commands.

Christ also drew a sharp line of distinction between the domain of the conscience and of civil laws when He took the Roman penny, in settling the question of whether tribute-money, taxes, should be paid or not, and asked, "Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto Him, Cæsar's. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and *unto God the things that are God's.*" Matt. 22:20, 21.

In other words, God has *not* delegated earthly governments to enact, or administer, for Him in matters of a *spiritual nature*, but He *has* placed in their hands authority to legislate just laws concerning the civil, temporal affairs among men, for which they are to receive tribute money.

A RELIGIOUS MEASURE

MR. LANKFORD tried to emphasize that his bill was a mild measure; that personal liberties were not interfered with; that one could play golf, hoe in his garden, in fact do almost anything he desired to do, but he could not hire himself out to work for a corporation on Sunday, neither could a



H. Armstrong Roberts

The United States Capitol at night.

corporation operating in the District of Columbia hire him. Every argument presented by Mr. Lankford, however, only emphasized the fact that his bill was a purely religious measure. It prohibited this and that being done, acts of labor, things to be purchased or sold, simply because Sunday is the recognized sabbath day of the majority of the people. Take the sabbath part out, the religious-rest out, and very evidently from his remarks you would thus extract the pith and point out of the bill.

Every speaker based his argument in favor of this bill's becoming a law upon the moral questions involved, the religious obligations imposed because Sunday keeping was purported to be commanded by the fourth commandment. Each speaker took the fourth commandment as the basis of his remarks,—his text, so to speak. Yet no one quoted his text or read this commandment out of his Bible. Evidently there was reason enough for not doing so, because God has nothing whatever to say in His commandment about keeping Sunday, but the rather enjoins the keeping of the *seventh* day of the week, Saturday, as the Sabbath for man.

That this proposed Lankford Sunday Bill is a *religious* measure no candid, serious-minded person can deny. However it may be sugar-coated, or the issue camouflaged, it still remains very apparent that

this bill enters unqualifiedly into the class of religious legislation.

No nation on earth has been founded upon such principles as were wrought into the Constitution of the United States of America. God here instituted a new thing upon earth — the establishment of a new nation, upon new territory, and founded upon the hitherto untried principles of complete separation of church and state, guaranteeing for all its citizens complete religious liberty. Here the oppressed of earth have found an asylum, a place of refuge from church-and-state-united countries with their oppressive laws, where they might dwell in peace and quietness and enjoy their freedom in worshiping and serving God according to the dictates of their own consciences, instead of being subjected to following the consciences of others.

WOULD UNDO PAST GAINS

IT WAS not without meeting some very stiff opposition, however, that our founding fathers were able to forge such wonderful foundation principles into our finally adopted Constitution. And let it not be forgotten that while doing this, most of them as statesmen were themselves devout Christians, worshipers themselves of the same God who lives and reigns on high today. Just such religious propa-

gandists as are sponsoring this Lankford Sunday Bill fought every inch of the way, endeavoring to implant some religious seed-germ into the structure, asserting that God could not prosper a church-separated-from-the-state nation. History proves their fears to have been unfounded in fact. The drafters of the Constitution of the United States, with their eyes wide open, drew a clear-cut separation between the jurisdiction of the church and that of the state. Purposely they made it impossible for legislators, elected to represent the people in civil affairs, to spend their time at state expense in discussing religious affairs or in legislating upon religious subjects. (For an example, as to what was thus to be avoided, there

might very appropriately be cited the recent heated discussion in the English Parliament as to what should be a proper prayer book for the nation to adopt.) It was emphatically designed by these founding fathers that the state should not have imposed upon it the duty or expense of enforcing religious measures pro-

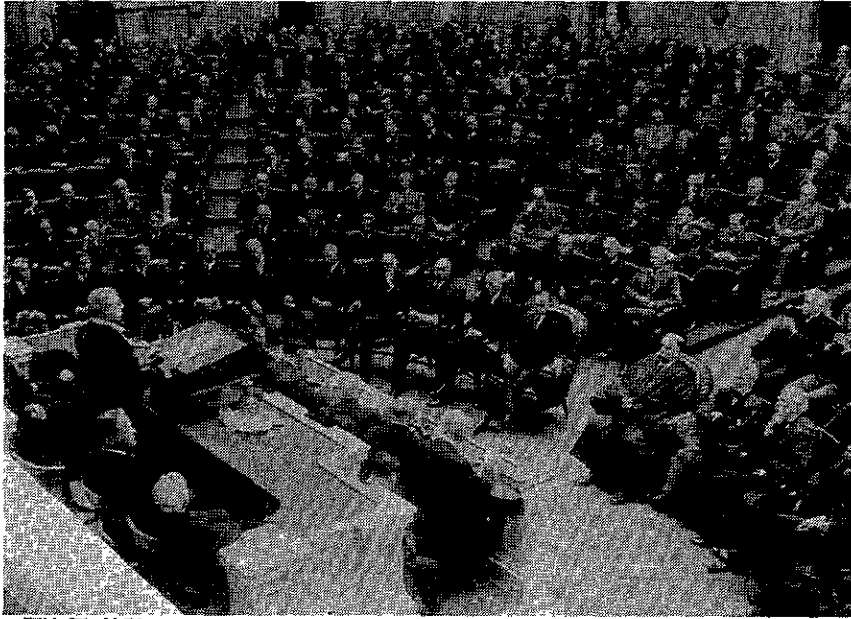
pounded by the church, belonging strictly to the church, and to be attended to by it at its own expense; let us repeat, they made all this impossible for legislators to do, for the simple reason that no such power was delegated legislators for doing a thing of this sort. The Constitution expressly states that such powers as are not delegated to elected representatives were reserved by the sovereign people unto themselves.

Then fearing that, as time passed, their thought might be misinterpreted, concerning Congress not being empowered to legislate upon religious questions, the first amendment to this Constitution was adopted, and ratified by the states, making clear the meaning in these explicit words:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Not long ago the writer attended as a delegate an

Anti-Saloon League Convention here in Washington. Several Congressmen were present during the convention as speakers. The church people frequently made reference to these participating Senators and Representatives as being loyal to their oath of office in supporting as they were the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution. While this may be proper and right, what about these same legislators being loyal to their oath of office in strictly attending to their delegated powers of civil legislation by having nothing to do with religious laws, as forbidden in the first amendment, involved in this Lankford Sunday Bill, H. R. 78, and like measures? We heard no



Wide World Photos

Our country's official family at one sitting. The President, his Cabinet, the Supreme Court judges, and both houses of Congress hold a memorial service.

murmur of disapproval at the little mass meeting in the Lutheran Memorial Church called by the "United Council [of churches] to Secure a Sunday Law for Our Nation's Capital" that Mr. Lankford, and his colleague from Pennsylvania, representatives of the people, not the churches, of their home districts, should be spending their tax-paid time in promoting a purely re-

ligious measure for the District of Columbia, such as is this Sunday Bill! Not at all. Instead, they were made to understand they were greatly honored by these church people for so doing. These two representatives in fact were invited to take up the church offering at this gathering, which honor they accepted. Did it ever occur to such legislators that they are violating their oath of office by showing disloyalty to the first amendment to the Constitution by carrying on propaganda for the church in seeking to promote a religious measure like this?

RELIGION NOT GOVERNED BY MAJORITIES

MR. LANKFORD reiterated that his bill was made to name Sunday as the rest day, because it was the day most commonly observed by the people as the Sabbath. It was the Sabbath day of the majority, therefore all others should conform their faith and practice to the wishes of the majority.

Thus have reasoned church-and-state-united government officials down through the centuries. This same creed-formed and state- (Continued on page 28)

The fierce conflict, hidden in the

ROMAN QUESTION

we hear so much about, is fraught with eternal consequences for all of us.

By LEON L. CAVINESS



IT WAS in 1870 that the pope was declared infallible when speaking *ex cathedra* on matters of doctrine; and it was in that same year that the Papacy lost its temporal power. Ever since the city of Rome was taken away from the pope and made the capital of the kingdom of Italy, the pope has considered himself a prisoner in the Vatican. The pope has constantly demanded that the Papal States, of which he had been deprived, be returned to him, and many efforts since 1870 have been made to try to settle this controversy between the Vatican and the Quirinal, a controversy which has come to be known as the Roman Question. Never before, however, has a settlement in the near future seemed so probable as it did recently. We cannot present the situation better than in the words of a recent article in the *Journal de Geneve*:

"ROME, OCTOBER 16. The Roman Question has again come up for consideration, but never before has it been posed in so clear a way.

ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY

IT IS not a matter at present of isolated manifestations of a character more or less unofficial; both parties have entered into the arena and seem animated by an equal desire to solve the difficulty that has divided them since 1871. Senator Giovanni Gentile, the former minister of public education, dedicates an editorial to this question in the *Corriere della Sera*. This was almost immediately followed by an article of Mr. Arnaldo Mussolini, director of the *Popolo d'Italia*, which is the personal organ of the leader of the Italian government. It is known in fact that the articles that the *Popolo d'Italia* publishes on especially important questions are often inspired by the prime minister himself.

"The *Osservatore Romano*, organ of the State Department of the Vatican, then set forth in turn the point of view of the authoritative circles of the hierarchy through two articles published in this paper, which constitute a statement of position, and one has every reason to attribute them to the pen of Cardinal Gasparri, the secretary of state. As to other newspapers, they have limited themselves to com-

menting on the positions taken by the two parties

"It would be useless to enlarge upon the differences that may manifest themselves concerning certain points of secondary importance. What one must remember for the moment, and what constitutes the principal fact in the present situation, is that the two parties to the question show a remarkable agreement of views concerning the principle itself that must be considered in order to arrive at an understanding between the church and the state in Italy. In fact, those organs which express the thought of Italian circles, as well as the *Osservatore Romano*, consider that direct negotiations should be started, and they agree on putting to one side every possibility of any interference on the part of other powers. The *Osservatore Romano* even states that the powers will only have to take cognizance of the accomplished fact.

NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH STABLE GOVERNMENT

THE question of knowing whether there are any means of arranging the relationships between the Quirinal and the Vatican has been posed several times, one will remember. This even took place under former governments. The Vatican has always refused to recognize a one-sided solution, such as the acceptance of the law of guarantees would be. Since 1921 it has spoken openly of territorial indemnification. In fact, at the moment when the populists and the socialists appeared all powerful in Italy a discussion similar to that which is now being carried on was opened by the newspapers of both parties, but the discussion was suddenly cut short by the *Osservatore Romano*.

"In order that there be the possibility of an understanding, the Holy Seat must be in the presence of a government that has a broad foundation and that gives assurance of really representing the will of the majority of the Italian people: such were the arguments that the organ of the secretary of state of the Vatican enlarged upon at that time. One will remember the instability that the political situation in Italy then presented. Discussions on the relations between church and state under these conditions could only produce negative results.



Internationat

Mussolini, Dictator of Italy.

“Will Fascism be able to bring about a reconciliation? One must recognize that the situation since October, 1922, has been entirely changed in Italy. Fascism, which secured its power through the cooperation of other elements, has finally remained alone and has become the absolute master of the destiny of the country. The present government seems thus to be well qualified to deal with a question of such great size and importance. This, without doubt, is also the opinion of the authoritative circles of the Vatican. The *Osservatore Romano* has just expressed this opinion, and this agrees with the statements of Mr. Arnaldo Mussolini. One cannot then doubt that in principle it is possible to arrive at an understanding.

ONLY TERRITORY WILL SATISFY

“ONE will remember that in a memorable discourse which Mr. Mussolini gave in the Chamber of Deputies a few months before the coming of Fascism, in which he expressed the plan of his party, he stated that he considered a reconciliation between the church and the state as an absolute necessity. Repeatedly since he holds the reins of power the ‘duce’ has said that he considers this reconciliation as one of the corollaries of his politics.

“But how, one will ask, is it possible to solve the Roman Question as long as there is no agreement? The *Osservatore Romano* says: the protest raised by Pius IX in 1871 must be maintained, because the struggle must continue. This protest, one should remember, deals with the taking of Rome and the abolition of the temporal power of the pope. Since 1871 the sovereign pontiff considers himself the prisoner of the Italian government. This position, which he has voluntarily chosen by refusing to recognize the law of guarantees, the pope will lose the day when agreement is reached, and he will leave at

will the Vatican. For this it is necessary, as the *Osservatore Romano* emphasizes, that the usurper restore that which he wrongly took away.

“I just now alluded to the mutual concessions that are needed for an understanding. In fact, the pope would no longer ask for the restoration of the temporal power to the extent that he had it before. He does, however, demand that it may be possible for him to exercise freely and in all independence his spiritual power. In other words, the possession of a zone that the *Osservatore Romano* has called a diminutive state, and one that would not be under the jurisdiction of the Italian authorities. This would mean the restoration of a papal state of such small size that it would offer no danger to Italian unity.

“It is possible, it is said, that at the present time the Italian government may be already perfectly informed of the desire of the Vatican in this respect. But the greatest reserve is kept concerning all the details of this affair, and it is too soon to examine the import and possibility of its realization. What one should remember for the moment is that the articles in the *Osservatore Romano* certainly constitute an invitation that is sufficiently clear to the responsible Italian circles to enter into negotiations that, at a time more or less distant, may be able to bring about a final solution of this famous Italian question in which Roman Catholicism as a whole has, with reason, so much interest.”

PROPHECY FULFILLING

STUDENTS of the Holy Scriptures recognize in all this the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Bible. Without going into details, we would call attention to the fact that the principle on which earthly governments rest is the principle of force. It is quite logical, therefore, that in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation and elsewhere, these governments should be represented by wild beasts. The principle on which Christ's church stands is the principle of love. This church is, therefore, well represented in the Scriptures under the symbol of a pure and lovely woman, Christ's bride. Christ recognized that earthly kingdoms must rest on force when He said: “My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight.” John 18: 36. There is a church that claims the right to use the two swords, the temporal as well as the spiritual. We cannot be surprised that this church, which has recourse to the principle of force, should also be represented in Scripture under the symbol of a wild beast. Protestant commentators recognize the Papacy in the beast of Revelation 13 whose head was wounded to death, but his death wound was healed, and “all the world wondered after the beast.”

The downfall of the Papacy began when the pope was taken prisoner in 1798 by General Berthier, the agent of Napoleon. Napoleon's avowed purpose was to bring an end to the Papacy as a temporal power. This power seemed utterly gone forever in 1870 when

Rome was taken from the pope and made the capital of the kingdom of Italy. But though a self-styled prisoner in the Vatican, the pope continued his royal splendor, with his Swiss guards, his court etiquette, and his secretary of state. Before the World War very few powers recognized the Papacy as a fellow world power, by sending an ambassador, or other governmental representative, to the Papal Court. But now almost all the great nations have their representatives at the Vatican. It is even reported in the public press that Japan is about to follow the example of the great nations of Europe and also establish official relations with the Holy See by sending an ambassador to the Vatican. A future possible development, should the pope again gain temporal sovereignty over a papal state, small though it might be, is pointed out in the *Daily Telegraph* (London) as quoted by *Le Matin* (Paris):

"In diplomatic circles, the suggestion according to which, in case a definite solution of the Roman Question between the Vatican and the Italian government be reached, based on the restoration of the Papal State, the Holy Seat might ask to be admitted to the League of Nations and probably even to a seat in the council, has awakened a great interest."

Surely the time may soon come for the fulfillment of Revelation 18: 7, when this power can say: "I sit a queen, and am no widow." But this is the signal for her destruction, as pointed out in this same chapter in the 8th and following verses. Then follows the great marriage supper of the Lamb, the time when Christ takes to Himself His bride, His true church that has been saved out of great tribulation: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."



Your Neighbor --- John Barleycorn

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modern life demands a clear brain and instant decision in order to save thousands of lives and millions of property, we are all dry.

Well, what about snake bites? My advice would be to avoid snakes, especially those always present in delirium tremens. But isn't a little shot a good stimulant? Just a little, you know, and taken regularly?

Alcohol never stimulates. It paralyzes the normal brake nerves that control and restrain us. The first alcohol you take braces you up a little by letting the brakes off; take a little more, and you can talk a



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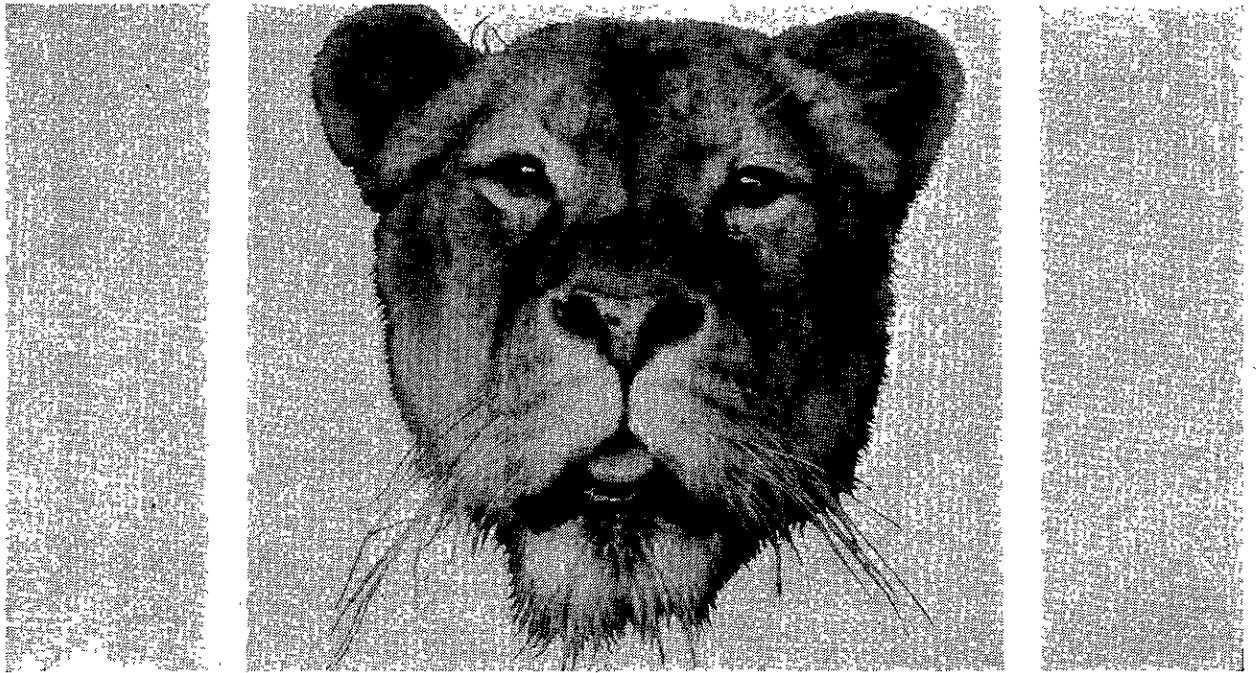
Pope Pius XI on a papal medal.

little faster, but you say less. Alcohol makes a man mistake words for thoughts. Four-wheel brakes on your car are of little value if you have no brakes on your brain, as many a turned-over car and obituary will testify. A man who drinks one glass of beer is just one glass drunk. Two glasses make a man two glasses drunk, and Kraepelin, the great German neurologist, says he has seen typical delirium tremens from beer drinking.

We are told that in all the civilized world feeble-mindedness, insanity, epilepsy and other forms of degeneration are increasing at an alarming rate. Drinking grandparents can transmit the poison virus through abstaining parents, so that 78% of their grandchildren are dullards compared with 4% of dullards from abstaining parents. Where parents and grandparents both drink, the child has scarcely any chances at all of escaping, and if it so escapes it sees the marks of degeneracy in the next generation. In ten drinking families, out of 57 children 17% were found normal, the rest being deformed, idiotic, epileptic, or not capable of living. In ten normal families, of 61 children 88.5% were normal, there being no idiotic and no epileptic births and only three not capable of living. A similar average is found to hold good in all animal experimentation.

It is a world-wide disgrace that so large a number of mentally and physically incapable human beings should be born year by year, to say nothing of the millions of border-line cases not recognized as alcoholic degenerates, but suffering from some form of weakness that lessens the value of life. It must be remembered that life is far from being an unmitigated good, unless accompanied by an average amount of mental and bodily vigor. Few people even protest or attempt to save these million of degenerates whose incoherent babble or physical and mental complaints re-echo the words of the wise man, "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

A Vision of Great Beasts



H. Armstrong Roberts

The Story of a Remarkable Forecast and Its Fulfillment Today.

By LeRoy Edwin Froom

THERE is a God in heaven who is able to read history backwards. He does not wait until things come to pass, but perceives beforehand the direction they are destined to take and marks every essential of the events of futurity. Moreover, He reveals in advance to men on earth the course of empire through the ages. He not merely aftertells it, but He actually foretells it. It is this predictive faculty that displays the supreme evidence of His deity.

In the ordinary study of history, men often see but a dreary succession of bloody wars and an endless procession of passing nations, leaving in their wake a heritage of human greed and spawning ambition destined to incite future conflicts and overturnings. But behind the mighty outward convulsions of the years can be glimpsed the real, the inner history, the working out of the great, unseen forces and inscrutable providences leading steadily toward the establishment of the universal and everlasting kingdom of righteousness. There is a divine philosophy of history.

Under the impressive symbolism of a succession of ferocious beasts, God has cartooned in Holy Writ the history of world power from the time of ancient Babylon on through to the day of judgment. A

symbol is a pictorial representation of an idea. It has ever been God's method not to describe, but to picture. Just as man through the ages has cartooned the nations by representations of beasts and birds, using lions, bears, dragons, rams, and eagles, so God graphically pictured the issues of the future to the prophet Daniel with animated cartoons in the verses of Daniel 7.

Some folks flippantly suggest that Daniel must have visited a menagerie and afterward, having a nightmare about it, recorded his rampings and ravings in the chapter under discussion. That irreverent view may suit the minds of those who are willing to insult the Author of the Bible. But such pert scoffing does not account for the unanswerable specifications of this remarkable prophecy. Leaving such a course to others, if they choose, let us address ourselves to the impressive movements of this memorable chapter.

The prophet stood in vision on the shore of the "great sea." He saw the sullen surface whipped into foam, lashed under struggling winds. Gazing with fascination on the troubled scene, he saw four strange beasts, huge monstrosities, rise in succession out of the surging sea. Each behaved according to its own peculiar nature. As he watched, each creature held

the center of the stage for a time. Then certain transformations passed over them, and each yielded place to his successor. First a lion, king of beasts, with the wings of an eagle, king of birds, made its appearance out of the swirling waters. But suddenly the great pinions were torn away. Then a second creature like a ponderous bear came up from the seething foam. With the bones of its victims in its rapacious jaws, it raised itself up on one side. Anon a third beast appeared from out the storm-swept waves, a sprightly, spotted leopard, four-headed, and with a quartet of wings. And, lastly, a fourth beast, a monster unlike any earthly creature, lifted its head above the heaving billows. Ten horns sprouted on its hideous head. Presently another horn was seen seeking place among the ten and uprooting three and thereby establishing itself as master of the ten. Moreover, it had a pair of human eyes and an arrogant and blasphemous mouth. Then the prophet's eyes were lifted high above the beasts and the world to the great assize of God's judgment day, where he saw the heavenly court in session. And he saw the Little Horn judged and the scene culminate in the setting up of the everlasting kingdom, with the saints in possession thereof forever.

REASON UNDERLIES THE SYMBOLS

SURELY the presentation was awesome, impressive, dramatic. What can these symbols mean? May we know with certainty, or can we merely hazard a guess? Symbols are things chosen because of their resemblance to something. A thoughtful and sensible study of the symbols themselves will point in the direction of their meaning. The principles of an analogy are few and simple. They are not arbitrary, but are based on the fundamental nature of things. Actions symbolize actions, not objects. Effects symbolize effects. The thing itself gives the clue to the meaning. Beasts do not symbolize beasts, but cruel, tyrannical powers or governments. We need not draw on our imagination or fancy to gain an understanding of their meaning, for these symbols are clearly explained by the One who gave them. Verse 23 explicitly declares the fourth beast to be the fourth world-power upon earth, reckoned from the time of Babylon, when the vision was given. And verse 17 says the four beasts are four dominant kingdoms which are to arise "out of the earth." These kingdoms are "great" in comparison with petty, dependent powers, and are "diverse" one from another, composed of different peoples, with different laws and customs.

Appropriate indeed is the choice of ferocious and rapacious beasts for the representation of the dominant governments of antiquity, indicative of conquest and force, of barbarities and brutalities and man's inhumanity to man. The struggles for national supremacy have been as fierce and destructive, between the rival powers, as the contentions of wild animals in the jungle.

The four world kingdoms of Daniel 7 are of necessity identical with those of Daniel 2. They are the same in number, have the same starting point, come in the same order, cover the same territory, and have the same outcome. Therefore they are merely different depictions of the same four world powers. In Daniel 2, under the symbol of the great metal colossus, the imposing outward splendor of the kingdom of man is displayed, regardless of the character, and the impossibility of cohesion among the latter-day nations is shown. Here in chapter 7, the inner, moral character is portrayed with an understanding that is more than human. It is a revelation of their attitude toward God, His law, and His people. In Daniel 2 the course of empire proceeds through the contrasting inanimate metals to the stone-kingdom climax, while in Daniel 7 the animate symbols are seen showing the undeniably animal nature and conduct of nations, led by impulse and relying upon brute force for the accomplishment of their end, until the time comes when the saints possess the kingdom.

The Mediterranean Sea, or "great sea" as it is uniformly referred to in Scripture (Num. 34:6; Joshua 23:4), from which the beasts arose represents the peoples surrounding it (Isa. 17:12; 8:7), waters in symbolic Bible prophecy standing for the nations and peoples of the human race (Rev. 17:1, 15; Jer. 46:7, 8), always restless and always in motion. It is significant that all four of these empires of prophecy bordered on the Mediterranean, steadily and increasingly encircling the great sea until it became at last a vast "Roman lake." The stormy "winds," affecting every movable thing, signify the political or social agitation and tumults in war, strife, and conquest, out of which empires arose (Jer. 49:36, 37).

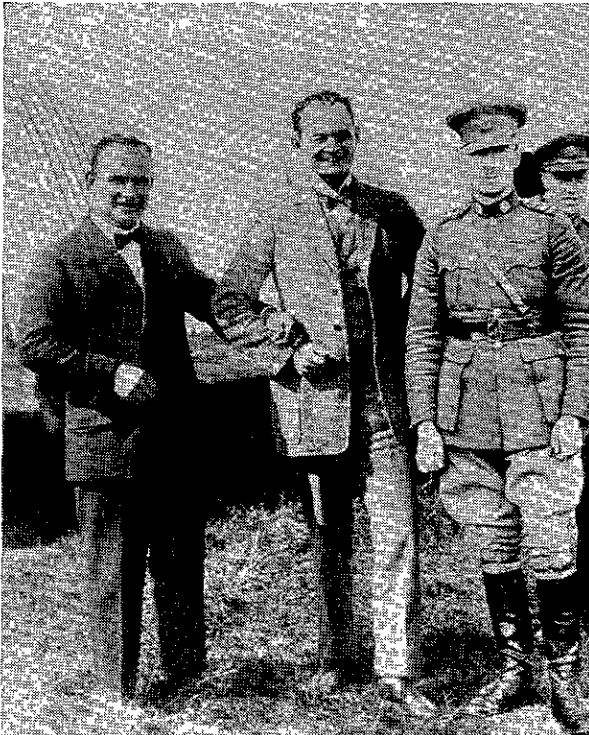
BABYLON AND MEDO-PERSIA

SO SPLASHING through the waves of humanity, the four beast powers — or kingdoms, literally — arose in bewildering succession. The first, the winged lion, would immediately suggest to the prophet's mind his own Babylon, for the carved figures of colossal lions with eagle wings were common sights in Babylonian sculpture, and he was wholly familiar with the object-lesson prophecy of Daniel 2. Of necessity the lion corresponds to the Babylonian head of gold in the former chapter. So the lion's identity is disclosed.

Next Medo-Persia, with slow and heavy tread, staggered up from humanity through the raging winds of war in the figure of the symbolic bear. Ponderous, cruel, cunning, greedy, ferocious, awkward in its movements, but expressive of brute force and sheer strength, it had none of the agility and majesty of the lion. It was raised up on one side, ready to attack, this two-sided aspect characterizing it as a dual kingdom. The bear above all is voracious. And if Babylon was gold-thirsty, Medo-Persia was land-hungry. Her armies were (*Continued on page 32*)



The News Interpreted



International

Kochl, Von Huenfeld, and Fitzmaurice, who made the first airplane trans-Atlantic flight westward

"The Kings of the East"

THE advent of spring, as when a curtain rises for a play, has opened up the fighting season in China. Soldiers who carry umbrellas in case of rain do not fight well in cold and snow. To Westerners much of the goings-on of the Chinese armies seems like child's play; but the issues at stake matter tremendously to China and all the Orient, and their outcome is destined to shake the earth in the near future. It will interest and reward our readers to have handy an outline map of northeast China and keep in touch with developments.

The geography of the campaign concerns, in the main, six cities — Shanghai on the coast to the south, and opposite inland Nanking; Tsing-tao on the coast in the center, and opposite inland Tsinan; Teintsin near the coast in the north, with Peking inland. Last year the Nationalist, or Southern, army occupied the native part of Shanghai — but not the international settlement — and established their capital at Nanking. Far to the North, Peking, all China's internationally recognized capital, is occupied by Chang-tso-lin, "Manchurian war lord." He has been supported in his claims by Japan, but seems weak.

Chang-tso-lin is on the defensive, the Nationalists on the offensive. The

sides. The Tokyo government sent a stern ultimatum to the Nationalists, demanding that the Japanese and their interests be left unmolested, and backed it up by sending reinforcements. The Nationalist general Chiang Kai-shek left the matter to be settled by civil officials, and, swinging to the left, continued his march toward Peking. At this writing, it looks as if the fall of that city is certain, thus ending, for the present, all but one powerful faction in Chinese affairs.

The incident that brings most concern to the world at present is the intervention of Japan in China's troubles. Tokyo maintains that it is only for the protection of its commerce and no more, but others fear that Japan will become so involved that it cannot back out without taking full control of China, and doing for that war-torn nation what it cannot do for itself.

And right here comes in the prophecy of Holy Writ. In Rev. 16: 12-16 we have a prediction that the "kings of the east" will come west to meet the West in deadly combat at Armageddon, in Palestine, with the ostensible purpose of expelling Occidentals from the soil of Asia. But preparatory to the kings of the east coming westward in so stupendous a campaign, it will be necessary for them to unite in a common purpose and be

led by strong generals in whom they have confidence. We may therefore expect in the very near future a getting together of the powers of the Orient. Japan is the logical leader. Does her present meddling in China presage her complete control of that country?

India, too, is in ferment. Never was there so much insurrectional activity in that country as now. Great Britain keeps it in abeyance, but, as some one has inelegantly put it, if all the Indians would spit together, they could drown the comparative handful of Englishmen that hold them in subjection.

Russia, also, geographically and racially an Oriental nation, is bidding for leadership of the three fourths of the world's inhabitants living in the teeming East. West and East face a terrific crisis in their relationship. They are drifting apart socially and religiously, later to clash together in mortal conflict politically. Then Mars will gloat over his popularity and wade in human blood.

In their advance, the Southern army took Tsinan, and had an unfortunate clash with the Japanese guards. Each side blames the other for precipitating the affair; but lives were lost and atrocities committed by both

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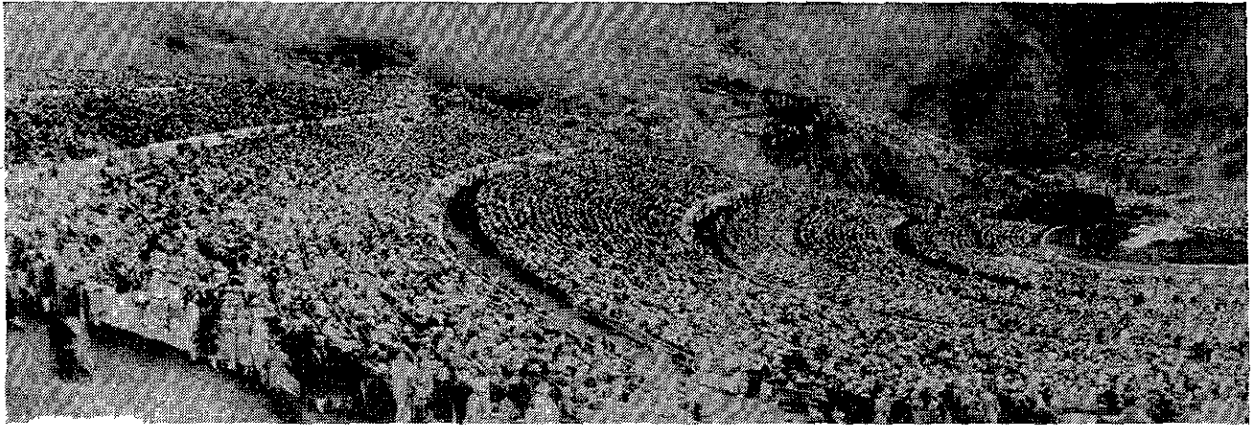
Crime-Mindedness

THE propaganda mongers and publicity men have coined a new phrase. They speak of teaching the public to be "air-minded," when they would promote commercial and passenger aviation. Thus also men may be big-navy-minded, movie-minded, travel-minded — and "mindedness" on any subject means to feel, think, act, and be favorably influenced toward that particular line. Mindedness is developed in the public along any line the bold manipulators choose, by direct advertising, stories, rumors, reports, pictures.

Reading the news, one may well believe that there is a forceful propagandist power hidden in the world's social fabric that is determined to make society crime-minded. Instance: Five Chicago boys robbed a grocer and killed him when he resisted. Up for trial, a juror pleaded that the boys be spared severe punishment because any "free American" should be "free to stage a hold-up, if he could get away with it." The juror was cited for contempt of court. He is crime-minded; but his is a case in a million similar ones.

It would seem from reports of crime in Chicago that "justice is turned away backward, and truth is fallen in the

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Easter sunrise worship of 50,000 people at the Hollywood bowl, California.

streets." The city must stand with hair on end. Robbery, intimidation, graft, political corruption, bribery, and murder stalk abroad in open daylight. But Chicago has no monopoly on all this. There are worse cities, in proportion to population.

The lack of sorrow and the craving for publicity on the part of criminals, the sentimental gush over them by misguided emotionalists, the wildness of youth and the absence of restraint over them because parents are letting loose themselves, melodramatic and sex movies, disregard of the Prohibition law because it is undesirable, this machine age, and prosperity a plenty—these and many more factors are currents in the stream of crime-mindedness. Too many people are thinking, excusing, or

ignoring crime, as a result of the subtle influences that are now almost breathed in with the air. More and more there are well-brought-up young men and women of good families turning to crime. Robbery is no longer a chief incentive. Rich criminals turn to crime for excitement, thrills.

In vain are warnings given by executives and courts. Futile are the efforts of educators, citizens' committees, national movements for law observance. Undeterred are hangings, electrocutions, life-imprisonments. The police are perplexed, baffled, out-witted. The tide rolls on and rises higher "What is the world coming to?"

It is coming to self-destruction. Why? Because crime-mindedness is first crime-heartedness. And men in the majority have turned their hearts to crime and disobedience because they had first turned away from keeping God's law. Crime has always been, since Cain killed Abel. But until modern times there was always a strong element as leaders of society and government that kept up the standards of morality and held crime in check, confining it largely to the dregs of society. But now the leaders of state, school, and church call sin only comparative wrong, teach that we descended from lawless and blood-thirsty animals, maintain that God's law is no longer in force, and that Christianity is founded on a myth.

The answers to a questionnaire recently sent to five hundred ministers of crime-beset and bewildered Chicago revealed that over half of these would-be tide-stemmers of crime do not even believe the Bible; and a large percentage of them deny, or are uncertain about, the efficacy of prayer, Christ's resurrection, the Trinity, and the necessity of salvation for eternal life.

Perhaps America is leading the world in crime, but alarming reports come from Europe of great increase there also. Keen and responsible observers fear the collapse of society and the downfall of moral standards. The only hope is a change to Christ-mindedness. But few will attain to it. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," says the Word. Every reader of this magazine has a precious opportunity now to step over on the side of the sinless and saving Lamb of God. But that opportunity will soon pass, for He is coming very soon in the clouds of heaven to cure crime forever.

Church and State Unions Dissolving

STATE-ESTABLISHED religions are losing their former hold. On April 11 the Turkish national assembly decreed that Islam was no longer to be recognized in the constitution as the state religion of the republic. The Orthodox church of Russia went out when the Soviets came in. The Chinese republic does not recognize the cult of Confucius as the state religion. Lutheranism is no longer established in Germany. South American nations are throwing off the burden of Catholicism. The recent tiffs between Dictator Mussolini and the pope in Italy make even wider the gulf between Quirinal and Vatican. Even in England there is much agitation for the disestablishment of the Anglican faith.

What is the significance of all this? Heretofore in these columns we have emphasized that Bible prophecy predicts the largest and most powerful union of church and state for the days just before us that the world has ever seen. It will cause to be enacted laws affecting religion and conscience, and its influence will be world-wide. It will persecute a small (Continued on page 33)



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He preached in overalls on Easter Sunday as a protest against so much Easter finery in dress.

FRESH AIR,--

By Daniel H. Kress, M. D.



FOR many years it was considered dangerous to expose the sick to out-of-door air, especially if something was wrong with the lungs. The sick room, as a rule, was kept sealed. The mortality rate, as a result, was high. During the past few years, special attention has been called to the importance of pure air in the treatment of tuberculosis and pneumonia. This offers a partial explanation why the mortality from these diseases has been so greatly reduced. What applies to tuberculosis, applies to the other diseases. Air is what the sick need, no matter what the disease may be.

If the sick must have pure, out-of-door air in order to regain health, it follows that the well need it in order to keep in health. Men, women, and children are often huddled together in churches, theaters, schoolrooms, bedrooms, etc., and adequate provision is seldom made for the admission of pure air, or for the removal of the impurities eliminated from the bodies of those present.

IMPORTANCE OF AIR

THE importance of air may be appreciated by the fact that we can do without food for many days, but to attempt to do without air for only a few minutes results in death. Food we take but twice or three times during twenty-four hours, while breathing has to be continuous.

There is no more rapid or effective method of introducing poison into the system than through inhalation. We recognize this in surgery. If poisons are taken with the food, the liver is capable of neutralizing or eliminating them in part, but when poison is inhaled it passes directly into the general circulation. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the air we breathe should be free from impurities.

In the time when people worked in the field and slept in rudely constructed huts, or log cabins, through which daylight and air were admitted on all sides, very little thought needed to be given to the purity of the air. But since this rural life has been exchanged for city life, and the loosely-thrown-together hut for the modern air-proof dwelling, some plans have to be adopted whereby the foul air of our dwellings may be diluted, if not entirely removed.

To supply the same purity of air on the inside of these dwellings that is found on the outside is impossible, since it would require a complete change of the air four or five times every minute. Therefore, house dwellers, even where they have some good system of ventilation, must be content with air that



Wide World Photos

is only partially freed from its poisons and impurities.

The beneficial effect of light and pure air may be witnessed by exposing bedding containing impurities to them. How sweet the bedding is at night after such an exposure! Sunlight and air have the same beneficial influence on the human body. The organic impurities

M I L E S O F I T



...had plenty of fresh air?

that are constantly forming in the body and oozing through the pores of the skin, in the absence of light and air undergo putrefactive changes and develop foul and offensive gases, which when reabsorbed or inhaled produce disease. The body needs the same daily internal exposure as the blanket in order that

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it may be kept sweet and clean.

There are those who religiously exclude the *night air*, believing it to be harmful. The fact is, night air is the only kind of air we have at night. It is only a question of whether we will open our windows and breathe the pure night air, or keep them closed and breathe the impure night air.

In order to keep the air in rooms as pure as possible, it is necessary to have more than one opening. There must be an inlet for the pure air and an outlet for impure air in every ventilating system. These openings should be as nearly opposite each other as possible. The air must be kept circulating or in motion; in other words, there must be a certain amount of draft to every ventilating system in order to be of value. Unless there is this, the air surrounding the body soon becomes so thoroughly impregnated with impurities that it becomes dangerous to health. Sleeping in rooms in which the air stagnates is responsible for the lack of energy and the good-for-nothing feeling frequently experienced early in the morning.

Impure air dulls the mind. It dampens the vital fires, and decreases action. No one can be what God designed him to be physically, intellectually, or morally, who is content to dwell in poorly ventilated rooms.

CORRECT BREATHING

THE furnace fire burns briskly when the drafts are opened. If either the lower

draft, which admits oxygen to the flame, or the damper, which controls the exit of the smoke, is closed, the fire burns slowly, and combustion is incomplete. To have free combustion there must be a free admission of oxygen, and the gases produced by combustion must have free exit.

The human body is a furnace. The food is the fuel needed for the production of heat and energy; oxygen is needed to make combustion possible and keep alive the vital spark. The more oxygen admitted the brighter the vital fires burn, and the more pronounced is the energy experienced. To admit but little oxygen will cause the fires to burn low, and will result in the retention of incompletely oxidized products. These products clog the living furnace. Lack of energy does not indicate always that more fuel or food is needed; very frequently it is due to too much fuel and too little air.

The fires in our stoves would not burn long were there no provision made to carry off the gases that are formed as the result of oxidation. The presence of carbonic acid gas causes the fire to burn low, and ultimately will extinguish it. A candle will not burn in a deep well, because of the presence of this gas.

The lungs serve not merely as an inlet for oxygen, but as an outlet for the carbonic acid gas. In the lungs the oxygen taken in by breathing is absorbed by the blood, and conveyed to the glands, muscles, etc., in the remote parts of the body where oxidation occurs. The gases and the wastes formed as a result of oxidation are brought by the return flow of blood to the lungs and kidneys to be eliminated. In this way the vital fires are kept alive and heat and energy are produced.

In the spring of the year, blood purifiers are everywhere sought for, but pure air, exercise, and proper breathing, are the means provided by nature for purifying the blood; and he who is in search of some mysterious remedy to accomplish this, will meet with disappointment. *Should the American stomach be given less to do, and the lungs more, we would undoubtedly be a healthier and happier people.*

USE GOOD JUDGEMENT

BREATHING exercises are highly recommended, but breathing exercises in which the lungs are compelled to take in more air than is demanded by the tissues, soon tire the lungs. Such exercises are often injurious. Vigorously inflating the lungs has been known to result in a hemorrhage in tubercular subjects. Those having a tendency to tuberculosis should be especially careful not to overdo in this respect. The better and safer way is to create a natural demand, or thirst, for air by exercise sufficiently vigorous to make expansion of the lungs a necessity and delight. In tubercular patients such exercises are not indicated until after the rise in the evening temperature has subsided. Exercises can then be increased gradually from day to day with benefit. It is safer to be guided by a physician in this matter.

Useful exercises connected with the ordinary duties of life, if properly taken, are far superior to any of the breathing exercises so highly recommended in the development of lung capacity. Going upstairs, while keeping the body erect and the shoulders well back, and energizing the legs and trunk, may be made a most excellent exercise to encourage full

and deep respiration. A brisk, cheerful walk in the open air, with an erect posture and chest well forward, is exhilarating, and affords one of the best breathing exercises. An occasional run, hill-climbing, swimming, rowing, etc., are excellent ways of increasing lung capacity, but may be overdone. This danger does not exist when physical culture is brought into the performance of our daily duties. Even those who are compelled to sit a good part of their time in offices will experience great benefit by keeping the body erect and the muscles energized while writing or doing other office work. The greater demand for air will aid in keeping the blood pure and the brain clear, so that better mental work may be accomplished with less wear and tear on the tissues.

EXERCISES

OCCASIONALLY during the day, five minutes may be profitably spent before an open window in some agreeable exercise, by those engaged in sedentary occupations.

Deep abdominal breathing is important, it develops the abdominal muscles, which form the normal support for the viscera. The intra-abdominal pressure exerted upon the viscera and blood-vessels by well-developed abdominal walls prevents internal congestion and disease of these organs. It also exerts a most beneficial influence upon the work of the liver, stomach, and other abdominal organs. If the abdominal muscles are well developed, each descent of the diaphragm causes a certain amount of pressure, which forces the impure blood out of the abdominal organs toward the heart and lungs for purification, while each ascent permits a new flow of rich arterial blood, charged with life, to enter these organs. Thus the organs are nourished, the digestion is improved, and the liver, the stomach, and other abdominal organs are capable of doing their best work. Even the most wholesome food may cause indigestion if proper breathing is ignored.

Singing may be made of great value in the prevention of disease. It may be made one of the most important measures for the prevention and cure of congestive diseases of the liver, stomach, lungs, and other internal organs.

I would advise all to maintain an erect posture, whether sitting, standing, or walking. In order to breathe properly, this is necessary to allow unrestricted movement of the diaphragm.

Impure blood and impure thoughts are usually associated. To improve the morals, it may be well to try the air cure. Pure air will be found to be a valuable aid in the improvement and elevation of the morals. If you do not sleep well at night, if your complexion is bad, if you have the blues, or are afflicted with that all-gone or tired feeling in the morning or throughout the day, instead of resorting to drugs and patent medicines, get out into the open air and try moderate and cheerful exercise with deep breathing. Pure air, you will find, is good for what ails you, no matter what your condition may be.

Are We a Democracy?

A pertinent question just now

By George Henry Heald, M. D.

THE idea of democracy is in the air. It intrigues the masses. The word is one to conjure with. We have heard much about Democracy with a capital D, about making the world safe for Democracy, about making Democracy safe for the world, and so on.

When we use or hear the word, we usually have the subconscious thought that our own country is the ideal, the representative Democracy, of which the others are poor imitations; and perhaps we swell with pride as we remember that we are citizens of the Great Democracy.

But is our pride justified? Is this really a "government of the people, for the people, and by the people"? Is not a true democracy one in which every member has a share, in which every one helps to govern? Such we are according to the Constitution, but are we such in fact?

In the ancient republics, such as Athens, every citizen had an equal part in the government. But there were also slaves — perhaps as many as the citizens — who felt the oppression, but had no share in the government. The question now put to the reader is, "Are the one-hundred-odd millions of people in this country all joint rulers, or are there many who, like the slaves of Athens, have no share in the government except to fret under the oppression of the laws?" It can be shown that quite a large number of this nation's inhabitants have no part in the government — of very many of whom it can be said that all they know about the government is that it interferes with what they want to do, and what

they think they ought to have the right to do.

This has no reference to minors, or aliens, or the inmates of prisons or hospitals, or those who for any reason have been disfranchised, but to those who are of voting age and legally entitled to vote. A large number of such persons choose to have no voice in the government. Though people in other countries are fighting for the franchise, these people refuse to exercise their right to vote. Why? Partly because they are convinced that it will do them no good to vote, that everything has been cut and dried, and their vote will not count. So far as they are concerned, the country might as well be an autocracy. The government seems to be something apart from themselves, and the laws as something forced on them from the outside. To them it signifies nothing whether there are several hundred lawmakers or a Mussolini.

They are governed without their consent. They know that they have to pay taxes that they consider unjust, and that some hated

fellows, armed with guns and government commissions, are trying to keep them from earning an "honest living" by making "moonshine," or smuggling "bootleg."

IDEAL METHOD IN CIVIL AFFAIRS

ARE such people, and other types that might be mentioned — even though they have the legal right to vote — are they really and at heart a part of the citizenry that helps to *(Continued on page 34)*



Ewing Galloway

Betsy Ross makes the first United States flag, according to tradition.

What Would You Do

By Charles L.
PADDOCK



Wide World Photos

Part of the 25,000 persons who took part in a recent diamond rush in South Africa.

young man who sent in the following, "An article that may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness." How thankful we should be that the poorest of men may be happy. We don't have to have money to be contented and truly happy.

In the Pennsylvania Station in New York the Travelers' Aid picked up a man exhausted and in a starving condition. He claimed that he was penniless and friendless and that he wanted to return to Serbia, his native land, to die.

He was taken to the Bellevue Hospital by these good Samaritans, and tenderly cared for. For days he grew weaker and weaker and finally died. As they prepared him for burial some one suggested that they search his clothes. In his raged garments they found a veritable storehouse of wealth. Cash, bonds, jewelry, and deeds filled his many pockets and were even sewed into his clothing. He had plenty of this world's gold, but died for want of life's necessities,—friendless, homeless, and miserable. No, money won't provide happiness.

FRIENDS CANNOT BE BOUGHT

MONEY will not buy friends. The Prodigal Son found this out by sad experience. He had plenty of so-called friends while he could foot the bills, but when his money was spent his friends were gone. Gold will buy the same kind of friendship today. But it will not buy real friends,—friends who "know all about us and love us just the same," friends who will stay by us in trouble as well as in prosperity. How thankful we should be that we may be rich in worth-while, true-blue friends even though poor in earthly possessions. And who of us would think of exchanging one real friend for any amount of money? None of us would, like Judas, sell our best friend for thirty pieces of silver.

We hear of people marrying for money these days. A young woman in her teens will marry a man of seventy or eighty. Not for love. No, surely not, but for wealth. True love cannot be bought or sold.

MAJOR A. H. PRUCHEN, of Toronto, who was saved from the "Titanic," tells of how he left \$300,000.00 in his cabin when the alarm was sounded telling of the disaster. He started back to get his valuables, but realizing the worthlessness of riches in a time like that, he picked up three oranges instead. "Money seemed a mockery at a time like that," he told a newspaper man when he finally reached America.

The most of us have felt that if we had all the money we wanted we would be supremely happy. I imagine that every normal man or woman has at some time wished for a million dollars. We have perhaps day-dreamed, too, of what we might do if we had all the money we wanted. Our tables would groan with food, delicacies gathered from all parts of the world. Our wardrobes would bulge with clothes. We would buy fine cars, and would spend several months of each year in travel. I imagine our plans might differ a little in detail. And then in our day-dreams we all become philanthropic. We would feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We would visit the widows and help the fatherless in their afflictions. And, of course, with all this money at our disposal we would be supremely happy. But would we?

One millionaire on his deathbed testified that his millions had brought him only sleepless nights and days of worry. A London paper offered a prize for the best definition of money and awarded it to a

With a Million Dollars?

The love of a virtuous woman or a noble man cannot be purchased with silver or gold. The baby's smile cannot be had for money. The rich man with his millions, with his stocks and bonds, his houses and lands, cannot have more love than the humblest man of earth. We can love our dear ones, and they in turn can love us, even though we have little of this world's goods.

HEALTH NOT SOLD

PEOPL**E** are traveling the world over in search of health. You may have heard of the millionaire who offered a million dollars for a good stomach. He suffered continual pain and could not enjoy his meals. His stomach had been ruined, perhaps, by eating rich food bought with his wealth. No, you cannot buy health. In one way the rich man is at a disadvantage, for his riches buy for him the very things that prove a detriment to health, while the poor man's simple fare is a blessing in disguise. So even though a man may have millions he has little advantage over the poor man when it comes to health. While we may be poor in dollars and cents, we can have a strong physical constitution, and after all, "health is wealth."

"Money is a universal passport to everywhere except heaven." Yes, it is true, money talks loudly today. It will open barred doors here, all right. The man or woman with money can move in the best (?) society. It is the bank account that talks when it comes to getting into the *elite* class. Character doesn't matter so much. You can travel to the ends of the earth here, but money won't buy a ticket to heaven. In fact, we are told it will be difficult for the rich man to get into heaven. (Mark 10: 23-25.) This is not because he has been rich, for a rich man might do a wonderful work for his fellow man, and some do, but so many fall into the snares spoken of in 1 Tim. 6: 9.

The poor man has an equal chance with the rich, in fact a better chance when it comes to spiritual things. When we sin, our sins may be forgiven without one cent of cost. "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. We need not have money to have our sins forgiven.

In some of our fashionable churches in our larger
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Hoarding it does no one any good and the miser much harm.

cities, one almost has to have money to get in. If you can give the pastor a good, big check now and then, rent a cushioned pew, wear a full-dress suit, and drive an eight-cylinder car, or have your chauffeur bring you to church and call for you, you may be a member in good and regular standing. If you haven't money, you would better join some other church. But not so when it comes to enter heaven. We will all enter on the same footing.

When the "Titanic" went down in April, 1912, there were a number of millionaires on board, and eleven went down with her into the Atlantic. Their wealth totaled \$200,000,000.00. If they could have sent back some message to us, as to the most important thing in life, do you imagine they would have told us by all means to amass a great fortune? I dare say not one of them would have mentioned money.

MONEY NOT THE PASSPORT

WHEN it comes to enter heaven, will we be asked to pay some certain fee? Will the rich man have any advantage there? Will his riches buy him a better home over there? What are the conditions for entrance? We read them in Revelation 22: 14: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." The poor man who keeps God's commandments, who lives up to all the privileges and advantages given him, will have an abundant entrance. Money talks here, but it will not be current in heaven.

In that day many will be (Continued on page 28)

I T I S T I M E

By TAYLOR G. BUNCH



JUST before Joshua laid down his life and the leadership of Israel, he gathered the people together and, after rehearsing God's dealings with them since their exodus from Egyptian bondage, said: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve: . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24: 15.

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide," declared the poet Lowell. We cannot escape the responsibility of these deciding times; and whenever we are called upon to decide between right and wrong, we face a crisis that affects our future destiny. "Choose you this day," pleaded Joshua, and the past history of men and nations proves the danger of hesitation or delay and the sad results of a wrong choice.

LIFE OR DEATH

THE Lord said to ancient Israel, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: . . . I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Deut. 30: 15, 16, 19. Every choice between truth and error is a choice between life and death. Obedience to the smallest ray of light insures a blessing, and a step in the wrong direction brings a withering curse.

The Lord created man a free moral agent, with the power of choice; and the right to decide for himself will never be taken from him. If man were a mere machine, incapable of judging between right and wrong, and thus irresponsible for his acts, it would be impossible to pursue a course that would glorify his Creator. Lucifer exercised his God-given privilege when he chose to rebel against the government of heaven, but is reaping the terrible consequences of his choice, which were doubtless laid before him ere the fatal step was taken.

God's love and mercy towards His creatures are shown in His messages pointing out the right course and warning of the sure results of walking in paths of our own choosing. Angels of mercy always precede the angels of death, and responsibility for the consequences rests upon our own shoulders.

The Bible is replete with examples illustrating the truthfulness of the above

statements. The apostle Peter declares that we can make our calling and election to eternal life sure by being "established in the present truth." Every generation has its message of present truth, and the eternal destiny of each generation depends on its attitude towards the message of truth for its time. Many truths of the everlasting gospel are present truth for any and all ages, but others for specific times to meet conditions prevailing in a certain place or generation.

Noah's message placed life and death before the antediluvian world, and they sealed their own destiny by the choice they made. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6: 23. The antediluvians chose the wages of sin and were rewarded according to their works. Noah's message of an impending deluge never had been present truth before and never will be again; in fact it would not be truth at all now, but it was a question of life and death then. It was their time to decide, and all but eight made the wrong decision.

When the angels went down to the wicked cities of the Jordan plain to put an end to their high-handed rebellion against heaven, they warned the few righteous, "Up, get you out of this place; for God will destroy this city." The inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah had spurned God's messages of mercy, and then He spoke through fire and brimstone. They had taken their choice between truth and error and could not escape the consequences of their decision. Their crowded synagogues and religious ceremonies had brought many blessings in the past; but then they faced a crisis in a special message of present truth for their day, and the crisis proved fatal. They were turned to ashes with the cities, and their fate is set forth as an example of the final doom of the impenitent. It was a living faith alone that moved Lot and part of his family from the doomed cities before they were swept with the besom of destruction. They believed the warning message and acted accordingly.

THE JEWS CHOSE

THE Jewish nation faced the greatest deciding time of their history when forced to accept or reject their Messiah. Prophet after prophet had heralded warnings, but their messages were rejected and the messengers murdered. As a last resort, God sent His own Son to make a final call to repentance before the patience of a long-suffering God

became exhausted. For seven years, through His own ministry and that of the disciples, who were sent first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, He eloquently pleaded with His chosen people. His life and works fulfilled every prophetic specification of the expected Messiah. His message was present truth for that nation and generation, and its rejection brought destruction swift and terrible. The four hundred synagogues on the principal streets of Jerusalem, filled with chanting priests and praying multitudes, failed to stem the march of destiny that surrounded their beloved city with the legions of Rome, causing one of the most terrible sieges recorded in history, during which a million Jews perished and their nation was destroyed. They had built tombs and erected statues in memory of the prophets their fathers had martyred. They garnished the sepulchers of the righteous, and pretended great respect for God's messengers of former generations; but rejected and crucified their own Messiah, and prayed that His blood be on them and on their children, and their prayer was fully answered. The light of all previous ages was shining upon their generation, and added light brought added responsibility. Christ told them that it would be more tolerable for the wicked cities of Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom in the day of judgment than for them because of the greater opportunities they enjoyed. They rejected the present truth for their time and generation and could not escape the consequences. It took a living faith to accept Jesus as the Messiah during His first advent, and only a few were brave enough to acknowledge Him as the Son of God and accept His message, which was contrary to many of the teachings of the established creed and the great religious leaders of the day. "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" warn the Scriptures, and great religious scholastics have more than once led their followers into the ditch.

THE GREATEST CRISIS

THE world is now rapidly approaching the greatest crisis of its history. Not to one city or nation alone does the acid test come; but the inhabitants of the earth have come to the parting of the ways, and must soon make a decision that will seal their eternal doom. The prophet Joel looked past the intervening centuries to our day when he wrote, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble:

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for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1. Malachi forecast the same crisis and the message that brings it: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4: 5, 6. Acceptance brings a blessing, and rejection a curse. The predicted message in the spirit and power of Elijah is now sounding in every land. Elijah's message to ancient Israel called for a decision that would make either the Lord or Baal their future deity. The history of the nation hinged on the choice made.

THE ELIJAH-MESSAGE TODAY

THE present-day Elijah-message calls for a similar decision. The world must decide between obedience to the God of heaven and a semi-pagan religious system designated by the Revelator as the beast. Chapter thirteen of the Revelation pictures the rise, character, and work of the beast power, controlled by Satan, and the extent of its authority over the nations. "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13: 7, 8. We worship whomsoever we serve or obey. According to this last-day prophecy, laws will be enacted to compel the inhabitants of the earth to worship or obey the beast under penalty of death, and all will yield to the pressure except the few, like the three Hebrew worthies, who refuse to bend the knee to other than the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Chapter fourteen pictures God's last message sounding a fearful warning against giving allegiance to the beast and his image, and calling upon the world to choose between this apostate power with its semi-pagan dogmas, and the God of heaven. This Elijah-message challenges the world, "How long halt you between two opinions: if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if the beast then serve the beast." It is the world's greatest deciding time, and upon the decision made depends the future destiny of all men. This chapter describes God's message of present truth for this generation. There are over one thousand forms of religious worship in the world, and the land is covered with buildings crowded with worshipers, but the message here described brings a crisis that seals the world's doom. The accumulated

light of all past ages is shining in a blaze of glory on this generation, and its responsibility will be measured accordingly. The antediluvians, the inhabitants of Sodom, Gomorrah, Tyre, Sidon, and even the Jewish nation that rejected and crucified their own Messiah, will be held less accountable in the day of final reckoning than those who obey the beast instead of God and refuse to heed the warning message and walk in the blazing light shining in undimmed luster upon them. The prophet describes those who carry the last message, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." It takes the same living faith to accept present truth in this generation as in past ages. We must make the decision quickly for probation's hours glide swiftly by, and soon the great voice from the heavenly temple will announce, "It is done," and the decree will go forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22: 11, 12.

Has Science Disproved the Bible?

(Continued from page 7)

and these elephants rested on a tortoise, and the tortoise stood on a great coiled snake. They said that when these elephants shook themselves, that was what caused earthquakes in the earth. The Chinese believed that the earth was flat, and they pictured the earth as floating on a great ocean.

People believed these various false theories until Isaac Newton discovered what is known as the law of gravitation. Now, what does science say about the position of the earth? Upon what does the earth rest? Science declares that the earth is held out in space without material support by the power of gravitation.

But three thousand years before Isaac Newton saw that apple fall upon the ground, one of God's prophets declared in the Bible that the earth hung out in space without material support. You will find this statement in the oldest book in the Bible, in Job 26: 7. Speaking of God, Job says, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth [upon great elephants? No. Upon the arm of Atlas? No. Upon the pillars? No. He hangeth the earth] upon nothing."

This is what science says today. So

science is just now catching up with the Bible. Scientists have now found out what the Bible declared 3,000 years ago.

But the Bible goes further into this truth than science. Suppose we should ask the greatest of scientists, "What upholds the earth?" They would say, "The earth is held in space by the power of gravitation." What is the origin and cause of gravitation? The wisest of scientists could not answer that question. They cannot explain the power of gravitation. They know that gravitation is the pull, or attraction, of the heavenly bodies upon each other that holds them in space, but they could not explain the cause nor the origin of this power.

Right here is where the word of God enlightens the believer. The word of God says that God "hangeth the earth upon nothing." Then in Hebrews 1: 3 the apostle Paul declares that Jesus Christ upholds "all things by the word of His power." Gravitation is only one of the many manifestations of the power of our blessed Saviour. It is a physical manifestation of that mighty power which is contained in the word of God. Oh, trembling child of God, remember that He who upholds unnumbered worlds, some of them millions of times as large as this earth of ours, can uphold you at all times by the same power.

Now, we come to the third point—the motion of the earth. Up until a few centuries ago people believed that the earth was motionless. They believed that the earth stood still, and that the sun was revolving around the earth. It will be very interesting to note now how according to their theory of a stationary earth, they explained the matter of sunrise and sunset. If the earth really stood still, how did it come that, while the sun always went down in the west, it always came up in the east the next morning?

JOB BEFORE COPERNICUS

SOME said that, when the sun sank out of sight in the western sky, one of the gods put him in a boat, and during the night rowed him along behind a high ridge of mountains where the people could not see him, and thus managed to get him back to the east in time to come up the next morning. Others said that when the sun disappeared in the west at night, he wandered among the pillars under the earth during the night and thus managed to get back to the east side of the earth in time to rise the next morning. This is what people believed in those ancient times.

Finally a Polish astronomer named Copernicus, who lived from 1473-1543, brought out a *(Continued on page 28)*

Maria's John

By Martha E. Warner



A rocking chair that stood by the table began to rock, and rock, and rock.

MARY was sitting on the couch sewing. Maria was standing by the stove waiting for the mail-carrier, when to their astonishment a rocking chair that stood by the table began to rock, and rock, and rock.

Then, after a few moments, it stopped as suddenly as it began. Mary looked at Maria, Maria looked at Mary, and both exclaimed, "What made it? What did make it rock?" For the house was quiet, the doors were shut, and there was no draft.

Said Mary, "It gives me a sort of shaky feeling." Said Maria, "Me, too. It must be a warning. You know at John's funeral, in January, Cousin Jane prophesied there would be two more deaths in the family this year. Maybe one of us is going to die."

Said Mary, "Come to think of it, so she did. And I told her I did not believe in signs. But this certainly does look queer." So that afternoon, when Mrs. Barnes called, and Cousin Jane happened in, Maria said, "Let's tell them." And Mary said, "Yes, let's do."

So Maria, after showing them just where the chair stood, told them of its queer antics. And Mary said, "Of course there's nothing to it, yet I wish I knew what made it rock." Said Mrs. Barnes, "Maybe it was jarred by some heavy blast. Or

"Perhaps, Maria's elephantine step set it rocking." Said Cousin Jane, "Nonsense! Maria was standing still. And if there were anything being done, one of them would have heard it. 'Twas the spirits that made the chair rock, of that I am very sure.

"And there was something they wanted to tell them. Maybe they had a message from John."

Said Mary, "The very idea!" Said Maria, "I don't believe in such things, but 'twould ease life a big bit if I could hear from John. He has been dead, now, five months,

"And before he died he promised me, if it were possible, he would communicate with me. And not one single word have I received. This separation wouldn't be so hard to bear if one only knew the dead could return to us."

"Do you believe, Cousin Jane, that the dead can come back to us? And is John now in heaven, far happier than ever before?" Said Cousin Jane, "Indeed I do believe it, and I also know the dead do return. My mother has been dead now, over a year,

"And I know she is constantly by my side. Twice she has talked with me. Once she took hold of my hand." Said Mrs. Barnes, "How could you tell it was your mother

Talking to you? Did you see her face? And was her hand all nice and warm?"

Said Cousin Jane, "I was attending a seance.

And I couldn't see mother's face, for the room

was all dark. And her hand felt cold and clammy. But I know it was mother. And Oh, it is such a blessed comfort to ever feel

the presence of our departed loved ones."

Said Mrs. Barnes, "A blessed comfort! I don't

just agree with you about that. It almost seems, 'twould give me a sort of creepy feeling

to know that dead people were floating around.

I really can't see the comfort part of it, and I'm not very sure about the blessed part of it.

"For instance, if I were dead, do you suppose I'd take much comfort in watching George spruce up, and make love to another woman? And marking off the days on the calendar, when the year would be up, so he could marry again?"

"Seems to me, I'd rather stay dead in my grave, and know nothing about the doings of George and the other woman." Said Cousin Jane, "How dreadful you talk!" (Continued on page 33)

"I Was in Prison"

*The True Story of a
Life Tragedy*

By Caroline Louise Clough



POOR, little, trembling, shrinking mother was sentenced to nine long years in the penitentiary. That day in the court room, with the tears streaming down her face, she said good-bye to three small children who had been robbed of a father by one hasty act of hers—this woman whom they called "Mother." The authorities took the children away, and "Mother" soon found herself in a little room with a tiny window on one side, heavily grated, and a large iron door on the other side.

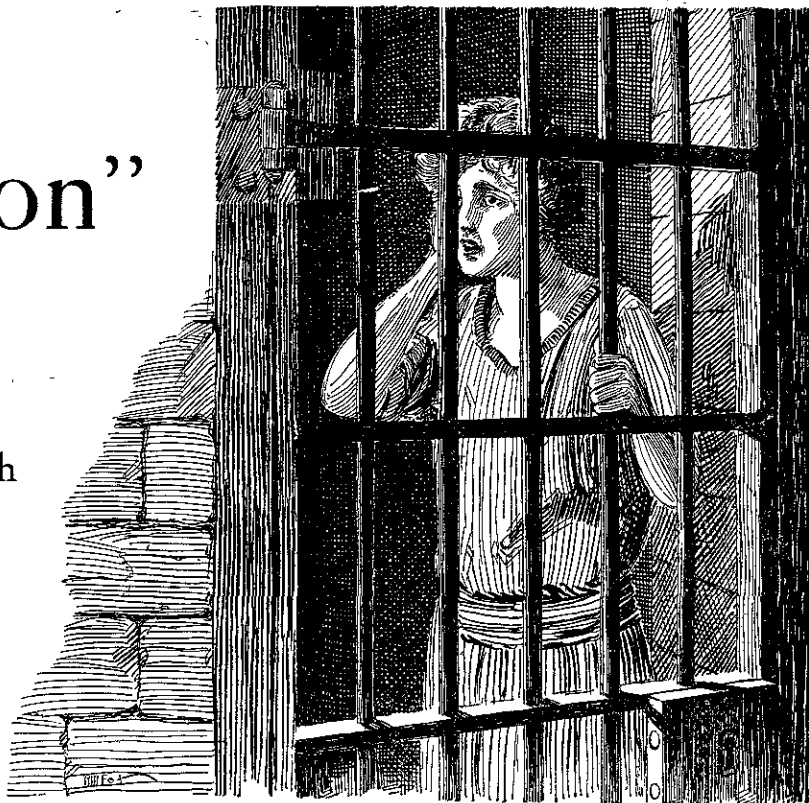
She dropped on the crude, hard, uninviting cot,—the only furniture in her room,—buried her face in her hands and wept and wept. "Why did I do it? Why are my children left worse than orphans and I brought here to a prison cell?"

AFTER her first outburst of grief on entering her little cell, she faced nine years of prison life, a different woman. All hope was gone. Her sad face was the picture of despair. Mechanically she began the prison routine of doing the same thing day after day at exactly the same time each day.

"The dead monotony of it all will kill me long before my nine years go by," she would say to herself, as she marched to the clang of the gong.

One day when she came from the workshop to her lonely, dark cell, there lay on the stone floor a magazine. "Some one has tossed this in while I was away, possibly the chaplain. At any rate I must see what it is."

Picking up the magazine, she sank again on her cot—the one place that had witnessed all her innermost heartaches and regrets. Oh, how she had poured out her heart on this very cot! The many sleepless nights as she lived over and over the experiences of that one rash act, the feelings of bitterness in her heart that led up to it, the helplessness and loneliness of her poor children who were state charges—all overwhelmed her. What might she have done for her dear



"Mother" soon found herself in a little room with a tiny window on one side, heavily grated, and a large iron door on the other side.

little ones had she not committed that terrible deed! Now they were worse than motherless.

This woman on her little cot began to read the paper she found on the floor. "Why, here is the testimony of some one who went wrong and is living a happy Christian life. This is interesting." So the magazine was read through from cover to cover before the lights were turned out for the night.

That night she lay down to think, not to sleep. "Will the Lord forgive me, a murderer? Is there hope for one so vile as I?" As she lay there, she thought of many men and women of Bible times who had been forgiven of sins just as evil as hers. She knew her Bible, for, years before, she had attended Sunday School. Then she thought of the thief on the cross who was dying for his sin, and the wonderful words of forgiveness he received from Christ, the Redeemer of the world, who hung there beside him, suffering, not for His own sins, but for the sins of the whole world. He relieved the thief of having to pay the penalty of his sins by carrying them Himself while the thief died rejoicing in a Saviour who had washed away all his sins.

"Surely there is hope for me when God can save these people who were wicked like myself." She fell to her knees and poured out her soul to a compassionate, loving Saviour.

Prison life was not all darkness after giving her heart to God. but there were many discouraging moments when

the temptation came to give up in despair. Letters from the editor of the magazine encouraged her. "Sometimes," she would write, "I feel just like giving up when I think of what the children have suffered and what I have passed through, but on second thought it would be foolish after all these years. I can't realize how I have lived all these years, but God seems to give me strength to bear my cross."

SO THROUGH the literature ministry this soul for whom our Saviour died was brought to the foot of the cross, cleansed from sin, and as her nine-year sentence passed she thought of the Christian home she would establish for her children. She would gather them around her and with God's help atone for the past. Her son, a mere lad of twelve years when roughly taken from his mother's side in that court room nine years ago, had now grown tall. He traveled about the country trying to find some one with a spark of sympathy and love in his heart, but to no avail. The magazine reached the mother in her prison cell but could not reach the son. You might have met him on the street, in a public building, in a park, somewhere—did you speak a kind word of sympathy? How many sons and daughters are all about us starving for the love that comes only from above! Do we improve opportunities we have to save some mother's sons and daughters?

So this boy gave up the fight and

when his mother, hopeful, was about to step out from the penitentiary a free woman indeed, she was handed this note, all she had left of her son for whom she had prayed and suffered. The note read:

"Dear Mother: I am done with life. I wonder what there is in the hereafter. I have tried to picture it as a long sleep, but I am afraid I am wrong. You say there is a God. *If there is I have not heard, seen, nor felt Him.*

"In the next room from me they are singing of love and happiness, but what love and joy have I ever had to make me want to live? I am through, do you understand? Mother, when they took Papa away, you went. Where was I to find some one to be with? God, if you knew how I felt sometimes when I was alone! I laughed with every one, but we all do that. That's all. Life is a laugh.

"Everything is gone now in the world for me. I tried to buy love, but it cannot be gotten that way. I've tasted the cup of life, and oh, what a bitter one it was!"

The mother writes:

"Little did I think of the awful loss that awaited me in the near future. I received a telegram that my son committed suicide just before my release. I am heart-broken, but trusting in Christ." So this mother is trying to recognize this awful experience as one of the "all things" that "work together for good to them that love God."

(The magazine that was used to save this woman, *The Life Boat*, is reaching souls in bonds, telling them of God's love and compassion for them even though they are outcasts from society. If you want a part in this blessed ministry, address Caroline Louise Clough Hinsdale, Illinois. — Editor)

Has Science Disproved the Bible?

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new system of astronomy in which he showed that the earth was not motionless; but that the earth was revolving around the sun. In 1609 Galileo invented the first telescope and by the use of his telescope he was able to prove that the earth was revolving around the sun.

When men learned the truth about the diurnal rotation of the earth on its axis, it enabled them to rightly comprehend three matters that they had never understood before. When they saw that the earth turned completely around every twenty-four hours, thus presenting in an orderly arrangement each part of its surface to contact with the sun, then they understood why darkness and light followed each other with unflinching precision from day to day. Then they understood why it was when they went a thousand miles east the sun rose one hour earlier, or when they went a thousand miles west it set one hour later. It also made plain why the sun always went down in the west,

and always came on time in the east the following morning.

But millenniums before Copernicus and Galileo gave to the world the truth about the revolution of the earth, the word of God plainly taught that the earth revolved around the sun. In Job 38: 12-14, in speaking of the earth, the Lord says, "*It is turned as clay to the seal.*" The world did not stand still. It is "turned"—turning around to

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receive the impression of the sun upon its surface, just like clay is brought in contact with the seal to receive its impress. The Scripture taught this 3,000 years before man found it out. Thus again we see that science and the Bible agree, and that the discoveries of science confirm the truthfulness of the word of God. Truly, "the words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Ps. 12:6.

What Would You Do?

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like the man Graham who was on the steamer "Valencia" when it went down off the northwest coast. He was on his way home from Alaska, bringing with him a bag of gold. He was a rich man, but when he saw that the ship must sink, he frantically offered his gold to any one who would take him safely to land. No one heard his pleadings. His gold was kicked under foot. At a time like that, other things were paramount to gold.

LIFE'S GREATEST BLESSINGS FREE

THERE are disadvantages in being poor, we must all admit. And I wish it were possible for each of us to have a little more means, unless it might prove a detriment. But if you do happen

to be poor in dollars and cents, remember you may be rich in other things. And now as we think it over, hasn't the good Lord been kind and loving in so arranging that life's greatest blessings can be had by us all, regardless of our financial standing? Happiness, love, health, friends, character, and a home in heaven at last cannot be monopolized by the trusts and combines of earth. We may all have friends to love and to love us. By obeying nature's laws we have an equal claim to health. If we but show ourselves friendly we may have friends in abundance. And if we had all the money in the world, we could not buy one small corner in heaven. And though we may not have one red cent, we may still have access to its joys and its bliss. Only a wise, loving Father could have planned it so. Should we not be thankful?

Just Why

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enforced propaganda was what lighted the fagots to every martyr's pyre in Reformation days; for heretics and hated dissenters have always been in the minority, and made to understand that they possessed no rights worthy of respect or consideration.

Because a majority may observe Sunday, this gives no authority to legislators to undertake to frame a religious law favoring them. American principles, on the contrary, lead to the protection of the rights of the minority, that the few, as well as the many, may be able to enjoy their unalienated rights to worship and serve God according to the dictates of conscience without fear of molestation.

Jesus Christ stood alone that morning He was forced to undertake to bear His cross to Golgotha, there to perish upon it. The whole religious world (outside His little band of followers), as well as the political world,—the great Roman Empire,—was arrayed against Him. But did that change the fact that He was right in His teaching, and in His life before God? And it is something to think about that the religious world and a nation that day sealed their doom as the chosen people of God and as a world-power empire in the hatred poured out upon that lone Sufferer nailed to that Roman cross.

IMPORTANT WORLD ISSUES INVOLVED

MR. LANKFORD posed as being able to bide his time. He could afford to wait that time when the opposition to his bill might spend itself, and then, he soliloquized to himself and his ardent church supporters, the great majority would rise up and bring about its passage; for, said he, it is sure to come.

And to this the prophetic word of God agrees, bearing very definite and positive testimony. But the important point involved in it all is that instead of ushering in, as the proponents of this bill suppose, a sort of millennial period

Current Events in the of Divine Prophecy

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY has lost in attendance because of Prohibition. But the former patrons who now stay away are those who used to use corners of the reading rooms as refuges in which to sleep off their drunken stupors.

SIR WILFREN GRENFELL says: "I never use alcohol in my clinics, because we do not need it. It is not necessary." Surely "the Labrador doctor" can speak with authority on the question of the necessity of alcohol in a frigid climate. His testimony is negative.

THE X-RAY is now used at Northwestern University to enable medical students to study the anatomy of the living body, digestive processes and muscle action being observed by means of this penetrative photography. Thus God allows men to watch Him at work in the human laboratory that they may more reverently worship the Creator. See Psalm 139.

"MAKING THE WORLD SAFE for democracy" was the slogan of the World War. A decade later, two thirds of Europe is under the sway of dictators, and much of the remaining third has occasional spasms of martial law or parliamentary abdications. This world will not be "safe" for humanity—let alone democracy—until its rightful ruler, Jesus Christ, comes.

THE SUDDEN DEATH of Senator Willis, the most recent of several similar deaths among Congressmen, has led Senator Royal S. Copeland, who is a physician, to agitate for better ventilation of the Senate Chamber and the Senate Offices. In the increase of knowledge, predicted of this age (Dan. 12:4), knowledge of the laws of health is surely not the least important, and men of grave public responsibility should obey them.

THE WORLD'S AUTOMOBILE SPEED RECORD is now held by an American, Ray Keech, who raised Campbell's record to 207.55 miles an hour. It seems peculiarly fascinating to human beings of this age to make speed an object in itself. Competitors for records often destroy themselves by their efforts, as witness Lockhart's recent horrible death at Daytona Beach. Amid the terrific intensity speeding up every phase of modern life, he who is looking for Jesus' soon return can alone remain safe and undismayed.

TO ABOLISH PARLIAMENT altogether would have been more logical, is the comment made by one courageous Italian senator in opposing the Electoral Reform Bill forced by Mussolini on the Italian legislature. In spite of certain material benefits conferred by Fascism on Italy, one wonders when the suppression of liberty of the press, liberty of public meeting, liberty of association, or of any expression of opinion, will lead to the inevitable reaction. The anger of nations prophesied by John as coming just before the end of the world (Rev. 11:18) may be internal as well as international.

HAMBURG'S horrible taste of gas warfare on May 20, when a tank of phosgene, or mustard gas, accidentally broken, set its fumes drifting through a suburb, killing 11, sending 100 to hospitals, many of whom will die lingering deaths in agony, has set the whole world questioning. According to the Versailles treaty, Germany was not supposed to manufacture nor possess deadly gases. Phosgene is largely used in manufacturing aniline dyes, but then its composition is slightly changed, making it harmless to life. There seems to be no explanation for the presence of so much gas in its deadly form. It is a terrifying revelation of how uncertain are the hopes of those who look for earthly peace by human plans.

ROUMANIA, long the scene of inhuman religious persecution, has recently passed a law determining the status of the various religious bodies. Its provisions are a great step in the direction of freedom of conscience, and open the door for the fulfillment of the great advent prophecy, which includes Roumania in the preaching of the "gospel of the kingdom" to every nation.

TO DINE IN NEW YORK one evening and in Los Angeles the second evening after will soon be possible by the new plane-rail route planned by the Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc. This 48-hour passenger service between the coasts cuts just in half the present shortest time, made by trains alone. Speed—the spirit of the age! And as swiftly approaches the consummation of earth's history.

DEHLI, INDIA, was the scene recently of the second All-India Women's Conference on Educational Reform. Illiteracy among women in India is 5 to 100 times as great as among men. Hence the urgency of the efforts of the Conference to bring about compulsory primary education. Since India's women hold in their hands the molding of the religious character of the country, any advance toward the uplift of the women is to be welcomed. Such advances help in the giving to India of the advent message now going to all the world just before Jesus comes.

MRS. HARRY HOUDINI repudiates as failures or frauds the reputed messages from her husband offered her by various mediums, since none of them reveal the secret code agreed on between her and her husband before the famous magician's death. One communication betrays its satanic origin by being a prophecy that her husband would return as the second Messiah and advising her to commit suicide. The Bible is clear and convincing that the dead cannot communicate with the living (Job 7:10; 14:21), and that the spirits who give the pretended messages are evil (Rev. 16:14).

BOYS' WEEK, recently observed in many cities, promoted much that is to be highly commended. But the custom of putting young lads into responsible governmental positions for a day is meeting with grave disapproval by educators and thoughtful observers, because of its tendency to cause disrespect and conceit in the minds of children thus led to think they can manage what they cannot yet even understand. This whole tendency, with the Pacific-Coast policy of turning off men at 35, or a great oil company's rule of hiring no one over 21 as filling-station attendant, is really a subtle rebellion against the fifth commandment, fruit of the false teaching that God's law is abrogated.

WHAT JULIUS ROSENWALD CALLS one of the most important occasions in Chicago's history was the recent drastic examination of the court conduct of three judges of the Criminal Court. They were charged by the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Crime Commission, and "about 20 of the most eminent men in the city," with "paltering with criminals," by allowing those charged with grave crimes to plead guilty to, and take punishment for, minor charges, waiving the greater indictments. Between October, 1927, and March, 1928, these three judges allowed 728 such waivers, all other judges together allowing only 403. In the two weeks following the Crime Commission's publication of specific charges, such waivers fell off from the usual average of 48 a week to 3—proof in itself that they had been allowed dishonestly. While such corruption in the courts is part of Isaiah's picture of last-day conditions (Isa. 59:13-20), we rejoice at the sturdy protests of the righteous element in the city.



The Watchman Answers

This is a service department where questions pertaining to the Bible and its interpretation are answered for WATCHMAN readers. Anyone is free to address questions to the Editor, who puts himself under obligation to answer here only those that will be of general interest to our readers. Others may be answered by letter. Inquirers must give name and address, but these will not be printed.

Does the Bible forbid a man shaving his beard, in such scriptures as Lev. 19: 27, 28?

There is nothing in the Bible that forbids shaving. It will be noticed that this command in Leviticus is grouped among others, such as against using enchantment, observing times, cutting the flesh of the body, etc. These were all heathen customs that had to do with heathen idol worship. Today, as anciently, the Arahns and Hindus trim their hair and beards in different ways to indicate a certain relation to their gods or certain progress made in heathen ceremonial advancement. God forbade all such practices, as they were signs of idolatry, and had the appearance of evil.

What is meant in Ezekiel 9 by the slaying of people who had not received a certain mark?

The scene described in Ezekiel 9 is that of God's commanding a man "with a writer's inkhorn by his side" to go through Jerusalem and "set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Then men with slaughter weapons in their hands went through the city and slew all who had not received the mark.

This is a symbolic prophecy of a work to be done among God's professed people just before Jesus comes the second time. The mark in the forehead is the keeping of God's true Sabbath, the seventh day, the "sign" between God and His people. (Ezek. 20: 12, 20.) We are in those days now. Professed Christians everywhere are saying that the ten commandments are done away, nailed to the cross, whereas they are eternal and always obligatory on God's people. Especially the fourth command is ignored today, and the first day, Sunday, is kept instead of the seventh day, Saturday. All those who persist till the end, even when they learn better, in keeping Sunday (man's rest day) and breaking the Sabbath (God's memorial of creation and redemption, and the sign between Him and His people) will be destroyed as wicked when Christ comes the second time.

This mark of God is the exact opposite of the "mark of the beast" of Rev. 13: 16; 14: 9-12; 19: 20, which is Sunday keeping. For Sunday observance, instead of God's Sabbath observance, is the special sign by which anti-Christ is known. The Roman Catholic Church boasts that Sunday sacredness (?) is the sign of its power.

Was Judas a converted man, or was he a devil during the entire time of his discipleship?

We have no means of knowing whether or not Judas was converted at the time of his call to discipleship. We are certain that he had no more evil traits of character than some of the other disciples had during the time of their following Jesus. Right up to the crucifixion all showed selfish traits and woeful weaknesses. But we understand that the eleven were ready to recognize their shortcomings and put them away when they were pointed out. Judas was not. He cherished his evil ways, the worst of which was avarice and greed. This led him to do something "on the side" to make money. He carried the "hag" and no doubt used some of its contents for himself. He did not deliberately plan to betray Christ to death, but only to capitalize Christ's miracle-working power for his own ends, as proved by the fact that when he saw that Christ did not deliver Himself as he had expected, he brought back the money to the priests. Christ did everything He could to win Judas, even to the washing of his feet at the last, but the man hardened his heart. The Judas attitude, contrasted with that of the others, illustrates the two attitudes of all men today toward sin and salvation. Judas sinned, and clung to his sins; the eleven sinned, perhaps at times worse than Judas, but they put away their sins when re-proved, and were forgiven by Christ.



of peace and unparalleled prosperity to this nation, and reflexly to all the earth, a very different picture is presented upon the moving-picture screen of prophetic world events given us by the great I AM in His word.

For more than sixty years Seventh-day Adventists have been telling the world that oppressive religious laws would one day be registered upon the statute books of the highest law-making body of this nation. They have suffered scorn and derision for thus presenting these prophetic utterances, people solemnly affirming that no such enactments would ever be passed by Congress. We are now facing these living possibilities, and still are often condemned (especially by church people) for opposing the passage of these long-foretold dangerous measures leading into oppression. It is not that Seventh-day Adventists fear persecution that they oppose these Sunday laws, or any other religious legislation that might be proposed. Instead, it is because of how others are affected that they labor to arouse the attention of the people to sense the meaning attached to a reversal of the religious-liberty principles vouchsafed the people in our great Constitution, the fundamental law of the land.

WHAT THEN?

WHAT if, in the plan of the Most High, the Ruler of nations, it should have been decreed by Him that when this liberty-loving nation should so far repudiate its republican and religious-liberty principles as expressed in its Constitution, as to turn its back upon them, and reach up to the dial of its great clock of liberty to turn its hands back toward Roman oppression; when *as a nation* it should thus enter upon a career that is sure to lead again into religious despotism; when it should thus cease its role of providing a place of safe refuge for the protection of all those fleeing to its shores from the oppressive church-and-state-united countries of the old world—we repeat, suppose God in His infinite wisdom should rule from His throne of power that a repetition of the twelve centuries of Roman oppression shall not be re-enacted again upon earth and should in heaven decree that when this nation should finally close its doors of freedom, that this very act should be the signal for His placing a period to all national history, and that the time would have then come for Him to bring in the very scenes of the end of the world? What then?

This favored nation has not come upon the stage of action by chance. God has greatly blessed this land. Silently it has grown into its world power, not by wars of aggression, but peaceably. Religious liberty openly proclaimed to all the world has had much to do with this phenomenal prosperity. A wonderful example has been given the world as to what a church-and-state-separated nation might attain to. But when by

national enactment these heaven-blessed principles shall be reversed, God says that the very doing of this thing shall result in a world deception. Turn and read it for yourself in your own Bible (that quoted below is from Weymouth's translation):

"Then I saw another Wild Beast, coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. And the authority of the first Wild Beast—the whole of that authority—he exercises in his presence, and he caused the earth and its inhabitants to worship the first Wild Beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. He also works great miracles, so as even to make fire come down from heaven to earth in the presence of human beings. And his power of leading astray the inhabitants of the earth is due to the marvels which he has been permitted to work in the presence of the Wild Beast. And he told the inhabitants of the earth to erect a statue to the Wild Beast who had received the sword-stroke and yet had recovered." Rev. 13: 11-14.

Miracles are to be wrought, as mentioned in this text, even to the bringing down of fire from heaven. But this is set forth as a *deceiving* miracle. The apostle Paul referred to this same time and tells us by whose authority and power these miracles are wrought. He says:

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even Him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thess. 2: 7-10.

THE FINAL SCENES

LET it be noted that Paul says that these lying wonders performed by Satan *immediately precede* the coming of the Lord Jesus whose very brightness is to destroy all this "deceivableness of unrighteousness." This coming-of-Jesus scene, *after* this revelation of the "wicked" one "with all [his] power and signs and lying wonders," is graphically portrayed by the beloved disciple John from the Isle of Patmos as he viewed the prophetic moving-picture scroll of events involving these same closing scenes of earth's history.

"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the (Continued on page 32)

How's Your Health

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Health questions of interest and profit to the general reader will be answered in this column. Queries may be sent to the editor, or direct to the doctor, Medical Director of the Garden City Sanitarium, 999 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, California

'Just what is meant by "acid fruits"—those that taste sour or those that are acid forming? Please name chief acid fruits. H. M.

Fruits that are acid formers are prunes, plums, and cranberries. The waste from the use of these is acid in reaction. Such fruits as lemons, grapefruit, oranges, apricots, peaches, certain kinds of apples, and cherries, may be classed as "acid fruits."

What is the cause of hives? Please give the cure and suggest a diet. A. T.

Hives may be looked upon as a symptom of poisoning, usually due to absorption of some poorly digested food. We have observed a large number of cases of hives this year following attacks of influenza, and in these cases we might assume that it was due either to the poisoning from the infection or to the decreased efficiency of the digestive tract following the debilitating siege.

If the trouble is persistent, a careful study should be made to determine the food or foods to which the patient is susceptible (foods that the digestive tract cannot properly digest). For a transient case use Castor oil for a thorough cleansing of the digestive tract, and take a soda bath to relieve the intolerable itching.

What kind of food, exclusive of meats, will build up strength? T. K. L.

The principal element in meat is protein. Protein food is the tissue-building food and should not be used as an energy food. The locomotive that pulls the trains up steep grades derives its power from the fuel that it burns. On some roads it is oil. No amount of iron or steel fed into the fire box would move these trains an inch. It requires a particular kind of element to develop power. If a wheel is broken, or a cylinder head blows out, fuel oil will not supply material needed for repair. In such a case, we must use iron, steel, packing, and so forth. The same is true with the human body. The wear and tear of the twenty-four-hour grind actually destroys a certain percentage of the machine, which must be repaired by a specific and certain type of food. That type of food is protein in nature. The foods that supply power and heat are starches, sugar, and fats.

We not infrequently find individuals

whose strength is reduced because of a deficiency in repair foods, or proteins. The other day I found a man who was taking around thirty grams of protein when he should have been taking between seventy-five and one hundred grams. This is an exception, however, rather than the rule. The usual trouble is in the opposite direction; namely, the use of too much protein. Then, again, we find individuals who are depriving themselves of carbohydrates and fats, in other words, the energy-producing foods. The lack of either type of food stuff will weaken and lower one's resistance.

Specifically, in answer to this question, we would say that a properly balanced diet made up from fruits, vegetables, cereals, eggs, and milk is entirely suitable for the building up and maintaining of strength. Milk alone is not a perfect food for the adult, for it is poor in iron, it is too dilute, and leaves very little residue. Furthermore, the carbohydrates are low; but milk added to eggs, fruits, and vegetables is a most valuable accessory to the diet. Every individual, child or adult, ought to drink at least one quart a day. The egg is an excellent food, supplying a type of protein needed by the body, as well as being rich in vitamins and mineral salts. Beans, lentils, and peas (the dry legumes) afford us 25% of protein, most of which is good, usable body-building protein, as well as 50% of power- or energy-yielding material—starch and sugar. They also afford us 25% of fat in energy-yielding material. The fresh vegetables give us a very small percentage of protein and fat and only 8 or 9% of carbohydrate, but they do give us those very important elements known as vitamins, and also inorganic salts, which are so essential to health. Our fruits give us a fairly high percentage of sugar, vitamins, and minerals, with very little protein and fat. The grains, again, give us a high carbohydrate content (69 to 70%), with a protein content of about 10%.

When we stop to consider that the properly balanced diet consists of carbohydrates (starches and sugar) 65%, fats 25%, and proteins 10%, we can readily see that from those foods, exclusive of flesh foods, we can secure a diet which will afford strength, providing sufficient attention is paid to it.

The Sabbath from the Jewish Standpoint

By Cornelius G. Pearl

SCATTERED abroad among the nations, the Jewish race has stuck tenaciously to its age-old customs and religious tenets, to the marvel of historians and philosophers. Driven to cover for centuries by fierce persecution, they have held strictly to the observance of the Day of Atonement, the Passover, the seventh-day Sabbath, and other religious feasts and fasts.

Although little known to the world at large, there exists in Abyssinia today a tribe of light-colored, Negro Jews styled by the natives "Falashas [Sons of Strangers]." These people call themselves children of Israel and point with pride to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as their forefathers. They worship Jehovah, the living God, accept the Mosaic law and the ten commandments, and observe the Jewish holy days almost exactly as the Old Testament commands.

Their civilization, and the religious barriers they have set up to ward off the heathen practices of the Negro tribes around them, proclaim them to be of Semitic stock. They have had no connection with other Jewish nationals for hundreds of years, yet they observe the identical Sabbath day as do the Hebrews in more enlightened lands.

Even in China, up to the fifteenth century at least, an ancient tribe of Chinese Jews at Kaifeng worshiped in their synagogue on the seventh-day Sabbath. They have left inscriptions to that effect, which any Hebraist can read today — a silent witness to the immutability of the law of God.

IMPOSSIBLE TO LOSE COUNT

THE Jews in every land have their town calendar of twelve months of twenty-nine and thirty days alternately, with a leap year every third year. Their seventh day corresponds to the Saturday of the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Although this calendar has several times been changed as to the number of days in the month, the weekly cycle of seven days has remained intact. The Talmud, completed in the fifth century A. D., recognizes no other day. Jewish history records no universal change of the Sabbath from one day to another.

If it were possible for all the Jews, say in Russia where dwell nearly ten millions, to drop an entire day in their reckoning and begin to keep Sunday as the seventh day, the Jews in Germany and England with the same Hebrew calendar could set them straight. Grant for a moment that all of these failed to maintain a correct calendar, then their brethren in America or Palestine could correct them.

It is absurd to think that all the Jews in all the world at the same time could have lost an entire day in their counting, from the one simple fact that the Sabbath of the Jews is figured from certain holy

days set according to the new moon at particular periods in the year.

God has said long years ago, "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant." Ex. 31:16. This was not merely a command, but also a promise. In response to it, God's ancient people have observed this day unbrokenly for thousands of years. It has weathered the storms of hatred, ridicule, and persecution from the days of Rome until now; it has withstood the multitude of changes in the various calendars without losing a day.

To question the existence of the identical Sabbath day is almost as absurd as to question some such universal fact of experience as the existence of horses. In the mysterious providences of God the children of Abraham have been preserved as a race through the stress of centuries. We need but point to them as positive and conclusive proof that the Sabbath day of creation has been handed down to us unflinchingly, and remains with us as the most ancient landmark and covenant of the living God.

Just Why

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rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:14-17.

A people, therefore, whoever they may be, is depicted by these words of inspiration, above quoted from Paul, as *waiting* for Heaven's approval of their having proved loyal to God's truth, receiving the "love of the truth" into their hearts in the midst of all this "deceivableness of unrighteousness," after these miracles have accomplished their work of deception, standing alone upon God's immutable word, *waiting* for Him and His deliverance. Another prophet even gives us the very words of their deliverance song:

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

A Vision of Great Beasts

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of colossal size; no other ancient nation ever assembled such heavy masses of men for martial conquest. The nation was conspicuously bloodthirsty, revengeful and destructive, her three chief enemies, Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt, being utterly subjected as indicated

by the three ribs in the bear's mouth.

Then the panorama turns to Grecia in the hydra-headed and four-winged leopard, slight of frame but strong, graceful but swift, and its agility further augmented by the double pair of wings. Amid the fury of the noisy winds it made its appearance. The unparalleled brilliance and celerity of Alexander's conquests are known to all. The incredible boldness and compass of his campaigns is the wonder of the world. At twenty he was made general of the Macedonian armies. At thirty-two he had the known world at his feet. But a united Greece was limited to those few years, and after his premature death the dominion passed to Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy, his four generals. And so the division continued. Hence the four heads to the beast.

But it was the fourth, unnamed creature that engaged the anxious inquiry of the prophet. It combined everything imaginably fierce, beating down and subduing all before it. Lust of blood, lust of position, lust of domination, were its outstanding characteristics. This symbol of ferocious, crushing despotism was the fourth successive kingdom from Babylon, and followed Grecia as the world empire. I call upon any high-school student or reader of history to supply the name for this beast without a name. Rome alone meets the call of prophecy. Any other application would be illogical and untrue. Permanent subjugation was Rome's passion and Rome's practice, until Roman culture, Roman religion, Roman law, and the Roman language extended from the North Sea to the Persian Gulf. From the Teutonic forests on across to the cataracts of the Nile not a voice sounded without her knowledge and consent. Rome was indeed the mistress of the world.

THE HORNS

BUT as the prophet watched, he held the transfer of government to other hands, under the symbol of the ten horns that sprouted on the beast's head and assumed the ascendancy. These horns, in verse 24, are plainly stated to be ten kingdoms that would arise out of Roman territory, for they are not to be sought in the realms of the first, second, or third beasts, but in territory peculiar to Rome and therefore to the west of Greece, or in western Europe.

What response does the voice of history give to this call of prophecy? The answer stands out in great headlines in every general history. Rome, disintegrated by an abundance of wealth and luxury and weakened by the intoxication of power, succumbed to the virile barbarian nations of the North. These hardy peoples, long held in check by the Roman legions, began to break over and establish themselves within the empire. And Rome the mighty, between the years 351 and 476, was dismembered

into ten distinct nations—the Alemanni, Franks, Burgundians, Suevi, Visigoths, Saxons, Lombards, Ostrogoths, Vandals, and Heruli. In 476 A.D., her defense utterly broken down, the Rome of the West was no more. Seven of these nations exist today under the modern names of Germany, France, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, England, and Italy. Three of the original ten have disappeared from the earth. Now, wherefore and why?

And thereby hangs a tale. What happened to the ill-fated three is clearly stated. To best understand the results we must seek the causes. We must go back and trace the history of the little horn in its relation to the ten, for these relationships are inextricably bound together and have molded the destiny of Europe. The influence of that little horn swayed mighty kingdoms and overturned dynasties, reaching the height of its control in the Middle Ages. Mark well these factors: The little horn's period of supremacy is bounded by definite time limits. It grows, according to prediction, from insignificance in the first centuries into an overtowering power after these barbarian nations have become established on Roman territory, and its location is limited geographically to Roman soil in western Europe. Moreover, it has a distinctive character. It is "diverse" or different from the ten. They were simply civil or political principalities; but this power is chiefly ecclesiastical or religious. It is a church with certain secular powers asserted over the faith and consciences of men and utilizing the state to execute its mandates.

Coming now to the point of the three exterminated kingdoms. Three of the ten kingdoms into which old Rome was divided were, according to the prophecy, uprooted to make way for this "diverse" power's domination. Their fall was necessary for its rise. The three could not stand together contemporaneous with the "little horn," for they were antagonistic to it.

What is symbolized by the little horn power? you ask. You may search the musty pages of history and you will find one power that meets all the specifications. And that is the Roman Papacy.

(A concluding article on this topic will appear next month.)

Church and State Unions Dissolving

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remnant of God's true people by boycott and threat of death. Read Revelation 12 and 13. How can these prophecies be fulfilled in the near future, in view of the strong tendency now seen toward dissolution of church and state unions? Is there not promise of more religious liberty now than ever before in Christian history?

In all confidence we would say that God's prophecy still holds. Two facts

must be kept carefully in mind. First, the unions that are now being weakened or dissolved are state-church unions—that is, in all of them the state has dominated the church. Second, the union foretold by divine prophecy is a church-state union, with the church dominating the state. There is a vast difference.

We echo President U. S. Grant and say, "Keep the church and state forever separate." Such unions endanger freedom. But a church-state union is far more dangerous than a state-church union, as history proves. Rome pagan, an excellent example of the state supreme

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over religion, did to the death some dissenters; but its heresy-hunting and persecution were as nothing compared with the bloody persecutions of papal Rome, outstanding example of religion supreme over the state. Usually the worst that occurs in state-church unions is the woeful weakening of the church from dependence on the secular arm and not on God. But in the church-state combination the state is made the tool of the church to fetter thought, outlaw freedom of conscience, and kill heretics by the million.

The great example in history of the church ruling the state is that of the Papacy dominating Europe in the Dark Ages. It is this union that is to be repeated more powerfully in our day, and with the same ecclesiastical tyranny (Roman Catholicism) at the head. But the papal supremacy of the Dark Ages did not grow immediately out of the union of state and church in pagan Rome. A master state does not become a servant state by a quick reversal. What occurred was that, after the fall of the Roman Empire, the states into which it was divided became weak in political power by reason of many wars among themselves. But at the same time the Papacy grew strong. Then the Church took advantage of weak civil powers to assert her authority over all of them.

There can be no doubt that we will

soon have the history of the early Middle Ages repeating itself. The state-church unions now going out of fashion will give place for a season to more or less independence of church and state. But already the various nations are being terribly divided and weakened by war and hatred, and are drifting toward subservience to a high church power as a last expediency for peace among themselves. The Papacy is the only logical candidate for such a high position, and a very ordinary observer of the signs of the times may see that everything is drifting her way.

More than ever, we need to know just how we will stand in the stressful times ahead. When the Son of man comes, shall He find religious liberty enshrined in the hearts of a few? And if so, in whom?

Maria's John

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Said Mary, "Shocking, and then some!" Said Maria, "Nothing shocking about that, I'm sure."

"To rest unconscious in the grave Would, to me, seem to be the blessed Comfort, if there were only some way To prove it." So Mrs. Barnes reached For the Bible, and opened it, and read, "'But the dead know not anything, . . .

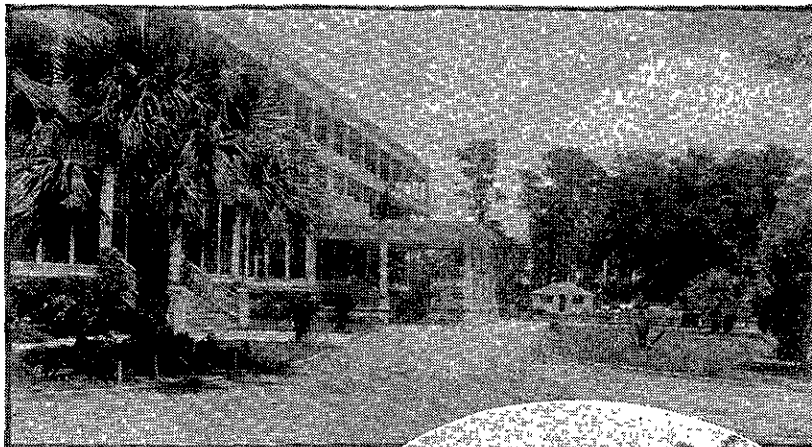
""Their love, and their hatred, and their envy Is now perished.' 'Till the heavens be no more, They shall not awake, nor be raised out of Their sleep,'" and said, "These are God's words, And are they not proof enough that the Dead lie unconscious in the grave?"

Said Cousin Jane, "They might be if the Bible were an inspired book. But you Very well know that many of the ministers Say it is not. So I don't see how you can Expect us to say the dead are not alive, When they return to us and talk to us."

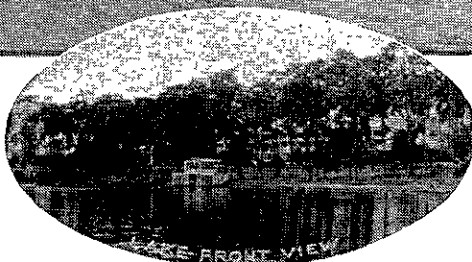
Said Mary, "Nowadays, one hardly knows what To believe." Said Maria, "But it is a fact, The ministers just about destroy one's faith In the Bible. And if John could return, and If he did come back this morning, and set That chair to rocking, I'd like to know it."

Said Mrs. Barnes, "But the Bible definitely states That John cannot return. And for fear you Would be troubled by doubts, as you evidently Are, it also says that he shall not return To his 'house.' So you need not worry about John's being in the rocking-chair business."

Said Cousin Jane, "Now you're poking fun at me."



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Said Mary, "I've read the Bible through, and I Never came across a verse like that." Said Maria, "Nor I either, but if there is such A verse in the Bible, I'd like to hear it." So Mrs. Barnes turned to Job. 7: 9, 10 And read, "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth Away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall Come up no more. He shall return no more to His house, neither shall his place know him Any more." She said, "Need one ask for A stronger statement than that?"

Said Mary, "Well, I declare!" Said Maria, "That settles me. And to think those verses Were in the Bible, and I never knew it!" Said Cousin Jane, "For pity's sake, let's Put on a new record. We need something to Liven us up." So she started the Victrola,

And began playing a lively song, Such as is supposed to drive away the blues.

Mrs. Barnes said she must be going, and Maria said, "Come again soon, so we can Have another talk." And Mary said, "Yes, Do." But Cousin Jane said not one word.

Are We a Democracy?

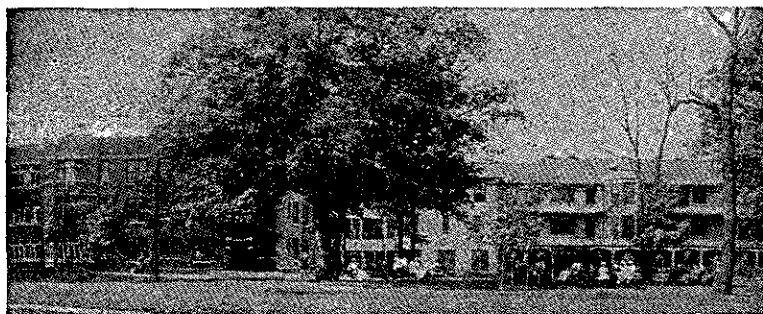
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govern this country? Is this country a government of them, for them and by them? *I think not.* And the *them* — the vote slackers — make up a very considerable portion of the population, if we may judge by the unsuccessful efforts to "get out the vote."

Now as nobody is competent to govern others until he can govern himself, a democracy, to be such in fact as well as in name, must consist of those who can and do govern themselves in civil affairs.

In the ideal democracy, in its simplest terms, and on a small scale, there would seem to be no need of penalties for violation of the laws. A round-table discussion would develop a set of regulations intended to be for the good of the entire community. Some of these regulations might restrict the liberties of certain of the citizens, and other regulations might qualify the liberties of others. But those who were thus restricted in their activities would yield cheerfully to the majority, providing it is for the good of all, and there would be no need of compulsion, or of punishment. Any member of the community who had to be compelled to yield by the display of force would no longer be ruler but ruled.

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cheerfully all the laws — are really a part of the concern, part of the “people,” of, by, and for whom the government exists and functions. A democracy in its ideal condition can be a government of, by, and for only such people as are self-governing in their private life, and are ready at all times to yield their private interests for the good of the whole.

It is true that the idea of such an ideal government is Utopian, and is never realized. Still every one who has at heart the principles of democracy will feel as keen an interest in observing the laws of the country, whether exactly to his taste or not, as he does to observe the regulations of his own family.

If this principle is understood, it will also be clear that people may be in the minority, and still be joint rulers, provided, and so long as, they accept the decision of the majority as their law, and abide cheerfully and loyally by it. That does not preclude their privilege of trying to win a majority to their way of thinking, and so have the law revised or rescinded. But so long as it is law, it is *their law*; and all loyal citizens will obey it in letter and spirit without the necessity of compulsion. Any who act otherwise, who are determined to have their own way regardless of the will of the majority, have none of the spirit of democracy, and in fact are in open rebellion against the law established by the majority, and logically are one with the criminal element.

RIGHT AND WRONG OPPOSITION

NOW, applying these principles concretely to the present situation: Those who believe that the liquor laws are unjust or fanatical, or whatever else they may think, if they are loyal American citizens, may freely express their opinions, and may do all in their power to secure a reversal of the Constitution and the liquor laws. But when they talk of “nullification,” or encourage others to break the law, and then say that it cannot be enforced, they are on ground dangerously near that with which Jackson and Lincoln had to deal.

When they argue that the laws ought to be repealed because they cannot be enforced, one wonders whether they would favor the repeal of the laws against banditry and murder in our large cities. Applying their logic to other forms of lawbreaking, the absurdity of the idea is apparent at once.

Perhaps at no time since the foundation of this government has the country been without its quota of hotheads who, if the laws did not happen to suit them, were ready for some form of nullification. Fortunately in most cases, better counsels prevailed. And it is to be hoped that the better element of the “wets” will see that the “rule or ruin” policy is one that in the past has played havoc with the country, and will not countenance, by word or deed, any violation of the law so long as it is law.

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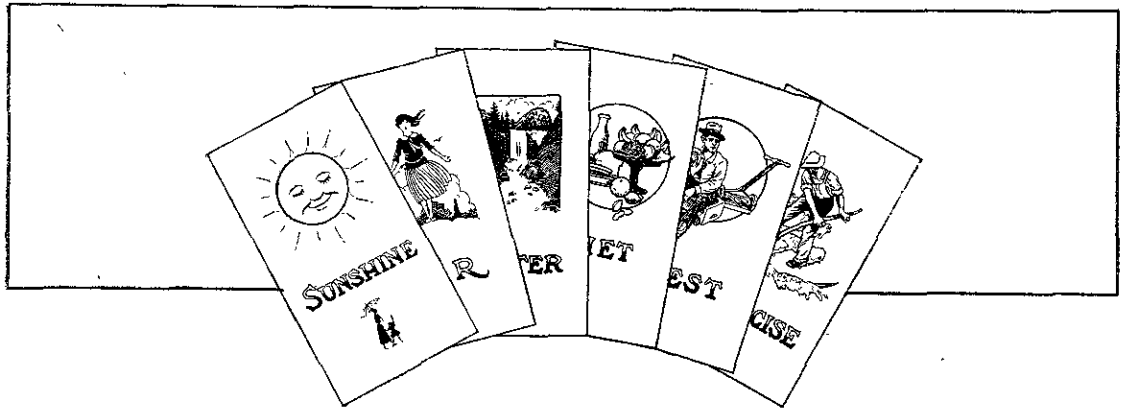
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