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## Shall We Modernize Religion?

EVERYWHERE ideas of religion are changing. One great reason commonly given for the evident failure of the churches to interest people in spiritual things is that religion has not been modernized along with social usages, education, commerce, and industry. It is said that the churches are behind the times. And who wants to be a back number nowadays?

We are urged to hold our religious views tentatively, "subject to change without notice," as the scientists do their scientific theories and findings. A belief that fails to do this is said to be doomed.

A writer in the *Christian Century* declares: "The teachings of science cannot be taken over as the teachings of religion; but the method of science for seeking truth must be taken over by the Christian religion as its method also for seeking truth."

We believe all this is insidious doctrine, calculated to undermine faith in God and His word. It is true that the logical method of science should be applied by Christians in an *interpretation* of statements of truth in the word of God, the Bible, the sole source of spiritual truth. But positive, settled, and eternal religious truth itself will never be discovered by aping the experimentation and reasoning and uncertainties of the scientific method. For our religious faith we want something sure and basic, right *now*; for we have to live *now*, and our *eternal* destiny depends on how we live and what we believe *now*.

We cannot arrive at immutable truth

by applying logical reasoning to the results of human experiment and experience and discovery. Such application has led to the theory of evolution, which is false, which gives the lie to revealed religion and which science is continually finding faulty and is changing. And if the scientific method leads to falsity in science, it would lead to falsity in religion.

God very clearly defines the proper method of approach to Him and to religious truth. He says, "He that cometh to God must *believe*." Hebrews 11:6. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2: 14.) He that comes to science must *doubt*. Scientific truth is *sought by doubting a theory*. Religious truth is *found by believing an Authority*.

We do not decry experiment and logic in the search for the truths of natural science. Doubtless in the majority of cases it leads to absolute truth. But where the Bible does commit itself on a fact of science—and it does do so in some cases where scientific fact overlaps religious truth or is used to illustrate spiritual things—then its statement is more to be depended upon than all the tentative theories and shifting "facts" that scientists can bring to bear.

Yes, modernize religion in the sense of adapting its methods to modern needs and viewpoints; but this does not, and need not, involve changing its doctrines and blasting its foundations. And this last is just what Modernists are doing. True Protestant Christianity fits every age, including the millennium and eternity.

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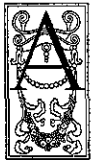


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There are many ways of spreading propaganda. One favored method in the large cities is to stage huge parades, and flaunt flaming posters

# PROPAGANDA

*The truth about camouflage and "officialized falsehood." The world likes to be humbugged. Where and when the whole thing started,—and where it will end*



CLEVER phrase-builder once observed that "when war is declared, truth is the first casualty." Vividly do we recall the portrayal of atrocities committed in Belgium, of the brutal deeds of submarine officers, and of the campaign of "frightfulness" waged by aircraft upon defenseless cities and innocent, peaceful citizens in their homes. The proportion of fact to fiction in those stories will perhaps never be known. That was immaterial. They were employed to inflame passions, produce "collective hysteria," create sympathy among neutrals, and confound the enemy.

In a recent article in the *Saturday Evening Post* entitled "Nationalistic Business," Isaac F. Marcossin refutes the popular notion that vicious propaganda "ceased with the Armistice," or that "officialized falsehood" is a thing of the past. Speaking of the "fervid nationalism that has swept Europe" since the war, he says:

"The orgy of self-determination, which created so many new states, fostered an unwarranted idea of economic self-sufficiency on one hand and a no

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less unfounded idea of self-importance on the other. Out of this distorted and exaggerated state of mind grew the numerous trade barriers, such as tariffs, restrictions, controls, and quotas that so long impeded the European return to normalcy. . . . These barriers inspire bitter trade war and economic propaganda as well."

For a certain kind of national advertising that is partly political, partly economic, the various governments appropriate many millions of dollars. Germany for instance, spends vast funds in publishing to the world that she is too poor to pay the war indemnity demanded. The nations of Europe, with their propaganda machines well oiled, open war upon American films, American autos, and American "trade aggression" in general. In this offensive, both of the war-time belligerent camps are united. Hence, as this writer remarks, "One touch of propaganda has made all Europe kin"; and from almost every part of that continent comes an outcry against

the so-called "Americanization of Europe," and an attempted "economic mastery of the world." Latin America, too, views our growing commerce with apprehension, and warns against the "imperialism of the United States."

#### WORLD-WIDE

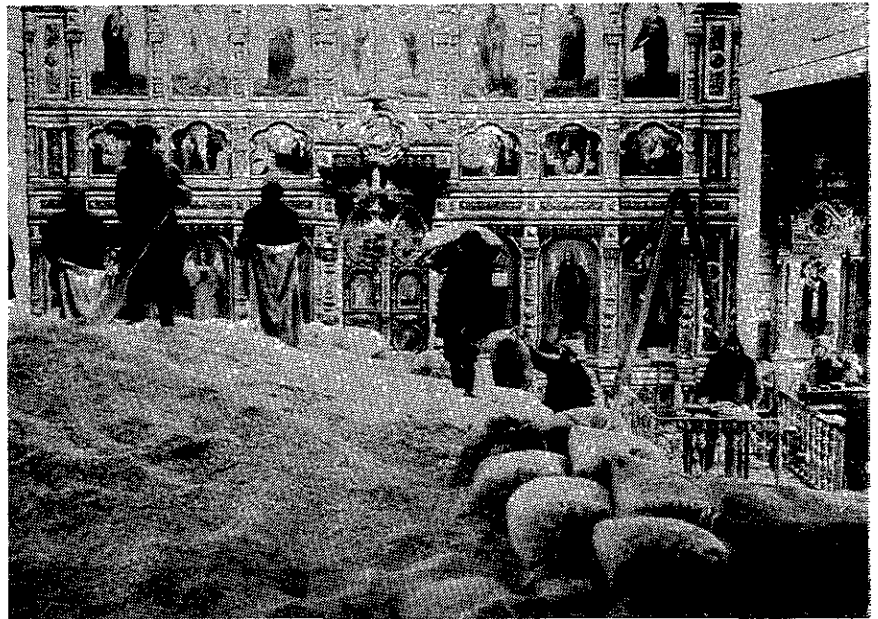
SO MUCH by way of illustration. Today almost every country on the globe is flooded with some wholesome, some pernicious, propaganda. Nations, banks, labor unions, legions of industries, rival schools of medicine, religious cults, quacks, fanatics, and ambitious promoters of every description, with most of whom selfish motives predominate, are employing every effort to "sell" their ideas to the world. Financial interests often control the news agencies, dictating what may be published and what shall be suppressed. Eminent authors are at times found on the pay rolls of powerful corporations and trusts. For money, doctors write their endorsement of certain foods and drugs; while for a like favor, world celebrities give their testimonials to some brand of the poisonous cigarette as though it were a life saver.

Barnum, for many years our country's greatest showman, used to say that "the American people like to be humbugged." Mr. Marcossou expresses it thus: "Propaganda, whether war, political, or economic, thrives on a universal human weakness. People apparently like to believe the worst, and they often get the worst to the limit in a propaganda diet. The thirst for misinformation seems to be as great as the desire for information. The propagandist capitalizes the defect."

The original piece of propaganda launched in our world was ostensibly concerning a certain fruit advertised by the "Father of lies" as "good for food." Our first parents sold out to the deceiver, put a mortgage on their home, and from Adam's time onward every succeeding generation has been paying both principal and compound interest. Man may work to the limit; he may employ supreme will power and energy; yet so far as his own efforts are concerned, the debt can never be liquidated. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can atone for sin.

In the beginning, God gave man life on condition of obedience. Should he sin, there was but one mandate, "Thou shalt surely die." Yet Eve accepted the faker's statement: "Ye shall not surely die"; and in spite of the tragic results to our first parents, in spite of the fact that death has reigned supreme through sixty centuries, the great multitudes of earth

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*International Newsreel*

The Soviet government of Russia, as part of its propaganda against Christianity and God, uses the churches for the storing of grain

still believe that first great criminal falsehood that somehow man will "not surely die."

Selfish, ambitious hearts are ready to "believe a lie," especially when it is altogether pleasing; and this original root has grown into a prolific tree that almost fills the earth. While the Bible asserts, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," Satan has deceived men into believing that there is no death, that what seems to be death is only a gateway to more life, increased knowledge, and greater happiness. In utter contradiction to the word of God, millions believe and sing: "Our souls will never die."

#### THE TRUNK AND THE BRANCHES

"IMMORTALITY of the soul"—a doctrine wholly unscriptural—is as the trunk of that mighty tree, while the conscious state of the dead is the first fruitful bough. Many texts of Holy Writ assure us that "the dead know not anything," that what we term death is but as a sound "sleep," followed by an awakening or resurrection, at which time the rewards and punishments are bestowed. (Ecclesiastes 9: 5; John 5: 28, 29; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17.)

But many religions thrive best upon false propaganda. If Satan can deceive men into believing that death to the wicked is the door into purgatory or eternal misery, he can easily capitalize their superstitious fears. Before death, men and women, whether they be Mohammedans, Buddhists, Taoists, Shintoists, Brahmans, fire worshipers, Greek Catholic, or Roman Catholics, are willing to make generous offerings to the church if they can thus escape the almost inevitable "Hades." After their death, their friends take up the burden, and frequently make costly gifts in their behalf. Thus does priesthood fatten upon ignorance and credulity.

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It was almost altogether by means of newspaper propoganda that enormous crowds were drawn to the grave of Father Power at Malden, Mass., with the hope of being miraculously healed

Some, like the Universalists, seem entirely to ignore that "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6: 23.) They cannot harmonize a God of love with an abode of everlasting torment, hence go to the other extreme and teach that all, irrespective of sin or righteousness, vileness or virtue, law-breaking or law-abiding, will be saved in the heavenly kingdom. Thus no matter from which side of the pathway men may be driven off into error, the devil's purpose is served, and he is well pleased.

Again, if the dead pass immediately to their rewards, what can be the occasion of a resurrection? What is the meaning of the statement that God "hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world"? And why would there be a necessity for a second coming of Christ? The reader will readily see that if the first lie is believed, the future judgment is but a fancy, and the glorious truth of Christ's return to raise His sleeping children and gather the righteous living is but a vain hope. But praise be to God, a vision of the cross and its meaning, and a knowledge of the many promises of Scripture concerning the second appearing of King Jesus, give unshaken confidence to all who know their Bible and their God.

#### FACSIMILE OF ANCIENT SORcery

**M**ODERN Spiritualism, a facsimile of ancient sorcery and witchcraft, is another outgrowth from the tree of Satanic falsehood. Men like Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle argue that if the spirits of our departed friends are ever "hovering round," they should be able to talk with us through chosen individuals known as mediums. With numerous others, they claim to have participated in such

communion. The world listens with curiosity; but to the student of Scripture all is clear. First: "the spokesman on the other end of the line" cannot be a representative from the dead, because the Bible declares that the dead "know not anything," and that their very thoughts have "perished." Second: the professed "friends" with whom Spiritualists commune cannot be good angels or heavenly spirits, because those good beings do not traffic in lies. Third: the Bible tells us that Satan and the angels who were cast out of heaven with him employ this identical method of deception. (2 Corinthians 11: 13-15.) Hence we know that the mutterings of mediums and spirits in the darkened seance chamber is but communication with the serpent of Paradise and

his lying spirits, who assume other forms to deceive.

Other limbs of the tree, like Theosophy and Christian Science, may to a casual glance appear very beautiful. But closely examine such twigs as these: "God is good, therefore good is God"; and "God is all, therefore all is God." Here again we detect the subtle philosophy and craftiness of the wily foe who invaded Eden; and we recall the divine warning: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5: 8.

For almost six thousand years the tree of knowledge of good and evil has been growing, and today it casts its shadow over every land and nation upon the globe. Physically, mentally, and morally the world is under heavy tribute to him who said, "Ye shall not surely die." "But," says one, "there is some good and some beauty in all religions." True; with an ugly thorn tree and without enticing fruit or foliage, Satan would entrap few victims. He always advertises his wares and his project as charming, sweet, and desirable. And note: it is a tree of *both* good and evil. Here is the subtlety, the danger. The fruit, while seemingly delicious, contains a fatal poison. We should eat from the tree of life—not from the other, where good and evil are mixed.

How may we distinguish? Take one modern illustration: It is estimated that two thirds of the films shown in the movies are more or less wholesome, while the remainder fairly reek with debauchery, crime, and vice. But this pernicious third so permeates the entire atmosphere of the movie theater, that the only safe course for the Christian is to remain away. (Continued on page 34)



# Shall AMERICA Have

*This is the first of two vital articles on the purported cures at the grave of Father Power in Malden, Massachusetts, written by our correspondent on the spot*

**M**ORE than a million pilgrims in two weeks near the close of 1929 visited the tomb of an obscure Catholic priest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Mass. They represented all walks of life and all conditions of society. There were to be seen the sick, the crippled, the devout, the curious, and the openly skeptical. Whole pages of the press of Boston were given to discussion of the phenomena, and the assertion was made that not only the attention of America but of the entire world had been focused upon this heretofore unknown grave. Everywhere the questions were being asked: Who is this priest? What has caused the present interest in his grave? Have there really been healings there? What is the meaning of such a pilgrimage in modern America and in industrial New England, of all places? One long-time resident of New England comments: "New England has ceased to be interested in the real issues of life and is concerned not in establishing new industries, but in building cathedrals and shrines, in commemorating the past, while others are doing her share of the world's work."

In order to have a clear understanding of a demonstration in New England that sounds like a story from the Middle Ages, or from some all-Catholic country of Europe, it is necessary to know more of how it all started.

Father Patrick J. Power, the orphaned son of Irish parents, was brought to this country in early

childhood by his uncle. He studied for the priesthood in Quebec, but died of tuberculosis in 1869 at the age of twenty-five, never having held a regular charge. The public knew nothing about him until late in the autumn of the past year, when from one of the Catholic altars in Malden the announcement was made that, for the past thirty years, miracles had been reported at the grave of Father Power.

The newspapers seized a promising news sensation and played it up, and then the rush began. Throngs gathered at his grave, eager first to dip their hands in the supposed holy water that had accumulated in the chalice chiseled in the tablet above his grave. When this water was gone, the lack was supplied by industrious lads, who carried it in pails from a near-by well. This supply proving inadequate, the devout simply touched the tablet above his grave with bottles of holy water secured in their own churches, after which they were hurried along by files of police that handled the long queues leading to and from his grave. In the beginning the devout scooped handfuls of soil from his grave and carried it away with them, but this was finally forbidden, and they were only permitted after leaving their offering at the grave to repair to the cemetery chapel, where for a stipulated sum a candle was obtainable the lighting of which constituted an act of devotion, the worshiper meanwhile praying for personal healing or the healing of a friend.



Wide World Photos

A few of the thousands who stood in line in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, Mass., expecting to be healed at Father Power's grave

# ANOTHER SHRINE?

By James Earl Shultz

According to the newspapers, many cures were claimed, but none of these have been authenticated, while the best medical minds class them as mental cures, etc. It is freely asserted that some who had not been ill went to the shrine simply for the thrill, and claimed healing; but for one in that vast concourse to openly question the genuineness of the cures would have meant to court physical danger.

## PRAYERS TO A HUMAN BEING

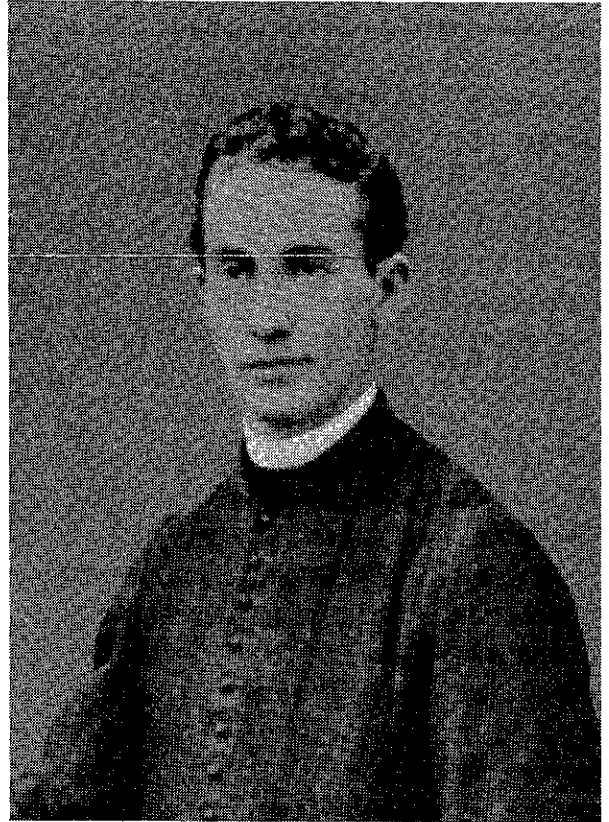
AMONG the devout were those who prayed aloud to Father Power and implored his aid in their recovery. Some who could not come reported cures when praying to the dead priest, as the following dispatch will show: "Unable to visit the shrine because of her condition, Elizabeth Mason, twenty-five, of Portsmouth, R. I., was cured of a spine and hip disease at her home through prayers to Father Power, she claims. Miss Mason removed her braces, without which she was previously helpless, and walked a distance of a half mile."

Among those who came to the grave for healing, one Samuel Salk, of Long Branch, N. J., told how he saw a vision of Father Power's face on two different occasions the previous week. He said that he had heard the vision say, "Come to see me!" And that he made up his mind to visit the grave. He had been suffering from arthritis for four years, and stated that he was able to take a few steps unassisted for the first time.

People of social prominence in Massachusetts were seen praying at the grave. Cardinal O'Connell, the dean of Catholic princes in America, visited the grave, but canon law prevented his giving his opinion concerning the reported healings. His brother, who is sexton of Catholic cemeteries in this diocese, was equally guarded in his observations for the same reason.

With the approach of New England winter weather the cemetery was closed to all but funeral processions after November 25. The great iron gates were securely fastened, while four mounted state police employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the charter of which recognizes the total separation of church and state, enforce a canon law. Strange anomaly this—that once-Puritan Massachusetts should assign its police force to the responsibility of enforcing a canon law of the Catholic Church. During this time of enforced absence from the grave the body has been removed to a new shrine near the cemetery chapel, which is surrounded by a high wire fence to prevent worship until the genuineness of reported cures has been established. The Boston

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Patrick J. Power, at whose grave healing is said to reside

*Post*, November 24, said: "It was pointed out by those who have at least a superficial knowledge of the subject that in prohibiting the public worship of 'a servant of God' before his beatification, the Cardinal was simply obeying the laws of his Church.

## PROCESS OF BECOMING A SAINT

TO SECURE beatification, most important and difficult step in the process of canonization, regular procedure begins with the choice of a vice-postulator, to promote all judicial inquiries necessary in places outside of Rome. Such inquiries are instituted by the local episcopal authority, in the present case Cardinal O'Connell. Next in order comes the preparation of inquiry regarding the reputation for sanctity and miracles of the 'servant of God,' not only in general, but also in particular instances. It is in connection with this step that the Congregation of Rights at Rome will be particularly alert to see that the law has been obeyed with respect to the 'prohibition of public worship prior to beatification.' The results of these inquiries are forwarded to Rome, where subsequent steps are taken leading to (1) beatification and (2) canonization. 'Beatification' is a 'permission to venerate' granted by the Roman Pontiff with restriction (*Cont. on page 33*)

# The DEVIL Told the First LIE

*Billions of people in all history  
believed it to be the truth, and  
millions of Christians today  
still believe it is the truth.*

*What IS the truth?*

“**Y**E SHALL *not* surely die.” Thus spoke the serpent to the woman as she stood gazing at the tree of forbidden fruit. Although this statement was similar to the one God had spoken to the pair, Satan was able to change the entire meaning by the insertion of one little word. Through all the ages the great deceiver has carried on his nefarious work by employing a form of religion reasonable and acceptable to credulous people, but contrary to God’s precepts. His methods of deception are not new. They are centuries old, revised and modernized to suit the fanciful ideas of the present age. Spiritualism, the most powerful weapon Satan possesses, is fast gaining entrance into Christian circles. Paul’s statement is one that needs no comment, for many are “giving heed to seducing spirits.”

Spiritualism was founded in the garden of Eden through the most subtle of all creatures, the serpent. Satan, who gained control of the serpent and caused it to deceive the woman, is still closely associated with this great movement. Every medium has given himself mind and body to the control of evil spirits. Although Spiritualism has in the past never gained such prominence in the Christian world as it holds today, yet we have records of spirit manifestations many centuries ago. Both sacred and profane writers have left recorded for us the mysteries of the unseen world as taught by Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, and Rome.

One interesting seance is King Saul’s interview with the witch of Endor. Because of his persistent disobedience, divine assistance was not given him. In despair the king sought aid from familiar spirits. While he was in this state of mind, evil spirits found it an easy matter to deceive him. Saul never saw

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*International Newsreel*

To people who are expecting spirits, the spirits seem to appear. Photo of the flowers on a grave, showing to the left of the center what appears to be a human face. Is this a spirit picture?

the form of Samuel; but the medium described an old man, and Saul “perceived” that it was the aged prophet. It is not logical to believe that after God had refused to give Israel’s king aid, He would allow His trusted servant to be “brought up” to give the wicked king counsel. If one believes that it was Samuel’s spirit, he repudiates the teachings of the Bible.

Another account is that of Periander, a great tyrant of Corinth. He sought the spirit of his murdered wife for information concerning some money. The spirit refused to disclose any details until the tyrant carried out certain evil plans. They were horrible, and the results show that the man had had intercourse with vile, unclean, evil spirits.

Croesus, wealthy king of Lydia, became alarmed at the growing power of the Persians. Not knowing what course to take, he looked to the oracles for advice. After considerable testing he found one that seemed to be reliable. Acting on the instructions received, Croesus made war upon the Persians; but contrary to his expectations, his foes conquered.

In Rome, Spiritualism was as prominent as it was

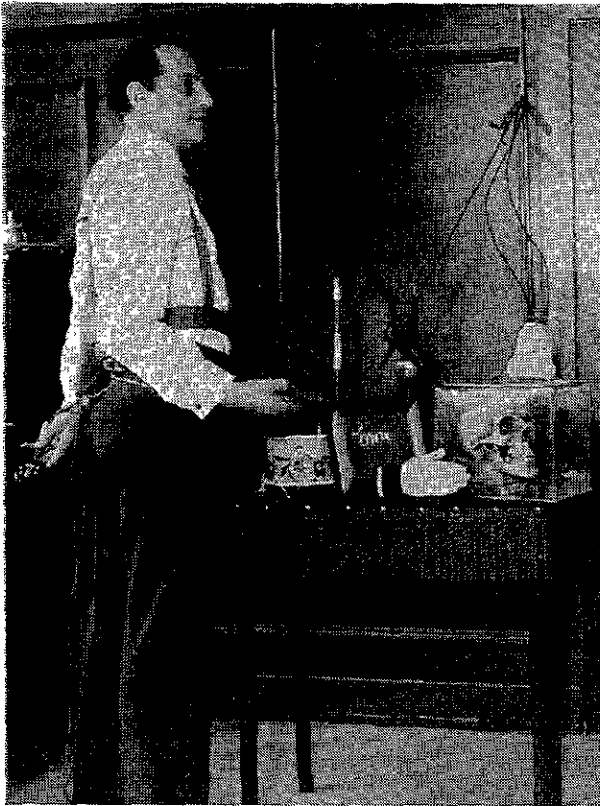
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## By Murray W. Deming

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Every effort is being made by modern science to expose the work of fake spirit mediums. This man, Joseph Dunninger, claims that all spirit manifestations are simply tricks, and that he can reproduce most of them in broad daylight. He is here shown with some of the tools with which he does his exposing and imitating of the mediums

in Greece. Departed kings and rulers and conquerors became great deities and were worshiped by the people. Shrines were built to them; and from these shrines oracles gave answers to questions.

During Christ's ministry on the earth, evil spirits were working among the people. The power that enabled Him to rebuke the spirits and free those held in bondage is sufficient to establish His divinity. The spirits recognized Christ as the Son of God, and they begged Him to show them mercy. Several instances may be cited, such as that of Mary Magdalene, who had seven devils, the demoniac of Capernaum, and the insane man of the tombs.

### MODERN REVIVAL OF SPIRITUALISM

FROM the time of Christ, Spiritualism has been looked upon by Christians as having questionable associations, but the recent progress of the doctrine is remarkable. We have seen that Spiritualism existed among the ancients; let us now review briefly the origin of this modern doctrine.

A farmer by the name of Fox lived in Hydesville, New York. The house into which he and his family had recently moved was disturbed by peculiar noises. At first they attributed these sounds to the wind or to rats and mice. They soon discovered, however, that the rappings were distinct and intelligible.

One night after the family had retired, the rappings began with greater violence than usual. Mr. Fox, thinking it might be the window sashes, rose to close them more tightly. His young daughter noticed that when her father rattled the sash the rapping seemed to reply. With an attitude of mockery and defiance, the girl snapped her fingers and exclaimed, "Hère, Old Splitfoot, do as I do." Instantly the rapping responded clearly and distinctly. This frightened the girls and for some time they refrained from playing with the spirits. But the mother became interested and was soon receiving messages from the other world. Neighbors were attracted to the Fox home, and regular seances were instituted in which communications were held, supposedly with the dead. And modern Spiritualism from this small beginning has spread throughout the United States.

### REASONS FOR SPIRITUALISM'S POPULARITY

THERE are many reasons for the rapidity of this movement. In the doctrine of the Modernist, sin and the present evil are denied. The devil is considered a myth, and spoken of only as a means of coercing the waywardness of youth. Another modern teaching that favors Spiritualism is the doctrine of no personal God, but only of a Supreme Being, of whom everything in the world is a part. Thus, instead of making the world dependent upon God, Modernism makes our Creator's existence dependent upon the world. With sin, Satan, and a personal God abolished, the path is open for the arch deceiver to carry on his work of deception unmolested and no questions asked. The late war has done much to propagate Spiritualistic doctrines. Mothers, fathers, and sisters, stricken with grief by the loss of sons or brothers, have found temporary relief by yielding to the call of the medium. The Spiritualist advances with a beautiful story, telling how the spirit of the dead son is in the next world, happy and contented. This same medium asserts that he can cause this spirit to speak comforting words to those left behind. The average parent, blinded by sorrow and lacking a thorough knowledge of Bible truth, may be easily deceived. Satan, who has been studying the weaknesses of human nature for nearly six thousand years, knows when his deceptions will be accepted unreservedly.

We have seen how Spiritualism has advanced. Now let us consider some plain facts and figures. Under the guise of a true religion, this organization has erected large and beautiful churches throughout the world. It has been estimated that Spiritualism embraces a membership of over fifteen million. These, of course, are in the so-called Christian nations; but if we take into consideration the many heathen peoples that believe in the conscious state of the dead, the above figure (Continued on page 30)

# The GLORY of a Free Land

*The United States of America as a factor in the progress of liberty in religion*

(Fourth in a series on "The Struggle for Religious Liberty")

By Guy H. Winslow

AND I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." In these words the prophet John, exiled on the isle of Patmos, a martyr in the struggle for religious

liberty, introduces a new nation taking its place among the powers of earth. Many noted Bible students take the position that the "beast" referred to here is the United States of America.

If this interpretation be true, and we believe that it is, there are three points of vital interest in connection with this prophecy. In the first place, this power rose out of the earth, the only case in all Bible prophecy where a nation is said to come up out of the earth. In the second place, while other nations, as seen by various prophets, have the ferocious characteristics of the bear, the lion, and the leopard, the striking feature of this one is the two horns of a lamb. And finally, while it came up from the earth in a quiet, peaceful manner, without struggle and without conflict, and while it was characterized by the two lamblike horns, it spake with all the fierceness and bitterness of the dragon.

## DIFFERENT

IT WOULD be impossible for human language to express the most vital factor in the history of the United States and in the struggle for civil and religious liberty in the New World with greater force than is used in the simple phrase of the prophet, "coming up out of

the earth." It has been pointed out in a former article that entire freedom in civil, social, and religious

spheres was impossible in the Old World. To a large degree this was due to the fact that there was no free land. Or shall we say because the institutions of the Old World rested on land monopoly. The church, the monastery, the absolute monarchy, the nobility, the clergy, all rested on land ownership. One's relation to the land determined one's position throughout life. And since in many countries the owner of land was forbidden to divide his estate, this condition persisted in many states in Europe until it was more or less broken up following the World War.

## FREE LAND

WHEN the European, dissatisfied with economic, social, political, or religious conditions — and usually with more than one of these — left the land of his fathers to seek a home for himself and his posterity in a new world, the relative importance of the factors that molded him changed. He was forced to leave behind many of his former customs, habits, and institutions; and while he himself was a product of a civilization resting on land monopoly, and while he seldom materially changed his outlook on this life and his views of the future, there before him were



*Ewing Galloway, N. Y.*

Below this statue in front of the state house in Boston, is the following inscription: "In memory of Anne Marbury Hutchinson, baptized at Alford, Lincolnshire, England, July, 1591. Killed by Indians at East Chester, New York, 1645. A courageous exponent of civil liberty and religious toleration."

millions of acres of free land onto which those discontented with local conditions might migrate, and which thus acted as a great leveling force — that force which actually pulled down would-be autocrats and which lifted up those of lowly birth to the equal of any man. It was under these conditions that the struggle for liberty and freedom continued in a new land in which eventually there was developed the highest degree of tolerance and unrestricted activity, which as a result has produced the most powerful, the richest, the happiest nation in human history.

#### FREE PRINCIPLES

THE following quotation emphasizes the difference between the origin and development of this nation and that of less favored peoples:

"It is now not a barbarous multitude pouncing upon old and decrepit empires, not a violent concussion of tribes accompanied by all the horrors of general destruction, but we see the vigorous elements of all nations . . . peaceably congregating and mingling together on virgin soil; . . . led together by the irresistible attraction of free and broad principles; undertaking to commence a new era in the history of the world, without first destroying the results of the progress of past periods; undertaking to found a cosmopolitan nation without marching over the dead bodies of slain millions."

The following words from the late Theodore Roosevelt show the influence of frontier life on the various races that early settled in what is now the United States:

"A single generation passed under the hard conditions of life in the wilderness was enough to weld together into one people the representatives of these numerous and widely different races, and the children of the next generation became indistinguishable from one another. Long before the first Continental Congress assembled, the backwoodsmen, whatever their blood, had become Americans, one in speech, thought, and character, clutching firmly the land on which their fathers and grandfathers had lived before them. They lost all remembrance of Europe and all sympathy with things European; they had become as emphatically products native to the soil as were the tough and supple hickories out of which they fashioned the handles of their long, light axes."

The philosophy of these people is summed up by Mr. Ambler in the following words:

"The Germans and Scotch-Irish brought . . . the sacred traditions of the years of religious wars, which



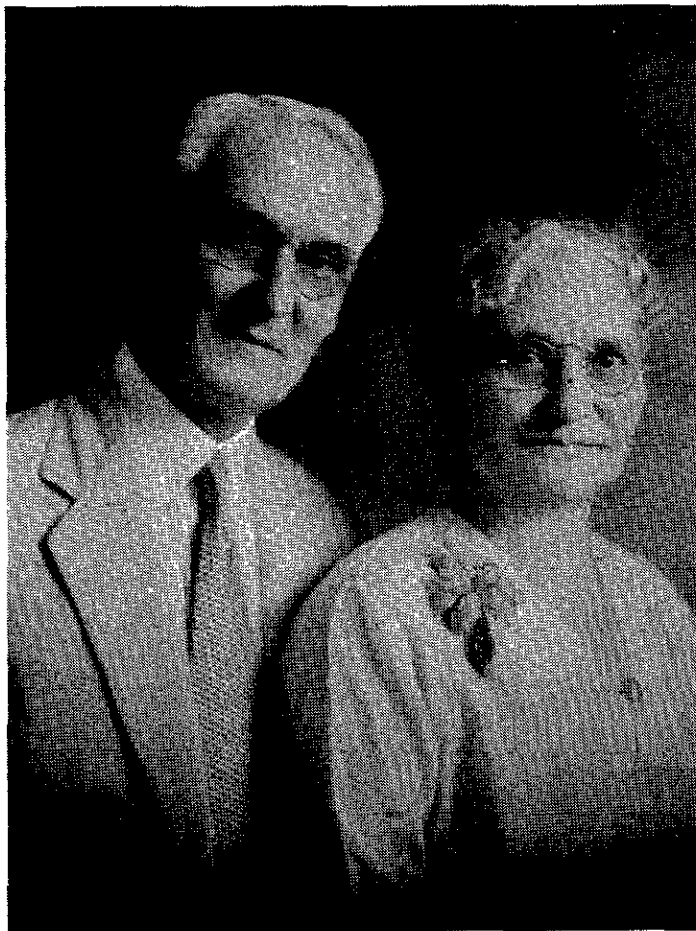
*Underwood & Underwood*

In the days of the famous Paul Revere, our forefathers fought valiantly for civil and religious liberty

taught hatred to an established church, antipathy to a government by the privileged, and a love for civic and personal liberty. To the Scotch-Irish, the political leaders, civil liberty meant freedom of person, the right of fee-simple possession, and an open door to civic honors. They believed that free lands make free peoples who had a perfect right to form a free government."

It must be remembered, however, that free people and free government were not secured in the new world without a struggle. The leaders in the Massachusetts Bay Colony established the same intolerance, persecution, and repression as those from which they had escaped. But the struggle from now on, while involving the same factors — that is, the attempt on the part of the individual to secure the right to think, act, investigate, and choose for himself as opposed to autocracy and theocracy — developed along different lines. In general it was now a struggle between the newer settlement in the back country, and the older communities on the seaboard.

It was the Watertown settlement that first raised in America the cry, "No taxation without representation," and who because of the determined stand that they took forced the Boston government, the General Court, to establish a chamber of deputies, which eventually became the House of Representatives. It was the people of Salisbury who freed the Quakers from the tail of the cart by which they had been drawn from town to town on that cold winter day, stripped to the waist and lashed in each village square. It was the people of the back country in Virginia and North Carolina who forced the aristocracy of the tide water to (Continued on page 35)



Dr. Daniel H. Kress and his wife. They also tried a diet experiment, but not for one year. Forty-three years ago they started on a meatless diet, and have adhered to it ever since. They are now hale and hearty at nearly threescore years and ten. We wonder if forty-three years of meat eating would have accomplished the same result

**C**ONSIDERABLE prominence was given by the public press a short time ago to the experiments of Stefansson and Anderson, the Arctic explorers who succeeded in demonstrating that it is possible to subsist on a meat diet for an entire year. They were said to have been in excellent health when they began this experiment, and from the reports obtained there were no visible evidences of their having been injured by it. It was fortunate that these men, who had lived an out-of-door life for years, were in robust health before they began their experiment. Not one out of twenty ordinary mortals could possibly have been able to survive on such a regime.

Dr. Hindehede, who was food administrator in Denmark during the war, has made extensive experiments with non-flesh diets. He tells of a diet made up of "cabbage soup, with potatoes, eaten together with bread, mostly whole-grain bread," upon which two of his men subsisted for "eight hundred and thirty-five days, or more than two years." One of the men put on "twenty-five pounds in weight during the first nine weeks of this experiment." They were then tried on "whole rye bread

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# The CASE

*The Arctic explorers, Stefansson and Anderson, recently lived for an entire year on a strictly flesh diet. And they were said to have been as well when they ended the test as when they began it. What do vegetarians have to say about that? Be it known by all that THE WATCHMAN does not stand for vegetarianism as a religious doctrine, but as a physical benefit*

By Daniel H. Kress, M. D.

and prunes cooked together with sugar and starch, a dish that is much used in Denmark in summer. Two men lived on such a diet half a year and felt very well. Their working power was, as shown by tests, unusual. One of them walked two hundred sixty-two miles in four days and without training before."

For months Dr. Hindehede himself lived on potatoes and margarine alone. His assistant, he tells us, "lived this way for seventeen years." He says: "In 1926 I made a visit to the western part of Ireland. I found there the poorest people I have ever met. I had dinner with them, a dinner consisting of potatoes and of potatoes alone, without butter, gravy, or bacon. We were offered some butter-milk to drink with it. The evening meal was usually the same. In the morning and afternoon they had bread, a little butter, and some strong tea—the same every day. On this diet I found the strongest and healthiest people in the whole of Ireland, and I believe in the whole of England."

Again referring to his experiments he says: "Two of us lived for eight months on very coarse whole-wheat bread and vegetable margarine. On this diet we felt unusually well. Then we tried to live on ordinary white bread, but after three weeks we felt so weak and dizzy that we were scarcely able to walk." He says: "We also tried to live on meat alone. But when we had lived on lean meat cooked or roasted three times a day, in only three days we were so ill that none of us could continue." It is quite evident from this that an all-meat diet is not to be recommended, even if two men — robust men who were hard to kill — succeeded in demonstrating that it is possible to continue on it for one year.

Arnold Lorand, M. D., in his latest book, "Health and Longevity Through Rational Diet," says on page 16 of the influence of food on man: "When a

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# AGAINST FLESH DIET

meat-eater has a heavy load to carry, he soon becomes over-heated, perspires, and very soon grows tired. It is quite otherwise with the carbohydrate-eating vegetarian who does not suffer in the same way — a fact which I myself tested by experimenting with various kinds of food. The vegetarians are able to continue certain kinds of work, such as marching, rowing, etc., much longer than meat-eaters, without being so fatigued, even after a very long period of activity. . . . Incredible feats [are] performed by the Congo Negroes and other vegetarian tribes. . . . A Congo Negro carried a letter from Lukungu to Matadi in one day, a distance of 100 kilometers (over 60 miles) and another Negro carried the letter on from Matadi to Leopoldville, another stretch of 100 kilometers, also in one day. When we consider that this was over untrodden roads — the feats must be regarded as most remarkable.”

## PEACE AND GOOD NERVES

“ANOTHER advantage of a diet largely vegetarian,” he tells us, “lies in the fact that nervousness is, in general, less prevalent among people living upon such food than in those who are meat-eaters. . . . Nations leading a vegetarian life are of a peaceful nature. The individuals are also much better able to control themselves. . . . The meat-eating European does not appear to good advantage beside them in this respect; he is very nervous, easily excited, and does not take the trouble to control himself; he shows his bad temper at once. . . . If the main objective point of progress among mankind were peacefulness and quiet,” he tells us, “an exclusive vegetarian diet would be the best way to attain this result. A quieting influence is exerted upon the mind by such a diet, and violent criminals may be subdued by means of it.”

El Anapi, the young Arab who captured the marathon blue ribbon of the 1928 Olympic, is a strict vegetarian. Referring to his remarkable victory, the *Detroit Free Press* said: “He sauntered into the dressing room after his victory breathing normally and with not so much as a single bead of perspiration showing on his face.” After a rubdown by his masseur, he “jumped up, dressed hurriedly, and sauntered out into the stadium grounds, appearing more as if he were about to start a marathon race than as one who had just finished one of the most grueling in Olympic history.”

Referring to the other contestants it says, “Other marathoners were coming into the dressing room, most of them staggering, some of them looking more dead than alive, and collapsing upon their entrance. All of them were gasping for breath.”

Madame Galli-Curci, the famous singer, says: “My luncheon and dinner are almost as simple as



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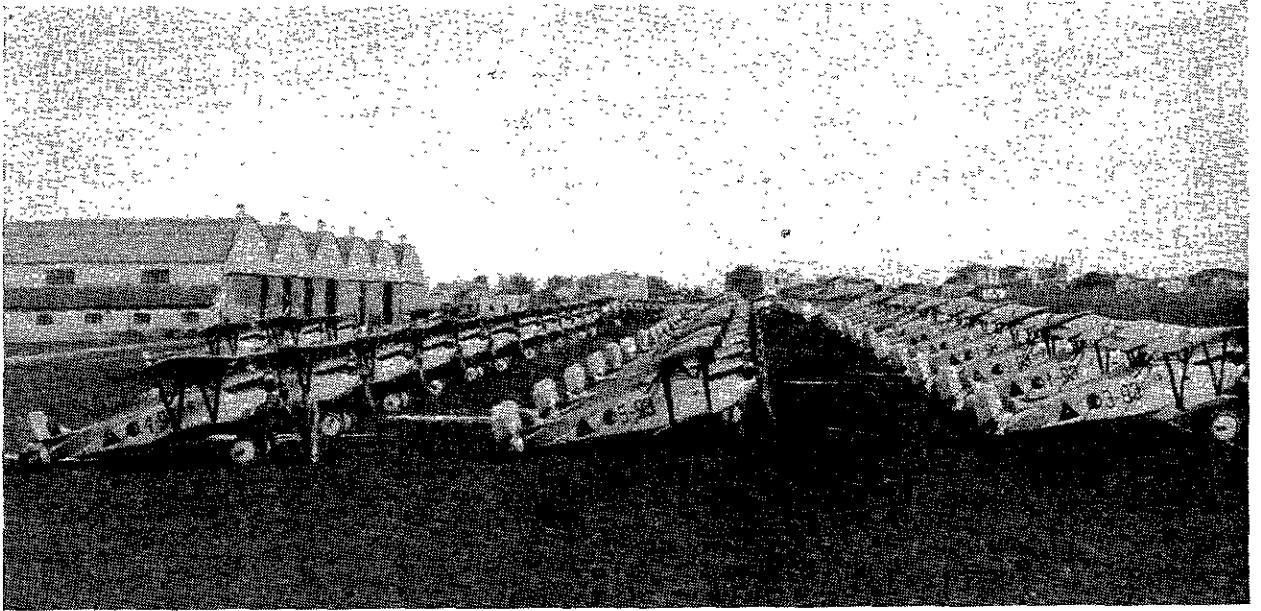
Arctic Explorer Stefansson, who, with a companion, lived for a year on nothing but a flesh diet

my breakfast, for I may as well confess that I am practically a vegetarian. Of course, I do not lay down the law and declare it is necessary for the aspiring vocalist to abstain from eating meat. I only know that by constant watching over my diet and the after-effects it has on my voice and constitution, I have found that vegetables and fresh fruits are the best foods for maintaining good health and keeping the vocal cords in excellent condition.”

## LIVER NOT SAFE

DR. LOUIS H. NEWBURGH, Professor of Clinical Investigation of the University of Michigan, conducted a series of experiments to ascertain the effect of a diet of flour, bran, and meat on the health of rats, which are omnivorous and very resistant to disease. Of the results to the kidneys of the rats of feeding them animal protein he says, “In eight months casein produced a degree of injury, . . . beef roughly three times as much, and the liver protein very much more.” He says further that “animals that were continued on these diets showed further injury with again the same striking difference — the least injury from casein, much more injury from beef protein, whereas all the animals fed on liver protein were dead before the first year was out.” (Continued on page 32)





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A part of Italy's air fleet. When the battleships are scrapped, the airships will fight more effectively

# Can Distrust Bring Disarmament?

*At the London Naval Conference the diplomats of the world powers spar for position, and ask each other for help to let go*

By William G. Wirth



I am penning this article in the psychological atmosphere of joy, good cheer, and fraternal peace. On all sides, from closest loved ones, dear friends, and neighbors are coming the words: "A Happy New Year!" As I have gladly returned this wish to those who have given it to me, and bestowed it on others out of the joyful and hopeful buoyancy of the season, I have thought deeply on the world's profound need for this desired happiness. But, alas, what we have all said on our lips and felt in our hearts, we know will not be so in fact in this old world of ours. There will still go on the mourner's cry, the sufferer's moan. There will still be disappointment and trouble. The only "happy" time will be when the Prince of peace comes to take over the affairs of this world at His return. We rejoice that this is not far away. In these closing days of earth's history, we think of those significant closing words of the Master himself: "Behold, I come quickly"; and there springs up in our hearts the response of John: "Amen: come, Lord Jesus."

Let me continue with the Five-Power Naval Conference, which by this time is in session in London, England. If Japan presents difficulties to be solved in this endeavor for world concord, certainly Italy also presents them. One of the outstanding features of the past decade is the prestige

of this South European state under the able leadership of its dictator, Mussolini. While Italy was considered one of the big powers of the world under Orlando, Nitti, and other of its leaders, it has remained for this converted Socialist to make it emphatically and undeniably so. Before the advent of this dictator, even the Italians themselves accepted the position of being second to France so far as war strength is concerned. Under Fascism this is no longer true. Rome on more than one occasion has let it be known that Italy feels she must be regarded as the war equal of her West Mediterranean neighbor. And it is this attitude on the part of Rome that is going to be one of the strong stumbling-blocks in the way of the success of the Five-Power Naval Conference at London.

Italy's contention is that, inasmuch as both France and Italy are Mediterranean powers, they should both have the same size navy. To this, Paris replies that while France is a Mediterranean power, she is also because of her position on the Atlantic an ocean power and must have more ships than Italy. She will agree to accept the same number of battleships as Italy, as she did at the Washington Disarmament Conference of 1922, but she will not do this when it comes to auxiliary craft such as submarines. As I have pointed out on former occasions, France insists that she must protect her coasts by these

undersea vessels. Not being able to cope with Britain in the matter of battleships, she must keep herself strong in submarines. It is this latter ship strength that Mussolini fears. These French submarines could be used against Mediterranean Italy as well as against Atlantic Britain. Hence, Italy's demand that in respect to all kinds of ships France and Italy have parity.

#### BAD BLOOD BETWEEN NATIONS

**T**O FURTHER complicate this sufficiently troublesome situation is the fact that in general the relations between France and Italy during recent years have been none too good. Many of the Italian *emigres*, those who have fled from Italy because they could not agree with the Fascist rule there, who are enemies of Mussolini and his type of government, have gone to France. Naturally, from the vantage point of shelter in this country they have kept up an agitation against the present regime being carried on by Mussolini in their native land.

Rome charges Paris with favoring these trouble-makers, winking at their propaganda against Mussolini, and even helping their efforts. Bad blood has arisen between the two states more than once over this. For another thing, Italy is overpopulated. She needs, and demands, colonies. There is only one place she can get them, and that is in the Mediterranean area. But this is to come into conflict with the other distinctly Mediterranean power, France, who herself holds colonies in this area and feels this is the special sphere of her influence. We remember how irritated Rome was not so long ago because Paris blocked Italian efforts at expansion in North Africa.

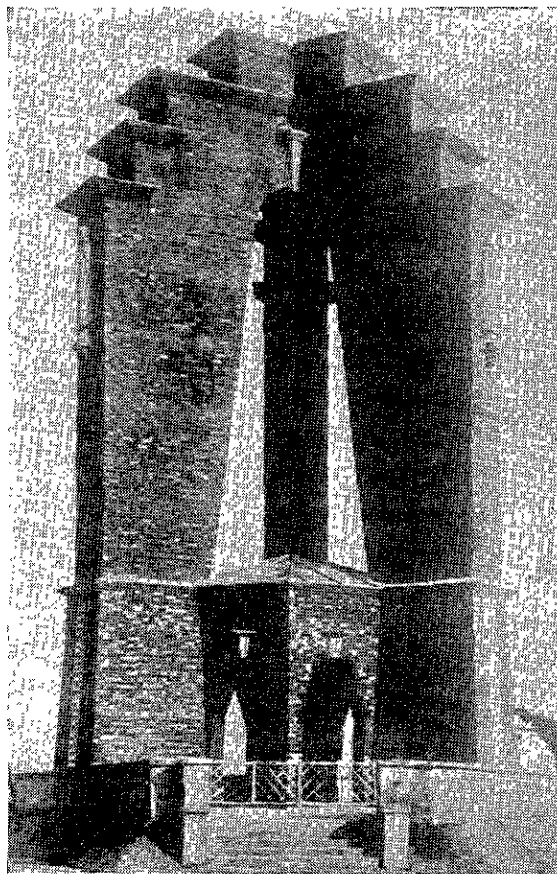
It was to overcome this French resistance to her colonial expansion program in the Mediterranean that the Iron Man of Rome has come to such friendly terms and *rap-prochement* with Turkey and Spain. Indeed, so close have been the relations between Italy, Turkey, and Spain, of course under the leadership of Mussolini, that it is hard to make France believe that in case she had war with Italy, the navies of these two Mediterranean powers would not join with Italy

against France; which, incidentally, is another reason why France demands more ships than does Italy. So far as submarines themselves are concerned, Italy wants them as well as France, for these are a better and less costly type of war ship than battleships, and better suited to her coast line and naval bases. Italy will work with France, and probably Japan, to retain submarines for war purposes, against the wish of the United States and England to abolish the submarine.

But France has more than Italy to think about in this Naval Conference. Having the second largest colonial empire in the world, with lands in the Western Hemisphere, in Africa, and the Far East, Paris has a strong argument for a better ratio on auxiliary war craft. United States and Britain must not be permitted to outclass her very much in this respect. In other words, it is said that Paris demands four submarines for every British battleship. When we think of the success of the German submarine warfare against England in the World War, we can

understand to some degree the British opposition to this type of vessel, and why she demands that submarines be not used in future naval war engagements.

THE LEAGUE COMES IN  
**F**RANCE will not enter this naval conference with too much serious thought that it will settle matters anyway. It must be kept in mind that France is the great influential power in the League of Nations. It is well known that her influence is the predominating factor in this international organization. Fearing, as she does, the combined, and undoubtedly predominating, influence of the United States and Britain at this Five-Power Conference, Paris is not likely to let this London conference decide too much so far as she is concerned. Should any difficulty arise, which is as certain as that the reader is alive while he



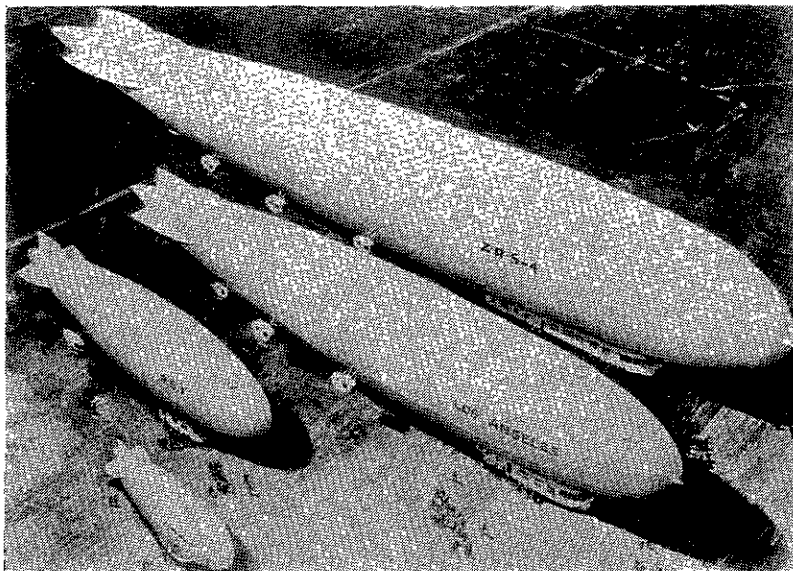
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A three-sided war memorial erected on the borders of Germany, Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia to the men of these countries who fell fighting against one another

reads these words, France is going to be very likely to maintain the position that the matter ultimately must be referred to the League of Nations for final settlement. This will work to her advantage, for many of the powers that will meet with her there will be under the sway of her (Continued on page 34)



## The News Interpreted



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Showing the growth in size of Zeppelins built for the United States Navy. First the Pony Blimp, then the semi-rigid dirigible RS-1, then the Los Angeles, and finally the new ship ZRS-4, which will be finished in June of this year. The last is 785 feet long, 146 feet high, will lift 182,000 pounds, have a speed of 72 knots an hour, and will be able to fly 10,000 miles without refueling

### Paganism Gives Nothing to Christianity

THE so-called liberal religious press keeps harping on the great value of the study of non-Christian religions, to discover truth which we do not already have, and also to acquire a sympathetic understanding of the devotees of those religions. Such slogans as "Truth is truth wherever you find it," "Give credit where credit is due," and "There is no man so ignorant but I can learn something from him," are voiced and written as being the guiding stars of this attitude. It all sounds very ideal, attractive, appealing; and we feel our minds broaden and our hearts enlarge as we think along these lines.

So, too, Eve's vision was broadened and her mind enlarged when she ate the forbidden fruit. Yet in a very real sense she was more ignorant than before, because what was added was a knowledge of evil and an incapability of distinguishing between good and evil. Greater knowledge is not synonymous with greater good.

But let no confusion of thought creep in here, else we will be following mother Eve out of the Eden of truth. Other religions do have truths. It would be flying in the face of good sense to deny it. But the point is that we do not have to go to those religions to find those truths. For those truths were first enunciated by God to His people on

earth and written in the Bible. After years of close contact with other religionists where they live and teach, the writer never found any truth in Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Confucianism, or devil worship that was not as well or better stated in the Christian Bible.

The harsh truth is that many professed Christians of today are ignorant of the real teachings of the Word on which they base their faith, for they do not study it closely. Consequently, when they find something in the moralizings of an Oriental religion that sounds good (and it sounds good to them simply because their standards of what is good have been set by their contact with Bible truth), they are surprised and delighted, and too often fall into a profound admiration of Confucius, Gautama, Krishna, Mohammed, and other founders of religions.

Well, what of it? Just this: Breaking away from their moorings in God's word, and stirred with admiration for heathen-expressed truth copied from Biblical sources, hundreds of thousands of Christians are coming to believe subtle error that these heathen cults are teaching and are out on the sea of uncertainty as to what is truth, because they think their own human judgment is able to separate truth from gross error in the faiths outside of Christ. They are "children, tossed to and fro,

and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they [non-Christians] lie in wait to deceive." Ephesians 4: 14.

Few are able safely to venture out into the deep of "comparative religions"; and let those who do, first securely fasten a good, stout hawser of faith to the anchor of God's word on the shore.

### "The Only Living Saint"

WESTERNERS, calling themselves Christians, who visit India, are going quite wild over Mahatma Ghandi, the much-revered philosopher-statesman of that politically agitated land. He is called "the only living saint in the world today" and other such extravagant titles. We question whether he ascribes such saintliness to himself. We are ready to credit him with many noble qualities, and to give him his due for setting a splendid example of peaceful and wholesome living before his people. The way adoration of him is growing in India, if he dies, and perhaps before he dies, he will be worshiped as a god, even as have been Lenin in Russia and Sun Yat-sen in China.

But when Christians compare him with Christ, even to the latter's disfavor, it is time to wake up. Evidently, it is only nominal Christians who do so, those who do not know Christ as a Saviour. To show the subtlety of Ghandi's influence, we quote the impression of a recent Christian visitor to his shrine: "In his presence I felt a new capability and power in myself rather than a consciousness of his power. I felt equal, confident, good for anything — an assurance I had never known before, as if some consciousness within me had newly awakened."

Well said, and there lies the danger to Christians, and also the contrast with Christ. Paul, after contact with Christ, said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philipians 4: 13. Not "power in myself," not detached "consciousness of his power," but Paul's will relying on Christ's power. That is Christianity. It is not Hinduism. Christ is more than knowledge, power, or goodness. He is all these *in us*. Would God that "saint" Ghandi could see that, and so be the saint he never can be without it.

### Science Goes Biblical

CALIFORNIA, and San Francisco in particular, has been getting careless about the danger of earthquakes. That city, whose buildings were shaken down some twenty-five years ago, has



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been letting down on its building code, and more and higher and more quakable skyscrapers are being built all the time. Now they are about to call a halt. The editor of the *Scientific American* says this about it:

"As Henry D. Dewell, a consulting engineer, reports to the Seismological Society of America, an earthquake catastrophe first arouses a lethargic public, building regulations are made more stringent, codes are revised to match the advice of technical advisers; and then the cycle of events pursues its course: people become forgetful, familiarity with what science alone seems to realize is only a temporary let-up in earthquakes begets contempt, and building codes are allowed to lapse. Then comes another disastrous earthquake.

"The time of *least* danger of earthquakes is directly after an earthquake—just when building codes are stiffened.

"The time of *greatest* danger comes years later when earth stresses, temporarily relieved by the earthquake, have again accumulated—just when building codes are being weakened.

"There must be some way to bridge this characteristic blind spot in human nature and provide stronger buildings at the proper time instead of at the wrong time. This is what science and engineering are now doing in California. It is, of course, only common sense, but common sense is a quality not too often noted in connection with public matters of this kind. Therefore the action deserved praise from all scientific people."

This is what we have been trying to say all along. There is a deadly parallel between the recurrence of earthquakes at unexpected times and places, and

the unexpected return of Christ to this earth. In fact "earthquakes in *different* places" is a sign from the lips of the Christ of His imminent second advent. (Luke 21:11.) How many scientists are saying today, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:4. And, in truth, to those who do not watch the divine seismograph—the prophetic word of God—there is no more likelihood of Jesus' appearing in our lifetime, or at all, than there is of an earthquake on Market Street, San Francisco, tomorrow. Yet the scientists tell us that skyscrapers might be tumbling into Market Street tomorrow. We are more sure than they; for we know Christ will not come tomorrow, for the signs are not quite finished; but His coming is near, "and hasteth greatly."

To mix figures of speech with the editor-scientist, "There must be some way to bridge this characteristic blind spot in human nature." The blind spot can be "bridged" by turning the stiff neck of prejudice and unbelief far enough so that the eye may see that "the entrance of Thy words giveth light" (Psalm 119:130), and that "when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them" (1 Thessalonians 5:3). To heed the warning now is "only common sense."

## The Pope on Education

THE first papal encyclical ever to be published originally in Italian, instead of in Latin, recently came from Pius XI of Rome, and dealt with the subject of education. Its full text sent

to America was the longest radio message yet sent from Italy—12,000 words. Perhaps it was not primarily issued for American consumption, however, but as a thrust in the battle over church and state education in Italy. We can heartily approve of the papal stand, in this document, against exclusive state control of education, the showing of certain types of motion pictures, and the broadcasting of corrupting radio



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Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian Nationalist movement, who figured very prominently in the recent demonstration "at Lahore for independence of India

programs, together with other degenerating tendencies of the times, such as licentious hooks and unwise or too early sex education.

The liberal religious press of America is quick to take issue with Pope Pius on his statement: "Every method of education founded wholly or in part on a denial or forgetfulness of original sin and of grace, and therefore on the sole forces of human nature, is false." The head of the Catholic world would guard against humanism; and it is well that he does. True education recognizes inherent sinfulness in all men, for all are "born in sin" (Romans 5:12), but it plants the seed of the Word in the child heart, and develops its growth there. This leads on to a "new birth," in connection with which there is no sin. Education alone—that is, the training of the body, mind, and heart in health, intellectuality, and morals,—has never yet saved civilization from immorality, crime, and degeneracy; and it never will. Without a "new creature," educated sinners become only the more steeped in sin; because, when the springs of action are evil, health, intellect, and assumed morality succeed only in making sin more "refined," deceptive, and devilish.

We only wish the Pope, with his truth on original sin, would couple with it the truth of original salvation through Christ alone and not through the medium of priests, canonized saints, and the virgin Mary.



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One of the marvels of our age. A man makes a motor car obey his will by simply speaking the word. The sound of his voice works the mechanism of the car

# IS THERE NO BETTE



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Indians in New York were awed by the great size of the Woolworth building. The architectural feats of men are impressive, but far from satisfying to the soul

*Some tips on an absolutely safe investment. High dividends; no connection with Wall Street; not affected by crop failures, bankruptcies, or panics; income from it remains steady through war, famine, or any "act of God." Further particulars supplied by this article. Who may invest?*

whether we belong to church or not, or whether we have the slightest religious convictions or not, we somehow feel that this is not the best of all possible worlds.

The human heart has ideals, but all about us we see things that are far from these ideals. Therefore the human heart longs for something better. This longing is the great driving force in the heart of man. Nearly everyone works and plans for a better future. It is when a man gives up these ideals that he takes his life. But the best that this world can give is unsatisfying, for it is not good enough. The world's best has never given a single dying soul consolation. It is the hope of a life beyond in a better world that removes the darkness from the grave and takes the sting out of death.

Among nearly all the old religions there was a belief in some sort of life hereafter. The ancient Egyptians embalmed their dead, so that when

(as they supposed) the spirit came back to the earth, after a cycle of several thousand years, it would find its body ready to inhabit. The theory was wrong, but we must give them credit for a good motive.

## THERE IS A BETTER

**I**F THIS is the best world, where do wronged justice and outraged virtue take refuge? For many have languished in prison till death for crimes they did not commit; maidens have been outraged and the offenders have never been apprehended. Yes, where in this present world can one's sense of justice take refuge if this is the best world? But what a comfort is the thought that some day God will right every wrong and reward virtue and well doing with eternal life.

Thousands were recently brought face-to-face

**R**ECENTLY three Englishmen from Oxford University met three Americans of Stanford University in a debate on the question, "Resolved, That this is the best of all possible worlds." The Stanford men, taking the affirmative side of the question, defied the Oxford speakers to prove that a better world is possible. Just how sincere the speakers for the affirmative side were in their convictions is doubtful to say, but there are countless millions today who live and act as if this *were* the best of all possible worlds.

If this is the best of all possible worlds, there is little wonder that men cater to every appetite of the flesh and have for their motto, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." But down in the hearts of us all, whether we believe in God or not, whether we believe the Bible or not,



# WORLD THAN THIS?

By L. ERVIN WRIGHT

with the bitter disappointments this so-called best world has to offer, when they found their savings wiped out overnight in the crash of the stock market. Financial institutions that had offered investors only six per cent had been forsaken for the mirage of easy wealth in stocks. These financial institutions took the opportunity afforded by the stock market crash to advertise extensively about the importance of the *safety* of one's savings. These advertisements ran something like this: "A six per cent pass account book with us is the very last word in safety. There is no hazard. You need never lose a wink of sleep about the security of your principal." But is there such a thing as a *safe* investment in this present world? What about the time when money itself will have lost all its value? For in a not far-distant day "they shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing." (Ezekiel 7: 19, A. R. V.) And it is apparent from Christ's talk on safe investments that there is no safe investment on this present earth. (Matthew 6: 19, 20.)

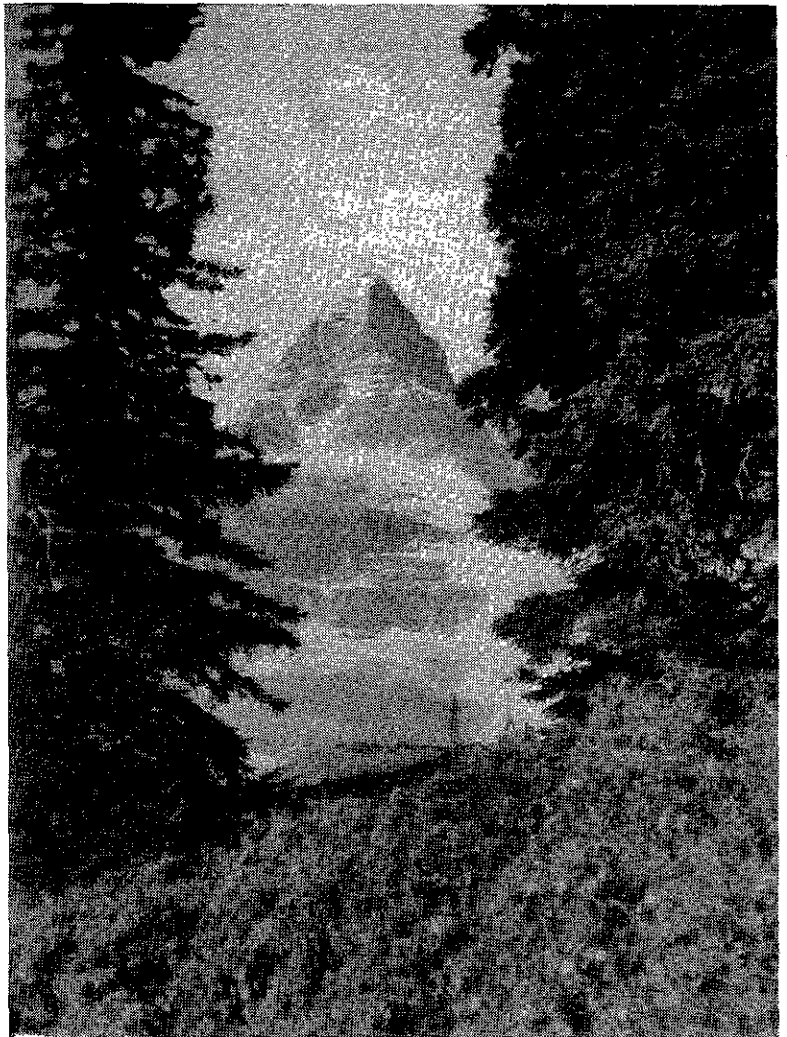
## THE SAFEST INVESTMENT

LET me tell you about a guaranteed safe investment. This is in God's New Earth Investment Company, which will begin paying dividends after this "present evil world" (Galatians 1: 4) has been renovated by fire (2 Peter 3: 7-13).

There will be plenty of choice land for every investor, "for the meek shall inherit the earth." (Psalm 37: 11; Matthew 5: 5.) The title to this land will be good for eternity, for "their inheritance shall be forever." (Psalm 37: 18.)

Certain restrictions in the title of this property safeguard the investor forever against all hazards. The stipulation is: "The wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it." Proverbs 2: 22. Of sin and sinners, the Lord "will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." (Nahum 1: 9.)

There will be no gunmen, hi-jackers, bootleggers, thieves, pickpockets, embezzlers, murderers, nor anyone of any criminal tendencies there. (1 Corinthians 6: 10; Revelation 21: 8; Isaiah 11: 9.) Because all such characters will not be there, "violence shall



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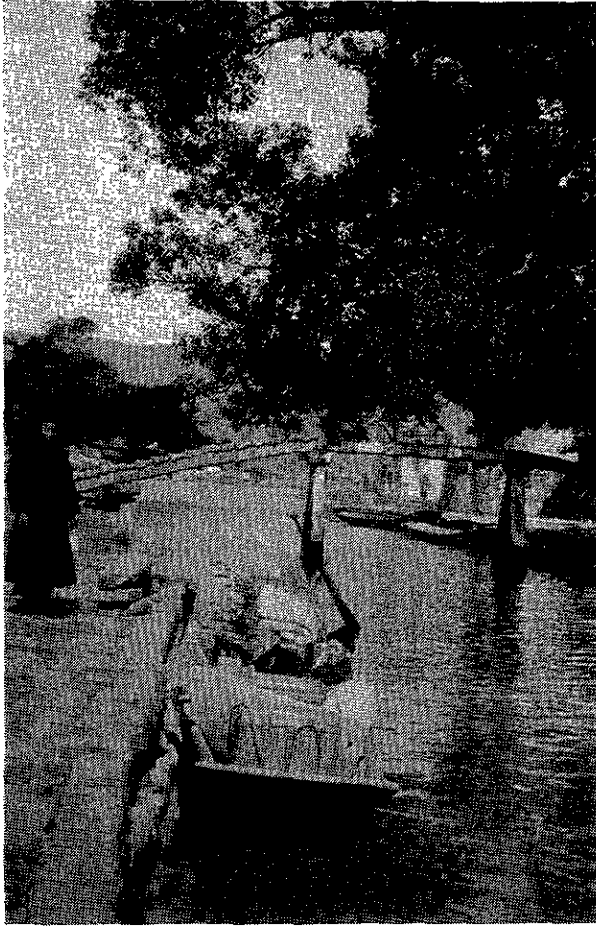
Mt. Assiniboine, Canadian Rockies. The grandeur of earth's scenery is beyond description, yet the human heart ever hopes for something better

no more be heard in thy land, wasting or destruction within thy borders." (Isaiah 60: 18.)

Crop failures will be unknown, consequently there will be no famines and no bread lines. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more." (Revelation 7: 16; Isaiah 49: 10.) The tree of life, which perpetuates eternal life, will be accessible to all investors. (Revelation 22: 2, 14.)

There will be no danger of getting "stung" with worthless land, for there will be no worthless land in the new earth. "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord." Isaiah 51: 3. "In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." Isaiah 35: 6.

Fear of wild and ferocious animals will be banished. The very nature of these (Continued on page 32)



Scene on a Chinese canal, showing bridge



TO TRAVEL in the interior of China today has many surprises for one who has been absent for several years. On the rivers, as far as navigation can carry on (which requires little more than two feet of water) one finds the gasolene launch towing

houseboats, with cabins for two strung along in the hull, the exit being hatchways opening on the runway on either side of the boat. Above these cabins is a covered deck, with space sufficiently high to permit the passenger to sit up. Here a minimum fare is charged, and men, women, and children gather in like a crowd at a picnic. At night and in inclement weather a heavy canvas is hung around the outside. At every landing the hawkers crowd around with all and sundry types of food to suit the taste and the purse of the motley crowd. It truly is a scene full of interest.

Then, where the boats cannot go, the automobile has come to stay. This mode of travel is of

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*—as well as WAR. The auto and the motor boat revolutionize travel. And in spite of bloodshed and banditry the way is being opened for the heralds of a better day*

*By* Walter Emslie Gillis

*Missionary in China*

course limited by the roads, and road building is but in its infancy. However, a surprising advance has been made, as it were over night. The turnpike has come into favor, and it points to a future efficiency that will do wonders for the development of trade and travel.

The historic Grand Canal has also been invaded, the bordering dike having been leveled off for an auto drive. Here also one sees whole batteries of gasolene engines pumping water to irrigate the adjoining rice fields.

And all this progress is being made under the most trying conditions of war, drought, and banditry. It is with amazement that we see this new era of travel, and the multitudes that are constantly on the roads. And how common it is now to meet men from the east, the west, the north, and the south, sitting in the same coach, auto, or launch. Never before has such a universal condition obtained. Truly it is as the prophet Daniel wrote over two thousand years ago of "the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4.)

And with the facilities of travel and intercourse is found the message of the prophet. In every province of China the message of the everlasting



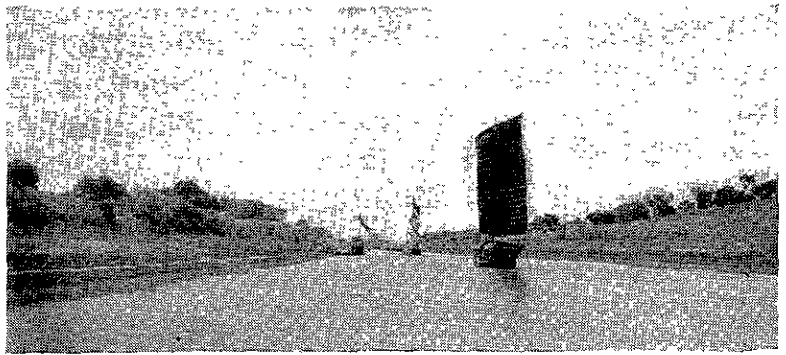
A houseboat towed by a tug, embarking passengers on the Grand Canal at Kiangsu

# SPELLS PROGRESS

gospel in literature and by living messenger is being proclaimed to the people. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This generation will witness the return of the Christ to finally redeem His people. On every hand awakening China beholds the tokens foretold by the prophets, and it vividly presents to the thoughtful inquirer after truth a satisfying explanation of the events that have set this generation apart in the history of the world as the last generation.

It is interesting to witness the effect of the gospel upon the earnest folk one is sure to find wherever one proclaims the Christ of Calvary. Many are the jewels that are in preparation for the coming Lord of glory.

At Kiang Ko Gi, in the province of Anhwei, lives an old widow of 79 years. She has greatly rejoiced in the gospel message of salvation from sin and a returning Saviour in this generation. Seven years ago she could not read. The gospel was the bread of life to her, and she became possessed of a great desire to read the Word for herself. And so she earnestly prayed and diligently studied. Now she reads her Bible and her hymn book, and daily she puts into practice those lessons of truth. When the harvest is in, even though the income is but one hundred dollars for the year, she faithfully tithes the increase; and she gives besides this for the support of the church and its work. By precept and example she endeavors to convince her household and her



The Grand Canal, showing a Chinese junk

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neighborhood of the solemn event that will soon engulf the world.

The ideographs by which the Chinese language is recorded have many illuminating sidelights for the teacher of the gospel, in a surprising degree clarifying the obscurity that has raised controversy in the Western nations. It may be of interest to refer to one of these.

The ideograph in the Chinese for the word "righteous" is composed of the two words, "lamb" and "I," the lamb being over the I. Christ is the Lamb of God, and the apostle Paul very clearly shows that it is only His righteousness vicariously imputed to us that will make possible our salvation from the ruin that has come from transgression of God's law. (Romans 3:22-31.) In the 24th verse the phrase for "justified" means, "imputed to be righteous"; that is, "called righteous." The expression used of those who are at last admitted to heaven, means "completed in righteousness." Thus the ideographs distinguish clearly between our title to heaven and our fitness for that abode of eternal bliss. (Compare 1 John 2:2 with Hebrews 12:14, and 2 Corinthians 7:1.)

Thus is it made clear that it is not enough to learn the doctrines of Christ, but that we must learn Christ. Just as Paul said: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20.



The beautifully terraced and intensively cultivated hills of China

*There is stomach ache and*

# STOMACH ACHE

*J The causes of the various kinds, and  
what should be done for their relief*



AIN in the abdomen, known in every household by the simple term "stomach ache," is perhaps one of the most common physical disturbances encountered from the morning of infancy to the night of old age.

With a tiny babe, it is usually due to some indiscretion on the part of the mother in regard to her diet. A mother who partakes of such coarse vegetables as cabbage, turnips, parsnips, beans, etc., during the months of nursing the baby, is very likely to receive quick punishment when the child develops colic within a few hours after her indulgence. Such colic is really no more and no less than gas pains. Coarse foods are gas-forming products in the system, and the wee one gets his share of this also. The pain is due to the stretching of the walls of the intestine, and especially to the stretching of the covering.

Strangely enough, the bowel has sensory nerves which are sensitive to certain types of pain and not at all sensitive to other types. For instance, the small bowel which can cause so much distress with mere stretching of itself and the peritoneum, could be cut completely in two with a sharp knife and give no pain whatsoever.

## WHY COLIC

IF A bottle-fed baby has colic, it is usually because too much sugar has been added to the milk. Sugar makes gas, especially cane sugar. And in this connection, we might mention that any combination of milk and sugar is not the best for either children or grown-ups, since it causes fermentation throughout the intestinal tract.

With children two to four years old, stomach ache is likely the result of their own adventures and activities with forbidden foods, such as cucumbers, plums, green apples, or other indigestible items. Or careless parents may allow too great a variety of food at one meal; and the combination shows up in stomach ache, diarrhea, and a rise of temperature.

With the tiny baby and the three-year-old, the treatment for stomach ache is very much the same. The lower bowel should be well cleansed with a continuous irrigation, using three or four quarts of warm water. Nothing need be added to the plain, warm water. After this, the child should be put on his stomach with a hot-water bottle.

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It is well to remember that every baby until he is six weeks old, and better still until he is three or four months old, should wear an abdominal band of silk and wool. The abdominal organs of an infant are very delicate. The bandage tends to keep them at a constant temperature and thus to avoid other troubles as well as colic.

## PREVENTING EAR TROUBLE

IT IS wise to teach the babe to lie on his stomach. When one has a cold or any infection in the nose or throat, the middle ear is often affected. The germ travels from the throat to the ear by way of the Eustachian tube. The Eustachian tube is the passage that permits air to go into the ear when one swallows, thus keeping the pressure equal on both sides of the ear drum.

When one lies face down, the end of the tube at the middle ear is about an inch higher than the end of the tube in the throat. Thus, germs would have to travel upward to infect the ears. It is easy to comprehend that the reverse is true when one lies on the back, that is, the end of the tube at the ear is about an inch lower than at the throat, allowing a downward passage for infection from the throat to the ears. This is a reason why children so often have ear trouble along with, or following, cold and sore throat.

A child should not be allowed to eat except at meal time. The digestive organs need time for rest. Candy, pastries, and so forth are especially irritating to the lining of the intestinal tract of a child. Show me a child who is permitted to have a sweet cake, or an ice cream cone, or an all-day-sucker any time of day, and I will show you a child who, before he is twenty years old, will undoubtedly have a great deal of trouble with sore throat, enlarged tonsils, ear ache, etc., to say nothing of an irritable, fretful disposition. And the family need not be surprised if it becomes necessary to have his appendix removed before he is twenty. This, of course, is not saying that every case of appendicitis among children and youth is caused by eating freely of sweets or by eating between meals.

The appendix is not an uncommon cause of



Eugene J. Hall

One of the many causes of stomach ache

"stomach ache." An attack of appendicitis usually begins with pain in the upper abdomen along the midline just below the ribs. Or it may be generalized pain all over the abdomen, followed a little later by nausea and vomiting. The pain will usually localize over the lower right side of the abdomen. A child who presents these symptoms should, on no account, be given castor oil or any other heavy cathartic. It might be well to give a small enema. There should be no heat applied to the abdomen, but rather cold. By all means, a physician should be called to determine the seriousness of the case.

Appendicitis is a disease of youth. Rarely is it seen in children under three years of age; and seldom do we find it after the age of fifty. However, occasionally we have a case where the patient is seventy-five or eighty years of age.

If appendicitis is taken early and an operation performed within the first twelve hours, the surgery seldom takes longer than fifteen or twenty minutes, and the patient should not need to remain in the hospital over ten days.

Some may ask why we remove an organ that Providence has placed in the body for a definite

function. This might be a good objection if there had never been any disobedience to the laws of nature, and if the human body had not become degenerate as a result of this disobedience.

One would not object to having a boil opened. The principle is the same with acute appendicitis. The surgeon removes the inflamed appendix, thus eliminating the boil or abscess. If this can be done before it comes to a head and ruptures, the pus is prevented from escaping into the abdomen and causing a general peritonitis. If the appendix ruptures and peritonitis follows, the patient is indeed fortunate if he escapes with his life. At best, he may plan for a long stay in the hospital, and there are likely to be dense adhesions in the lower abdomen.

In adult life another cause of pain in the abdomen is gall stones. A stone passing through the small duct leading from the gall bladder to the small intestine stretches the duct and causes very severe pain. Patients are often told, and are led to believe, that olive oil is a solvent for gall stones. A patient will take quantities of oil and declare that he passes the stones. The truth is that the oil forms into little pellets of soap in the intestinal tract and passes on. A gall stone resembles a hard pebble and is not an element to be dissolved with oil or any other substance one can take by mouth. Anything sufficiently powerful to dissolve it would also dissolve the lining of the intestinal tract. Stones are formed in the gall bladder because of infection.

They consist of accumulated particles of cholesterol, a substance found in the bile.

Another cause of abdominal pain is the passing of a stone from the kidney down the ureter. The ureter is the small canal leading from the kidney to the urinary bladder. The irritation of the canal by the stone is very painful.

#### ULCERS AND TREATMENT

STILL other symptoms are called "stomach ache." Ulcer of the stomach, commonly called gastric ulcer, presents the following symptoms: pain along the midline or a little to the right of the midline just below the ribs, two or three hours after eating. This is often a gnawing pain and may be relieved by taking a glass of milk or other food or perhaps by taking a little baking soda. If this persists, the patient should consult a reputable physician who will likely determine the acidity of the stomach and outline a bland, non-irritating diet, to neutralize the acid, thus allowing the ulcer to heal.

When one who has been suffering with indigestion and sour stomach for a considerable period of time is taken suddenly with ex-

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# "The EYE that NEVER SLEEPS"

By E. Louis Pingetot

**S**CIENCE heralds another victory in the development of the "super-man" with the invention of a device known as the "Electric Eye." "It is more accurate and more sensitive than the human eye, is unwearying, and responds equally well by day or night in any sort of weather," according to a recent report in the *Industrial Bulletin* of Arthur D. Little, Inc. This "eye that never sleeps" faithfully records every object that passes before it. It is impossible to bribe or "influence" this instrument. You cannot fool the "electric eye"; it never makes a mistake.

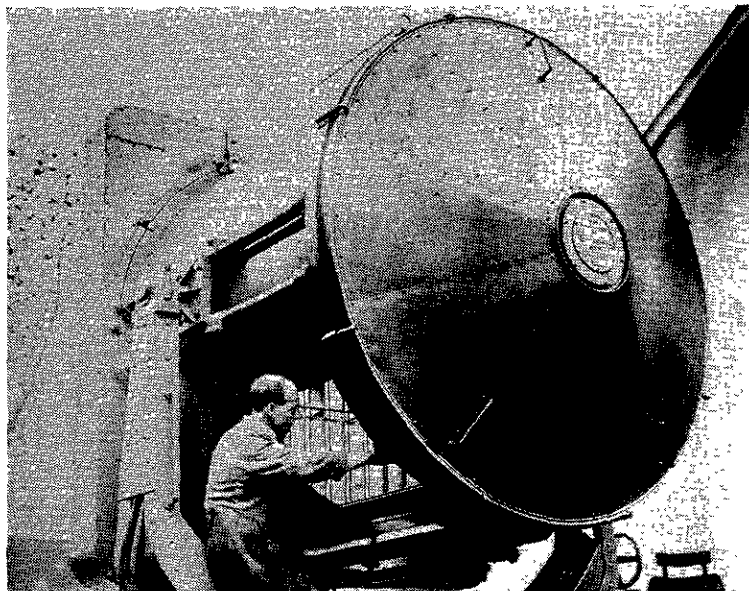
In summing up his report and commenting on the marvels of the day, the writer concludes: "Besides the machine that sees, the machine that hears, that feels, that talks, we may expect the discovery some day of a machine that will think. Has there not been reported a device that measures and records thought?"

It requires no great stretch of the imagination to envision the possible future developments of the "electric eye" and the "device that measures and records thought." What will the conditions of this world be when it is possible for others to see and know, not only the outward acts, but the thoughts of the heart as well? The perfection of such devices would be catastrophic to society. Imagine the results of such power in the hands of sinful men.

Men shrink from the suggestion of other men knowing the things of their private life, and what their thoughts really are. Yet the vast majority are indifferent to the fact that their thoughts are known; for "the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings." Proverbs 5: 21.

## APT DESCRIPTION

**T**HE modern spirit, which is being fostered not only in the leading colleges and universities but from the leading pulpits as well, is fast destroying the conception of a personal God who sees all things, and to whom the individual is responsible for his words and acts. God, they say, is reduced to a "supreme law," and is "restricted in His activity to the processes of natural order." And man "is an organism re-acting to stimuli from the world about him." This teaching leads man to believe that he is the only being with an intelligence, and, therefore, that he is responsible only to himself for



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The eye of the searchlight. Here is the largest searchlight in the world, nearly seven feet in diameter, showing three million five hundred thousand candle power, and throwing its light for hundreds of miles. It is for fortress use in the British Empire

his conduct. How aptly do the words of the Lord to the prophet of old describe the present attitude of men: "Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? For they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth." Ezekiel 8: 12.

## THE PENDULUM SWINGS

**F**ROM the extreme views of Puritanism, as taught by Johnathan Edwards and his associates, of a vengeful, angry God suspending the sinner by a "slender thread, with the flames of divine wrath flashing about it and ready at every moment to singe it and burn it asunder," the pendulum has swung to the other extreme, and the average youth today has no fear of an All-seeing Eye before whom he must appear in judgment.

The fact of a personal, intelligent, all-powerful God who sees the ways of man, and to whom he is responsible for his conduct, is emphatically declared throughout the Scriptures. "Thou God seest me" are the words of Hagar recorded in Genesis 16: 13; and in Revelation 3: 15 Jesus declares through His apostle John, "I know thy works." Job reminds us that God "looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heavens." (Job 28: 24.) Again, he raises the question, "Doth He not see my ways, and count all my steps?" Job 31: 4. Elihu answers this question with the positive state-

ment: "His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings." Job 34:21. And God not only beholds "the ways of man," but He is also a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12.)

This "Eye that never sleeps" is taking note of the deeds and thoughts of men for a purpose. "For thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 32:19. Paul tells us that "God . . . hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world." (Acts 17:30, 31.) And at this time all must "appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may

receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done." (2 Corinthians 5:10.) Again, Solomon admonishes all men to "fear God, and keep His commandments: . . . for God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.)

That the fate of those who must appear in the judgment is determined by the record of their lives in the books of heaven, is clearly set forth in the word of God. Daniel saw that "the judgment was set, and the books were opened." (Daniel 7:9, 10.) John the revelator had a vision of the day of judgment, and he says: "The books were opened: . . .

and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books." (Revelation 20:12.) The "Eye that never sleeps" never makes a mistake; and in the day when every man stands before the throne of justice, he will see every detail of his life brought up for inspection.

#### JUDGMENT IS HERE

**S**INCE 1844 God has been sending a special message to the world, reminding men of the faithful record that is being kept in heaven, in the words: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." Revelation 14:7. This message is today being carried to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people" throughout the world. And when every individual has been acquainted with the fact of his responsibility to God, then Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven, "with power and great glory." And He who sends this message says, "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12.

Every man must stand before the judgment bar of God. Either he will heed the message of the hour and come to judgment now through faith in Jesus Christ, and have the record of his sins blotted out; or stand in the presence of a holy God without a mediator to plead his case. Soon the door of mercy will be forever closed. The day is just before us when "Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them." (Ezek. 8:18.)

## Peace, Be Still

By MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

*Judea's sun was sinking down  
Behind Mount Tabor's hoary crown,  
The while, athwart the glimmering west,  
The sunset shook her flaming crest,  
And hill and dale and wood and lake  
A magic beauty seemed to take.*

*When quick from cloud-girt Hermon's height,  
The storm came down in sudden might;  
And fiercer still the wild winds blew,  
And black as night the storm cloud grew;  
And louder still, and still more loud,  
The thunder pealed from cloud to cloud.*

*And still mid tempest-riven sky,  
That white-winged vessel rideth high.  
Hark! Hear that cry above the roar  
Of howling wind and beating wave,  
A hoarse voice calling o'er and o'er,  
"Master! We perish! Wake and save!"*

*The Sleeper wakes; He calmly speaks;  
The wind and waves His word fulfill:  
"Ye raging billows, cease your strife;  
O howling tempest, peace; be still."  
'Tis done; the raging, wild winds ceased,  
And evening breathed her breath of balm,  
The rolling thunder died away,  
And peace returned There was a calm,  
And quiet Nature sank to rest  
Like birdling in its leafy nest,  
Or child upon its mother's breast.*

*E'en thus the world, war-torn and vexed,  
Calls loud for peace, with aching breast.  
Earth's mighty statesmen cry perplexed,  
In thrilling tones, for peace and rest.  
But not till He, the mighty One  
Who stilled the storm on Galilee,  
Shall speak the word, shall it be done;  
And we, the tried of earth, shall be  
From ghastly wars forever free.  
And pain, and sin, and death shall cease  
O haste Thy coming, Prince of Peace!*



# The Lady Over the Hedge

A Story

By Helen Wells

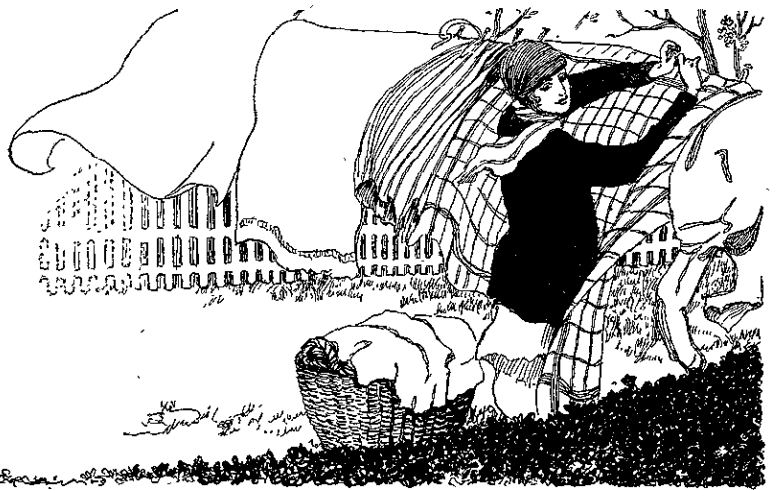


FOURTEEN years have passed since I came, a young and very inexperienced bride, to the town where my husband was striving to build up a physician's practice. It was a pretty town, and a progressive one. Gradually I grew to love it. But I was city-bred, and in those first weeks and months I battled with an inordinate longing to leave the lonely quiet of our modest little cottage and hie me back to the urban delights of the apartment house that I had always called home.

Doubtless it would not all have been so hard for me had I been in any way prepared for this new sort of life. But I had been prone to depend upon the restaurants or the delicatessen for the preparation of my food, upon the comradeship of my fellow employees in a large newspaper office to keep away loneliness and ennui, and upon the widely varying entertainments of the city to furnish my recreation. I was woefully ignorant of household economy, and must confess to many hours of real toil and a few unwomanly tears dedicated to the mastery of the culinary art in my new kitchen.

IT WAS one such wifely battle that brought me the acquaintance of the Lady over the Hedge. Ralph was a strong believer in the then-faddish idea of the healthfulness of whole-wheat bread. It was not obtainable at the city bakery, and with the ready willingness of a very new bride I yielded to his plea that I should try to bake it myself. After two attempts that resulted in pitifully sodden and near-sour products, I was near desperation and in tears.

The Lady over the Hedge had a very lovely face, not especially pretty, but the sort of face I like to think my mother would have had if she had lived. Often, from behind my ruffled kitchen curtains, I watched her planting garden or hanging snowy, new-washed clothes in her well-kept back yard. But with the reticence of the city-bred I had refrained from any advances. One April morning, however, as I stood sniffing the fragrance of the lilacs beginning to bloom just over the hedge, I caught a new odor drifting out from somewhere beyond the white painted walls of the cottage next door—the delicious, homey odor of baking bread. And when the smiling Lady herself came out a moment later, I forgot that I had ever lived in a city and cried with feeling, "Oh, do you



"One April morning, I caught the delicious, homey odor of baking bread"

ever bake whole-wheat bread? And if you do, do you suppose you could teach me how?"

Her response was wonderfully encouraging. "Why, indeed I do, my dear. In fact, it's one of the few accomplishments I pride myself on. And I'd be delighted to teach you. I wish more young wives were interested in learning how."

She heard all about Ralph's peculiar flair for dark bread and my limitations as a baker with an understanding smile. In fact, it's one of the few accomplishments I pride myself on. And I'd be delighted to teach you. I wish more young wives were interested in learning how.

THAT was the beginning of one of the most pleasant and beneficial friendships I have ever known. I spent many hours in her neat, plainly furnished little home or on her shady east veranda in the warm afternoons of that summer. And with almost every chat in which we indulged, I came more and more to realize that Mrs. Russell was strangely different from the people I had known. Ralph and I discussed this fact over the breakfast table one morning when our acquaintance with her was yet quite new.

"She is different, Ralph," I declared, "almost peculiar, though that word doesn't seem to belong to her either."

"Oh my, no!" The affair of the whole-wheat bread had won Ralph's heart completely. "She's charming! But do you know"—his face was suddenly thoughtful—"that really makes her seem stranger than ever. You'd think, now, that a woman like that would be

sort of a social leader. But, Nell, did you ever notice how plainly she dresses and—"

"Yes"—and as the realization came over me—"why, Ralph, I've never seen her wear a bit of jewelry of any kind, and she doesn't attend the movies, for she told me so when I wanted her to go with me to see 'The Diamond from the Sky' last week."

"That's just it! And she doesn't run around to women's clubs and teas like mother does on back home. Said she didn't even play bridge, didn't she? Seems strange! Well, I must run along and look in on little Jack Marcy's broken arm. Good-by. And you'll be seeing the Mystery Lady no doubt. Report any new eccentricities to me tonight," he laughed as he went out.

During the days that followed I often had new reports to give. I was not long in learning, for instance, that on Friday her house was swept and garnished with especial care and her kitchen was a busy place, but that on Saturday, when I was busiest, she had laid aside her work-a-day attire and seemed to be taking some special sort of holiday. Bit by bit, too, from scattered conversations, I learned of her implicit faith in the Bible, of her liberal gifts to missions, of a still greater sacrifice: her only son sent out as a medical missionary to the jungles of Africa.

I SCARCELY know when the realization first came to me that my new friend belonged to that little-known sect called Seventh-day Adventists. She probably told me herself, though I have no definite remembrance of the occasion. As I look back upon our acquaintanceship, I am happily impressed with the fact that she never once preached at me. Had she done so,

I think I should have been offended and turned away, for the knowledge I then had of her people was very meager, and my ideas of them not too complimentary. But she had no need to *preach*; she *lived*; and her life was a beautiful sermon. Would that more of us had learned her secret!

**R**ALPH knew even less of Adventism than I.

"Suffering Caesar!" he exploded when I imparted that latest bit of information. "Not those people that keep Saturday for Sunday and are afraid to touch pork? They're a sect of Jews or something, aren't they? Why, she doesn't look like a Jewess to me."

"No, they're not Jews, Ralph. It's different, somehow. But—"

Ralph laughed suddenly. "I never knew but one family of 'em. Used to live in our neighborhood when I was a kid. We youngsters called 'em Bran Eaters. Maybe that explains Mrs. Russell's wonderful bread. Anyway, it is wonderful!"

"But I say, Nell, can't you talk her out of it? Shame for a woman like that to get roped into such idiosyncrasies!"

I shared Ralph's conviction, and, with the zeal and confidence of youth, I determined to carry out his suggestion. But again I had failed to take into consideration my lack of preparation for the task at hand.

Mrs. Russell seemed open enough to conviction.

"Why yes, dear," she told me in her sweet, cool voice, "I know that we are a peculiar people. I fear I've been guilty, sometimes, of chafing under the knowledge of being so very different. But, Nellie child, I've told you of my love for the Bible. And somehow, I've never been able to find anything in the Good Book that told me the Sabbath day given in the very beginning had been changed."

"But it must be there," I cried. "Why they teach it in all the Sunday schools. If I had my Bible—"

She brought me hers, well worn and frequently marked. In a few long, silent moments that followed I realized with an odd feeling of helplessness how meager was my acquaintance with this Book, which I had taken for granted that I knew so well. After some aimless and humiliating leafing of the pages, the thought came to me that the Adventists doubtless had a peculiar Bible of their own. Mrs. Russell assured me that it was exactly like my own. A comparison with mine, hastily drawn out from its hiding place under the magazines in my boudoir desk, proved the essential truth of her statement. I was surprised at the new meaning that several more or less familiar texts, and especially the Ten Commandments I had learned as a child, took on as Mrs. Russell read them to me from her marked Bible.

I marked them in my own, and after the visit felt more puzzled than I cared to admit.

In the weeks that followed I studied my Bible as I had never studied it before. Mrs. Russell helped and guided me when I asked her. Never once did she urge an opinion upon me; at times I seemed almost to sense a hint of apology in her revelations. This only aroused me to study with renewed energy. My bewilderment increased as I found that nowhere in the New Testament was there any mention of a change of the rest day or of Christ's authorization of such a change. So sure had I been that Christ had given some such command to His

sure that he could quickly settle my problem and give me an answer that would set my erring neighbor right.

The good old pastor was all sympathy and concern for my mental battle. Yet I was somehow disappointed in the lack of confidence with which he seemed to join my forces. I heard him admitting that there was no direct Biblical record of the change of the day of worship.

"There is no verse that records Christ's command to His disciples on the subject, Mrs. Wilkins," he admitted. "They began worshiping on that day, you must know, to commemorate the great event of His glorious resurrection from the tomb, which occurred on Sunday morning. And they doubtless had His approbation in this."

"But, Doctor Bailey, I have been able to find no record of the disciples worshiping on Sunday! And even if they had, does it not seem strange that Christ would have made no mention of a change that affected an institution about which He had been so particular during all previous Bible history?"

"The record is there, my child. I am sure I can find several texts that mention the meeting of the disciples on the first day of the week." He picked up the Bible on his study table and turned the pages rapidly at first, and more slowly as he sought the exact verses.

I thought I knew already which verses they would be. Mrs. Russell had explained them in answer to a question of mine and had shown me quite conclusively, I thought, that they proved nothing. Nervously I drew a little leaflet from my purse. It had occasioned me the greatest wonderment of all.

"Doctor," I hesitated, "I wish you could explain *this* for me. It is quoted directly from a Catholic catechism and shows how the Roman Catholic church is responsible for the practice of keeping Sunday rather than the ancient Sabbath. They even boast that we Protestants are acknowledging their religious authority when we observe the day they have declared holy! What does this mean?"

**T**HE old pastor took the leaflet and regarded it with a wrinkle on his brow. I watched his lips move soundlessly as he read the lines, for the moment apparently as puzzled as was I.

"And, Doctor Bailey, Mrs. Russell even showed me a prophecy in the book of Daniel that proclaimed, as long ago as that, that the papal power would seek to do this very thing,—'change times and seasons'—I think it says."

My pastor shook his head. "These Adventists have most peculiar ideas," he sighed. "I must admit to a degree of ignorance concerning their arguments and their rather unusual interpretation of prophecy. But, my child, so long as

## One Changeth Not

By EUGENE ROWELL

*Great god Sebos, high and lone  
On his gold and ivory throne,  
Mid the round of worship days,  
Sacrifice and prayer and praise,  
Drew a long and heavy sigh.  
"Though," he pondered, "here am I,  
Glorified as if divine  
By these votaries of mine  
In the dust now humbled low  
While their prayers and praises flow  
As today they worship me,  
Yet in time too soon to be  
One will see, then all will say,  
'Sebos is but common clay.'"*

*So the deic changes run;  
So shall pass all gods but One.*



disciples that my failure to find it mentioned was baffling. Instead, I found His observance of the "Jewish" Sabbath often mentioned, and the record of His followers and disciples keeping it even after His death.

Several times I mentioned the subject to Ralph, but he was busy and preoccupied with his growing practice and put me impatiently aside.

"Well," he demanded one morning with a hint of irritation, "why don't you go down and ask your pastor about it? He ought to know. What are ministers for, anyway? I'm sure I'm no authority on the subject!"

I was rather ashamed of my hesitancy in confiding in the pastor, for Ralph and I had grown quite away from the church-going habit and I did not feel much claim upon his counsel. However, as my puzzlement and desperation increased, I determined to go to him,

you are observing the dictates of your church and of your own conscience, you need have no fear. God does not want works, but a willing spirit. He looks upon the heart, you know."

A few weeks earlier I would have thought this statement plausible enough. But in my present state of anxious inquiry it seemed only a flimsy excuse, and I went away more perplexed, if possible, than I had been before seeking my pastor's advice.

**S**EVERAL days later my neighbor mentioned the fact that an evangelist of her church was holding a series of meetings in a hall across the town, that his subject that night was the history of the Sabbath, and that, since I seemed particularly interested in that subject, she would be glad to have me accompany her if I wished to go.

Varied and strong emotions swept over me as I sat beside my friend in that modest hall. The evangelist made the whole story so plain. For the first time I saw the true purpose of the Sabbath, originated in Eden itself, to stand always in the minds of men as a memorial of the creative power of the true God. I saw how its true observance would necessarily have prevented the idolatry and the forgetfulness of God which brought on the Flood. I realized why He was so particular in requiring its obedience of Israel, as He sought to draw them back to Him after their long sojourn in Egypt. All down through the ages I could trace the hand of the arch enemy striving to break down this command which stood as the key and memorial of all God's dealing with the men that He had made.

And when the enthralling tale was finished, and the evangelist had quietly appealed to any who had been convinced of the authenticity of the true Sabbath and wished to observe it henceforth to rise, I found myself, almost without volition of my own, standing with the rest.

My companion was unusually silent as we walked home. However, I was too full of a strange new sense of exaltation and peace either to take much note of the fact or to speculate as to my future plans.

Ralph was furious. Did I have any idea, he demanded, as to what this foolishness meant? Did I not know that he was only now beginning to feel that a secure foothold in his profession had been gained? Did I not realize that my social standing and connections would have a peculiar influence upon his success? Could I imagine what Mrs. Brian and Mrs. La Grange and Mrs. Deming would say when they heard of my rash stand, if I persisted in joining myself with so peculiar a sect?

My heart was often heavy in the weeks that followed. I fought conviction and framed for myself a dozen reasons why my hasty decision was to be

considered only quixotic and foolish. But always I thought and studied in circles. A strain of Puritanism in my blood forbade my giving up a conviction merely because carrying it out would work on me a hardship. Yet I could not bring myself to disregard my husband's wishes, and I grew almost to hate the mention of this subject which stood between us.

Then came the first great epidemic of influenza. Ralph was kept busy day and night. I knew by the deepening lines on his face and the baffled look I sometimes saw in his eyes that he had found a situation that he scarcely knew how to handle.

Later when I myself succumbed to the disease and, complications setting

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## The Time of Year

rolls around again when millions of Christians will be seeking to honor Christ by observing

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### EASTER SUNDAY

Yet Christ did not institute Easter, nor did He have anything to do with the idea of it. Read the article on this subject by *Robert Lee Odom* in next month's *WATCHMAN*.

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in, was ill past all knowledge of, or worry for, my condition, my neighbor came in and nursed me with an efficiency for which we will ever be grateful. I did not know until later that it was her knowledge of the now better-known "water treatments" which enabled Ralph to save a number of cases of which he was in despair.

As I slowly recovered from the illness that I had come to feel, deep in my own heart, was a sort of rebuke for my unwillingness to obey God's commandment, I strongly determined to let nothing again stand in the way of my obedience to conviction. Yet I was not altogether prepared for the spirit with which Ralph accepted my decision. The whole town had passed through a crisis before which small social advantages paled into insignificance. Moreover, my husband had developed a keen interest in hydrotherapy and a number of other health principles, which, in his co-working with Mrs. Russell, he had found to be understood and advocated by the Adventists. Great was my joy when, as the winter advanced and spring came on, he joined our neighbor and me in the evening Bible study that was fast becoming our habit. Later, as the conviction settled upon him that his opposition had been all wrong, he also joined us in attendance, whenever no desperate case called him away, at the Sabbath meeting of the little company raised up in our town by the evangelist above mentioned.

He did not take this step without much misgiving as to what the effect upon his growing practice might be. In our case, however, though I know it cannot always be expected to happen so, God seemed to add rich temporal blessing to the blessing of peace that encompassed our hearts. For every one who sneered there were two who seemed to regard the new doctor with favor for his courage to live his convictions.

For a number of years now we have been connected with the staff of one of our western sanitariums. We have become familiar with the organizations and high aspirations and the great work of that people about whom we knew so little in those first years of our married life. And never have we ceased to thank God for the gracious Lady over the Hedge who taught us so well, by her life and words, the true meaning of the commandment that says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

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## Stomach Ache

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cruciating pain in the upper abdomen, more than likely the ulcer has ruptured; that is, made a hole in the stomach wall, allowing the contents to escape into the abdominal cavity. The pain will be severe enough to cause the patient to break out with cold perspiration, to be in a state of shock, and doubled up with pain. The abdomen will become hard and the patient will appear extremely anxious. In such a case, it is very important that the best possible medical advice be obtained at once.

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## NERVOUS EFFECTS

**F**REQUENTLY indigestion and pain in the abdomen are the result of eating when one is very tired or anxious or frightened or depressed. The digestive fluids do not flow freely, and the whole process of taking care of the meal is greatly retarded. The stomach and the brain are so closely related that when one is upset, the other is affected. This may account for the fact that a man is always cross when he is hungry. When one is over-tired or depressed, it is much better to lie down and relax before taking food.

Although pain is the result of disobedience to the laws of Nature, it comes as a blessing and a warning, so that we may correct our errors and be spared further trouble. While it is advisable to have a thorough physical examination occasionally and while it is only rational to pay proper attention to definite, persistent symptoms, it is not for us to be over-anxious about the workings of the human machine and suspicious of trouble with every slight disturbance. A happy, cheerful disposition, temperate habits, and productive labor are wonderful remedies in banishing pain. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones."





SEVEN-TIMES-TENNIS-CHAMPION William T. Tilden gives this forceful testimony: "I am convinced that tobacco and alcohol do much to age the average athlete. I do not refer to the idiot who smokes all the time or attempts to drink all the liquor he can get. Even moderate drinking and smoking, I believe, greatly increase the task of reaching and holding competitive physical condition. I do not drink, but I do smoke, and I know I can feel a difference after three weeks without tobacco."

PROFESSOR HUGH HARTSHORNE of Teachers College, Columbia University, claims from research observation, that children reared in a small, established community are less liable to become criminals than those in congested cities. In other words, children reared in the country, or in small towns, do not as readily become criminals as city-bred children. Of course, home environment must not be overlooked as the most important factor in either city or country. This is but another link in the chain of evidence that should lead parents to provide an environment for their children as near as possible to the ideal out-door life God planned for His ancient Chosen People, when He settled every family on a farm.

MEAT-EATING AS A LABOR-SAVING DEVICE is urged upon housewives in a contemporary editorial. The argument is that it takes rock a billion years to become soil; it takes soil centuries to produce grass; the cow must eat grass for years, slowly digesting it into flesh; then man eats the steak in fifteen minutes. The inference is that meat-eating enables him to get nourishment in a quarter hour that would otherwise take more than a thousand million years to get. The whole scheme of argument is absurd. In the first place we have our doubts of how long it must take rock to become soil and produce grass. But that is entirely beside the subject; which is, the most direct, economical, and uncontaminated way for man to get food. To our notion and that of millions of fellow beings, it is directly at the place where inorganic chemicals are transformed into organic food elements — in vegetables, fruits, grains, and nuts — and not in the second-hand form of animals' flesh, laden with the excretory products of the animals' life processes.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT is said to have opened a subscription list in its official newspaper, *Izvestia*, for a new army airplane. Contributions may be made only by the godless, and the new plane is to be christened "Antichrist." To such fantastic lengths will some go in the parade of their hatred of God. This whole action is a curious commentary on Bible prophecy, contained in many expressions in the Book of Ephesians, of a conflict "in heavenly places," or the atmosphere, between good and evil angels. Satan himself is called "the prince of the powers of the air," and God's people are to arm themselves, with complete spiritual armor to protect themselves against "the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." While not meaning that this airplane is a literal fulfillment of Paul's words, we comment again on the startling thought that satanic agencies must have inspired this gesture of using the air to defy God. While such unseen evil forces influence governments and men, God's people can trust in Him and in His mighty angels of good.

WHISKY IS NOT MEDICINE in Kentucky, since W. S. Taylor, assistant Prohibition administrator for Kentucky and Tennessee, has ruled that physicians who seek permits to prescribe whicky must first get the approval of the secretary of the State Board of Health. This approval will not be easy to get, for both the State Board of Health and the State Medical Association are strongly opposed to the use of alcohol as medicine. Thus a forward step is taken in the restraint of unethical physicians who use their medical practice as a blind for encouraging drunkenness.

STATE RIGHTS is a favorite argument of the anti-prohibitionist. Let each State decide its own attitude toward liquor by local option, they say. Some idea of what would follow such a plan may be gained by Wisconsin's present experience. The recent repeal of the Severson Act withdrew State support from enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, leaving it to a small group of Federal dry agents. Immediately Chicago gangsters and liquor interests from outside the State moved in and established distilling on a large scale. The Federal agents report that violations of the Federal law have about doubled; liquor is being sold to children; drunkenness and drunken driving have greatly increased. Thus it is shown that unless there is complete co-operation between all the States and between the States and the Federal government, one State alone would be overrun by outside liquor criminals.

PSYCHOLOGISTS AND DOCTORS are just catching up with the Bible, when they teach that uncontrolled emotions, rather than overwork, produce diseases and nervous breakdowns. Dr. Charles P. Emerson, Professor of Medicine at the Indiana School of Medicine, says: "None of us really overwork mentally or physically, but we keep our emotions under high tension, which cannot but fatigue the organs through which the emotions express themselves physically, and as a result we require the violent stimulation of jazz, the impressionist's art, rhymeless poetry, and raw whisky. . . . The high tension emotions of modern life are definite factors in the causation of a number of diseases, including diabetes, goitre, digestive disturbances, high blood pressure, thyroid conditions, and disturbances of the functions of vital organs." Solomon, psychologist and scientist, said: "Keep thy heart [emotions] with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

DONALD B. MACMILLAN, scouting around the Arctic regions, reports the finding of traces of tropical vegetation. A vein of coal showed, under the microscope, the remains of giant sequoias, such as now grow in California. Mr. MacMillan suggests that the reason certain small migratory birds go to the Arctic to breed is because in the past this region was their home. All this is in harmony with what the Bible teaches as to the history of this globe. A perfect world, with no death, decay, or destructive climatic conditions, was once the condition of this planet. But following the entrance of sin the human race defiled the earth with its depravity to such an extent that it was necessary to destroy the sinners and the traces of their sin by a flood. The tropical vegetation of that day has become the coal veins of ours. Changed climatic conditions have produced the arctic and antarctic regions, but the instincts of animals still indicate what was their state before sin marred God's creation.

Each Thursday at 12:25 noon, an extension of this page, together with appropriate music, is broadcast from WEMC, "The Radio Lighthouse," at Berrien Springs, Mich. Let our readers tune in on this WATCHMAN HOUR.



# 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.

## Death of Judas

*By comparing Matthew 27: 5 and Acts 1: 18 it looks as if there is a contradiction, or Judas died twice.*

One of these texts says Judas "hanged himself," the other that he "burst asunder." Both are true, and refer to different parts of the same death. We understand that he hanged himself on a steep hillside and the rope or support broke and his body fell and burst open.

## Christ's Death for Jews

*Did not Christ die for the Jews only?*

We would conclude from John 3: 16 that Christ died for "whosoever will" accept of His death for salvation. And Paul in Romans 1: 16 says that the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Gentile, or non-Jew). We might cite many such texts. Perhaps there is nothing taught more plainly in the New Testament than that Christ's death was universal in its application.

## The Two Laws

*What law was nailed to the cross?*

The law of types and ceremonies was nailed to the cross, not the ten-commandment law. Of the latter Christ said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5: 17. This is the law spoken of in such texts as Psalm 119: 142, 172; Romans 3: 31; 1 John 2: 4; 5: 3. The law of ceremonies, referred to in such texts as Ephesians 2: 15; Colossians 2: 14-20; Romans 14: 5; Hebrews 7: 12, was revoked at the cross. The ceremonial laws governed the sacrificial rites of Israel, which pointed forward to Christ, and were "a shadow of good things to come" (Hebrews 10: 1); and of course when Christ came they reached their end, even as we follow the shadow of a post till we reach the post and find the substance rather than the shadow.

## Answers to Prayer

*Why are not my prayers answered?*

There may be any one or more of a number of reasons. God nowhere agrees to give us anything and everything we ask Him for. He is not a sort of servant of ours, to come at our beck and call. He has a universe to uphold. He has great principles that must be substantiated by all He does. He has our best interests at heart, and at the same time the best interests of everyone else, and generally we are ignorant of what is best for us. (Romans 8: 26.) And He has a sinful world of willful men to manage and make the most of. Here are some of the conditions on which He answers prayers:

We must keep His commandments, His law, or our prayer is an abomination to Him. (Proverbs 28: 9.)

We must not expect an answer too soon. (Psalm 37: 7.)

We must give our whole hearts to Him, be His children, and love Him. (Romans 8: 28.)

The request must be according to His will. (2 Corinthians, 12: 8, 9; 1 John 5: 14, 15.)

We must pray in faith. (Mark 11: 24; James 1: 6, 7.)

We are to keep on praying. (Luke 18: 1; Acts 12: 5.)

We should have a Bible promise to cover our request, and diligently seek an answer. (Hebrews 11: 6; Matthew 7: 7, 8.)

When we pray for the salvation of others, remember that our prayers cannot save anyone else in spite of himself. Our prayers will be answered by God's Spirit working for that soul, but God himself cannot save him if he refuses to be saved. (Ezekiel 18: 19, 20.)



## The Devil Told the First Lie

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is very low. True, all of these fifteen million are not called Spiritualists, for there are Christians of many denominations who favor the Spiritualist's doctrine. The position that many churches hold regarding the immortality of the soul lays the foundation for Spiritualism.

The tenet that the dead have conscious spirits, and that they, through Spiritualism, can communicate with the living, is the fundamental teaching of the Spiritualist sect. But, except the mediums and those who make a study of the doctrines, very few others know the exact teachings. The spirits themselves disagree in what they tell the mediums on many points. The doctrine taught is that there is no personal God; that God is in every person and every thing that has life. Crime in the world is simply an unfortunate stage that human beings must pass through on the road to perfection. As there is no sin, there is no need of a Saviour; hence no judgment; hence no resurrection.

Mr. Randolph, a noted Spiritualist leader, who forsook the belief for a short time, states in an article published in the Spiritualist magazine, the *Banner of Light*, that "Spiritualism is a synonym of all falsities and lies; a cloak for all kinds of crimes—adultery, murder, and lust; it weakens man's intellect and individuality; changes his worship of God to a worship of ghosts." To the Spiritualist the Bible is of no practical value. In Philadelphia a seance was held with a spirit that was supposed to be that of the apostle Paul. The spirit put its stamp of disapproval upon practically the entire Bible.

## BIBLE TAMPERING

SOME time ago, we are told, a few Spiritualistic leaders planned the revision of the New Testament. The men made the necessary changes, they said, by the direction of the Spirit of Christ. But in their revision they perverted the meaning of a great part of these sacred writings. The introduction to this book gives some interesting information: "Adultery . . . has reference to the worship of idols"; and "Christ came not to atone or save us from sin." Wherever in the *real* New Testament there is a rebuke for vice or immorality, the Testament of the spirits either omits it or classes these sins as "idolatry." These revisers assert that for the other books of the New Testament, aside from the four Gospels, the spirits of other writers appeared to assist them.

The president of the Spiritualistic organization said after a recent convention: "The Christian world is expecting the literal coming of Christ but He will come only to individuals in spirit through the agency of mediums." Such teachings—that Christ will appear only through an agency under the control of the devil,

—should set every lover of God and religion and the Bible on guard, lest he be deceived.

He who says that the spirit manifestations are *all* spurious is only exposing his ignorance. A large part of the so-called phenomena is false. The late Houdini did much to overthrow the tricks performed to deceive the unobserving ones. Tappings, rappings, and tiltings are often done by sleight of hand; yet some of the mysterious demonstrations of power are not the work of mortal man. This power is working, not to bring souls to Christ and salvation, but to draw them so far away that all hope is abandoned.

#### SPIRIT ADMISSIONS

**I**N SEANCES that may be verified by records, spirits have announced that they are deceiving the people; that they are not spirits of the dead, and that there is a resurrection following a world-wide judgment. When approached by one who believes in God, the spirits admit the truth of the Bible. They also say they are neither happy where they are, nor hopeful of any better life. Death is the doom of all evil spirits, and they are aware of this fact. Since misery loves company, Satan is endeavoring to drag men into his deception in order to take as many as he possibly can down to eternal death.

One of the theories of the Spiritualist is that when the whole world accepts his doctrines, all will be peace and happiness. He maintains that Spiritualism has not had time to show its real worth to humanity. But we have seen that Spiritualism is almost as old as creation, and during these millenniums the world has not become a better place to live in because of it.

God, the Creator of all things and the Giver of life to all creatures, states His position on Spiritualism. He tells His followers to have nothing to do with witches, sorcerers, and lying spirits. In ancient Israel a person found tampering with such delusions was speedily executed. The Bible plainly tells us that "the dead know not anything." (Ecclesiastes 9:5.) Therefore, anyone who proclaims the doctrines of Spiritualism is flatly contradicting the Bible. Christ dealt decisively with the spirits, casting them without mercy from the bodies of their victims.

Someone may ask why we should be interested in such a doctrine? The reason is this: Christ, in giving the signs of His coming, mentions very clearly that there will be lying spirits who will deceive the very elect if it be possible. Satan, knowing his end is near, is putting forth every effort to obtain control of people's lives to cause them to be robbed of eternal life.

In view of these facts, let each one be on guard lest in the latter days he should "depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits." 1 Timothy 4:1.

# How's Your Health

*The Doctor  
Answers Your  
Questions*



*Medical and hygienic information of interest to the general reader is given in this column by a practicing physician. Queries may be sent to the editor.*

**Sun baths.**—*What is the effect of sun baths on children? S. B. C.*

Children who take sun baths have a sense of well being, and if they take the sun baths long enough, they hold themselves erect. Also children who take sun baths seem to be free from disease, and take colds very seldom. It has been said that it would reduce our doctor's bills one third if we would all take sun baths daily.

**Bee Sting.**—*What is the best remedy for an insect bite such as a wasp or a bee? B. S. R.*

A paste of baking soda applied to a bite as soon as possible will usually relieve the condition very quickly. Always remove the stinger before applying any remedy. Ammonia water painted over the affected part will also relieve. Sometimes glycerine, or glycerine and borax, will give relief. But soda is usually the easiest to obtain quickly, and gives the relief desired.

**Blisters on toes.**—*At times I have watery blisters between my fingers, and between my toes, and then they will seem to dry up, and the parts become scaly. What is the trouble, and what can I do for it? T. B. R.*

The trouble you have is a very common infection that occurs in many people and is very easily treated. It is called epidermophytosis, and is treated by opening the blisters and applying Whitfield's ointment. If this seems to be too strong for your skin, which may be very sensitive, you may use the ointment half strength.

**Boils.**—*I seem to have a great number of boils. How can they be prevented? M. B.*

Boils are due to germs that are constantly on the skin surface. These germs work their way through the skin, and then produce small abscesses, or boils. The skin on the parts where you have boils should be washed thoroughly two or three times a day with soap and water, and some disinfectant applied, as a weak solution of iodine. Boils come on people who have blood filled with impurities as a result of poor elimination, etc., for there is then diminished resistance of the body cells, and when the germ is present the boil will be the result. Look after your elimination, and your habits of life, and thus build up your resistance to these infections.

**Grapefruit.**—*What is the food value of the grapefruit? G. F.*

An ordinary-sized grapefruit has a food value of about 100 calories, or about the same value as a half a glass of grape juice, or a half a glass of milk, or a slice of bread. A grapefruit can be eaten at any time, as it does not require any work of the stomach in digestion.

**Spastic colitis.**—*I have been suffering from constipation for a good many years, and have been told that I have spastic colitis. I have been living on a diet very liberal in vegetables and bran products, but do not seem to get any better. Can you tell me why, and also suggest a diet for me? S. C.*

In the first place you have been living on a diet that is just the opposite of what you should have, if you have spastic colitis. Spastic colitis is due to a nervous condition, and not to an error in diet, and the bowel should not have the same roughage that is needed in atonic colitis. Foods with a large amount of residue aggravate your condition. Begin to relieve your condition by a diet of milk, then eggs and cereals may be added, and soft vegetables that have been strained through a colander may be taken. Also you may take fruit juice, but no pulp. Avoid all stimulants as pepper, spice, coffee, etc. Gradually the more bulky foods may be added as the condition improves. Care should always be taken to have enough food, for you will have the tendency to be undernourished. Hot applications to the abdomen will help to relieve the condition, and a hot water bottle to the abdomen after meals will also help. Mild laxatives as mineral oil or agar agar are best for this condition. A small enema may be necessary at first, and if your case is very persistent, an oil enema taken at night and retained until morning will greatly help. Eight ounces of mineral oil may be used for this. Abdominal massage will also be helpful. Do not take colonic irrigations, as they are not the best for this condition. A good deal of rest and quiet are essential, and sleep at night is also beneficial. The essential thing, then, at first is a low-residue diet, gradually increased, relief of the constipation by small enemas and oil retention enemas at night, and mineral oil or agar agar taken as needed.

## A Better World

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beasts will be changed. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11: 6-9.

Funeral parlors and cemeteries will be unknown there. There will be no deaths from any cause, and consequently there will be no mourning for the dead. Even pain itself will be unheard of. One of the statements of the New Earth Investment Company is: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Revelation 21: 4; Isaiah 25: 8.

Hospitals and sanitariums will not be found in the new earth. Doctors and nurses will be obliged to seek other employment, for "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick." (Isaiah 33: 24.) Even the "eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." (Isaiah 35: 5, 6.)

International trouble shall never arise there. There will be no need for a World Court, or for a League of Nations, or for The Hague, for in the new earth there will be no war—not even a rumor of one. The peace treaty in the new earth shall never be treated as a scrap of paper. It will be held eternally inviolate. The New Earth Investment Company guarantees this in these words: "The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psalm 37: 11. God "maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Psalm 46: 9.

### PROTECTION OF INVESTORS

IF ANY of the investors in the New Earth Investment Company have met with injustice here, they should not render to any man "evil for evil." (Romans 12: 17.) All clients may safely leave their cases in the hands of the President of the Company. "Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath of God: for it is written, Vengeance belongeth unto Me; I will recompense, saith the Lord." Romans 12: 19, A. R. V.

The New Earth Investment Company assures every investor opportunities for growth and expansion. "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. . . . Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain." Isaiah 65: 21-23.

There will be great social privileges and activities. There will be no "best people" there, for everyone will be regarded as equal. Many people you have read about and would like to meet will be there. The first human pair, Adam and Eve, will be your associates. Enoch and Elijah, two men who never died, will tell of their experiences in heaven for the past twenty-five to forty-five centuries. Who wouldn't want to meet Noah? Then there is Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Daniel, the eleven apostles, Paul, and many others, who may happen to be your near neighbors. But best of all, Jesus Christ and God will be there. The throne of God will be set up on the new earth. (Revelation 22: 1-4; 21: 2, 3.)

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## The London Naval Conference

bulks big in all the news mediums of today. The April WATCHMAN will contain an interpretation of its findings and decisions. Don't miss William G. Wirth's article on

### Arms Limitation

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On the beginning of every month and on every Sabbath day, all the investors in the New Earth Investment Company will assemble at the capital city, the New Jerusalem; to worship their Redeemer and Creator. (Isaiah 66: 23.) Everyone will be supremely happy. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35: 10. The question, "Who may invest?" has troubled many. Some think they are too sinful, but no man is righteous enough to receive the title to a square foot of this property. However, the President has made provision for everyone who wants to invest. Every investor must be made over—he must be born again. The investor's duty is to give God his heart, accept Christ's righteousness, and promise to abide by all the specifications in the guidebook.

Further particulars about this wonderful investment may be obtained from the guidebook of the Company. This guidebook should be studied carefully and prayerfully. But don't procrastinate. The opportunity to invest may be withdrawn at any time. In fact, in the near future this opportunity of a lifetime will be withdrawn. A decree in heaven is to go forth: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: . . . and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with

Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22: 11, 12. Just before Christ comes, non-investors will be doing those things described in Amos 8: 11, 12. Remember Lot's wife.

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## The Case against Flesh Diet

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From this we see that any excess of protein is injurious, although appearances may not indicate it. Milk protein is the least injurious. Next comes the beef protein, and then the liver protein. Liver is the most injurious of all. It is well to bear this in mind, since at present anemic patients are advised to eat quite freely of liver. In curing one condition by using freely of liver, it is possible to develop a condition in every respect much more serious but not so apparent.

These animals, it must be borne in mind, were not fed on an exclusive meat diet. On an exclusive meat diet they would not have fared so well. On a 25 per cent protein diet in one year's time serious changes in the kidneys had developed, although the animals appeared to be exceptionally well. During the first eight months, however no changes were observed.

A 39 per cent protein diet revealed very slight injury after the first eight months, but after another eight months' feeding there was evidence of marked injury to the kidneys. He says: "If one makes the protein in the diet sufficiently high, 75 per cent, the injury in eight months becomes very severe so that one gets very striking evidence of double effect."

### ESKIMOS POOR PROOF

DR. HINDEHEDE, referring to the Eskimos who subsist largely on a meat diet, says: "It is evident that for Eskimos the death rate at the prime of life is for men four times, and for women three times higher than for the Danes," who are fed chiefly on a vegetarian diet. He says, "The Eskimos cannot therefore be used, or *misused*, as a proof of the harmlessness of a meat diet. They may appear strong and healthy, but the internal organs are probably ruined at an early age." The same, of course, might be said of Stefansson and Anderson, who subsisted on an exclusive meat diet for a year. Dr. Hindehede says, "One notices the terrible toll of death in America due to Bright's disease. I can no longer doubt that a high meat diet ruins the kidneys, especially in view of Dr. Newburgh's experiments, proving as they do, that we may with mathematical certainty produce Bright's disease even in rats by placing them on a high meat diet."

Dr. Hindehede further says, "I suppose that it is best not to eat meat at all, but this I am not able to prove, and it is a principle of mine not to make

claims that I am unable to prove. How much meat different persons may *endure* without getting ill probably varies, but that many people eat more meat than is good for them is proved through numerous diseases of digestion that are cured through a vegetarian diet. All doctors know that. Such patients are always put on a vegetarian diet and are cured. When they go back to meat, they again get sick."

#### TESTIMONY OF McCOLLUM

**P**ROFESSOR E. V. McCOLLUM of Johns Hopkins, America's leading authority on diet, in answer to the question, "Can the highest degree of health and vigor be developed and maintained on a diet excluding meat?" said: "Yes, all evidence from both animal experimentation and human experience supports in a manner which can never be broken down, the viewpoint that meat is not necessary in the human diet. It also supports the conclusion that the best type of diet is a lacto-vegetarian diet. I am convinced that anyone who eats the average amount of meat consumed in this country, will improve, rather than suffer, by cutting it all out of his diet. Meats greatly increase intestinal putrefaction. There is no other class of foods which so greatly tends to promote intestinal putrefaction and unwholesome decomposition products."

The fact that two men who were in good health were able to subsist on a meat diet for one year and maintain the appearance of health by no means proves that they were uninjured by it. An examination of the kidneys and other vital organs alone could have revealed the extent of the injury they sustained, if any. Since it was not possible to examine these organs as in the case of the animals experimented upon by Dr. Newburgh, there was no possible way of determining how badly these organs were injured, but that they were injured, these experiments would justify one in concluding. Another year on such a diet, or possible only an additional six months, might have told altogether a different story, since animals which showed only slight injury of the kidneys during the first eight months of feeding, died at the expiration of another eight months. It no doubt was fortunate for Stefansson and Anderson that their experiment ended when it did.

The mortality from organic and degenerative diseases is constantly increasing in all highly civilized countries. Men who die suddenly of heart disease, or of kidney disease, usually have the appearance of health. Friends do not suspect that they are not in health. They themselves feel well. Even a medical examination may fail in revealing any disease, and yet they may be far from being well.

The free use of meat in America is

undoubtedly one of the causes of the prevalent degeneracy of the heart and kidneys and the increasing mortality from organic diseases. It is well known that those who live to extreme old age are, with few exceptions, moderate users of meat, and frequently total abstainers.

I adopted a *meatless* diet forty-three years ago. I did it because I was in poor health and because I believed it to be an aid in Christian living. One year's experiment resulted in improved health and convinced me that it was beneficial for me to continue the experiment. These forty-three years I have continued on an *exclusively meatless diet*, and now at the age of nearly threescore years and ten, I am still in excellent health and able to put in longer hours at work than I could twenty years ago. This

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Just how does a man feel when he decides to commit

### SUICIDE?

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### "Step Out"

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is not *one* year's experiment merely, but an experiment of forty-three years. That seems to be a fair test. My wife, who is nearly my age, has also subsisted on a meatless diet during these years, and is still actively engaged in the practice of medicine. People marvel at the amount of work she is doing at her age. My daughter, also a practicing physician and hard worker, has lived on a meatless diet all her life. Her husband, who is one of the leading and most successful surgeons of the South, has also followed this mode of living during the past thirty years. During these years in my medical practice in connection with important medical centers, I have been instrumental in aiding a great many sick people back to health by the adoption of a *meatless* diet. Scores of testimonials could be produced to verify this statement. Those who adopt this meatless diet for one year practically always continue it.

### Another Shrine

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to certain places and certain liturgical exercises.

"Following the ninth of some twenty steps leading to canonization, the 'servant of God' whose heroic virtues have been under examination, is judicially granted the title of 'Venerable.' A change in this title comes with the issuance of a pontifical brief permitting

the veneration of the 'beatified' person, who is hereafter known as 'Blessed.' 'Canonization,' finally, is a precept of the Roman Pontiff commanding public veneration to be paid to an individual by the Universal Church. Miracles remain to be proved, of which two of the first class are required in case the *practice* of virtues in the heroic degree has been proved by eye-witnesses, four, if the virtues were proved only by 'hearsay witnesses.'"

#### MEANING OF IT

**I**N THESE days of crass materialism when it has been freely asserted that religious sentiment is fast disappearing, this manifestation of frenzied faith is no small surprise to the public—especially in staid old New England. The assertion that the personnel of these pilgrimages was sixty per cent Catholic and forty per cent Protestant has startled students of sociology, many of whom had been asserting that belief in miracles is a thing of the past. To find people ready to trust their healing to water that had been drawn from a well by a pump and carried to the grave of a dead man, or place their faith in soil that had been scooped up from the grave, is a matter of no small wonder. To find envelopes containing such soil hidden in the folds of patients' gowns in the best hospitals of Boston was a startling discovery.

I stop to inquire if there are Bible grounds for such manifestation on the part of the faithful? In the case of the healing of Naaman, reported in 2 Kings 5: 10-15, water was employed, but it is clearly evident that his servants recognized this series of ablutions as a mere testing of his faith—that there was no efficacy in the water. Again we read in John 9: 6, 7, where Jesus made clay and told one born blind to go wash in the pool of Siloam. "He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." But the water and clay had no efficacy in themselves—they were agencies alone in the testing of his faith. This man was physically, but not superstitiously, blind; and his healing was a reward to his faith manifested in obedience to a divine command.

Those who have urged the genuineness of the miracles in Malden have referred to the words of Jesus when He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, and the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to My Father." John 14: 12. However, in response to the question, "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" We hear Jesus saying: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." John 6: 28, 29. It is therefore evident that Christ placed *belief* in the truth above works.

It may be argued that pilgrimages to the graves of the dead are justified on



the hypothesis that one was raised to life through coming in contact with the bones of Elisha. True, we are told in 2 Kings 13:21 that "when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood upon his feet"; but that the man was dead is not specifically mentioned, though it is inferred; that he was raised from the dead is not definitely stated, but rather is the statement made that "he revived."

#### FALSE PRECEDENTS

SOME have attempted to justify the superstitious veneration of the tomb of the dead priest by referring to Acts 19:11, 12, which says: "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." However, Paul was *alive* when these miracles were performed and those who would compare this experience with that at Malden take no notice of the discrediting of the exorcists mentioned in the succeeding verses who appealed to the *dead* for healing. It is the method of the discredited exorcists rather than of Paul which finds its counterpart in many so-called modern miracles.

Since the reputed Malden cures, the question has been repeatedly asked, "If Protestantism is right, why does it not have shrines and report cures?" I answer that the Bible puts faith above feeling, and since Protestants accept the Bible as their rule of faith they are not seeking alone for signs, for they remember that Christ said: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." Matthew 12:39. Do you recall men's testimony concerning John the Baptist? "John did no miracle; but all things that John spake of this man were true." John 10:41. It is therefore evident that a true representation of Christ, His life, and ministry for lost sinners, is of more vital import than the working of miracles. The working of miracles in and of themselves constitutes no evidence of divine origin. Read the following: "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and give thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God proveth you to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 13:1-3. This evidences the fact that even a miracle of healing in Malden is no proof that the work is of God or has His sanction. It is essential that such miracles be performed according to God's word, and in such a way as will bring glory to Him rather than to some man. It is true that faith is at times rewarded as is shown in

Acts 14:9 where we read "he had faith to be healed"; but failure to secure evidence of a miracle is no proof that God is not present to bless His obedient child.

However, when God heals, He makes a complete work of it. You will recall that in the healing of the lame man at the gate Beautiful by Peter and John, "immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God." Acts 3:7, 8. Concerning this miracle Peter added this testimony: "And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know; yea the faith which is by Him hath given this man perfect soundness in the presence of you all." Verse 16. You will observe that the man did not "feel a little better," or "think he was helped some," or "think he could see some improvement" in his case, as has been the testimony of those reported healed at the Malden shrine; but "he walked and leaped," and had "perfect soundness." All this came through faith in a *living* Christ, not in a dead human being.

#### Disarmament

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influence. Another thing: France now is the strongest military power on the European continent and in fact in the world. She has more soldiers armed and equipped for war on land than has any other power. Knowing that England and the United States are the great naval powers in the world, Paris will seek to bargain her present military supremacy against the naval supremacy of Britain and the United States. Just as soon as this naval disarmament business goes to the League of Nations, it puts the United States in a position of disadvantage and limits severely our powers to effect world peace. We are not members of the Geneva body, and are not likely to be. Therefore, what we do must be done at London, if it is done at all; and frankly the chances are very small that we shall be able to do anything.

In conclusion, then, as we think over the difficult questions to be solved by this London meeting, and the impossibility that they will be solved there, we prophesy nothing of any positive nature being gained. In fact, we have grave fears that this London conference will make a bad matter worse. For this reason: It is no secret that Washington and London are the leaders in this five-power session. This makes it *not* a European movement for peace; and say what we will, peace will not come until it comes first out of Europe, where the real issue lies. As Europe goes so goes the world, so far as international concord is concerned. The United States may be the greatest nation on earth so far as economic power and

enlightened influence are concerned; our wealth and power may give us tremendous prestige; but these things are not vitally consequential in bringing ultimate peace to this sphere of ours. Europe, and Europe alone, as the fountain of our present civilization, must solve this war question, if we think we human beings can solve it,— which we really cannot.

The fact, then, that this naval peace movement does not wholeheartedly proceed from the majority of the strong European powers foredooms the London endeavor to failure. More than that, it will be likely, unless real diplomacy is engaged in, to divide the great powers. It will put France and Italy as strictly continental powers against America and Britain. And a divided house cannot stand. If England and America should go one way, with probably Japan going with them, because it will be to her advantage to do so, it will drive France with her circle of continental powers another way. And Italy will be one of them, even though the relations of France and Italy have not been very good. However, continental blood in this case is thicker than Anglo-American water, especially since Mussolini has no particular love in his soul for the Labor Government of London.

I hope I have made it plain to the reader in these two articles that the world is in a bad way. Broadminded, altruistic, peace-loving statesmen may work their hardest to bring the nations together; but the fact remains that all these endeavors are but will-o'-the-wisps leading them all on to the marsh of Armageddon, which cannot be avoided. International relations and concerns are getting too complicated and tense to bring about concord and amity among the nations. Our only hope for this year, and any year, is in Jesus and His salvation. We long for Him to come as "King of kings and Lord of lords." What our earthly kings and lords want to do but cannot do, He desires to do and will do, and that day is not far off.

#### Propaganda

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Look where we will, the situation today is truly tragic; for the amusement menu, the intellectual menu, and the popular religious menu is largely fruit from "the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Multitudes, sensing this, face another peril. So disgusted are they with false propaganda, so cynical and skeptical, that when the actual message of God sounds in their ears, they are in grave danger of turning away from the everlasting gospel.

The Book declares: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"; and again: "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh." But there are so many voices, and we ask as did one of old,

"What is truth?" Here is the divine test: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

Believe not the one who says that the Bible is like an old fiddle upon which one may play any tune one pleases. Only ignorance, dishonesty, or spiritual anarchy would utter such a statement. When properly understood, every part and portion of Scripture blends into one harmonious message of infinite love. Study it, and you will detect, not many voices, but one authoritative, inerrant testimony concerning the past, the present, and the future. Its literary excellence, its revelation of God, its spiritual oneness, its standard of morality, its counsel for every experience of life, its hundreds of prophetic forecasts so remarkably fulfilled, each and all stamp the Book with the insignia of divine truth.

One thing more. The many prophecies of the Sacred Volume, fulfilling in our day and generation, designate the present as the time of the end which is soon to terminate in the glorious second coming of Christ. Just prior to this event of events, Satan is to stage the greatest camouflage propaganda of the ages. Looking forward to this time, the prophet declares: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

This climax of demon strategy just before earth's drama closes and the curtain drops, is further characterized as "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." So insidious and overmastering are the traps and delusions set for the world in these last days, that Christ himself issued the warning: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10; Matthew 24:24.

Yet none need be deceived. Said the Master: "Search the Scriptures." Therein is revealed a perfect, symmetrical diadem of truth, a detector for every satanic lie, a safeguard from every peril, a comfort for every sorrow, a healing for every wound, a present help in every emergency, and victory in Christ for every life. Trust Him! His promises are more sure than a

Federal bond: "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Revelation 3:10, 11.

## The Glory of a Free Land

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allow civil marriage and to abolish the exclusive right of the oldest son to inherit. It required the leveling influence of free land and the liberty-loving product of the American frontier to break the bonds of oppression and to establish a government without a king and a church without a pope. And not only did the newer settlements break the control of the aristocracy, but it was in them that for the first time in human history entire religious freedom was recognized.

While our Catholic friends claim the honor of first granting religious toleration in America in Lord Baltimore's Colony by the Act of Toleration of 1649, such an assertion will not stand the test of historical criticism. In the first place, the provisions of the charter, as well as political and religious conditions in England, forced the Baltimore officials to a large degree of tolerance. Again, when the Act of Toleration was

passed, the Catholics were in the minority; and the "minority can always be trusted to be tolerant when they are at the mercy of a majority." Moreover, such tolerance as was granted was limited to "Christians," from which Jews, atheists, and Unitarians were excluded.

Finally, "religious toleration is one thing; entire separation of church from state — in other words, religious equality — another thing." — Cook, "American Institutions and their Preservations," p. 46. And in this difference lies the heart of the whole problem. Toleration infers the right to grant specific rights, upon certain conditions, and, as granted in the past, when forced to do so. It also infers the right to withdraw the privilege. The recognition of religious equality is based on the higher principle that the civil government has absolutely no power over the religious life of the individual, so long as his rights do not infringe on the equal right of his neighbor. This was first recognized in Providence, Rhode Island, where freedom of faith and worship was assured to all. Here was laid the basis of one of America's greatest contributions to mankind, the entire separation of church and state, the entire freedom of the individual in spiritual things, the acceptance on the part of secular rulers of the words of the Saviour: "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's."



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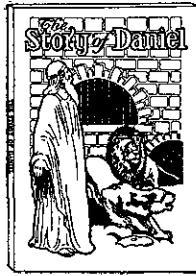
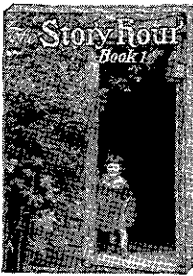
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