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## Something to Think Over

Scrape the barnacles of church tradition off the good ship Zion, and many an atheist would take passage.

The Modernist God is an intelligent God, a handsome God, a scientific God, a social God, a magnificent God,—but a powerless God.

The Buddhist's chief aim in life is to cease to exist, the Christian's to exist forever. That is because the Buddhist has no hope of existence without sin, and the Christian has.

The only sincere critics of Christianity are those who do not know Christianity. The only sincere critics of Christians are those who do not know what it means to be a Christian.

If God bids us observe only a seventh part of time as His Sabbath, then why not observe only the seventh part of time He has designated as the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week?

The Bible has never had to back down before new discoveries of science, such as that the world is round and not flat. But theologians' false interpretation of the Bible has had to change.

The end of the world is not the end of everything and everybody. It is the end of sin and sinners and pain and death; the beginning of the righteous, righteousness, health, and eternal life.

Christianity may be said to be the outgrowth of Judaism, but Judaism before Christ and Christianity after are both parts of the one true religion. Judaism lost Christ, for it had Him; and Christianity found Christ, and thus found itself.

A Christian is one who obeys the commands and follows the example of Christ. Christ commanded the keeping of, and Himself kept, the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. Hence, the seventh day of the week is the Christian Sabbath.

Christians claim that Christianity — and Christianity dates from the garden of Eden — is all good and of God, but do not claim that all other religions are all bad and of the devil. The good in other religions has been borrowed from Christianity.

God's program for this time is the paramount program, dominating or cutting across the programs of men for peace, culture, health, morals, a better world. It is a program of quick heralding of impending world doom, followed by destruction, and a saving of His remnant people for a sinless world cleansed by fire.

"Ten thousand people can't be wrong" is a common slogan these days to express the idea that because the crowds are doing it, it must be right. It is the spirit of the age and says in effect: "The broad road leads to life, and many there be that go in thereat; and the narrow road leads to death, and few there be that find it." If Jesus were here, what would He say to that?

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Is America alive to the necessity of guarding the night life of its cities?

# WHEN *the* Lights Go OUT

*Answer this question,  
"Is there a good show in town?"*

By THEO. G. WEIS



HAT are millions of Americans looking at tonight when the lights of thousands of show houses dim and the curtains rise on a new act? Ask yourself; then answer a question with which a stranger in a small western town startled me: "Is there a good show in town?" I could not answer! Aside from being a non-theater-goer and a newcomer in the place, I admitted I had given the matter no serious thought. The stranger smiled and passed on!

There are many voices with ready comment. Show people like show talk. Critics are not agreed on what makes one show a *mere* show and another a *good* show.

The show business pays big dividends. It does not fluctuate with "demand money," does not depend on a community's surplus, and suffers no drought. The 1930 report of Will Hays, czar of filmdom, confirms this statement. Movieland's financial pillars of millions are re-enforced by some of the keenest executives the country possesses. Its publicity net-

work reaches the smallest hamlet, in the glow and glamour of dazzling colors, alluring headlines, and sparkling paragraphs. Radio programs are studded with epigrams from the theater. Ingenuity, musical originality, and witty dialogue continually bring to the ear of the listener the theme-song or title of some million-dollar stage or talkie success.

The theater is so strong an educational factor that the church can never hope to compete aggressively with it. It is even failing to hold its own trenches. Churchmen may shout loud and long about the rottenness of the stage and effect nothing. Campaigns to clean up the show business will be so much running in a circle unless the theater takes the initiative.

The conscience of the movie is no better than the heart of the stage, and the latter is putrid to the heart-core. The influence of both is to the mind of Young America what the aroma of a smoldering nuisance ground is to the nostrils. Alice Ames

Winter said: "When it comes to the movies, people do not have to be taught so much as their letters. All they have to do is to open their ready-made eyes. Therefore it is that when a business gets to the point where it is the chief entertainer of twenty million folks a day, the thing that by its art stirs their minds and souls either for good or for evil, it comes pretty close home to all of us and becomes a community affair."

#### THE PULSE OF THE PEOPLE

**O**CCASIONALLY there is talk against the "glorified criminal"; yet no movie has ever been produced, advertised, and successfully run to the end of a happy season without some sin, crime, moral depravity, or duplicity at the very heart of its plot. If we must war against criminals why not attack the school that teaches them? One editor asks: "Are the newspapers to blame, or the people who read them, for the constantly increasing amount of space given to the glorification of criminals?" The same question may be asked of the theater and the theater-goer. The answer of the Rev. George Reid Andrews covers both: "The best reformation is always from the inside out and not the outside in."

The theater is unclean. The stage has the mellow voice of a conservative, Jacob the perfume-sprayed gowns of a mistress of Sheba, but the hands and heart of a coarse, vulgar Esau. Men have produced plays that savor of wild animals and the blood of killings. Heywood Broun in one of his columns says: "Probably the lowest mark in many seasons was set by

Earl Carrol. Here there is no reference to episodes held to be lewd and immoral; rather I bring against him the charges of gross stupidity." Broun admits lewdness, charges stupidity, and through the length of several paragraphs discusses what appears to be a glorification of dirt, then closes by sardonically saying, "I'm waiting for the day when some producer gets the inspiration to put on a revue glorifying the American joke."

"Public amusement," said Edward Gibbon, "is the pulse of a people." If there is faith and reason in his words, we are in a bad way. One hour of conscientious study of what the stage has recently produced almost leads one to conclude that Eugene O'Neill, in all bitterness, is correct when he characterized our acts as "the unclean antics of half-witted children."

#### MISREPRESENTING ART

**F**REDERIC F. VAN DE WATER, discussing the obscene drama of New York says: "Since dirty plays first began to be a problem in New York the effort to eliminate them has borne a striking similarity to a pup's attempts to catch his own tail. . . . Law has been tried, and law has failed." He tells us not only all plays are in need of a "soaped wash cloth," but also specifies in no uncertain phrases what he means by "dirty plays." He continues:

"Much bunk has been uttered by the alleged *intelligenzia* concerning the iniquity of placing legal shackles upon art. Much verbal tripe has been advanced by the theatrical producers regarding the right of the play maker to depict life as he sees it. A partial answer to this high-minded pose is found in the fact that two completely indecent plays this relator witnessed during the recent season were written under pseudonyms.

"If they [the authors] were the valiant iconoclasts they pretend to be, if they were forthright and frank even beyond the point of standing behind their own creations, they would admit that there was money to be made in dirt and that they had written dirt to make it.

"While legal and extra-legal authorities have hemmed and hawed, fidgeted on one foot and the other, made threatening gestures that faded away into aimlessness,



By Ewing Galloway, N. Y.

Would that the youth of our cities were as carefully guided through the dangers of immorality that surround them as they are through the traffic mazes of the street.

the dirt of the stage has become dirtier and dirtier.

"There were gradations of obscenity even among the half dozen plays most heatedly denounced. They varied from mature, well-written, deftly staged and acted dramas that had been spiced with indecency of language or concept, to the inept, crass productions written under pseudonyms for that portion of the population that still cherished the adolescent, fence-scribbling, leering love of indecency. The apology advanced for all of them is that they 'reflect life,' yet there are certain matters of existence that are acutely nauseating even in reflection."—*Ladies Home Journal*, April, 1927.

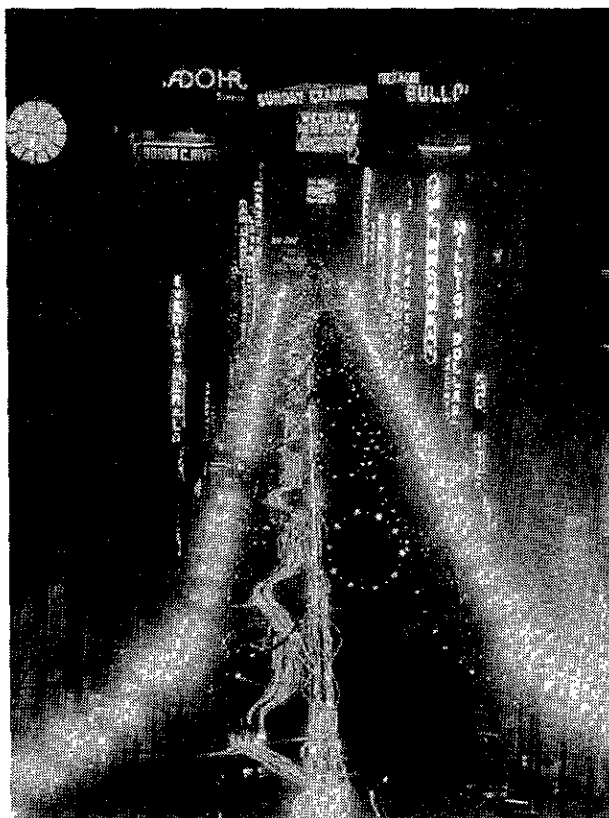
Several weeks ago a minister of a popular church denounced with eloquence the nudity, lewdness, and moral rottenness of the stage. A well-known cartoonist pictures the stage as a mud-bedecked individual who is threatened with a cleaning from the high-pressure hose of public wrath. Hearst papers printed an editorial from the pen of William Randolph Hearst pointing to the running sores of the stage and suggesting a cure. Some one objects that we are confusing the stage and the photoplay. We reply that most of the present-time popular talkies are taken from stage successes. Mr. Hearst sees a fault in the stage, warns against its revolting indecency, and its souring effect on the whole dough,—and he is right.

Channing Pollock, who most hopefully and straight from the shoulder insists, "There may be a rash on the face of civilization, but its heart is still beating vigorously, . . ." says, with devotion: "The theater is my church. I lay my offerings at its altar and enter its precincts to invite my soul. To me, there can be no greater social misfortune, or indication, than a playhouse which is not a temple but a sideshow, purveying chiefly the same titters and titillations to be had in Steeple Chase Park. There is something wrong with a public that clamors unceasingly for sex and 'sophistication.'" It seems to be the opinion of the majority of thinking men and women that the public clamors for just that type of stuff, even though Pollock is of the opinion that it does not. We could cite the words of many others upon this point, but why continue the discussion? The year 1931 finds us little different from what we were in 1927. If anything, our stage is a little bolder, a little older, and a lot dirtier.

#### THEATER REFLECTED IN HOME LIFE

WE SEE the effect of the theater reflected in the everyday life of many citizens. Some act out in their home life what they see portrayed in the show. Much of the crime and sex-perversion of today can be traced to the playhouse.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey tells the following experience: "A Denver Bible-class teacher came to me in consternation some time ago with a note that he had picked up on the floor of the church, shortly after the dismissal of Sunday school. The contents of the note had nearly shocked him to illness. It



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With dazzling lights on the outside, and darkness inside, what transformations of character are being made.

was unsigned and more or less cryptic, but its implications were plain. And since the part of the building where it had been found had been occupied just previously by a class of girls, the note constituted ample evidence, not merely that the owner had 'gone wrong,' but also that she was a highly sophisticated young woman, and scientifically informed in matters relating to sex." This is not a singular incident. The worry of this Sunday school teacher is the bitter burden of many more all over the land.

The Bible has pictured what the world could expect as it neared the end of its history: "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, . . . likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh." Jude 7, 8. The apostle Peter tells us: "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts" (2 Peter 3: 3), and Paul in Galatians 5: 19 lists as the first four lusts among many others, "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness."

Let us not lose faith in mankind because of the evil that abounds on every hand and even makes its appearance in the lives of the very best. Let us resolve to live clean lives, think clean thoughts, and plan our amusements with an eye single to purity. Thus, when folds of dimming lights surround us, when the rush of feet and roar of busy life is silent for a few brief hours, when the mind is open to receive something intensely interesting, let the eyes be directed on something clean, uplifting, and refreshing.

# A Hungry World a

# BETTER WORLD

“During periods of prosperity there develop waste, carelessness, and crime. When, however, people are out of employment, when business men are making losses, when we find things drifting away from us and we are unable to control the situation, then we look to higher and better things. Men develop spiritually during periods of depression, and they also develop mentally.”—*Roger W. Babson, noted statistician and doctor of business.*



FIVE hundred farmers stormed the business section of England, Arkansas, demanding food for their starving families. George E. Morris, the attorney, attempted to quiet the crowd by speaking to them, but he was interrupted by shouts such as: “Our children are starving, and crying for food, and we are going to get it.” “We are not going to let our children starve.” “We want food, and we want it now.” “We are not beggars, we are willing to work for fifty cents a day, but we’re not going to starve, and we’re not going to let our families starve. Give us work, and we will not come back.” Attorney Morris said he considered the situation very serious, and that the men would probably storm the town again after the temporary relief given them was exhausted. The merchants are “broke,” and soon will be in the bread line with the farmers.

A man walked into a grocery store in Pittsburg, Kansas, and asked to have a sack of flour charged. The groceryman refused credit. The customer said, “I have a hungry family; if you will not charge it, I will take it anyway.” The officers were sent out to arrest the man. They found a cold, hungry family with only the sack of flour to appease hunger. They refused to arrest the father, and paid the merchant for the flour.

## FORETOLD IN PROPHECY

**H**ARD times have struck the world. Every nation, unless it be France, is going through a financial depression. Several families are moving into the same house to save rent, and this is not very good for the morals of the country. Millions are barely keeping the wolf from the door, while others are already suffering the pangs of hunger. Parents worry on with no change for the better in sight, while the children cry for bread. Cities and towns are feeding hundreds of families. The small business men are going bankrupt. There were more than 1,000 bank failures last year.

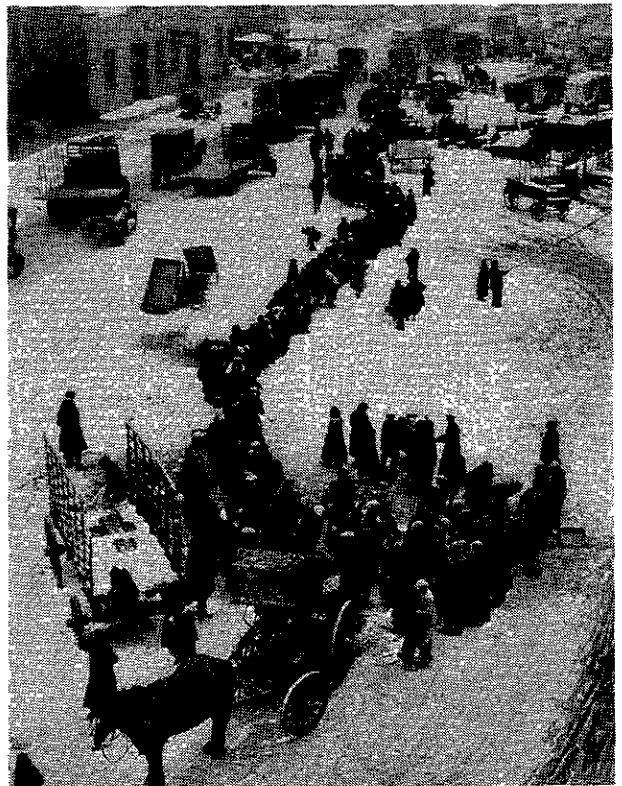
Such conditions are not a surprise to the student of prophecy. A prophecy found in James 5:1-8 declared such times would come. It is here predicted that the wealth of the world will be hoarded by the very rich. The scripture says: “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, your

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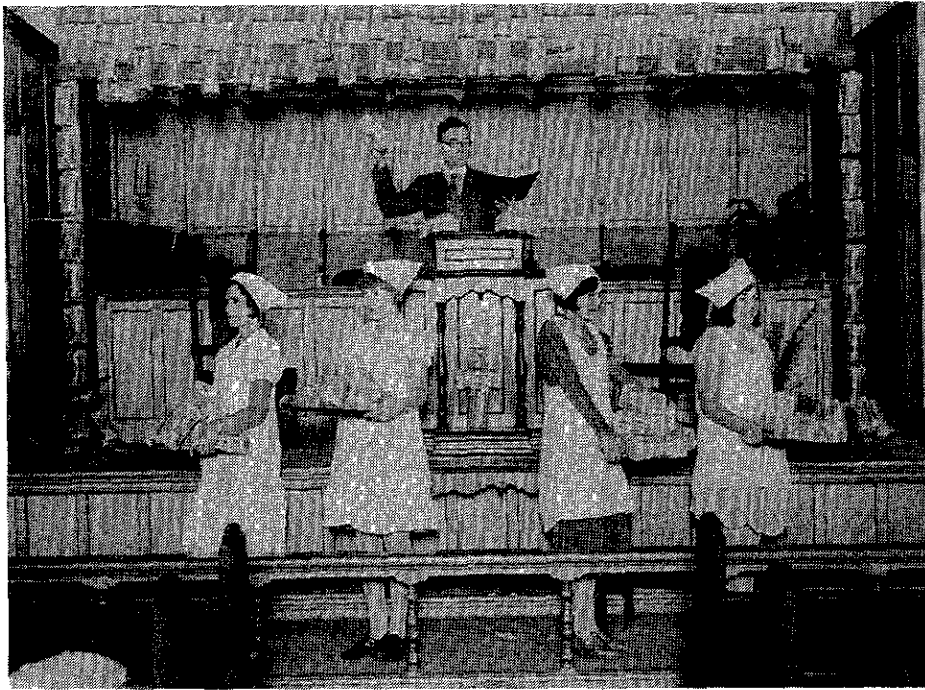
garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.” James 5:1-3.

There is no shortage of money in the world, but it is being hoarded by the minority while the majority live in want and perplexity. What is true of individuals is also true of nations. The majority of nations are ready to hang up the sign of bankruptcy while America is rolling in wealth. She controls one third of the monies of the world, and yet depression, hard times, and suffering are felt in this nation as well as other countries.

It is money that buys food and clothing. It is



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A coal line in a great city. Together with the bread lines, it presents a depressing picture that America has seldom been called upon to witness.



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A preacher illustrates with loaves of bread his sermon on the "Bread of Life," and incidentally, advertises some baker's product. There is great truth in the statement made by God through Moses that "man shall not live by bread alone."

money that feeds the children, pays the rent, and heats the home. The prophecy in James continues by saying: "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth." James 5:4. In this scripture is presented a group of people who are dependent on their wage to relieve physical suffering; but their wages have failed them, and their needs become so great that their pitiful cries reach heaven. And this condition is to exist while the "gold and silver is cankered" because it has been kept out of circulation by those who have been hoarding it. Surely it is not difficult to see a remarkable fulfillment of this prediction in the present situation that confronts the world. While the world faces financial depression and unemployment, China has been passing through a terrible famine. Mr. Grover Clark, writing for the *Survey*, October, 1930, gives a graphic account of it in the following paragraphs:

#### BEYOND IMAGINATION

**I**T IS hard here in well-fed America, to appreciate what famine means. I have seen something of it in the course of a trip last winter into the famine area. Before I went on this trip I had grown accustomed to the everyday poverty of the Chinese peasants. Then I saw famine — and I know to my dying day the memories will haunt me.

"Try to imagine you and your neighbors over several hundred square miles, with all the grocery stores, all the bakeries, all the delicatessen shops closed because they had no food to sell, except a

single ragged layer of thin cotton, and no firewood because you already had torn down most of your house to get wood to burn or sell for food. Assume that you saw your children starving, some of them already dead, and that you had reached a state in which you snatched at the chance to get them food by turning them over to strangers who promised to treat them well. Then assume that this had been your condition and your neighbor's for six months, a year, and then another year, while one after another of your acquaintances and your family died, and you saw your own turn steadily drawing nearer. It is hard here in the United States to imagine such a condition. Yet that is what millions in China have been going through.

"I did not get into the very worst famine sections. But I saw a village of 800 families in which over half of the families had had nothing to eat but leaves and weeds for over a year. I saw the sudden savage glare in the eyes of these starving people, and heard their savage cries, when we began to distribute a little bread which we had brought. Not even New York's elevated can drown the memory of the beast-like note in their voices.

"I saw bodies of those who had died of starvation during the night lying along the streets waiting to be picked up and carried to the place where such bodies were dumped because there were too many to bury. I saw the dumping ground and what the dogs had left of these bodies. I saw people on the streets looking ready to join the dead—and I saw the even more terrible savage hardness of the few who apparently had managed to keep themselves well nourished.

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# Land, Land, MORE Land

*Rapidly increasing population threatens peace. Japan as an example.  
Will she starve or break loose?*



EVER since the dawn of history the possession of land has been an important consideration in the life of man. Physically we are of the earth earthy. The chemical constituents of our bodies are derived from the soil. Modern organic chemistry and the science of nutrition prove that man was indeed formed of the dust of the ground.

In the beginning, man was lord of a spacious domain, containing every good thing in abundance. His was the perfect environment. His adaptation to this environment was perfect. And man himself was a perfect being. But he played, to use an Oriental figure, *mah jong* with the devil, and he lost: The triple perfection was shattered. However, even after relinquishing his title to the perfect estate, he still had abundant space, though labor and sorrow became necessary in order to graciously teach him humility, trust, hope, and consecration. With only one pair in all the world the problem was not then one of overcrowding. But with the increase of the human family by geometrical progression have arisen many pathological conditions and inequalities in the occupation of territory and in the holding of lands. Thus there are many difficult problems in ownership, rental, migration, population, and the interrelationships of nations and races. Nowhere is man satisfied with his present lot. Everywhere are seen signs of restless dissatisfaction.

Japan, as a member of the triumvirate of leading nations and as the first nation of the most populous, rapidly awakening continent, presents certain problems of great importance to herself and to the world. The matter of chief concern is her rapidly increasing population. In spite of her gigantic strides in modern industry, this nation is still primarily an agricultural people. While the population increases by leaps and bounds, the extent of her territory remains practically the same. The recent census report gives 64,447,724 souls living in the Japanese archipelago. The rate of increase, which is now no less than a million a year, is itself on the increase. How to feed, house, and clothe the entire population is a matter of serious concern. Mr. Jusuke Tsurumi, speaking recently in America, called attention to his nation's dilemma in these striking words:

"Japan feels the inexorable hand of economic necessity at her throat. Will she starve or will she explode? . . . Japan stands at the parting of the ways, bewildered for the moment as to which direction to take."

*Fukeiki*

EVERYWHERE one goes in Japan today one hears the word "*fukeiki, fukeiki*,"—"financial depression." Taxes are in arrears, but nothing can be done about it, the condition is so general. Some farmers are paying taxes in unthreshed rice. Cases of suicide and the annihilation of the suicide's entire family for lack of the means of livelihood are becoming more and more common. Many innocent daughters are being sold into lives of shame in order to pay off intolerable debts. Usually the consideration is only a few hundred yen, but it is a large sum to the indebted. And year by year he must pay extremely high rental for his paddy fields. In every line of business the hard times are keenly felt. There is a great reaction from the war-time boom, when the *narikin*—newly rich—were engaged in enjoying every luxury they might desire.

Mr. Tsurumi sums up his country's present predicament as follows: "She is surrounded by three insurmountable walls:



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Japanese children using food in a gambling game, while their elders gamble for their future prospects



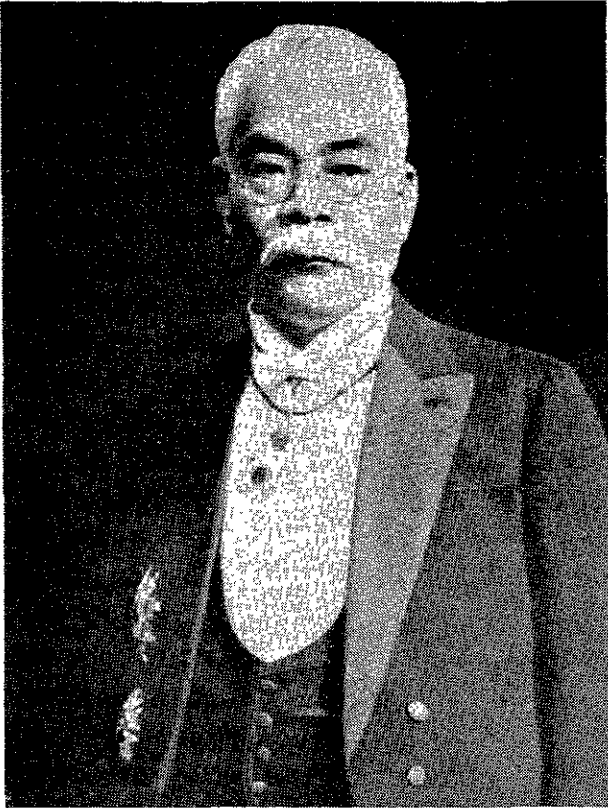
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Yugo Hamaguchi, premier of Japan

the anti-Japanese immigration laws, which prevent migration; the high protective tariffs, which exclude her manufactured goods; and the peace walls, which exclude acquisition of land and raw materials." With a population increasing a million a year, these obstacles are serious in the extreme.

A large number of the Japanese islands consist of mountains, a fact that aggravates the density of population in the cultivable regions, made up of small plains and innumerable diminutive, irregular valleys. One Japanese editor remarks: "Looking over the facts, however, of the real conditions in this country, with an insignificant number of emigrants abroad, with no definite policy of food supply yet formulated, while the difficulty of living and obtaining work is becoming ever more acute, we cannot very well be satisfied at this increasing population as a sign of national development."

A striking feature of the recent census report is the increase of urban population as compared with that of the rural districts. The conveniences of city life, the higher wages, the educational advantages, the amusements, the glamour of the metropolitan setting attract each year large numbers of the rural population. Reconstructed Greater Tokyo, with its busy, wide boulevards now replacing the pre-earthquake narrow streets, stands third largest of the cities of the world. Morally, this trek to the cities is not a wholesome sign. History, both Biblical and common, witnesses to the demoralizing effects of the abnormal concentration

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of population in the Sodoms and the Vanity Fairs of the world.

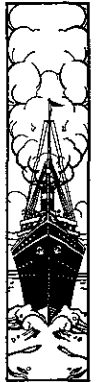
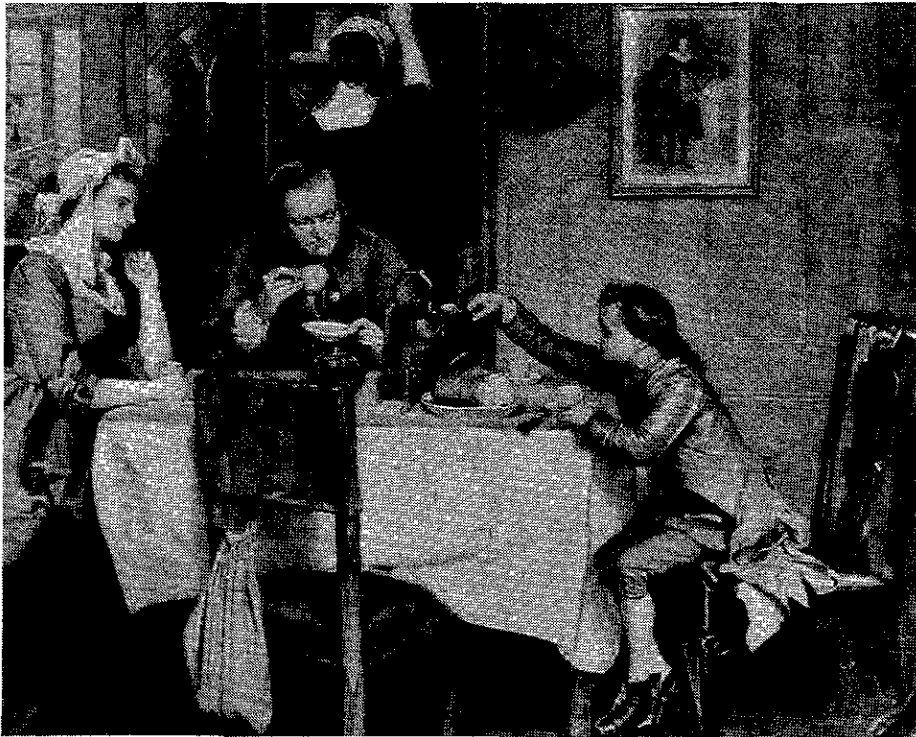
Japan is a picturesque country. An irregular coastline presents a large variety of rugged scenery. From sacred, "peerless" Mt. Fuji and the mighty Japan Alps down to such lesser peaks as "Spirit Mountain," the many highlands, covered with glistening snow or lovely, rare Alpine flowers, possess a delightful charm. But while the mountains are made to bring forth valuable metals, lumber, and charcoal, they are an obstacle in the way of man's progress in subduing the earth into a fruitful habitation.

The people of this empire are wide awake and intensely industrious. They work from earliest dawn until late at night in the fields and terraced paddy plots, in the sweatshops and stores. But ease and prosperity are generally phantoms just beyond reach of weary, outstretched hands. The present hard times, unemployment, and frequent catastrophes tend to accentuate the difficulties of living, often beyond the breaking point. While the people of the middle class are well fed, there are many who die through lack of calories, vitamins, and mineral food elements. Others choose to shuffle off the mortal coil. It is a sad picture, (*Continued on page 27*)



*Underwood and Underwood, N. Y.*  
The Orient swarms with children for whom room must be made

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The boy James Watt discovering the power of steam.

# POWER

## AND A PERSONAL GOD

By L. Ervin Wright



ASK ten people today if they believe in a God, ask ten more tomorrow. Keep this up for a week. I dare say that ninety per cent or more of those you ask this question will say that they do. But ask these same people if their conception of God is that of a personal Being who superintends the earth, and the percentage lowers.

You will then probably get answers like this: "Oh yes, I believe in a god, all right, but not in a personal God. The god I believe in is Nature." Another may tell you: "My idea of god is Electricity." Another may say: "God is not a personal Being, but a great driving force in the universe." From another you may get this answer: "God is everyone's ideal of good." And yet another will tell you: "God is not a personal Being, for god is everywhere and in everything. In fact, every inanimate thing is a part of the body of god, and every living thing is a part of God's soul." Others may tell you: "God is Science."

When confronted with the question of belief in the God revealed in the Bible, many will give an answer like this: "The God revealed in the Bible is an anthropomorphic [shaped like man] conception, which is a hangover from a crude and savage re-

ligion, held by a tribe of nomads."

You may be fortunate enough to live in a community where men still believe in a personal God — yes, even where men hold to this crude [sic] "anthropomorphic conception," and would not get any of these unbiblical definitions of God. But there are millions today who believe in an impersonal god who goes by the name of Nature, Electricity, Science, and what not. The dogma of evolution is largely responsible for relegating the God of the Bible into the background or into the discard.

The idea that nature is a safe guide to a knowledge of God and for moral conduct is erroneous. Nature, like the conscience, was never intended for that purpose. The heavens, it is true, declare the glory of God; but the most powerful telescope has never pointed out to man a single moral duty nor revealed a single moral defect. Nature may teach that there is a God, but nothing short of God's own revelation in the Bible can teach us who that God is or what our conduct shall be. (See Romans 10: 14-17.)

God is so incomprehensible to me, many say. It is true that God is incomprehensible. The psalmist exclaimed: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and *His greatness is unsearchable.*" Psalm

145:3. Paul in contemplating the infinitude of God exclaimed: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counsellor?" Romans 11:33, 34.

While God is incomprehensible, He may be apprehended. In other words, God's incomprehensibility does not bar the way of man's approach to God. The true God is "not a God afar off." (Jeremiah 23:23.) God "may be found." (Isaiah 55:6.) If you have not found God, it is probably because you have not sought for Him wholeheartedly in His appointed time. The time is today. "Today if ye will hear His voice." Psalm 95:7. "Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13.

#### OUR FATHER

**G**OD intensely desires that man may know Him. (Hosea 6:6.) The means of knowing God is through Jesus Christ. Said the Saviour: "All things are delivered unto Me of My Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." Matthew 11:27.

Was the God that Christ revealed an all-pervading principle or some actuating energy? Or was the God that Christ revealed a personal God, best likened to a father who loves his children?

When Christ taught His disciples to pray, He did not teach them to pray to an abstract principle or to some actuated energy. He taught them to pray to a personal Being in a particular place. His words were: "Our Father which art in heaven." Matthew 6:9.

Christ did not come to the world to declare Himself, He came to declare the Father. (John 1:18.) Christ, the Word of God in flesh, is this declaration. Christ's goodness, love, mercy, perfection were revelations of God's goodness, love, mercy, and perfection.

One of the disciples asked Christ to show them the Father. "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." John 14:9.

Inspiration declares that Christ is the express image of God's *person*. (Hebrews 1:3.) When man was created, it is recorded that "God created man in His own image." Genesis 1:27. What the Bible means by *image* in this verse is apparent from the use of the word in Genesis 5:3: "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son *in his own likeness, after his image.*"

The idea that an anthropomorphic conception of God is a hangover from a crude and savage religion is God-dishonoring. It strikes at the crowning act of creation — man, made in the image of God.

Today the divine likeness of God in man has been

well-nigh obliterated through sin. Redemption is the restoration of God's image in man. Let no man depreciate his noble origin, nor the means whereby God's image can be restored in man.

If man was made in God's image, God himself must be a personal Being. But there are other particulars given about the person of God which substantiate this. God has a face (Exodus 33:20, Revelation 20:11); God has hair (Daniel 7:9); God has eyes (2 Chronicles, 16:9); God has nostrils (Psalm 18:15); God has organs of speech (Isaiah 30:27, 28); God has a back (Exodus 33:21-23); God has shoulders (Deuteronomy 33:12); God has hands (Isaiah 49:16; Deuteronomy 33:2); God has fingers (Psalm 8:3); God has feet (Psalm 18:9).

The unity of God is stated in these words: "The Lord our God is one Lord." Deuteronomy 6:4. Jesus, when on earth quoted this same passage. (Mark 12:29.)

While the Bible asserts the unity of God, it also affirms a plurality of persons in the Godhead. Indeed the very first verse in the Bible teaches the plurality of the Godhead. It reads: "In the beginning God [*Gods*, Hebrew] created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1. In the Hebrew the word translated "God" in our English Bible is *Elohim*, which is plural, and means "Gods." Now whereas the word used to denote "Gods" is plural in meaning, the word "created" is singular, meaning that in creation there was a plurality of persons with a unity of action.

It is even evident from our English Bible that more than one was engaged in creation, for in Genesis 1:26 it reads: "Let us make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness."

#### EXAMPLES OF COMPOUND UNITY

**T**HAT the unity of God,—unity of love, purpose, action,—might be manifested in His people was the cry of Christ: "That they all may be *one*; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be *one* in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be *one, even as we are one.*" John 17:21, 22.

The marriage relation is a striking example of the divine unity. Christ, in speaking of the marriage union, said: "Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain [two] shall be *one* flesh." Matthew 19:4, 5. God gave the first human pair *one* name: "Male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called *their name Adam.*" Genesis 5:2.

Drawing upon these examples of oneness, or unity, it is not difficult to see that *although there is but one God there can be a plurality of persons in this Godhead.*

A third person is brought into the Godhead in Christ's great commission. The believers are to be baptized in the *name* of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

# DOES Prohibition Cause



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Teaching candidates for the police force how to disarm a gunman. Crime spreads as the Prohibition law is broken with impunity.

**I**S PROHIBITION the cause of the present crime wave? Is our national apostasy coincident with the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment? Now we readily admit that there is a class whose lustful appetites and greed for money have led them to rebel against the prohibitory law. They themselves have inaugurated a campaign of lawlessness, and are trying to drag as many others as possible into an orgy of flagrancy, and thus bring reproach upon the law that they hate. And this is one of the devil's own tactics. But on the other hand it is a spirit of lawlessness in a general sense that has provoked contempt for the Prohibitory law; and this spirit broke out long before the passing of that enactment, as the following statements show: "The American Bar Association in 1923 declared that, since 1890 [which was thirty years before Prohibition], there has been an ever-increasing tide of lawlessness in the United States."

Also Calvin Coolidge, in a syndicated article on Aug. 21, 1930, calling attention to the fact that eight per cent of the national income is spent on crime, said: "Of this loss apparently little is chargeable to Prohibition."

Mabel W. Willebrandt, speaking about the times before Prohibition, said: "The corruption then was buried so deep that no one except students of government realized it. Today, when efforts to enforce Prohibition scratch the bribery and corruption to the surface, so that everyone may see and

condemn, it is not straight thinking to say that the corruption has been caused by Prohibition alone. *Exposure of it is caused by Prohibition.* Undoubtedly, graft in public office is the most difficult phase of law enforcement to handle."

Wm. G. McAdoo says: "The forms of brutal violence, murder, and banditry, which constitute the most serious aspect of the crime wave, were increasing in the country with alarming rapidity long before the days of Prohibition."

Perhaps we shall find that, so far from Prohibition being the cause of the crime wave, the crime wave itself is due to the same causes that led to the present fanatical opposition to Prohibition, and the present widespread violation of the Prohibition laws. Ernest H. Cherrington, General Secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, says: "While enemies of national Prohibition often refer to a growing disrespect for law, which, they assert, is directly due to Prohibition, thus far criminologists have found no evidence of the relation between the saloon closing and the unquestioned mounting crime of the country. Such disrespect as exists — and its existence can hardly be seriously challenged — is probably caused by the courts of the country more than by any other single factor."

The late William Howard Taft said: "The administration of criminal law in the United States is a disgrace to civilization. The trial of a criminal seems like a game of chance, with all the chances in favor of the criminal; if he escapes, he seems to have

# Lawlessness?

By W. E. Gerald

on his side all the sympathy of a sporting public."

Mark O. Prentiss, organizer of the National Crime Commission, says: "I believe I am in a position to express what is in the mind of the average good citizen of today. It is apparent and conceded that the administration of criminal justice has absolutely collapsed, and the reason we have the appalling condition now confronting us is because criminals go unpunished."

## PERFECT PICTURE OF OUR DAY

**N**OW that is hitting the nail on the head. The times are very evil. They are just what the apostle Paul said they would be in the "last days"—"perilous times"—because "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, . . . false accusers, . . . despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Is not that a perfect picture of our day? Why should the tender plant of Prohibition be expected to thrive any better than any other right principle? The reason why the wheels of justice move so hard is because of the prevailing iniquity. Another snapshot of the times is given by the prophet Isaiah: "Truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." From the Apocalypse we gather that the "father of lies" has descended to earth in a last desperate effort to disseminate his deceptions and antagonism to the truth of God. (Revelation 12:12.) But there will be some countermovements by the forces of right, and we firmly believe that Prohibition is one of them. Who will enlist under the banner of sobriety and decency?

Listen to the great, outstanding achievements that Prohibition has made in the decrease of poverty and degradation, since the day, Jan. 16, 1920, when liquor was outlawed and liberty

was proclaimed to the captives of King Alcohol, as witness the testimony of Evangeline Booth, the leader of one of the greatest welfare organizations of America, given in the *Saturday Evening Post*: "The followers of William Booth, in carrying on warfare against sin and poverty, have always found their frontiers most clearly defined at the door of saloons. Therefore, of all welfare workers, none are in closer touch with those who were the victims of alcohol than the rank and file of the Salvation Army. What do they say of Prohibition? What are its accomplishments as seen by the members of this social salvage corps? *Applications for relief in our slum settlements are reduced fifty per cent.* . . . The Salvation Army, in its Eastern divisions, operates ten rescue homes for women—chiefly unmarried mothers. . . . Before Prohibition we were always trying to straighten out . . . drink cases; and if you can imagine anything more tragic than a newborn baby lying in the arms of a drink-soaked mother, your imagination outstrips mine. Today, in

all of our rescue homes, there are no more than half a dozen inmates whose situations are complicated by an addiction to beer, or wine, or whisky . . . We scrapped our ten and fifteen cent lodgings some time ago, because there were no longer men to sleep in them. The members of that species, who are uncharitably classed as 'bums' are disappearing. They belong to a class that is not being recruited. . . . *With all emphasis I declare there is less misery in the homes of the poor in America today because of the disappearance of saloons.*"

When Miss Booth was taking leave of England on her last visit, her parting shot was a rebuke to the Britons that "if you were not so rum-soaked, you would not have to resort to the dole."

O America, if thou only knewest the things  
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Like father, like son, on the London police force. The metropolis of the world, without Prohibition, also finds crime on the increase.

PEACE, When There Is

# NO PEACE

By GROVER R. FATTIC



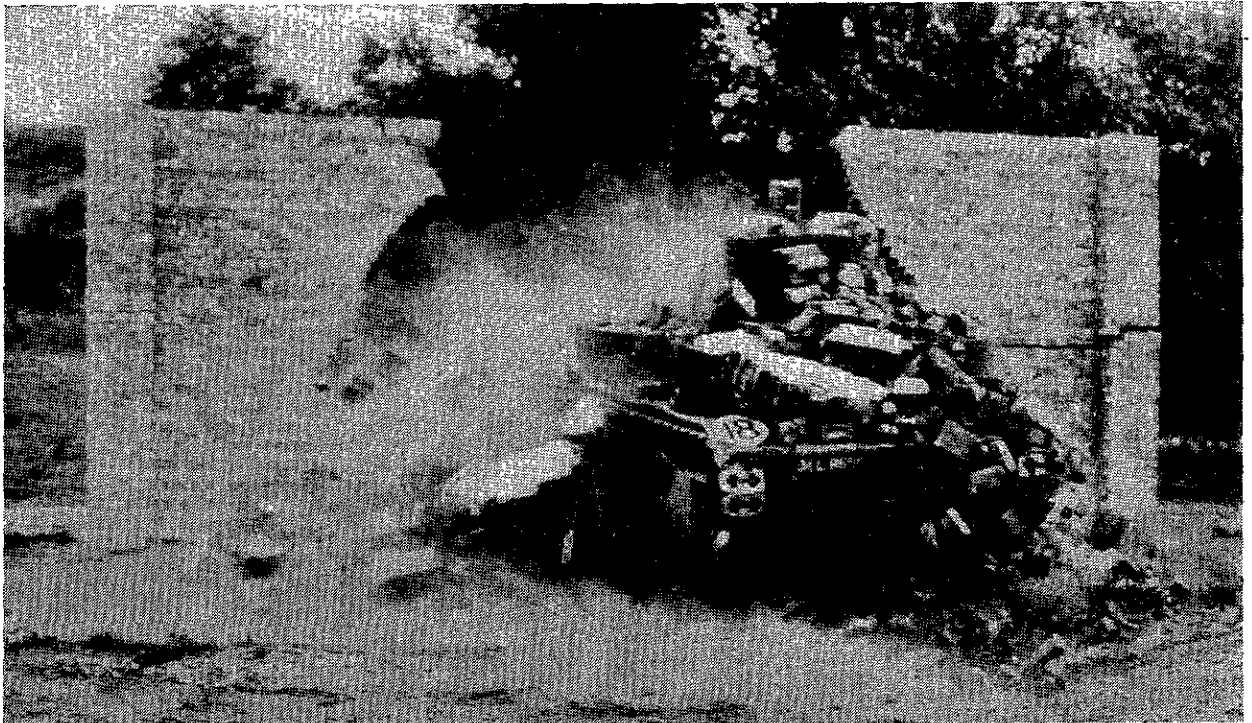
HERE is a text in the Bible which says, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape." I Thessalonians 5:3.

That terse, but all-inclusive, prophecy comes down through the years that have gone since it was spoken. It stands a sentinel to guard the portals of the minds of men who live today, lest there enter there an unfounded faith in peace and safety, in a day of uncertainty and unrest, when there is no peace.

One is so oftentimes inclined to allow the mind to accept the thing one most desires. We very greatly desire a new automobile. When we think it through, we know we cannot afford a new automobile, yet we finally succeed in convincing ourselves that we *can*, because we have an insatiable desire for its possession. We have succeeded in getting the mind to accept as a fact a thing that is not true; namely, that we can afford a new automobile, when in reality we can't. All this because we want to think we can afford it so we may go ahead and make the purchase and possess the new car. So we do inevitably with many things. All of us greatly desire lasting peace. We passionately hope that it will come. We long for its advent by night and by day,

and finally, in spite of the fact that all the evidences point to the contrary, we adjust our minds to the conviction that we *can have* peace. We once thought it could be obtained by force and might, and we waged a war to end war. In this way the world hoped to have peace. Even when that delusion was swept away, we still hoped for it.

Again we made up our minds to believe that it would come by a League of Nations. It is hard and disappointing to become disillusioned. It hurts and saddens to discover greed and avarice and scheming selfishness to be the motives prompting much of the Old World's interest in our becoming members. We wish we might deny the evidence that most of the advantages to be gained would accrue to some one besides ourselves. We wish it were not so evident that distrust, selfishness, and greed are the motivating influences behind the efforts to maneuver us into one unfavorable position after another. Disarmament conferences, conferences for reduction of armaments, navies, and standing armies, meet,—and again the peace and safety cries go up from east to west and north to south. Surely if nations can be made to agree to reduce their navies and to cut



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Stone walls crumble before the onslaught of an English army tank.

down the size of their battleships and their armies, *this* will bring the hoped-for peace. The dove with the olive branch will come and rest upon the nations of the world. It will hover over us and we will have eternal peace. So we reason, because we so ardently hope.

Let us look some facts in the face and hear them speak. Let us examine some of the elements in the case of peace and safety, and see what deductions we can make from them.

First, there is that unqualified denial of the possibility of peace quoted at the first. "When they shall cry, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." It is in the Book of books. It has an ominous portent and partakes of the nature of a divine prophecy.

Second, let us consider some of the basic causes of wars of the past. Let us examine some of the elements contributing to misunderstandings among nations of history. Let us see what possibilities are wrapped up in these elements applicable to our times.

#### POPULATION PRESSURE

**T**AKE the question of population pressure. One nation becomes overpopulated. With overcrowding and overpopulation there arise questions of grave import. There will be insufficient industry to supply labor and employment to all who depend upon their labor for their daily food, clothing, and shelter. There follows an era of unemployment and idleness, followed in turn by insurrection and rebellion, and all their accompanying consequences to treaties and national agreements.

Generally, overpopulation will result in lack of sufficient food supply. Opportunity for production cannot be made to keep pace with food demand and necessity. In case of crop failure, drought, or flood, there follows famine and hunger and plague. These all result at last in migratory movements of whole populations, and vast hordes overrun the more favored, near by, and close-lying, less densely populated areas. Should that overrun nation or colony be a protectorate of another nation, war must in-

evitably follow when this migration starts. If it be an independent nation, war will be even more certain.

Again, a nation's life, prosperity, and happiness is closely associated with *her ability to market the product of her labor or her grown and manufactured products*. She is unable to absorb the output of her factories and cannot consume the products of her agricultural areas. If she is unable to find a

foreign market where she can dispose of these products, her markets become glutted; and with the overproduction, factories and farms close down. Thus is created general unemployment; and with this inability on the part of the laboring class of the population to support themselves come poverty and hunger, crime, insurrection, and anarchy. Nations therefore guard very jealously their foreign markets. Any infringement upon what they consider their trade and commerce rights or privileges is deeply resented.

In the past this has proved sufficient cause for war. It still remains, and always will remain, a source of national sensitiveness that may at any time precipitate a cataclysm.

#### BANKRUPTCY DREADED

**A** GAIN, a nation must not only find an outlet for its industrial products, but it is a national necessity with

*some countries that certain imports be available*, because it cannot produce all the things its people require for their subsistence. If it is unable to make its exports balance its imports, it is evident that its expenses are greater than its income. It must see its gold and silver slip away and gradually become the possession of a rival nation, somewhere in the world. In other words it faces eventual bankruptcy.

Any nation is liable to go to war to save itself this national calamity of insolvency. It continually furnishes another constant source of trouble that might end in war with the rival nation against whom it has directed its hatred.

The question of tariff, trade, commercial agreement, and treaties, are all (Continued on page 30)

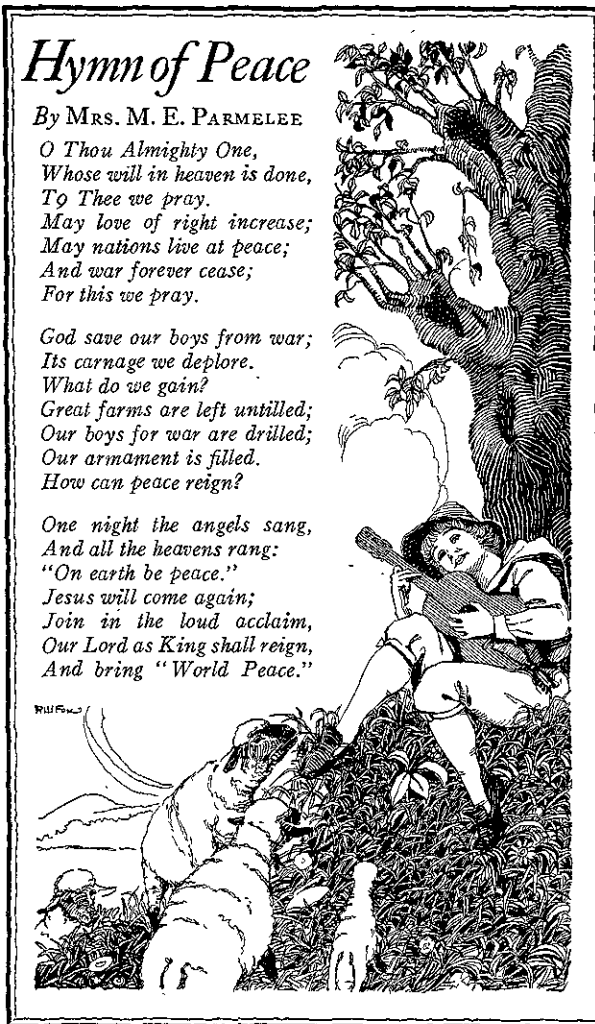
## Hymn of Peace

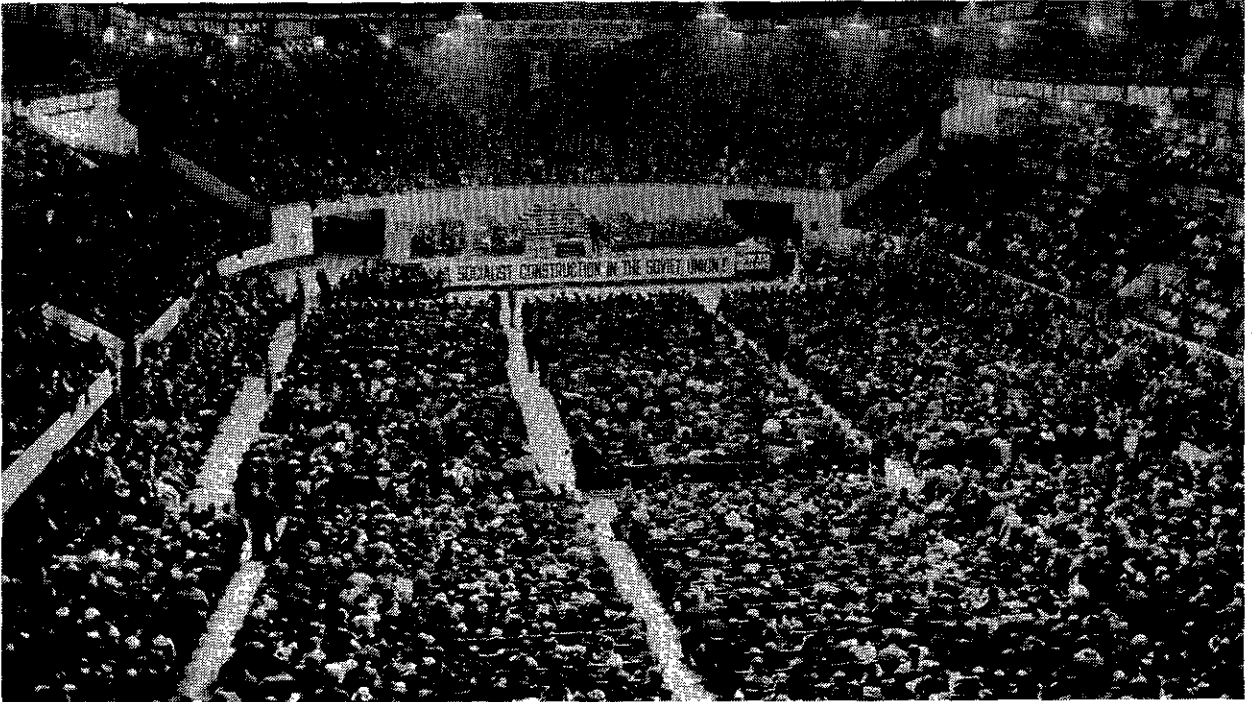
By MRS. M. E. PARMELEE

O Thou Almighty One,  
Whose will in heaven is done,  
To Thee we pray.  
May love of right increase;  
May nations live at peace;  
And war forever cease;  
For this we pray.

God save our boys from war;  
Its carnage we deplore.  
What do we gain?  
Great farms are left untilled;  
Our boys for war are drilled;  
Our armament is filled.  
How can peace reign?

One night the angels sang,  
And all the heavens rang:  
"On earth be peace."  
Jesus will come again;  
Join in the loud acclaim,  
Our Lord as King shall reign,  
And bring "World Peace."





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View of the interior of Madison Square Garden, New York City, crowded to the rafters as the Communist party turned out full force to honor Lenin, Russia's great Soviet leader.

~ The World Is ~

# Burning Up Its Motor

**L** HEARD a talk the other night that had as its object the rousing in all good, law-abiding citizens of these United States

of an appreciation of the dangers threatening this fair land of ours from Communistic sources. As the speaker, a man who is the head of one of the active organizations sponsored by the government and other influential bodies to combat the "Red" menace, told in gripping manner the situation of increasing Communist propoganda, and how many non-Communitic individualities and groups were forwarding the work of Communism, though perhaps they were not aware of it, I could not help but reflect on the undone condition of things in this old world of ours. It seems as if from innumerable sources troubles are flowing that make the stream of national and international sorrows full to overflowing. Surely, the Good Book has it right when, in describing our days, it speaks of "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21: 26.)

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*Communism is the aftermath of this machine age. Will it bring peace in the economic war now waging?*

By WILLIAM G. WIRTH

No country is exempt; no people are free from troubles of the most perplexing kinds.

Speaking of Communism, so far as the United States is concerned there never was a time when the danger of this was more threatening than at the present. Riding, as we have been in past years,

on the high tide of prosperity, people in all classes of society have been living comparatively well. Wages have been good; wants have been supplied; the pleasures of life have been tasted. But now, the situation is quite different. No more are we speaking of sleek, well-fed, comfortable "Uncle Sam." Uncle Sam has been tightening up his belt in recent months, and the tightening does not seem to be over yet. No longer may we scorn the dole system of England, since we ourselves have come very close to legislating this kind of workers' relief. American cities have their long bread lines, and thousands upon thousands of workers are looking eagerly and anxiously for jobs. It was bad enough when the rest of the world was having economic stringency; but so long as the United States was

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going strong economically the world's business and industrial life could get along. But now that we have hit the financial rocks, what is to save our sphere from economic wreckage?

It will be answered that we have safely passed through business storms before, and we will this one. This may be true. However, all economic observers and students are warning us that our machine age, through its heavy overproduction, is so far outstripping our ability to consume that we are face to face with a most solemn problem. Competitive production has been allowed to go on so rampantly that our warehouses and storage plants are glutted with unused goods. The result has been frequent lay-offs of workers.

Factories will not hire workers when they cannot dispose of their goods on the market. I was at one of the big Ford assembling plants the other day, one of the largest in the country. Now, the Ford business has the reputation of being the most driving, hustling thing in industry. What was my surprise when I came to the environs of this large plant to see hardly any sign of life. There were only a few cars in evidence. I went to the office and found only the office staff at work, and probably not all of them. The official of the company who met me told me he was sorry he could not show me through, but there was nothing to see for the plant was not running that day, and was running only two days a week. When men are working only two days a week, is there any wonder that Bolshevism, Communism, and every other form of "Red" propaganda and endeavor is thriving?

Multiply this situation two or three times and more for the European countries, and you have a fair idea of what is going on over there. In England, thousands are without work, and are living on the dole. This is not altogether due to the fact that the men would rather live on the government than work. Most Englishmen are spirited and eager to work. The very native independence of the British makes them a forthright, working people.

#### PLIGHT OF ENGLAND

**B**UT the World War has left Albion in a very bad way. The trade she had over the seven seas was largely dissipated.

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Other countries stepped in where she had to retreat, and Britain has not been able to get back industrially and commercially to where she was before the World War broke out. Then, too, British industrial methods are rather antiquated. Consequently, her production has been less than that of other nations more progressive industrially and mechanically, and this has hurt. Add to all this the extremely heavy taxation placed upon the business and professional men, and you have a country groaning under a crushing economic burden. When recently Philip H. Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, bluntly told the House of Commons that there was no other way but for England to impose heavier taxes, it veritably seemed that the straw that proverbially broke the camel's back had come. Only the dogged, never-say-die spirit of the plucky Britishers could ever stand the strain.

#### GERMANY'S UP AND DOWN

**G**ERMANY for a time staged a splendid economic come-back, but today thousands and thousands of her workers are without employment. She is facing a trying time. Her people are getting sullen and much dissatisfied, which explains largely the success of Hitlerism. Something must be done, and if Hitler can be the Moses to lead them out of the Egypt of economic and political confusion to the promised land of prosperity and political self-respect, then let him be the leader.

Look at poor Italy. Mussolini would like to be more aggressive if he could, but the poor economic resources and situation of his country act as effective four-wheel brakes on the car of his national ambitions. Already burdened under a great debt as a result of the World War, driven almost to desperation to keep his country's workers employed through public works and other means, there is reason why he has had to come to terms with France very recently on the naval situation. To war means money; and this Italy has none of, and so she cannot fight. It is one thing to talk martially for home consumption and national patriotism. It is a vastly different matter to engage actually in war, which means hard cash.

France, fortunately for  
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The work of a noted Russian sculptor depicting the laboring man bearing the world's burdens.

# There IS An Ultimate STAN

*Square your life by that and feel secure*

HE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION," declared the celebrated William Ewart Gladstone, "is the noblest work ever struck off at a given time by the mind and purpose of man." We fully concur in this opinion expressed by England's "grand old man" of the nineteenth century. The legislative triumphs of some of the ancient Greek and Roman solons likewise excite our admiration.

But even those men were not the creators of law. In 1902, excavators and translators brought forth from old Chaldea the famous code of Hammurabi, proclaimed to his subjects four millenniums ago and containing 282 sections. While some of these laws appear cruel and brutal, they nevertheless reveal a high state of civilization and enlightenment, comparing favorably with numerous European countries of three or four centuries ago. Whether of ancient or modern times, or whether the product of a single giant intellect or of a group of distinguished legal scholars, the most highly perfected constitution or code of laws devised by man has its defects, and requires alteration and amendment to meet the changed condition. In striking contrast to all of these, the following paragraphs present a matchless legal code, brief and comprehensive, which is alike adapted to all peoples, ages, races, and conditions of men, and which during thousands of years has never needed change, addition, or revision.

In the doings that centered about ancient Sinai, the stage was set for the most imposing spectacle of antiquity. Nothing was omitted that could impress heart or mind. A nation, just emerged from servitude, was encamped in a vast natural amphitheater in the rugged, inhospitable mountain district of northwest Arabia. A solemn announcement had gone forth for every individual to make the most careful preparation of clothing, person, and heart, that all might reverently welcome the divine Presence on the third day.

## IN AWFUL GRANDEUR

AT THE appointed time the cloudy chariot of Jehovah graced the summit; the mount appeared on fire; smoke as from a great furnace ascended heavenward; lightnings played about the scene; the very ground was shaken by an earthquake; the peals of a mighty trumpet summoned to attention; then, with voice audible to all in that vast assemblage, God announced the great moral standard of "weights and measures."

Every divine precaution was employed lest the hearers forget the law spoken. God engraved the "Ten Words" with His own finger on tables of

stone, and directed that these be preserved to posterity in the sacred ark deposited in the Holy of Holies of the sanctuary. After forty years Moses still had a vivid mental photograph of that event as shown by the description he penned in the Scripture record: "The Lord came from Sinai, . . . from His right hand went a fiery law for them. Yea, He loved the people; all His saints are in Thy hand." "And the Lord delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God." Deuteronomy 33: 2, 3; 9: 10.

What a proclamation ceremony! The infinite God



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The book which contains the ultimate standard of right and wrong Bible. In his spare time he set to work and stamped it by hand with his own fingers. Waynai and his wife are shown giving neighborhood children a look at the book. It is three feet thick and weighs 1,094 pounds.

# STANDARD of Right and Wrong

By Roy F. Cottrell

loves His children, and the everlasting arms are extended from heaven in their behalf. Herein is no display of indiscreet or indulgent affection. His highest regard is their *perfection* of character, and with His own hands He delivers to their representative, Moses, the *perfect* measuring rod of the ages.

Five hundred years passed, and the "Sweet Singer of Israel" reflected the attitude of the pious in the songs of praise: "O how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day." "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Psalms 119: 97; 19:7.

Fifteen hundred years elapsed, and He who came

among sinful men "to magnify the law and make it honorable" is portrayed as saying, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Paul also joins in testimony: "The law is holy, and the commandment holy and just, and good." Psalm 40: 8; Romans 7: 12.

## STILL UNEXCELLED

THIRTY-FOUR centuries slip away, and in our own enlightened age and country a celebrated jurist writes in eulogy of the same peerless law:

"In that short and comprehensive code we find given us a perfect rule of action, covering the whole ground of man's existence; a rule not only prescribing our duty to God and man in our external behavior, but reaching to the secret thoughts and feelings of hearts in every possible condition of life, and in all our relations to our Maker and our fellow beings. The wisdom of ages, the learning and philosophy of the schools, have never discovered a single defect in that code. Not a virtue which is not there inculcated. Not a vice in its most doubtful and shadowy form, which is not there prohibited. Whence then, I ask, did the great Jewish lawgiver derive his spirit of legislation? If that code was written by the finger of the Almighty, let us bow to it with reverence, and seek no better rule of life, nor any wiser principle of action. But if it emanated only from the capacious mind and was dictated by the wisdom of Moses, then Moses was a wiser, a more learned man than any of our new teachers; and I had rather be under his jurisdiction and keep his commandments than learn new rules of civil polity and social intercourse from the most learned and wise of the present day."—Quoted in "Will the Old Book Stand?" p. 104.

Unlike the Chinese mythological "deity of ten imperfections," He whom we serve is the *God of all perfection*. "He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He." Deuteronomy 32: 4. When the disciples entered the rent tomb of the risen Christ and saw the grave clothes and linen, each piece carefully "wrapped together in a place by itself," the general order and neatness impressed them as being just like Jesus, and they "believed."

Even so the grand orderly system of the Creator reaches out into every department of physical science. The fixed mathematical ratio by which elements combine to form air, water, and other substances of the inanimate world; the invariable octave in music based upon the multiple of vibrations; the arrangement of colors in the rainbow and the bands of light in the (Continued on page 32)



Louis Waynai, Los Angeles carpenter, wanted to own the world's largest Bible type, finishing the job in 8,700 hours, or a few days less than two years. The Bible is in thirty-two sections with a total of 8,084 pages.

# The News Interpreted



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Fissures large enough to contain an automobile were opened in the ground on the road leading to Napier, New Zealand, by a series of earthquake shocks which wrecked that city early in February, causing the death of nearly a thousand persons and the destruction of millions of dollars in property.

## Ten Great Dates in History

THE *Forum* magazine published articles by Hendrik van Loon, Will Durant, and H. G. Wells, in which these men gave their opinions of the ten greatest dates in history. Needless to say, they did not agree in their estimates of great dates, except on a few events. Following this the *Forum* offered money prizes to writers who would name ten dates not mentioned by the first three, giving reasons for their choices. The announcement of the awards and dates was published in the March *Forum*. The three original writers and the three prize winners set forth in all sixty-six different dates in their endeavor to agree, or may we say disagree.

Now that the idea is in the air, but with no intention of debating with anyone on which are the ten greatest dates in history, the editor offers herewith his estimate of the greatest ten, this from the viewpoint of the student of the Bible and the interpreter of God's hand in history rather than man's. In only one or two dates can he agree with any of the sixty-six others. The reasons given must be short.

1. B.C. 4004—*Creation of the Earth*. (This date and the three following are approximate. We use for convenience the chronology adopted by the King

James version of the Bible.) Certainly the beginning of the world's cosmos is pre-eminently important. The genesis of all things earthly dates from the six-day creation as recorded by Moses.

2. B.C. 4000—*The Fall of Man*. The entrance of sin into the world completely changed the face of history as has no other event.

Little imagination is necessary to vision what this world would have been without sin and its results—sickness, pain, death, and all the present curses on mankind. Connected directly with this event is the first sin in the universe, that of Lucifer (afterward Satan) in heaven, his expulsion from heaven, and his exile to this earth. But those events belong more accurately to universal rather than world history.

3. B.C. 2349—*The Flood*. The Deluge was God's second great disciplinary measure on a primitive world, and a second genesis in peopling the earth.

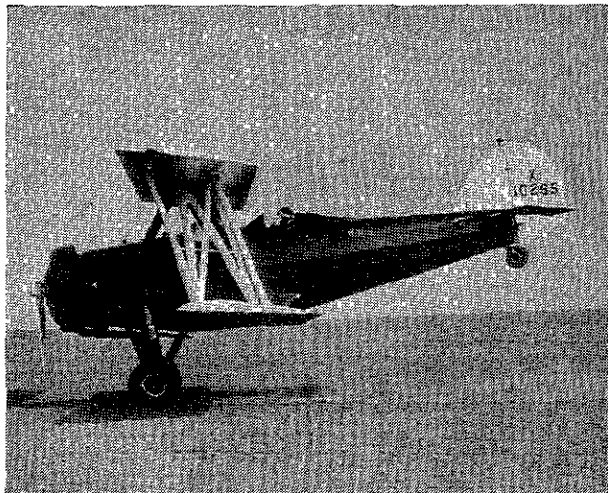
4. B.C. 2247—*The Confusion of Tongues*. The effort to reach heaven (escape death) by physical means, and God's rebuke by the confusion of many languages marks the beginning of an epoch in history. From this event we date diffusion of people on the earth, the formation of nations, the beginning of wars of conquest.

5. B.C. 1918—*The Call of Abraham*. This man was more than the first Hebrew, with all that that signifies; but he was also the "father of all those that believe," the first of a chosen nation favored of God, a nation of priests which was to be an example and light to all the world, and through which was to be incarnated the Son of God, the Founder of Christianity.

6. A.D. 30—*The Resurrection of Christ*. Certainly with this we would connect the crucifixion of Christ three days before. They are essentially the same event; but of even greater consequence than the fact that He died is the fact that He rose from the dead.

7. A.D. 34—*The Gospel to the Gentiles*. At the time of the conversion of Saul, the Jews were rejected ("cut off") as God's chosen people and the salvation of Christ began to be preached to all peoples, making possible the wide spread of Christian principles, and the beginning of Christian civilization.

8. A.D. 538—*Papal Supremacy*. This date marked the fall of the Ostrogothic kingdom, which was the last obstacle in



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A new type of airplane which anybody can safely fly. The pilot may be seen bringing the plane to a landing with his hands off the controls.



# The News Interpreted

the way of the supremacy of the papacy over the western world in civil as well as ecclesiastical affairs.

9. A.D. 1798—*Time of the End.* The French under Napoleon took the pope prisoner, and thus marked the end of the temporal rule of the papacy. According to Daniel 12: 4, 7, this was the beginning of the "time of the end," a period just preceding the second advent of Christ to this earth.

10. A.D. 1844—*The Judgment.* The accurate interpretation of a line of time prophecy based on Daniel 8: 14 and 9: 24-27 brings us to 1844 as the beginning of the investigative judgment in heaven, with God as judge, Christ as advocate, the angels as witnesses, and all men who ever lived as defendants. It will continue till finished in the very near future, if we credit the Bible signs of the end. The advent of Christ, which marks the opening of the millennium, the close of the millennium, and the destruction of all sin and sinners, and the taking possession of a new, sinless earth by the saints of God,—all are important dates in world affairs; but they belong to prophecy rather than history.

## Drys Get Together

**T**HIRTY organizations favoring Prohibition met in Washington recently and united under one command. It is to be called the "National Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment." With headquarters in Washington, it will have branches in every state and will fight the battles of Prohibition with renewed vigor. A "board of strategy" will co-ordinate the forces of the drys and formulate a plan of attack on the organized wet forces.

We are happy to see this move. Besides having all the advantages of unity and order, it will make effective much of the "beating the air" that has been going on in favor of a saloonless nation, will tame fanatics and pep up the lethargic, and will go far toward showing that Prohibition is more than a religious movement. The dry cause has come into disrepute with a host of people who are conscientiously dry yet irreligious, because the whole Prohibition movement has seemed to be a church affair. And worse, these religious organizations sponsoring anti-liquor have dabbled in politics to such a degree that the question of the use of intoxicating beverages has been made a political issue, which should never be.

Perhaps it is futile at this late date to hope that Prohibition will remain a moral issue only and be kept away from the polls at the next presidential election;



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A scene of destruction in the shopping center of Napier, New Zealand, after the destructive earthquake of February. The prophecies of the word of God predict earthquakes in divers places, as signs of the second advent of Christ.

but we sincerely advocate that liquor and anti-liquor never be lined up with certain political parties or religious denominations. Prohibition cuts squarely across all such lines naturally, as is attested by the fact that Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Protestants, Jews, and Catholics alike are divided over the issue.

We stand solidly for civil laws against beverage alcohol, just as we stand for laws against the use of cocaine to destroy body and character, but we do not support such laws for religious reasons only.

## He Has Us Wrong

**A** JEWISH RABBI of New York City recently made a plea over the radio for the State of New York to give "justice to the seventh-day-Sabbath observer." He is quoted in the *New York Times* as saying:

"In nineteen States of the Union legislation has been passed giving equal opportunity to all citizens to observe the Sabbath of their respective faiths. In New York, if a Seventh-day Adventist or an orthodox Jew who keeps Saturday as Sabbath closes his store thereon he may not keep his store open on Sunday.

"In other words, these religious men and women are penalized by the State for observing their faith and are forced to keep closed two days of the seven in each week. What is the result? Eco-

nomie conditions force the Jew and the Seventh-day Adventist to violate his Sabbath."

All very good, except the last statement, as applied to Seventh-day Adventists. Economic conditions may force the Jew to keep his business open on Saturday, but not the Adventist. We find it impossible to conceive of an Adventist keeping store on Sabbath; for if he did, he would thereby cease to be an Adventist. If he transgressed the Sabbath command in this regard and still belonged to the church, it would be because he managed to hide his business from the knowledge of the church, or the church had not yet had opportunity to check up on him.

Seventh-day Adventist business men very much desire to do business six days in the week, as God commands; but when a state Sunday law compels them to close up, they close; yet do not concede that the state has a right to make and enforce religious laws such as this. But whatever they do they never think of opening on Sabbath (Saturday) in order to get in six days,—economic necessity to the winds. We still believe that it is better to obey God than man. When God's and man's commands differ, we will obey both if that is possible; but will never disobey God in order to obey man. Five days' business with God's blessing is more profitable than that of six days without it.



J. C. Allen

The molding of a child's character is at once an inestimable privilege and a solemn responsibility.

# Will Some Mother MOTHER ANOTHER?

By  
Martha E.  
WARNER

poor little thing! Its mother is dead."  
"Dead?" I echoed in astonishment.  
"Yes," she answered. Then as the signal turned and we walked across the street, she told me that the mother was suddenly taken ill, in two days she died, leaving five motherless children, the eldest eleven, the youngest six months. The two eldest were staying with the grandmother, the other three were staying with her, and she added with a smile, "I have four of my own."

"YOU certainly have *your* heart and hands full," I said to her.

"Yes," she answered, "But what could I do? Five little children without a mother! I wish I could keep them all."

"You poor, dear little baby," I softly said, and then as its tiny fingers curled around my big ones, a great lump came in my throat, and I exclaimed, "Oh! we do not half appreciate our blessings, do we? God is so good to us — and yet — and yet —"

"We so seldom give thanks," she finished for me.

And then she was gone, swallowed up in the crowd of the street. A woman whose heart was large enough, her house large enough, her pocketbook, — oh, somehow she would stretch that enough to provide for three little children whose mother was dead.

Think of seven little children in one little house tonight, and then think of the many large houses without one little child.

"If those who have no children, and whom God has made stewards of means, would expand their hearts to care for children who need love, care, and affection, and assistance with this world's goods, they would be far happier than they are today," for "a childless house is a desolate place," but a desolate place can be made to resound with happy, joyous voices, if in a childless home a homeless child is placed.

**M**Y FIRST story is about a woman and a child.

There was a long line of waiting people at the teller's window that drab February afternoon. I noticed a small boy, whose mother was having a hard time to keep track of him, for the child found the smooth floor just the place to try out his flaming red horse on wheels, regardless of where it went.

When I again entered the room, the horse and a crusty old gentleman had collided. The woman, leaving her place in the waiting line, hastened to the rescue and dragged the child back.

Having time at my disposal, I seated myself on one of the benches in the center of the room. Suddenly the child broke away from her, made a bee line to my seat, and sent the horse flying across the bench.

**B**UMP! It went against me, and then toppled gracefully over on its side, while the woman hurried over to apologize, and take Master Ralph away; but as I assured her I would be glad to have him stay, she left him with me.

It is needless to say that he had a good time. The flaming red horse, whose name, Ralph told me, was Black Beauty, was kept going back and forth until the little fellow tired of it; then hitching closer and closer he plied me with

questions such as only a child can ask.

Did I have a horse? A *mama*, a *papa*, a dog, a house? Was my dog a boy or a girl? Did I live with my *mama* or my *papa*? All of which brought smiles to the faces of the people nearest us. But when I began to tell him about my collie, how he saved me from freezing to death, how he would get the mail for me, or fetch me bread from the baker's wagon, he sat spellbound, and before I realized it, the woman was standing before me, expressing her thanks.

Then taking Ralph by the hand she walked away. As she neared the door, the little boy turned, waved his hand, and shouted in his shrill, childish voice, "Good-bye. I'll see you later."

The swinging doors closed behind him, but back in the bank the atmosphere had changed. People smiled who a few minutes before were frowning. The pushing and crowding in the lines ceased. People began to be friendly with one another, and all because of the blessed influence of a little child.

**A**ND now for the second story, which is also about a woman and a child.

I met her on a congested corner, where I was waiting for the turning of the traffic signal, and she was carrying a baby.

I smiled to the baby, and the woman returned the smile. Pressing near enough to be heard in the roar, she said, "The

# The Making of the Home



What would you do with a child who tells untruths and insists that he is telling the truth?

The causes of lying are various, and the parent must know the cause if he is to make progress in the remedy. Some children have a hereditary tendency to untruth, and that is the most difficult kind to deal with. Build up his sense of honor by examples of great and truthful men, and the advantages of truth telling, and sometimes by sharp punishment for lying.

Another great cause of prevarication is fear. Most children, timorous children especially, seek escape from punishment for conscious wrongdoing or for mischief, by lying about it. (The practice, indeed, is not confined to children.) The individual child must be known, to fit the remedy to his case; but in general it may be said that the parent should, so far as possible, remove the cause of fear. We punish too often because of our own exasperation, rather than from a right sense of the child's good. If children can come to know that a whipping does not necessarily follow every departure from established rules of conduct, and especially that the telling of the truth about their own wrongdoing brings the reward of parental appreciation rather than the penalty of parental displeasure, they will be helped greatly in telling the truth.

Other children "lie" because of a

*Perplexing questions on married life, home management, and child training will be answered in these columns by a specialist on the home and its ideals. Readers may address queries to the editor of the Watchman.*

vid imagination. Do not punish the inventor of innocent stories, but guide his imagination.

Isn't it disrespectful for a boy to call his father "dad" or "daddy"? When I was a child, I was so taught.

Whether a boy is respectful or disrespectful depends upon his intention. If, in his mind, "dad" is a term of disrespect, then he is disrespectful when he uses it. But in the common usage of Young America today, "dad" and "daddy" are terms of endearment and comradeship. Do you think the father who went out and played a fast game of ball with his boy and the other fellows, and as they walked back heard him break out with, "You're the champion dad of the world!" felt his boy was disrespectful? That was not an insult; that was a crown of glory.

We must not forget, we oldsters, that

"the old order changeth, giving place to new," and of nothing is this truer than of words and phrases. It took me a long time to get used to "kiddies," but it has a cuddling sort of sound now. And remember that filial respect is not built upon austerity. We can't pose as little tin gods before our children without courting the disrespect that we try to avoid.

Can a child who has a bad heredity be redeemed by a good environment?

The relative influence of heredity and environment is something on which scientists do not agree. We will all admit that the better both the heritage and the environment, the better opportunity the child has. We cannot change the heritage of those already born, but we can to some degree determine the environment. Let us not worry about heredity, but apply ourselves to giving the child the best possible physical, mental, and spiritual conditions. And remember that the grace of God can do miracles in the transformation of character. Be hopeful. Anxiety defeats your purpose; good cheer, confidence, help it.

After having worship just before breakfast, should we return thanks for the meal afterward?

Yes. If possible, have family worship in another room than where breakfast is waiting; certainly away from the table. In any case, when you sit down to the table, give God thanks and ask His blessing upon the food provided.

SHE wanted to go to a "pie-eating contest," that ten-year-old daughter of mine. It seemed to be all the talk in her school, and they said that every child who had a friend connected with the affair, a grown-up friend who would give her a red ribbon badge, might get in. And she had a grown-up friend who gave her the red ribbon.

It was the day before the scheduled contest. She and a girl friend were out in the kitchen, cooking on the little electric stove, and I heard them talking and chattering about the great pie-eating contest. But of course she knew there had to be permission, and so far that had not been gained from either Mother or Daddy. I think she suspects that Daddy is the easy mark, where she is concerned. Anyway, the two marched in, wearing the red ribbons.

"Daddy, may I go to the pie-eating contest? Mamie's going, and Della, and Arethusa—" And so on.

I took her on my lap, a little girl already a bit apprehensive, and therefore rigid, and eager, and voluble. How should I give her a vision of proprieties, and dignities, and self-control? When grown-ups think it is funny to make a show of themselves at gormandizing,

## Toeing the Mark

By Arthur W. Spalding

how teach a little girl that it is in no wise desirable?

"Do you think it would be pretty," I said, "to gorge yourself with pie, and eat as fast as you can, and try to eat more than anybody else?"

"But I wouldn't," she argued; "it's the others who do that. I just want to see them."

"Do you like to see pigs eat?" I asked.

"I don't know," she said; and truly I think she has never had that privilege.

So I told her, as graphically as I could, how pigs eat. But her mind was upon the main question. She swallowed fast again and again, and big tears welled up in her eyes. Oh, it was hard for her, and for me! And what did it matter? Why not give the child her pleasure, and let it pass? For the same reason that I would not start her sled-riding down a hill toward the river, and try to stop her three feet from the start.

"They give you a piece of pie," she advanced a main reason, "a piece of every kind of pie."

"But you get pie at home."

"I never get enough!" she said.

Still, the battle was won. The gulps had ceased, the eyes were being dried, the will of the child was on the side of the parent. Red ribbon notwithstanding, she knew she was not going, and with a brave effort that I rejoiced to see, she was reconciling her will.

So I said, "I'll ask Mother to let you make three pies yourself tomorrow—just so big—peach, and raisin, and apple. And for once you shall have all the pie you want."

"I want a banana pie," she said, "the kind that Genevieve makes."

"Yes, four pies," I agreed, "and you may eat all you want. Will you have some to spare?"

"I'll give you some, Daddy, and Mother, and Genevieve, and Brother,—" and so on.

So we became immersed at once in the mysteries of recipes, wherein she could be my instructor.

Like a little soldier she had toed the mark. Day by day, now here, and now there, it's a toeing of the mark, in innumerable conflicts of desire with law, that makes the self-disciplined, courageous, developing soldier of the King.

# WANTED---A Healer~

IS anyone 100% healthy?  
A sound mind in a sound body is rare.  
Humanity is longing for healing, and is offered a bottle or a suggestion.

By OWEN S. PARRET, M. D.



By Ewing Galloway, N. Y.

Healing hands



HAT our poor old world stands in need of a healer there can be no doubt.

In America a hundred and fifty thousand, or approximately one third of the world's physicians and surgeons minister to about one fourteenth of its population. Three hundred thousand nurses assist them in their work, and yet our hospitals are still kept full and our asylums overflowing.

In this age of wonders, surgical achievements are astounding, and medical knowledge has opened many of the mysteries of life. Our pride finds little comfort, however, in the fact that, while infant mortality has increased, the life expectation of the middle-aged is not increased, while most of our suffering

and half our deaths are caused by diseases practically unknown among uncivilized races.

Some one called the attention of the late Sir William Osler to our many hospitals as evidence of our soft hearts. Osler replied, "Yes, but the fact that we need so many of them indicates that our heads are likewise soft."

We hailed the discovery of insulin with loud acclaim, but find a few years later that deaths from diabetes have increased with each passing year. Failing hearts, Bright's disease, cancer, and stroke take about half our population, and we stand powerless in their presence. Sir William Arbuthnot Lane recently declared that no chronic disease could be cured. The significance of this is best understood when it is known that

these diseases cause half our deaths.

The victims of these diseases travel from sea to sea, finding only too often little but disappointment.

In the face of these facts it is no wonder that thousands turn readily to anyone hailing as a faith healer, whether it be the quasi-religious faker, or orthodox religionist, or any one of the fifty-seven varieties lying in between.

The cries of the sick and the dying ascend alike from hearts far and near all over our poor old world. Who could not wish that once again the great Healer might walk our streets and with outstretched hands rebuke the diseases that baffle and taunt us as we struggle too often in vain even to learn their cause. Has that Christ since leaving our earth forgotten us? Surely the need



is as great as when He trod our dusty streets or healed the multitudes on the grassy shores of old Galilee. Did He not bequeath to His disciples the power to heal in His name? Was not His parting word to His church, "Lo, I am with you always"? What is the answer of the church?

Pre-eminently, ours is an age of sham and counterfeit. Scan the books and magazines that clutter up the shops and ninety per cent are found lies and unrealities. Go to the theaters, and the artificial life that is portrayed is definitely misleading if not positively degrading. The mob cares little for "what is truth," pausing never so long even as did Pilate to ask the question.

How has this affected the Christian church? Her laymen have been caught in the turbulent stream of the world's money- and pleasure-mad activities. Filthy literature, debasing shows, the dance, and the card party engage the members of the church while her leaders are busy debating the question of whether Christ was human or divine. They have already thrown away the ten commandments—the only moral code that God and man possess—in order to free themselves from the binding obligations of the fourth. Thus the blind lead the blind.

#### DEVIL NOT DEAD

THE hour is a propitious one for the unscrupulous and deceptive healer, who always appears in sheep's clothing.

David Lloyd George wrote in his book, "Where Are We Going?" that one name was conspicuous by its absence in the casualty lists of the World War, namely that of the "devil." Only thus could he explain the sinister influence that he could see working among the great nations, drawing them ever nearer another terrible war. That is exactly the name the Bible gives the personality back of this same sinister influence. Modern churchmen may disagree, but I am still forced to believe in this devil named by Lloyd George and described more in detail by the Scriptures.

The apostle Paul warned against this same fallen "covering cherub," whom he said would disguise himself as an angel of light and work with all power and signs and lying wonders just before the end. (2 Corinthians 11:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:9.)

Peter said to the cripple, "Silver and gold have I none." Pastors of many modern churches of today can hardly repeat these words of Peter. Neither are they any longer able to say to the cripple, "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Wealth has come in, primitive faith has gone out.

Conscious of her lack, the church reaches out eagerly toward anyone offering to supply it.

The leading church of Victoria, B. C., a city of sixty-five (Continued on page 28)

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# 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.

**Cane sugar.**—Is cane sugar common to other plants than the sugar cane? Are beet sugar and maple sugar in chemical analysis the same as cane sugar? A. C. S.

Beet sugar and maple sugar are in chemical analysis the same as cane sugar.

**Influenza and "grippe."**—Is influenza the same as the "grippe" I heard so much of in my childhood? M. H. M.

The term *La Grippe* is the French name for a condition with symptoms the same as *influenza*, which is the Spanish name for the same condition. This disease came to us during the War, first from Spain, and so is now known as the Spanish influenza, or the influenza, or as many say, the "flu."

**Sore throat, cancer, and tuberculosis.**—I suffer a good deal with chronic soreness and redness of the back and sides of the throat, with occasional soreness on the outside and extending into the ear. Is there any danger that I have either cancer or tuberculosis? L. M. C.

The danger that you have either cancer or tuberculosis is very remote, and the symptoms you give would not suggest either disease.

**Cooking and vitamins.**—If prolonged heat and cooking destroy vitamins, how can vegex or similar preparations (a boiled-down yeast product) be rich in vitamins as advertised? B. C.

There are now at least six vitamins known, and a number of these are not destroyed by prolonged heat and cooking; thus vegex can be rich in certain vitamins, and still be not rich in the vitamins that are destroyed by prolonged heat and cooking.

**Stomach digesting itself.**—Since the human stomach digests animal flesh, and even human flesh, why does it not digest itself? H. M.

The human stomach would even digest another human stomach if it were placed in it, but as long as the stomach is alive with its vital processes going on, it carries on the functions daily allotted to it without doing damage to itself. The same is true with any part of the human body, the mouth, intestines, etc., that as long as life is present, the vital forces go on in each cell, protecting it from processes that it could not resist were that cell separated from life.

**Whooping cough.**—How long is whooping cough contagious? W. C. C.

The contagion of whooping cough lasts during the time of the coughing stage, which is from six weeks to two months and longer in more severe weather.

**Cure for acidosis.**—I feel that I am suffering from a general acidosis. What alkali powder can I take to relieve this condition? R. L. C.

You should not take any alkali powder. An alkali taken into the stomach neutralizes the normal acid there and thus upsets normal gastric digestion. The fruit acids should be taken, as they help the action of the normal acids in the stomach, and then give an alkaline ash that helps to overcome any tendency towards acidosis. You perhaps are eating too heavily of base-forming foods and are suffering from constipation. Make your diet more liberal in fruits and fresh vegetables, and your constipation will improve, especially if aided by mineral oil; and then the general acidosis will clear up.

**Nervous heart.**—Just what is meant by a "nervous heart"? How can that condition be controlled or prevented? M. H. M.

There are two distinct classes of heart disorders. One we call functional and the other organic. In the latter, there is some definite change in the heart structure, causing the disorder; in the former, the heart is organically sound, and the cause of the disturbance must be sought for outside of the heart. The most common of these external causes of heart disturbance are: disturbance in nervous system, some unbalance in the internal secretions, and the presence of some toxic agent in the body. The disturbance in the nervous system causes what we call "nervous heart." The patient should always be assured that there is no organic lesion in the heart itself, and then seek to correct the disturbance in the nervous system. Build up the general health—see that the body has plenty of mental and physical rest, with proper recreation of mind and body. Get the patient interested in other things and thus take the mind off of self—and with a good control of the mind and will a "nervous heart" will be forgotten.

# Not Birth, but REBIRTH

*DOES It  
Take Three  
Generations  
to be "Born  
Again"*

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By W. E. GILLIS



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A funeral in China where, contrary to accepted belief in mission circles, it does not take three natural deaths to make possible a spiritual birth.



HEREDITY — what a world of meaning the fateful word contains! There was a time when as a boy about the farm I wandered, working or playing with horse and cow, goat, dog, and cat. Each had its own pedigree. Dog was dog and cat was cat; no hybrid here. The mule alone was different. By man contrived — not horse nor ass — he lived a challenge to the believers in evolution. All others had the divine command for like to breed like; but he has not, and so is sterile.

Heredity in China has held high sway, strengthened by superstition. But here again it seems quite clear that no power of man can alter the divine command for like to breed like. It is centuries now since pride decreed that the normal woman's feet were unseemly; and so the mothers began to swath tightly, like clinched hand, the tender toes and bones of chubby little feet of their three- or four-year-old girls. The groans and tears were sternly checked; whatever the cost, the feet must shrink. Year in, year out, the task and wish prevailed, — but never any girls were born with small feet. The Bible record stands, not annulled.

Arthur H. Smith, D.D., in "Village Life in China" writes: "It must be distinctly understood that all of which we have said of the potency of Christianity as of 'unwasting and secular

force' is based upon the conception of it as a moral power 'producing certain definite though small results during a certain period of time, and of a nature adopted to produce indefinite similar results in unlimited time.' It is therefore eminently reasonable to point out that under no circumstances can it produce its full effects in less than *three complete generations*. By that time Christian heredity will have begun to operate. A clear perception of this fundamental truth would do much to abate the impatience alike of its promotors and its critics." — Page 349.

Vain hypothesis! The Scripture nowhere predicates any such transition from the state of sin for man. Through the transgression of our first father, a heritage of sin was entailed upon all the race of man. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5: 12. When Christ discussed with Nicodemus the question of how to overcome sin, He did not say that sin could be gotten rid of after a few generations, but plainly told him: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3: 3. Later on He told the woman of Samaria: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4: 24.

By transgression of God's law man

who had been made for companionship with God (1 John 1: 3, 6, 7) had lost the Spirit and the Spirit's law. As it is written: "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." Romans 7: 14.

All this must be restored. Not by heredity, but by a re-birth — a Spirit birth that recognizes freedom of choice. This experience must come to every human life that wins the eternal life. (1 John 5: 11.) As Jesus says: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1: 12. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. . . . And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Peter 1: 23, 25.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

No Christian heredity here. Man is born is sin, and his only door of escape is not heredity, but the Christ. And he must intelligently accept the Christ in the way appointed.

All that was lost will be restored. But this involves the willing co-operation of each and every individual as daily the Spirit writes the laws of God into our hearts and minds.

## Land, Land, More Land

(Continued from page 9)

but its shadows are not at all overdrawn.

The publicists and statesmen of this progressive nation are not oblivious to the seriousness of the present situation. Many proposals are being studied. It is generally recognized that emigration is not a feasible solution. Further industrialization to any great extent, for the time being, seems quite impossible. In the meantime the population continues to mount higher and the sustenance of so many newcomers can scarcely be maintained by an impoverished third estate on limited land holdings.

We venture no solution of Japan's dilemma. It is but one of the difficulties to be met with everywhere in this world of sin. However, we are called to sympathize with those who are flesh and blood like ourselves, children of the same All-Father.

The great inequalities in population and territorial possessions of the nations may be factors in the general unrest that will sweep all nations into the vortex of Armageddon, the world's last war. A race-consciousness that results from a marked increase of knowledge without God, general disillusionments and mutual suspicions with cordial hatreds are stirring the passions of men in many quarters of the globe. On the other hand, a vast multitude from every nation will not despair nor be stirred by the spirits of demons into hatred and war. These are they who shall obtain perfection of character by faith and obedience. "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus Christ." Revelation 14: 12.

Suffering on account of overcrowding, disappointments, disillusionment, malnutrition, disaster, and death are not the worst calamities to mankind. Sin is far worse than all these. Sin itself is a hideous monster. "The wages of sin is death,"—eternal death. (Romans 6: 23.) But the stern warning is counterbalanced by the loving promise in the same verse: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." The promise is also an invitation to accept the inheritance undefiled that shall never pass away.

To the sufferer, Christ offers healing of soul and body. To the disappointed, He gives "the peace of God that passeth understanding." To the sorrowful, He grants perfect solace. To the weak, He proffers the strength of the eagle and of the lion, kingly, unafraid. To the discouraged, He points out the way of hope with eternal foundations. To the dying, He promises the resurrection of eternal life. To the poor, He guarantees the pure gold of Ophir—riches that neither moth nor rust can corrupt. To the vanquished, He vouchsafes triumph over the mighty tyrants—Satan, sin, and death.



## 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.

### Half Tribes

*Was Manasseh called a half-tribe because it shared the tribe of Joseph with Ephraim?*

No; the expression more properly is *half the tribe of Manasseh* rather than *the half-tribe of Manasseh*, when considering the relationship of the tribes. Anciently there was no tribe of Joseph. He received a double portion (Genesis 48: 22) in Israel; that is, the portion of two tribes. So his two tribes were called Ephraim and Manasseh, after his two sons. These were two quite distinct tribes as they reached Canaan. The land was divided into twelve portions, though there were really thirteen tribes, but Levi received no portion, being scattered throughout Israel so it could better serve the tribes as priests. Manasseh, peculiarly, had its land portion divided, one part on the east and one on the west of Jordan; and each of these divisions was called a half tribe of Manasseh. (Joshua 13: 29-32; 17: 7-18.)

### Measurements of the Great Pyramid

*I have a booklet which purports to prove that the Great Pyramid of Egypt had divine supervision in its building, and that its measurements are prophetic or symbolic of famous numbers mentioned in the Bible or of great dates in history. What do you think of the idea?*

The science of numbers, especially when applied to the principles of architecture, may produce some queer combinations and remarkable results. However, we believe these are due to the unique possibilities of the science itself rather than to divine design with regard to particular objects such as the pyramids. Almost every number from 1 to 9 (or its multiple) has some symbolism, and it is easy to get far afield in trying to make them mean something in the lives of men or the affairs of history. The number 13 is an example. The number three stands for the Godhead. Seven is a perfect number. Four denotes a square, etc. As to the pyramid, almost any object presents measurements that could by a stretch of fancy be made symbolic. The inkstand on my desk is five inches wide, has three wells, and is eight inches long. But this useful article has no connection with the year 538 when the papacy came into power. Yet we have seen the fancy of symbolic numbers carried to just such absurd lengths.

### Birth Control

*What is your stand on birth control?*

Our stand is the Bible stand, as far as we are able to interpret it. If by birth control is meant any method of limiting the world's population,—celibacy, continence, contraception, abortion, onanism,—all of which, and more, are included in the broad meaning of the term, then we must qualify our answer. The Bible sanctions celibacy in certain very rare cases (Matthew 19: 10, 12), but it is left as a voluntary matter. Onanism met with God's displeasure (Genesis 38: 8-10), though there is some question here whether God was displeased with Onan's refusing to comply with what afterward became a law in Israel (Deuteronomy 25: 5, 6), or because of his method of prevention of conception. Abortion is murder. It would seem to us that contraceptives are allowable in cases of disease coupled with weakness of body or will power, but they can be justified only comparatively, as the lesser of two evils, and their users should have a full knowledge of what all that resort to them involves, remembering to obey civil laws concerning them. Continence is no doubt the best way to limit the number of children, where limitation is either desirable or necessary to the health and adequate economic provision for the family. Continence, however, is not the killing of sex desire, but the control of it. We hesitate to make hard and fast rules on the marriage relation. Situations and conditions differ so widely that each case should be dealt with according to its own peculiar needs.



## Wanted a Healer

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thousand, advertised that a great healer was coming to open up revival and healing services. Union meetings of the leading churches were planned, all but three denominations lending their support. Great crowds gathered, and the meetings were moved to the large arena, where seven thousand could be accommodated. The city was stirred. Hundreds came for healing, while their pastors united in supporting the healer. A love gift of many thousands of dollars was given on the last night.

Next the healer removed to Vancouver, a city of over three hundred thousand, where again the churches gave their support, and the great arena there was filled with the crowds who gathered, many of them to be healed. Five thousand were anointed here, and each night multitudes would go under the "power" and fall prostrate to the floor.

Who was this healer? Coming direct from California, he was reported to have formerly been in the Orient, where he studied the magic of the Hindus. An academy principal from Saskatchewan told me that this man was at one time his school teacher in India. He had been hypnotized by him on one occasion, the teacher using his walking stick in the experiment.

After the city of Vancouver had time to recover from the excitement and take stock of his work, some questioned the end result. So a committee was appointed to investigate and report through the columns of the *Daily Province*, the city's leading newspaper. Eleven clergymen, eight doctors, and three university professors made up the committee.

### APPALLING RESULTS

**T**HREE hundred anointed cases were followed up for six months. Of these, five were said to be cured. All of these five cases were functional, or amenable to mental suggestion. Thirty-nine, or over ten per cent, were dead in six months and obviously could hardly have been cured. Nine had gone insane, five anointed and four relatives of the anointed. The committee also reported that "in many cases the neglect of ordinary well-proved methods of treatment has led to the most deplorable results." Numerous cases were then cited of plaster casts torn off in tubercular-bone cases of children, resulting in hopeless deformities and life-long invalidism in prospect. The report also added, "The committee has come to the conclusion that Dr. —'s method of treatment was by suggestion partly in its ordinary form, but mainly in the form of hypnotic suggestion."

And now be astonished. "In making this statement, the committee [containing eleven clergymen] admits the spiritual

benefit of the ministrations of Dr. —." Think of it! Out of three hundred and fifty anointed, nine directly and indirectly insane, thirty-nine dead in six months, large numbers made worse by neglect of rational treatment, and a larger number left hopeless and dejected in spirit, bordering on melancholy. In the face of the above, eleven leading clergymen after declaring the method used to be hypnosis, declare its spiritual benefits. The same methods with the same results, outside the pale of religion, would land the criminal in the penitentiary for life.

Hypnosis is an occult science savoring

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of demonism, destructive alike to body and soul.

Besides the nine insane already mentioned from Vancouver, there were several from the Victoria meetings, one of whom was sent to me at the Rest Haven Hospital near Victoria. This patient, a frail little woman, arrived in an ambulance, bound to a stretcher by many coils of heavy rope, she having broken several heavy trunk straps which were first used to restrain her. It required four strong men to carry her into a room, after releasing her from the ropes, while with bulging eyes and gnashing teeth she uttered the words of the demons that racked and tore her body. I have cared for many insane, having broken ribs from struggling with them; but never have I seen a clearer case of obsession. After caring for her four months she was sent to the New Westminster Asylum, to join the many other victims of the "healing" meetings that had preceded her there.

What strange times have befallen us! Where is the light of truth flashing through the church to detect the deception of miracle-working demons? That there is to be true faith healing through the agency of the church in our day is attested by statements in 1 Corinthians 12:9; 1:7; but there are to be also "false christs." (Matthew 24:24) and spiritual discernment is needed to discriminate.

## Burning Up Its Motor

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France, has not been having such a hard time as her sister European nations. She has been getting along quite well, thank you. She can build additional ships of war, submarines, airships, and all the rest of the paraphernalia that goes to make for conflict. She has the money to do it, and Italy sadly knows it. Therefore, sheer necessity has made Mussolini tractable and willing to come to an agreement. Let us not deceive ourselves into thinking that this recent Italo-Franco naval agreement means the dawn of a new era of certain peace for Europe. All it means is that economic stringency has forced any aggressive nation to sit down and behave itself for the time being.

### TERRORS OF PROSPERITY

**I**F PROSPERITY should come to this world in general, it would be a fearful thing for it would enable the nations to do what they really want to do in military matters. Looked at this way, our economic stress is not such a bad thing after all.

I am no prophet nor am I the son of a prophet. But I do venture to say on the authority of the prophet of the Bible that this question will not be settled. This present depression may, and probably will be, safely crossed. However, so complex has become our business life, so colossal has become the machine productiveness of our day, so jealous have the nations become, economically and industrially, to keep themselves going and to keep other nations from outstripping them in the fierce competition of our racing industrial age,— that industrial peace cannot be arrived at as the world is now.

We cannot go the tremendous driving industrial pace we are going and not suffer the evil consequences of it. Our gears are geared too high; they are of the racing, speedway type; and every mechanic knows how long a motor lasts under such conditions. After winning the world's record for speed, 245 miles an hour, Captain Malcolm Campbell said he would like to drive more often if it did not burn up his motor so much and cause great expense in building a new one. That is our economic trouble—we are burning up the motor—and when we do that we cannot have the car too.

The lesson out of all this for us should be that we make the Eternal God our refuge, and appreciate the real economics of Isaiah 55:1, 2: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good."



## We Disapprove

There are **62,363** movie houses in the world, 22,731 of them in the United States.

This is a 9% increase over 1929. Europe has 28,454 movie theaters, Latin America 4,954. Of the 19,984 sound motion picture theaters throughout the world, 12,500 are in this country. And the churches are decreasing in number.

Sermons today, according to Dr. Charles Francis Potter, Unitarian minister of New York City, are gotten from editorials, and Sunday school lessons from "funny sheets." "The newspaper is to the man of today," he says, "what the Bible was to the man of yesterday. It furnishes him not only reading matter but also gives him an education and a philosophy of life."

Our dripping contemporary, the *Chicago Tribune*, recently printed a photograph of the Prince of Wales and his brother before a bar in Chile. The *Daily News* refers enviously to the picture as showing "a grand old-fashioned saloon bar," and adds, "When we were a small child we yearned to be a harehack rider in the circus. Now—ah, now—we would fain be the Prince of Wales!" To be strictly honest to the child of today, whose yearnings this would-be alcoholic editor is molding, he ought to tell all the sights (and sounds and smells) to be found about "a grand (?) old-fashioned saloon bar" as some of us whose memories are not so tipsy recall.

The claim of the National Calendar Committee that many great business houses are adopting the **Cotsworth Calendar**, with its blank-day scheme that would destroy the continuity of the days of the week, is a misrepresentation. Many large businesses have, in their bookkeeping only, adopted a thirteen-period year, but are not adopting the blank-day idea. They are not in any way interfering with the fixed week or the religious days observed by their employees.

A so-called heathen nation declares: "It is quite hopeless for the Chinese government to give relief or to succeed in the task of suppressing opium and other narcotics as long as the interested powers are not prepared to make a sacrifice in helping to eliminate the official opium bureaus in their Far Eastern colonies." The Chinese protest goes on to say that, with the exception of the American administration of the Philippines, the European colonial governments in the Far East derive much of their revenue from the opium business, as well as from the smuggling of huge amounts of cocaine and morphine into China.

## Draw Your OWN Conclusion

If Prohibition is the unmitigated evil its haters claim, why does the **Irish Free State maintain Prohibition** on St. Patrick's day, Good Friday, and Christmas? Also, if Prohibition on those days, why not on the other 362?

When Oklahoma City ordered no more food or lodging to be given without a **work ticket**, its "army of the unemployed" dwindled rapidly. Out of 500 men who had been reporting at the soup kitchen, only 80 remained, and 40 out of 200 applied for lodging at the city dormitory. Work tickets were offered for a few hours' labor at street cleaning. Few seemed to desire them.

"All criminals, bandits, ex-convicts and thugs, all street walkers, harlots, prostitutes, and degenerates are against **Prohibition**. But the good church people the humanitarians, those who try to uplift and help others are for Prohibition. Therefore do not split hairs; join one crowd or the other. As the Bible says, 'Ye cannot serve God and mammon.'" —*Dr. Arthur MacDonald, Washington, D. C.*

Lawyers and newspapers have shouted loudly and vociferously that Prohibition *caused* the horrible **Gary Kirkland murder case** in which five young men are accused of the abuse and death of an 18-year-old girl at a "whoopie party." If they could only have gotten "good" pre-war booze instead of the stuff Prohibition forced (?) on them, all would have been heavenly. A writer in the "Voice of the People," *Chicago Tribune*, recalls in the old days in his home town an occurrence similar to the Kirkland case in which the five men had been enjoying "good old-fashioned liquor." Some of the rest of us have memories too.

Geologists have based estimates of the age of the earth on the slow rate of geologic changes in the earth's surface, *assuming* those changes to be *always uniform* in rate. Thus when Roy Chapman Andrews first found dinosaur eggs in Mongolia he claimed tremendous age for them, because they must have been buried at the slow rate of a few inches in centuries. This in a country where sand storms darkened the heavens days on end, so changing the contour of the land that his expedition the next year could only with much difficulty return to the same part of the country. Thus also, **Niagara Falls** must be millions of years old because of the slow rate at which the water wore back the rock brim. Now we wonder if they were not "laughing waters" that on January 17 took a bite out of the brink of the falls 150 feet wide and 100 to 150 feet deep, in a few seconds of time.

## We Approve



Liquor lawlessness was not born on **Jan. 16, 1920**. On that date it was hoary with age."—*Arthur J. Davis, Boston, Mass.*

From England comes word of the fourth birthday of the National Society of **Non-Smokers**, with 2,000 members, and active branches in Sheffield, Manchester, Glasgow, and elsewhere. Its president reports "steady progress in the stubborn battle for the maintenance of the non-smoker's right to breathe air unpolluted by tobacco smoke."

Astronomers at the Carnegie Institution's observatory, Mount Wilson, Calif., have figured the speed of the **faintest discovered nebula**. Its distance from us is 120 million light years (703,883,520,000,000,000 miles) and it is rapidly increasing that distance at the rate of 11,000 miles a second. This is the "fast express" among nebulae, its speed being 60% faster than that of any other known nebula. "The heavens declare the glory of God."

A picture taken from an airplane in South America shows nearly 300 miles of level pampas stretching to a range of the Andes, and behind them, 320 miles away, the peak of the volcano Aconcagua. The mountains were invisible to human eyes from the place where the picture was taken; but photographic plates were used that are sensitive to the invisible light rays. Greatest wonder in the picture, however, is the downward bending of the horizon line, as in a picture of the curving edge of the moon. It was in reality a **photograph of the curvature of the earth**.

The "**Watsongraph**" is the new radio typewriter. Radio waves transmitted by a mechanism on one typewriter cause another machine to duplicate the typing of the first. Not only do we hail every advance in knowledge, especially in transportation and communication, as signs of the times; but such marvels of radio are faint reflections of the power of the Creator to know afar off and record our thoughts and our most secret actions.

China is making **war on gambling**. Mah Jong, grayhound racing, horse racing, lottery tickets, dominoes, chess, dice—all are under the police ban, which is being vigorously carried out in the large cities of Shanghai, Peiping, Harbin, and Nanking. In the latter city, wives of government officials are not considered above the law, and a society woman and her guests, in brocaded satin gowns and jade and pearls, were recently set to meditate a few hours in jail as a warning to others—and a precedent for American enforcement officers.

## There Is No Peace

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tied up in this issue. The usages of diplomacy are at times taxed to their very limit to maintain a proper balance. If this extremity should ever be reached by a nation, force would likely be substituted because of the very economic pressure of the situation.

There are also certain fixed tendencies of the human family, without regard to race or color, which breed war. They constitute constant and continual possibilities of national disagreement. The extent of the violence of these disagreements constitutes the question upon which hangs peace and war.

First, there is *greed*. This is a human trait. It is not absent in the human mass any more than in the individual. When a nation's greed for gold or power or territory becomes great enough to unbalance her judgment, she throws restraint and discretion to the winds and adopts an overbearing, aggressive attitude that sooner or later brings her into conflict with some other nation. The results are the same as they were on the playground of our childhood when we settled the score with the bully then. There is only one way it can end, and that is in a fight. Between nations, it is called war — that is the only difference.

### FALSE PATRIOTISM

**P**ERHAPS the deepest-seated and most firmly entrenched of the national tendencies that produce the seeds of national conflict are *false national pride* and patriotism. It makes nations too sensitive to imagined insult. It causes them to carry a chip around on their shoulder from one year to the next. Generally, like the human individual, the less they have to boast about, the more they boast. The most arrogant are sometimes those with the least to be arrogant about. It is generally accepted that those who have the least to be proud about are possessed of the most sensitive pride. Sooner or later it is inevitable that such a nation will meet some one who will give it the apparently desired insult, and then trouble starts. The difficulty usually is that such a nation proves to be a buffer nation, a protectorate, or a nation working under some secret understanding with some other nation, or set of nations. The trouble gets bigger and bigger until it involves not one, but many nations. Talking or even planning for peace will not prevent the national arrogance of an arrogant people from bringing this about. Secret agreements and tentative understandings between weak and strong nations are always a source of great international danger.

Take the case of a nation's *immigration policy*. There is no source of more dynamite in international politics than this question, in so far as it affects America at least. In her relation with some of the most powerful nations of

the world, she is in constant conflict over this question; and that conflict and its accompanying dangers can never be removed so long as America has an immigration policy of self-protection. When she abandons such a policy, then the hordes of the scum of the earth will pour in and inundate even her civilization, to say nothing about her democratic institutions and her government.

Another nation under certain types of leadership adopts a *policy of aggression* and becomes obsessed with an insatiable desire for a place in the sun. She dreams of a Rome restored to empire, of a world dominated by her leadership; and with the dream, as with such dreams in the past, there comes a delusion that she can attain that desired

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place in the sun, and everything and every nation in the way must be swept aside.

It seems unthinkable and unbelievable, but *differences arising over religion* have served in the past as causes of war. It could happen again.

Last, but by no means least, whether we wish it so or not, evidence points strongly to the indication that a *generation to whom war is unknown desires to have the experience*, the glory, and the glamour. War seems to hold a fascination for them that they cannot resist. They are not afraid of the terrible consequences of war because they have never felt its devastating effects.

This is an outstanding element to be reckoned with. It is impossible to fortify against it. No system of government is proof against the impulses of a new generation of this kind of men.

All these together lead us to the conviction, that, after all, even in the face of peace pacts, disarmament conferences, leagues of nations, and leagues to enforce peace, these causes of war remain, and that the Bible is right when it says, "When they say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape."

## Prohibition

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that belong to thy peace, then thou wouldst cease to listen to the propaganda to bring Prohibition into disrepute!

Now even if Prohibition had not had all this success, I hold that a comparative basis is not the most important criterion on which it should be judged. Another element that is far more vital than the matter of success, leads us to the question: "Is the principle of justice in it?" The patriots of '76 did not know whether they would succeed or fail. But they took their stand in the strength of God to throw off the tyrant's yoke because the instincts of justice were in them. Is the Prohibitory law an outcome of the same instincts? To get to the answer of that question, I will ask another: "What did the United States have as the most fundamental reason for putting the ban on the making and selling of alcoholic beverages?"

To answer that question I will quote from Henry Walcott Farnam, of Yale, who says: "The liquor traffic was outlawed because, after many years of scientific study, and a long experience in the effort to regulate the traffic, it was recognized by those who had the intelligence to learn, and whose personal tastes did not confuse their judgment, that the liquor business was, in its essence, a predatory business."

Ring down the ages these thousands of years, but unheeded nationally till the year of our Lord, 1920, the words of Solomon have proclaimed the warning: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Do not tell me, as the wets have sometimes ridiculed, that Prohibition is not born of God. The express will of God — "Thou shalt not put the bottle to thy neighbor's lips" — has become crystallized as the "majestic will of the American people," to borrow an expression of Mr. Beck's. And there let it be anchored, settled solidly in the hearts of all American people who love decency, purity, and justice.

### A DUEL TO DEATH

**Y**ES, alcohol has been declared by science to be a poison, and therefore the principle of a law forbidding the supplying of alcoholic drinks to society is a right principle; and, moreover, the only attitude a civilized government can assume towards the traffic is to outlaw it. The very existence of the government depends upon it; it is a duel to the death, of one or the other. As long as the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" will not admit of anything but an affirmative answer by those whom God has blessed above their fellows, with position, intellect, and wealth, so surely will the government of such a civilization everlastingly thunder forth a "Thou shalt not" to those who would make capital of the appetites of their weaker fellows.

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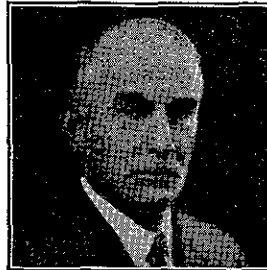
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## BOOKS We Have Read

*Let's Eat* (Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, 25c). The catchy title of this new book certainly suggests happy memories, and perhaps happier anticipations. And the remainder of its designation — "for health, beauty, pleasure" — added to our zest as we opened it. It was not disappointing. In these days of advanced knowledge of food values, combinations, and preparation, we are decidedly unwise, if not foolhardy, if we do not know all there is to know about what we eat and what food does for us, or to us. Our fathers got away with eating almost anything; but eating almost anything also got away with them. Life expectancy is higher when we eat aright, for the food he eats has much to do in making the man. It is an old axiom that we can't afford to torture many feet of digestive apparatus for the sake of tickling an inch of palate. The author of "Let's Eat" packs into this little published offering a mine of wholesome information and suggestion on everyday food problems. No fads here. It is more than a cook book, yet contains scores of recipes for the tasty preparation of delectable viands. Our editorial mouth waters, for we know now how to behave at the table and be happy afterward.

*The New Indexed Bible* (Dickson Publishing Company, Distributors, Buxton-Westerman, Chicago.) Bible helps are invaluable, providing they help and do not hobble. We have found in this volume a practical Bible help. When we want interpretations, we go elsewhere; but when we want help to know the Word and to use it, we go to such books as this. We were struck with the vast volume of its contents, yet handiness of its size, easily grasped in the hand and carried about. Appearing to be of ordinary Bible size, it contains all the King James version, and as many more pages of every sort of aid to study. For our purpose, we regret that the compilers saw fit to classify the first day of the week as the "Christian Sabbath," but since this is in accordance with the general belief, we expect to see it in such connection. It is but a small item in a world of informative material, however, and subtracts nothing from the value of the help. We commend its use to every student of the sacred page, both lay and ministerial. A full description of the book is given on the back cover of this issue of THE WATCHMAN.

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spectroscope — these are but examples of ten thousand facts in earth, sea, and sky that reveal the imprint of handiwork divine. He who alike paints the delicate rose and the gorgeous sunset, who teaches the lark to carol and the hungry chick to peep, who marks out the paths of planets and satellites and fixes the individual velocity of each, He it is who gives to us "life, and breath, and all things," who establishes the laws of health, and ordains the moral code of all His children.

No part or portion of this universal law was instituted for a special race of people or for a limited period of duration. Like its Author, the Decalogue is from "everlasting to everlasting." Every principle of that law was in operation from the beginning, as the record from Eden to Sinai clearly indicates; and the reason for the memorable spectacle at the holy mount was that in the nation of Israel, God saw sincere hearts groping their way from darkness to dawn. To them He would declare His own character and the principles of His government; for, says the Saviour of the world, "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine."

Concerning the changeless nature of our Father's measuring rod, the Old and the New Testament speak with united voice. "All His commandments are sure," wrote the inspired Psalmist; "they stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness." Psalm 111: 7, 8. The Son of God, likewise, in His first great public pronouncement, declared: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5: 17, 18.

### WORTHY TESTIMONY

SATAN has ever been an enemy of the law, and delights in the falsehood that it has been abolished. Did space permit, we would gladly give the testimony of Luther, Wesley, Dr. Adam Clarke, Dr. Albert Barnes, Alexander Campbell, Spurgeon, Moody, and many other great spiritual leaders who with united voice declare that "the law of ten commandments is in its nature unchangeable," that it is "the infallible rule of life to all men," that it "has no limitations," "has never been repealed," and "can never become obsolete."

God's character meter, as a rule of life, is subdivided into ten parts, and is so labeled that the individual may accurately check up on his thoughts and conduct. Yet here is where multitudes fail. They view the moral law as a harp of ten strings, upon which, through extraordinary patience and penance, they may acquire piety and endless reward. But their harp is ever out of

tune. Their self-attained righteousness is only "filthy rags." Such are of the "ever learning and never able" throng who with their highest efforts produce but a worthless counterfeit. Jesus is the world's only hope. He kept His Father's commandments; He "did no sin"; He left us an example that we "should follow in His steps"; and He, our Elder Brother, supplies the skill and strength enabling those who trust His word and obey the holy law, to change life's sordid experience into a beautiful song.

### FALSE STANDARDS

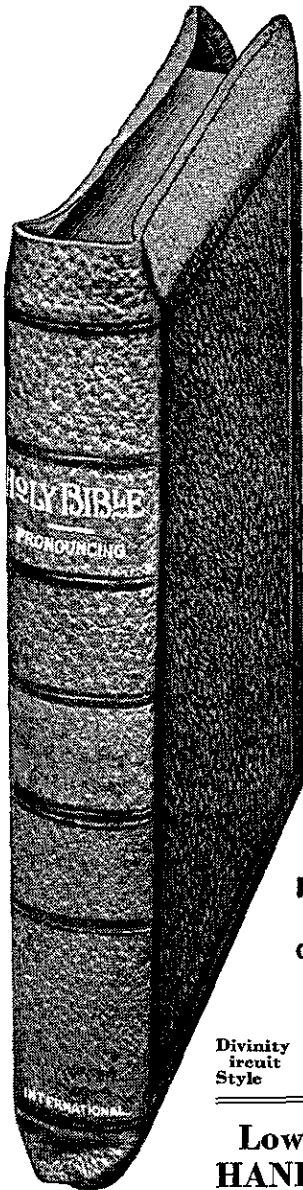
BUT how does the world of today regard heaven's standard of morality? The Father himself makes reply: "I have written to him the great things of My law, but they were counted as a strange thing." Hosea 8: 12. Modern evolutionary philosophy regards the law from Sinai as an outworn antique, and thus denies the difference between right and wrong. It would dethrone God and cast contempt upon the very name of the Deity, would trample upon the Sabbath day, would refuse honor to father and mother, and cast aside marriage as a mere conventionality of a transitory age, and would say to children, youth, and adults alike, "Let your own happiness be your only law." Of no other age could the Book more truly speak: "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law." Psalm 119: 126.

Even infinite love can "by no means clear the guilty"; and willful, persistent transgression of the divine law can but bring its legitimate recompense. Said the wise man: "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Likewise in the closing chapter of Holy Writ, obedience to God's law is emphasized: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Ecclesiastes 12: 13, 14; Revelation 22: 14.

From the highest Authority comes the information that the law of ten commandments will be the acknowledged standard in the impending judgment, and obedience to that law the passport to heaven. He counsels us that no crookedness will be admitted at the strait gate, and that all "shady" transactions, ill-gotten gains, Sabbath desecration, and self-seeking will be perilous things to meet at the supreme tribunal.

But an Advocate is available who never lost a case. "Too late" has not yet been spoken at my heart's door. I will delay no longer. To Jesus, I confess, and in His "borrowed goodness" the standard attainment is mine. Constantly my prayer shall be, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."





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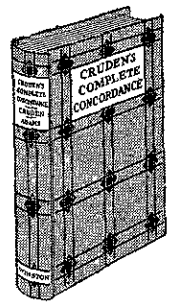
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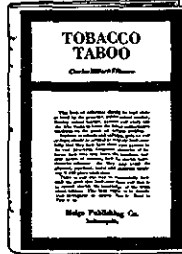
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This terrible famine is not a surprise either to the student of prophecy, for Jesus had predicted that such would come. "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." Matthew 24: 7.

It is certainly pitiful to see the suffering that is filling this world, but there are better days coming. Soon we will enter a new age. Soon there will be an equal distribution of wealth. Soon there will be no starving families, no children crying for food, no fathers worried because of the poverty that faces their families. Soon all will have plenty to eat. None will be cold and none will be in dire need.

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The coming of Christ is to bring an end to sin. He has made the promise: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 2, 3.

In this new home, "they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of My people, and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." Isaiah 65: 21, 22. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Isaiah 1: 19.

So while the present conditions in the world are distressing and perplexing, and life grows toilsome and weary, remember a brighter and better day is coming. For this day we should prepare, plan, and pray. For this day we should strive to be accounted worthy. To gain this day we should separate from sin and a sinful world, and "seek ye first the kingdom of God."

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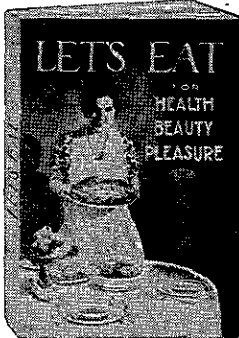
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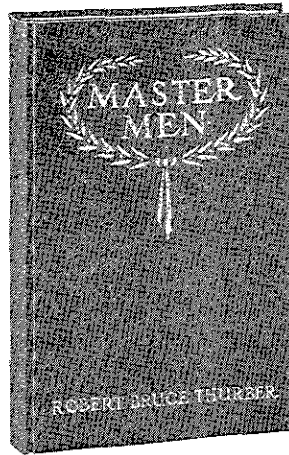
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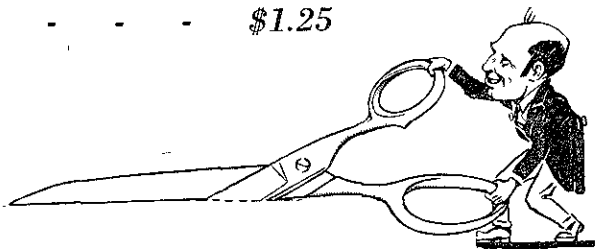


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